



# The Shining Beacon

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NEW HORIZONS

# LINEN SHOWER

**APRIL 25, 1:00**

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PENASCOLA, FL

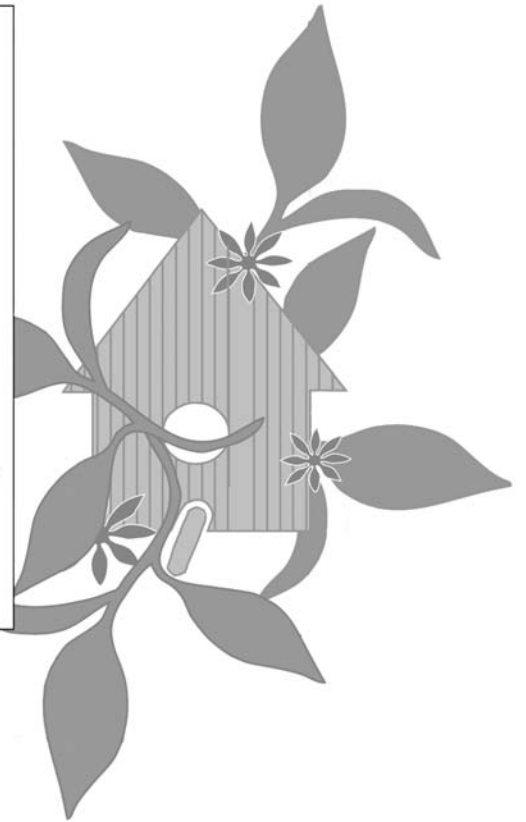
White Bath towels, wash clothes and hand towels are needed along with adult diapers.

Donations are welcome.

Please RSVP by April 18<sup>th</sup> to Martha  
McLaughlin (850)968-2257

New Horizons of Northwest Florida, Inc. is an established local organization with a new name! Originating in 1942 as the Northwest Florida Crippled Children's Association, its original purpose was to serve polio victims. The American Legion Auxiliary, Unit #33, saw a need and responded by starting a home. The organization has been serving physically challenged people. These services have grown to include habilitation training – all personalized to the needs of each client. New Horizons' 24-hour staff consists of RNs, LPNs, Qualified Mental Retardation Professionals, a Social Worker, Direct Care, and Auxiliary staff.

Refreshments will be served



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## The Shining Beacon

### Mission Statement

In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

### Vision Statement

The vision of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion while becoming the premier service organization and foundation of every community providing support for our veterans, our military, and their families by shaping a positive future in an atmosphere of fellowship, patriotism, peace and security.

**"Lighting the Way  
For Veterans"**

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# FROM THE



## *Erna Schwabe*

women honored. We enjoyed the day with Department Officers and Auxiliary Department Officers.



Then I was off to the 11th District spending some great times with auxiliary members. District President Linda made me feel so welcome. Our first stop was the Forgotten Soldier Office.

What a great group of volunteers and the wonderful project they have undertaken. I thank the founder of this great project Lanelle and our personal guide Janelle for taking their time to talk with us. Care boxes are sent over to our troops serving our country. Inside of each box there is a smaller box for any soldier that does not get a package from home. The box is "Pass it Forward". No one will ever be forgotten or should be! Then off to "Another Broken Egg" restaurant for lunch and much conversation. I felt so honored to be in the presence of PDP Fran Carlton. We had a lot of catching up to do and that we did. After a beautiful lunch we toured the Jupiter Lighthouse to walk off our lunch. What history at this lighthouse. Some brave members climbed the lighthouse and I was thrilled to stand at the staircase and admire its height. We had a great tour of the grounds thanks to our guide Steve. I even had time to tour the Busch Wildlife Sanctuary. Animals in distress are brought to the sanctuary and cared for. They have a beautiful recovery home. What a wonderful meet and greet at unit 271 Tequesta. Units came together to honor me by all contributing to the party. I was so awed at the beautiful cake that was presented with a picture of me on the cake, the decorations, the food, the friendship and the very generous donations to our COTA charity. Thank you all Units for making this such a wonderful gathering. Then off to bed and ready for the next day. We then visited the Renewal Coalition where we met up with Katie Jones and Mary Hinton (Mary was a Girl Stater in 1963). This beautiful serene

I hope you are all thawing out from our whirl wind of a "winter". I promise you spring is just around the corner as the robins have been flying in and out of the bird bath and our clocks have sprung ahead! So you know what is next.....yearend reporting in April. This is the time to start planning your strategy on getting your reports together. Let us all count our hours and shine for the Department of Florida. I would be so proud to read my report to National and say "100% reporting from the Department of Florida". With your help we can make it happen!

Are you ready for Girl State? It is getting closer. I have heard great reports about the new on-line registration and of course every new idea has a few glitches. Our great office staff is already making changes to simplify it for next year. While talking to Unit and District President's the girls that have been selected have been outstanding. "Look out Tallahassee"!

On Valentine's Day I had the honor of attending the Female Veterans Luncheon to honor the female veterans at Hudson Unit 335. These ladies were special and the unit truly honored them. It was the 32nd consecutive year of this luncheon. Thank you all members of Unit 335 for keeping these wonderful

# THE PRESIDENT



spot holds 10 retreats per year for our servicemen and women returning from war. It is a retreat where they can come as a family and totally enjoy the tranquility of the water and the calmness. This retreat is totally funded by donations and gets no money from the Federal Government. Thank you Ladies for a wonderful tour and will let more Auxiliary members know about your dedication to our Veterans. We were then off to the West Palm Beach VA where President Linda is the VA Rep and JoAnn Maitland is the VA Deputy. I was never so proud of anything as I was hearing of the praise for these two ladies who have dedicated themselves to our Veterans. Thank you to Director Charlene and Mary for taking the time to share the many accomplishments of the VA. You are “lighting the way for Veterans”.

Off to cold, snowy Washington DC for the next few days. Wonderful meetings were held that were very informative and helpful. We really have a great group of ladies on the National level. They are willing to listen and answer any questions that one might have. Our legislative meetings went very well and our Congressmen and their aides were ready to listen to the concerns we had. National Commander Helm did a great job on the hill. We are very proud of him. Thank you to National President Janet for all your dedication to the Auxiliary. It sure was nice to get home to Florida where the temps were warmer.

The 17th District held a meet and greet for me at AL Family Post 361 in South Daytona. What a surprise beheld me! After being escorted into the beautiful hall, a lighthouse cake and a welcome banner awaited me. My dear friend “Shari Cakes” went above and beyond to create this cake. A picture should be in this Shining Bacon for all of you to enjoy. I love my 17th District Auxiliary and they are the best. District President Eleanor Amato made us all “shine”. I received two proclamations: one from Volusia County and the other from Putnam County declaring February 27th as Erna Schwabe day. What an honor. Thank all of you for an

outstanding evening and thank you for believing in our Auxiliary programs. Thanks to your COTA donations you are “miracle makers” making a difference in the life of a COTA family.

The next evening was the Central Area Ball where Commander Eunice Butts made us feel so welcome. Everyone was decked out in their Hawaiian attire and what fun we had. Thanks to the Central Area and to National Historian Sue Mason for the very generous COTA donations. This is what the American Legion Family is all about, getting together as friends and talking about positive ideas for our future instead of the negativity.

