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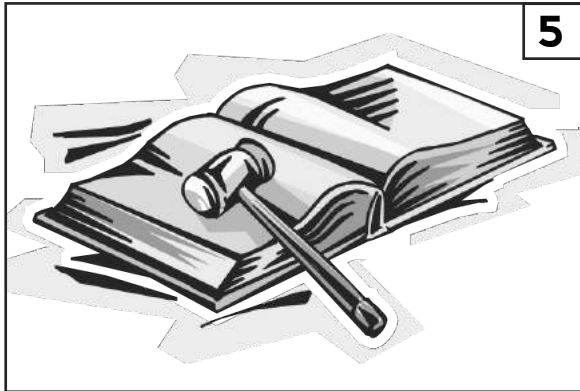
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Mission Statement
In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families,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

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

**Lighting the Way
For Veterans™**

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Prescriptions	MedImpact	average savings from 15%-60% off generic drugs and average savings from 15% to 25% off brand name prescriptions	over 60,000 participating pharmacies
LASIK Vision Correction	LCA Vision National LASIK Vision Network	15% off standard prices or 5% off promotional prices	approximately 600 locations nationwide
Diabetes Management	Global Total Health	52% - 72%	N/A
Dental	Careington International	20% - 50%	over 148,000 dental access points
Alternative Medicine	Healthways Whole Health Network	10% to 40%	over 22,000
Chiropractic	Healthways Whole Health Network	10% - 40%	over 14,000
Vitamins	Swanson Health Products	10%	N/A
Podiatry	Healthcare Networks of America *This product not available in MA	20% on the provider's normal fee for all other services and products 50% on the provider's normal exam fee	3,500
Long Term Care	Healthcare Synergies	5% - 30%	more than 5,000
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Concierge Services	LesConcierges	24/7 online access	Personal Assistance Service by calling or visiting online

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



ERNA SCHWABE



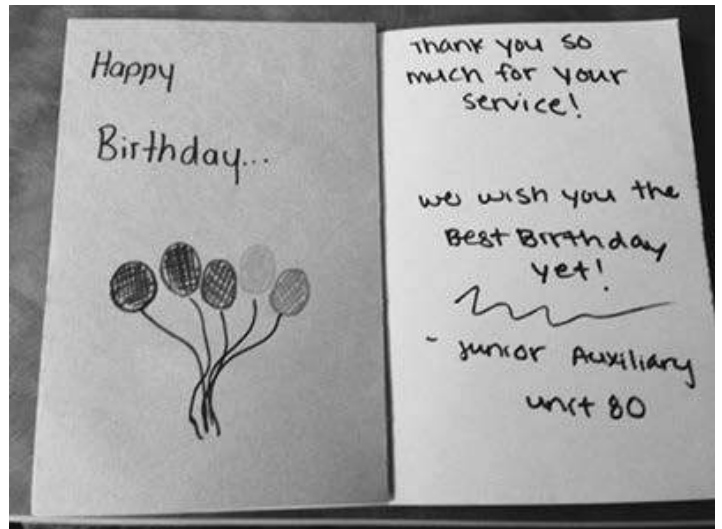
"LIGHTING THE WAY FOR OUR VETERANS"

The lights are shining from sea to sea, coast to coast, and e-mails to e-mails. Thank you to everyone who is sharing their favorite light houses with me. I recently received pictures from Ohio of their lighthouse.

Since the last publication of the "Shining Beacon" the oil has been changed in the new car and the tires have been rotated. So you can see this President has been on the go. Unit 120 Holly Hill held a fundraiser for "OMK" and I had the privilege of being the CHEF. The American Legion Family came together and raised over \$600.00 for this program in just a couple of hours. This money will be used to send the children of deployed parents to CAMP in June.

The 5th District American Legion Family held a get together at the ball park in Jacksonville where a group of 65 members got together to enjoy the game. Commander Conti threw out the first pitch (and almost made it to the catcher's box)! It was fun being with friends and we were entertained by a beautiful lightning show! Thank you, District Commander Tom Gora and District President Annie Anderson for your hospitality.

Off to Dunedin Post 275 to participate in the monthly meat raffle. The American Legion Family for the past two years has been raising money for a nursing scholarship program. They have teamed up with SFU (South Florida University) working the scholarship program. It was an honor to be present when the Unit presented a check for over \$5,000.00 for this program. This Family Post has given over \$10,000.00 to the scholarship program. All entities of the Post (Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and Sons) participate by holding this meat raffle on a monthly basis. I thoroughly enjoyed the day as I was one of the lucky winners. Thank you, Pat Devine for thinking outside of the box and making this program successful.



Birthday cards made by the Junior Auxiliary from Unit 80 St. Cloud for the Veterans at the Domiciliary.

I attended the installation of American Legion Family Post 19 in Orlando and had the honor of installing Unit Chaplain Lois Stachelrodt. Congratulations Post 19 on your new home and thank you for making us feel so welcome.

