



Cruisin' News COMMUNIQUE

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Saint Patrick's Day



Volunteers for our ALA office at James A. Haley VA hospital are needed.

We need someone to volunteer, we have been asking for a once-a-month person (4 hours), or once a week which would be better, any offer of someone who shows up when they are supposed to is very helpful.

More than one person to come in is best, rotation of help. There are some holidays we need extra help to put together various (bingo's) or other veterans appreciation days.

PLEASE GET INVOLVED.

Please call me anytime.

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Deputy, James A Haley VA hospital
Volunteer for ALA



Procedure for Obtaining Emblem Approval

Those wishing to use the American Legion Auxiliary Emblem on merchandise of any kind (i.e. t-shirts, jewelry, novelty items, etc.) must first send the request to the Department Secretary for her approval. This includes the Girls State Director and Chairmen. Each item must be identified.

The Department Secretary send the request with her signature indicating approval to the National Secretary and the letter of approval from the National Secretary, listing each item, is sent ***directly to the manufacturer or company*** that will place the emblem on the item(s). A copy of the National Secretary's letter of approval is sent to the Department Secretary and to the person requesting the use of the emblem if a name and address is provided.

Approval is a one-time approval and no re-orders can be made without going through the process again.

Please provide the following to receive approval.

- 1) A drawing of the item you want to place the emblem on showing where the emblem will be and what text will be around it.
- 2) The exact number of items being ordered.
- 3) The name, address and telephone number of the company or person making the items for you.
- 4) What your plans are for the items. (i.e. give to officers & chairmen or sell)

The National Office will not accept and requests for Emblem Approval that do not have the signature of the Department Secretary, so do not mail your requests to National.

Captain's Log



Ahoy Shipmates!!! As I continue cruising aboard the USS Auxiliary visiting all of the Decks and hearing all the wonderful ways Units are promoting the Programs of the American Legion Auxiliary also working with all of the Legion Family, I am encouraged that Florida is doing a good job of taking care of our Veterans, our Military families and is making a difference in our communities.

My visit in the 8th District with President Pat Stiles was great, arriving at the home of Barb Fields for a little rest after a very long drive. Later to dinner with President Pat and Barb, then a short visit to Posts 325 and 309 to meet some Legion Family members. Highlight of the tour of the Southeastern Guide Dogs facility in Palmetto, there certain dogs are bred, raised and trained to be service dogs for veterans with disabilities and illnesses. What a great facility!! Enjoyed a wonderful dinner and dancing at Bradenton Post 24, also met members that are eager to work the Programs and support each other.

Now we are off to 13th District for the "President hand over" to President Diann Direz in Fort Meyers, where She was waiting along with more members of the 13th District to board the JP Cruise ship

for a day of cruising, lunch buffet, sightseeing, and good music, yes I was really in my element and had a fantastic time! A short stop at Post 192 had finished a day of celebrating Black History month, with food, speakers, entertainers, artists with original prints, etc. Off to Lehigh Acres Post 323 for dinner with President Tina Hanson and unit members also visited with PDP Mary Heenan. I received my trophy as "Best Cruise Captain" Thanks so much for the recognition Unit 323, had a good sendoff breakfast the next morning.

Next visit to 12th District with President Robin Burk, first stop was Titusville 1 with Unit President Cathie McMullin for dinner and dancing, and meeting auxiliary members, legionnaires and sons, had a great time and also observed the UNITY among the Family. I still apologize to Barefoot Bay Unit 366 that I could not make the scheduled Tea, because of my departing time change due to family issue.

Now for a wonderful breakfast at Post 318 a brand new Post Home, several members of the District attended, thanks to all for attending. Then it was off to the Navy Seal Museum with Legion Riders Chapter 318 escorting to Ft Pierce, Wow was I impressed!! The tour of the museum was very interesting. There is a miniature display of how the Seals took down Bin Laden, I highly recommend all to visit.

We are now escorted by Legion Riders to Post 39 for lunch with Unit 39, there I was presented a rose arrangement by the Riders of Post 81. I so much appreciated this. A good lunch and visit was enjoyed with unit members and members from units 163 and 117,, thanks for sharing ladies. Yes another escort of Legion Riders 163 escorting us to Post 163 for Legion Riders of Cocoa Chapter 22 waited to continue the escorting to Melbourne 191 for lunch, accompanied with soft jazz playing, meeting unit members and others of the Legion Family what a great time! Final escort to Post 117 for dinner with Unit members and Legion Family, a welcome banner painted by the Juniors, will always be a part of my keepsakes, enjoyed meeting and having a great time with all.

Just to say Florida is looking good in membership, so keep up the good work, get those renewals in. I will be attending the Washington DC Conference later this month, also parading a \$5000 check from Department of Florida for the Parade of Checks for the ALA Foundation Veteran Projects Fund which is President Nancy Brown-Park's special Project. Thanks for your donations to the National President/s Project. Also remember my Special President's Request to increase your donations on the Department Remittance form.

I remain your Cruise Captain for Service not self,

Captain Bailey

Chaplain's Corner

As spring approaches, let us unwrap each day like a present. Flowers will begin to bloom and trees will begin to bud new leaves. Everything will be green again as Spring arrives. I would like to ask all District Chaplains to please help me verify that all Unit Chaplains are reporting to both of us with their deceased members, so that we may honor them in our Memorial Services. Send me emails with names or number of deceased, so I can verify my list. My email is chaplain@alafl.org Reminder that if you are planning on submitting a Prayer Book, please meet the deadline of May 13, 2014, which is 30 days before Convention. Year End Reports are due to me by May 1, 2014.

Thank you, Lois Stachelrodt, Chaplain

Deceased List for March 2014

District 4

Unit 155 Wood, Lorraine

District 5

Unit 129 Gunnison, Elizabeth (Barbara)
Scoggins, Kimberly

District 6

Unit 19 Bachelor, Mary
Unit 53 Kennedy, Helen

District 7

Unit 8 Moore, Cathy E.
Robbins, Deborah L.
Shirley, Billie

District 8

Unit 113 Smith, Birdie L.

