



# Cruisin' News COMMUNIQUE

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## LEGISLATIVE NEWS

### Children & Youth

**90 Year Auxiliary  
Member - Still Attending  
Meetings!**

**Happy  
HALLOWEEN**





## Captain's Log

**A**hooy Shipmates! Are the sea legs holding up? Of course they are, because the nautical miles are beginning to increase and this voyage for me has been so far an exciting experience as I began my District visits confirms why I am so proud to be a member of the Department of Florida American Legion Auxiliary and the American Legion Family. I can say from my observation during my District visits thus far, there is UNITY within the American Legion Family.

On September 18th, I cruised into the 4th District arriving at the home of District President Toni Conti, later in the evening at Crystal River Post 155; I attended an Operation Home Coming Dinner and Program honoring Army Specialist Brandon Jones returning from Afghanistan was very moving. I must say helping in the kitchen setting up the dessert tray also was part of my visit, thanks to Sandy White. At Hawthorne Unit 230 a great lunch and had the honor of being the initiation officer for new members in the District. Thanks to Floral City

Unit 225 for literally rolling out the Red Carpet to welcome me. At Belleview 284 I had the honor of presenting a Certificate of Acknowledgement to Felecia Deas for 90 years of continuous service in the ALA. The highlight of my 4th District and very impressive was the motorcade from Post 284 leading and bringing up the rear were the Legion Riders escorting Me, District President, and Unit 230 President cars to Ocala to visit the Ritz a Transitional Home for Homeless Veterans to prepare to become self-sufficient by attending college etc., Met Jane a young female veteran there that was attending College and was so very appreciative for the opportunity that the American Legion has given her, she was eager to show off her beautiful bedspread that Unit 230 had given to her. To climax my visit I attended a POW-MIA Ceremony at Post 155 presented by the Riders. Followed by a Dinner and Presentation. Thanks to President Toni, Sandy, 4th District Units and Legion Family, I enjoyed my Port Call.

September 28, I travelled to Jacksonville, I was invited by Cheryl La Barge of Unit 237, and Deputy at the Jacksonville VA outpatient Clinic to attend the Homeless Veterans Resource Fair (Stand-down) held at the Fairground. I enjoyed my assignment volunteering to handout the boxer shorts to our Homeless Heroes that were very appreciative, and meeting Auxiliary members from Units in the 5th District.

On October 3, I continued cruising to the 16th District making a quick destination change to Department Headquarters for a short meeting, then continuing on to New Port Richey where President Michele DeGennaro was waiting and very excited to continue this voyage. After checking in at the Devine Resort it was time to get over to St. Pete Beach Unit 305 that hosted a luau luncheon complete with a real hula dancer! I even tried to make a few hula moves, wow

was that a hoot! Madera Beach Unit 273 hosted a cruise cocktail party and we later enjoyed the beautiful sunset from the FIESTA Deck. I attended a Gold Star Mothers High Tea in Clearwater that was held at a local school. Then it was the finale, the President's Dinner Cruise hosted by Units 125 and 305 and all units in the 16th District had a part in the program (14 units) I call that U-N-I-T-Y, and let's not forget the great attendance of Legionnaires, and Sons. Thanks to all for such a wonderful Port Call and making me feel so welcome on the Fiesta Deck.

October 6, continuing smooth sailing into 15th District arriving at President Mary Kehoe's home at high noon, after rest and relaxing we were off to Tampa Post 5 to visit the historical American Legion Veterans Cemetery known to be the only Veterans Cemetery located on American Legion property. I was privileged to lay a wreath at the monument in honor of the veterans buried there. That was a great historical experience. Thanks to Post Commander & Unit President for the great tour and 15th District Commander. Then we were off to Post 152 for dinner and meet members I had a wonderful time, ate too much again. Now it is time for the next event, the President's Dinner at Tampa Post 139 and ooh what a party, good food and great people I was treated real well had a fantastic time, Big THANKS to District 15 Units and President Mary for a wonderful and entertaining visit.

October 10, I cruised to my own 1st District with President Pat Carpenter sprinting on the Sports Deck. I was treated to Dinner with members of Unit 193 surely enjoyed being back home. Then it was off to Fort Walton Beach for Brunch with President Pat, the planned tour of the F35 fighter planes on Eglin Air Force Base was cancelled due to the Government shut down. I assisted two members of Unit 235 fill 13 boxes to ship to deployed Armed Forces personnel what a great feel good project. Later a Dinner at

Destin Post 296 joining us was The ABC Team Diane Rousseau and Michele DeGennaro, also Department Sergeant- at- Arms, Jane Hardacre. On Saturday 12, I attended the ABC class for District One at Destin 296. Had the great privilege of celebrating with PDP Olga Terrell on her 93rd Birthday, Her Daughter Lynn brought her to the ABC class for lunch, President Pat had a beautiful birthday cake made; I presented her with a bouquet of flowers and a card signed by all Department persons present. Happy Birthday OT. We travelled to Crestview Post 75 for "Around the World" Dinner, and visit with members. HAVE YOU RESERVED YOUR CABIN FOR THE UNITY CRUISE -JAN, 26, 2014 - FEB 2, 2014?

Service, not self

Gerrie Bailey, Department President





# Chaplain's Corner

As we cruise along, we need to remember those who have given us so much and who we will miss but never forget. Those members who God has asked them to come home and be with him will remain forever in our hearts. Our memories of them should comfort us and help us continue with their legacies and bring them to new heights. With that in mind, below are the names of the Angels who God has received with warm and loving arms.

Your Spiritual Leader – Lois Stachelrodt

## Deceased List for October 2013

### District 1

**Unit 356** Gezzi, Carol  
King, Patricia

### District 11

**Unit 199** Mitchell, Sadie  
**Unit 271** Jamieson, Michaela

### District 3

**Unit 291** Highsmith, Sandra

### District 12

**Unit 359** Smith, Betty

### District 4

**Unit 56** Schaefer, Margie

### District 13

**Unit 103** Sheets, Edith  
**Unit 135** Ring, Joyce I.  
**Unit 303** Varacalli, Janet

### District 6

**Unit 63** Yost, Sonya  
**Unit 63** Broda, Joyce L.

### District 15

**Unit 138** Raulerson, Catherine  
**Unit 139** Harper, Mariana  
Sanchez, Mary  
Terrell, Claudia

### District 7

**Unit 8** Chapman, Lucy  
Pharis, Patricia M.  
Sutton, Lisa  
Vandever, Diane

### District 16

**Unit 79** Gilroy, Lillian  
**Unit 173** Berry, Janet  
**Unit 252** Coley, Diane  
Prince, Suzanne  
**Unit 273** Andinolfi, Carmela  
Heinchon, Kimberley M.  
Kelley, Norma L.  
Klesyk, Dagmar J.

