



# Cruisin' News COMMUNIQUE

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Happy  
Easter





## Captain's Log

**A**ho Shipmates! Can you believe we have been "Cruising for Unity" aboard the USS Auxiliary for almost a year? See how time flies when we are so busy enhancing the lives of our veterans, military families and communities. We have only a few more ports of calls before debarkation of the USS Auxiliary.

I wrote last month that when visiting the 2nd District, the Mayor of Quincy, Keith Dowdell and City Manager Jack L. McLean promised me the Key to the City, I am happy to report that I did receive a large beautiful wooden Plaque mounted with the big Key to the City of Quincy commemorating my visit.

What a great visit to 3rd District with President Hilde Schmid and other Auxiliary members. The tour of the "Cabin in the Woods" which is transitional housing for veterans, thanks to District three for your support of this facility. Enjoyed a great dinner and meet and greet with members of

the Legion family at Lake City Post 57, PDP Erma Wehrli, and now Unit President made sure that everything was just right as she does very well. It was inspiring to hear all the wonderful things the Auxiliary is doing, and to top it off they will be sending 10 Girls to Girl State!! What a great accomplishment, also in attendance were some members of Live Oak Unit.

Attending the Washington DC Conference was informative; I was impressed with the turnout of the Florida Congressmen and Representatives to visit with us at the Florida Luncheon. There were 5 Department Auxiliary members that attended. The highlight to me, which was a first, was the National Patriotic Flash Mob on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial; hope you have seen the video. Also NEC Peggy Hearlson and I attended a pajama party/pep rally with the Southern Division President, Membership Chairman, and other states in the southern division to rally for membership. Of course Florida was and remains #1. Keep up the good work!

We honored to have our National President Nancy Brown-Park visit our beautiful State from March 31-April 3. She had a great time and was so impressed with all the Department of Florida does for our Veterans with an emphasis on the homeless veterans. I am sure you will be hearing more about this from other reports. I thank our Secretary/Treasurer Robin for making all the arrangements, and the Presidents and Chairman, Units of Districts 12, 6, and 16 for pulling off great events such as tours, dinners, luncheons on such short notice. I must say all went so well as if you had a month or so to plan. President Nancy said "no State does it as well as Florida". That's what happens when we "Unite" Thanks again, you have made this Captain very proud. What a fantastic Legion Family Homecoming! A first for the great Department of Florida. I



believe all had a great time. A Big Thank You to Clearwater Post 7 for hosting this event, and to all that worked so very hard to pull this off. Also thanks to all for your support, kind words, and great gifts!! I am still on the job, next and final District visit will be April 24-28, to 14th District.

All hands on deck preparing for our next ports of call; election of officers, and constitutional conferences, Convention, hoping all reported on year-end reports the good work you have done promoting the Auxiliary programs and more, remember if you do not report it how do we know you did it.

Signing off until month,  
Captain Bailey



# AMERICANISM

AHOY THERE!! HOPE YOU ARE ALL DOING WELL AS WE CONTINUE OUR CRUISIN' FOR UNITY!

We had a boat load of Essay Contest Entries this year – Thank You for your efforts with our awesome youth! The Americanism Committee certainly had our work cut out for us, but I am PROUD to ANNOUNCE we were able to come up with our WINNERS in the 5 categories. Can't wait to share the results...

"Off with your hat, as the flag goes by! And let the heart have its say; you're man enough for a tear in your eye that you will not wipe away."

~ Henry Cuyler Bunner

So by now, your Unit Year-End reports have been submitted to the District Chairmen and they in turn have turned their reports in to me (by the time you are reading this...) for my review along with all the Narratives of your Outstanding activities for our Red, White and Ocean Blue.

However, as you know, AMERICANISM is NOT over as we take pride in showing it EVERY Day. Are you planning for Memorial Day with Parades or Gatherings? Encourage everyone to display Old Glory in her finest! And don't forget Flag Day in June. (PS: HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY – BIG Hugs to all of You!!)

God Bless America ~



# TK

Treva Kay Wildrick  
Department Americanism Chairman



# FROM THE SECRETARY

**Year-end report forms** . . . were due to the District Chairman by April 15th. All Unit year-end report forms were included with the Plans of Action received by Unit Presidents and Secretaries in the beginning of the year.

District Year-end Report forms were included with the District Presidents and Secretaries Plans of Action.

All Plans of Action and report forms are on the Department web site.

**Election of Unit Officers** . . . In accordance with Article V, Section 6 of the Department Bylaws, all officers of the Unit with the exception of the Secretary who may be appointed by the President shall be elected **not more than sixty (60) days nor less than fifteen (15) days prior to Department Convention**. Consequently, Unit elections cannot be held **before April 14, 2014** nor **after May 29, 2014**.

In the event your Unit's Constitution & Bylaws are still in conflict with Department Bylaws regarding election of officers, they are void per Article V, Section 6 of the Department Bylaws.

**Remember . . . unless your Unit's Constitution & Bylaws state that nominations close at a specific meeting, the floor must be opened for nominations the night of elections.**

**Unit Officer's Form** . . . the 2014 - 2015 Unit Officer's was mailed to each unit. Please use the form provided to report your Unit election results. Complete the form carefully, as additional information has been included. This form is also available on the Department web site under forms in a fill-able document. You can complete the form on your computer, save it, print it and mail it to Department or email it to [membership@alafl.org](mailto:membership@alafl.org).

Constitutional Conference . . . Registration paperwork and voting strength information is being sent each Unit President approximately ten days before their District Conference.

There is no fee to register your delegates for the District Constitutional Conference and by now, each District President should have mailed information regarding their conference to each Unit in their District.

All delegates to Constitutional Conference must be elected by their Unit and registered using the form provided. Only registered delegates have a vote at the Conference and only the District President has her own vote. Any other Department Officer or Past Department President must be elected by their Unit to be a registered delegate at a Constitutional Conference.

**Department Convention, June 12 - 15, 2014** . . . the "Call to Convention" was mailed to all units on April 7th and is available on the Department's web site.

There are no planned activities for juniors at this year's Convention. If they attend the Convention, they must be

registered as a guest of the Unit. No junior may represent a unit as a delegate or alternate.

**Remember, if you distribute poppies in May, you must settle your proceeds before or at Convention even if thirty days have not passed. Bring your proceeds report and check with you to registration!**

It has been brought to our attention the Renaissance is booked as of this writing. Rooms are still available, but not at the rate in the "Call to Convention" because the block the Legion arranged for is full. Contact Vanessa at 407-295-2631 to get information on the overflow hotel. The information was not available as of this date for me to post it in the Communiqué. If your unit or post are holding a block of rooms and can release any of them, please contact Vanessa before canceling the reservations so she can get them back in the block for people needing to get into the hotel.