Preparations continued for our Department Workshop. Well workshop is upon us! What a great job by our Department Chairman and our Department Staff for making this such a successful event. It was great having so many questions for the presenters and the eagerness from the guests to learn. Thank you Kimberly, Patty and Lou for keeping the "STORE" open so everyone could get the supplies they needed. Remember to fill out the survey that was sent to your e-mail and submit it by the deadline. Forward it to everyone that attended the Workshop. It is our way of making the workshop better for you! I thank each and everyone one of you for attending the workshop and your guidance in helping make it a success. I know that you could have spent your week end elsewhere,



President Erna with the 6th District ALA volunteers at the Orlando VA Domiciliary.

but you chose to attend and it shows that your heart is in our American Legion Auxiliary programs. An AEF question was brought before the membership as to when to send the donations to Department. Please send your donations into Department as soon as you have funds available. Catastrophes do not arrive on a schedule! When you have funds available from your units please send them to Department using a donation remittance form. Doing so will help having the funding available to process the applications.

After returning home from workshop, a nap was in order, laundry done, notes consolidated, and another nap and then I was ready for the visit to the Orlando Domiciliary. The 6th District members are truly an example of "Lighting the way for Veterans". A birthday party was held on August 11th for 89 Veterans who are at the Domiciliary. Each Veteran was asked for a wish list and all units from the District donated to help make their wishes come true. The Veterans (both male and female) were so appreciative of their gifts. A birthday party was held with hot dogs, hamburgers, all the trimmings and a wonderful huge birthday cake! Thank you Dianne Koger, President Charlotte and all her helpers for making this a special day for the Veterans. It was amazing to see all of the Auxiliary members wearing their red volunteer shirts.

On one of my quiet days (I was supposed to be home playing catch up with laundry) I took a detour and went fishing on a charter boat. My fishing luck was with me as I caught one fish and the fishermen on either side of me caught 10 and 12! Go figure! As a result I have one tanned arm and one tanned foot and had very shaky sea legs! I did enjoy seeing the lighthouse from the ocean and what it stands for. If you have an event in your District, please let me know via e-mail and I will attend if my schedule allows.

At the end of my article I am asking a trivia question about a

lighthouse. When you know the answer please e-mail me and your name will go in a drawing for a gift at Fall Conference. We will have a winner every month.

Now off to National Convention in Charlotte. Upon returning to Florida I will be making a visitation to the 1st District from September 4th through the 7th. I am looking forward to spending time with auxiliary members of the District. With School of Instructions being held, I wish each and every one of your Districts a very successful school. Please send me a brief note letting me know the success of your SOI and the number of people that attended. Fall Conference will be held November 7th through the 9th in Orlando. Please bring the history of your lighthouse with you. There will be more information to follow.

Thank you to the Units that are sending their COTA donations to Department on the obligation form. "CARING FOR COTA KIDS"! The money donated will stay in Florida for our kids here waiting for an organ transplant.

TRIVIA QUESTION #1: What is the name of the tallest lighthouse in Florida, where is it located and what year was it established?



"LIGHTING THE WAY FOR VETERANS"
Erna Schwabe, Department President



FROM THE SECRETARY



KIMBERLY SULLIVAN

Thank you everyone for a terrific Workshop! This year, we did a survey for workshop to see what our members thought. With about 50 responses in,

- 94% of attendees learned something new at Workshop
- 96% felt the Power Points on the website were helpful
- One attendee commented, “In the 4 years that I have attended these workshops, this was the best! Very informational to Chairmen. Great Job.”

Full survey results will be reported in September and will be taken into account while building

future events. Other good news for Workshop is our new location. Mark your calendar for the Wyndham near Downtown Disney on:

- Bootcamp 2015: July 23-26 (by invitation)
- Workshop 2015: August 14-16
- Bootcamp 2016: July 14-17 (by invitation)
- Workshop 2016: August 12-14

Another thanks to those Units who have updated their records at headquarters. We’ve had a terrific response to getting your latest 990, Annual Report, and other supporting documentation in. I’d like to give a shout out to the following units, who have already completed their 2013 990 and corporate status:

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Remember Fall Conference is just two months away. Please book your hotel rooms if you have not already done so. The event is November 7th - 9th at the Hilton Walt Disney World in Orlando. Call 1-800-782-4414 to make your reservations before October 17th! Our group code is ADF to get the \$109 King or Double Standard Suite (or \$189 Junior Suite, limited quantities).

[Chaplain]

As the bridges are being built for our Veterans to cross may our lights shine brightly and proudly for our Veterans as they go full speed ahead to their destinations.

As the Lord chooses to call home some of his Angels, he leaves fond memories for us to hold on to.

