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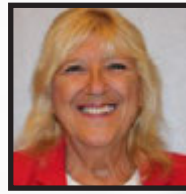


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In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and 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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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ANN KING-SMITH

With the holidays quickly approaching, I know that all our Florida Units are busy making "miracles" happen for our veterans, active-duty military, children and our communities. This is Who We Are, What We Do and Why We Matter. During this time of year, American Legion Auxiliary members are at their very best, as we share the joy in our hearts with others.

At the beginning of our 100th Anniversary Year, I asked the District Presidents to be creative when planning my visit with them. You see, although I have the honor of being your Department President this year, I'm still a member at heart. I love jumping in and helping much more than sitting on the sidelines watching. I am so pleased that the four Districts I have visited to date have made me feel like a member, rather than just a guest. I've been able to not only meet members but to witness what they do to perform those year-round miracles for others. These "miracles" are what make our members and our organization great.

So, pack your bags and travel along while I tell you about my wonderful visits. Remember that I can't begin to tell you about all the things I've seen and don, as we don't have that much room in this Mail Call.

My visit with District President Toni Ellsworth and members of District 17 really got my heart pumping....in many ways. On the very first morning, we visited with the U.S. Coast Guard at Ponce de Leon. The location offered some breathtaking views, as did the Coast Guard personnel that we met during the tour. You have never seen a group of Auxiliary members with such big smiles. Auxiliary members brought lunch for the hungry Coast Guard crew. We all learned a lot of history but more important, we learned about

ways we can assist the personnel at this station.

Next, we headed to Emory Bennett VA Nursing Home, where we joined members from Unit 285 in Edgewater as they hosted a Halloween Party for the veterans. Witches, goblins and treats galore brought big smiles to many faces. After the party, I had the privilege of meeting many members from this Unit at their Post home. In addition to a nice donation for Honor Flight, members gave me a collection of men's clothing for homeless veterans.

The following morning, we visited a transitional facility for homeless veterans in Daytona Beach, Barracks of Hope. This facility is making such a difference in the lives of homeless veterans that are changing their lives. Auxiliary members brought donations of food, clothing and personal items for the veterans. While watching television a few days ago, I was so happy to see a featured story about this facility.

Later in the day, we visited the Veterans Museum in Daytona Beach. This museum is staffed by volunteers and has military memorabilia from every war and conflict. The highlight of our visit was meeting a Korean veteran who was visiting the museum and wearing his original uniform. I also was thrilled to see actual letters from home in a section called "Mail Call."

Unit 361 in South Daytona hosted a wonderful Meet and Greet, complete with a 100 Year ALA Birthday Cake. This was a very special event, as we had Past Department President Shirley Fraser, National Security Chairman Rhonda Brailey-Maurer, Education Chairman Linda Dixon (also Unit President) and Public Relations Chairman Eleanor Amato in attendance.

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Now, the reference about “making my heart pump” really comes into play. District President Toni had asked me, in advance, if I would like to participate in a Think Pink Cancer Walk on Saturday morning. Since I’m no “spring chicken,” I thought I should inquire about the length of the walk before committing. Sweet little Toni assured me it was about a mile and a half, so I felt sure that would be easy. Well, it was 85 degrees on the morning of the walk when Toni and I started out, all dressed in pink. We walked and walked and walked....over a steep bridge and back again. When we got back to the starting point, we found out to our surprise that the walk was 3-1/2 miles. We just wiped our foreheads and shook it off, all for a great cause.

Immediately after the walk, we traveled to Unit 120 in Holly Hill to attend a District 17 meeting. How great it was to see every seat filled at that meeting. Members were anxious to participate, ask questions and learn. Funny, I hear members say they can’t get people to attend meetings. Not true in District 17.

Later in the evening, we traveled to Unit 267 in Ormond Beach for a pirate themed dinner, Treasure Chests for Tatas was all about raising money for cancer research. A check in the amount of \$6,000, representing the fund- raising efforts of the Post 267 American Legion Family, was presented to the American Cancer Society.

Visiting the 17th District was a delightful experience which showcased so many different ways members are working the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary.

The next visit took me to the 15th District for a great visit, planned by District President, Mary McColgan. I think that District President Toni must have told Toni that I was able to walk a lot because Mary had me “off and running” from the minute I arrived. On my first day, I was able to visit with Unit 248, as they played Bingo with some wonderful female veterans. These veterans are participants in the HUD-VASH program and seemed so very grateful for an afternoon of fun, caring and sharing. Each veteran (and volunteer) was served a hot lunch by Mission

Barbecue. The food was second to none and I can tell you that no veteran left this event hungry. Veterans received prizes and gift bags which were supplied by the Unit.

Later that evening, I enjoyed dinner and a Unit meeting with members of 111 in Tampa. It’s always a pleasure to attend Unit meetings, meet the members and see them in action. With the holidays quickly approaching, this Unit is going to be very busy.

Early Thursday morning, I was treated to a wonderful breakfast by members of Unit 186 in Brooksville. I was greeted by with big smiles, warm hugs and happy members. After breakfast, I was able to join and help pack boxes for our troops. I must say that this was one of the most organized packing events I have seen. A huge variety of items were sorted on long tables, making the box filling fast work. I know a lot of troops will be very happy to open these special boxes.

Our next stop was a visit and tour at Baldomero Lopez State Veteran’s Nursing Home in Land O’ Lakes. As always, it was a pleasure to visit the veterans, which is always my favorite part of any visit. I had the opportunity to talk with the Activities Director, where my eyes were opened to some items the veterans desperately need. Our organization, along with other Veterans Service Organizations, are still donating socks, underwear, lap robes and personal hygiene items. Apparently we’ve all been doing an excellent job of collecting and donating these items, as they have more than they need or can use. As we enter the next “100 Years of Service,” we need to step out of the box and provide items that our veterans desperately need, such as sensory items. I know you all want to know what this means, so open your browsers and search for items such as Fidget Quilts/Blankets and Joy for All Companion Pets (particularly the cats). These are items that keep our veterans busy, both thinking and moving their hands. Please remember, although more costly than socks or underwear, they are desperately needed.

Thursday evening, I attended a wonderful dinner and light - hearted meeting with members of the

entire Tampa Post 5 American Legion Family. This was truly a celebration, as the evening ended with a 100th Anniversary Birthday cake. I was honored to speak to the Legion members, where I shared information about Honor Flight. Speaking of Legionnaires, I had the privilege of meeting two very spry WWII veterans, Bill and Boris. Bill is 103 years young and Boris (just a kid) is 94. Members of Unit 5 really know how to make their meetings fun. If you haven't played "Left to Right" at one of your meetings, please ask me how.

