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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.

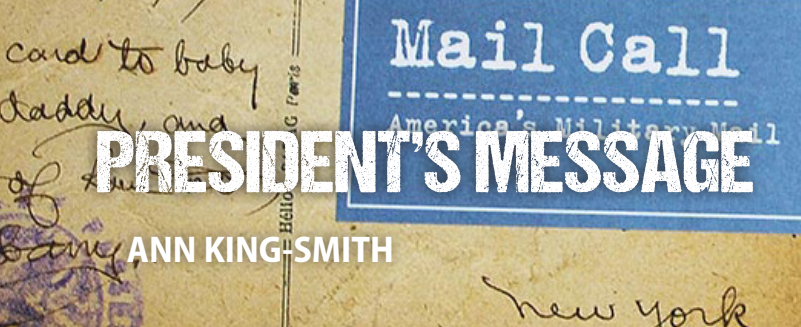
Vision Statement

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.



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I want to begin this month by congratulating Past Department President Michele Degennaro and the entire Department of Florida on all the many awards and recognitions that were received at National Convention in Indianapolis. I don't want to mention anything in particular, as I want Michele to have the opportunity to share all the wonderful news at our upcoming Fall Conference on November 1, 2 and 3rd. I was very proud to be one of the delegates representing our great organization at Convention.

I am very excited that time is approaching to begin my "official: District visits with all of you. Many of you have chosen dates later, during November and December so that you can showcase some of the great things your members do for our veterans, military, children and communities. Until those visits begin, I have been busy planning for a great Fall Conference and attending other events.

It really felt different to be an invited guest at the District 12 School of Instruction on September 7th. I was joined by Department Public Relations Chairman, Eleanor Amato, who traveled quite a distance to join us. Everyone loved hearing Eleanor speak and enjoyed learning more about how to be effective when promoting our organization. All the District Chairmen were well prepared, which reflected the great job our Department Chairmen did at Workshop.

Unfortunately, many of events that I planned on attending were cancelled because of a visitor named Dorian. I know we are all keeping our Bahamian friends in our thoughts and prayers as they begin the process of rebuilding their lives. A huge salute to all of you that have collected supplies for the Bahamas. A big salute to Junior Activities Chairman Dara Oliver, for her hard work in collecting supplies that were flown to the islands

from Melbourne.

On September 11th I realized just what great members we have, as I joined in with the American Legion Family from Post 117 in Palm Bay to pack and deliver 213 meals to First Responders through their city. The entire Legion Family participated in this event, which honored the people in their community that put their lives on the line every day to ensure citizens safety. I was amazed at how smoothly everyone worked together to make something great happen. After all the meals were delivered, everyone gathered for a ceremony to honor all First Responders. Although I'm sure people were remembering another September 11th from our past, they were also looking forward and realizing how powerful the spirit of cooperation is.

Later in the day, I attended a ceremony at Post 163 in Melbourne. As a member of this American Legion Family, I am always touched by their remembrance ceremonies. Often, the turnout is small in numbers, but the hearts of those participating are huge.

On September 14th, Unit 117 in Palm Bay hosted a Murder Mystery Dinner...Wild West Style... as a fundraiser for Honor Flight. Last year, this Unit did a dinner for Michele that supported Final Salute. She was so impressed that she returned this year, accompanied by several Department officers and chairmen. Everyone dressed for their roles and I will tell you that this Department President was "Mabel Bly," a seasoned saloon girl. If any of you would like to host a very entertaining event, I'm sure the wonderful ladies from Unit 117 would be happy to share all the information with you.

The week ended on a high note, as I attended two Space Coast Honor Flight events. First was

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the Orientation for the upcoming October flight. During the orientation, veterans and guardians learn all they need to know to be prepared for their day of a lifetime. They see a doctor, get photographed and receive their Honor Flight shirt and jacket. Delaney Oliver, our Department Junior President, came with her mother to distribute snacks and goodies that many of you donated at our Department Workshop. I'm not sure whether the veterans or their guardians were more excited about the upcoming flight.

After the Orientation, a Reunion was held for the veterans and guardians that participated in the September flight. Each veteran was given remembrances of their trip, including a DVD of the entire trip, beginning to end. I was so impressed at a comment made by a guardian, the happens to be actively serving. He stated that this was the first "proper welcome home" that he has seen our Vietnam veterans receive. It's comments like this one that make me very proud to be supporting this great organization.

Motorcycle Membership Poem

By Debbie Sviderskas

Let's get our motorcycles running,
As we collect our Keys, who are gunning,
Their engines to keep them up right.
They don't have direction or foresight.

Rev"um" up with Membership
And don't use a buggy whip!!
Our Department President "the battery"
Will kill you—with flattery!

Especially if you help the Department of Florida,
Be number one again and in euphoria!

Make sure your transmittals are sent to headquarters
(aka the Garage)
In time to get your rewards and applause!
Your mile markers are in your plan of action.
Your motorcycles will have a chain reaction.

Please carry a membership application in your pocket
At all times, in case you find an eligible sprocket.
You're Department Membership Chairman
Known as your "gas tank",
Promises you will never run short if you use your crank!

Let's celebrate 100 years
And ride our motorcycles in to new frontiers.

PRESIDENT'S PHOTO GALLERY



Murder Mystery Dinner with Unit



Patriot's Day 9/11 Ceremony for First Responders at Post 117 in Palm Bay



Wild Wild West Murder Mystery Dinner with Unit 117



Space Coast Honor Flight Orientation



With Post 163 Commander Bob Hughes at 9/11 Remembrance Day Ceremony

NATIONAL SECURITY

RHONDA BRAILEY-MAURER



Now that October is here and we are in full swing with working our programs, I'd like to share a little information that many of you may not know about Operation Homefront. Back in August 2011 a Statement of Collaboration was signed between the American Legion Auxiliary and **Operation Homefront**, which can be found on the National webpage. So basically, we're working towards the same goals, so let's work it together!

Have you ever thought of doing something, but you didn't know where to start or who to contact, been there done that! Listen, this is the time to start planning for your Holiday Meals for Military families, here's a note from our Operation Homefront Florida Program Coordinator, Beth McGregor to get you going.

"Holiday Meals for Military can be hosted for either Thanksgiving or Christmas (we've even had a few Easter events), whatever works best for the Unit. As you know, we typically try to provide all of the non-perishable items for a traditional holiday meal and accompany it with a \$25 gift card so the family can purchase a ham or turkey. I've seen the non-perishable packed a few different ways: some put the food items together in reusable totes while some bundle the food in a roasting pan and plastic wrap it. Both have turned out super cute!"

"We have a few different ways of handling it depending on where units are located and can either connect them directly with a military point of contact (POC) or make arrangements for families to come to them."

Either way, if you have a Unit interested, please send them my way."

Operation Homefront is there to help units connect with Military families through some programs such as "Holiday Meals for Military". However, with others programs such as the "Back to School Brigade" program and the "Holiday Toy Drive" that they do with participating Dollar Tree Stores, members need to register as a volunteer. Go to www.operationhomefront.org, and "Get Involved". Here's another message from Beth regarding the Holiday Toy Drive.

"Any volunteers that participated in the Back to School Brigade collection will receive an email around September 25th asking if they'd like to keep the same stores. If they want to keep their stores, they'll need to click the "Yes!" link in their email."

"I'll be able to make notes on the store list around the same time but can't create new profiles or reassign stores until the Rally Point website goes live to everyone on/around October 10th."

"If a Unit would like to pick up from a Dollar Tree location, please ask them to contact me and we'll try to connect them."

For more information about any of these programs, contact Beth McGregor at beth.mcgregor@operationhomefront.org (Beth is also an ALA member)



Shop at **AmazonSmile** and Amazon will make a donation to:
American Legion Auxiliary Foundation Inc.
Make sure you choose us when you check out.



“THE HOLIDAYS ARE ALWAYS CRAZY, [HMFM IS] SUCH A HELP.”

The holidays can be a lonely time for some active-duty service members who are unable to spend them with loved ones. Fortunately, they can lean on Operation Homefront (OH) and their military “family” to spread some cheer.