Monday, March 2nd I attended the Female Veterans Luncheon at Unit 347 Lady Lake. Chairman Peggy Hearlson and Unit President Carol Pirone-Udell did an outstanding job of welcoming the Veterans. A wonderful luncheon was prepared by Ruth and her staff. After the luncheon Chairman Peggy invited all female veterans to introduce themselves and tell what branch of service they were in and what their jobs were. We heard from: flight trainers, to lead nurses, to mechanics, to stenographers and many more. These ladies served with pride and the majority of them said they would do it all again. I was so honored to be in that room with these ladies.



March 5th found me in the 8th District with President Barbara Field. I attended the unit meeting and wow, these ladies do so many projects. They are granting 6 scholarships! They

just keep on giving and working to make it better! Friday we drove to Rotunda West where we met up with PDP Ruth Proctor. We toured the Boca Grande Lighthouse and loved the beautiful blue water in the



ocean. The history of this lighthouse was unbelievable. We then had lunch at the Sisters Restaurant for more chat time. It was wonderful to catch up with Ruthie and share memories. We then returned to Unit 113 in Rotunda West for a dinner of fish, shrimp and scallops. Wow, this AL Family really knows how to please the public.

On Saturday we were back at Bradenton Unit 24 for the fashion show. 8 beautiful ladies modeled clothing provided by Patchington. 136 ladies attended the show and the luncheon. It was tremendous success for the unit and will help them with funding the charities of the Unit. Off to Avon Park AL Family Post 69. The unit had a meet and greet and a great picnic dinner. What a great idea. I had so much fun enjoying and seeing my friends and catching up on what they have been doing. I am so proud of all Units in the District and their beliefs in our Auxiliary programs. The next morning a group of us met and had breakfast before departing. I miss all of you already. Continue your good work and "lighting the way for Veterans".

I will be visiting with my friends in the 3rd District next. Please follow my schedule on our alafl.org website. If you are in the area please join me as I would love to see you.

Again I thank all of you for what you do for our great Auxiliary. We are number 5 in the nation for membership thanks to all of your dedication in renewing and rejoining members. HATS OFF TO ALL OF YOU!

Please keep all of our friends that need our prayers in your hearts. We need strength and love from one another.

**-For God and Country,  
President Erna**

## Volunteers Needed

The VA Jacksonville Outpatient Clinic is in need of volunteers to drive the DAV van and transport our veterans to and from Gainesville and Lake City VA Hospitals. VAVS screening and training will be provided by Byron Rowe, volunteer Services Coordinator. His contact info. is below.

Byron D. Rowe  
Work Study & Volunteer Services Coordinator  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
Jacksonville Outpatient Clinic  
1536 North Jefferson St  
Jacksonville, FL 32209  
904-475-6184



## LIGHTHOUSE TRIVIA



***What lighthouse was built in Chicago and displayed at the St. Louis Exposition in 1904 before being moved to Florida and lit in 1907?***

# Legislative News

The following is a letter from The American Legion National Commander. Please use this information to contact your legislative representatives and advocate for alternative therapies for our military personnel. Giving them a “pill” or using only “drug therapy” is not the answer to their needs. Please take up this cause for our service men and women they deserve better treatment options. Nancy

*Dear Legion Family Members and Friends,*

*In 2014, The American Legion conducted a survey of more than 3,000 veterans struggling with post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury. The results were shocking.*

*Nearly 60 percent of respondents felt no improvement as a result of their VA treatment plans. Another 30 percent said they terminated their plans because they did not work.*

*This is not effective treatment. Through countless interactions with veterans and families who deal with PTSD and TBI every day, The American Legion knows that no two cases are the same. No magic pill is going to heal these wounds. Different treatments, some of which are not recognized by VA, have to be provided. Not just pills.*

*Alternative therapies provide more than hope. They provide real solutions for veterans and their families. Right now, however, the dominant treatment program is drug-based. In the next few years, 1.5 million servicemembers will discharge, up to a third of whom will deal with PTSD. Our nation must prepare for them with something more, and more effective, than another prescription.*

*Improved treatment for PTSD, TBI and Military Sexual Trauma are among the key issues identified in The American Legion’s Legislative Priorities for the 114th Congress. I testified this week before a joint session of the House and Senate Committees on Veterans’ Affairs, and lawmakers are in full agreement that we all must do better on this front.*

*I add this issue as one category under the bigger challenge for all of us: transition assistance. Those who are about to leave the service and new veterans alike report that they are poorly prepared for the jump to civilian life. Education, training, employment counseling, business opportunities are all among my highest priorities for the 114th Congress. Other concerns for veterans in transition, of course, are the continuing backlog of VA benefits and inconsistent ability to access VA health-care facilities.*

*I ask you to look over the Legislative Priorities for the 114th Congress and take time to contact your elected representative and push for improvements. It’s the least we can do for this generation of new veterans who have done such a phenomenal job of keeping foreign terror from our shores since 9/11.*

*For God and Country,*





# From The Secretary



**Kimberly Sullivan**



I'd like to start by thanking everyone for making my first year at the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Florida a terrific one. I can't believe it's already been a year and I'm looking forward to many more.

Year End Report Forms are due to District Chairmen by **April 15**. Just a reminder you can find these forms in the Plans of Action on the website ([www.alafl.org](http://www.alafl.org)) or on your President CD.

Unit Information Forms to report address change and 2016 dues is due to Department by **April 25**. You may email, fax or mail the forms in. If your dues information does not match the current Constitution and Bylaws we have on file for you, your form will be returned for a correction.

Constitutional Conferences are coming up soon! Your registration paperwork, voting strength and Unit Officer's form for results will be mailed to Units about 10 days before your Constitutional Conference. See the calendar for a listing of dates.

It's Poppy time again to distribute in May. If you would like some good ideas on best practices for getting the most donations per poppy, try contacting these Units:

UNIT	NET PROCEEDS per poppy
183	\$1.96
154	\$1.52
130	\$1.20
17	\$1.16
14	\$1.16

Remember poppy proceeds are due 30 days after distribution. We are still MISSING proceeds for distributions over 30 days ago for Units 25, 27, 63, 79, 103, and 149.

Donation Forms are flying in. Department is no longer accepting donations for Operation Military Kids, as the program ends in March. All Units were mailed a new Donation Remittance Form to use. Units who donated to OMK this year were asked to redirect the funds.

June Convention is quickly approaching **June 25-28**. Be sure to make your reservations! The Call to Convention will be sent out soon. Also, remember, any resolutions for Department Convention 'shall be drawn in proper form' and received before **May 15, 2015**. See page 16 of the Unit Guide for details.

Lighting the way for veterans,

**Kimberly Sullivan**





# Poppies

A reminder to all District President and District Poppy Chairman, please have your Miss District Poppy Contest, prior to April 1st, so that Miss Poppy information can be turned in to me prior to April 15th along with pictures and information, please see the Poppy Action Plan on the Department website.