### District 8

**Unit 113** Rhodes, Rachel  
Strunz, Marion  
Ward, Marie T.

### District 9

**Unit 36** Gronquist, Eolia





# FROM THE SECRETARY

**Girls State** . . . Registration paperwork will be mailed to all units the first week in November. Registration will be \$350 per delegate again this year and it is important that your unit does not select a girl until you have the numbered application from Department. Remember, you are responsible for completing the application with the delegate and alternate - along with their parents. **Do not give this paperwork to the school to get completed.**

**The Department Web Site** . . . many changes have been made to the Department site. We hope you are finding it easier on the eye and full of helpful information. We welcome all suggestions for change and are happy to accommodate when possible. Please note the Communiqué is posted both in color and black & white for printing for your convenience. We hope you find this helpful. Remember, as a unit if you subscribe to the Communiqué, you will receive 2 color copies of it in the mail. Subscriptions are \$25 per year.

**Membership** . . . with the renewal notices out we have been inundated with membership. We do our very best to get it all keyed in a timely fashion, however, we still have some units that refuse to put the names in alphabetical order on their recaps which slows down the process. We ask that you take the time to put the names in alpha order or send smaller recaps.

Also I must continue to remind you that out of state transfers, new membership and rejoins require separate recaps. **Transfers are renewals . . . not new membership!** In-state transfers go with your regular renewals.

Do not mail the renewal notices with your recap unless you are indicating an address change or name change on it. They cannot take the place of the recap form.

**Handwriting legibility** . . . we have a problem reading some of your handwriting. Please take your time completing your recaps and if your handwriting is not legible, please go to our website to "forms" and type the recap.

We use an auto deposit system and when you send us a messy check it has a problem reading it. Please complete your checks as neatly as possible with no scribbles. A machine reads your checks and if you cross this out or change numbers it cannot figure out what you are trying to do. Neatness counts!

**Donations** . . . are at an all time low! We are desperately in need of unit donations if we are going to continue the programs and projects we support. Donation remittance forms for the 2013-2014 year were included on the treasurer's cd and can also be found on the web site under forms.

**Fall Conference** . . . We hope you are planning to attend the conference scheduled for November 15-17, 2013 at the Hilton Orlando, Walt Disney. There are still seats available for the banquet. Reservations received before November 1st is \$40 and after the 1st are \$45, which is our cost for the dinner.

If you have experienced difficulty with room reservations, the overflow hotel information is on the Department website. Reservations can be made at the Holiday Inn, 1805 Hotel Plaza Blvd, Lake Buena Vista. Rates are the same as the Hilton. Use Group Code FAL.

We hope everyone is enjoying the changes to the new "Cruising News" Communiqué. Since we have not been receiving enough articles from Chairmen, we have made an effort to include other items that might be of interest to our membership. If you have an article or information you would like to share with our readers, submit it to Department Headquarters through [ryan@alafl.org](mailto:ryan@alafl.org) and it will be considered for publication.

Unit Guide Change . . . Page 13- Past Department President, Ruth Proctor, has a new phone number, 941-698-1319. Please update any email address you have for Ruth as her new email is [ruthproctor209@gmail.com](mailto:ruthproctor209@gmail.com).

The Department Headquarters will be closed on November 11th in observance of Veterans Day and will be closed from noon on November 20th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Do something special for a veteran this Veterans Day. . . and count the things you are thankful for this Thanksgiving!

Robin Briere  
Secretary-Treasurer

## **"Digging For Treasure & Opportunities"** **Cavalcade of Memories**

*It is now time for your second clue  
But I haven't heard from very many of you.  
Your treasure awaits  
But you have to find the bait.*

### **October:**

A complete list of your units past leadership  
Will be your treasure of the communiqué readership  
List your presidents from the date of your previous clue  
Including the leader of your present crew.  
Even though you may write this list on paper  
Remember the form in which you are to send me a copy of this caper.

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# AMERICANISM

AHOY!! HAPPY HALLOWEEN TO YOU ALL!! I know you are preparing for this fun holiday with all sorts of Red, White and Boo decorating your Home Posts and planning Parties for the Children and the Young at Heart Adults. Don't forget to include the American Flag with your goodies and activities...

We have very special holidays coming up in November - Election Day and Veterans Day. How appropriate to show our true love of our Country and our sincere appreciation to our Veterans by flying "Old Glory" proudly for all to see.

Speaking of our 'Pride in Being and American', I know several Units have started contacting your local schools for the Americanism Essay Contest. **GREAT NEWS!!** The official 2013-2014 Cover Sheet is now available. I have asked Ryan to 'make a link' on the Department website: [www.ALAFL.org](http://www.ALAFL.org). PLEASE make sure you follow the Word Requirement and have the entries submitted before April 1st (No Fooling...)

Fall Conference is also coming up in November - I am looking forward to seeing you there. It is sure to be a

*"Cruise of a Lifetime".*

I would also like to hear from you about your Red, White and Ocean Blue Americanism activities you have done or are planning to do. It would be a great honor to report to our very own Southern Division National Americanism Chairman Diane Rousseau of all these wonderful activities!!

God Bless America ~

"True music must repeat the thought and inspirations of the people and the time. My people are Americans and my time is today."

- George Gershwin



**TK**

Treva Kay Wildrick  
Department Americanism Chairman



## AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST 2013-2014 Cover Sheet

Each year, the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) sponsors an Americanism Essay Contest for students in grades 3-12. Grade levels are divided into five classes. One award in each of the five classes will be presented in each division. Winners will receive \$50, and a \$50 honorarium in the student's name will be made to the Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship fund.

**Essay Title:** *How can I show my pride in being an American?*

### Essay Classes:

Class	Grade Level	Word Requirement
I	3 and 4	150-250
II	5 and 6	250-300
III	7 and 8	350-400
IV	9 and 10	450-500
V	11 and 12	450-500

### Essay Checklist:

- ☐ Student grade \_\_\_\_\_ Class competing in \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Sponsoring ALA Unit \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Typed or neatly written essay conforming to the word limit for class
- ☐ Completed essay coversheet as first page of essay
- ☐ Word count of essay \_\_\_\_\_

### Complete this Information:

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street, City, State, Zip): \_\_\_\_\_

Student E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Name and Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Unit Name/Number: \_\_\_\_\_



# Auxiliary Emergency Fund Basket Raffle



Once again, we will have our Fall Conference Silent Auction. This was very successful last year and we need to replenish our fund.

Each District will present a basket with their theme in mind along with perhaps what their district is known for. Raffle tickets would be sold for \$1.00 each 3 tickets for \$2.00 and 10 tickets for \$5.00.

The drawing for each basket would be on Saturday about 3 PM, so that winners can take baskets home.