When Katie Reed married into military life in 2013, she was determined to make the best of all it had to offer, even during challenging times such as deployments and holidays. She and her husband, Curtis, an Army staff sergeant, also help other soldiers keep a positive attitude, inviting them over for meals and holidays as often as they can, especially single soldiers who may not have family nearby.

Feeling the pinch of extra holiday expenses, Katie was grateful she and other service members in a similar bind received assistance from OH’s Holiday Meals for Military (HMFM) event in Colorado Springs, Colorado, near Fort Carson. HMFM helps military families save money and time because they often face several other challenges. The program provides a large bag of nonperishable groceries and a gift card to buy protein for their holiday meal.

The Reeds were able to host six active-duty guests for Thanksgiving dinner. “It was a good bit of food,” enough to serve the whole group, Katie said. “Our family alone probably couldn’t have eaten all that food.”

“I think it’s great what you guys do,” Katie said. “The holidays are always crazy. Usually, a lot of people have to travel. It’s just such a help.”

RECURRING FAMILY SUPPORT

HOLIDAY MEALS FOR MILITARY

Operation Homefront’s Holiday Meals for Military program helps military families celebrate the holidays by providing them with healthy fixings for a traditional holiday meal.

The Holiday Meals for Military (HMFM) program started with a chance encounter and a spontaneous act of kindness. In 2009, at Thanksgiving, an executive of Beam Suntory encountered a military family in a grocery store near Fort Drum, New York. They were unable to pay for the groceries they had selected, and the Beam executive stepped in and covered the cost. From that act of appreciation from a grateful citizen, our HMFM program was born.

AT A GLANCE...

Eligibility	Primarily supports junior enlisted military families (E1–E6)
What OH Provides	The holiday meal kits include everything needed for a holiday dinner, including a turkey, gravy, cranberry sauce, stuffing, and vegetables.

Results



Family members served in 2018



Family members served since program inception

WITH YOUR SUPPORT

- ▶ **CASH DONATIONS.** 100% of each donation goes toward supporting and expanding the Holiday Meals for Military program.
- ▶ **FOOD DONATIONS.** Donations of food products or food coupons support this nationwide effort.
- ▶ **SERVICE DONATIONS.** Assistance with packing, marketing, meal delivery, printing, and advertising are critical to the success of the program.
- ▶ **CAUSE-RELATED MARKETING.** Your donation of cash, food, or service can help make an impact.
- ▶ **CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENT.** Celebrities can promote this meaningful program through public service announcements (PSAs) and on-site appearances at fundraising events.

Thanks to the generosity of **Chobani, Beam Suntory, Procter & Gamble, Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc., Outback Steakhouse, San Antonio Shoemakers, Bob & Dolores Hope Foundation,** and other partners and donors, this program brings joy to service members and their families across the country. Find out how you can help us serve more at OperationHomefront.org/holidaymeals.

WHO WE ARE

Operation Homefront builds strong, stable, and secure military families so they can thrive in the communities they have worked so hard to protect.

■ Platinum Level

■ “A-” Rated Charity

■ Top Rated

■ Meets all 20 Accountability Standards





LEGISLATIVE

LISA HOYLAND

My name is Lisa Hoyland and I am honored to serve as your 2019 -2020 Legislation chairman.

This year as we are celebrating our 100th Birthday, we are Florida Strong! The Legislative Committee theme this year is "Take Action in Advocacy -Florida Strong".

Think of how we as American Legion family have advocated for 100 years to speak on behalf of our Military, Veterans and military families.

A few key points as you start your legislative year. American Legion Auxiliary follows the direction from the American Legion on our legislation priority items.

We are a non partisan organization, meaning we do not endorse candidates. This is important to remember especially with this being an election year. If you invite one candidate to your meeting/ event you need to invite all candidates running in the same race to the event.

How can YOU advocate?

First locate your elected officials. Go to congress.gov. or visit your local Supervisor of elections office or website for your area to obtain contact information for local officials.

Call your local elected officials office and invite him/ her to your Auxiliary general meeting or to a post family event.

Have you joined our Department Legislative Facebook page? Please follow us at FLALA Legislative to keep up to date and as soon as we receive this year's legislative priority agenda will be post there.

Encouraged your members to sign up for Legislative action alerts through Capwiz? www.capwiz.com/legion/home. This is a great tool to take action on a certain position or bill that needs our attention immediately.

Present legislative updates at your general meetings. Knowledge is Power, keep your unit members informed.

Your Florida Legislative Team will be hosting quarterly legislative meetings and we encourage you to join us. These will be via free conference call and dates, topics will be posted via Facebook.

This year as we celebrate 100 years strong. Download the 100 Year Proclamation found on the Florida legislative Program Action page and have your local official sign, then email me your photo with your elected official and the Proclamation so that we can recognize you on our Dept Legislative Facebook page. Your unit will also be recognized at next year's convention and receive a certificate of Participation.

Interaction between any elected official and his or her constituents is a crucial part of the democratic process. This is especially true for members of an advocacy organization such as the American Legion Auxiliary. We need for our legislative leaders to view American Legion Auxiliary members as a useful and knowledgeable resource when it comes to matters that concern the well-being of our Military, Veterans and Family. Building this relationship is done in a variety of ways, not the least of which is a regular correspondence between you and your member of Congress. Hearing the needs and concerns of their constituents is of the utmost importance to elected officials, as constituents are the people who decide



whether or not they remain in office.

When you decide to advocate it is important to consider your audience. You can call or e-mail them on behalf of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Things to Remember when Corresponding with Your Members of Congress

- Always be polite and courteous. Members of Congress and their legislative staff are considerably less likely to respond to rude or profane letters.
- Be as concise as possible. Remember that each congressional office has dozens of legislative issues to cover and hundreds of constituent requests each day.
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- Include your home or work address in every letter, even in e-mails.
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- Thank the member of Congress for taking the time to read your letter.
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- Remember that correspondence with any elected official is about building an ongoing relationship and letting them think of you as a resource. Even if an elected official does not agree with your point of view on an issue, they might in the future. Some ways to get started in your advocacy efforts.

E-mails

E-mails are the most effective form of communication when advocating a Congressional office. Most Congressional offices now have standard e-mail forms that can be accessed right from the "Contact" tab of their website. Due to the heightened security measures on Capitol Hill, a letter sent through the post can take between two and four weeks to reach a Congressional office.

However, if you email that same letter, the office will receive it immediately. This is especially important when what you are advocating for is time sensitive; the best example of this is when you are asking the member of Congress to vote a certain way on an upcoming bill. If you mailed the letter, they would likely receive it long after the vote has passed.

Drafting Your Letter

Remember it is not generally the members themselves that read constituent mail, but their legislative aides. These legislative aides receive hundreds of e-mails, phone calls, and letters everyday regarding a wide array of policies, so it is important that your letter be as concise as possible in order to be effective. It is also helpful to use your own words and draft a unique letter for your correspondence with your elected official.

Calling Your Member of Congress

Calling your member of Congress is an effective way to advocate, especially when an important vote is coming up. As with other forms of communication between yourself and an elected official, members of Congress will only correspond with their own constituents out of professional courtesy to other members.

Please feel free to contact me anytime during this year as we advocate for our military, Veterans, families and community.

Yours In Service,

Lisa Hoyland

VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

JANE HARDACRE



HOMELESS VETERANS

What can we do?

The things we sometimes take for granted, *i.e. toiletries*, are the items that we can donate to make sure our female veterans NEVER go without the bare necessities! The American Legion Department of Florida has asked for help with homeless female veterans. The Legion will distribute these all across the state of Florida whenever homeless female veterans are identified.

Please bring to Fall Conference the following items:

Tampons	Maxi Pads
Female Deodorant	Female disposable razors
Female Shaving Cream	Female underwear (new)
Female socks (new)	Female T-shirts (new)
Female shorts (new)	Female shoes (new)
Denture cleaner	Body wash
Bath soap	Shampoo

The American Legion will have a designated room for you to bring your items and drop them off. All Units will receive the **'ALA Strong'** Chairman's Certificate Award (refer to your VA&R Program Action Plan located on the Department website: www.alafl.org).