Thank you,

Wanda Brandt  
Department Poppy Chairman

## Calendar

Event	Date	Start Time	Location
Convention	June 25-28		Renaissance at SeaWorld
Girls State	July 9-17		FSU, Tallahassee
<b>Girls State Orientations</b>			
Girls State Orientations   District 1	9-May	10am	Post 235 (Fort Walton)
Girls State Orientations   District 2	16-May	9-11am CT	Sneads (2101 Legion Rd)
Girls State Orientations   District 3	9-May	10am brunch	Post 57 (Lake City)
Girls State Orientations   District 4	24-May	2pm	Post 16 (4701 NW 6th Street, Gainesville)
Girls State Orientations   District 5	31-May	1pm	Post 129 (1151 S 4th St, Jacksonville Bch)
Girls State Orientations   District 6	17-May	1pm	Post 347 (Lady Lake)
Girls State Orientations   District 6	23-May	10am	Post 286 (Pine Castle)
Girls State Orientations   District 7	28-May	6pm	Post 8 300 Ave M, NW, Winter Haven, FL
Girls State Orientations   District 8	2-May	10am	Post 24 (2000 75th St, Bradenton)
Girls State Orientations   District 9	17-May	3pm	Post 142 (171 SW 2nd St, Pompano Beach)
Girls State Orientations   District 11	17-May	1-2pm sign in	Post 268
Girls State Orientations   District 12	2-May	9:30 sign in	Unit 189 (807 Louisiana Ave, Sebastian)
Girls State Orientations   District 13	6-Jun	10am	Unit 130 (699 SR 80 W, Labelle)
Girls State Orientations   District 14	7-Jun	2pm	16401 SW 90th Ave, Palmetto Bay
Girls State Orientations   District 15	17-May	2pm	Post 5 (3810 W Kennedy Blvd, Tampa)
Girls State Orientations   District 16	19-Apr	11am	Post 7 (1760 Turner St, Clearwater)
Girls State Orientations   District 17	30-May	11am	Post 17 (619 W Canal St, New Smyrna Beach)

# Chaplain's Corner



## Lois Stachelrodt

Department of Florida Chaplain

As Spring begins to blossom, let our hearts and minds open up to new enhancements in our everyday lives. May the Lord open each new day with Birds singing and the sun shining brightly on all of our Veterans and our members. As the bridges are being built by the Sons of the American Legion and are strong and many and the American Legion Auxiliary is placing lights on each bridge for our Veterans to follow a path, which allows them to go full speed ahead with the American Legion to their destination. We honor our members below who have gone home to be with the Lord, but they are never, ever forgotten, as they remain in our hearts forever. May they all rest in peace.

Your Traveling Angel. Chaplain Lois Stachelrodt

District 1  
Unit 340 McLeod, Maryann

District 4  
Unit 77 Chenoweth, Ruth

District 7  
Unit 8 Griffin, Helen  
Rabb, Dorothy K.  
Wells, Maureen  
Williams, Patricia N.  
Unit 72 Fernandez, Ruthann  
Unit 201 Walls, Doris D.  
Unit 339 Schwarting, Phyllis

District 11  
Unit 271 Frawley, Shirley  
McSweeney, Barbara

District 16  
Unit 7 Odijk, Edith  
Unit 79 Seely, Marilyn  
Unit 119 Cororan, Anastasia M.  
Havaland, Norma  
Unit 125 Inman, Judy  
Unit 173 Fleminger, Bonnie  
Unit 273 Helton, Brenda  
Unit 335 Heintz, Selta

District 2  
Unit 82 Ochala, Margaret  
Unit 241 Jones, Martha J.  
Unit 332 Borkoski, Mary

District 5  
Unit 137 Myer, Marsha

District 8  
Unit 24 Handville, Faith

District 12  
Unit 39 Hauger, Carol  
Unit 163 Clegg, Phyllis  
Unit 200 Bickers, Wilma  
Unit 332 Hunter, Barbara

District 17  
Unit 17 Dutton, Elaine  
Unit 120 Faiola, Beth  
Miller, Dubbie  
Sanders, B. Darlene  
Unit 127 Todarello, Margaret  
Unit 270 Fidler, Janet  
Keegan Sasson, Mary  
Kelsey, Ruth  
Green, Stephanie  
Taylor, Shirley  
Wiggins, Donna

District 3  
Unit 57 Moodie, Lillian

District 6  
Unit 10 Berry, Mary Jane  
Loppacher, Linda  
Unit 286 Bussard, Dolores  
Hagness, Rena  
Unit 347 Reinke, Suzanne G.

District 9  
Unit 142 Benvenuto, Susan  
Unit 304 Silvernale, June

District 13  
Unit 103 Singletary, Kathleen  
Unit 135 Govin, Elsie  
Unit 323 Powell, Nancy

## *February Recap of*

# ***James A. Haley VA in Tampa***

We had a great Hospitalized Veterans Appreciation Week at the hospital this February.

Starting Monday, donuts and coffee were given out almost daily around the hospital by the DAV Rep Maryanne and the Auxiliary Rep Marie Bare.

I passed Valentine toiletry bags around to veterans on the 4th, 5th and 6th South floors along with Valentine cards Monday and Thursday. On Friday there was a special program with guest speaker Lt. Colonel Cynthia Cook from MacDill AFB. She spoke about service and volunteering. Seffner Christian School brought their Chorale and Band to play and sing patriotic songs.

Lunch was served after the meeting, and the ALA provided 2 sheet cakes for dessert. Every piece was eaten and loved! Enclosed are pictures. We then took groups around to visit the hospitalized veterans.

It was a good experience for all. Saturday, a quartet sang for the vets and appeared on the evening news doing so!

March will be rather slow around James A Haley VA in Tampa. This month we have 3 bingo's being hosted: March 3, 2015 by ALA Unit #148 in Riverview, Florida.

March 10, 2015 hosted by ALA Unit #139 here in south Tampa. And on the last Tuesday hosted by ALA Unit #147 in Odessa, Florida. Hopefully we will be working on organizing and planning our move to our new office close by as we have received permission to claim the office as our own. (American Legion and Auxiliary, VFW and Auxiliary, and the DAV and its Auxiliary.) We are seriously excited about this move, it can't come soon enough.

**Anne Sankowski**  
**ALA Rep.,**  
**James A Haley VA Hospital**  
**Tampa, Florida**

# FROM THE UNITS

**American Legion  
Auxiliary of Florida**



## UNIT 355



Valentine's Day is very special to the Ladies of Unit 335 as we take time to honor our Female Veterans and this Valentine's Day was no different as the Unit celebrated it's 32 Annual Lady Veterans Luncheon. It was truly a Legion Family event with the Post Honor Guard in attendance to escort the Female Veterans, the Auxiliary cooked and served the lunch and our young SAL members helped with cleanup. Guests were entertained by approximately 20 students, 6 thru 8 grade, from the Chorus at Crews Lake Middle School.

This year we were honored to have in attendance 30 Female Veterans along with many Distinguished Guests. Among our guests from the American Legion were National Executive Committeeman Dennis Boland and his new bride Diane. National Executive Committeeman Alternate Art Schwabe, Department Commander Jay Conti and wife Toni, First Vice Commander Jim Ramos, Central Area Commander Eunice Butts and Past Department Commander George Wehrli .