**Close of Books** . . . Department will close its books on May 29, 2014. Membership must be received no later than noon on the 29th to count in Close of Books. Voting strength for Convention as well as next year's goals will be based on the membership figures as of this date. Remember, all credits must be used by this date.

**Girls State** . . . Packet material is posted on Department's Web Site. All delegates and alternates need to pull this material off prior to attending their orientation so they can refer to the material at the orientation. Make sure you contact your delegates and alternates reminding them of their required orientation and provide them with instructions on getting their packet material. Orientations are mandatory for the Delegates and Alternates to attend. They are entitled to attend any Orientation in the State if they are unable to attend the one in their area. It is important they sign-in at the Orientation so we know they were in attendance. They are not required to notify anyone of the change. Attendance is tracked at Department Headquarters.

**Donations** . . . we continue to receive donations to places that are not listed on the Donation Remittance Form. If the place your Unit wants to donate to, is not listed on the form, your Unit must donate directly. We will only process donations included on the approved 2014 Donation Remittance Form.

Remember, donations must be in Department Headquarters by April 30th to count for the 2014 year. Any monies received after the 30th will be held until the 2015 administrative year for award purposes.

**Unit Information Forms** . . . Several Units have not returned the Unit Information Form validating the Unit's address and amount of your Unit's dues for both senior and junior. We **MUST** report this information to National no later than May 1st. You must return this form even if you have had no change to dues or unit address.

**Constitution & Bylaws reminder** . . . make sure you mail your Unit's Standing Rules in with your Constitution to the Department Chairman. The Standing Rules must be on file at Department Headquarters.

We must remind all units, if you do more than two (2) fundraisers per year. You must pay sales tax to the state of Florida. A donation to your unit means the person making the donation didn't get anything in return for the money. All other money must be reported to the State and sales tax collected and remitted. Contact the Department of Revenue for additional information.

**The National President's visit to Florida was a huge success.** Thank you to all who participated and special thanks to the 6th District, 12th District and 16th District for hosting her and making it such a memorable visit for her.

Please mark your Unit Guide Page 6 under West Palm Beach VA Representative; Linda Makel is now Linda Grevera.

Robin Briere  
Secretary-Treasurer

# Chaplain's Corner

I hope that you are all enjoying opening each day like a present and that surprises are all around you. As we continue with our daily lives, we will always remember those who have gone home to our Lord. They are always in our hearts and we show that with our actions. May they all rest in peace.

Lois Stachelrodt, Department Chaplain

## Deceased List for April 2014

### District 1

**Unit 340** Gardiner, Stacey Lynn  
Grace, Kathy H.

### District 6

**Unit 80** Molloy, Kathleen  
**Unit 183** Koskela, Pamela  
Mayo, Marilyn  
Morgan, Robin  
O'Henry, Barbara

### District 7

**Unit 8** Bradway, Linda W.

### District 8

**Unit 24** Cox, Luola Jean  
**Unit 69** Garrett, Dorothy

### District 9

**Unit 180** Frymoyer, Sonja

### District 11

**Unit 277** McCarthy, Virginia

### District 12

**Unit 40** Ankiel, Patricia  
Tomplains, Joyce Madelyn  
**Unit 81** Embrey, Rosie M.  
Shelton, Shirley  
**Unit 191** Buggs, Ruth  
**Unit 200** Hooker, Grace  
Odaffer, Eva

### District 13

**Unit 103** Bressler, Laura L.  
Singletary, Patricia A.  
**Unit 110** McGee, Paula  
**Unit 130** Sinkovic, Patricia  
**Unit 136** Martin, Anita  
**Unit 303** McPherson, Carol A.  
Polakowski, Louise  
**Unit 330** Imoebius, Erla E.  
Bzdil, Myra M.  
**Unit 323** Bahr, Marian  
Blair, Audry  
Bolton, Kathleen  
Doehring, Dortha  
Donovan, Joyce  
Gizzi, Terri  
Grace, Sandra  
Hiatt, Libby  
Mackay, June  
McClean, Viola  
Royer, Berneida

### District 15

**Unit 138** Montoto, Jeanette  
Staples, Robin  
**Unit 148** Swilley, Myrtle

### District 16

**Unit 7** Accardi, Jo Nell  
Aroniss, Dee M.  
Calendine, Jean  
Slaughter, Cheryl  
**Unit 335** DeBruyne, Dolores  
Rosner, Romaine  
Wright, Alice

### District 17

**Unit 120** Costello, E. Marie  
**Unit 127** Green, Lois  
**Unit 270** Bass, Anita  
Brenn, Deborah  
Cohill, Margie  
DeCong, Samantha  
Govern, Michelle  
Gruber, Ruth  
Kite, Barbara  
Libby, Sharon





## ***Erna Schwabe , Candidate for DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT 2014-2015***

At a regularly convened meeting of Unit 120 Holly Hill on January 9th, 2014, Erna Schwabe was unanimously endorsed as a Candidate for the Office of President of the Department of Florida for the year 2014-2015.

Erna's eligibility is through her husband Art who served in the US Army during the Vietnam era. She moved from Wisconsin to Florida over 20 years ago. She is the mother of 3 daughters, 10 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Erna is a 17 year member of Unit 120 Holly Hill and has been active in the unit holding many chairs and was a 2 year unit President before joining the 17th District Staff.

On the District level, Erna served on many chairs and was District 17 President for two years. In 2009-2010 she was voted District President of the year. Erna is the VA Deputy for Emory L. Bennett VA Nursing Home and the Daytona Beach Outpatient Clinic.

On Department level Erna served on the Membership Committee, Americanism Chairman, National Security Chairman and is currently serving as 2nd Vice President and VA & R Chairman.

Erna has attended Washington Awareness meetings, National and Department Conventions, attended Congressional meetings on Capitol Hill, attended Mission Training Classes, Leadership Training and has attended Congressional meetings in Tallahassee.

Erna is a member of Prince of Peace Catholic Church and volunteers with many other organizations in her community. Erna is a dedicated Auxiliary member and supports the American Legion Auxiliary programs.







**Dunedin Memorial Unit 275  
Proudly Endorses Kelli L. Becraft for  
Department of Florida 2nd Vice President  
For the year 2014-2015**

American Legion Auxiliary Dunedin Memorial Unit 275 unanimously endorsed Kelli L. Becraft as a candidate for Department of Florida 2nd Vice President for the year 2014-2015 during the regularly scheduled meeting on January 14, 2014.

Kelli is eligible for the Auxiliary through her deceased father Robert R. O'Connell, and deceased grandfather, Joseph A. O'Connor.

Kelli joined Dunedin Memorial Unit #275 in 2002 and has been an active member since. On the Unit level she has served as President for 2 years, Vice President for 2 years, Sergeant at Arms, Treasurer, and is currently serving as Secretary. She has held many chairmanships, including Children & Youth, Juniors, Community Service, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, Constitution and Bylaws, and Poppy.