How To Raise Awareness About The Ever-Increasing Number of Homeless Veterans

1. First, learn about the homeless veterans in your area. Identify the needs of homeless veteran population in your area by contacting community organizations like shelters, food banks, and if available, a Veterans Administration Medical Center (VAMC).

2. If you have a VAMC in your area, work with the VAMC homeless coordinator to see what kinds of programs they already have in place and identify how your unit can help.
3. Use funds collected through the Poppy program to support the needs of homeless veterans.
4. Advertise the Department of Veterans Affairs help line for homeless veterans in homeless shelters, community centers, local hospitals, and mental health service facilities.

3 Projects Your Unit Might Consider

1. Host a stand down or Homeless Veterans' health fair. Contact your local VAMC homeless outreach coordinator or visit the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans website www.nchv.com.
2. Assemble Buddy Baskets for homeless veterans transitioning into housing. Visit www.ALAforVeterans.org for a How To Sheet that further details the Buddy Basket process.
3. Work with your Legion Family to develop a fundraising plan. These funds can be used for emergency housing, supporting local shelters, and supplying veterans with basic needs.

"There is nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer."

~ General James H. Doolittle

Let us show our Homeless Veterans that we are ALA STRONG and we are strong for all of them!

For God and Country,
Jane Hardacre

MEET YOUR DEPARTMENT CHAIRMEN

ELEANOR AMATO - PUBLIC RELATIONS



Sandie Eck has been a member of the American Legion Auxiliary for over 20 years. She is a member of Unit 336 N. Fort Myers. She has been a unit President 6 times. District 13 President twice and

has held unit, district and Department chairmanships. She has been the deputy for the Lee County Veteran's Outpatient Clinic for 9 years. She also volunteers for the South West Florida Horse Rescue.



Tina Hanson was born in Nuremberg Germany on an army base where her father was stationed and where he met her mother. He served our great country for over 20 years. He passed away on 1/12/2019. Tina is the

youngest of 4 children. She has two sisters and one brother who served in Vietnam. Tina has 2 sons - the oldest Joshua is married and lives in Boca Raton with his wife Chrissy and her grandson Grayson who will be turning 5 and is ready to test for his yellow belt (Tina is a proud Oma). Her youngest son Matthew still lives in Colorado.

Tina lived in Colorado most of her life. She had never heard of the American Legion until she came to Florida. Her father belonged to the legion in

Colorado, but he never talked about it to her or her siblings. Before Tina and her husband moved to Florida, she visited her husband Craig's parents who took them to a place he loved, American Legion post 323 in Lehigh Acres. Marv "bud" Hanson was a proud member of post 323 and that is how she was introduced to the Legion.

After Craig's father passed away, they decided that they would honor both their fathers and join the Legion family at post 323 in 2009. Tina was not really interested in going to meetings, but her mother in-law asked her to go with her and she was hooked when she learned about all the wonderful programs that we supported. Tina is very active in her unit, district 13 and now the Department of Florida and she is honored to be a part of this great organization. Tina is assistantat Sgt.-@-Arms.



**Visit Your Local Tag Office
and get yours today!**

Proceeds benefit Veterans and their families
in the State of Florida.

floridalegion.org

INTERVIEW WITH FRANCES RIDGLEY

ROBIN SHELLHAMMER



Frances Ridgley

Fran Ridgley became an American Legion Auxiliary member in December of 1964. She joined under the eligibility of her husband, Lloyd J. Ridgley. He was a WW2 Navy Veteran who served on the South Pacific from November 1943 until June 1947.

She recalls that he served on the smallest Sea Going Vessel LCI and spent his entire time in the back of the ship for unloading troops and going on to the next destination. She says she will never know how that 125-foot-wide and 180-foot-long ship made it from San Francisco to the South Pacific.

Why did you join the American Legion Auxiliary?

"Because my husband Lloyd, a veteran of WW2 and I wanted to be involved with the American Legion Auxiliary to see what it was all about. Lloyd had joined the American Legion when he first got out of service in 1948. When he passed away, he'd been a member for 70 years. I also had three brothers in the service and I just knew that being a part of this organization would be a way I could help support them as well as all veterans. I love being involved and helping with our veterans."

At the Unit level Fran has held several chairmanships which include Leadership, Legislative, Girls State (for 10 years and her favorite), and Poppy. She has also been 6th district chairman for National Security, Poppy, Community Service, Leadership, Legislative, Membership, and served two terms as the 6th district president.

Miss Fran has also held chairmanships at department

level. She was Constitution and By-Laws, Poppy Chairman, and National Security. The year that she was the Constitution and By-Laws chairman she was very determined and was on the phone a whole bunch of times to get everyone to get their information corrected. She was so pleased to be 100% in every Unit in Florida having their Constitution and By-Laws all up to date. She received a standing ovation for the feat as it was the first time in years that this had happened. The year that she was National Security she won the Best in the Southern Division for the program and the Dorothy Pearl Civil Service Award.

We asked if she had held any offices at Unit, District, and Department level. The answer to that was yes. At the Unit level she has been Vice President, Chaplain, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary, and President for at least 10 years. She was district president for two years. At the Department level Fran served as the Eastern Area President. She was also the VA Rep at Orlando Veterans Outpatient Clinic for four years.

When she was the District President, the Department President was Shirley Fraser, whose theme was "Enthusiasm, Teamwork, Knowledge the Key to Success" (note: the key was not to unlock but the musical key) to stay in tune, have harmony and compassion for one another. We also asked her how membership was that year. She said she remembers that Unit 286 had 226 members and that Lady Lake only had 32 members. She says, "That's a BIG change, huh?". The membership chairman that year was PDP Kat Rich and her theme was Noah's Ark. She said we did very well that year but can't recall the ending totals. When she was the Eastern Area President, Mary Heenan was the Department President. Mary's theme was "Making a Difference for our Children" (not the reading, writing, and



arithmetic of old) but, the respect, responsibility, and reliability.

When asked what changes she has seen over the years and what she thinks about them she replied:

When I first joined in 1964, Operations of the Auxiliary was very simple, as years have gone by, I have seen so many changes with the coming of computers and QuickBooks, which makes our life so much easier. This has made our wonderful organization in the future and progress, which is great. I feel we need to have more time spent with learning the programs, attending the required meetings, so members can learn their roles in the Auxiliary. I like to see a meeting conducted where you do not have to hurry for the "few" that would rather be somewhere else than at a meeting that last maybe an hour and a half. I get very irritated at the meeting when you are rushed to cover our programs and make success of our organization, the American Legion Auxiliary. It is only once a month, I remember when we had meetings twice a month and the members were very involved, you had time for the members, and it showed. We used to have cooperation and people desiring to learn.

As we move forward into our 101st year Fran honestly believes that the next year will be greater than ever before. **Why you ask?** Because we have

so many dedicated Officers within our Department and National and we have the latest equipment with which to work with, I know we will secede. I feel so blessed to have spent more than half of the first 100 years. It has been an honor to have served and be a part of the most wonderful organization.

Her most proud moment as an Auxiliary member was when Helen Gardner Past National President asked her to be the Flower and Corsage Chairman for the National Convention held here in Orlando. She really felt honored that she would have that much confidence in her to take on such a project. She started researching and getting bids for flowers and making the arrangements for deliveries at least three times a day. This was sixth month planning project. After she got all the information she had to get approval from National and once she got it she never felt so honored in her life. She said she felt so humble to be asked by such a special Lady. Then to top it all off the Legionnaires and Sons of the Legion, used my same florist. That was an opportunity of a lifetime. "I loved it and I love the American Legion Auxiliary". She hopes and prays that we have another 100 years of the wonderful organization.

She's so proud to have been a 50-year member of Pine Castle Memorial Unit 286 and a 6-year member in Illinois. I only wish I could do more, but my heart is always there, and always will be. God Bless us all.

FEATURED GUEST SPEAKER

2019 DEPARTMENT FALL CONFERENCE



William "Bill" Welser III

Before moving to Brevard County in 2006, Bill Welser completed a distinguished 34+ year career in the USAF, retiring as a Lieutenant General in December 2005.