Now, for bragging rights, the district that has the most tickets would be the winner of the best basket in the department. All proceeds go to the Department AEF.

Please let me know if you can help with selling tickets. Remember, when you sell you can solicit votes for your district basket. The tickets would be selling before, after conference meetings and at breaks.

Thanks for your participation and if you have any questions, you can email me at [amatoellie@aol.com](mailto:amatoellie@aol.com), [emergencyfund@alafl.org](mailto:emergencyfund@alafl.org), call @ 386 427 1168 or cell 386 689 4017.

***District Girls State Chairmen:***  
***Please Start to think about dates for your District Orientations!!!***  
***Orientations take place in April & May!!!***

# Constitution & ByLaws

During the 2013 American Legion Auxiliary National Convention in Houston, Texas, delegates voted on updating the National Constitution and Bylaws and Standing Rules. Sections of the C&BL that were frequently modified were moved to Standing Rules. There are several Units that do not have Standing Rules at present. In the next few months we will be working on changing the Department's C&BL and working on instructing and helping the Units to change their C&BL to be in compliance with National. This will be a work in progress for all of us.

The need for these changes are:

1. To eliminate the need to amend the bylaws to accommodate procedural, process, or detailed rule changes
2. To achieve the goal of amending the bylaws only every decade by streamlining the governing documents

Bylaws should not be amended more frequently than every 10-15 years. The ALA 990 reports to the IRS when bylaws have been changed. The IRS views organizations that amend their bylaws frequently as unstable, which in turn can trigger an IRS audit. This is now happening to other nonprofits reporting frequent bylaws changes.

**Constitution** - The organization's incorporation statement; the reason the ALA exists. It should rarely, if ever, change.

**Bylaws** - An organization's core governance structure, roles and purposes. Bylaws are the ALA's "bones" – fixed only when broken or critical to continue the purpose of the organization, not frequently.

**Standing Rules** - Requirements for how the organization achieves good governance. Details about the ALA's structure, i.e., committee make-up, recurring governance events; its "Skin" – has flexibility to be changed to keep up with current times, as often as desired. Changes to Standing Rules are not reported to IRS, eliminating an IRS audit red flag.

We are going to attempt to put an article in the "Crusin News" every month with one or two of the changes in order to make it a little easier to understand, and not to inundate everyone. Hopefully there will be a C&BL breakout session at Fall Conference.

The first change I would like to address is 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 has been 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.

The second change is Dues under Bylaws -- Article III. The wording should be – Membership dues shall be paid annually or for life, and shall include the Department and National per capita.

The amount of Dues for Units will now be in the Standing Rules.



# Children & Youth

This year, we are asking you to help in raising funds for COTA (Children's Organ Transplant Association). There are 70+ children and young adults in Florida who need life saving transplants. COTA's mission is to provide fundraising assistance and family support. With your help, we can make "Miracles" happen for these children. Your donations help raise funds for the families of these children. Let's see how many "miracles" we can make happen.

Other Children & Youth programs we support are:

**Operation Military Kids (OMK).** They support military children through community awareness and outreach support services. Raise community awareness of the special need of military children at OMK camps.

**Special Olympics.** Volunteers are always needed at these Olympics. Check the internet for Special Olympic events held in your area.

**Child Welfare Foundation.** Join the "Children's First" gift club.

There are three (3) children's hospitals in Florida. The hospital in Pensacola is now called New Horizons of Northwest Florida. They are in need of defibrillators, bath towels, wash cloths, bibs and of course donations.

All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg and The Mailman Center for Child Development in Miami also need your donations. All Children's Hospital in St. Pete is doing a toy drive for their Winter Wonderland in December. More info to follow when I receive their wish list.

Units are encouraged to involve their Juniors in your projects. Involve them in assembling hero packs, work on the patch program.

Units are encouraged to continue supporting Department sponsored projects for Children & Youth on the Donation Remittance Form. Don't forget about Josh & Friends.

The holidays are coming up. Let's start thinking of the military families that need help. Also don't forget the needy children in your community. "Put a smile on a child's face."  
It is so easy.

Pearl McIntyre  
Department Children & Youth Chairman





# GHOSTLY GRAVEYARD!!! RECIPE



## Ingredients:

4 cups miniature marshmallows  
1/4 cup butter, cubed  
6 cups crisp rice cereal  
12 oval cream-filled chocolate sandwich cookies  
1 tube white decorating gel  
1 can (16 ounces) chocolate frosting  
Halloween sprinkles

## Directions

1. In a large saucepan, combine marshmallows and butter. Cook and stir over medium-low heat until melted and blended. Remove from the heat; stir in cereal. Press into a greased 13-in. x 9-in. dish; cool. Cut into 12 squares and set aside.
2. Cut a 1/2-in. piece from the bottom of each sandwich cookie. Crush removed cookie pieces; set aside. Write "RIP" on each cookie, using white decorating gel.
3. Position cereal squares on a large serving tray. With 2 tablespoons frosting, form a circle on each cereal square; top each with a decorated cookie. Sprinkle reserved crumbs around tombstones; add Halloween sprinkles. Yield: 12 servings.

# National Security Bulletin

## Red Cross - HOLIDAY MAIL FOR HEROES

The American Red Cross organizes this national initiative to collect and distribute holiday cards for service members and veterans. There are several ways to be part of the Holiday Mail for Heroes program. Send cards on your own, have every member bring them to a Unit meeting, host a card signing party or card making party. Remember to involve your Juniors, this is a great project for them.

Here are a few guidelines to help you on your way:

Every card received will be screened for hazardous materials by Pitney Bowes and then reviewed by Red Cross volunteers.

Please observe the following guidelines to ensure a quick reviewing process:

- Ensure that all cards are signed.
- Each card should include a hand written sentiment. Use generic salutations such as "Dear Service Member." Cards addressed to specific individuals can't be delivered through this program.
- Only cards are being accepted. Do not send or include letters.
- Do not include email or home addresses on the cards: the program is not meant to foster pen pal relationships.
- Do not include inserts of any kind, including photos: these items will be removed during the reviewing process.
- Please refrain from choosing cards with glitter or using loose glitter as it can aggravate health issues of ill and injured warriors.
- If you are mailing a large quantity of cards, please bundle them and place them in large mailing envelopes or flat rate postal shipping boxes. Each card does not need its own envelope, as envelopes will be removed from all cards before distribution.

All holiday greetings should be addressed and sent to:

Holiday Mail for Heroes

P.O. Box 5456

Capitol Heights, MD 20791-5456

**NOTE: The deadline for having cards to the P.O. Box is December 6th.**

Holiday cards received after this date cannot be guaranteed delivery.

***I'll also have a BOX set up at Fall Conference if you prefer for me to mail out your cards.***

National Security Vice Chairman notes:

Operation Comfort Warriors Needs Our Help!!