District 9

Unit 142 Annatone, Patricia
Perrigo, Sue

District 11

Unit 199 McDonald, Merle

District 12

Unit 1 Bamforth, Evy
Carpenter, Betty
Coulson, Ellen
Hyde, Alice
Panzer, Dolores

District 13

Unit 135 Triola, Barbara A.
Unit 136 Green, Janet
Shaw, Mary

District 16

Unit 7 Roberts, Patricia B.
Unit 125 Jarosch, Judith
Unit 173 Reed, Kathyryne





FROM THE SECRETARY

National President, Nancy Brown-Park . . . will be visiting Florida arriving March 31st thru April 4th. Due to a last minute change in her schedule we were able to negotiate these dates to have a visit from her. With her desire to focus her visits on seeing, first hand, the work Departments are doing for homeless veterans we are proud to showcase our outstanding work through Homeless Veteran Director, Dorothy Walsh and George Taylor, Founder of National Veteran Homeless Support. Events are planned in the 12th, 6th and 16th Districts in an effort to give many of our members an opportunity to display their work with the homeless veterans as well as meet the National President.

A full literary of her visit has been mailed to every Unit and member of the Executive Committee as well as posted to our web site. Please make every effort to attend one of the events and show your support for our National President, Nancy Brown-Park.

Girls State . . . The deadline for numbered applications has come and gone and Department is still missing many applications. If your Unit has not returned its numbered application to Department you are at risk of losing your slot. Contact our office ASAP and make arrangements to get that application in immediately.

If your Unit is having a problem filling your spot, contact either your District GS Chairman or Headquarters and we will help find an alternate in your area to fill it.

Do not mail paper copies of the applications to Department. We will only accept the original cardstock application mailed to the Unit.

The packet material will be available no later than the second week of April on the Girls State web site girlsstate.alafl.org. Please notify your delegates and alternates to go to the site and pull the information off. They are to bring the material to the Orientation.

Elections . . . may be held not more than sixty days nor less than fifteen days prior to Department Convention per Article V, Sec. 6 of the Department Bylaws. This means your unit elections may not be held before April 14th or after May 29th.

I must remind you of rulings of the National Judge Advocate of The American Legion pertaining to elections. No condition can be placed on running for office. Any member in good standing can run for any office.

When asked if a dual member can hold office in both the Auxiliary and the Legion his response was; **"No woman member of both a Legion Post and an Auxiliary Unit shall hold office at the same time in both organizations."** Explaining it creates a conflict of interest because you cannot give 100% to two masters. If both organizations are aware of conflict and chose to elect knowing conflict exists it is their right to do so.

There are no absentee ballots unless the unit's constitution & bylaws clearly outlines the parameters for allowing them.

The floor must be opened for nominations the night of elections unless the unit's constitution & bylaws clearly state it is closed prior to election night.

Elections must be held on a regular meeting night unless the unit's constitution & bylaws specify otherwise.

IRS Update . . . All Units should have 2012 990Ns filed. Copies of this report being accepted by the IRS must be on file at Department. If your Unit has not filed or is having trouble filing, it is the Unit's responsibility to contact the IRS at 877-829-5500. You must identify yourself as an officer of the Unit for someone to speak with you. WE CANNOT DO THIS FOR YOU!!! The IRS will not speak to me regarding problems in your Unit. I do not belong there and am not an officer of your Unit.

We have just recently been made aware of a new form required for EVERY enterprise with an EIN meaning all corporations, incorporated and non incorporated units and tax exempt organizations. Whenever there is a change of address or change in the person in charge, the new person in charge must now file the IRS Form 8822-B. This is a basic form that looks like a "Change of Address" form. What they really want to know is the NAME of the "RESPONSIBLE PARTY." This could be the Unit President or Treasurer, or however, has a level of control over the funds. This form must be filed by March 1, 2014 and then again within 60 of whenever your Responsible Party changes.

The Form 8822 –B and instructions are included in this mailing and on our web site.

Corporation Renewals . . . We must remind Units that you must renew your corporation through Sunbiz.org by May 1st or face a penalty. If you do not have the ability to renew online contact Department and we will be happy to do it for you and invoice the Unit. The cost to renew is \$61.25.

Membership . . . no member can transfer at this time without 2014 dues paid. If their 2014 dues are not paid they must pay the old Unit before they transfer.

A transfer is not a new member. Remember, if they have an ID # they go with renewals not new members. Out of state transfers are on a separate recap.

Donations must be received by April 30th to be counted for the 2013-14 administrative year. This goes for child welfare, Special Olympics as well as all the projects we raise money for. Any money received after the 30th will be reflected on next year's reports.

Unit Guide Change . . . Page 3; First District President, Patricia Carpenter has a new address – 31G Alder Ave, Ft Walton Beach FL 32548.

Robin Briere
Secretary-Treasurer

Constitution & ByLaws

Previously in the Constitution & Bylaws Article some of the changes that were adopted during the 2013 American Legion Auxiliary National Convention in Houston, Texas were addressed.

The first change that was addressed was under membership eligibility. There is no change to the eligibility, but to the wording. The wording for eligibility currently uses "granddaughters, great-granddaughters, and grandmothers". This wording will be changed to "descendents". This means that the lineage of descendents goes on forever. Counsel General recommended the wording, which is how the Sons bylaws now read. According to a memo received from National Constitution & Bylaws Chairman, Kathy Dungan, The American Legion has not officially changed the wording for eligibility as yet.

Also, to date, a new Constitution & Bylaws template has not been created for Departments/Units to use. They are currently trying to get it drafted and put on the website and as soon as it is available all Departments will be notified.

That being said, I have talked to both Department President Gerrie Bailey and Department Secretary Robin Briere and we agree, that if it is not absolutely necessary to change your Unit's Constitution & Bylaws, to wait until National has made all the required changes. Necessary changes would be:
– a change in the amount of Unit dues; a change in the date or time of the Unit meeting; a change in the name of the Unit (which requires a new Charter from Department), etc. When National has the new template for Department and Units, all Units will be required to make the changes at that time, and ample time will be allotted.

The following Units have not submitted an updated Constitution & Bylaws for several years. These Units should not wait.