Lois Stachelrodt, Department of Florida Chaplain

District 1

Unit 235 Golightly, Mary
Unit 340 Briggs, Virginia
Chase, Jeanne
Mason, Frances

District 4

Unit 210 Wesley, Barbara
Unit 230 Wagner, Vivian
Unit 284 Sizemore, Joyce

District 5

Unit 210 Wesley, Barbara
Unit 230 Wagner, Vivian
Unit 284 Sizemore, Joyce

District 6

Unit 41 Moore, Jean
Unit 101 Kloetzer, Virginia
Miller, Annabel
Roush, Sandra

District 7

Unit 72 Wilkinson, Serena
Unit 339 Gibbons, Ruth

District 8

Unit 69 Bergeron, Yvette
Unit 113 Bretz, Barbara
Melton, June
Unit 266 Beasley, Donna J.
Gilbertie, Dorothy M.
McLawson, Maxine
Peterson, Rae L.
Sarver, Edie M.

District 9

Unit 142 Murphy, Janet

District 12

Unit 117 Fleming, Norma
Hamilton, Sandy

District 13

Unit 130 Feldhaus, Marie
McNulty, Eleanor
Unit 303 Dieckens, Bettie, T.
Gallimore, Sandy
Woodson-Kennedy, Ganzzie
Unit 323 May, Carolyn
Unit 336 Brown, Geraldine
Burkart, Margaret
Carter, Francina

District 14

Unit 31 Everett, Helen
Unit 67 Heinzinger, Catherine

District 15

Unit 152 Jackson, Mary
Sanford, Louse T.
Unit 186 Pilipchuk, Marjorie

District 16

Unit 14 Tague, Sandra
Unit 119 Prendergast, Jean
Stigner, Phyllis M.
Unit 104 Spenik, Diana
Unit 125 Frankilin, Ann
Huizenga, Diane
Worthington, Frances
Unit 173 Rhodes, Dorothy
Unit 273 Baldanza, Terry
Markgraf, Geraldine
Menth, Mary E.



CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

By now each District Chairman should have received her workshop packet for Constitution and Bylaws. In that packet there was a sample of a Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules which I am sure will bring many questions. I am requesting that you hold all questions until I return from the National Convention at the end of August, as our Department needs to have some things clarified.

In the meantime, I invite you to check out National's website www.alaforveterans.org and sign into Constitution and Bylaws and just read some of the suggestions. For the Units that have sent in a revised copy and are still waiting for an

approval, do not dismay. As soon as one issue is clarified I will be checking the revisions that your Unit has sent and will respond.

If you should need to reach me please do not hesitate to contact me by email at Cbylaws@alafl.org or by phone at 352-428-1649

Also, do NOT send emails to the address in the 2014-2015 Unit Guide as it is incorrect.

Mary Kehoe
5235 Elwood Road
Spring Hill, FL 34608
352-428-1649

Computers and music (CD's of country & rock -n-roll music) are needed for the West Palm Beach VAMC

Linda Grevera is the hospital representative for West Palm Beach VAMC and she has started a pilot program where the residents of the Community Living Center (extended care/retirement center) get together every Monday to clip coupons for military families. She brings cookies and serves them punch or coffee while clipping the coupons. The veterans enjoy this time because they get to help others while engaging in some good conversations and enjoying the special treats Linda gives them.



POPPY

Hope every Unit has thought about the selection for a Miss Poppy for your Unit, and once chosen get her out in the community to promote the Poppy Program, so that the District will have a very hard time selecting a District Miss Poppy for 2014- 2015.

Also do not forget about getting creative with the corsages or a wrist corsage that your Unit will bring to the Fall Conference to be judged - so the Department Officers will have a beautiful corsage to wear at the Department Convention in June for the weekend.

Remember November is approaching and this is the time for distribution of the poppies. I hope you have plans to get out there and educate the community of the history of poppies, and give them (the community) an opportunity to remember the sacrifice our veterans have made. **"Never Forget"**. We are here today because of them.



COTA

Children's Organ

Transplant Association

Giving Hope, Making Miracles

News From the Units

UNIT 125 - GULF PORT, FLORIDA

Unit #125 and family held a Celebration of Life for one of our Past Presidents, Fran Worthington. A memorial service was held with Gulfport Chamber of Commerce, Gulfport Historical Society, Gulfport Fire Department and American Legion Auxiliary and family were represented. School supplies from our Back to School Drive are being delivered to Gulfport Elementary School. We held our first Family meeting with open forum with a lot of input and suggestions from the floor. Juniors held their mini-golf game with pizza afterwards. Poker run and fundraiser for COTA and Cancer Awareness to be held September 20 at 8:30 starting at our Post. All are welcome.

Unit 79 - NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA

On September 27th Unit 79 will be holding their second annual Youth Appreciation luncheon for the youth of our community who participated in the Legion Family programs ie: Girl State, Boy State, Legion Baseball, Boy Scout Shooting Team, Oritorical Contest and others in 2013/2014. This gives the young people a feeling of accomplishment and also they each tell their story of how this experience has effected their lives.

Unit 79 of New Port Richey has our light shining for our Veterans, the Legion Family is involved in the Pasco County Stand down raising awareness of the needs of our homeless or at risk Veterans. October 24, 25 and 26th at Veterans Memorial Park in Hudson. We need your help, looking for volunteers willing to volunteer 4 hours of their time any day to work the Stand Down. Please contact Sue Craft at craft_14276@msn.com or 727-848-6804.