On Friday morning, I had the honor to attend Veterans Treatment Court in Tampa, which significantly expands treatment resources to veterans with both misdemeanor and felony charges. This was a special session, as 5 veterans graduated from the VTC program. Circuit Court Judge Daryl Manning, a veteran of the U.S. Army knows firsthand the sacrifice and service veterans have offered our country. He is both stern and passionate in his work. He says that VTC is not a handout but a helping hand up.

District President Mary has been very instrumental in starting a food pantry for homeless and low-income veterans in the area. American Legion Family members from Post 248, along with members throughout the 5th District assist in collecting and donating food, clothing and furniture. Mary works with local VA outreach representatives to supply items our veterans need. I was very impressed when touring her pantry and furniture storage areas.

Friday night brought a wonderful dinner with Family members at Riverview Post 152. I don't

know when I have seen better cooperation between our Legion family members. Everyone was very proud of the accomplishments they have made. I was thrilled to have been presented a \$1,000 check for Honor Flight. I know this Unit worked extremely hard to raise these funds! The real "bonus" of the evening (other than the friendly members) was the opportunity to dance with some of their Junior members.

On Saturday, I was walking again. This time, I proudly carried the American Legion Auxiliary 100th Year banner in the Town and Country Veteran's Day Parade. I'm not exactly sure how long the parade route was but I never got tired. Every time I saw a veteran in a wheelchair along the route, I would pass my end of the banner to another member so that I could give hugs and handshakes. After the parade, I enjoyed lunch at Town and Country Post 152.

So, as you can see, I am really enjoying visiting all of you and learning how GREAT you all are. I hope everyone enjoyed Fall Conference, Thanks to everyone for the comments about what we did right and how we can make it better next year. Our membership is soaring, so whatever you are all doing, please keep it up !!!

As the holidays approach at this very special time of the year, I give thanks for members like each of you. You have made my job this year very fulfilling. HAPPY HOLIDAYS to each of you and THANK YOU for being a member of our great American Legion Auxiliary. Never forget that YOU make a difference in so many lives.

A festive banner for the President's Homecoming event. The background is dark blue with white stars and colorful confetti. Large white text reads "03 SAVE THE DATE 28". To the right, in a script font, it says "Melbourne, FL" and "MORE DETAILS SOON". A red banner across the middle contains the text "PRESIDENT'S HOMECOMING" in white. At the bottom, a dark blue banner contains the text "President's Homecoming will be held March 28, 2020 in Melbourne. More details coming soon." in white.

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PRESIDENT'S PHOTO GALLERY

ANN KING-SMITH



WWII veterans Boris Stern (94) and Bill Montford (101)
at Post 5 Tampa



Proudly representing the ALA in the
Town and Country Veteran's Day Parade



Town and Country Veteran's Day Parade



Town and Country
Veteran's Day Parade



Celebrating 100 Years with
the youngest member of
Riverview Unit 148



Joining members of Town and Country Unit 152
for the Veteran's Day Parade



Riverview Unit 148



Attending Veterans Court in Tampa



Membership fun with Unit 5



District 15 President Mary and Ann at Baldomero Lopex



Packing troop boxes with Unit 186



Tampa Unit 5 celebrates 100 years

PRESIDENT'S PHOTO GALLERY

ANN KING-SMITH



Jim J. Gilleo Unit 283 Jacksonville packed 20 Thanksgiving Baskets for Veterans and needy Families in the Community.



District 17



Halloween Party at Emory Bennett



PDP Shirley Frazier and the girls at the District 17 meeting



District President Toni and Department President Ann getting ready for the 3-1/2 mile American Cancer Society Walk
THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA



Ann gazed at the schedule of events at Emory Bennett



District 17



With U.S. Coast Guard



Unit 79 New Port Richey, 21 Thanksgiving Baskets for our veteran families



Memorial Unit 241 in Sneads decorated the Christmas tree at PeoplesSouth Bank in a patriotic fashion.



Mayport Naval Base to serve Thanksgiving Dinner to the Navy Personal and Families aboard the USS Roosevelt.



Department President Ann King-Smith, Department Leadership Chairman Dorothy Welsh and 5th District President Annie Anderson

COMMUNITY SERVICE

JILL LUX

It's December and do you know what that means?
It's Community Service month!

First off, let me introduce myself as I procrastinated and didn't send in my bio. My name is Jill Lux and I have been a member of Unit 80, St. Cloud for 26 years. I am eligible for membership through my father, grandfather and also my husband Clancy who has been a member of the American Legion for 49 years. I have gone through most of the chairs in the unit and was secretary for 3 years, treasurer for 2 years and president for 3 years. Our unit is in the 6th district and I held several chairmanships for district and also sergeant at arms for 2 years and president for 2 years. For department level, I have been chairman for poppy and public relations and now, community service.

I would like to thank everyone who attended the break-out session for community service during fall conference. I believe there were 48 people present. The class was about "hurricanes, how you can help". Many of us have gone through a disaster of some sort and we all know that it can take years to recover. And, it isn't just the rebuild. The stress alone can take quite a toll on a person (or pet). I would like to thank Jane Hardacre who came in and spoke on her personal experience of going through category 5 hurricane "Michael". As we know, she lost everything. And Dara Bulterman-Oliver spoke also about the recovery in the Bahamas's. She had first-hand knowledge of what to send and what not to send to relief areas. So thank you to both ladies for your valuable input.

I hope you are all working hard at your community service program. Get your events on government

calendars, invite dignitaries to your events, clean up your community, your local beach, help repair a veteran's house or paint it, host a blood drive, etc., etc. Please read your plan of action to find out how easy it is to participate in community service.

This is our 100th birthday year celebration and I can't wait to hear about how many units have received proclamations from their Mayor's and about all the parties that were held. I have been reading on Facebook about the great community service events that many units are hosting or participating in.

On a disappointing note, I have received an email from the Southern Division Community Service Chairman, Gloria Fochtmann-Haygood and she is under the assumption that we don't "toot our horns enough. Ladies, let's change her mind and start tooting! Let's make this a record setting year for community service! Make Florida shine!

Don't forget that unit mid-year reports are due to district by December 1st, and district reports are due to department by December 15th. Remember that community service is a little complicated when reporting as it can also go under other programs. Just read your plan of action and follow the criteria for reporting. If you aren't sure, split the hours with another program, but remember – don't double-dip. You can divide hours but you can't share them.