On the District level she has served as 16th District President, Sergeant at Arms and Assistant Sergeant at Arms. She has served as Chairman on such programs as Children & Youth and Juniors.

On the Department level, she has served as Sergeant at Arms, and Assistant Sergeant at Arms. She has also held chairmanships on the Department level, including Auxiliary Emergency Fund, National Security, and Community Service. She is currently serving as Membership Chairman.

Kelli has attended National Conventions for the past 7 years, missing only Minnesota. She has attended Department Conventions and most Conferences, Department Boot camps and Department Workshops since she joined Dunedin Memorial Unit #275. She has attended District Schools of Instruction, Constitutional Conferences and most District meetings.

Kelli has one son, Jeffrey, who is a member of Dunedin Memorial Squadron #275 Sons of The American Legion.

Kelli is passionate about the American Legion Auxiliary, is ambitious, a hard worker and would be an asset to the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Florida as 2nd Vice President.





*Michele DeGennaro*  
*Candidate for*  
*Department 3rd Vice President*



On January 9<sup>th</sup> 2014 at a regularly scheduled meeting Hudson Unit 335, unanimously endorsed Michele DeGennaro as Candidate for the Office of Department 3rd Vice President for 2014-2015.

Michele is eligible for the American Legion Auxiliary through her deceased grandfather, a World War II Army Veteran. Michele joined Hudson, Unit 335 in 2003 and has been an active member since.

Michele's commitment to the Auxiliary has been evident by her willingness to serve. On the Unit level she has served as Unit President for two terms, and has held 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Historian Offices. Michele has also held Cavalcade of Memories, Children and Youth, Community Service, Constitution and Bylaws, Education, Leadership, and Membership Chairmanships.

On the District level Michele is currently serving as District President and has held the offices of Historian and Secretary, in addition to Cavalcade of Memories Chairmanship.

On the Department level, she has served as Central Area Membership Committee Member, Public Relations Chairman, Americanism Chairman, and Membership Chairman. Michele is also a Department Certified Leadership Instructor.

Since becoming a member of Unit 335 Michele has attended all Department Conventions, Department Workshops, District Schools of Instruction, Constitutional Conferences, and most District meetings.

Michele's dedication to the American Legion Auxiliary and the programs supported by the Auxiliary along with her willingness to listen and learn has prepared her to serve as the Department 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President and Children & Youth Chairman for the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Florida.



# **OLD GLORY UNIT 183 PROUDLY ANNOUNCES THE ENDORSEMENT OF**



**CANDIDATE FOR  
DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA  
3RD VICE PRESIDENT  
2014-2015  
“TK”  
TREVA KAY WILDRICK**

**Eligible under father, a Korean War Veteran  
Active Lifetime Auxiliary member Old Glory Unit 183  
Active Lifetime Charter Legion Riders member Chapter 183**

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**Fulfilled the duties and obligations of -  
Unit President for 5 terms  
Unit Treasurer for past 4 years  
Unit Membership Chairman for past 4 years = 100%**

**6<sup>th</sup> District Leadership Chairman for 3 years  
6<sup>th</sup> District Legislative Chairman for 3 years  
Current 6<sup>th</sup> District VA&R and Field Service Chairman  
Past 6<sup>th</sup> District Officer, Sergeant-At-Arms and Historian**

**6<sup>th</sup> District President 2012-2013 = 100%**

**Past Department Chairman of Public Relations  
Active Participant on Girls State Staff for 2 years  
Current Department Americanism Chairman**

# Legislative News

Washington D.C. Report - March 2014

I arrived in Washington DC just in time to attend the meeting regarding the trip to the National Mall with National President Nancy Brown-Parks and the rest of the ALA participants. We were preparing for the "flash-mob" planned for later that day. What fun!

The tourists at the National Mall and Lincoln Memorial were in for a real treat as the ALA entertained all with a melody of patriotic songs on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial.

After completing our melody of songs we distributed small American flags to others as we made our way to the Vietnam Memorial Wall for a wreath laying by ALA National President. The next couple of hours were spent going to the Korean War Memorial and the WWI and WWII memorials. I was truly humbled to be in a place designated for honor and remembrance of those who have served to keep us free.

Monday morning the 2014 Washington DC Conference for the ALA was officially opened by the ALA National President Nancy Brown-Parks. The speakers who presented that morning were informative and inspirational. I heard about military children being resilient but still at risk. Due to the multiple deployments and lengthy deployments of their fathers and/or mothers, children of military personnel make many sacrifices. I learned of several programs that are working specifically with these children to help them adjust and to help them be resilient. I also heard about the sacrifices of caregivers; those caring for family members with visible as well as invisible wounds of war and military service. I learned of some possible ways to help the caregivers, so they can continue to do what they do. I learned of a great initiative called the Franklin Project, which would have everyone asking "Where did you serve?". The Franklin Project encourages national and community service for everyone between the ages of 18-28. It could be military service or it could be national service through programs like Teach America, Americorps, or the Peace Corps. The plan is to create 1 million civilian national service opportunities every year for young Americans to dedicate 1 year of their life to service to others. How great would that be!

Monday afternoon I heard a couple of moving stories from a suicide survivor and from families and service members who need some assistance to overcome the trials of military service especially those serving in combat. I love hearing from service members and their families about ways we (the ALA) can help give back to them for their dedicated service.

Tuesday morning I attended the Commander's Call, a joint session with the American Legion. Along with The American Legion National Commander, Congressman Jeff Miller and Senator Lindsey Graham addressed the Legion family. The legislative agenda was discussed and we were soon headed for Capitol Hill.

I had the opportunity to talk to several Congressmen including Tom Rooney from my District. I encouraged the Congressional Representatives to remember the families of our military and our Veterans as they too have paid a price for service to our country. I was able to cite some of the examples I became aware of by the speakers of the previous day. My comments were well received. I spoke to Congressman Rooney about a student I had the privilege to be an academic advisor for, a Marine who was injured twice while serving in Iraq, the last time quite severely. Unfortunately this student dropped out his last semester. The Congressman gave me his contact information for his office in Sebring and offered to reach out to this Veteran. Tom Rooney is a Veteran himself so he knows the importance of reaching out to help a fellow Veteran.

The rest of the afternoon was spent at Arlington Cemetery and visiting the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. While there, I observed there were several members of an Honor Flight, Veteran's from the Korean War. My father was a

Veteran of the Korean War. I spoke to one of the Veterans and thanked him for his service. Seeing those men there, several of them in wheel chairs, made the experience even more meaningful.