Having grown up in NY, Bill received his USAF commission through

the ROTC program at the University of Buffalo in 1971. He began his career as an aircraft maintenance officer before attending flight training and earning his wings in 1975. A command pilot, he logged over 3,500 hours in the C-5 Galaxy, C-141 Starlifter, KC-10 Extender, T-1 Jayhawk, and 20+ other aircraft.

He has commanded at squadron, wing, headquarters, and numbered air force levels as well as holding numerous key staff positions to include a tour on the Joint Staff.

Especially noteworthy was his service as the Director of Operations and Logistics for U.S. Transportation Command where he led transportation operations supporting the U.S. response to the "911" terrorist attacks. There, he was the DOD's chief mobility architect for the air and ground war during operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, directing all transportation requirements for U.S. forces and providing support for numerous coalition partners, while also enabling homeland defense.

In 2003, he then Commanded 18th Air Force at Scott AFB Illinois. As Air Mobility Command's warfighting numbered air force, he was responsible for tasking and executing all worldwide air mobility operations.

In April of 2006, Bill joined Northrop Grumman in Melbourne as Vice President Air Mobility Systems and Deputy Program Manager for the USAF Tanker Replacement Program. With a Tanker contract win, he became Vice President for Business Development for the mobility market segment of NGC's Aerospace Systems sector. With the ensuing protest and revised competition standards, NGC elected not to participate in the tanker re-competition.

At that time, Bill remained in Melbourne and served as an independent consultant working with the Air Force Technical Applications Center for six years.

Very active in the community, Bill is the past President of the Space Coast Honor Flight Board (2011 to 2018) and under his leadership the program expanded significantly making it possible to honor over thirteen hundred World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam Veterans by providing an opportunity for them to visit their monuments in Wash D.C. In 2018, he was elected to serve on the National Honor Flight Board of Directors. He also served on the Brevard Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors (2011 – 2016) and was the past Chairman (2013 – 2015). In addition, as a member of the Habitat electrical team, he is helping to bring affordable housing to deserving families. Additionally, he served as the 2016 Flight Captain for the Space Coast Order of Daedalians, an aviation fraternity. Bill is also an active member of the Patrick AFB St Georges' Catholic Parish and sings in the Choir.

PEANUT BUTTER DRIVE



*It's time for the
Annual Peanut Butter Drive*

*to benefit our local food bank -
Beyond The Walls.*

*This is held in conjunction with National Make-A-Difference Day
being held October 26, 2019.*

*Let's show our community that the 219 Family
CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!*



**Donate PEANUT BUTTER
by October 26th!**

Last year we collected 273 jars! Can we beat it this year? 😊

Sponsored by John Gella Memorial Unit 219, American Legion Auxiliary.



Come join the knitting/crochet table at the Fall Convention as we make hats and scarves for our Veterans.

There will be projects you can work on between meetings and help for those who want to learn. Supplies will be provided and finished projects will be donated to our Florida Veterans. A great way to earn hours for your VA&R report. Stop by, say hello, and knit a row....

Anyone wanting to help with teaching and organizing please contact me.

For God and Country
#Flalastrong 100
Sharon Beck
Unit 323
Lehigh Acres, Florida

Honor Flight
NETWORK

FALL CONFERENCE
Poppy Contest

Design a Poppy Wall or Table Decoration
Not to exceed 12"x12"x12"
Bring to Fall Conference

Florida
American Legion
Auxiliary Strong!

All entries will be displayed for raffle; all proceeds will be donated to Honor Flight.
Judging will be based on number of raffle tickets deposited for each item.

HOW FLORIDA AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEMBERS REMEMBERED SEPTEMBER 11



District 15: Many of us had the honor to attend the 9/11 Memorial Day Service today (9-11) at the Memorial Park on US 301, Tampa, FL. It was awesome. Outstanding speakers and met a lot of great patriots! Even got to see a piece of the Twin Towers being escorted in and out of the ceremony! NEVER FORGET!!! Several members from the American Legion U.S.S Tampa family were in attendance and also from American Legion Post Family Riverview 148.



UNIT 79: 9/11 ceremony at Gulf High, Aux members with Gulf High NJROC

UNIT 5: #NEVERFORGET911 Day of Remembrance. Each 9-11, American Legion U.S.S. Tampa Post 5 family reads a script that walks the timeline through to the collapse of the second tower. Then the architects designed the 9-11 memorial on Bayshore at Bay to Bay Blvd, Tampa Florida, they put the beam from the tower inside a 1-100 framed replica of the twin towers. They poured a partial sundial shaped concrete pad to coincide with the events of that day in 2001. On 9-11, the shadow of the beam appears on a concrete base at 8:46, when the first tower was struck on that fateful day and leaves the concrete base at 10:28, when the second tower collapsed.



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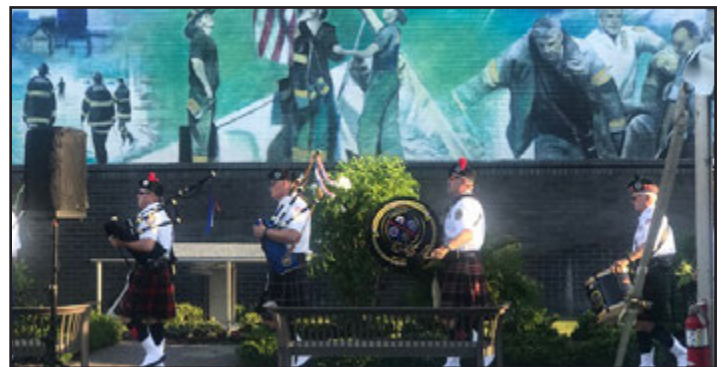


UNIT 148: Navigation Academy of Leadership. Auxiliary President Julia Arndt and her husband Steven who represented the Sons/Legion and Mark Getty Sons Commander. They talked about VA hosp, Haley house, food pantry, stand down n our homeless vets and of course the Auxiliary. Steven talked about 9/11 and the American Flag. Mark talked about what the American Legion is about. The fire houses were Station 3&16 and the Sheriff's dept. for Hillsborough County . Received many Flag waving , car honking , truckers tooting, military salutes and a preacher's blessing. Oh headlights flashing! Even though it is a very sad day in our history, it was a wonderful day knowing that those who sacrificed so much that day weren't forgotten and that our youth will carry-on. Special thanks goes out to Auxiliary member Darcy Fak who is a teacher at that school and she organized all of that. The kids in her class drew pics thanking all of us for our services. The teachers gave us a card thanking us also. Darcy is the unit 148 Children n Youth chairman.



UNIT 183: On 9/11 our members baked homemade goodies for our local Fireman and delivered them to some very happy first responders. They gave us a tour and spent some quality time petting the ZenDogs Therapy Dogs that joined us. Afterwards, we went to our home post, Old Glory Post 183, Fern Park and attended a flag retirement ceremony in honor of 9/11. Members in attendance: Penny Kanbara, President, Patsy Sewell, Vice President, Jerry Ann Henry, Secretary, Debbie Dorton, Sgt at Arms, Bonnie Koontz, Executive Board, Marilyn Hensch, Executive Board and PP, Heidi Rozensweig, Executive Board, Linda Hewett, Community Service Chair, and members Cindy Cavarelli and Jessi Bonk, accompanied by a few guests and therapy dogs from ZenDogs.

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UNIT303: Bonita Springs, a Patriot Day Service took place at 6pm. at the Bonita Springs Fire Station Number 21, in front of the September 11th mural, located at 27490 Old 41 Road. Hosts and attendees paid tribute to the valiant firefighters, police officers, emergency personnel and citizens who were involved in the September 11, 2001 attacks. The Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District, Lee County Sheriff's Office, Veterans Advisory Committee and the City of Bonita Springs united to host the event. Unit 303 President Jan Farrington spoke And also included guest speaker, David Grossi, Sr.