So thank you for your hard work and dedication, and let's win some more Florida awards by reporting!



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TREASURER

BRANDI SEEBER

Hi. Here it is December already! I just have a few reminders as we head into the new year.

ACH Forms: I am still missing some Unit's ACH forms. Please make sure that your Unit has submitted an ACH form to me. If your Unit has changed banks and/or account numbers, you will need to submit a new form. Department is only set up with ACH credit ability, not ACH debit ability, which are separate services. We can only deposit into your account, we cannot withdrawal any funds from it.

MCR: Your MCR report is mailed out at the beginning of the month. If you have a credit balance, that is to be used towards future transmittals. You will not be receiving a monthly deposit for your credit amount. If you have a balance as of June 30th, that is the only amount that will be deposited into your account.

Quotas: Quotas (or your Unit's yearly obligations) were invoiced on 7/30/2019. These are to be paid within 30 days. Remember in order to secure your spot(s) for Girls State your quotas must be paid no later than December 31, 2019.

Statements: All invoices that are greater than 30 days will receive a statement. These statements are mailed at the beginning of the month.

Poppy Proceeds Report: Your poppy proceeds reconciliation report must be filled out and received by Department within 30 days of your distribution date. The form must be filled out (including the section for the poppy purchase information.)

Happy Holidays!



FEATURED: DISTRICT 11

DEE BUTLER



Our School of Instruction was a great success!
Nine units attended.



Units 65 Delray Beach, 47 Lake Worth, 199 West Palm Beach & 277 Boca Raton attended the CLC Halloween Party.



District 11 President, Dee Butler, was the Keynote Speaker at the 6th Annual Veterans Day Celebration for the City of Delray Beach, ending her narrative by presenting a Print of Female Veterans that was published in 1944 to Jean Mahoney, whom was our district 11's WWII veteran.

SECRETARY

PATTY MACDONALD

Greetings from Department Headquarters! As many of you know there has been quite a few changes with membership. The changes are as follows:

Male Spouses of Veterans:

A male who is married to a Veteran can now join the American Legion Auxiliary. This only applies to spouses. This means if a male is or was married to a female or male Veteran they can be a member.

Legion Act:

The Legion Act was passed on July 30, 2019 declaring the United States has been in a state of war since December 7, 1941. The eligibility criteria immediately changed from seven war eras to two. The new dates are April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918 and December 7, 1941 to now.

With the Legion Act being passed the Preamble to the American Legion Auxiliary Constitution will now read:

For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and goodwill on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom, and democracy; to participate in and contribute to the accomplishment of the

aims and purposes of The American Legion; to consecrate and sanctify our association by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

Great granddaughters, Great-great granddaughters and direct descendants:

The IRS regulation concerning auxiliaries to veteran service organizations state in part: "At least 75 percent of its members are veterans, spouses of veterans, or related to a veteran within two degrees of consanguinity (i.e. grandparent, brother, sister, grandchild represent the most distant allowable relationships)."

This means that no great or great-great-granddaughters can join the Auxiliary. Current members whose eligibility relationship is great-granddaughter or great-great-granddaughter or direct descendant can continue being a member, as long as their dues are kept current.

Membership Applications:

If you have blank membership applications prior to the changes you can still use them. For the wartime you can write in Legion Act. If you mark direct descendant you must circle the relationship.

The new application is posted on our website at www.alafl.org. We do not have new application pads at this time.

Department Headquarters' Staff would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday.





Visit Your Local Tag Office and get yours today!

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

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CHAPLAIN

LOIS STACHELRODT



As the Holidays are fast approaching, may we never forget those who sacrificed everything for all of us. Those Veterans, Fallen Soldiers, and their families are our main focus and may our Lord embrace them all in his care.

Recently Departed Members

DISTRICT 1

Betty Vickers, Unit 193
Ada Kersch, Unit 235
Darla J. Martin, Unit 240

DISTRICT 2

Pauline Daniel, Unit 84
Vivian F. Jenkins, Unit 100

DISTRICT 3

Terry Chase, Unit 291

DISTRICT 6

Thelma Brock, Unit 10
Helen Crawford, Unit 80

DISTRICT 7

Betty Barber (PDP), Unit 71
Virginia C. Work, Unit 74

DISTRICT 8

Janet Townsend, Unit 113

DISTRICT 9

Elizabeth Appleton, Unit 142

DISTRICT 12

Helen Tabet, Unit 163
Madelyn Dorothy Palow, Unit 189
Bonnie Tarrant, Unit 250
Patricia Kara, Unit 366

DISTRICT 13

Hazel Smith, Unit 110
Jane Richardson, Unit 130
Dee Scroggins, Unit 130
Deborah Ann Roberts, Unit 303
Elizabeth Cobleigh, Unit 323
Lynda Kendreick, Unit 323
Vonnie Moore, Unit 351
Sandra Stanger, Unit 351

DISTRICT 15

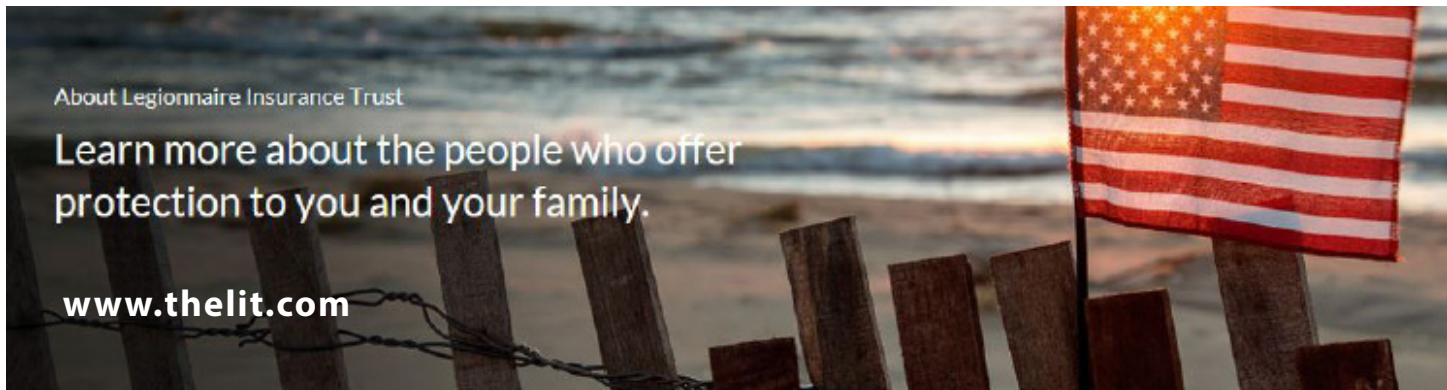
Anna Mary Calleri, Unit 186
Doris Carson, Unit 186
Mary Hinkle, Unit 186
Carol Thibert, Unit 186

DISTRICT 16

Mary Lewentz, Unit 7
Peggy J. O'Neil, Unit 119
Ruth A. Boyer, Unit 173
Lisa Brunaccini, Unit 275

DISTRICT 17

Mary Ezak, Unit 17
Terry Campbell, Unit 120



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VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

JANE HARDACRE

"Certainly, Christmas is a time of giving and sharing with those around us, but that sharing is not limited to those that we love and care for. It is also for the person that we have never met and will never see; those that are not as fortunate in their lives as we are and that could use a helping hand."