I arrived back to the hotel just in time to attend the Public Spirit Award Reception. Sarah Smiley was the award recipient. Everyone in attendance received her book, Dinner with the Smileys. Sarah is the daughter of a retired Admiral and the wife of a Lieutenant Commander (Navy). Sarah's book chronicles the experiences of her and her 3 young sons during a 13-month deployment of her husband to Africa. What a great family.

The next morning I was off to the office of Congressman Mica who invited the Florida contingency to a meeting for coffee, donuts and discussion of Veteran issues. Following this meeting we had the distinct pleasure of being escorted by his aide to the underground subway to the Capitol. I say this was a pleasure because it was freezing outside and his escort saved us Floridians from freezing to death. Besides that it was really an honor to see parts of the Capitol not everyone is privileged to see. Our contingency arrived at the Capitol to hear the National Commander of the American Legion testify before a joint session of the U.S. House and Senate Committees on Veteran's Affairs. His presentation was inspiring as well as informative. What a great experience to witness this piece of history.

All in all the whole experience of the Washington DC conference was motivating and encouraging. I am humbled to have been able to attend.

Sincerely, for God and Country,  
Nancy Anderson  
Department Legislative Chairman







# BILL NELSON

*Representing Florida*

Dear Friends,

Just wanted you to be aware of something we're doing to try to improve veterans' care in the Orlando area.

Today I wrote to VA Sec. Eric Shinseki asking him to consider keeping the VA clinic at Lake Baldwin open to adequately provide health care and mental health services to veterans in Orange County.

Here's the text of my letter:



United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

**BILL NELSON**  
**FLORIDA**

April 14, 2014

The Honorable Eric K. Shinseki Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
810 Vermont Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20420

Dear Secretary Shinseki,

I am concerned about the veterans currently using the Lake Baldwin campus for their medical care. I feel that there is a case to be made for keeping the facility open when the new VA hospital begins treating patients in Lake Nona.

The Baldwin Park VA hospital could continue to be a critical access point for primary care of Orange county veterans. It could also provide mental health services now required by law which were not requirements in 2008 when the new hospital was being designed. And finally, it could be used to co-locate compensation and pension appointments for many veterans.

I understand the need for your staff to continue to evaluate the benefit of this, but I would appreciate your attention and reply.

Sincerely,



# EMERGENCY FUND

Thank you to the following units who have contributed to the A.E.F. fund:

Unit # 21	Unit #267	Unit # 7	Unit # 8	Unit # 233	Unit # 11
Unit # 283	Unit # 35	Unit # 215	Unit # 1	Unit # 305	Unit # 40
Unit # 330	Unit # 6	Unit # 162	Unit # 258		

Total donations for March were \$2259. Great job! We are still in need of more donations to help Save our sisters and to provide a bank for future payments. Please be generous in the next few months and make this a great year. I am sure that our sisters are grateful for your generosity. God Bless you!

Thank you,  
Eleanor Amato

Department of Florida  
Auxiliary Emergency Fund Chairman

S.O.S. (Save our Sisters)



## “Digging For Treasure & Opportunities” Cavalcade of Memories

### April:

When you attend meetings for the District or Department  
All the presentations are arranged in compartments.  
You receive a menu like a restaurant with a list of the coming events  
Find the oldest menu you can and hopefully we didn't have to give consent.  
This is your final clue for this cruise  
Hope you sent in all your memories instead of crying the blues

Debbie Sviderskas  
Cavalcade of Memories Chairman  
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# ***Helen Denton, 91, keeper of the world's biggest secret, laid to rest on Pearl Harbor Day 2012***



The woman who typed General Dwight D. Eisenhower's final orders authorizing the June 6, 1944 D-Day Normandy invasion in World War II died Dec. 3 in Fayetteville.

Helen Kogel Denton, 91, who kept that secret even from her husband of nearly four decades, was buried in the Jonesboro City Cemetery on Dec. 7, 2013, Pearl Harbor Day.

The short obituary said this: "She retired from Delta Air Lines where she was a secretary in the Maintenance Department. She was preceded in death by her husband Noel Denton and her son Jon Denton. She is survived by numerous extended family members and many loving friends. She was an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #3650. She also served for many years as a volunteer for the American Red Cross";

The Citizen's sister publication, Fayette Woman, in October 2005 featured the story of this remarkable woman, who knew how to keep a secret — for

a time, the biggest secret in the world. That story is reprinted below.

By Sherri Smith Brown

Helen Kogel Denton has led a rich and rewarding life. But she has one regret.

"I wish that I had told Noel," she says. "It just never seemed important at the time. Our life was so full. And, I had been so conditioned to NOT tell what I had done. To forget it. And I guess that's what I did. But, you know, I'll see him someday — him and Jon both — and the first thing I'm going to tell them ... is my story";

The room was small – about 10 x 10 – with one long, black curtained window drawn to keep any light from filtering out to the bomb plagued streets. In front of the window sat a long table, used by various officers—two Americans, a Canadian, a Brit, an Australian. A door was on one wall; a fireplace on another, usually lit during those late winter English months.

Corporal Helen Kogel sat in the center of the room at a desk just large enough for her Royal manual typewriter and the stack of papers that were her duty to type. There was little talking except for the dictation she would take from the officers in the mornings. No one discussed with her what she was doing. But she knew.

Usually, her brown, curly head was bent over the typewriter; her hazel eyes intent on the words she typed meticulously in order not to make a mistake. She had three carbon copies to make with every page of type. Mistakes were a nuisance—just something to slow the process down even more.

For nearly eight weeks, five days a week, eight hours a day, the routine was the same. She would type from the dictation and from the stack of papers that were brought to her as the various officers came in and out. Each newly typed page was stamped TOP SECRET.

At the end of the day, the original and the three copies would be placed into four different notebooks; and the MP, who kept constant watch outside the door, would take her three sheets of carbon paper and the typewriter ribbon she had used that day and put it in the fire. After they watched it burn, the MP escorted the corporal back to her hotel on Barclay Square and she would join the rest of her fellow WACs for dinner.

She told no one of her assignment and no one asked where she spent her days. After all, they were all part of General Dwight D. Eisenhower's staff, it was 1944 during World War II, German bombs were falling on London, and their work was top secret.

One day in late April, Corp. Kogel typed the last page of her assignment. One of the officers placed the pages into their respective notebooks, which were several inches thick by now, and said, "Would you like to go with us to take this to Gen. Eisenhower?";

The corporal had worked as a secretary on the General's staff for nearly a year, but had never spoken to him, only saluted from a distance. She was honored to go to his office.

"Corporal, do you know what you've typed?" asked Gen. Eisenhower. Corp. Kogel said, "Yes, sir. These are the battle plans that you will use for the invasion of France.";

Corp. Helen Kogel, a 23-year-old from South Dakota, had just become a part of history. She had typed the complete battle plans for the invasion of the Normandy Coast and the liberation of Europe — Operation Overload, D-Day. And she was unable to confide in anyone.