From The Department of Florida Auxiliary President Erna Schwabe, Chaplain Lois Stachelrodt and her husband Rene, Membership Chairman Jane Hardacre and her husband Bob, Education Chairman Pat Devine, 16th District President Dee Bell and Past Department President Irma Wehrli.

Unit 335 was also very excited this year to present a check to Commander Conti for his charity Susan G Komen and to President Erna Schwabe for her charity of choice COTA.

The Unit looks forward to next year as we continue on this timeless tradition of honoring our Female Veterans.

## District 5

5th District President and Molly Main District Education Chairman, went to three different Elementary School to pick up 531 Christmas Cards and 17 ornaments which the Children had made, to be send to the troops overseas. President. Molly Main then dropped the Cards off at the Mayport USO office.



## UNIT 24



Auxiliary Unit 24 members enjoying the fashion show.



8th District President Barb Field at the unit 24 fashion show.



One of these ladies was a unit president of unit 24 and later became a Department President. Do you recognize her?

## UNIT 347



When Mary La Noce, Unit 347 VA&R chairman, was told that the homeless veterans living in the Ocala Forest were in critical need of tarps, tents and sleeping bags she immediately went to work. Providing needed items for homeless veterans is Mary's special project this year. She was interviewed by the Village Magazine and they published an article regarding the need for tarps, tents and sleeping bags. Unit

347 received \$1300.00 in response to this article. Mary was delighted with this generous response to help our homeless veterans, along with Unit fund raisers Unit 347 was able to purchase \$4,000.00 worth of tents, tarps and sleeping bags. By involving the community it helped our Veterans and let the community know about some of the good works that the American Legion Auxiliary accomplishes.

Two Village residents donating \$1000.00 and Mary La Noce, VA&R Chairman and Paula Marbury Treasurer Unit 347

## UNIT 100

Miss Poppy, Hanna Donofro, a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 100, Marianna, volunteered at the VA Clinic in Marianna on February 13, 2015. She gave valentines and refreshments to veterans waiting for appointments and visited with them and their family members. Pictured with Hanna are (l-r) Air Force veterans Preston Coulliette and Preston Baxter, and Navy veteran Raymond Wood. Hanna is a senior at Marianna High School and is the daughter of Sean and Kim Donofro of Marianna.



## UNIT 11

Units 5, 139 and 111 and Post 5, adopted this family Christmas before last and we have stayed with them, Justin the dad was deployed at the time. He returned home and was here for this Christmas, and well got to meet them and now is deployed once again. This time to Africa.



## UNIT 113



Unit 113 members with Department President Erna and PDP Ruth Proctor and District President Barb Field.



## UNIT 286



On February 12th, we had a great visit with 16 Veterans and the residence of the Terra Vista Rehabilitation and Medical Center. The Veterans enjoyed the Honor Guard from the Post 286 postings colors and Hymns from each branch of the Military. AL Chaplin Walt Maguire read the Four Chaplin's Saga, in remembrance and dedication for the service of the 16 veterans. Each veteran received a Lap Robe made by Auxiliary Unit 286 Senior members. Valentine's cards were made by Auxiliary Juniors and S.A.L members for veterans and the residences.



## UNIT 65

District President Linda Grevera and Unit 65 Delray Beach President Mary Beth presenting COTA donations to President Erna.



## UNIT 273, 305 and 119



District President Linda Grevera and Unit 65 Delray Beach President Mary Beth presenting COTA donations to President Erna.

## UNIT 69



## UNIT 16

Members greet President.



## UNIT 271



District President, Linda, and Department President, Erna, with Unit President, Carol, at a meet and greet.





# FROM THE THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



## FLORIDA IN STATE LEGACY RIDE

23 March - 28 March 2015

We are only 22 days from starting the 3rd Annual Florida In State Legacy Ride. We are receiving registrations daily. This years ride will start in Lake City Post 57, all Riders will meet at Post 57 on Sunday 22 March for a pre ride party and food. Monday morning 23 March is the official start of the ride. Day one will take us to Post 107 in Live Oak, Post 224 Cherry Lake for a lunch break, Post 49 Monticello and end at Post 84 in Havana for dinner and our first overnight stop. Day 2 will take us to Post 241 in Sneads, Post 75 in Crestview for lunch, Post 78 in Milton then end the day at Post 340 in Pensacola for dinner. Day 3 we visit Post 193 in Pensacola, Post 240 in Pensacola for lunch, Post 378 in Gulf Breeze, end at Post 382 in Navarre for dinner. Day 4 takes us east stopping at Post 235 in Ft Walton Beach, Post 296 in Destin, Post 402 in Panama City Beach for lunch, Post 375 in Southport, Post 356 in Lynn Haven and end at Post 392 in Panama City. Day 5 takes us to Post 116 in Port St Joe, Post 82 in Lanark Village, our lunch stop will be at a gas station in Perry, then end the day in Steinhatchee for dinner. Day 6 is the last day of the ride we stop at Post 383 Old Town, Post 237 Beverly Hills and end at Post 155 Crystal River. At the end of the ride we will meet fellow riders from the Northern and Southern Areas. Riders from other Chapters are also meeting in Crystal River for their Annual Charity Ride on 28 March. Plans are for everyone to meet and greet after the Poker Run and Legacy Ride. Riders can join the In State Legacy Ride at any time during the ride at any stop. Come and visit with the Riders as they stop at each of the Posts and help raise donations for the Legacy Scholarship Fund and the Vet Relief Program.



Mike (Goat) Kirchoff  
In State Legacy Ride Chairman

# Leadership

## *Lighthouse Beacons shining "Beams of Knowledge"*

**It's "That Time Of Year" Again!** Year-End Reporting is just around the corner. Wow! Another year of learning more and more about our organization, its programs, and how we can be leaders is coming to an end. Unit Chairmen, submit your reports to your District Chairmen by April 15th ... and District Chairmen, submit your reports to me no later than May 1st.

I look forward to reviewing lots of entries from Unit Leadership Chairmen trying to win a Beacon Award plaque. As stated in the Plan of Action, "A "Beacon Award" plaque will be presented to the Unit Leadership Chairman in each of the six Membership Groupings who submits the best overall narrative/story about Mini-Workshops AND Mentoring done during the Auxiliary year." You must following the guidelines set forth in the Plan of Action in order to qualify. You can do it!

I also offered an award at the District level. The wording from the Plan of Action is: "A "Beam of Knowledge" gift will be presented to every District Leadership Chairman who submits both the Mid-Year Report and the Year-End Reports to this Department Chairman by the dates specified above in this Plan of Action. Both reports must include, but is not limited to, feedback from Units on their mini-workshops, mentoring of members, and attendance at any District ABC Schools." Unfortunately, only a few of the District Leadership Chairmen submitted

a Mid-Year Report to me ... hopefully those same Chairmen will submit a Year-End Report to me no later than May 1st so I can give out some gifts. Thanks ladies!