~ Dan Harmon

The American Legion Auxiliary members around the state definitely practice our motto of Service Not Self. When the American Legion asked for our help, I had no doubt that my fellow sisters would be there for our female veterans. You are all amazing!

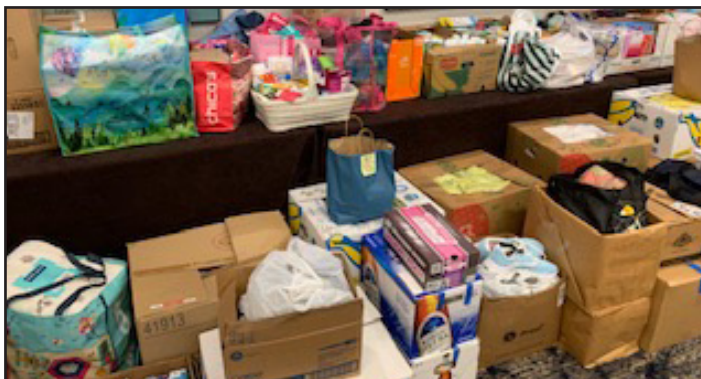
Each time I was able to get away and go in to the store, the boxes, bags, and totes kept coming in. I have to thank Carol Pirone-Udell, VA&R Committee Member, for sitting at the table for two days. You are truly committed to our veterans!
It is an honor to be a part of this organization and volunteer alongside each one of you. Your love and support for our veterans is humbling. Between us....!

think we SHOCKED the Legion with the amount of supplies donated!

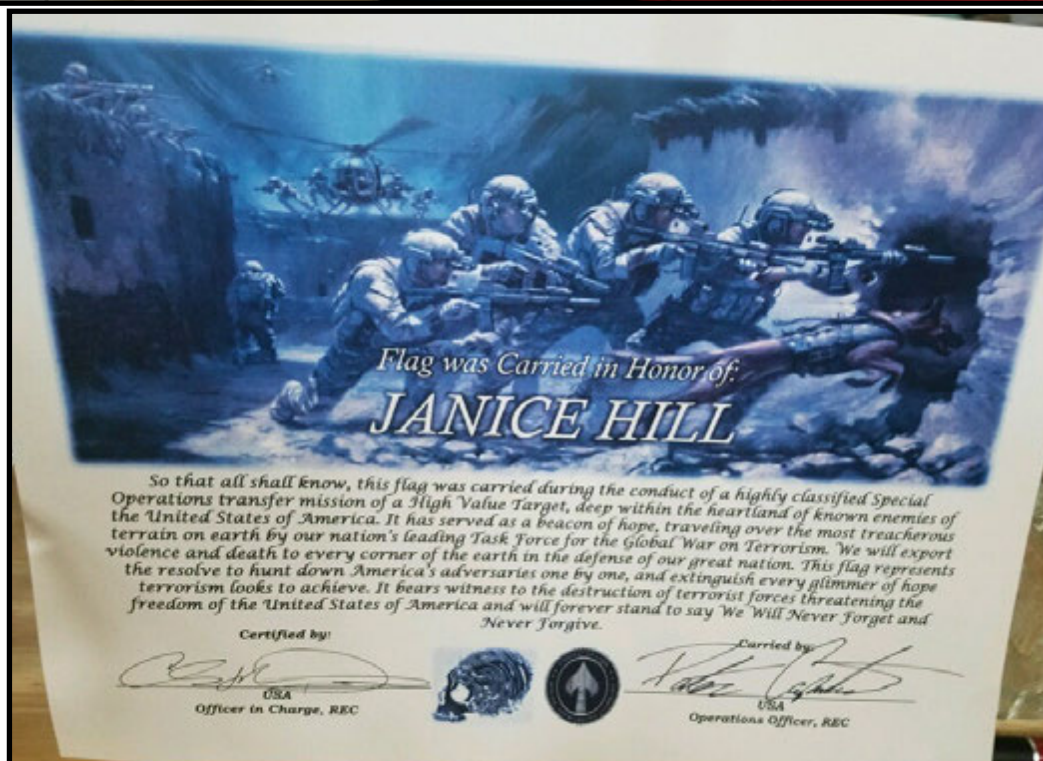
Every donation was important, no matter how small. I do have to mention one donation because it touched my heart. Unit #375 Southport, who lost their Post home during Hurricane Michael, sent supplies with another Unit in their District.

The American Legion, Department of Florida, took the supplies you donated for distribution. Supplies have gone to Pensacola, Gainesville, Stuart, and the Titusville area. If you see a need, please get with your Legion Post Family members and ask them to reach out to The Department American Legion VA&R Chairman and the Homeless Veteran Chairman.

I want to wish each, and every, one of you a joyful, loving, and peaceful Holiday Season! May you and your family be blessed.



Award presented to Janice B. Hill (right) from the Special Operations group she has been supporting over the years. She is pictured at the Tampa Bay Troop Support Packing Saturday, November 16, 2019 with organizers Sharon and Dave Dabney. The flag was carried during a highly classified Special Operation mission dealing with a High Value Target enemy of the United States of America. For God and Country, thank you Janice B. Hill for your dedication to the U.S. Military.





American Legion Auxiliary Celebrating 100 Years

Throughout the 100 years of existence, each American Legion Auxiliary member has had a hand in the organization's longstanding legacy of selfless service to millions of America's veterans, servicemembers, military families and local youth.

Every Auxiliary woman puts in the work, time, heart and soul to keep the legacy of service alive. We follow the path blazed by the previous generation of ALA members and volunteers.

The Early Days....