Send your news & Photos!!! Email to secretary@alaflog

Pre-Order your Florida Legion license plate NOW!

We are proud to announce the creation of the first American Legion license plate for the state of Florida!

Proceeds from the from the sale of this specialty plate will go to support the Florida

American Legion Boys State program, Florida Auxiliary Girls State program, Gilchrist Fund and other veteran support services provided by the Florida American Legion.

Visit the Florida Legion website for more information on how to pre-order.

www.FloridaLegionStore.com



[District President News]

District 15 President Rosemary Hamblin

The unit members from the 15th district who just returned from department workshop want to thank everyone involved in putting together a fabulous upbeat weekend. I really enjoyed connecting with the fabulous new friends that I made at Boot Camp.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year..District 15 and District 1 are on for the membership challenge this year. The 15th is hungry we want to keep that #1 spot we earned last year. Jane is so passionate about Membership that it is contagious, but: we don't care that she is in District 1. District 15 is running with it. We love the fun competition.

Busy week getting all the district chairman their Plans of Action so they will be ready for our District workshop in September. We are doing something a little different with this workshop. We are having a mini unit Boutique.This will be open during lunch break and after the workshop. Many units have pet items they sell during the year to earn funds for their projects. This year we are offering all units a chance to kick off the year with funds, that can earmarked for a specific program, like AEF or any number of programs. The response has been well received and has generated a lot of conversation between the member on what to bring, or make. This idea was suggested from a unit member.. Ladies listen to other district members, they have great ideas. Don't trouble yourself if someone does not agree with you, it just means THEY ARE listening to what you said. My hope is that the anticipation of the boutique will bring more members to the workshop, as well as raise funds for each units pet projects.

On 9/26/14 from 8 AM to 2 PM a stand Down will be taking place in our district. The buzz is out there, to try and have 100% participation from our units in this Honoring All Who Served event. Unit 248 and the host Post 111 are on top of it.

One more installation to go in September, I feel like such a pro. the first install was a disaster. I am so enjoying being the 15 district president, I really support the units and I am open to hear what they have to say. I have been getting so many positive ideas, especially this week at workshop. Positive brings positive.

Thank you again all the Department staff, and chairman and of course Erna for a great start of our 2014-2015 year

For God and Country
Rosemary Hamblin
15th District President



Greetings from our Lighthouse Community. We have several important dates coming up in September that are great opportunities for community service projects.

September 11, 2014 is 9/11 Day, Remembrance Day

Formally known as Patriots Day. Congress has designated this day as a national day of service and remembrance to pay tribute to the victims of 9/11 through charitable service and good deeds.

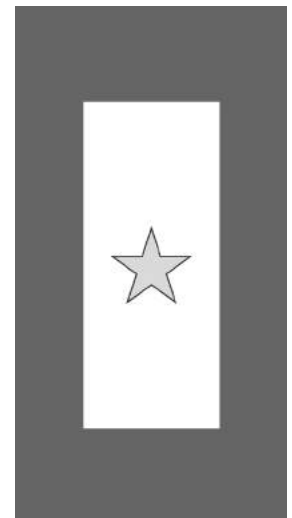
Make a 9/11 Day of Service Pledge, get involved by pledging to serve others. You can participate in a volunteer activity or project or you can organize a service activity. Your service pledge should be in the spirit of service and remembrance, consider pledging to sign up as a Military Spouse eMentor, a new online program sponsored by the U. S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation where volunteers can share advice with military spouses seeking employment (<http://ementor.org/p/milspouse/about>) or go to the National website (<http://alaforveterans.org>) under Community Service programs for a How To Sheet..

September 28, 2014 is Gold Star Mothers Day

Gold Star Mother's Day is observed in the United States on the last Sunday of September each year. It is a day for people to recognize and honor those who have lost a son or daughter while serving the United States Armed Forces. Below is a poem from Heaven's Hero Organization that I found on a Gold Star Mother's site. What a beautiful way to remember someone's son or daughter. Please consider passing this along.

In the rising of the sun and it is going down, we remember them.
In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter:
In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring;
In the blueness of the sky and in the warm of summer;
In the rustling leaves and in the beauty of autumn;
In the beginning of the year and when it ends;

When we are weary and in the need of strength;
When we are lost and sick at heart;
When we have joys we yearn to share, we remember them.
So long as we live, they too shall live,
For they are now a part of us, as we remember them.



[From the Family]



We recently held Area Training in the 6 Areas of Florida. I was very amazed on the awesome attendance not only by the Legionnaires but the Sons Of The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary members. We trained 826 Legion Family members on The American Legion Programs, Officers duties and other information including Tax liabilities and Post Operations. Over 80 ALA members attended (Including Madam President Erna Schwabe) and 40 SAL members (including Detachment Commander Kirk Miller), all stated they went away with a better understanding on how The American Legion is supposed to operate.