How Can We HELP? We can show our servicemembers that we care about them by helping our department and units raise funds.

The American Legion's Operation Comfort Warriors program was created and is dedicated to meeting the nonessential needs of wounded, injured or ill military personnel by providing them

with comfort items that are not supplied by the government. More than \$1 million in assistance was provided through OCW this past year. Every single dollar goes toward comfort items and services to help servicemembers in their recovery.

Please consider this program in your budget this year or when you distributing funds at year end.

Let me know what's going on in your Units to support the National Security Program and our Department Plan of Action for this year.

Sherry Wingard – Chairman  
954-214-9721  
NationalSecurity@alafl.org

## Historian Report



Hopefully everyone around our wonderful state has been Cruising for Unity.

I know I live down south but I have been hearing the clicking of cameras from all around the state. The Units, as well as the Districts have been holding events so please ladies - capture these special events and write them down for your Traditional History along with adding them to a Scrapbook.

I will have two breakout sessions at Fall Conference. One on Saturday, November, 16 At 8:00am and again at 10:00am, so please join me with other interested Historians. If you have pictures please bring them. I want Captain Gerrie to have a great book.

Remember let's have fun while making history.

For God and Country  
Gail A Dupuis – aka "Scrappy Crappy"  
Department Historian



# From the VA&R Chairman

Happy Veterans Day to all!

As the month of November is coming before us, we all have a lot to do. We need to be visible in our communities thanking our Veterans for their service. It is with pride we acknowledge such wonderful men and women. Please take the time to shake a hand, give a smile and "make a difference in the life of a Veteran". Take the first step and make them important as they are to us! Celebrate the Red, White and Blue. Display your flag at your homes and your local business, attend Veteran day parades and celebrations. Visit local VA Clinics, hospitals and go into schools with a Veteran letting the children know how the Veterans served our Country. Think outside of the box and make this a special time for our Veterans, and ask your Juniors to assist.

The stand downs that have taken place within our state shows our gratitude to our Veterans. Everything you do makes a difference in the life of a person in need. Continue to show your support and your caring.

As I am traveling around this great State of Florida with the Department Commander, I see what the American Legion Family does for our Veterans. You are all un-sung heroes. I visited a Post recently and the American Legion Family was hosting a luncheon for Veterans from a local VA facility. There were about 40 Veterans in attendance and what an outing they enjoyed with a home cooked meal and the Post family showing their affection. I applaud all of you for what you do and you do it with pride in your hearts.

I am asking you to please send a report to your District VA & R Chairman of what your units have accomplished since June. I will be sending a mid-year report to National and would like to have our Units recognized.

Let's all be thankful for all the wonderful things we have been blessed with and continue to serve our Veterans, Community and our Children.

Happy Thanksgiving. Be safe and caring and bless you for all you do.

Erna Schwabe  
VA & R Chairman



# Homeless Veterans Initiative

Hello Ladies, we are cruising right along in the great department of Florida learning how to help our homeless heroes make a better life for themselves. I've been honored to have been invited to several districts and units to speak and educate on ways to help our veterans. I've also been fortunate enough to attend the Pasco County stand down with 16th District President Michelle

Degennaro. The ladies of the 16th took a tremendous active role in helping with this two-day stand down and it truly was inspirational to see them hard at work even in the hot beating sun.

Ladies as we all know the holidays are upon us and we know how that makes us feel – well these heroes don't get to feel that warmth of family that we all do. So let's do something to help them gain a little of that back. Here's what some units are doing – and if I missed something be sure and let me know so I can shout it out to all!!

Unit 1 Titusville is working with their Riders and holding their 4th Annual Warm Full Safe Bike Run – proceeds go to motel rooms for the guys

Unit 22 continues to work with the female veteran transitional facility

Unit 81 has invited the local homeless heroes to the post for Thanksgiving Dinner and a movie night

Unit 117 Juniors will be preparing hygiene kits

Unit 117 Auxiliary will be taking the lead in the annual 2 day warm full safe at Christmas Program with NVHS

Unit 163 is holding a coat drive, and preparing hygiene kits and other goodies for Christmas

Unit 318 is working with their Riders group to form Search & Rescue teams

Unit 366 is collecting clothing for the transitional facility

Now I know there are other units out there who are doing so much for our homeless heroes – let me know!!! You can also do your own shout outs on our facebook page: ALA Dept of FL Homeless Veterans Initiative.

Please remember, I am available to come and speak at a unit or district meeting about this program as well as come and train/teach ways how to help our homeless veterans.

Also, we will be having a supplies drive at Fall Conference, we're going to be putting kits together so anyone who's available to help out – please let me know.

Come on ladies let's make President Gerrie shine while we're all cruising for unity for our homeless veterans  
Yours in Service for God and Country

Dorothy Walsh  
homelessvets@alafl.org  
(321)426-6736



# Fall Conference Collection for Veterans

This year we will be collecting items for our homeless and disabled veterans in support of The ALA Department of Florida's Homeless Veterans Initiative as well as the First Orlando VA Creative Arts Festival

Here are some suggestions of items needed for our homeless heroes:

- Canned food (flip top preferably)
- Bottled water
- Healthy snack foods
- Underwear and socks
- Tarps and rope
- Hygiene items (specific for men and women), tooth brush, tooth paste, deodorant, razor, sewing kits, soap, hand cream, powder, denture adhesive, shampoo, hand towels

Here are some suggestions of items needed for the Creative Arts Festival:

◆ Watercolor Supplies:

- 1) Paints Artist-grade, professional watercolor paints in the follow colors: Alizarin crimson, aureolin yellow, and cobalt OR ultramarine blue.
- 2) Palette to start off, bring a sandwich size plastic tub with cover.
- 3) Paper 140lb cold press watercolor paper.
- 4) Brushes #8 round, #1 flat, #0 or #1 rigger in synthetic or sable bristles.
- 5) Containers for water, plastic sheets to protect painting surfaces, pencils, kneaded erasers, rolls of toilet paper or paper towels.

◆ Acrylic Supplies:

- 1) Small Acrylic tubes of paint. Green, Yellow, Orange, Burnt Sienna, Burnt Umber, Ultramarine Blue, Red, Titanium White, Purple and Black.
- 2) Palettes.
- 3) 12x16" Canvas Pad (Fredrix brand, comes in a pad-tear off at top).
- 4) Dishwashing liquid for cleaning out brushes.

◆ Misc Supplies:

- 1) Beading Supplies: Any Beads, String, bead tips, , glue, bead boards.
- 2) Jewelry Supplies; metal parts, jump rings, split rings, earwires, bead tips, toggles, hooks, barrels, wirework, pliers.
- 3) Knitting & Crochet Supplies: Needles, Hooks and various yarns.