When The American Legion formed, several women's organizations were considered to become the official affiliate of the Legion. After much discussion, the American Legion Auxiliary was founded. A constitution modeled after The American Legion was adopted. The Preamble was identical to



the American Legion's Preamble, with the inclusion of the phrase "to participate in and contribute to the accomplishment of the aims and purposes of The American Legion.

In 1921, Edith Hobart of Ohio was elected as the first ALA national president (1921-1922). She had also been the Department of Ohio's first president. Hobart sought the national presidency during the Auxiliary's first National Convention in 1921. She was one of 10 women who ran in the election. Under her leadership, the

Auxiliary's National Headquarters was established in Indianapolis. In less than a year, more than 1,300 local Auxiliary units were formed across the country.

Edith Hobart remained active and involved in the ALA after completing her term as national president. Prior to taking national office, Hobart was known for following her enlisted son to military encampments, where she worked as an American Red Cross supervisor.



UNIT GUIDE CHANGES

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Special Appointments Page 16 President's Personal Page
Rosa "Pat" Clark

Addition & Corrections & Addition to PDP list in 2019-2020 Unit Guide (pages 28-30).

Add in:

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Correction to Addresses:

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FLORIDA ALA HAPPENINGS



District 15: 100th Birthday party/ Birthday gift exchange, Ann king-Smith visit to the 15th District



District 5: St. Augustine Unit 194 received a Proclamation from The St. Johns Country Board of County Commissioners for the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion Auxiliary.

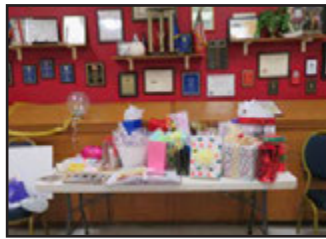


Members of The Mighty 5th District attended the ceremony included 5th District President Annie Anderson, Past 5th District Presidents Molly Main and Carolyn Brown, and other members of The Mighty 5th District.



Unit 40: I Patty Kafka; Historian/Chair Calvalcade of Memories; chose to honor our WWII Post 40 members as our project. I realize these men are at the age where they are dying or going into nursing homes. I was supported by 100% of our Auxiliary officers and membership. We invited them and a guest to the American Legion Post 40 to celebrate our 100 year anniversary. We honored them with a dinner, appreciation awards, flags & lap robs. They were delightful and so appreciative. Our 4 WWII Vets. Receiving awards are Nicholas Romagnoli USMC, Rollin Ankeny USA, Billie Collins USN and Albert Burdge USA. We included George Gray (not a WWII Vet.). He served as Post 40 Chaplin for 10 years. Terry Knorrston, President & Patty Kafka Historian, Calvalcade of Memories presented all 4 with their gifts.

FLORIDA ALA HAPPENINGS



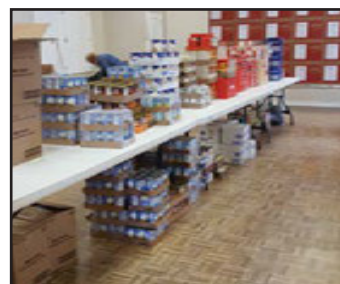
Unit 5: American Legion U.S.S. Tampa Unit 5 - As you can see in all the photos we had a wonderful awesome time.

Unit 5: 2019 American Legion U.S.S. Tampa Unit 5



Unit 5: On November 7th American Legion U.S.S. Tampa unit 5 celebrated the 100th Happy Birthday of American Legion Auxiliary- Centennial (Department President Ann King-Smith was there her visit for her visit with 15th District and joined in on the fun and games. We had a wonderful time.

Unit 5: How exciting to be apart of this great organization, Operation Homefront. Looking at helping out a total of 200 families for Thanksgiving at the American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 5 USS Tampa Post home. The event was held on Thursday November 21, 2019 . Many of the active duty military men were there to help and assist plus channel 10 news was also in attendance both helping and filming the entire day.



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District 7: Clearwater, FL Photo of Auxiliary, table decorations and the celebration cake. Turner Brandon Legion Post 7 Clearwater, FL held a sold out 100th Birthday Celebration Saturday, November 16, 2019. The Auxiliary and Legion made a joint effort to present a room with extraordinary decorations, excellent agenda program, delicious food and the presentation of many honors to outstanding veterans. A memorable event for Legion Post 7 100th Anniversary.



District 321: Unit #321 had a Pancake Breakfast on October 20th for Susan G. Komen. We raised \$510.



District 111: In honor of Veteran's Day, we at American Legion Auxiliary 111 salute you Mendenhall Elementary! The enthusiasm of these kids for America and freedom is incredible. Awards and Mickey D gift certificates were given to three students for essays on Americanism and what it means to them for the brave men and women who serve and have served to keep our country free. Willie Little, Jr., a Vietnam veteran with a purple heart, gave a very inspiring speech. The whole event was so rewarding!



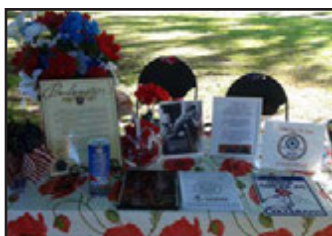
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Unit 141: Mary Walsh, our Auxiliary Americanism Chairman, scheduled a presentation and training for Veterans Day for the students at West Gate Elementary. Mary attended, along with Rodney Denson, Legionnaire, and Charlie Roi, SAL. The children loved learning about Rodney's experiences, Veterans Day, and they were "hands on" in learning the proper way to fold our flag. The teacher wants them back every year. Great job team!



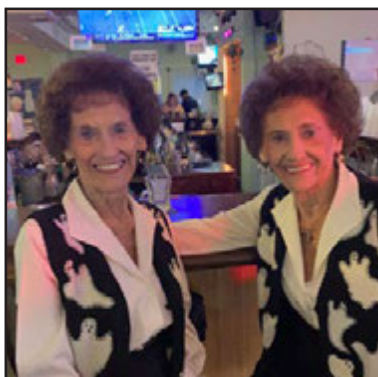
Unit 141: West Palm Beach: Our 2nd Vice, Betty Austin chaired our 5th Annual Steak Dinner benefiting Paws 4 Liberty. Paws 4 Liberty focuses on improving the quality of life for Veterans with PTS and helps them regain their independence through the assistance of professionally trained service dogs. We served 86 dinners and were able to raise \$1,500, doubling our donation from last year!



Unit 148: American Legion Post family post 148 Riverview Florida celebrated our veterans this month by placing Flags at Serenity Meadows Cemetery. A cookout at Post 148 for our family and community. Honored our veterans at Veterans Memorial Park and packed up Christmas boxes for our deployed troops overseas with Blue Star Mothers. We also enjoyed a visit by Ann King Smith our Department President and Mary McGowan our District President.