**Another Reminder:** If you are submitting for a National Award, you must submit a 2014-2015 National Award Cover Sheet with the entry. National Awards in the Leadership program are the "Leadership Training Award" at the Unit level and the "Junior Outstanding Leadership Award." Again, refer to the information provided in the Department Leadership Plan of Action.

### **It's also "That Time Of Year" for ELECTIONS.**

Members, please step up to the challenge of helping your Unit survive. Volunteer to take a position! We are all in this together ... We are all LEADERS ... it's up to us to keep the ALA a great organization.

As always, if you have questions, feel free to contact me!

Diane Rousseau  
Department Leadership Chairman  
Email: [leadership@alaf.org](mailto:leadership@alaf.org)



# Constitution and Bylaws

In reviewing some of the Constitution and Bylaws that I have received I have noticed the same mistake in many of the Units. The nature of Your Unit is as follows: The American Legion Auxiliary, (Unit name and number) is a civilian patriotic service organization of women that supports the mission of The American Legion.

Elections must be held no more than 90 days nor less than 15 days prior to Department Convention.

Is the Unit Secretary elected or appointed? It has to be one or the other and you cannot state that the Secretary is elected or appointed. If the Unit president is given a discretionary fund you must state how much and how often. For example if you say the president can spend \$100.00, you need to state how often.

Standing Rules are unique to every Unit but you should have the duties of the officers; time and place of Unit meetings and Executive Committee meetings; dues for both Seniors and Juniors; how much, if any, can a chairman spend on a program etc.

I will be happy to answer any and all questions via email. Just contact me at [Cbylaws@al afl.org](mailto:Cbylaws@al afl.org)

Mary Kehoe  
Department Constitution and Bylaws chairman

## Thank You Letter from the National President

2-15-15  
Dear Roma and all the  
Members of the Department  
of Florida,  
I can't begin to thank  
you for the beautiful  
crystal bowl and candle  
sticks. They will definitely  
find their place on my  
dining room table.  
I had such a good  
time during my visit.  
Everyone made me feel  
so welcomed. I loved  
seeing and hearing all you  
do for the ALA, our veterans  
and your communities.  
Keep up the good work. Hope  
to see everyone soon.  
Janet

**Flower Art**  
Special Recognition, Physical Disability  
By Tony Jordan


Tony Jordan's artwork, "Flower Art," received second place in the 2014 National Veterans Creative Arts Festival in the category of Special Recognition, Physical Disability.

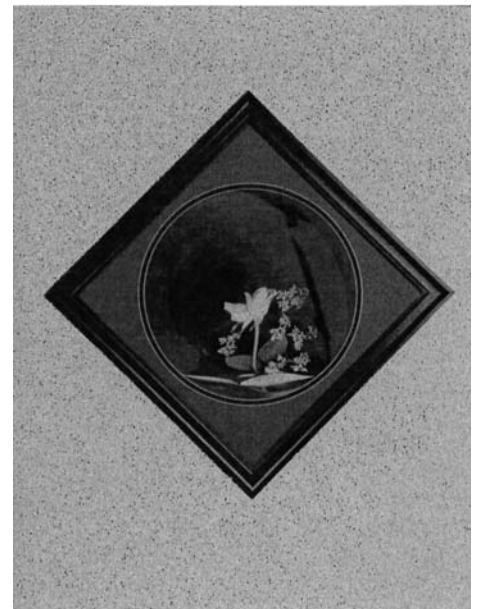
Jordan was diagnosed in 1989 with early onset Parkinson's Disease. He experiences muscle atrophy and dyskinesia in his neck and arms, has severe tremors, a shuffled gait, vision loss and uses a wheelchair.

"I use flowers from my garden and place them on my scanner," Jordan said. "After I scan them into my computer, I can Photoshop them to depict what I want. My Parkinson's Disease makes this task very difficult...so I take frequent breaks and wait for the tremors to calm down enough for me to proceed."

This piece has sentimental value to Jordan as he and his mother worked in the flower garden together. She recently passed away, and he creates this type of art in her memory to cope with the loss.

Veterans Affairs medical facilities use the creative arts as one form of rehabilitative treatment to help veterans recover from and cope with physical and emotional trauma. The American Legion Auxiliary has sponsored the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival since 2000.

 For more information about NVCAF, visit [www.creativeartsfestival.va.gov](http://www.creativeartsfestival.va.gov).  
[www.ALAFORVeterans.org](http://www.ALAFORVeterans.org)





# National Security Programs

*Below are some preparedness tips as we “spring forward”.*

“I know it is a little past spring forward but if you forget, it’s still good information.”

‘Spring Forward’ with Tips to Make Your Home Safer Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday March 8. As you “spring forward” for the time change, remember to change the batteries in your smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector. The batteries should be replaced at least once a year to make sure the alarms operate properly.

By maintaining the alarms in your home, you can increase your chances of surviving a fire or carbon monoxide poisoning. When fire breaks out, you only have seconds to escape its heat, black smoke, and deadly gases. Carbon monoxide is a poisonous gas that fuel-burning heating and cooking devices often produce. It is often called the silent killer because it is odorless and colorless. The National Fire Protection Association offers tips for making your home safer:

- Place smoke and carbon monoxide alarms on every level of your home and outside each Bed room. If you keep your bedroom doors closed, place a smoke alarm in each bedroom;
- Test alarms once a month;
- Never disable a smoke alarm when cooking; and replace smoke alarms that are ten years old.

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I received the following e-mail from our National Security Chairman Sue Britton.

Hi Everyone-as we are now making a more concentrated effort to recognize the return home of remains of POW/MIA’s, I wanted to alert you to the new website where a listing shows all those identified and being returned.

Please go to: <http://www.dpaa.mil/> to view the listing of those POW/MIA’s returning to the US for burial. Please make this a focus under your National Security program. These service members deserve our gratitude and their families deserve our full recognition.

**LET US REMEMBER**

Sue Britton  
14-15 National Security Chairman

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I also received the following e-mail from National. I am sure this program’s demise with upset a lot of us as it has been special to many of us.

**Subject: Operation: Military Kids is ending 3/31/15**

**ALA NHQ Junior Activities Program Coordinator Kristin Hinshaw has learned that “Operation: Military Kids” (OMK) is ending on 3/31/15. Both the Junior Activities and Children & Youth national committees have supported OMK for quite some time, so it is sad to see this program will be ending. To read more about it go**

to: <http://www.operationmilitarykids.org/public/home.aspx>

**Mary "Dubbie" Buckler I Executive Director/National Secretary I American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters I Direct: 317-569-4506; Fax: 317-569-4502 I DBuckler@ALAforVeterans.org I www.ALAforVeterans.org I In the Spirit of Service Not Self for Veterans, God and Country**

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Unit Chairman, as our year is nearing the end and reports will be due to your District Chairman by April 15th, please go over your past events, daily e-mail information, etc. and report all of your efforts for this year.

Remember you can split the hours, dollars etc. between programs but you can only count them under one program. I hope you are having a successful year. I haven't heard from many, but I know you are all working hard.

District Chairman, don't forget, your reports are due to me by May 1st.

We need to have 100% reporting so even if your unit or district has nothing to report, PLEASE send your district chairman or me a report stating that. But I know all of you can report something, even if it is keeping your members update on security items such as the first article I have put at the top of this page.