District 1 – Edeker-Dubose (Jay) Unit 121 – last updated 6/13/06 and the dues are listed as \$15.00 for Seniors and \$3.00 for Juniors

District 2 – Blountstown – Unit 272 – last updated 2/12/07 – dues \$15.00 for Seniors and \$2.00 for Juniors

District 7 – Moultry Craft – Unit 213 – last updated 4/7/07 – dues for Seniors is whited out and \$3.00 for Juniors

District 13 – Ft. Myers Shores – Unit 351 – last updated 4/25/07 – dues are \$25 and \$5

Bonita Springs – Unit 388 – last updated 2/14/08 – dues - \$20.00 for Seniors and \$4.00 for Juniors

There are several Units that have had the Constitution & Bylaws returned for corrections and have not returned them. Since these Units have changed, read, and voted on the Constitution and Bylaws at a regular Unit meeting, they must be resubmitted and approved. These Units are listed below:

District 5 – Fernandina Beach 174 None on File – Ret'd 2/18/13

Keystone Hgts.- Unit 202 – last updated 5/22/10 – Ret'd 5/30/2013

District 6 – Orlando Unit 242 – last updated 6/5/10 – Ret'd 8/8/13 also correspondence with Unit – Changing name, etc.- Ret'd again 11/21/13

District 8 – Lake Placid Unit 25 – last updated 3/3/10 – Ret'd 6/2/13

District 9 – Margate Unit 157 – last updated 1/29/11 0 Ret'd 2/25/14

District 12 – Port St. Lucie Unit 318 – last updated 8/9/12 – Ret'd 9/25/13

District 13 – Sanibel – Unit 123 – last updated 9/22/05 – Ret'd 2/25/2014

No. Ft. Myers Unit 336 – last updated 1/31/12 – Ret'd 12/16/13

District 14 – Key Biscayne Unit 374 – last updated 6/11/07 – Ret'd 1/31/12

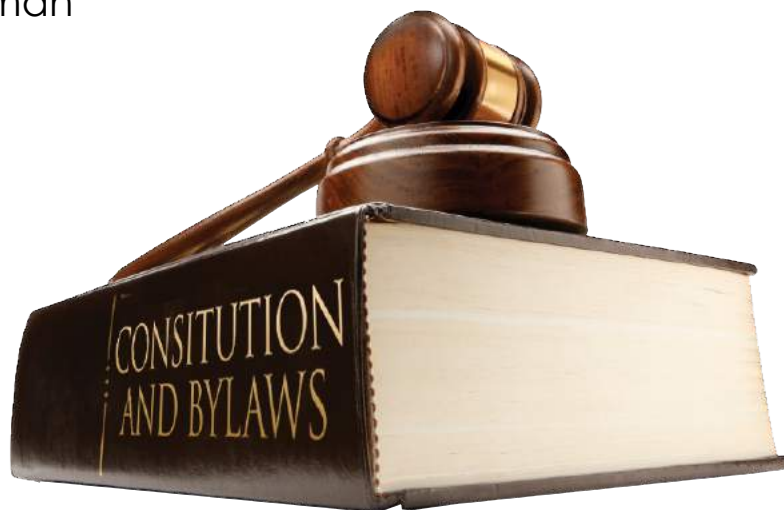
District 15 – West Tampa – Unit 248 – last updated 5/11/10 – Ret'd 11/20/13

Tampa Unit 334 – last updated 1/31/12 0 Ret'd 2/12/14

District 17 – Port Orange Unit 270 –last updated 1/29/13 – Ret'd 1/30/14

This Constitution and Bylaws Chairman would like to have all Units listed above on deck as we sail in to our final Port in June. Let's make Captain Gerrie proud. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there are any questions.

Pat Devine, Chairman



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA**

2014 CONSTITUTION CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

<i>DISTRICT</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>PLACE</i>
1	May 17, 2014	9:00 AM Reg. 10:00 AM Mtg.	American Legion Post 235 115 NW Hollywood Blvd Ft Walton Bch
2	April 26, 2014	10:00 AM Reg. 10:30 AM Mtg.	American Legion Post 13 229 Lake Ella Tallahassee 32303
3	April 26, 2014	11:30 PM Reg. 12:30 Mtg.	American Legion Post 57 2602 SW Main Blvd Lake City 32025
4	April 26, 2014	9:00 AM Reg. 10:00 AM Mtg.	American Legion Post 284 5515 SE 109th St Belleview 34421
5	April 27, 2014	8:00 AM.Reg 9:00 AM Mtg	American Legion Post 316 1127 Atlantic Blvd Atlantic Beach 32233
6	May 10, 2014	9:00 AM Reg. 10:00AM Mtg.	American Legion Post 347 699 W Lady Lake Blvd Lady Lake 32158
7	May 24, 2014	9:30 AM Reg. 10:00 AM Mtg.	American Legion Post 71 43 West Park Ave Lake Wales 33853
8	May 3, 2014	9:00 AM Reg. 10:00 AM Mtg.	American Legion Post 159 1770 E Venice Ave Venice 34292

9	May 4, 2014	9:30 AM Reg. 10:00 AM Mtg.	American Legion Post 142 171 American Legion Blvd Pompano Bch 33060
11	June 1, 2014	9:00 AM Reg. 10:00 AM Mtg.	American Legion Post 64 501 SE 2nd St Okeechobee 34974
12	May 10, 2014	9:00 AM Reg. 10:00 AM Mtg.	American Legion Post 81 2909 S Harbor City Blvd Melbourne 32901
13	April 26, 2014	8:00 AM Reg 9:00 AM Mtg	American Legion Post 103 2110 Taylor RdPunta Gorda 33950
14	May 3, 2014	9:00 AM Reg 10:00 Mtg	American Legion Post 133 16401 SW 90th Ave Palmetto Bay 33157
15	May 10, 2014	9:00 AM Reg. 10:00 AM Mgt.	American Legion Post 248 2105 Jamaica St Tampa 33607
16	May 17, 2014	8:30 AM Reg. 9:00 AM Mtg.	American Legion Post 79 5329 Legion Place New Port Richey 34652
17	April 27, 2014	12:00 Noon Reg. 1:00 PM Mtg.	American Legion Post 270 119 Howes St Port Orange 32127



Change of Address or Responsible Party — Business

▶ Please type or print.

▶ See instructions on back. ▶ Do not attach this form to your return.
▶ Information about Form 8822-B is available at www.irs.gov/form8822.

OMB No. 1545-1163

Before you begin: If you are also changing your home address, use Form 8822 to report that change.

If you are a tax-exempt organization (see instructions), check here ☐

Check **all** boxes this change affects:

- 1 ☐ Employment, excise, income, and other business returns (Forms 720, 940, 941, 990, 1041, 1065, 1120, etc.)
- 2 ☐ Employee plan returns (Forms 5500, 5500-EZ, etc.)
- 3 ☐ Business location

4a Business name	4b Employer identification number
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5 Old mailing address (no., street, room or suite no., city or town, state, and ZIP code). If a P.O. box, see instructions. If foreign address, also complete spaces below, see instructions.