She knew the number of ships, aircraft and men, what units would be deployed, where each army involved would land. She knew ship movements, people movements. Where planes would drop bombs. She knew that the 101st Airborne – where two hometown friends served – would go in first to cut railroad lines, blow up bridges, and seize landing strips. She knew everything except the date it would begin. But she guessed it would be soon. And she could not discuss with it with anyone, in fact, she was told to forget what she had typed.

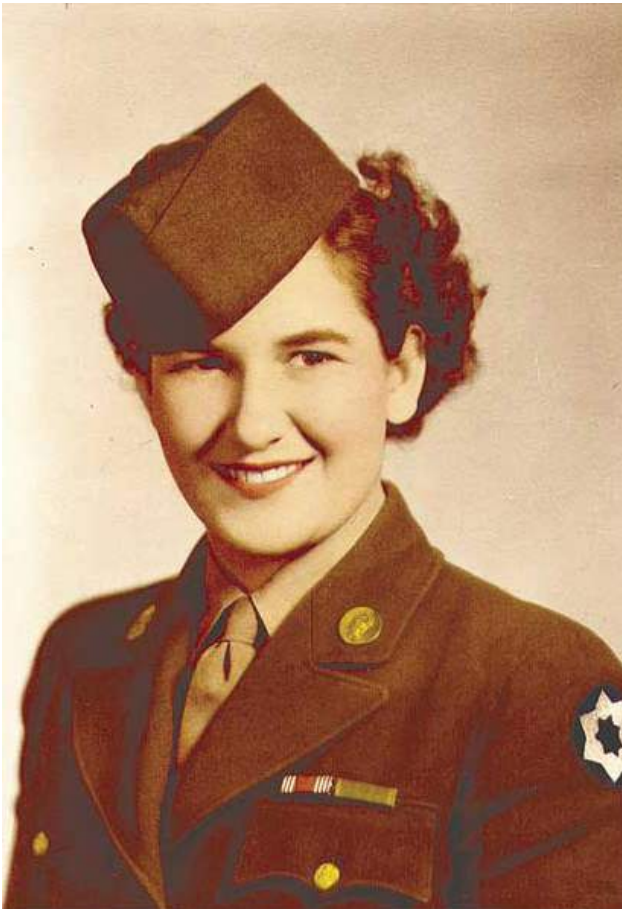
When hundreds of Allied planes began flying over London day and night toward the coast, she suspected that the invasion might be beginning but said nothing. Even when she heard Sir Winston Churchill speak on the radio on June 6, and realized that Gen. Eisenhower, supreme commander of the United States Army, was setting in motion the Allied Invasion of Europe, the greatest military operation the world has ever known, she did not confide her knowledge to anyone.

As the Allied troops stormed the Normandy beaches, Corp. Kogel and the rest of Gen. Eisenhower's staff made preparations for going to France themselves. General Eisenhower would need his office staff as soon as possible after the Allied forces got to Paris.

German V-2 bombs were making life in London hellish, and the 30-girl staff was sleeping three floors underground in bunkers at night. It would be safer to get to France.

A few days before her departure, Corp. Kogel arrived at a telegraph office to wire her parents not to send any more mail to her until she contacted them again with a new address.

Suddenly, a "V-2" bomb whistled overhead, the sound stopped suddenly — an indication that the bomb was on top of you and about to drop — and the office where she stood blew up. The force knocked her down and out. She awoke screaming with shattered glass covering her entire body and someone shaking her, telling her she was going to be OK.



A few days later, Corp. Kogel's WAC unit left London for Southampton, where they boarded a Navy transport ship and crossed the English Channel in the dark of night with lights out. When the ship was within a few miles of Utah Beach, Corp. Kogel's unit was told to put on their knapsacks, climb over the ship's rail and down the gigantic ship's rope ladder to a smaller landing craft on the water that would take them as close to the beach as possible.

Like the troops just a few weeks before them, the women walked out of the landing craft into waist high water toward the flatness of Utah Beach. This time, however, there were no bombs blowing up around them — only the red glow and sound of gunfire in the distance.

Told not to move once they reached the beach, Corp. Kogel and her group sat until daybreak when a truck came from the base camp. Standing in line for mess and still wet from their landing, she remarked to a friend that she would be happy to get some dry clothes and wondered how soon they would be able to get their personal bags that had been floated to shore. A young sergeant standing behind her offered to get a jeep and take them to find the bags. His name was Noel Denton. From her picture I don't think getting a ride would be a problem :) Denton probably stole the jeep.

For the next six weeks, Corp. Kogel and the other 29 women lived on Utah Beach in two-person tents in a special holding area. During that time, she listened for daily news from the front line, which was just a few miles away, ate meals with the troops, watched Bing Crosby and Bob Hope from the back of a pickup truck for hundreds of troops at Utah Beach, walked on the beach around her area, heard that Paris had been

Helen Denton pictured during the war.



liberated ... and fell in love.

A diminutive, silver-haired Helen Kogel Denton sits on the couch in her Fayetteville home. "Noel was a staff sergeant in the Signal Corps. He and his men would go into towns after they had been taken by the Allied forces and set up telephone wires then come back to the base camp at night. They were also waiting to go to Paris to set up lines in Gen. Eisenhower's office so they could talk to London and Washington.";

Dating on a Normandy Beach during the invasion of France was not easy, but the couple found a way. "We would walk out to a little farm that had apple juice and Cognac," reminisces Helen, "and we would sit on a log and drink and talk....";

Gen. Eisenhower's staff was flown into Paris as soon as it was liberated on August 25, 1944. The tall, handsome Sgt. Denton was there, too – for about three weeks. Then the romance was confined to telephone calls from the front lines and weekend passes to Paris.

Liberated Paris was a wonderful experience for Corp. Kogel who loved to dance at the USO, visit museums and travel the countryside. She witnessed the lights coming back on in Paris from the rooftop of her hotel as well as the V-Day Celebration. "The day after the lights were turned on, we marched in a parade down the Champs Elysees," said Helen, proudly showing a photo of her unit marching as throngs of Parisians cheered. "We polished our shoes and our buttons and pressed our uniforms. It was thrilling;"

With a story like that, Helen, who was raised on a South Dakota farm, says she knew when she returned home in October of 1945 after the war was over, that she was not going to be a farmer's wife. So did Noel Denton.

He had grown up in College Park and returned to the job he had with Southern Bell in Atlanta before the war. A few months later, Noel traveled to South Dakota to ask for Helen's hand in marriage — a marriage that would continue the love that had begun on a beach in Normandy during the D-Day invasion.

Helen and Noel spent 36 wonderful years together, living in Clayton County where they raised show Collies, a passion of Noel's. In 1954, the couple adopted a 5-month-old baby, Noel Jonathan Junior, who became the center of their life.