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District 2: District 2, Quincy, Unit 217, Installation, September 9th. Officers are: Shirley Crawford, President; Annette Smith, V-President; Lizzie Thomas; Treasurer, Nell Hewitt, District President; Thelma Andrews-Ruttman, Member-at-Large; Carolyn Green, Secretary; Barbara Ann Smith, Sgt-at-Arms.



District 14: The Girls State delegates from Unit #133 being presented with their certificate and medal during this month's Village of Palmetto Bay town council meeting (9/09/19) Mayor Karyn Cunningham also presented them certificates. Found out that Councilwoman Marsha Matson is a former Girls State delegate from Ohio, she just said many, many years ago.

Photo from left to right is: Councilman Patrick Fiore, Mayor Karyn Cunningham, Delegate Hailee, Delegate Emily, Delegate Maria, District 14 President Stacy Cusano, Councilwoman Marsha Matson, Unit 133 Girls State Chairman Maureen Peterson.

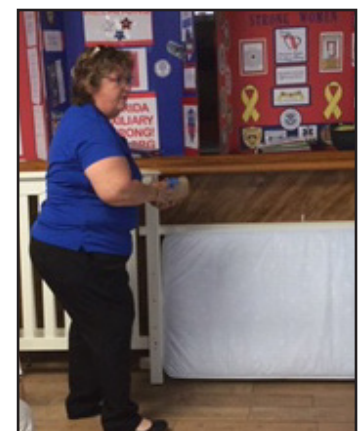


District 5: Billy Awards for Above and Beyond - On August 11, 2019, at the American Legion Auxiliary 5th District of Florida meeting held at Dewitt B. Tilden Memorial American Legion Post 316 (Atlantic Bch, Fla.). 5th District Commander Troy Horsley awarded the prestigious American Legion Department of Florida "Billy Award" to five Auxiliary members. Congratulations to the following members for going above and beyond for the American Legion Family, our veterans, and community. Wendy Lebaron -Unit 283 (Jacksonville, Fla.) | Liz Hill - Unit 316 (Atlantic Bch, Fla.) | Bettiemae Kitchens - Unit 88 (Jacksonville, Fla.) | Celeste Sheble - Unit 233 (Ponte Vedra Bch, Fla.) | Robbin Walker - Unit 54 (Fernandina Bch, Fla.) | This award was named after the 39th Commander for the Department of Florida, Billy Anderson of Miami (1956-1957). During his term, Anderson believed in thanking and acknowledging local posts and members. Anderson, created the "Billy Card," these were handwritten personal cards made out for going above and beyond. Today, the award is given in a form of a certificate and pin, named the "Billy Award." You can read about Anderson in centennial.legion.org.

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District 5: District 5 had a great attendance at Department Convention and we are very proud of our Department 1st Vice-President Wanda Brandt. The weekend after Convention started all the Unit Installations and all Units were successfully installed. In August we had 22 members attending Department Work Shop and on Sunday morning we had to rush back for the first District meeting for 2019-2020. Over 50 Unit members attended that meeting at Post/Unit 316 Atlantic Beach. The 5th District American Legion and the American Auxiliary has monthly meetings, we meet every 2nd Sunday 2 PM at different Posts within the District. Most of these meetings are well attended. Anyone that has visited the 5th District knows how far our Posts are spread out. It takes a while to get from one to the other. Unit Presidents or Representatives give their monthly Unit reports and tell us about their upcoming events. The Units are revving it up for our Department Presidents project; let those Cycles roar. Most Units have started collecting items for the Homeless Female Veterans. One big shout out to Unit 316's National Security Chairman Renee Pandley for organizing Hurricane Relief for Bahamas, the Post members and the Community got together and within 3 days donated all these items plus lots, lots more were delivered before they were taking to Craig Airfield to be taken to the Bahamas, awesome job. Kudos to all District 5 members and we are #FLALASTRONG100



District 6: District 6 has been very busy this first quarter of our 100th year.

Unit 41, Eustis hosted a Centennial Open House on September 14, 2019 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The display included military memorabilia, photos and displays from WW1, WW11, Vietnam and Korea.

Unit 80, St. Cloud helped MY WARRIORS PLACE in Ruskin. This project was started by a Gold Star Mother. It is a retreat to help active veterans and their families who are in need. They helped with much needed laundry supplies and will continue their aid, in the future, of any items needed. They are also sending canned goods and nonperishable items to our troops. They created a Troop Box Mission Facebook page. They are also doing school supplies for local schools.

Unit 183, Fern Park baked goodies on 9/11 and delivered them to the local Fire Department. All then attended a flag retirement ceremony at the American Legion Old Glory Post 183.

Unit 219, Fruitland Park is having their annual Peanut Butter drive for Community Make a Difference Day Program. Last year they collected 273 jars. Their Legion Family will be having a Wreaths Across America Ceremony December 14th at noon.

Unit 286, Pine Castle held a back to school party. 50 local community children signed up for the event. They played games and served lunch for the children and their parents. They talked about bullying and safety. They gave out backpacks filled with supplies that the children needed. They also contacted social workers at the VA Hud-Vash program to see if they could help there. They delivered 10 backpacks to Lake Baldwin VA. They coordinated all these events with the Junior members



District 14: Unit Officers from Unit 333 Key Largo at their installation. Left to Right, Unit President Cheryl Cordes, 1st VP Maggie Mckeehan, 2nd VP Monica Ybarbo and 14th District President Stacy Cusano



District 14: (9/14/19) Members of Unit 346 Miami organized their annual party for the residents of the Miami VA Community Living Facility. The theme was a Harvest Hoedown. They served food, drinks and had music to dance.

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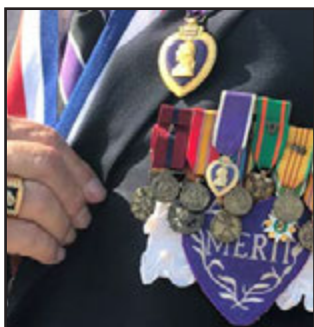
District 16 - Unit 273: National Headquarters



District 17: District 17 delegates to National Convention. Seated Bob Lee # 285 left to right Gene Smith#115 Sherry Wingard #259. Shirley Fraser #270 Colleen Smith #285. Eleanor Amato #285 in back Cmdr Hank Mangels #115 and Mike Young #285.



Unit 111 - Unit 167



Unit 13: Tallahassee National Cemetery Purple Heart Monument Dedication, August 7, 2019, Photos and Article by: Maria A Renzulli ALA Unit 13 Photo Historian

The forerunner of the Purple Heart was the Badge of Military Merit established by George Washington on August 7, 1782 and only awarded to three Revolutionary War Soldiers. The Purple Heart Metal features the bust of George Washington. MacArthur was the first recipient of the Purple Heart, which recognizes meritorious service of those who died or are injured in combat.

In Attendance for the unveiling of the monument was the Alexander Gold Star Family of Lance Corporal Clemon Alexander. Pictured from the left is Rochelle H. Alexander, Lance Corporal's mother, Cynthia C. Ebben his elder sister, ALA Unit 13 President Muriel Alexander Kweyama his younger sister, Captain Clarence S. Alexander, Jr. USMC – Retired his brother, and Alvis Lee Horne, III his Great Nephew.

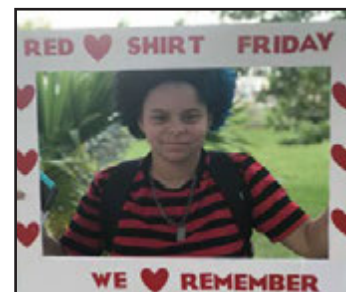
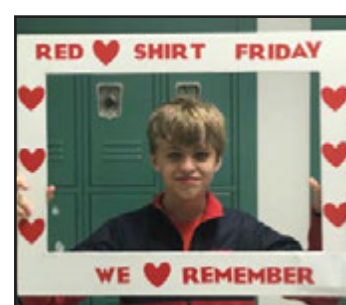
Also in Attendance was Florida's 46th Governor Ron DeSantis, his wife, Jill Casey DeSantis. A number of various Military Organizations were represented. Mike Ford-Chapter Commander 758, Ken Swords-National Sargent-at-Arms, Robert Stansbury-Detachment 472- Marine Corps League, Washington Sanchez-Purple Heart Recipient, Leon High School-Jr Marine Corp Honor Guard to name a few.