**Complete the back of this sheet and turn in with your donation!**



This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal red ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

# Legislative News

Well we have narrowly escaped a default of the government not to mention all of the people who were affected by the government shut down. The American Legion Leadership was very vocal during this time voicing their concerns for Veterans and military families. Now it is your turn. If you have not done so already please call, email and write your congressmen. Tell them we can't afford to do this all over again in a couple of months. Give them stories of how their inability to do their job is affecting real people. Check the following website for updates. (<http://capwiz.com/legion/home/>)

**ACT NOW:** Please write your Congressmen and President Obama and demand they negotiate to settle their differences and come up with a resolution to get this country operating for the good of its citizens.

Below is a sample letter you can use. Just put the name of your congressman in the title and sign your name. The mailing address is provided as well as the email address and phone number.

## ***Call the President***

Comments: 202-456-1111

Switchboard: 202-456-1414

**This link allows you to send an email to the president or Vice President. -**

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/write-or-call#write>

**Contact Senator Nelson** - <http://www.billnelson.senate.gov/contact/email.cfm>

**Senator Rubio** -

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The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

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For God and Country, Nancy Anderson





# HALLOWEEN PARTY SAFETY

If you don't like to send your kids out for trick or treating a good substitute is a home Halloween party. Setting up a Halloween party for your kids can be just as fun for the adults as it is for the kids. This is also a great adult holiday and throwing a Halloween party for adults can be very fun! You can hold a costume contest, have a theme party, the possibilities are endless and work for both kids and adult parties!

If you run short on ideas, there are many Halloween party idea books available at your local book or craft store. Also, remember that the internet is a well spring of information and by checking out our links page here, you'll find sites that have party ideas, games, food, music and costume ideas.

Here are a few Halloween party ideas to get you started:

For a kids party, plan some good games to keep your child's Halloween party running smoothly. Kids can have short attention spans so you want to keep the party exciting and flowing smoothly!

For an adult Halloween party, keep it jumping with some rockin' Halloween music! Kids might like sound effects better and you can find all kinds of Halloween music and sound effects CDs for kids and adults at this time of year.

If you are serving food or treats at the party, make your table setting a spooky one using fake spider web, mini pumpkins, and other Halloween items. Adults like to have as much fun during Halloween as the kids do and adult Halloween parties tend to be much wilder than a kids parties with dancing, alcohol and a full lay out of food. Make sure that your serving area looks like Halloween!

When deciding on a menu, check and see if anyone attending the party has food allergies that might be a problem. Common food allergies to dairy products, peanuts and shell fish can really put a damper on the festivities. Planning ahead for problems can make all the difference for your Halloween party!

Using common sense can make a party a great one and avoid anything that may ruin it. For adult parties, keep an eye on the drinking and don't let it get out of hand. Take the keys away from anyone that may be driving. Have one person stay sober and offer to drive those people home who may be too intoxicated to drive.

Having a Halloween party, either one for adult or for children, is definitely great fun! In order to have things run smoothly and with no accidents, here are some tips that can be used to make your party more enjoyable. With a little planning and time to prepare, you have throw a fun, safe Halloween party!

- If using dry ice in a punch bowl, make sure that you use a large punch bowl and a smaller one that fits inside. The smaller one is for the punch, the larger one is to put the dry ice and hot water in. Keep them separate, dry ice is not for ingestion and can cause serious damage to internal organs if swallowed.
- If you are holding your party in your house, make sure that you move any breakable pieces of furniture or knick-knacks to another room where they can't get broken. A forgotten heirloom vase that hits the floor could ruin the night for you.
- To keep things moving for either an adult party or child's party, make sure that you have some games, like a scavenger hunt or a murder mystery planned in advance.
- If you are planning a party for your kids and their friends, see if you can get some of the other parents to help out with the planning, baking and what ever else needs to be done. Many of them will be willing to help out to make it a successful party for all their kids to attend.
- Any treats or party food that can be made in advance is always a big help! If you have other parents helping out, make sure that everyone gets assigned a food item to bring, that will take the load off the main hostess. Make sure that someone is brining drinks, food, snacks, treats or whatever you are serving.
- Having a pumpkin carving party on the night before Halloween can be a great way to start off the festivities. Either adults, kids or both, can have a wonderful time and get all your pumpkins carved before the big night!
- Set up a table with treats, punch and goodies in your front yard if you live in a small neighborhood. Invite the children and their parents to stop by for refreshments, you'll start a small party right in your front yard! Just make sure you set up a nice yard haunt, too!
- Be sure to visit the Halloween Costume Party web site for lots of great Halloween Party information, tips and planning ideas!
- If you live in a friendly neighborhood, discuss having a Halloween block party with the neighbors. Set it up outside, in the street and yards and get everyone involved. Have carnival type games, a few yard haunts, food, music and dancing.

# ***Halloween Safety for Kids & Teens***

Kids love Halloween! They get to dress up and get free candy! What a perfect holiday! Give your kids some precious Halloween memories that they'll have for life.

Some of you kids already know things that you can do to be safe, like how to cross the street, not to talk to or go with strangers and things like that. But we adults know how exciting Halloween can be and that can make you forget to be careful.

Here's some tips that we have just for you kids, to help keep you safe on Halloween night! Some of these ideas are called "common sense" ideas, that means that they are things that you should know and use every day in life. You are never too young to learn!

- Never, ever go into a strangers house or even ring their door for treats unless your parents are with you and say that it's okay. There are some people in life that aren't very nice to kids and you have to be careful. Always make sure that your mom or dad is within sight when you go out trick-or-treating.
- Be careful when you cross a street. Make sure to look in both directions and make sure that there are no cars coming. If you have a little brother or sister with you, take their hand and help them get across the street, too. If the street has a stop light, wait until the cross walk light tells you that it's okay to cross now, but still check before you cross, look both ways.
- If you are an older kid or young teen, and going out with friends, make sure that your parents know where you are going and who you are going with. This may seem like a pain but they are your parents and they love you. They just want you to be safe.
- If you can drive and are taking a bunch of friends to a party, make sure that you have enough gas to get there. You don't want to run out on a dark street, all alone, like a bad horror movie!
- If you parents give you a curfew, be home when they say. It builds trust between you and them and they are doing it for your own safety. If you are going to be late, call them and let them know.
- Vandalism is never cool! Throwing eggs at cars and houses is not cool. Someone has to clean it up and it could be you, if you get caught. You can also be arrested and punished as a juvenile. So, don't think that it's fun only if you can get away with it. It's never the right thing to do! Think about how you would feel if someone did that to your house and how bad it would make you feel.
- Hurting animals is never acceptable behavior! Some people use Halloween as an excuse to hurt cats and that is just wrong! Not only is it illegal in most places to hurt or torture animals and punishable by law, you should never hurt a helpless living thing.