With Jon in tow, the Dentons traveled the country showing Collies they had raised at their Deep South Kennel in Clayton County. In 1967, with Jon in junior high school, Helen went to work for Delta Air Lines where she was employed until she retired 15 years later.

As an employee of Delta, Helen took the opportunity to travel with Noel and Jon, going back often to London and Paris as well as Germany, Belgium and other parts of France, including Normandy and Utah Beach.



Helen's husband, Noel Denton.

But in all their years together, and their trips abroad, Helen never told Noel — nor anyone else — about the role she had played in history.

In 1982, Helen and Noel lost Jon in an accident and a few months later, Helen's beloved Noel died from a heart attack.

"You know, they are gone, but they're still with me," says Helen, pointing to the wall of photos next to her bed. "I see them first thing every morning and the last thing every night," she smiles. "And I have a lot of memories;"

After his retirement from Southern Bell, Noel had become the treasurer of the Collie Club of America and an accredited AKC judge, traveling around the country and the world. Helen carried on his dream by fulfilling his position as treasurer of the club and, later, being elected president of the club's foundation.

"I had to do something. I had to keep going," she says. Volunteering became a priority in Helen's life. She has served as Post Commander of the Riverdale Chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars for the past eight years and District Commander of that same organization.

She is an active member of the Delta Pioneers – an organization of retired Delta employees – raising funds for The March of Dimes, United Way, CARE and Cancer drives. She has served on the Red Cross Speakers Bureau, on the South Metro Advisory Committee and is a member of the Office of Volunteer Administration.

Plaques and proclamations attest to the time she has spent helping others: recipient of the DAR Community Service Award, the Clara Barton Award of Meritorious Service, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Non-violent Social Change Award. A letter from President Bill Clinton congratulates her on being nominated for the Golden Rule Award for community service.

But not until 1994 and the 50th anniversary of D-Day did Helen tell anyone that she had typed the battle plans for the invasion.

"A friend asked what women had done during WWII and if any women were involved in the invasion and I mentioned it," remembers Helen. The next thing she knew, the friend had called a local TV station and from that she was asked to speak about her experiences at Fort Gillem.

And as Helen says, "I've been telling my story ever since.";

Helen says the more she speaks about her experience, the more she realizes how much she wants people to know that women served in WWII and played a significant part. She frequently speaks at civic functions and at area schools where she takes her medals and dog tags to show students. She is often the topic for media coverage, most recently interviewed by NBC. In 2004, she traveled to Washington, D.C., to participate in the World War II Memorial dedication.

She says one of her biggest thrills was speaking before a couple hundred people at Fort McPherson this past June. On Nov. 5, 2005, the city of Riverdale will name a street in her honor followed by her participation in the city's Veteran's Day Parade.

"I'm a very lucky woman. A very lucky woman," she says.

This story originally appeared in the October 2005 FayetteWoman, the cover of which is shown below.



# Lap Robes Now Available

Any VA & R Chairman who needs lap robes for your Clinic or VA Home please contact:

valeriesteinbaugh@hotmail.com

Valerie is from Unit 359 Port St. John

Erna Schwabe, VA & R Chairman

## Membership

***Hello Ladies,***

***I have some exciting news to tell you. We currently are 6th in the Nation and still #1 in Southern Division. Is that GREAT????!! Great job to all. We are still struggling with renewals and retaining our seasoned members. We need these members; they joined our organization because they believed in us. And for whatever reasons have not renewed and it is our obligation to try and reach out to them. Ladies it is time to get this boat a'rockin and get those members on board.***

***I am asking that you use the letter I am providing and tweak it to fit your unit and see if you can renew at least one member. Everyone has done such a great job and I am so thrilled to be a part of the Great Department Florida.***

***Keep on Flippin'  
Kelli Becraft***





American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of Florida

Dear Auxiliary Member, (Best to put the name, if at all possible)

Our membership in the American Legion Auxiliary honors the service of the special veteran(s) in our lives. Renewing your membership provides financial support to your unit and Department of Florida as they work to fulfill the mission of enhancing the lives of our veterans, our active duty military men and women and their families, both at home and abroad.

All members may not be able to participate in the unit activities or attend meetings. However, did you know your dues support the unit's programs for veterans, children and youth and the community? Did you know your "gift of dues" helps the Department of Florida carry out the mission of service to our veterans? For example the Department is able to provide the VA hospitals with money for "socks" for the veterans.

The state of Florida sponsors many wonderful programs that your dues help support the cost. For example Girls State is a premier program of the Auxiliary and one that needs to be continued. Another example is rehab for the veterans in the VA hospitals, we provide money to the VA hospitals upon request from the deputies to help with programs while the veterans is recovering.

Please consider why you originally joined the American Legion Auxiliary. The reason you joined is the same reason you are being asked to renew your membership: **to honor the service of the veteran in your family.**

I encourage you to send your check to your unit today and join hundreds of others in the state of Florida who are honoring our veterans by their membership in the American Legion Auxiliary.

*Kelli Becraft*

2013-2014 Membership Chairman

Please put contact information here, i.e. where they can send the renewal



**April 21st Statistical**  
*All Membership through 4/18/2014 has been  
keyed*

DISTRICT 1					
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	CURRENT %	NEEDED 100%
75	CRESTVIEW	176	168	95.45%	8
78	MILTON	47	36	76.60%	11
121	JAY	15	14	93.33%	1
193	PENSACOLA	134	103	76.87%	31
221	NICEVILLE	68	58	85.29%	10
235	FT.WALTON BCH	193	174	90.16%	19
240	PENSACOLA	284	242	85.21%	42
296	DESTIN	70	62	88.57%	8
340	PENSACOLA	289	289	100.00%	0
356	LYNN HAVEN	181	173	95.58%	8
375	SOUTHPORT	79	83	105.06%	-4
378	GULF BREEZE	18	10	55.56%	8
382	NAVARRE	134	124	92.54%	10
392	PANAMA CITY	137	164	119.71%	-27
District		<b>1825</b>	<b>1700</b>	<b>93.15%</b>	<b>125</b>

DISTRICT 4					
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	CURRENT %	NEEDED 100%
16	GAINESVILLE	67	68	101.49%	-1
27	OCALA	36	28	77.78%	8
56	STARKE	19	15	78.95%	4
58	DUNNELLON	56	37	66.07%	19
77	INVERNESS	62	51	82.26%	11
91	TRENTON	21	17	80.95%	4
149	NEWBERRY	27	24	88.89%	3
155	CRYSTAL RIVER	328	292	89.02%	36
210	OCALA	18	14	77.78%	4
225	FLORAL CITY	22	18	81.82%	4
230	HAWTHORNE	39	31	79.49%	8
236	WILLISTON	14	17	121.43%	-3
237	BEVERLY HILLS	98	93	94.90%	5
284	BELLEVIEW	169	154	91.12%	15
314	STARKE	18	16	88.89%	2
District		<b>994</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>88.03%</b>	<b>119</b>