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Unit 40: #1 Installation of our 10 officers District 12 Unit 40 | #2 Sandy MacDonald Education Chair with our \$1000.00 Scholarship winner Marilyn Rancel | #3 left to right Gary Moulton Treasurer, Elaine Souza E Board, Terry Knorrston President, Patty Kafka Historian, Cyndi Dzadik Past President, and Edie Porter 1st Vice helping with poppies Memorial Day city of Ft. Pierce District 12 Unit 40. | #4 Our Junior & Dept. Historian of Juniors Savanna Staelens, and Evan Staelens 1st Vice of SAL 40 helping with Poppies on Memorial Day in City of Ft. Pierce. District 12 Unit 40 | #5 Hospice of the Treasure Coast presenting Hospice 5 lap robes with flags for their Pinning Ceremony of veterans in their Hospice Home. District 12 Unit 40 Left to right Patty Kafka Historian, Meg Schurer Chaplain, terry Knorrston President, with Debra Hospice coordinator.

Unit 117: ALA UNIT 117 and the Legion Family at Post 117 Palm Bay had a ceremony for our first responders. Delivered 190 meals to our local fire, police and hospital emergency room escorted by our Riders. We had the honor of having our Department President Ann King-Smith at our ceremony and all other dignitaries. Bell tolls, doves released and taps played at the end of our ceremony. Very moving day..



Unit 148: This is a special project that one of the entire American Legion Family Post 148 does every year. We had over 83 people participate. We had Auxiliary, Legion, Riders and Sons of the American Legion and other posts as well as there to help. There was a group of Navy Chiefs, high school kids and their families and family members who had family buried their.

Unit 154: Victoria is the Sec/Treasurer at Marathon Unit 154. She is also a teacher in Monroe county and has spread the RED shirt Fridays to her students and Colleagues.



Unit 318: American Legion Auxilliary Unit 318 Port St Lucie, President Sue Pfohl presents 2nd Vice Madelyn Lanigan with her award for American Legion Post 318 Auxilliary Member of The Year 2018-2019. Thank you for your hard work and dedication!



Unit 361: 2019 Girls State participant Annabella at meeting with President Linda Dixon and Girls State Chairman and Unit Secretary Shelly Hutchens telling us of her great experience at Girls State. She Loved it. Annabella's goal is to become a prosecuting attorney. And I think she may be seriously thinking of joining the Navy upon graduation from high school in 2020. Thank you Annabella for representing ALA Unit 361.

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Unit 183: We stuffed backpacks for our kids.



Unit 183: Unit President Penny Kanbara is holding the long receipt for all the goodies purchased.



Unit 183: Fundraiser for Honor flight on Victory Casino Cruises where we had a blast and raised over \$200.00 for Honor Flight.



Unit 183: Waiting out the storm that never happened, thankfully, Unit President Penny Kanbara toured the WW11 Memorial in Nashville, Tennessee



Unit 194: Veterans Support initiative Unit 194 St. Augustine has began. Unit 194 kicked off Donuts & Coffee with the veterans at Clyde E. Lassen State Veterans Nursing Home on Sept 12th. The Unit will visit Lassen VA Nursing Home the 2nd Thursday of each month to serve donuts, coffee & punch to the 120 veterans that reside there. Dunkin Donuts was approached with a sponsorship and was very willing to partner with ALA Unit 194! A sincere thank you to the management staff at Dunkin Donuts PC#349339 for supporting our Veterans! Avis Chase, Hattie Floyd, (Lassen VA staff) Lydia White | Gail Jones, Hattie Floyd, Gwen Nichols, Avis Chase, Lydia White



Unit 273: American Legion Auxiliary Member Unit 273 Madeira Beach Wins National Award - American Legion Auxiliary National Convention was held in Indianapolis, IN August 23 - 28, 2019. A National Goodwill Ambassador award was presented to four ladies at the convention. Each unit has a special hardworking, dedicated Auxiliary member who goes above and beyond expectations to represent her unit. She is a true example of goodwill to her peers. These ladies were selected for those accomplishments. The Goodwill Ambassador Award was presented to Pat Nelson, Unit 330, MN; Carol Williams Unit 273 FL; Laura Smith Unit 6 Del; Sherri McGee, Unit 230 IN (L to R)



Unit 273: Standing L to R: Zoe Roseman, Janice Hill, Goodwill Ambassador Carol Williams | Sitting: L to R FL President Ann King-Smith and Martha ? National Public Relations.



Unit 283: Jim J Gilleo Unit 283, Jacksonville along with Jasmine Booth from Final Salute gave a Female Veteran a Big Send off with signs and balloons Thanking her for her Service. This Veteran is in Liver Failure and is returning to Indiana to be with Family and Friends.



Unit 291: Audrey Jackson was guest speaker at the American Legion Auxiliary meeting Monday 9/9/19. Audrey was chosen to attend ALA Girl's State with 300 other girls across the state. ALA Girls State is a unique and exciting government-in-action learning program in which American Legion Auxiliary members guide young women to become knowledgeable stewards of freedom, democracy and patriotic citizens. Our Unit was very excited to hear about Audrey's experience and how it has impacted her life. Pictured from left to right is Mrs. Jackson (mother), Par Hurd, Unit Chair for Girl's State, Audrey Jackson, Mr. Jackson (father) and Karen Tidwell, President Unit 291.



Unit 291: Ray Blackshear was given a beautiful quilt from the American Legion auxiliary unit 291 of Steinhatchee quilting group for his 85th birthday. During his service time he was awarded 2 purple hearts. | The quilting group of the American Legion Auxiliary of Steinhatchee has made quilts to be presented to our Veterans in a local nursing home on their birthdays. From left to right is Susan Baker, Ursula Miller, Jan Spivey, Cindy Graham, and Marcie Cantrell.

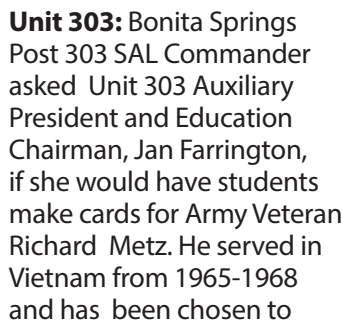
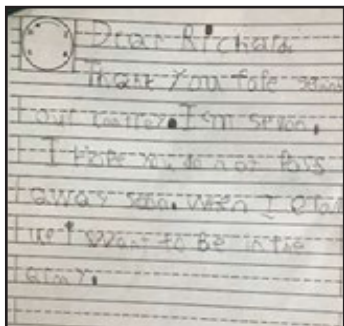
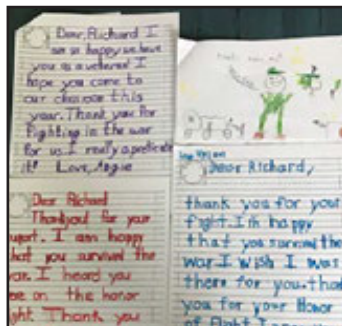


Unit 291: The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 291 of Steinhatchee feed victims of the flooding in Steinhatchee a free meal. Over 200 residents were fed with the help of the Son's of the American Legion and the Legionaires.



Unit 305: American Legion and Auxiliary Post 305 St. Petersburg Beach, FL held a "Hog Roast" at the post on Saturday, September 1, 2019. Tom deYampert, Charles Richardson and Richard Myers enthusiastically carved the hog. The event was a huge success with everyone smacking their lips over the excellent food.

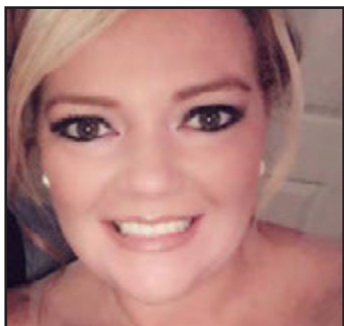
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Unit 303: In November 2018 Gini Bonnell of Richmond, Virginia sent her friend Unit 303 Auxiliary President Jan Farrington a 'Be Kind' Sign as a gift. These simple handmade signs are her way of counteracting the negativity in today's world.