**Debbie Sviderskas  
Department Chairman  
2014-2015**

## 2015 Constitutional Conference Schedule

District	Date	Registration	Start	Post	Address
1	2-May	9am	10am	296	311 Main St, Destin
2	2-May			272	18838 Hwy 20 W, Blountstown
3	6-Jun	11am	12pm	57	2602 SW Main Blvd, Lake City
4	6-Jun	9am	10am	284	5516 SE 109th St, Belleview
5	7-Jun	8am	9am	137	5443 San Juan Ave, Jacksonville
6	16-May	9am	9:30am	80	1019 Pennsylvania Ave, St Cloud
7	31-May	1pm	2pm	8	300 Ave M, Winter Haven
8	23-May	9am	10am	159	1770 E Venice Ave, Venice
9	13-Jun	1:30pm	2pm	180	1280 SW 44th Terr, Ft Lauderdale
11	17-May	9am	9:30am	268	1690 Avenue H West, Riveria Beach
12	9-May	9am	10am	117	189 SE Vets Dr, Palm Bay
13	23-May	8am	9am	103	2101 Taylor Rd, Punta Gorda
14	2-May	9:30am	10am		16401 SW 90th Ave, Palmetto Bay
15	30-May		11am	111	6918 N Florida Ave, Tampa
16	16-May	9am	10am	252	11433 Park Blvd, Seminole
17	7-Jun	3:30pm	4pm	6	1087 Biscayne Blvd, Deland

# Membership



**Jane Hardacre**

Way to go FLORIDA! You are almost at the top of the lighthouse! President Erna is there waiting to welcome you. You deserve the biggest reception that I can plan. I am so proud of all of you for your hard work and dedication to this wonderful organization. Keep up the great work!

*We will leave no sister behind! Let your members know how much you care. Give them a call; send a hand-written note. Pay them a visit to show them how much we value their membership.*



Some Units are advertising in their local newspaper to attract new members and remind members to renew their dues. Others are using an “email tree” to reach their renewals. Facebook and Twitter are an easy way for Units to maximize your search efforts. Now may be the time to vote on a holding a Renewal raffle at your Post home.

Female veterans, who are not currently Auxiliary members, still receive a discount! National is waiving their portion of the dues. Your Unit can vote to waive the Unit’s portion also. What a wonderful way to honor their service to our country.

One Unit had a Legionnaire that recently married. They contacted his new bride to see if she was interested in joining. She did! Getting to know all of your family members can lead to great things. Those Units that are struggling call me! I have access to resources that can help. I am here to serve you, the Units. You have made me SHINE this year and I do not have the words to thank you so I will simply say..... I love you all, for you are MY family!

**Jane Hardacre**  
**Membership Chairman**  
**Shining the Way for Membership**



# HOMECOMING 2015



## *For God and Country*

The American Legion Department of Florida Commander, Jay Conti Sr.  
The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Florida President, Erna Schwabe  
The American Legion Detachment of Florida Commander, Kirk Miller  
*Present*

### Homecoming 2015

### April 25, 2015

### Post 103 – Punta Gorda

2101 Taylor Road, Punta Gorda, FL 33950

*Cocktails: 5:00 pm*      *Dinner: 6:00 pm*

Tickets: \$25.00

*Theme is Red, White and Blue – Theme casual attire*

# Membership Report

## District 1

UNIT	CITY	OBJ*	NEW	TOTAL %	Rejoin/ Renew	R/R %
0075	Crestview	183	150	81.97%	137	86.16%
0078	Milton	38	29	76.32%	27	56.25%
0121	Jay	15	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
0193	Pensacola	112	97	86.61%	96	77.42%
0221	Niceville	64	74	115.63%	60	85.71%
0235	Ft Walton Bch	188	159	84.57%	143	78.57%
0240	Pensacola	265	204	76.98%	182	73.09%
0296	Destin	65	46	70.77%	43	58.90%
0340	Pensacola	310	243	78.39%	227	74.67%
0356	Lynn Haven	186	173	93.01%	140	65.42%
0375	Southport	93	68	73.12%	60	100.00%
0378	Gulf Breeze	11	19	172.73%	10	38.46%
0382	Navarre	142	101	71.13%	85	68.55%
0392	Panama City	177	144	81.36%	132	116.81%
Total		1849	1507	81.50%	1342	76.12%

## District 2

UNIT	CITY	OBJ*	NEW	TOTAL %	Rejoin/ Renew	R/R %
0013	Tallahassee	91	89	97.80%	81	91.01%
0082	Lanark	95	85	89.47%	76	108.57%
0084	Havana	30	25	83.33%	24	100.00%
0100	Marianna	66	63	95.45%	58	87.88%
0114	Crawfordville	32	2	6.25%	2	6.67%
0172	Telogia	16	13	81.25%	13	68.42%
0217	Quincy	57	56	98.25%	53	89.83%
0241	Sneads	71	55	77.46%	55	82.09%
0272	Blountstown	14	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Total		472	388	82.20%	362	83.03%

## District 3

UNIT	CITY	OBJ*	NEW	TOTAL %	Rejoin/ Renew	R/R %
0049	Monticello	24	18	75.00%	15	75.00%
0057	Lake City	297	256	86.20%	242	107.08%
0107	Live Oak	40	42	105.00%	36	90.00%
0131	Greenville	36	20	55.56%	20	47.62%
0215	Jasper	47	43	91.49%	43	100.00%
0224	Madison	43	20	46.51%	20	55.56%
0291	Steinhatchee	165	142	86.06%	131	85.62%
0383	Old Town	147	150	102.04%	132	86.27%
Total		799	691	86.48%	639	89.62%

## District 4

UNIT	CITY
0016	Gainesville
0027	Ocala
0056	Starke
0058	Dunnellon
0077	Inverness
0091	Trenton
0149	Newberry
0155	Crystal River
0210	Ocala
0225	Floral City
0230	Hawthorne
0236	Bronson
0237	Beverly Hills
0284	Bellevue
0314	Starke
Total	

## District 5

UNIT	CITY
0009	Jacksonville
0037	Saint Augustine
0054	Fernandina Beach
0088	Jacksonville
0129	Jacksonville Beach
0137	Jacksonville
0174	Jacksonville
0194	St Augustine
0197	Jacksonville
0202	Keystone Heights
0233	Ponte Vedra Beach
0244	Jacksonville
0250	Middleburg
0283	Jacksonville
0316	Atlantic Beach
0373	Orange Park
0401	Hilliard
Total	

OBJ*	NEW	TOTAL %	Rejoin/ Renew	R/R %
71	66	92.96%	57	81.43%
35	35	100.00%	34	121.43%
18	17	94.44%	14	70.00%
48	52	108.33%	40	52.63%
54	39	72.22%	36	66.67%
18	13	72.22%	11	45.83%
26	22	84.62%	22	47.83%
314	270	85.99%	259	79.94%
17	14	82.35%	12	75.00%
19	2	10.53%	2	7.41%
47	39	82.98%	39	79.59%
18	33	183.33%	22	115.79%
104	117	112.50%	100	117.65%
162	122	75.31%	114	55.88%
18	16	88.89%	16	84.21%
969	857	88.44%	778	73.33%