DISTRICT 2					
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	CURRENT %	NEEDED 100%
13	TALLAHASSEE	101	87	86.14%	14
82	LANARK VILLAGE	77	85	110.39%	-8
84	HAVANA	24	27	112.50%	-3
100	MARIANNA	70	63	90.00%	7
114	CRAWFORDVILLE	30	29	96.67%	1
172	HOSFORD	16	15	93.75%	1
217	QUINCY	61	53	86.89%	8
241	SNEADS	75	68	90.67%	7
272	BLOUNTSTOWN	14	0	0.00%	14
District		<b>468</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>91.24%</b>	<b>41</b>

DISTRICT 5					
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	CURRENT %	NEEDED 100%
9	JACKSONVILLE	41	31	75.61%	10
37	ST. AUGUSTINE	123	91	73.98%	32
54	FERNANDINA BCH	249	222	89.16%	27
88	JACKSONVILLE	129	112	86.82%	17
129	JACKSONVILLE BCH	339	275	81.12%	64
137	JACKSONVILLE	576	536	93.06%	40
174	FERNANDINA BEACH	15	0	0.00%	15
194	ST. AUGUSTINE	18	32	177.78%	-14
197	JACKSONVILLE	36	33	91.67%	3
202	KEYSTONE HGTS	80	73	91.25%	7
233	PONTE VEDRA BCH	152	148	97.37%	4
244	SO. JACKSONVILLE	55	46	83.64%	9
250	MIDDLEBURG	376	304	80.85%	72
283	JACKSONVILLE	278	298	107.19%	-20
316	ATLANTIC BCH	419	367	87.59%	52
373	ORANGE PARK	28	29	103.57%	-1
401	HILLIARD	NA	30	NA	NA
District		<b>2914</b>	<b>2627</b>	<b>90.15%</b>	<b>287</b>

DISTRICT 3					
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	CURRENT %	NEEDED 100%
49	MONTICELLO	21	23	109.52%	-2
57	LAKE CITY	265	273	103.02%	-8
107	LIVE OAK	37	38	102.70%	-1
131	GREENVILLE	37	22	59.46%	15
215	JASPER	47	45	95.74%	2
224	MADISON	28	39	139.29%	-11
291	STEINHATCHEE	168	154	91.67%	14
383	OLD TOWN	153	140	91.50%	13
District		<b>756</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>97.09%</b>	<b>22</b>

**Happy Easter!!!**

	DISTRICT 6				
				CURRENT	NEEDED
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	%	100%
10	KISSIMMEE	310	246	79.35%	64
19	ORLANDO	194	155	79.90%	39
21	UMATILLA	41	25	60.98%	16
35	MOUNT DORA	113	79	69.91%	34
41	EUSTIS	9	18	200.00%	-9
52	LEESBURG	20	33	165.00%	-13
53	SANFORD	207	151	72.95%	56
55	CLERMONT	150	146	97.33%	4
63	WINTER GARDEN	42	17	40.48%	25
76	TAVARES	23	16	69.57%	7
80	ST. CLOUD	298	301	101.01%	-3
101	BUSHNELL	149	124	83.22%	25
109	OCOE	43	35	81.40%	8
112	WINTER PARK	21	19	90.48%	2
183	ALTAMONTE SPR	144	144	100.00%	0
219	FRUITLAND PARK	256	225	87.89%	31
242	ORLANDO	191	162	84.82%	29
286	PINE CASTLE	331	285	86.10%	46
330	LEESBURG	54	55	101.85%	-1
331	ORLANDO	82	11	13.41%	71
347	LADY LAKE	1,057	1162	109.93%	-105
	District	3735	3409	91.27%	326

	DISTRICT 7				
				CURRENT	NEEDED
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	%	100%
3	BARTOW	79	76	96.20%	3
4	LAKELAND	121	109	90.08%	12
8	WINTER HAVEN	688	575	83.58%	113
34	HAINES CITY	78	70	89.74%	8
71	LAKE WALES	36	57	158.33%	-21
72	MULBERRY	162	156	96.30%	6
118	ZEPHYRHILLS	37	22	59.46%	15
201	FLORENCE VILLA	46	39	84.78%	7
213	MOULTRY-CRAFT	11	0	0.00%	11
339	CRESTHAVEN	48	41	85.42%	7
	District	1306	1145	87.67%	161

	DISTRICT 8				
				CURRENT	NEEDED
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	%	100%
11	ARCADIA	33	19	57.58%	14
24	BRADENTON	422	438	103.79%	-16
25	LAKE PLACID	381	360	94.49%	21
30	SARASOTA	62	71	114.52%	-9
69	AVON PARK	334	348	104.19%	-14
74	SEBRING	97	100	103.09%	-3
113	ROTANDA WEST	426	388	91.08%	38
159	VENICE	858	713	83.10%	145
254	NORTH PORT	106	79	74.53%	27
266	FRUITVILLE	125	101	80.80%	24
309	PALMETTO	254	214	84.25%	40
312	ONECO	256	224	87.50%	32
325	ELLENTON	58	52	89.66%	6
	District	3466	3,107	89.64%	359

	DISTRICT 9				
				CURRENT	NEEDED
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	%	100%
36	FT. LAUDERDALE	102	87	85.29%	15
92	HOLLYWOOD	124	121	97.58%	3
142	POMPANO BEACH	296	273	92.23%	23
157	MARGATE	344	344	100.00%	0
162	DEERFIELD BEACH	309	274	88.67%	35
180	PLANTATION	125	103	82.40%	22
209	DANIA	25	15	60.00%	10
220	FT. LAUDERDALE	NA	18	NA	NA
222	FT. LAUDERDALE	92	71	77.17%	21
287	DEERFIELD BEACH	20	21	105.00%	-1
304	DANIA	229	193	84.28%	36
310	HALLANDALE	37	32	86.49%	5
321	COOPER CITY	168	107	63.69%	61
	District	1871	1659	88.67%	212

	DISTRICT 11				
				CURRENT	NEEDED
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	%	100%
20	BELLE GLADE	60	66	110.00%	-6
47	LAKE WORTH	142	131	92.25%	11
62	STUART	124	124	100.00%	0
64	OKEECHOBEE	131	122	93.13%	9
65	DELRAY BEACH	69	50	72.46%	19
141	WEST PALM BCH	93	88	94.62%	5
164	BOYNTON BEACH	189	152	80.42%	37
188	DELRAY BEACH	18	15	83.33%	3
199	WEST PALM BCH	51	28	54.90%	23
258	GREENACRES	28	28	100.00%	0
268	RIVIERA BEACH	144	107	74.31%	37
269	LANTANA	21	2	9.52%	19
271	JUPITER	185	175	94.59%	10
277	BOCA RATON	110	103	93.64%	7
288	BOYNTON BEACH	71	64	90.14%	7
367	ROYAL PALM BCH	47	44	93.62%	3
399	PALM CITY	19	15	78.95%	4
	District	1,502	1,314	87.48%	188