Have fun on Halloween but keep it safe, have some good, clean fun and your parents will trust you for many Halloweens to come! Showing them how responsible you can be will give you a feeling of pride and make them see just how adult you really are.



# Public Relations

Hi Ladies,

As we ride the elevator on our cruise ship between decks we should be talking about the Auxiliary and what a wonderful organization we are. An elevator speech is a quick 20-30 second informative way to convey the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary, its programs and opportunities to contribute. Word of mouth is the best advertising.

For example: I volunteer for the largest women's patriotic service org. in the world. We have served millions of hours to enhance the quality of life for veterans, the military and their families. We support our veterans, educate our youth, and promote patriotism and good citizenship. I (or our Unit) has (something you have done recently) in our community. Would you like to come to a meeting or an event and find out more?

Dee Bell  
Public Relations Chairman

## Tame That Grey Hair!!

As time passes, our hair loses its pigment and turns grey. This makes your hair difficult to control – as the hair also becomes frizzy and wiry. This is why many women just throw up their hands and get a short haircut but not every woman wants to do this; especially not me!

With extra care, grey hair can become manageable while still keeping the extra length. You can have your midlife make over and keep your stylish do too.

Here are some tips to tame your greying hair.

**Massage:** Massage your head when you shampoo. Take the extra time because massage helps increase blood flow to the follicles, which in turn helps create healthy hair growth. Only shampoo your hair once.

**Conditioner:** Grey hair needs extra conditioning. Choose shampoos and conditioners with extra moisturizing powers to introduce flexibility back into the hair strand. Let the conditioner stay on your hair for a couple of minutes while you massage it into the roots of your hair.

**Styling products:** Styling products come into their own when trying to manage grey hair. Look for products that condition as well as hold the style. Towel off the excess water from your hair and use a comb to distribute the product through to the ends of each strand.

**Blow dry:** After you apply the styling products, blow dry your hair using a round comb to get any coarse hairs into place. The blow dry will create some lift for your hair. One note of warning is that while ionic blow dryers can help intensify shine, they are not recommended for fine hair.

**Flat iron:** After your hair has been blow dried, use a flat iron to finally tame any stray hair the blow dryer didn't smooth down. Make sure that the iron has ceramic plates or else you might overheat the flat iron and damage your hair.

**Eat well:** Make sure you are eating well because bad health can be seen in the condition of your hair. Protein is good for hair and be sure you are getting all of the essential vitamins and minerals.

Taming grey hair requires a commitment to a new routine, and if avoiding a man-ish short hair style is for you (and it should be), it's worth making.





# Valecia Deas

## 90 Years of Service

*Story & Photo from Ocala Memorial Post 27 Newsletter*

Recently honored for her 90 years of continuous membership and long service to the American Legion Auxiliary by Department President Gerrie Bailey, Unit 27 member Valecia Deas became a junior member upon birth. Her father, an American Legion member active in the early days of Ocala Post 27 and an FBI agent involved in surveilling the Ma Barker family home to identify when all family members were present, proudly signed her up.

Valecia was a Little Miss Poppy as a child and has volunteered every year since during Poppy Days. Valecia recalls growing up on her grandfather's 480 acre farm near Reddick, riding horses and being quite independent.

In high school the outspoken redhead was the only girl to own a car, driving in to Ocala with her best friends for dances and the cinema at the recently refurbished downtown Ocala Theatre. During these outings, she met her husband-to-be, Nole Deas, who climbed over seats to sit next to her at the movies. They married shortly before he enlisted during World War II, and she worked at the Marion County Courthouse, then located on the downtown square.

When he returned, he and other returning veterans joined the American Legion and became active in its many civic projects, serving in many leadership capacities. The young couple had a son, Nole Jr., and both worked for more than 30 years in Ocala. Valecia retired as head accountant for Skyline Industries, a two-state manufacturer of mobile and manufactured homes.

Remembering when Auxiliary members attended meetings wearing dresses, gloves and hats, she and Nole participated in Post 27 and its Auxiliary when they had several hundred members and meetings included entire families enjoying catered dinners and barbecues. Meetings were more formal, and belonging to the American Legion was quite prestigious. Robert's Rules of Order were carefully observed at all meetings. "But the projects such as Boys and Girls State were the same, and the Auxiliary still does a lot of good for veterans and the community," she says.

She was particularly active in chairing the Unit's Membership and Girls State activities and served as treasurer for more years than she can remember. Valecia still enjoys volunteering at the Ocala Veterans Clinic, distributing snacks and water on a monthly basis, and distributing poppies. "Veterans were considered real heroes and given a lot of respect back then and should be treated that way still."

Nole and Valecia were among the World War II veterans who raised money to design and build the spacious American Legion Building at Tusawilla Park in Ocala, and thirty years later Nole was among veterans who led the movement to design and build Ocala's remarkable Veterans Park in cooperation with City of Ocala leaders. Among Valecia's fondest memories is traveling statewide and to Washington, D.C. with Nole when he served as Florida Legion Commander.

Even after Nole's death four years ago, and despite failing eyesight, Valecia faithfully attends patriotic events at the Park and local and District meetings of the Auxiliary. "I don't know many of the people at our meetings any more," she comments, "but they all seem to know me!" She looks forward to Poppy Days and attending Veterans Day events again this year.

## October 2013 Statistical

*All Membership through 10/17/2013 has been  
keyed*

DISTRICT 1					
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	CURRENT %	NEEDED 100%
75	CRESTVIEW	176	77	43.75%	99
78	MILTON	47	29	61.70%	18
121	JAY	15	0	0.00%	15
193	PENSACOLA	134	49	36.57%	85
221	NICEVILLE	68	31	45.59%	37
235	FT.WALTON BCH	193	100	51.81%	93
240	PENSACOLA	284	133	46.83%	151
296	DESTIN	70	46	65.71%	24
340	PENSACOLA	289	120	41.52%	169
356	LYNN HAVEN	181	60	33.15%	121
375	SOUTHPORT	79	0	0.00%	79
378	GULF BREEZE	18	4	22.22%	14
382	NAVARRE	134	75	55.97%	59
392	PANAMA CITY	137	101	73.72%	36
District		<b>1825</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>45.21%</b>	<b>1000</b>