OBJ*	NEW	TOTAL %	Rejoin/ Renew	R/R %
34	19	55.88%	17	0.00%
109	96	88.07%	90	73.17%
239	178	74.48%	161	69.10%
137	118	86.13%	109	93.97%
299	264	88.29%	239	70.92%
590	500	84.75%	464	76.19%
15	11	73.33%	6	60.00%
34	30	88.24%	27	81.82%
37	34	91.89%	31	70.45%
80	64	80.00%	51	48.11%
161	142	88.20%	122	76.73%
53	47	88.68%	42	73.68%
331	290	87.61%	251	72.75%
319	309	96.87%	270	106.72%
417	351	84.17%	315	65.08%
30	30	100.00%	27	108.00%
33	25	75.76%	17	54.84%
2918	2508	85.95%	2239	75.51%

## District 6

UNIT	CITY	OBJ*	NEW	TOTAL %	Rejoin/ Renew	R/R %
0010	Kissimmee	270	202	74.81%	195	63.93%
0019	Orlando	172	134	77.91%	109	48.02%
0021	Umatilla	27	27	100.00%	26	56.52%
0035	Mount Dora	91	83	91.21%	71	71.00%
0041	Eustis	19	19	100.00%	18	94.74%
0052	Leesburg	35	28	80.00%	22	66.67%
0053	Sanford	160	122	76.25%	117	55.19%
0055	Clermont	160	138	86.25%	121	88.97%
0063	Winter Garden	18	25	138.89%	25	65.79%
0076	Tavares	17	12	70.59%	12	32.43%
0080	Saint Cloud	322	259	80.43%	235	90.73%
0101	Bushnell	139	123	88.49%	113	82.48%
0109	Ocoee	40	1	2.50%	1	2.44%
0112	Winter Park	22	21	95.45%	18	100.00%
0183	Fern Park	159	148	93.08%	132	100.00%
0219	Fruitland Park	244	218	89.34%	207	76.38%
0242	Orlando	174	159	91.38%	143	78.14%
0286	Orlando	302	260	86.09%	236	72.17%
0330	Leesburg	58	58	100.00%	49	96.08%
0331	Orlando	12	23	191.67%	23	29.49%
0347	Lady Lake	1265	1321	104.43%	1130	139.51%
0357	Clearmont	0	17	0.00%	11	0.00%
<b>Total</b>		<b>3706</b>	<b>3398</b>	<b>91.69%</b>	<b>3014</b>	<b>87.11%</b>

## District 7

UNIT	CITY	OBJ*	NEW	TOTAL %	Rejoin/ Renew	R/R %
0003	Bartow	80	72	90.00%	65	76.47%
0004	Lakeland	118	108	91.53%	101	91.82%
0008	Winter Haven	632	563	89.08%	515	76.75%
0034	Haines City	75	64	85.33%	59	69.41%
0071	Lake Wales	60	72	120.00%	59	0.00%
0072	Mulberry	172	146	84.88%	131	74.86%
0118	Zephyrhills	36	25	69.44%	22	56.41%
0201	Florence Villa	41	39	95.12%	36	75.00%
0339	Nalcrest	43	23	53.49%	23	41.07%
<b>Total</b>		<b>1257</b>	<b>1112</b>	<b>88.46%</b>	<b>1011</b>	<b>79.67%</b>

\*OBJ = OBJECTIVE

# District 8

UNIT	CITY	OBJ*	NEW	TOTAL %	Rejoin/ Renew	R/R %
0011	Arcadia	20	16	80.00%	14	35.90%
0024	Bradenton	468	393	83.97%	347	80.51%
0025	Lake Placid	389	322	82.78%	289	74.29%
0030	Sarasota	76	69	90.79%	58	111.54%
0069	Avon Park	372	391	105.11%	312	111.43%
0074	Sebring	105	85	80.95%	76	87.36%
0113	Rotonda West	421	381	90.50%	348	84.88%
0159	Venice	760	704	92.63%	629	75.42%
0254	North Port	91	89	97.80%	74	67.89%
0266	Sarasota	106	88	83.02%	72	48.00%
0309	Palmetto	235	190	80.85%	184	63.23%
0312	Oneco	235	186	79.15%	174	63.04%
0325	Ellenton	63	70	111.11%	60	136.36%
Total		3341	2984	89.31%	2637	77.74%

# District 9

UNIT	CITY	OBJ*	NEW	TOTAL %	Rejoin/ Renew	R/R %
0036	Ft Lauderdale	92	57	61.96%	53	47.32%
0092	Hollywood	127	104	81.89%	101	82.79%
0142	Pompano Beach	294	249	84.69%	236	74.68%
0157	Margate	383	279	72.85%	246	67.96%
0162	Deerfield Beach	306	271	88.56%	248	73.16%
0180	Fort Lauderdale	109	104	95.41%	89	70.63%
0209	Dania Beach	19	13	68.42%	13	38.24%
0220	Ft Lauderdale	19	21	110.53%	18	100.00%
0222	Fort Lauderdale	75	60	80.00%	56	65.88%
0287	Deerfield Beach	29	16	55.17%	14	93.33%
0304	Dania	203	161	79.31%	159	58.03%
0310	Hallandale	37	26	70.27%	24	57.14%
0321	Cooper City	112	134	119.64%	112	62.22%
Total		1805	1495	82.83%	1369	67.60%

\*OBJ = OBJECTIVE

# District 11

UNIT	CITY	OBJ*	NEW
0020	Belle Glade	71	60
0047	Lake Worth	138	12
0062	Stuart	139	15
0064	Okeechobee	133	11
0065	Delray Beach	53	48
0141	West Palm Beach	93	87
0164	Boynton Beach	176	13
0188	West Palm Beach	16	18
0199	Riviera Beach	30	38
0258	Greenacres	29	25
0268	Lake Park	112	10
0269	Lantana	11	2
0271	Tequesta	192	17
0277	Boca Raton	118	95
0288	Boynton Beach	67	60
0367	Royal Palm Beach	46	42
0399	Palm City	16	17
Total		1440	130

# District 13

UNIT	CITY	OBJ*	NEW
0038	Fort Myers	98	68
0090	Cape Coral	195	143
0103	Punta Gorda	339	315
0110	Port Charlotte	565	506
0123	Sanibel	97	72
0130	Labelle	183	146
0135	Naples	422	363
0136	Saint James City	476	432
0192	Fort Myers	26	22
0274	Fort Myers Beach	596	549
0303	Bonita Springs	407	408
0323	Lehigh Acres	505	511
0336	N Ft Myers	289	320
0351	Fort Myers	87	66
Total		4285	3921



W	TOTAL %	Rejoin/ Renew	R/R %
5	92.96%	66	111.86%
2	88.41%	113	83.70%
0	107.91%	131	172.37%
8	88.72%	107	78.10%
3	90.57%	42	71.19%
7	93.55%	75	63.56%
0	73.86%	121	67.60%
3	112.50%	15	88.24%
3	126.67%	26	53.06%
5	86.21%	25	100.00%
5	93.75%	96	74.42%
	18.18%	2	92.59%
7	92.19%	163	58.90%
5	80.51%	92	88.46%
0	89.55%	58	77.33%
2	91.30%	40	75.47%
7	106.25%	14	82.35%
0	<b>90.28%</b>	<b>1186</b>	<b>83.40%</b>