I thank all for the feedback on the critique sheets from these classes as it's something we can build on from year to year. I really appreciate the invite to the Legion & SAL members to the Auxiliary A-B-C School by 16th District President Dee Bell; we need to do more things like this as a family. At the Fall Conference it will be a Training Conference for The American Legion and is open to the entire family; more information on the classes will be posted on the Department website.

Please keep those "Light Houses" lit up so our Veterans can safely Navigate.

"FOR GOD AND COUNTRY"

Jay Conti Sr.

Department Commander

"FULL SPEED AHEAD FOR VETERANS"



[Legislative News]

From the desk of Congressman Yoho

Dear Friends,

Before heading home to the district, for the August work period, I voted for one of the most significant veterans' bills passed through the house this year, the Veterans' Access Choice and Accountability Act of 2014 - H.R. 3230.

The unfortunate news of numerous scandals within the Veterans' Administration (VA) over the past couple of months - specifically the Veterans' Health Administration (VHA)- has shone an ugly light on a system that is in need of reform. The Veterans' Access Choice and Accountability Act, which was signed into law by the President on August 7, 2014, will begin these much needed reforms.

The biggest problem area uncovered in the VA/VHA system were the prolonged wait times veterans had to endure just to see a doctor. For all the sacrifices these brave men and women have endured, this was, and is, unacceptable. H.R. 3230 provides immediate relief to veterans who have been waiting to receive care for extended periods of time. This portion of the bill applies to future veterans as well who experience delays while the VHA/VA makes the necessary programmatic and supervisory changes that will reduce the backlog and prevent future ones.

In addition to long wait times, the underlying issues are many, incompetency, ill-prepared facilities, and staff that are not held accountable for their poor performance. All require an overhaul of the approach and process the VA/VHA uses to treat veterans. This bill increases oversight, allows for the Secretary to hold senior executives accountable for poor performances by revising the review process. In addition, it removed the inclusion of veteran wait-time as a metric for performance. The cost of taking care of America's veterans should never be a limiting factor in regards to their access, treatment, and care.

H.R. 3230 includes numerous provisions from multiple bills I have cosponsored or supported during my time in Congress. Many of the bills received bipartisan support in the House, but no action was taken in the Senate. Since the bill was based on common ground for House and Senate, this was Congresses best opportunity to address many issues in the Veterans' Administration (VA) that have not been reconciled in years.

I am honored to representative over 100,000 veterans in the greatest congressional district in Florida. I am and always will be committed to making sure they receive quality care as quickly as possible. They stood up for us, they deserve a government that stands for them.

Sincerely,

Ted



If you live in the any of these areas try to make it to a meeting and Thank Congressman Yoho for his work on behalf of Veterans.

Veterans Townhall Meeting
 August 16, 2014
 10:30am - 12:00pm
 Santa Fe College Fine Arts Hall
 3000 NW 83rd Street,
 Gainesville, Florida

September 6, 2014
 9:00am-12:00pm
 Suwannee High School
 1314 Pine Ave SW, Live Oak, FL 32064

Military Service Academies
 August 23, 2014
 11:00am-2:00pm
 Ridgeview High School
 466 Madison Ave, Orange Park, FL 32065

September 13, 2014
 12:00-3:00pm
 Buchholz High School
 5510 NW 27th Ave, Gainesville, FL 32606
 In the Spirit of Service not self for God and Country,
 Nancy Anderson: Legislative Chairman

Calendar

EVENT	DATE/TIME	LOCATION
District 6 School of Instruction	Aug 16 at 9am	Post 286, Pinecastle
District 5 School of Instruction	Sept 6 at 8:30am	Post 88, Jacksonville
District 13 School of Instruction	Sept 6 at 9am	Lehigh Unit 323
District 16 School of Instruction	Sept 6 at 9am	New Port Richey
District 17 School of Instruction	Sept 6 at 9am	American Legion Post 6, Deland
District 11 School of Instruction	Sept 6 at 9am	High Point Clubhouse
District 1 School of Instruction	Sept 6 at 9am	Davis Sykes 296
District 8 School of Instruction	Sept 6 at 9am	Post 24 Bradenton
District 3 School of Instruction	Sept 6 at 11am	Post 107, Live Oak
District 9 School of Instruction	Sept 13 at 10am	Post 180, Ft. Lauderdale
District 12 School of Instruction	Sept 13 at 9am	Unit 189 in Sebastian
District 7 School of Instruction	Sept 13 at 9:30am	Unit 72 , Mulberry
District 15 School of Instruction	Sept 13 at 9am	Post 5, Tampa
District 2 School of Instruction	Sept 13 at 10am	Sneads Memorial Unit
District 14 School of Instruction	Sept 20 at 9am	South Miami Post 31
National Convention	Sept 22-28	Charlotte, NC
Fall Conference	Nov 7-9	Hilton Walt Disney World
Constitutional Conferences		
District 6	May 16 at 9am	Post 80, St. Cloud
District 17	June 7 at 3:30pm	Post 6, Deland
Convention	June 25-28	Renaissance at SeaWorld

[2014 Membership Report]