We discovered that Bonita Springs Mayor Peter Simmons knew Richmond, Virginia Mayor Lavar Stoney. Gini had sent one to her Mayor to hang in his office so she in turn sent one to Mayor Simmons. He then shared signs with mayors across the state of Florida. On August 20th, 2019, Mayor Simmons and Jan Farrington delivered handmade BE KIND signs to every school in the Bonita Springs district. The BE KIND message will be displayed to remind staff and students of this simple but, oh so, important message. Pictured below are principals from Bonita Springs High School, Spring Creek Elementary school, Bonita Springs Charter school, Bonita Springs Middle school, Bonita Springs Elementary school, and Oak Creek Charter school. The students pictured from Bonita Springs Charter School all expressed an interest in being "kind delegates" for their school. This is a fine example of Leadership, Children and Youth, Community Service and Education all at its best.

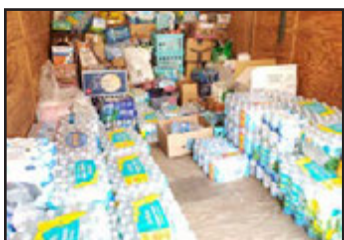
Flight. Knowing this is our Department President Ann King Smith's project, the Education committee worked with a wonderful 2nd-3rd grade class at Spring Creek Elementary in Bonita Springs. They had a lesson on and researched what Honor Flight means. They also wrote cards to Richard thanking him for his service. The remarks in the cards tell it all!



Unit 316: Renee Pendlay, member of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 316 (Atlantic Bch, Fla.), coordinated a Bahamas Hurricane Relief drive to be held from September 5 - 8, 2019 at Dewitt B. Tilden Memorial American Legion Post 316 (Atlantic Bch, Fla) to help the people affected by Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas.



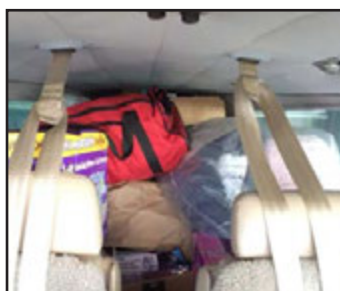
Unit 316: Jay McKenzie owner of the Sanddollar Restaurant & Marina (Heckscher Dr, Jacksonville, FL) saw the call for help with a trailer on social media, McKenzie showed up on Sunday with a 20' trailer to take all items to Craig Airport. Members of Post 316 and friends joined together to load and secure the items.



Unit 316: Here the items were unloaded at Craig Airport inside the Sky Harbor hangar.



Unit 316: Jay McKenzie and Renee Pendlay



Unit 316: Very proud of Renee Pendlay for taking the initiative in coordinating and taking lead of the drive. Thank you to the American Legion Post 316 family, friends, and community for their support.



Unit 316: Donations inside hangar. On September 10, the items were stacked to the ceiling inside the plane, to be delivered on the morning of Wednesday, September 11 to Nassau, Bahamas for distribution.



Unit 382: These photos are 1st District School of Instruction on September 14, 2019 hosted by Unit #382 Navarre, Florida.

MEMBERSHIP REPORTS

SEPTEMBER 27, 2019

DISTRICT 1

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0075	Crestview	146	0	50	50	34.25%
0078	Milton	14	0	3	3	21.43%
0193	Pensacola	93	15	7	22	23.66%
0221	Niceville	72	0	23	23	31.94%
0235	Ft Walton Beach	187	1	41	42	22.46%
0240	Pensacola	211	0	42	42	19.91%
0296	Destin	45	1	15	16	35.56%
0340	Pensacola	321	4	85	89	27.73%
0356	Lynn Haven	209	1	48	49	23.44%
0375	Southport	77	0	3	3	3.90%
0378	Gulf Breeze	48	0	9	9	18.75%
0382	Navarre	128	0	24	24	18.75%
0392	Panama City	183	0	38	38	20.77%
0402	Panama City Beach	43	0	15	15	34.88%
TOTALS		1777	22	403	425	23.92%

DISTRICT 3

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0049	Monticello	27	0	1	1	3.70%
0057	Lake City	237	0	41	41	17.30%
0107	Live Oak	45	1	14	15	33.33%
0131	Greenville	29	0	0	0	0.00%
0215	Jasper	40	0	0	0	0.00%
0224	Madison	39	0	11	11	28.21%
0291	Steinhatchee	181	2	66	68	37.57%
0383	Old Town	144	0	4	4	2.78%
TOTALS		742	3	137	140	18.87%

DISTRICT 2

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0013	Tallahassee	81	1	28	29	35.80%
0082	Lanark	95	1	42	43	45.26%
0084	Havana	34	2	7	9	26.47%
0100	Marianna	50	0	9	9	18.00%
0217	Quincy	49	2	14	16	32.65%
0241	Sneads	58	22	21	43	74.14%
TOTALS		367	28	121	149	40.60%

DISTRICT 4

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0016	Gainesville	53	0	2	2	3.77%
0027	Ocala	20	0	0	0	0.00%
0058	Dunnellon	38	0	6	6	15.79%
0077	Inverness	40	0	5	5	12.50%
0149	Newberry	32	0	7	7	21.88%
0155	Crystal River	317	3	103	106	33.44%
0166	Homosassa Springs	74	3	52	55	74.32%
0230	Hawthorne	48	2	21	23	47.92%
0236	Bronson	52	0	0	0	0.00%
0237	Beverly Hills	159	0	53	53	33.33%
0284	Bellevue	85	2	39	41	48.24%
0314	Starke	12	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTALS		918	10	288	298	32.46%

DISTRICT 5						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0009	Jacksonville	40	0	12	12	30.00%
0037	Saint Augustine	58	0	4	4	6.90%
0054	Fernandina Beach	156	1	28	29	18.59%
0088	Jacksonville	79	2	15	17	21.52%
0129	Jacksonville Beach	348	6	83	89	25.57%
0137	Jacksonville	519	6	91	97	18.69%
0194	St Augustine	71	0	5	5	7.04%
0197	Jacksonville	64	4	10	14	21.88%
0202	Keystone Heights	53	0	10	10	18.87%
0233	Ponte Vedra Beach	168	0	13	13	7.74%
0244	Jacksonville	22	0	0	0	0.00%
0250	Middleburg	354	32	89	121	34.18%
0283	Jacksonville	438	7	108	115	26.26%
0316	Atlantic Beach	335	47	84	131	39.10%
0372	Mandarin	25	4	17	21	84.00%
0373	Orange Park	43	2	15	17	39.53%
0401	Hilliard	40	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTALS		2813	111	584	695	24.71%

DISTRICT 7						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0003	Bartow	81	0	9	9	11.11%
0004	Lakeland	62	0	11	11	17.74%
0008	Winter Haven	599	1	111	112	18.70%
0034	Haines City	64	0	19	19	29.69%
0071	Lake Wales	74	0	15	15	20.27%
0072	Mulberry	164	0	12	12	7.32%
0201	Florence Villa	36	1	8	9	25.00%
TOTALS		1080	2	185	187	17.31%

DISTRICT 6						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0010	Kissimmee	202	2	25	27	13.37%
0019	Orlando	130	2	27	29	22.31%
0035	Mount Dora	116	0	12	12	10.34%
0041	Eustis	14	0	10	10	71.43%
0052	Lake Panasoffkee	19	0	2	2	10.53%
0053	Sanford	67	0	4	4	5.97%
0055	Clermont	97	0	6	6	6.19%
0063	Winter Garden	37	0	7	7	18.92%
0080	Saint Cloud	274	18	63	81	29.56%
0101	Bushnell	116	0	15	15	12.93%
0109	Ocoee	16	0	1	1	6.25%
0112	Winter Park	22	1	16	17	77.27%
0183	Fern Park	124	3	28	31	25.00%
0219	Fruitland Park	196	1	55	56	28.57%
0242	Orlando	123	0	7	7	5.69%
0286	Orlando	187	4	26	30	16.04%
0330	Leesburg	65	0	20	20	30.77%
0331	Orlando	42	0	0	0	0.00%
0347	Lady Lake	2485	4	396	400	16.10%
0347	Lady Lake	1961	12	2396	2408	122.79%
0357	Clermont	19	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTALS		4332	35	720	755	17.43%