Unit 356: Clifford Chester Sims State Veterans Nursing Home "Angel Tree" decorated at Douglas A Munro Post #356 by the Auxiliary on Veterans Day. To ensure each Veteran at Sims gets a Gift for Christmas 2019





Unit 158: Post 158 and auxiliary Halloween costume party October 26, 2019. Thank you Liz



Unit 217: Unit 217 along with Post 217 Quincy hosting a "Meet and Greet" informal evening for membership.



Unit 291: On Veterans Day November 11, 2019 the Veterans of Post 291 Steinhatchee was honored with a sit down dinner. The volunteers to make the event happen were members of the Son's of the Legion and the Auxiliary. Over 70 guest were served with a reception from 5-6 followed by dinner at 6:00. World War II Veteran was given a quilt made by the Auxiliary quilting group. A great night for all that attended.



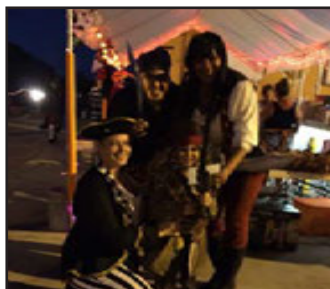
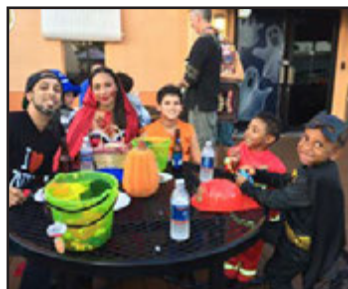
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Unit 200: Satellite Beach Unit 200 assisted S.A.L. Commander Chris Goldsworth on Tuesday November 5 when he hosted the local Scout Troop at the Post to learn about Americanism. The approximately 60 scouts in attendance learned about the National Anthem and the meaning behind it. Hot dogs, chips and a drink were served that evening. President Rector recruited three veterans who came up to the meeting room to assist with instruction on flag care, presentation & retirement. President Cheryl Rector and other Auxiliary members not only assisted with serving food and the Sons but also shared information about membership to the parents but spoke to the leaders from the different levels about Americanism Essay Contest and encouragement to participate.



Unit 200: On November 16, 2019, Satellite Beach Unit 200 held their Honor Flight auction and dinner raising \$2,800, enough to send 7 veterans on a trip of a lifetime.



Unit 200: On October 31, 2019, Unit 200, along with the Post and SAL had a Halloween party to raise money for the Satellite Beach ROTC. We had games, food, activities, raffles, and a costume contest. Thanks

to a sponsor, Navy Federal Credit Union, the Auxiliary handed out ID kits (fingerprints & DNA record) to all parents, and treats for the kids. We also used this event to recruit new members for the entire Legion Family. It was a wonderful family event and all had a safe and fun Halloween.



Unit 241: Oct. 10th Unit 241 assisted Post 241 in Flag Folding and Raising/Lowering Instructions as part of the School Safety Patrol Class at Sneads Elementary School. Pictured left to right, 1st Row: Kenice Luman, Will Green, Gracie Harris, Alvin Edenfield (School Resource Officer), Patrick Rabin, Caden Pringle; 2nd Row: Faye Walden, Kaye Brown (Unit members), Harold Beauchamp, Post Member, Bobby Edwards, Post Commander; 3rd Row: Post members Clark Riddle, Guy Edwards, Jerry Alexander.



Unit 241: The Sneads High School Lady Pirates Volleyball Team won for the 7th consecutive year the FHSAA Class 1A State Championship held in Ft. Myers on Nov. 15, 2019. Ms. Elizabeth Arnold, better known as "Sister", is an active Junior Member of Unit 241 (5th player, left to right in pic). Unit 241 is very proud of team's accomplishments of the years and honored to make monetary donations every year to assist with travel expenses.



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Unit 273: American Legion Auxiliary unit 273 Madeira Beach served ice cream floats to veterans at Bay Pines Medical Center on Tuesday, October 22, 2019 VA&R co-chair Rebecca Pullman organized the event.



Unit 273: Children's Halloween party Saturday October 26, 2019



Unit 273: American Legion Post 273, Madeira Beach, FL and Tampa Bay Troop Support held a packing event for deployed military on Saturday, November 16, 2019. 437 boxes of food and necessary items donated by the community were packed by over 100 volunteers to be sent to our troops for the Christmas holiday. Eighteen Auxiliary Unit 273 members participated in the sorting and filling of the USPS boxes. For God and Country the community gathered to send love to the military forces that can't be home for Christmas.



Unit 285: Edgewater Unit 285 with help from TAL and Sal delivers needed uniforms to Edgewater public School for students in need. Pictures President Venetta Narducci, 1st Vice Dora Lee Dawson, Junior Member Piper Amato, Commander Mike Hosmer, Treasurer Eleanor Amato, SAL Leader Gregg Narducci.



Unit 285: Unit 285 Edgewater distributes poppies at Publix. Pictured Dianna Heilman and Cathy Scovil seated.

Unit 318: District 12 ABC school was held at our post on 11/16/2019 and was well attended. Gail Briscoe was our instructor and promised we would all learn something new and she did not disappoint! We learned new information on membership, elections and much more. It was another successful ABC School.



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Patty and Brandi all dressed up for the party



Public Relations Chairman Eleanor Amato and escort Bob Lee all dressed up for the ball



Sandy MacDonald presenting appreciation certificate to manager of Bev Smith Toyota for flying American flag



Sandy MacDonald presenting appreciation certificate to manger of Jetson Appliance for flying American flag.



Diane Schullo, in back is Director of Abbiejean Russell Care Center, Joan Smith, Marge Westover and Terry Knorrston presenting 7 lap robes and flags to 7 veterans under their care on Veteran's Day.



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

December 14, 2019

12:00 noon

**Shiloh Cemetery
Shiloh Street, Fruitland Park, FL**

The American Legion Family of John Gella Memorial Post 219 located in Fruitland Park is hosting this great event!

Please sponsor a wreath(s) and/or please attend this beautiful ceremony.

\$15 per wreath or \$30 for 3 wreaths.

Make donations payable to & mail to: ALA Unit 219, P O Box 904, Fruitland Park, FL 34731

For more information, contact Diane Rousseau at flfrogs@aol.com

“REMEMBER, HONOR, TEACH – DON’T SAY I SHOULD HAVE, SAY I DID!”