District 1

UNIT	CITY	OBJECTIVE	TOTAL	PERCENT
0075	Crestview	176	174	98.86%
0078	Milton	47	36	76.60%
0121	Jay	15	14	93.33%
0193	Pensacola	134	110	82.09%
0221	Niceville	68	66	97.06%
0235	Ft Walton Bch	193	179	92.75%
0240	Pensacola	284	252	88.73%
0296	Destin	70	62	88.57%
0340	Pensacola	289	301	104.15%
0356	Lynn Haven	181	178	98.34%
0375	Southport	79	90	113.92%
0378	Gulf Breeze	18	11	61.11%
0382	Navarre	134	135	100.75%
0392	Panama City	137	177	129.20%
Total		1825	1785	97.81%

District 4

UNIT	CITY	OBJECTIVE	TOTAL	PERCENT
0016	Gainesville	67	68	101.49%
0027	Ocala	36	33	91.67%
0056	Starke	19	17	89.47%
0058	Dunnellon	56	46	82.14%
0077	Inverness	62	51	82.26%
0091	Trenton	21	18	85.71%
0149	Newberry	27	25	92.59%
0155	Crystal River	328	309	94.21%
0210	Ocala	18	16	88.89%
0225	Floral City	22	18	81.82%
0230	Hawthorne	39	54	138.46%
0236	Bronson	14	23	164.29%
0237	Beverly Hills	98	106	108.16%
0284	Bellevue	169	156	92.31%
0314	Starke	18	17	94.44%
Total		994	957	96.28%

District 2

UNIT	CITY	OBJECTIVE	TOTAL	PERCENT
0013	Tallahassee	101	89	88.12%
0082	Lanark	77	92	119.48%
0084	Havana	24	29	120.83%
0100	Marianna	70	63	90.00%
0114	Crawfordville	30	30	100.00%
0172	Telogia	16	15	93.75%
0217	Quincy	61	54	88.52%
0241	Sneads	75	68	90.67%
0272	Blountstown	14	0	0.00%
Total		468	440	94.02%

District 5

UNIT	CITY	OBJECTIVE	TOTAL	PERCENT
0009	Jacksonville	41	32	78.05%
0037	Saint Augustine	123	119	96.75%
0054	Fernandina	249	231	92.77%
0088	Jacksonville	129	133	103.10%
0129	Jacksonville Beach	339	305	89.97%
0137	Jacksonville	576	598	103.82%
0174	Jacksonville	15	0	0.00%
0194	St Augustine	18	32	177.78%
0197	Jacksonville	36	35	97.22%
0202	Keystone Heights	80	76	95.00%
0233	Ponte Vedra Beach	152	153	100.66%
0244	Jacksonville	55	50	90.91%
0250	Middleburg	376	318	84.57%
0283	Jacksonville	278	312	112.23%
0316	Atlantic Beach	419	397	94.75%
0373	Orange Park	28	29	103.57%
0401	Hilliard	0	31	0.00%
Total		2914	2851	97.84%

District 3

UNIT	CITY	OBJECTIVE	TOTAL	PERCENT
0049	Monticello	21	23	109.52%
0057	Lake City	265	290	109.43%
0107	Mc Alpin	37	39	105.41%
0131	Greenville	37	34	91.89%
0215	Jasper	47	45	95.74%
0224	Madison	28	42	150.00%
0291	Steinhatchee	168	158	94.05%
0383	Old Town	153	143	93.46%
Total		756	774	102.38%

District 6

UNIT	CITY	OBJECTIVE	TOTAL	PERCENT
0010	Kissimmee	310	259	83.55%
0019	Orlando	194	164	84.54%
0021	Umatilla	41	27	65.85%
0035	Mount Dora	113	87	76.99%
0041	Eustis	9	19	211.11%
0052	Leesburg	20	33	165.00%
0053	Sanford	207	153	73.91%
0055	Clermont	150	157	104.67%
0063	Winter Garden	42	40	95.24%
0076	Tavares	23	16	69.57%
0080	Saint Cloud	298	314	105.37%
0101	Bushnell	149	140	93.96%
0109	Ocoee	43	38	88.37%
0112	Winter Park	21	21	100.00%
0183	Altamonte Springs	144	151	104.86%
0219	Fruitland Park	256	237	92.58%
0242	Orlando	191	166	86.91%
0286	Orlando	331	288	87.01%
0330	Leesburg	54	55	101.85%
0331	Orlando	82	14	17.07%
0347	Lady Lake	1057	1219	115.33%
Total		3735	3598	96.33%

District 7

UNIT	CITY	OBJECTIVE	TOTAL	PERCENT
0003	Bartow	79	76	96.20%
0004	Lakeland	121	113	93.39%
0008	Winter Haven	688	613	89.10%
0034	Haines City	78	73	93.59%
0071	Lake Wales	36	58	161.11%
0072	Mulberry	162	164	101.23%
0118	Zephyrhills	37	34	91.89%
0201	Winter Haven	46	41	89.13%
0213	Lake Wales	11	0	0.00%
0339	Nalcrest	48	41	85.42%
Total		1306	1213	92.88%