Foreign country name	Foreign province/county	Foreign postal code
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6 New mailing address (no., street, room or suite no., city or town, state, and ZIP code). If a P.O. box, see instructions. If foreign address, also complete spaces below, see instructions.

Foreign country name	Foreign province/county	Foreign postal code
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7 New business location, if different from mailing address (no., street, room or suite no., city or town, state, and ZIP code). If a foreign address also complete spaces below, see instructions.

Foreign country name	Foreign province/county	Foreign postal code
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8a Old name of responsible party	8b New name of responsible party
9a Old SSN, ITIN, or EIN of responsible party	9b New SSN, ITIN, or EIN of responsible party

10 **Signature**
Daytime telephone number of person to contact (optional) ▶ _____

Sign Here

Signature of owner, officer, or representative	Date
Title	

Where To File

Send this form to the Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service Center, and the address shown next that applies to you.

IF your old business address was in . . .

THEN use this address . . .

Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin

Cincinnati, OH
45999-0023

Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, any place outside the United States

Ogden, UT
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What's New

Responsible party. Beginning January 1, 2014, any entity with an EIN must file Form 8822-B to report the latest change to its responsible party. Form 8822-B must be filed within 60 days of the change. If the change in the identity of your responsible party occurred before 2014, and you have not previously notified the IRS of the change, file Form 8822-B before March 1, 2014, reporting only the most recent change. Complete Form 8822-B as appropriate; use applicable boxes 8a through 9b to report any changes to the identity of your responsible party. See *Responsible Party*, later, for more information.

Purpose of Form

Use Form 8822-B to notify the Internal Revenue Service if you changed your business mailing address, your business location, or the identity of your responsible party. Also, any entities that change their address or identity of their responsible party must file Form 8822-B, whether or not they are engaged in a trade or business. If you are a representative signing for the taxpayer, attach to Form 8822-B a copy of your power of attorney. Generally, it takes 4 to 6 weeks to process your address or responsible party change.

Future developments. Information about any future developments affecting Form 8822-B (such as legislation enacted after we release it) will be posted at www.irs.gov/form8822.

Changing both home and business addresses? Use Form 8822 to change your home address.

Tax-Exempt Organizations

Check the box if you are a tax-exempt organization. See Pub. 557, *Tax-Exempt Status for Your Organization*, for details.

Addresses

Be sure to include any apartment, room, or suite number in the space provided.

P.O. Box

Enter your box number instead of your street address only if your post office does not deliver mail to your street address.

Foreign Address

Follow the country's practice for entering the postal code. Please do not abbreviate the country name.

"In Care of" Address

If you receive your mail in care of a third party (such as an accountant or attorney), enter "C/O" followed by the third party's name and street address or P.O. box.

Responsible Party

Enter the full name (first name, middle initial, last name, if applicable) and SSN (social security number), ITIN (individual taxpayer identification number), or EIN (employer identification number) of the old and new responsible party, as defined next.

Responsible party defined. For entities with shares or interests traded on a public exchange, or which are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission, "responsible party" is (a) the principal officer, if the business is a corporation, (b) a general partner, if a partnership, (c) the owner of an entity that is disregarded as separate from its owner (disregarded entities owned by a corporation enter the corporation's name and EIN), or (d) a grantor, owner, or trustor, if a trust.

For all other entities, "responsible party" is the person who has a level of control over, or entitlement to, the funds or assets in the entity that, as a practical matter, enables the individual, directly or indirectly, to control, manage, or direct the entity and the disposition of its funds and assets. The ability to fund the entity or the entitlement to the property of the entity alone, however, without any corresponding authority to control, manage, or direct the entity (such as in the case of a minor child beneficiary), does not cause the individual to be a responsible party.

If the responsible party is an alien individual with a previously assigned ITIN, enter the ITIN in the space provided and submit a copy of an official identifying document. If necessary, complete Form W-7, *Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number*, to obtain an ITIN.

You must enter the responsible party's old and new SSN, ITIN, or EIN unless the only reason you obtained an EIN was to make an entity classification election (see Regulations sections 301.7701-1 through 301.7701-3) and you are a nonresident alien or other foreign entity with no effectively connected income from sources within the United States.

Signature

An officer, owner, general partner or LLC member manager, plan administrator, fiduciary, or an authorized representative must sign. An officer is the president, vice president, treasurer, chief accounting officer, etc.



If you are a representative signing on behalf of the taxpayer, you must attach to Form 8822-B a copy of your power of attorney.

To do this, you can use Form 2848, *The Internal Revenue Service will not complete an address or responsible party change from an "unauthorized" third party.*

Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice.

We ask for the information on this form to carry out the Internal Revenue laws of the United States. Our legal right to ask for information is Internal Revenue Code sections 6001 and 6011, which require you to file a statement with us for any tax for which you are liable. Section 6109 requires that you provide your identifying number on what you file. This is so we know who you are, and can process your form and other papers.

Generally, tax returns and return information are confidential, as required by section 6103. However, we may give the information to the Department of Justice and to other federal agencies, as provided by law. We may give it to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. commonwealths or possessions to carry out their tax laws. We may also disclose this information to other countries under a tax treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce federal nontax criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism.

If you are an entity with an EIN and your responsible party has changed, use of this form is mandatory. Otherwise, use of this form is voluntary. You will not be subject to penalties for failure to file this form. However, if you fail to provide the IRS with your current mailing address or the identity of your responsible party, you may not receive a notice of deficiency or a notice of demand for tax. Despite the failure to receive such notices, penalties and interest will continue to accrue on any tax deficiencies.

You are not required to provide the information requested on a form that is subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act unless the form displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a form or its instructions must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any Internal Revenue law.

The time needed to complete and file this form will vary depending on individual circumstances. The estimated average time is 18 minutes.

If you have comments or suggestions for making this form simpler, we would be happy to hear from you. You can write to the:

Internal Revenue Service
Tax Forms and Publications Division
1111 Constitution Ave. NW, IR-6526
Washington, DC 20224

Do not send the form to this address. Instead, see *Where To File*, on page 1.

Leadership



JOIN THE "LEADER SHIPS"

The "Leader Ships" (aka Tug Boats) are tugging along!!