MEMBERSHIP REPORTS

OCTOBER 25, 2019

DISTRICT 1

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0075	Crestview	146	0	107	107	73.29%
0078	Milton	14	0	13	13	92.86%
0193	Pensacola	93	15	26	41	44.09%
0221	Niceville	72	0	39	39	54.17%
0235	Ft Walton Beach	187	1	112	113	60.43%
0240	Pensacola	211	0	144	144	68.25%
0296	Destin	45	1	35	36	80.00%
0340	Pensacola	321	5	206	211	65.73%
0356	Lynn Haven	209	2	97	99	47.37%
0375	Southport	77	1	15	16	20.78%
0378	Gulf Breeze	48	0	13	13	27.08%
0382	Navarre	128	0	60	60	46.88%
0392	Panama City	183	0	53	53	28.96%
0402	Panama City Beach	43	0	24	24	55.81%
TOTALS		1777	25	944	969	54.53%

DISTRICT 3

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0049	Monticello	27	0	3	3	11.11%
0057	Lake City	237	0	134	134	56.54%
0107	Live Oak	45	2	32	34	75.56%
0131	Greenville	29	0	5	5	17.24%
0215	Jasper	40	2	16	18	45.00%
0224	Madison	39	0	20	20	51.28%
0291	Steinhatchee	181	2	123	125	69.06%
0383	Old Town	144	0	48	48	33.33%
TOTALS		742	6	381	387	52.16%

DISTRICT 2

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0013	Tallahassee	81	3	56	59	72.84%
0082	Lanark	95	1	61	62	65.26%
0084	Havana	34	6	10	16	47.06%
0100	Marianna	50	1	21	22	44.00%
0217	Quincy	49	4	31	35	71.43%
0241	Sneads	58	23	42	65	112.07%
TOTALS		367	38	221	259	70.57%

DISTRICT 4

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0016	Gainesville	53	0	26	26	49.06%
0027	Ocala	20	0	6	6	30.00%
0058	Dunnellon	38	2	33	35	92.11%
0077	Inverness	40	0	30	30	75.00%
0149	Newberry	32	0	17	17	53.13%
0155	Crystal River	317	3	224	227	71.61%
0166	Homosassa Springs	74	4	79	83	112.16%
0230	Hawthorne	48	2	25	27	56.25%
0236	Bronson	52	0	16	16	30.77%
0237	Beverly Hills	159	0	102	102	64.15%
0284	Bellevue	85	2	72	74	87.06%
TOTALS		918	13	630	643	70.04%

DISTRICT 5						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0009	Jacksonville	40	1	17	18	45.00%
0037	Saint Augustine	58	2	12	14	24.14%
0054	Fernandina Beach	156	1	63	64	41.03%
0088	Jacksonville	79	2	51	53	67.09%
0129	Jacksonville Beach	348	11	211	222	63.79%
0137	Jacksonville	519	10	300	310	59.73%
0194	St Augustine	71	8	39	47	66.20%
0197	Jacksonville	64	4	20	24	37.50%
0202	Keystone Heights	53	0	35	35	66.04%
0233	Ponte Vedra Beach	168	34	72	106	63.10%
0244	Jacksonville	22	3	7	10	45.45%
0250	Middleburg	354	34	171	205	57.91%
0283	Jacksonville	438	15	238	253	57.76%
0316	Atlantic Beach	335	47	177	224	66.87%
0372	Mandarin	25	4	19	23	92.00%
0373	Orange Park	43	3	24	27	62.79%
0401	Hilliard	40	0	10	10	25.00%
TOTALS		2813	179	1466	1645	58.48%

DISTRICT 7						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0003	Bartow	81	1	46	47	58.02%
0004	Lakeland	62	0	35	35	56.45%
0008	Winter Haven	599	3	432	435	72.62%
0034	Haines City	64	0	42	42	65.63%
0071	Lake Wales	74	0	23	23	31.08%
0072	Mulberry	164	2	64	66	40.24%
0201	Florence Villa	36	1	12	13	36.11%
TOTALS		1080	7	654	661	61.20%

DISTRICT 6						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0010	Kissimmee	202	2	115	117	57.92%
0019	Orlando	130	3	71	74	56.92%
0035	Mount Dora	116	0	57	57	49.14%
0041	Eustis	14	0	11	11	78.57%
0052	Lake Panasoffkee	19	0	2	2	10.53%
0053	Sanford	67	2	34	36	53.73%
0055	Clermont	97	0	16	16	16.49%
0063	Winter Garden	37	0	9	9	24.32%
0080	Saint Cloud	274	18	160	178	64.96%
0101	Bushnell	116	0	67	67	57.76%
0109	Ocoee	16	3	8	11	68.75%
0112	Winter Park	22	1	17	18	81.82%
0183	Fern Park	124	3	60	63	50.81%
0219	Fruitland Park	196	1	135	136	69.39%
0242	Orlando	123	10	67	77	62.60%
0286	Orlando	187	5	98	103	55.08%
0330	Leesburg	65	1	50	51	78.46%
0331	Orlando	42	0	12	12	28.57%
0347	Lady Lake	2485	9	1987	1996	80.32%
0347	Lady Lake	1961	12	2396	2408	122.79%
TOTALS		4332	58	2976	3034	70.04%

DISTRICT 8						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0011	Arcadia	31	10	22	32	103.23%
0024	Bradenton	317	14	171	185	58.36%
0025	Lake Placid	362	0	257	257	70.99%
0030	Sarasota	73	10	53	63	86.30%
0069	Avon Park	583	4	417	421	72.21%
0074	Sebring	87	0	67	67	77.01%
0113	Rotonda West	331	2	209	211	63.75%
0159	Venice	724	0	404	404	55.80%
0254	North Port	119	0	74	74	62.18%
0266	Fruitville	132	0	64	64	48.48%
0309	Palmetto	179	0	80	80	44.69%
0312	Oneco	258	1	124	125	48.45%
0325	Ellenton	154	0	80	80	51.95%
TOTALS		3350	41	2022	2063	61.58%

DISTRICT 9

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0036	Ft Lauderdale	41	0	9	9	21.95%
0092	Hollywood	98	1	68	69	70.41%
0142	Pompano Beach	197	4	136	140	71.07%
0157	Margate	234	15	100	115	49.15%
0162	Deerfield Beach	197	22	115	137	69.54%
0180	Fort Lauderdale	105	5	73	78	74.29%
0209	Dania Beach	24	0	11	11	45.83%
0220	Ft Lauderdale	29	12	18	30	103.45%
0222	Fort Lauderdale	54	1	29	30	55.56%
0287	Deerfield Beach	14	0	0	0	0.00%
0304	Dania	74	3	29	32	43.24%
0310	Hallandale	36	0	31	31	86.11%
0321	Cooper City	146	28	134	162	110.96%
0365	Sunrise	17	0	9	9	52.94%
TOTALS		1266	91	762	853	67.38%