District 8

UNIT	CITY	OBJECTIVE	TOTAL	PERCENT
0011	Arcadia	33	23	69.70%
0024	Bradenton	422	450	106.64%
0025	Lake Placid	381	375	98.43%
0030	Sarasota	62	72	116.13%
0069	Avon Park	334	359	107.49%
0074	Sebring	97	102	105.15%
0113	Rotonda West	426	409	96.01%
0159	Venice	858	739	86.13%
0254	North Port	106	92	86.79%
0266	Sarasota	125	101	80.80%
0309	Palmetto	254	225	88.58%
0312	Oneco	256	230	89.84%
0325	Ellenton	58	60	103.45%
Total		3412	3237	94.87%

District 9

UNIT	CITY	OBJECTIVE	TOTAL	PERCENT
0036	Ft Lauderdale	102	90	88.24%
0092	Hollywood	124	121	97.58%
0142	Pompano Beach	296	281	94.93%
0157	Margate	344	365	106.10%
0162	Deerfield Beach	309	292	94.50%
0180	Fort Lauderdale	125	104	83.20%
0209	Dania Beach	25	25	100.00%
0220	Ft Lauderdale	0	18	0.00%
0222	Fort Lauderdale	92	71	77.17%
0287	Deerfield Beach	20	28	140.00%
0304	Dania	229	194	84.72%
0310	Hallandale	37	36	97.30%
0321	Cooper City	168	141	83.93%
Total		1871	1766	94.39%

District 11

UNIT	CITY	OBJECTIVE	TOTAL	PERCENT
0020	Belle Glade	60	68	113.33%
0047	Lake Worth	142	131	92.25%
0062	Stuart	124	136	109.68%
0064	Okeechobee	131	128	97.71%
0065	Delray Beach	69	50	72.46%
0141	West Palm Beach	93	89	95.70%
0164	Boynton Beach	189	168	88.89%
0188	West Palm Beach	18	15	83.33%
0199	Riviera Beach	51	35	68.63%
0258	Greenacres	28	28	100.00%
0268	Lake Park	144	117	81.25%
0269	Lantana	21	10	47.62%
0271	Tequesta	185	183	98.92%
0277	Boca Raton	110	112	101.82%
0288	Boynton Beach	71	64	90.14%
0367	Royal Palm Beach	47	44	93.62%
0399	Palm City	19	15	78.95%
Total		1502	1393	92.74%

Department

UNIT	CITY	OBJECTIVE	TOTAL	PERCENT
0400	Orlando	432	234	54.71%

Department Totals

OBJECTIVE	TOTAL	PERCENT
37464	36512	97.46%

District 12

UNIT	CITY	OBJECTIVE	TOTAL	PERCENT
0001	Titusville	310	310	100.00%
0022	Cocoa	107	89	83.18%
0039	Vero Beach	197	183	92.89%
0040	Fort Pierce	235	195	82.98%
0081	Melbourne	152	141	92.76%
0117	Palm Bay	415	411	99.04%
0126	Jensen Beach	206	190	92.23%
0163	Melbourne	353	373	105.67%
0171	Fort Pierce	40	37	92.50%
0177	Cocoa	12	8	66.67%
0189	Sebastian	103	90	87.38%
0191	Melbourne	140	142	101.43%
0200	Satellite Beach	102	107	104.90%
0318	Port St Lucie	377	544	144.30%
0332	Merritt Island	32	28	87.50%
0348	Cape Canaveral	171	157	91.81%
0358	White City	62	49	79.03%
0359	Port St John	257	266	103.50%
0366	Roseland	89	84	94.38%
0394	Palm Bay	50	61	122.00%
Total		3410	3465	101.61%

District 13

UNIT	CITY	OBJECTIVE	TOTAL	PERCENT
0038	Fort Myers	93	93	100.00%
0090	Cape Coral	179	191	106.70%
0103	Punta Gorda	353	325	92.07%
0110	Port Charlotte	528	549	103.98%
0123	Sanibel	103	92	89.32%
0130	Labelle	200	180	90.00%
0135	Naples	408	410	100.49%
0136	Saint James City	444	455	102.48%
0192	Fort Myers	24	25	104.17%
0274	Fort Myers Beach	581	569	97.93%
0303	Bonita Springs	400	395	98.75%
0323	Lehigh Acres	473	482	101.90%
0336	N Ft Myers	273	277	101.47%
0351	Fort Myers	105	88	83.81%
0388	Bonita Springs	11	0	0.00%
Total		4175	4131	98.95%

District 14

UNIT	CITY	OBJECTIVE	TOTAL	PERCENT
0028	Key West	83	79	95.18%
0029	Miami	19	23	121.05%
0031	South Miami	147	146	99.32%
0043	Homestead	59	64	108.47%
0067	North Miami	100	71	71.00%
0098	Coral Gables	42	24	57.14%
0133	Miami	88	78	88.64%
0154	Marathon	173	163	94.22%
0168	Key West	33	26	78.79%
0333	Key Largo	86	84	97.67%
0346	Miami	32	25	78.13%
0374	Key Biscayne	71	71	100.00%
Total		933	854	91.53%