Leadership info – now on National's website: At the beginning of the Auxiliary year, I stated that National was going to revamp the Correspondence Courses and break them down into several courses on different topics. I was recently advised by the National Leadership Chairman that the Committee has been working on developing additional components to the Leadership program, and that two have been submitted to National Headquarters. The one already on the National website is: "Officers – Duties & Responsibilities". Check it out by going to www.alaforveterans.org ... then click on Members ... then click on Leadership ... in the right-hand column you'll see the regular leadership courses along with the new "Officers" one! There is a Power Point Presentation and the Answer Sheet!

SO it appears that National will leave the Senior and Junior Leadership Correspondence Courses and add additional components as they are completed. With that being said: I encourage all Senior and Junior members to participate in the online courses at www.alaforveterans.org. Once you have completed the course, please send your answer sheet plus the cover sheet to me for grading. I will then send you your Course Completion Card.

Year-End "Stuff"! It's that time of year again.

- **Reports:** Unit Leadership Chairmen must send their year-end reports to their District Leadership Chairmen by April 15th ... and District Leadership Chairman must send their year-end reports to me by May 1st.
- **Awards:** If you are submitting an entry for an award, make sure you follow all of the rules and guidelines.
- **Questions:** If you have questions and/or aren't sure about something, ask someone ... Unit President, District Chairman, Department Chairman, etc.!

ABC Schools: As stated in the Plan of Action, "The goal this year is that every member is willing to learn, willing to listen, willing to participate, and willing to be enthusiastic! All of this will lead to members who are more likely to volunteer, take part in meetings, and be leaders in the Auxiliary ... thus ensuring that the leadership of this organization continues to be the very best now and in the future." With that being reiterated to all, I want to thank the Districts that scheduled ABC Schools this year and thank all of those who took time to attend, learn, listen, participate, and be enthusiastic! I and the other Leadership Instructors had a great time passing on information about lots of Auxiliary topics. I wish all Districts had scheduled Schools this year ... but that's okay ... another year will soon be upon us!

Diane Rousseau
Department Leadership Chairman
Email: leadership@alafl.org

Remember this:

"You don't have to hold a position in order to be a leader."

- Henry Ford

What is the Value of One Member?

Ten little members standing in a line.
One disliked the President, then there were nine.
Nine ambitious members offered to work late,
One forgot her promise, then there were eight.

Eight creative members, had ideas as good as heaven,
One lost enthusiasm, then there were seven.
Seven loyal members got into a fix.
They quarreled over programs, and then there were six.

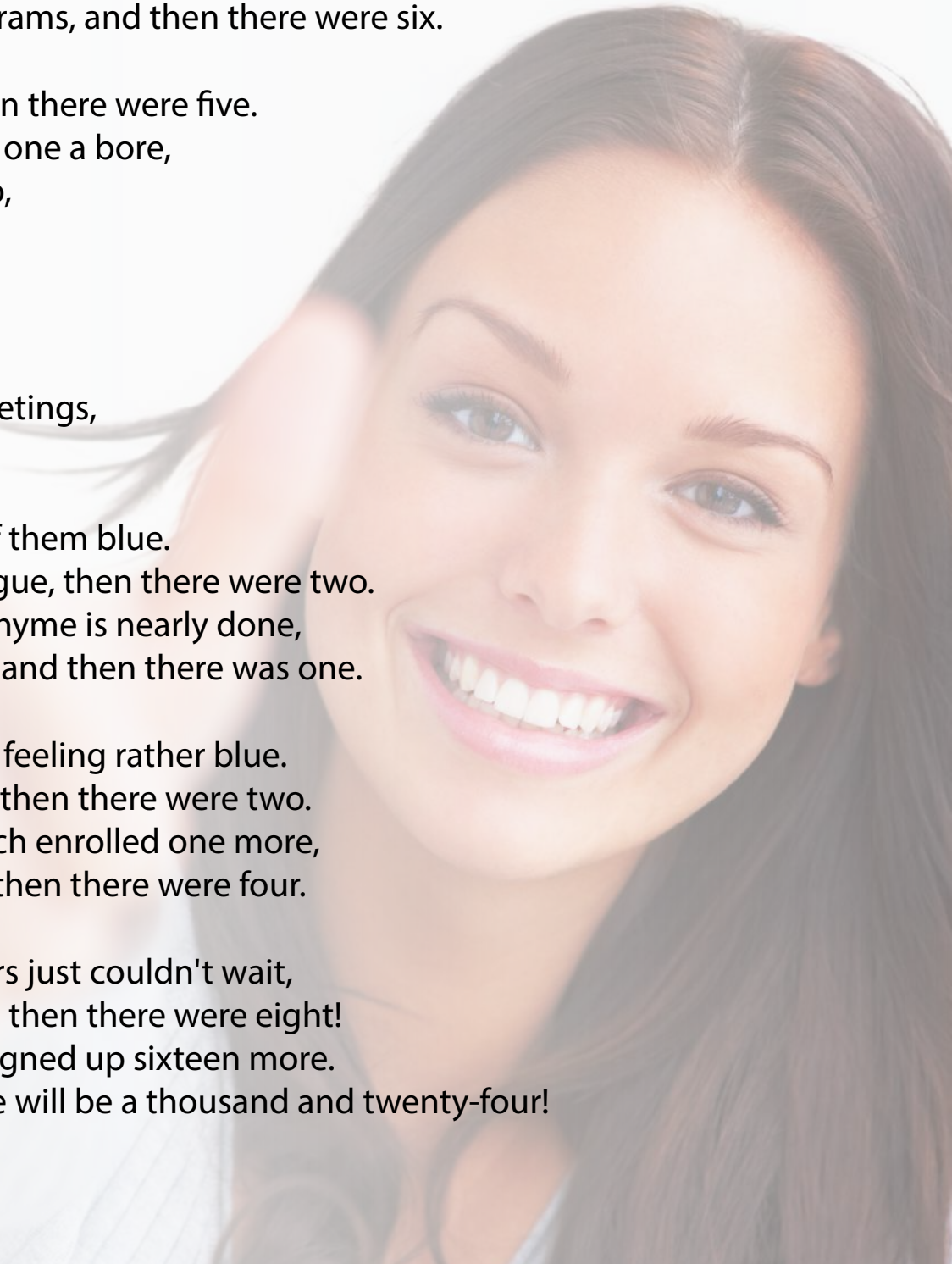
One dropped out and then there were five.
Five happy members, not one a bore,
Til they fought over bingo,
then there were four.