DISTRICT 12

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0001	Titusville	312	12	216	228	73.08%
0022	Cocoa	99	1	59	60	60.61%
0039	Vero Beach	186	0	99	99	53.23%
0040	Fort Pierce	171	2	122	124	72.51%
0081	Melbourne	129	1	64	65	50.39%
0117	Palm Bay	481	10	283	293	60.91%
0126	Jensen Beach	228	3	129	132	57.89%
0163	Eau Gallie	255	4	170	174	68.24%
0171	Fort Pierce	12	0	13	13	108.33%
0189	Sebastian	115	1	92	93	80.87%
0191	Melbourne	102	16	29	45	44.12%
0200	Satellite Beach	145	5	83	88	60.69%
0318	Port St Lucie	802	5	584	589	73.44%
0344	Merritt Island	27	9	25	34	125.93%
0348	Cape Canaveral	172	0	125	125	72.67%
0358	White City	59	1	38	39	66.10%
0359	Port St John	285	4	143	147	51.58%
0366	Barefoot Bay	72	21	30	51	70.83%
0394	Palm Bay	152	5	81	86	56.58%
0410	Viera	11	0	8	8	72.73%
TOTALS		3815	100	2393	2493	65.35%

DISTRICT 11

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0020	Belle Glade	52	1	42	43	82.69%
0047	Lake Worth	113	2	61	63	55.75%
0062	Stuart	358	3	283	286	79.89%
0064	Okeechobee	117	0	50	50	42.74%
0065	Delray Beach	49	5	38	43	87.76%
0141	West Palm Beach	94	5	58	63	67.02%
0164	Boynton Beach	145	2	80	82	56.55%
0199	W Palm Beach	51	0	16	16	31.37%
0268	Riviera Beach	84	0	7	7	8.33%
0271	Tequesta	165	7	112	119	72.12%
0277	Boca Raton	93	0	60	60	64.52%
0288	Boynton Beach	33	0	0	0	0.00%
0367	Royal Palm Beach	45	6	26	32	71.11%
0367	Royal Palm Beach	44	12	32	44	100.00%
TOTALS		1399	31	833	864	61.76%

DISTRICT 13

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0038	Fort Myers	59	0	35	35	59.32%
0090	Cape Coral	235	2	160	162	68.94%
0103	Punta Gorda	425	2	276	278	65.41%
0110	Port Charlotte	545	5	342	347	63.67%
0123	Sanibel	80	1	17	18	22.50%
0130	Labelle	144	0	65	65	45.14%
0135	Naples	316	1	222	223	70.57%
0136	Saint James City	457	3	287	290	63.46%
0192	Fort Myers	21	0	12	12	57.14%
0274	Fort Myers Beach	585	3	395	398	68.03%
0303	Bonita Springs	416	12	264	276	66.35%
0323	Lehigh Acres	427	32	226	258	60.42%
0336	N Ft Myers	356	0	195	195	54.78%
0351	Fort Myers	80	0	37	37	46.25%
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TOTALS		4146	61	2533	2594	62.57%

DISTRICT 14						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0028	Key West	69	0	23	23	33.33%
0031	South Miami	171	6	123	129	75.44%
0043	Homestead	57	0	36	36	63.16%
0067	North Miami	56	1	38	39	69.64%
0098	Coral Gables	18	0	11	11	61.11%
0133	Miami	75	1	35	36	48.00%
0154	Marathon	170	1	97	98	57.65%
0168	Key West	26	0	1	1	3.85%
0333	Key Largo	85	0	54	54	63.53%
0346	Miami	22	1	15	16	72.73%
0374	Key Biscayne	49	0	27	27	55.10%
TOTALS		798	10	460	470	58.90%

DISTRICT 16						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0007	Clearwater	289	0	184	184	63.67%
0014	St Petersburg	123	4	75	79	64.23%
0079	New Port Richey	463	11	249	260	56.16%
0104	Pinellas Park	257	7	139	146	56.81%
0119	Largo	400	7	244	251	62.75%
0125	St Petersburg	350	4	203	207	59.14%
0158	Treasure Island	290	1	164	165	56.90%
0173	Holiday	270	4	164	168	62.22%
0238	Safety Harbor	284	12	165	177	62.32%
0252	Seminole	988	8	643	651	65.89%
0273	Madeira Beach	3132	4	1837	1841	58.78%
0275	Dunedin	749	3	520	523	69.83%
0305	St Pete Beach	127	0	81	81	63.78%
0335	Hudson	149	3	35	38	25.50%
TOTALS		7871	68	4703	4771	60.61%

DISTRICT 15						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0005	Tampa	42	2	26	28	66.67%
0026	Plant City	25	1	12	13	52.00%
0111	Tampa	51	1	28	29	56.86%
0138	Tampa	435	8	296	304	69.89%
0139	Tampa	109	0	56	56	51.38%
0147	Odessa	33	0	33	33	100.00%
0148	Riverview	175	6	133	139	79.43%
0152	Tampa	261	3	144	147	56.32%
0167	Tampa	24	0	15	15	62.50%
0186	Brooksville	354	1	218	219	61.86%
0246	Sun City Center	20	0	4	4	20.00%
0248	West Tampa	20	1	16	17	85.00%
0389	Ruskin	15	1	11	12	80.00%
0389	Ruskin	24	3	11	14	58.33%
TOTALS		1564	24	992	1016	64.96%

DISTRICT 17						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0006	Deland	135	0	40	40	29.63%
0017	New Smyrna Beach	232	2	157	159	68.53%
0045	Palatka	45	2	35	37	82.22%
0115	Palm Coast	37	1	29	30	81.08%
0120	Holly Hill	214	3	144	147	68.69%
0127	Lake Helen	24	3	10	13	54.17%
0204	Daytona Beach	24	10	10	20	83.33%
0255	Deltona	27	7	17	24	88.89%
0259	DeBary	30	5	12	17	56.67%
0267	Ormond Beach	175	4	114	118	67.43%
0270	Port Orange	143	0	74	74	51.75%
0285	Edgewater	134	3	70	73	54.48%
0361	S Daytona	180	0	106	106	58.89%
0361	S Daytona	163	11	168	179	109.82%
TOTALS		1400	40	818	858	61.29%



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