DISTRICT 4					
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	CURRENT %	NEEDED 100%
16	GAINESVILLE	67	41	61.19%	26
27	OCALA	36	28	77.78%	8
56	STARKE	19	6	31.58%	13
58	DUNNELLON	56	31	55.36%	25
77	INVERNESS	62	36	58.06%	26
91	TRENTON	21	1	4.76%	20
149	NEWBERRY	27	9	33.33%	18
155	CRYSTAL RIVER	328	162	49.39%	166
210	OCALA	18	0	0.00%	18
225	FLORAL CITY	22	11	50.00%	11
230	HAWTHORNE	39	19	48.72%	20
236	WILLISTON	14	1	7.14%	13
237	BEVERLY HILLS	98	29	29.59%	69
284	BELLEVUE	169	46	27.22%	123
314	STARKE	18	15	83.33%	3
District		<b>994</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>43.76%</b>	<b>559</b>

DISTRICT 2					
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	CURRENT %	NEEDED 100%
13	TALLAHASSEE	101	68	67.33%	33
82	LANARK VILLAGE	77	22	28.57%	55
84	HAVANA	24	8	33.33%	16
100	MARIANNA	70	39	55.71%	31
114	CRAWFORDVILLE	30	0	0.00%	30
172	HOSFORD	16	0	0.00%	16
217	QUINCY	61	30	49.18%	31
241	SNEADS	75	54	72.00%	21
272	BLOUNTSTOWN	14	0	0.00%	14
District		<b>468</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>47.22%</b>	<b>247</b>

DISTRICT 3					
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	CURRENT %	NEEDED 100%
49	MONTICELLO	21	15	71.43%	6
57	LAKE CITY	265	156	58.87%	109
107	LIVE OAK	37	28	75.68%	9
131	GREENVILLE	37	0	0.00%	37
215	JASPER	47	0	0.00%	47
224	MADISON	28	7	25.00%	21
291	STEINHATCHEE	168	79	47.02%	89
383	OLD TOWN	153	71	46.41%	82
District		<b>756</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>47.09%</b>	<b>400</b>

DISTRICT 5					
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	CURRENT %	NEEDED 100%
9	JACKSONVILLE	41	16	39.02%	25
37	ST. AUGUSTINE	123	45	36.59%	78
54	FERNANDINA BCH	249	108	43.37%	141
88	JACKSONVILLE	129	34	26.36%	95
129	JACKSONVILLE BCH	339	38	11.21%	301
137	JACKSONVILLE	576	215	37.33%	361
174	FERNANDINA BEACH	15	0	0.00%	15
194	ST. AUGUSTINE	18	1	5.56%	17
197	JACKSONVILLE	36	3	8.33%	33
202	KEYSTONE HGTS	80	23	28.75%	57
233	PONTE VEDRA BCH	152	67	44.08%	85
244	SO. JACKSONVILLE	55	45	81.82%	10
250	MIDDLEBURG	376	97	25.80%	279
283	JACKSONVILLE	278	134	48.20%	144
316	ATLANTIC BCH	419	151	36.04%	268
373	ORANGE PARK	28	20	71.43%	8
District		<b>2914</b>	<b>997</b>	<b>34.21%</b>	<b>1917</b>

**Membership Goal Date Statistical**

	DISTRICT 6				
				CURRENT	NEEDED
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	%	100%
10	KISSIMMEE	310	112	36.13%	198
19	ORLANDO	194	82	42.27%	112
21	UMATILLA	41	4	9.76%	37
35	MOUNT DORA	113	1	0.88%	112
41	EUSTIS	9	14	155.56%	-5
52	LEESBURG	20	15	75.00%	5
53	SANFORD	207	66	31.88%	141
55	CLERMONT	150	60	40.00%	90
63	WINTER GARDEN	42	17	40.48%	25
76	TAVARES	23	1	4.35%	22
80	ST. CLOUD	298	181	60.74%	117
101	BUSHNELL	149	55	36.91%	94
109	OCOE	43	35	81.40%	8
112	WINTER PARK	21	15	71.43%	6
183	ALTAMONTE SPR	144	76	52.78%	68
219	FRUITLAND PARK	256	131	51.17%	125
242	ORLANDO	191	58	30.37%	133
286	PINE CASTLE	331	119	35.95%	212
330	LEESBURG	54	34	62.96%	20
331	ORLANDO	82	0	0.00%	82
347	LADY LAKE	1,057	638	60.36%	419
	District	3735	1714	45.89%	2021

	DISTRICT 7				
				CURRENT	NEEDED
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	%	100%
3	BARTOW	79	50	63.29%	29
4	LAKELAND	121	57	47.11%	64
8	WINTER HAVEN	688	34	4.94%	654
34	HAINES CITY	78	22	28.21%	56
71	LAKE WALES	36	40	111.11%	-4
72	MULBERRY	162	52	32.10%	110
118	ZEPHYRHILLS	37	2	5.41%	35
201	FLORENCE VILLA	46	36	78.26%	10
213	MOULTRY-CRAFT	11	0	0.00%	11
339	CRESTHAVEN	48	36	75.00%	12
	District	1306	329	25.19%	977

	DISTRICT 8				
				CURRENT	NEEDED
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	%	100%
11	ARCADIA	33	14	42.42%	19
24	BRADENTON	422	225	53.32%	197
25	LAKE PLACID	381	128	33.60%	253
30	SARASOTA	62	25	40.32%	37
69	AVON PARK	334	44	13.17%	290
74	SEBRING	97	21	21.65%	76
113	ROTANDA WEST	426	181	42.49%	245
159	VENICE	858	396	46.15%	462
254	NORTH PORT	106	34	32.08%	72
266	FRUITVILLE	125	2	1.60%	123
309	PALMETTO	254	136	53.54%	118
312	ONECO	256	108	42.19%	148
325	ELLENTON	58	1	1.72%	57
	District	3466	1,315	37.94%	2151

	DISTRICT 9				
				CURRENT	NEEDED
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	%	100%
36	FT. LAUDERDALE	102	58	56.86%	44
92	HOLLYWOOD	124	68	54.84%	56
142	POMPANO BEACH	296	187	63.18%	109
157	MARGATE	344	190	55.23%	154
162	DEERFIELD BEACH	309	148	47.90%	161
180	PLANTATION	125	51	40.80%	74
209	DANIA	25	2	8.00%	23
222	FT. LAUDERDALE	92	34	36.96%	58
287	DEERFIELD BEACH	20	10	50.00%	10
304	DANIA	229	124	54.15%	105
310	HALLANDALE	37	22	59.46%	15
321	COOPER CITY	168	31	18.45%	137
	District	1871	925	49.44%	946