Four cheerful members
who never disagree,
Til one complained of meetings,
then there were three.

Three members left. All of them blue.
One joined a bowling league, then there were two.
Two tired members, our rhyme is nearly done,
One joined a bridge club, and then there was one.

One faithful member was feeling rather blue.
Met with a neighbor, and then there were two.
Two earnest members each enrolled one more,
Doubling their numbers, then there were four.

Four determined members just couldn't wait,
Til each won another, and then there were eight!
Eight excited members, signed up sixteen more.
In another six verses there will be a thousand and twenty-four!



EMERGENCY FUND

The following units have made Auxiliary Emergency Fund donations to Department since my last update:

Unit # 43	Unit # 53	Unit # 54	Unit # 57	Unit # 65	Unit # 99
Unit # 104	Unit # 120	Unit # 135	Unit # 139	Unit # 152	Unit # 163
Unit # 193	Unit # 248	Unit # 285	Unit # 323	Unit # 366	Unit # 373
Unit # 38	Unit # 77	Unit # 47	Unit # 113	Unit # 133	
Unit # 217	Unit #133	Unit # 271			



Thank you to all who donated.

I do appreciate the donations that have been sent, however, I am disappointed that a total of only 37 units out of approximately 227 have contributed. Let me repeat myself! This program is for us. We need to step up and get donations in this month and April.

Please read your Plan of Action for AEF to see rules for awards at Convention. We are in crunch time. Shake those piggy banks and treasure boxes, ask S.A.L. for a donation and encourage personal donations. Our northern friends had a rough winter and we may be called upon to help "Save Our Sisters".

Thank you,
Eleanor Amato
Department of Florida
Auxiliary Emergency Fund Chairman

S.O.S. (Save our Sisters)

"Digging For Treasure & Opportunities" Cavalcade of Memories

During the years we held events
To raise funds for our veterans who went thru torment
Our Children who need educations
And a Community who needs donations
Send me a picture of your most unusual event
Your unit or legion family has done in the past or present.

The Key to the treasure
will be a photograph of the
memory you are to find.

Debbie Sviderskas
Cavalcade of Memories Chairman
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VA&R

Thank each and every one of you for devoting and donating your time to the VA Bay Pines Hospital. As I toured the facility, I was totally in awe of the care of our Veterans. Bay Pines has such a devoted staff and treat our Veterans so kind. What was so wonderful to hear about, was the support from the American Legion Family. The past year the VA had 1770 volunteers who donated 193,000 hours to our Veterans.

I had the opportunity to sit down with the Director of the Hospital and discuss issues for our Veterans. We discussed the care of female Veterans and how their emotional problems are cared for. The hospital has a female coordinator to assist female veterans. An interesting fact: 40% of the staff at the Hospital are Veterans! I toured the Fisher House and what an amazing place. It has a 95% occupancy rate. There can be 16 people in the house at any given time. It is being refurbished with bright new colors and will be a place where families can go and meet others in their situation. It is nice to know that the families can stay in the house as long as the family member is in the hospital. I also toured the Hospice unit at the hospital. What a tribute to our Veterans knowing it exists.

I have toured the Jacobson VA, and the Clyde Lassiter VA Homes and get the same message from all, thanking the American Legion Family for all the kindness. From playing bingo to reading a book, it all shows how dedicated you are.

It is year end and please report all the hours on your year end report. Let's get the word out and let people know: WHO WE ARE, WHAT WE DO AND WHY WE MATTER!

Erna Schwabe, Chairman



Membership

Ladies we are well on our journey. I am so excited to be on this cruise with all of you in making Florida #1. Last month I gave you our standings and told you, we could be #1 in the Southern Division and keep on cruising till we are #1 Nationally. I really believe we can do it. We are so close. When I say we have a bunch of dedicated members, I mean it. You ladies have proven to Captain Gerrie that you will not let her ship sink. I am so proud of you and so grateful that I get to be a part of this wonderful Florida American Legion Auxiliary. Here are some helpful tips to help you recruit members.

- Have a yard sale at your Post home
- Host an open house inviting all and ask your local cable channel to announce it and don't forget to put it in your paper
- Ask a friend at work if they are eligible
- Ask your Legionnaires if the women in their families are members
- Check with your members of the Sons of the American Legion and see if their moms are members

Those are five easy ways to help get new members. I know you all are saying well we've already tried it. Well I know I won't be the first to tell you it won't hurt to ask again. I can tell you an Auxiliary member did that at my home post and a Legionnaire stated well my daughter just had a baby but she is too young. This Auxiliary member she is not too young, they can be signed up as soon as they have a name. So we now have a new Junior Auxiliary member one month old. So see it does work. Just give it a try.

Ok, now that I have mentioned ways to recruit, how about some ways to get people to renew.

- Give them a call or send a letter – be nice and kindly remind them their dues are due
- With your Unit's permission offer a payment plan
- Offer to volunteer for someone – sometimes some members don't renew because they are burned out from volunteering
- Host a renewal luncheon – invite all members that have not renewed and give them a lunch when they renew their dues
- Do and act of random kindness- ask your membership chairman who has not renewed and pay their dues for them and send them a card with a note and their membership card.

April is national volunteer month. Don't forget reaching your membership goal is every member's responsibility and you can volunteer the whole month of April to help your membership chairman. If we all do this I am sure we will be NUMBER 1. We are definitely CRUISING and I am not talking cruising/sailing, I mean we are full speed ahead to our next port of call. Ladies, I am sure with all of our efforts it won't be long before we will be sailing into NUMBER ONE. We are the best department and our membership shows it. Thanks so much for all your hard work.