## District 12

UNIT	CITY	OBJ*	NEW	TOTAL %	Rejoin/ Renew	R/R %
0001	Titusville	323	293	90.71%	278	96.53%
0022	Cocoa	93	100	107.53%	75	58.14%
0039	Vero Beach	190	167	87.89%	144	70.94%
0040	Fort Pierce	197	156	79.19%	139	55.82%
0081	Melbourne	143	115	80.42%	109	75.69%
0117	Palm Bay	419	367	87.59%	328	87.70%
0126	Jensen Beach	195	186	95.38%	177	93.16%
0163	Melbourne	392	346	88.27%	326	88.35%
0171	Fort Pierce	39	24	61.54%	21	52.50%
0177	Cocoa	10	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
0189	Sebastian	95	79	83.16%	73	75.26%
0191	Melbourne	148	112	75.68%	112	70.00%
0200	Satellite Beach	111	111	100.00%	92	97.87%
0318	Port St Lucie	521	562	107.87%	438	123.73%
0332	Merritt Island	29	22	75.86%	22	62.86%
0348	Cape Canaveral	144	149	103.47%	133	64.25%
0358	White City	51	37	72.55%	31	53.45%
0359	Port St John	272	250	91.91%	230	94.26%
0366	Roseland	88	71	80.68%	69	84.15%
0394	Palm Bay	61	62	101.64%	49	85.96%
<b>Total</b>		<b>3521</b>	<b>3209</b>	<b>91.14%</b>	<b>2846</b>	<b>84.15%</b>

W	TOTAL %	Rejoin/ Renew	R/R %
	69.39%	67	62.62%
	73.33%	124	67.76%
	92.92%	274	83.54%
	89.56%	465	88.74%
	74.23%	65	71.43%
	79.78%	138	66.99%
	86.02%	315	78.16%
	90.76%	407	100.00%
	84.62%	21	80.77%
	92.11%	498	86.01%
	100.25%	381	95.73%
	101.19%	463	110.24%
	110.73%	262	109.17%
	75.86%	64	65.31%
	<b>91.51%</b>	<b>3544</b>	<b>88.38%</b>

## District 14

UNIT	CITY	OBJ*	NEW	TOTAL %	Rejoin/ Renew	R/R %
0028	Key West	82	66	80.49%	62	74.70%
0029	Miami	23	6	26.09%	6	54.55%
0031	South Miami	153	144	94.12%	129	98.47%
0043	Homestead	67	56	83.58%	52	92.86%
0067	North Miami	75	53	70.67%	52	51.49%
0098	Coral Gables	25	24	96.00%	24	48.00%
0133	Miami	81	69	85.19%	66	68.75%
0154	Marathon	167	157	94.01%	143	84.62%
0168	Key West	27	14	51.85%	14	31.82%
0333	Key Largo	86	75	87.21%	68	81.93%
0346	Miami	26	20	76.92%	20	51.28%
0374	Key Biscayne	75	52	69.33%	49	66.22%
<b>Total</b>		<b>887</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>82.98%</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>73.11%</b>

# District 15

UNIT	CITY	OBJ*	NEW	TOTAL %	Rejoin/ Renew	R/R %
0005	Tampa	45	38	84.44%	35	81.40%
0026	Plant City	34	22	64.71%	21	60.00%
0099	Brooksville	40	35	87.50%	34	80.95%
0111	Tampa	49	36	73.47%	35	59.32%
0138	Tampa	392	352	89.80%	305	100.33%
0139	Tampa	183	152	83.06%	135	80.36%
0147	Odessa	40	28	70.00%	25	50.00%
0148	Riverview	249	163	65.46%	154	70.00%
0152	Tampa	319	277	86.83%	244	80.53%
0167	Tampa	33	30	90.91%	26	216.67%
0186	Spring Hill	416	370	88.94%	328	84.10%
0248	West Tampa	23	25	108.70%	23	92.00%
0334	Tampa	41	32	78.05%	32	64.00%
0389	Ruskin	26	15	57.69%	13	35.14%
<b>Total</b>		<b>1890</b>	<b>1575</b>	<b>83.33%</b>	<b>1410</b>	<b>81.13%</b>

# District 16

UNIT	CITY	OBJ*	NEW	TOTAL %	Rejoin/ Renew	R/R %
0007	Clearwater	392	334	85.20%	303	76.13%
0014	St Petersburg	164	134	81.71%	126	86.30%
0079	New Port Richey	340	319	93.82%	268	81.46%
0104	Pinellas Park	245	211	86.12%	187	63.61%
0119	Largo	383	352	91.91%	312	82.11%
0125	Gulfport	392	349	89.03%	328	84.54%
0158	Treasure Island	183	180	98.36%	163	122.56%
0173	Holiday	277	264	95.31%	241	81.42%
0238	Safety Harbor	294	230	78.23%	209	84.27%
0252	Seminole	726	706	97.25%	630	114.34%
0273	Seminole	2331	2224	95.41%	1886	89.51%
0275	Dunedin	390	391	100.26%	333	108.12%
0305	St Pete Beach	189	135	71.43%	121	73.78%
0335	Hudson	235	198	84.26%	185	84.86%
<b>Total</b>		<b>6541</b>	<b>6027</b>	<b>92.14%</b>	<b>5292</b>	<b>88.79%</b>

\*OBJ = OBJECTIVE



# District 17

UNIT	CITY	OBJ*	NEW	TOTAL %	Rejoin/ Renew	R/R %
0006	Deland	145	118	81.38%	104	80.62%
0017	New Smyrna Beach	316	262	82.91%	240	95.62%
0045	Palatka	32	20	62.50%	16	38.10%
0115	Palm Coast	61	50	81.97%	48	50.00%
0120	Holly Hill	266	247	92.86%	228	96.61%
0127	Lake Helen	25	22	88.00%	22	88.00%
0204	Daytona Beach	45	38	84.44%	37	75.51%
0255	Deltona	34	27	79.41%	25	78.13%
0259	Debary	35	32	91.43%	28	77.78%
0267	Ormond Beach	134	127	94.78%	110	64.33%
0270	Port Orange	162	141	87.04%	125	75.30%
0285	Edgewater	221	153	69.23%	141	43.65%
0293	Interlachen	80	60	75.00%	51	36.96%
0361	S Daytona	188	151	80.32%	139	79.43%
<b>Total</b>		<b>1744</b>	<b>1448</b>	<b>83.03%</b>	<b>1314</b>	<b>70.30%</b>

# Department

UNIT	CITY	OBJ*	NEW	TOTAL %	Rejoin/ Renew	R/R %
0400	Orlando	432	222	51.39%	192	81.70%
<b>Total</b>		<b>432</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>51.39%</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>81.70%</b>
Dept Total		37856	33408	88.25%	29862	81.51%

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