	DISTRICT 12				
				CURRENT	NEEDED
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	%	100%
1	TITUSVILLE	310	298	96.13%	12
22	COCOA	107	89	83.18%	18
39	VERO BEACH	197	177	89.85%	20
40	FORT PIERCE	235	180	76.60%	55
81	MELBOURNE	152	135	88.82%	17
117	PALM BAY	415	381	91.81%	34
126	JENSEN BEACH	206	184	89.32%	22
163	EAU GALLIE	353	369	104.53%	-16
171	FORT PIERCE	40	28	70.00%	12
177	COCOA	12	8	66.67%	4
189	SEBASTIAN	103	90	87.38%	13
191	MELBOURNE	140	124	88.57%	16
200	SATELLITE BEACH	102	104	101.96%	-2
318	PORT ST LUCIE	377	461	122.28%	-84
332	KENNEDY SPACE CT	32	24	75.00%	8
348	CAPE CANAVERAL	171	128	74.85%	43
358	FORT PIERCE	62	49	79.03%	13
359	PORT ST JOHN	257	247	96.11%	10
366	BAREFOOT BAY	89	82	92.13%	7
394	PALM BAY	50	54	108.00%	-4
	District	3410	3,212	94.19%	198

DISTRICT 13					
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	CURRENT %	NEEDED 100%
38	FORT MYERS	93	88	94.62%	5
90	CAPE CORAL	179	182	101.68%	-3
103	PUNTA GORDA	353	315	89.24%	38
110	PORT CHARLOTTE	528	520	98.48%	8
123	SANIBEL	103	61	59.22%	42
130	LABELLE	200	170	85.00%	30
135	NAPLES	408	392	96.08%	16
136	PINE ISLAND	444	447	100.68%	-3
192	FORT MYERS	24	25	104.17%	-1
274	FORT MYERS BCH	581	556	95.70%	25
303	BONITA SPRINGS	400	363	90.75%	37
323	LEHIGH ACRES	473	477	100.85%	-4
336	N. FORT MYERS	273	264	96.70%	9
351	FT MYERS SHORES	105	83	79.05%	22
388	BONITA SPRINGS	11	0	0.00%	11
District		<b>4175</b>	<b>3943</b>	<b>94.44%</b>	<b>232</b>

DISTRICT 16					
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	CURRENT %	NEEDED 100%
7	CLEARWATER	432	348	80.56%	84
14	ST. PETERSBURG	155	154	99.35%	1
79	NEW PORT RICHEY	319	306	95.92%	13
104	PINELLAS PARK	265	229	86.42%	36
119	LARGO	380	359	94.47%	21
125	GULFPORT	406	362	89.16%	44
158	TREASURE ISLAND	146	154	105.48%	-8
173	HOLIDAY	286	254	88.81%	32
238	SAFETY HARBOR	275	251	91.27%	24
252	CROSS BAYOU	572	674	117.83%	-102
273	MADEIRA BEACH	2,168	2134	98.43%	34
275	DUNNEDIN	344	357	103.78%	-13
305	ST. PETE BEACH	177	144	81.36%	33
335	HUDSON	246	206	83.74%	40
District		<b>6171</b>	<b>5932</b>	<b>96.13%</b>	<b>239</b>

DISTRICT 14					
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	CURRENT %	NEEDED 100%
28	KEY WEST	83	75	90.36%	8
29	MIAMI	19	22	115.79%	-3
31	MIAMI	147	140	95.24%	7
43	HOMESTEAD	59	62	105.08%	-3
67	NORTH MIAMI	100	70	70.00%	30
98	CORAL GABLES	42	24	57.14%	18
133	PERRINE	88	77	87.50%	11
154	MARATHON	173	154	89.02%	19
168	KEY WEST	33	18	54.55%	15
333	KEY LARGO	86	76	88.37%	10
346	MIAMI	32	24	75.00%	8
374	KEY BISCAVNE	71	69	97.18%	2
District		<b>933</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>86.92%</b>	<b>122</b>

DISTRICT 17					
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	CURRENT %	NEEDED 100%
6	DELAND	130	135	103.85%	-5
17	NEW SMYRNA BCH	305	300	98.36%	5
45	PALATKA	39	30	76.92%	9
115	BUNNELL	62	57	91.94%	5
120	HOLLY HILL	243	251	103.29%	-8
127	LAKE HELEN	28	24	85.71%	4
204	DAYTONA BEACH	41	34	82.93%	7
255	DELTONA	38	32	84.21%	6
259	DEBARY,ORANGE CT	33	32	96.97%	1
267	ORMOND BEACH	159	128	80.50%	31
270	PORT ORANGE	154	154	100.00%	0
285	EDGEWATER	274	207	75.55%	67
293	INTERLACHEN	118	70	59.32%	48
361	SOUTH DAYTONA	189	174	92.06%	15
District		<b>1813</b>	<b>1628</b>	<b>89.80%</b>	<b>185</b>

DISTRICT 15					
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	CURRENT %	NEEDED 100%
5	TAMPA	43	43	100.00%	0
26	PLANT CITY	38	32	84.21%	6
99	BROOKSVILLE	38	37	97.37%	1
111	TAMPA	56	47	83.93%	9
138	PORT TAMPA CITY	361	361	100.00%	0
139	TAMPA	162	165	101.85%	-3
147	ODESSA	47	31	65.96%	16
148	RIVERVIEW	228	205	89.91%	23
152	TAMPA	311	286	91.96%	25
167	TAMPA	16	27	168.75%	-11
186	SPRING HILL	364	396	108.79%	-32
248	WEST TAMPA	19	22	115.79%	-3
334	TAMPA	38	39	102.63%	-1
389	RUSKIN	26	22	84.62%	4
District		<b>1747</b>	<b>1713</b>	<b>98.05%</b>	<b>34</b>

# ***Membership keyed as of 4/18/2014***

<b><i>District</i></b>	<b><i>%</i></b>
15	98.05
3	97.09
16	96.13
13	94.44
12	94.19
1	93.15
6	91.27
2	91.24
5	90.15
17	89.80
8	89.64
9	88.67
4	88.03
7	87.67
11	87.48
14	86.92

*The 2014 Department Membership Goal is **37,464***

*As of 4/18/2014 **34,466** have been processed*

*We are currently at **91.99%***