Membership Statistical
*All Membership through 3/19/2014 has been
keyed*

DISTRICT 1					
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	CURRENT %	NEEDED 100%
75	CRESTVIEW	176	163	92.61%	13
78	MILTON	47	34	72.34%	13
121	JAY	15	14	93.33%	1
193	PENSACOLA	134	100	74.63%	34
221	NICEVILLE	68	56	82.35%	12
235	FT.WALTON BCH	193	166	86.01%	27
240	PENSACOLA	284	239	84.15%	45
296	DESTIN	70	61	87.14%	9
340	PENSACOLA	289	282	97.58%	7
356	LYNN HAVEN	181	149	82.32%	32
375	SOUTHPORT	79	63	79.75%	16
378	GULF BREEZE	18	4	22.22%	14
382	NAVARRE	134	124	92.54%	10
392	PANAMA CITY	137	154	112.41%	-17
District		1825	1609	88.16%	216

DISTRICT 4					
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	CURRENT %	NEEDED 100%
16	GAINESVILLE	67	64	95.52%	3
27	OCALA	36	28	77.78%	8
56	STARKE	19	14	73.68%	5
58	DUNNELLON	56	37	66.07%	19
77	INVERNESS	62	50	80.65%	12
91	TRENTON	21	15	71.43%	6
149	NEWBERRY	27	15	55.56%	12
155	CRYSTAL RIVER	328	288	87.80%	40
210	OCALA	18	10	55.56%	8
225	FLORAL CITY	22	18	81.82%	4
230	HAWTHORNE	39	31	79.49%	8
236	WILLISTON	14	16	114.29%	-2
237	BEVERLY HILLS	98	90	91.84%	8
284	BELLEVIEW	169	148	87.57%	21
314	STARKE	18	16	88.89%	2
District		994	840	84.51%	154

DISTRICT 2					
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	CURRENT %	NEEDED 100%
13	TALLAHASSEE	101	86	85.15%	15
82	LANARK VILLAGE	77	79	102.60%	-2
84	HAVANA	24	17	70.83%	7
100	MARIANNA	70	62	88.57%	8
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		468	409	87.39%	59

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	216	86.75%	33
88	JACKSONVILLE	129	112	86.82%	17
129	JACKSONVILLE BCH	339	224	66.08%	115
137	JACKSONVILLE	576	527	91.49%	49
174	FERNANDINA BEACH	15	0	0.00%	15
194	ST. AUGUSTINE	18	32	177.78%	-14
197	JACKSONVILLE	36	31	86.11%	5
202	KEYSTONE HGTS	80	73	91.25%	7
233	PONTE VEDRA BCH	152	136	89.47%	16
244	SO. JACKSONVILLE	55	46	83.64%	9
250	MIDDLEBURG	376	281	74.73%	95
283	JACKSONVILLE	278	293	105.40%	-15
316	ATLANTIC BCH	419	352	84.01%	67
373	ORANGE PARK	28	27	96.43%	1
401	HILLIARD		27		
District		2914	2472	84.83%	442

DISTRICT 3					
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	CURRENT %	NEEDED 100%
49	MONTICELLO	21	23	109.52%	-2
57	LAKE CITY	265	262	98.87%	3
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	36	128.57%	-8
291	STEINHATCHEE	168	153	91.07%	15
383	OLD TOWN	153	137	89.54%	16
District		756	716	94.71%	40

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!!!

	DISTRICT 6				
				CURRENT	NEEDED
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	%	100%
10	KISSIMMEE	310	236	76.13%	74
19	ORLANDO	194	146	75.26%	48
21	UMATILLA	41	23	56.10%	18
35	MOUNT DORA	113	79	69.91%	34
41	EUSTIS	9	18	200.00%	-9
52	LEESBURG	20	28	140.00%	-8
53	SANFORD	207	148	71.50%	59
55	CLERMONT	150	143	95.33%	7
63	WINTER GARDEN	42	17	40.48%	25
76	TAVARES	23	16	69.57%	7
80	ST. CLOUD	298	263	88.26%	35
101	BUSHNELL	149	124	83.22%	25
109	OCOE	43	35	81.40%	8
112	WINTER PARK	21	18	85.71%	3
183	ALTAMONTE SPR	144	133	92.36%	11
219	FRUITLAND PARK	256	222	86.72%	34
242	ORLANDO	191	153	80.10%	38
286	PINE CASTLE	331	275	83.08%	56
330	LEESBURG	54	50	92.59%	4
331	ORLANDO	82	11	13.41%	71
347	LADY LAKE	1,057	1,135	107.38%	-78
	District	3735	3273	87.63%	462

	DISTRICT 7				
				CURRENT	NEEDED
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	%	100%
3	BARTOW	79	76	96.20%	3
4	LAKELAND	121	106	87.60%	15
8	WINTER HAVEN	688	575	83.58%	113
34	HAINES CITY	78	62	79.49%	16
71	LAKE WALES	36	53	147.22%	-17
72	MULBERRY	162	148	91.36%	14
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	1122	85.91%	184

	DISTRICT 8				
				CURRENT	NEEDED
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	%	100%
11	ARCADIA	33	19	57.58%	14
24	BRADENTON	422	435	103.08%	-13
25	LAKE PLACID	381	353	92.65%	28
30	SARASOTA	62	70	112.90%	-8
69	AVON PARK	334	344	102.99%	-10
74	SEBRING	97	96	98.97%	1
113	ROTANDA WEST	426	381	89.44%	45
159	VENICE	858	692	80.65%	166
254	NORTH PORT	106	77	72.64%	29
266	FRUITVILLE	125	101	80.80%	24
309	PALMETTO	254	209	82.28%	45
312	ONECO	256	222	86.72%	34
325	ELLENTON	58	52	89.66%	6
	District	3466	3,051	88.03%	415

	DISTRICT 9				
				CURRENT	NEEDED
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	%	100%
36	FT. LAUDERDALE	102	87	85.29%	15
92	HOLLYWOOD	124	116	93.55%	8
142	POMPANO BEACH	296	266	89.86%	30
157	MARGATE	344	344	100.00%	0
162	DEERFIELD BEACH	309	244	78.96%	65
180	PLANTATION	125	99	79.20%	26
209	DANIA	25	15	60.00%	10
222	FT. LAUDERDALE	92	71	77.17%	21
287	DEERFIELD BEACH	20	21	105.00%	-1
304	DANIA	229	192	83.84%	37
310	HALLANDALE	37	32	86.49%	5
321	COOPER CITY	168	75	44.64%	93
	District	1871	1562	83.48%	309

	DISTRICT 11				
				CURRENT	NEEDED
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	%	100%
20	BELLE GLADE	60	66	110.00%	-6
47	LAKE WORTH	142	128	90.14%	14
62	STUART	124	119	95.97%	5
64	OKEECHOBEE	131	116	88.55%	15
65	DELRAY BEACH	69	50	72.46%	19
141	WEST PALM BCH	93	88	94.62%	5
164	BOYNTON BEACH	189	141	74.60%	48
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	106	73.61%	38
269	LANTANA	21	2	9.52%	19
271	JUPITER	185	175	94.59%	10
277	BOCA RATON	110	101	91.82%	9
288	BOYNTON BEACH	71	64	90.14%	7
367	ROYAL PALM BCH	47	44	93.62%	3
399	PALM CITY	19	11	57.89%	8
	District	1,502	1,282	85.35%	220