District 15

UNIT	CITY	OBJECTIVE	TOTAL	PERCENT
0005	Tampa	43	44	102.33%
0026	Plant City	38	34	89.47%
0099	Brooksville	38	38	100.00%
0111	Tampa	56	47	83.93%
0138	Tampa	361	377	104.43%
0139	Tampa	162	174	107.41%
0147	Odessa	47	38	80.85%
0148	Riverview	228	237	103.95%
0152	Tampa	311	304	97.75%
0167	Tampa	16	31	193.75%
0186	Spring Hill	364	412	113.19%
0248	West Tampa	19	28	147.37%
0334	Tampa	38	41	107.89%
0389	Ruskin	26	25	96.15%
Total		1747	1830	104.75%

District 16

UNIT	CITY	OBJECTIVE	TOTAL	PERCENT
0007	Clearwater	432	377	87.27%
0014	St Petersburg	155	158	101.94%
0079	New Port Richey	319	341	106.90%
0104	Pinellas Park	265	235	88.68%
0119	Largo	380	365	96.05%
0125	Gulfport	406	374	92.12%
0158	Treasure Island	146	181	123.97%
0173	Holiday	286	264	92.31%
0238	Safety Harbor	275	283	102.91%
0252	Seminole	572	713	124.65%
0273	Madeira Beach	2168	2228	102.77%
0275	Dunedin	344	373	108.43%
0305	St Pete Beach	177	180	101.69%
0335	New Port Richey	246	233	94.72%
Total		6171	6305	102.17%

District 17

UNIT	CITY	OBJECTIVE	TOTAL	PERCENT
0006	Deland	130	144	110.77%
0017	New Smyrna Beach	305	301	98.69%
0045	Palatka	39	36	92.31%
0115	Palm Coast	62	58	93.55%
0120	Holly Hill	243	253	104.12%
0127	Lake Helen	28	24	85.71%
0204	Daytona Beach	41	43	104.88%
0255	Deltona	38	32	84.21%
0259	Debary	33	33	100.00%
0267	Ormond Beach	159	128	80.50%
0270	Port Orange	154	156	101.30%
0285	Edgewater	274	215	78.47%
0293	Interlachen	118	76	64.41%
0361	S Daytona	189	180	95.24%
Total		1813	1679	92.61%

[Membership]

Workshop was August 9-10, in Orlando. Your Department and District Membership TEAM received their tools and are ready to go to work helping Florida reach its goal of 38, 775 members. The next Coastal Navigational Dates are the District School of Instructions. Keep on shining ladies!

Renew, Rejoin & Recruit is the proper foundation needed to keep Florida's lighthouse shining for years to come and strengthen The American Legion Auxiliary. Here are some ways we can do that.

- Personal Contact - do not let the renewal notices by National Headquarters be the only contact with Unit Members. Send out Unit renewals to make it more personal.
- Survey - send out a survey to members asking for information as to why they haven't renewed in two years or more. Listen to their concerns in order to change and adapt. Thank them for responding.
- Target Groups - visit Military Bases, local professionals and college community service groups. These individuals are more likely to want to volunteer in order to give back to the veterans and the community. Be visible; wear Auxiliary shirts and pins.



Female veterans are another resource for Membership. National is waiving the first year for a new member. Think about waiving your Unit's portion also. What a nice gesture to honor their service to our country.

District Challenges

**Keep sending in those renewals and rejoins
Florida will SHINE this year because of you!**

2 & 3	\$25.00 donation to C.O.T.A.
14 & 4	To Be Determined
7 & 11	\$20.00-\$25.00 donation to C.O.T.A.
9 & 17	To Be Determined
1 & 15	\$50.00 donation to C.O.T.A.
5 & 8	\$25.00 donation (5th = K-9 for Warriors, 8th = C.O.T.A)
6 & 12	\$25.00 donation to Paws to Patriots
16 & 13	\$25.00 donation to C.O.T.A.



*Jane Hardacre
Membership Chairman
Shining the Way for
Membership*

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Friday 4PM - Sunday 3PM

Pasco County Stand Down is open to all who have served in the Military. Veterans and their families who live on the streets or who do not have permanent housing will get free access to:

- Hot Meals for 3 Days
- Showers, clothes & haircuts
- Court Services & Legal Counseling (Pasco & Pinellas only)
- Medical & Mental Health Services
- Dental Examinations
- Housing Vouchers
- Live Entertainment
- State Photo Identification Cards
- Sleeping Facilities
- Job & Employment Counseling
- Personal Hygiene Kits
- AA, NA & Celebrate Recovery Mtg
- Women & Children Services
- And Much More

Stand Down is a time for us to connect with our **Homeless Veterans** & begin to break down the barriers that are keeping these heroes on the streets.

The American Legion Auxiliary 16th District is requesting your help in supporting our **Homeless Veterans**. Please if you can donate 4 hours of your time either day. Please contact me with the day you would be available and the time you are requesting.

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