	DISTRICT 11				
				CURRENT	NEEDED
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	%	100%
20	BELLE GLADE	60	30	50.00%	30
47	LAKE WORTH	142	71	50.00%	71
62	STUART	124	85	68.55%	39
64	OKEECHOBEE	131	40	30.53%	91
65	DELRAY BEACH	69	26	37.68%	43
141	WEST PALM BCH	93	45	48.39%	48
164	BOYNTON BEACH	189	69	36.51%	120
188	DELRAY BEACH	18	9	50.00%	9
199	WEST PALM BCH	51	25	49.02%	26
258	GREENACRES	28	14	50.00%	14
268	RIVIERA BEACH	144	36	25.00%	108
269	LANTANA	21	2	9.52%	19
271	JUPITER	185	114	61.62%	71
277	BOCA RATON	110	64	58.18%	46
288	BOYNTON BEACH	71	42	59.15%	29
367	ROYAL PALM BCH	47	19	40.43%	28
399	PALM CITY	19	6	31.58%	13
	District	1,502	697	46.40%	805

	DISTRICT 12				
				CURRENT	NEEDED
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	%	100%
1	TITUSVILLE	310	176	56.77%	134
22	COCOA	107	23	21.50%	84
39	VERO BEACH	197	77	39.09%	120
40	FORT PIERCE	235	92	39.15%	143
81	MELBOURNE	152	66	43.42%	86
117	PALM BAY	415	175	42.17%	240
126	JENSEN BEACH	206	81	39.32%	125
163	EAU GALLIE	353	238	67.42%	115
171	FORT PIERCE	40	0	0.00%	40
177	COCOA	12	0	0.00%	12
189	SEBASTIAN	103	23	22.33%	80
191	MELBOURNE	140	83	59.29%	57
200	SATELLITE BEACH	102	62	60.78%	40
318	PORT ST LUCIE	377	201	53.32%	176
332	KENNEDY SPACE CTR	32	6	18.75%	26
348	CAPE CANAVERAL	171	51	29.82%	120
358	FORT PIERCE	62	21	33.87%	41
359	PORT ST JOHN	257	108	42.02%	149
366	BAREFOOT BAY	89	34	38.20%	55
394	PALM BAY	50	18	36.00%	32
	District	3410	1,535	45.01%	1875



DISTRICT 13					
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	CURRENT %	NEEDED 100%
38	FORT MYERS	93	60	64.52%	33
90	CAPE CORAL	179	50	27.93%	129
103	PUNTA GORDA	353	156	44.19%	197
110	PORT CHARLOTTE	528	204	38.64%	324
123	SANIBEL	103	0	0.00%	103
130	LABELLE	200	83	41.50%	117
135	NAPLES	408	198	48.53%	210
136	PINE ISLAND	444	199	44.82%	245
192	FORT MYERS	24	17	70.83%	7
274	FORT MYERS BCH	581	235	40.45%	346
303	BONITA SPRINGS	400	192	48.00%	208
323	LEHIGH ACRES	473	239	50.53%	234
336	N. FORT MYERS	273	92	33.70%	181
351	FT MYERS SHORES	105	31	29.52%	74
388	BONITA SPRINGS	11	0	0.00%	11
District		<b>4175</b>	<b>1756</b>	<b>42.06%</b>	2419

DISTRICT 16					
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	CURRENT %	NEEDED 100%
7	CLEARWATER	432	187	43.29%	245
14	ST. PETERSBURG	155	92	59.35%	63
79	NEW PORT RICHEY	319	152	47.65%	167
104	PINELLAS PARK	265	102	38.49%	163
119	LARGO	380	218	57.37%	162
125	GULFPORT	406	180	44.33%	226
158	TREASURE ISLAND	146	84	57.53%	62
173	HOLIDAY	286	42	14.69%	244
238	SAFETY HARBOR	275	144	52.36%	131
252	CROSS BAYOU	572	356	62.24%	216
273	MADEIRA BEACH	2,168	642	29.61%	1526
275	DUNNEDIN	344	174	50.58%	170
305	ST. PETE BEACH	177	95	53.67%	82
335	HUDSON	246	99	40.24%	147
District		<b>6171</b>	<b>2567</b>	<b>41.60%</b>	3604

DISTRICT 14					
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	CURRENT %	NEEDED 100%
28	KEY WEST	83	33	39.76%	50
29	MIAMI	19	8	42.11%	11
31	MIAMI	147	93	63.27%	54
43	HOMESTEAD	59	41	69.49%	18
67	NORTH MIAMI	100	38	38.00%	62
98	CORAL GABLES	42	1	2.38%	41
133	PERRINE	88	40	45.45%	48
154	MARATHON	173	70	40.46%	103
168	KEY WEST	33	0	0.00%	33
333	KEY LARGO	86	43	50.00%	43
346	MIAMI	32	1	3.13%	31
374	KEY BISCAYNE	71	33	46.48%	38
District		<b>933</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>42.98%</b>	532

DISTRICT 17					
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	CURRENT %	NEEDED 100%
6	DELAND	130	57	43.85%	73
17	NEW SMYRNA BCH	305	185	60.66%	120
45	PALATKA	39	21	53.85%	18
115	BUNNELL	62	5	8.06%	57
120	HOLLY HILL	243	170	69.96%	73
127	LAKE HELEN	28	20	71.43%	8
204	DAYTONA BEACH	41	32	78.05%	9
255	DELTONA	38	18	47.37%	20
259	DEBARY,ORANGE CT	33	0	0.00%	33
267	ORMOND BEACH	159	55	34.59%	104
270	PORT ORANGE	154	91	59.09%	63
285	EDGEWATER	274	118	43.07%	156
293	INTERLACHEN	118	1	0.85%	117
361	SOUTH DAYTONA	189	65	34.39%	124
District		<b>1813</b>	<b>838</b>	<b>46.22%</b>	975

DISTRICT 15					
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	CURRENT %	NEEDED 100%
5	TAMPA	43	26	60.47%	17
26	PLANT CITY	38	6	15.79%	32
99	BROOKSVILLE	38	15	39.47%	23
111	TAMPA	56	27	48.21%	29
138	PORT TAMPA CITY	361	244	67.59%	117
139	TAMPA	162	106	65.43%	56
147	ODESSA	47	2	4.26%	45
148	RIVERVIEW	228	105	46.05%	123
152	TAMPA	311	157	50.48%	154
167	TAMPA	16	0	0.00%	16
186	SPRING HILL	364	149	40.93%	215
248	WEST TAMPA	19	16	84.21%	3
334	TAMPA	38	32	84.21%	6
389	RUSKIN	26	10	38.46%	16
District		<b>1747</b>	<b>895</b>	<b>51.23%</b>	852

**Next Target Date - 70% January 20, 2014,  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

# ***Membership keyed as of 10/14/2013***

<b><i>District</i></b>	<b><i>%</i></b>
15	50.37
9	49.39
2	47.22
3	46.96
11	45.74
6	45.52
17	45.23
1	43.07
12	43.02
4	42.86
13	41.65
16	41.42
14	38.16
8	35.40
5	33.77
7	25.11

*The 2013 Department Membership Goal is **37,464***

*As of 10/14/2013 **15,589** have been processed*

*We are currently at **41.61%***