	DISTRICT 12				
				CURRENT	NEEDED
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	%	100%
1	TITUSVILLE	310	293	94.52%	17
22	COCOA	107	89	83.18%	18
39	VERO BEACH	197	174	88.32%	23
40	FORT PIERCE	235	173	73.62%	62
81	MELBOURNE	152	128	84.21%	24
117	PALM BAY	415	367	88.43%	48
126	JENSEN BEACH	206	177	85.92%	29
163	EAU GALLIE	353	359	101.70%	-6
171	FORT PIERCE	40	13	32.50%	27
177	COCOA	12	0	0.00%	12
189	SEBASTIAN	103	83	80.58%	20
191	MELBOURNE	140	122	87.14%	18
200	SATELLITE BEACH	102	96	94.12%	6
318	PORT ST LUCIE	377	423	112.20%	-46
332	KENNEDY SPACE CT	32	23	71.88%	9
348	CAPE CANAVERAL	171	128	74.85%	43
358	FORT PIERCE	62	49	79.03%	13
359	PORT ST JOHN	257	231	89.88%	26
366	BAREFOOT BAY	89	79	88.76%	10
394	PALM BAY	50	53	106.00%	-3
	District	3410	3,060	89.74%	350

DISTRICT 13					
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	CURRENT %	NEEDED 100%
38	FORT MYERS	93	87	93.55%	6
90	CAPE CORAL	179	170	94.97%	9
103	PUNTA GORDA	353	312	88.39%	41
110	PORT CHARLOTTE	528	513	97.16%	15
123	SANIBEL	103	61	59.22%	42
130	LABELLE	200	161	80.50%	39
135	NAPLES	408	384	94.12%	24
136	PINE ISLAND	444	439	98.87%	5
192	FORT MYERS	24	23	95.83%	1
274	FORT MYERS BCH	581	523	90.02%	58
303	BONITA SPRINGS	400	349	87.25%	51
323	LEHIGH ACRES	473	394	83.30%	79
336	N. FORT MYERS	273	251	91.94%	22
351	FT MYERS SHORES	105	80	76.19%	25
388	BONITA SPRINGS	11	0	0.00%	11
District		4175	3747	89.75%	428

DISTRICT 16					
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	CURRENT %	NEEDED 100%
7	CLEARWATER	432	342	79.17%	90
14	ST. PETERSBURG	155	145	93.55%	10
79	NEW PORT RICHEY	319	285	89.34%	34
104	PINELLAS PARK	265	224	84.53%	41
119	LARGO	380	341	89.74%	39
125	GULFPORT	406	354	87.19%	52
158	TREASURE ISLAND	146	145	99.32%	1
173	HOLIDAY	286	246	86.01%	40
238	SAFETY HARBOR	275	243	88.36%	32
252	CROSS BAYOU	572	661	115.56%	-89
273	MADEIRA BEACH	2,168	2,082	96.03%	86
275	DUNNEDIN	344	345	100.29%	-1
305	ST. PETE BEACH	177	135	76.27%	42
335	HUDSON	246	203	82.52%	43
District		6171	5751	93.19%	420

DISTRICT 14					
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	CURRENT %	NEEDED 100%
28	KEY WEST	83	74	89.16%	9
29	MIAMI	19	22	115.79%	-3
31	MIAMI	147	136	92.52%	11
43	HOMESTEAD	59	57	96.61%	2
67	NORTH MIAMI	100	70	70.00%	30
98	CORAL GABLES	42	24	57.14%	18
133	PERRINE	88	75	85.23%	13
154	MARATHON	173	146	84.39%	27
168	KEY WEST	33	18	54.55%	15
333	KEY LARGO	86	66	76.74%	20
346	MIAMI	32	24	75.00%	8
374	KEY BISCAYNE	71	69	97.18%	2
District		933	781	83.71%	152

DISTRICT 17					
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	CURRENT %	NEEDED 100%
6	DELAND	130	134	103.08%	-4
17	NEW SMYRNA BCH	305	293	96.07%	12
45	PALATKA	39	30	76.92%	9
115	BUNNELL	62	37	59.68%	25
120	HOLLY HILL	243	246	101.23%	-3
127	LAKE HELEN	28	24	85.71%	4
204	DAYTONA BEACH	41	33	80.49%	8
255	DELTONA	38	32	84.21%	6
259	DEBARY, ORANGE CT	33	32	96.97%	1
267	ORMOND BEACH	159	120	75.47%	39
270	PORT ORANGE	154	149	96.75%	5
285	EDGEWATER	274	198	72.26%	76
293	INTERLACHEN	118	70	59.32%	48
361	SOUTH DAYTONA	189	174	92.06%	15
District		1813	1572	86.71%	241

DISTRICT 15					
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	CURRENT %	NEEDED 100%
5	TAMPA	43	40	93.02%	3
26	PLANT CITY	38	28	73.68%	10
99	BROOKSVILLE	38	34	89.47%	4
111	TAMPA	56	47	83.93%	9
138	PORT TAMPA CITY	361	347	96.12%	14
139	TAMPA	162	165	101.85%	-3
147	ODESSA	47	31	65.96%	16
148	RIVERVIEW	228	195	85.53%	33
152	TAMPA	311	280	90.03%	31
167	TAMPA	16	27	168.75%	-11
186	SPRING HILL	364	350	96.15%	14
248	WEST TAMPA	19	20	105.26%	-1
334	TAMPA	38	39	102.63%	-1
389	RUSKIN	26	20	76.92%	6
District		1747	1623	92.90%	124

Next Target Date is Apr 18, 2014 - 85%

Membership keyed as of 3/19/2014

<i>District</i>	<i>%</i>
3	94.71
16	93.19
15	92.90
13	89.75
12	89.74
1	88.16
8	88.03
6	87.63
2	87.39
17	86.71
7	85.91
11	85.35
5	84.83
4	84.51
14	83.71
9	83.48

*The 2014 Department Membership Goal is **37,464**
As of 3/19/2014 **33,122** have been processed
We are currently at **88.41%***