DISTRICT 8						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0011	Arcadia	31	0	0	0	0.00%
0024	Bradenton	317	14	48	62	19.56%
0025	Lake Placid	362	0	29	29	8.01%
0030	Sarasota	73	10	39	49	67.12%
0069	Avon Park	583	4	167	171	29.33%
0074	Sebring	87	0	30	30	34.48%
0113	Rotonda West	331	1	37	38	11.48%
0159	Venice	724	0	82	82	11.33%
0254	North Port	119	0	29	29	24.37%
0266	Fruitville	132	0	3	3	2.27%
0309	Palmetto	179	0	65	65	36.31%
0312	Oneco	258	1	44	45	17.44%
0325	Ellenton	154	0	26	26	16.88%
TOTALS		3350	30	599	629	18.78%

DISTRICT 9

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0036	Ft Lauderdale	41	0	8	8	19.51%
0092	Hollywood	98	1	26	27	27.55%
0142	Pompano Beach	197	3	67	70	35.53%
0157	Margate	234	15	38	53	22.65%
0162	Deerfield Beach	197	22	51	73	37.06%
0180	Fort Lauderdale	105	5	57	62	59.05%
0209	Dania Beach	24	0	0	0	0.00%
0220	Ft Lauderdale	29	8	15	23	79.31%
0222	Fort Lauderdale	54	1	13	14	25.93%
0287	Deerfield Beach	14	0	0	0	0.00%
0304	Dania	74	0	4	4	5.41%
0310	Hallandale	36	0	23	23	63.89%
0321	Cooper City	146	26	87	113	77.40%
0365	Sunrise	17	0	2	2	11.76%
TOTALS		1266	81	391	472	37.28%

DISTRICT 12

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0001	Titusville	312	7	97	104	33.33%
0022	Cocoa	99	1	15	16	16.16%
0039	Vero Beach	186	0	25	25	13.44%
0040	Fort Pierce	171	2	71	73	42.69%
0081	Melbourne	129	0	4	4	3.10%
0117	Palm Bay	481	7	126	133	27.65%
0126	Jensen Beach	228	1	52	53	23.25%
0163	Eau Gallie	255	4	104	108	42.35%
0171	Fort Pierce	12	0	6	6	50.00%
0189	Sebastian	115	0	60	60	52.17%
0191	Melbourne	102	0	10	10	9.80%
0200	Satellite Beach	145	0	4	4	2.76%
0318	Port St Lucie	802	3	190	193	24.06%
0344	Merritt Island	27	9	21	30	111.11%
0348	Cape Canaveral	172	0	51	51	29.65%
0358	White City	59	0	15	15	25.42%
0359	Port St John	285	0	52	52	18.25%
0366	Barefoot Bay	72	16	13	29	40.28%
0394	Palm Bay	152	0	17	17	11.18%
0410	Viera	11	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTALS		3815	50	933	983	25.77%

DISTRICT 11

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0020	Belle Glade	52	1	24	25	48.08%
0047	Lake Worth	113	1	18	19	16.81%
0062	Stuart	358	1	186	187	52.23%
0064	Okeechobee	117	0	6	6	5.13%
0065	Delray Beach	49	3	22	25	51.02%
0141	West Palm Beach	94	5	35	40	42.55%
0164	Boynton Beach	145	0	22	22	15.17%
0199	W Palm Beach	51	0	16	16	31.37%
0268	Riviera Beach	84	0	6	6	7.14%
0271	Tequesta	165	1	34	35	21.21%
0277	Boca Raton	93	0	27	27	29.03%
0288	Boynton Beach	33	0	0	0	0.00%
0367	Royal Palm Beach	45	2	10	12	26.67%
0367	Royal Palm Beach	44	12	32	44	100.00%
TOTALS		1399	14	406	420	30.02%

DISTRICT 13

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0038	Fort Myers	59	0	20	20	33.90%
0090	Cape Coral	235	0	39	39	16.60%
0103	Punta Gorda	425	0	55	55	12.94%
0110	Port Charlotte	545	3	99	102	18.72%
0123	Sanibel	80	0	0	0	0.00%
0130	Labelle	144	0	18	18	12.50%
0135	Naples	316	0	47	47	14.87%
0136	Saint James City	457	1	82	83	18.16%
0192	Fort Myers	21	0	9	9	42.86%
0274	Fort Myers Beach	585	1	95	96	16.41%
0303	Bonita Springs	416	11	99	110	26.44%
0323	Lehigh Acres	427	5	95	100	23.42%
0336	N Ft Myers	356	0	70	70	19.66%
0351	Fort Myers	80	0	13	13	16.25%
0351	Fort Myers	80	0	78	78	97.50%
TOTALS		4146	21	741	762	18.38%

DISTRICT 14						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0028	Key West	69	0	1	1	1.45%
0031	South Miami	171	3	72	75	43.86%
0043	Homestead	57	0	4	4	7.02%
0067	North Miami	56	0	10	10	17.86%
0098	Coral Gables	18	0	4	4	22.22%
0133	Miami	75	1	10	11	14.67%
0154	Marathon	170	0	51	51	30.00%
0168	Key West	26	0	1	1	3.85%
0333	Key Largo	85	0	17	17	20.00%
0346	Miami	22	0	3	3	13.64%
0374	Key Biscayne	49	0	1	1	2.04%
TOTALS		798	4	174	178	22.31%

DISTRICT 16						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0007	Clearwater	289	0	35	35	12.11%
0014	St Petersburg	123	4	33	37	30.08%
0079	New Port Richey	463	1	70	71	15.33%
0104	Pinellas Park	257	4	55	59	22.96%
0119	Largo	400	4	90	94	23.50%
0125	St Petersburg	350	3	88	91	26.00%
0158	Treasure Island	290	0	31	31	10.69%
0173	Holiday	270	4	35	39	14.44%
0238	Safety Harbor	284	12	83	95	33.45%
0252	Seminole	988	3	190	193	19.53%
0273	Madeira Beach	3132	3	360	363	11.59%
0275	Dunedin	749	2	180	182	24.30%
0305	St Pete Beach	127	0	20	20	15.75%
0335	Hudson	149	0	11	11	7.38%
TOTALS		7871	40	1281	1321	16.78%

DISTRICT 15						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0005	Tampa	42	2	14	16	38.10%
0026	Plant City	25	0	0	0	0.00%
0111	Tampa	51	0	5	5	9.80%
0138	Tampa	435	6	163	169	38.85%
0139	Tampa	109	0	27	27	24.77%
0147	Odessa	33	0	18	18	54.55%
0148	Riverview	175	4	30	34	19.43%
0152	Tampa	261	3	71	74	28.35%
0167	Tampa	24	0	0	0	0.00%
0186	Brooksville	354	1	82	83	23.45%
0246	Sun City Center	20	0	3	3	15.00%
0248	West Tampa	20	0	0	0	0.00%
0389	Ruskin	15	0	1	1	6.67%
0389	Ruskin	24	3	11	14	58.33%
TOTALS		1564	16	414	430	27.49%

DISTRICT 17						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0006	Deland	135	0	8	8	5.93%
0017	New Smyrna Beach	232	1	46	47	20.26%
0045	Palatka	45	0	5	5	11.11%
0115	Palm Coast	37	0	5	5	13.51%
0120	Holly Hill	214	2	70	72	33.64%
0127	Lake Helen	24	1	7	8	33.33%
0204	Daytona Beach	24	0	0	0	0.00%
0255	Deltona	27	6	7	13	48.15%
0259	DeBary	30	0	2	2	6.67%
0267	Ormond Beach	175	3	88	91	52.00%
0270	Port Orange	143	0	30	30	20.98%
0285	Edgewater	134	0	14	14	10.45%
0361	S Daytona	180	0	35	35	19.44%
0361	S Daytona	163	11	168	179	109.82%
TOTALS		1400	13	317	330	23.57%



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