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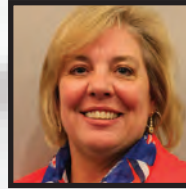
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Mission Statement

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

For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

Vision Statement

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



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ANN KING-SMITH



This month, I'm going to forego writing about my travels and save that for a later date. This month, I want to leave plenty of room for some important information we all need to know so that we can successfully complete our Auxiliary year.

At the beginning of the year, when I chose my theme, "Florida ALA Strong," I had no idea how much real meaning that theme would have in the upcoming months. Who would, or could, have imagined that March and April would have been spent in isolation, as has been the case for many? I know that we are STRONG and that this is merely a minor setback for all the accomplishments we have yet to make.

There is so much we can continue to do from the comfort of our homes. The need is real for masks for our hospitals and our members. If you can sew, this is a great project to do. If you're someone that's not fearful of grocery or supply shopping, I'm sure you have elderly neighbors that could use your help. Please take this time to call all members and do Buddy Checks. In addition to checking on their well-being and needs, I'm sure they would welcome a friendly and caring voice.

Now is a great time to contact members that have not renewed. Grab a roster and start calling. First all, let them know that we are concerned about them. If you reach a member that is facing financial hardships right now, share information about the Auxiliary Emergency Fund. If they can't afford to pay their dues right now, get in touch with some other members that might be willing to chip in and cover an Auxiliary sister's dues. Now, more than ever, it's important to keep dues current, in case any member needs to apply for emergency funds.

I pray that each of you are safe and secure. We will come through this crisis, just as Americans have always done and we will be stronger because of it. I would like to close with some words from Eleanor Roosevelt, a very strong woman.

"You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You are able to say to yourself, 'I lived through this horror. I can take the next thing that comes along.'"

**Department President, Ann King-Smith's
homecoming has been **cancelled** at this time.**

A new date has not been determined, if any. More information to come when available

GIRLS' NATION

KELLY CIRCLE, NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



03/24/2020 ~ It was announced yesterday The American Legion has cancelled this year's Legion Boys Nation. We understand the difficulty of the decision and respect the careful thought and consideration that went into it. While our programs are very similar, the ALA has a slightly different set of parameters to consider. The contracts we have in place for ALA Girls Nation gives us a bit more time before we must make the final decision, so we are taking that time to consider our options and see if the COVID 19 curve flattens sooner rather than later. Our first concern is for the safety of the participants and the volunteers so we will be monitoring the situation closely.

ALA Girls Nation Chair, Wendy Riggle and ALA Girls Nation Program Manager, Elizabeth Sendelweck have been reaching out to ALA Girls State Directors across the country this week to get a sense of what is going on at the local level. The consensus is that most ALA Girls State program directors are taking a "wait and see" approach in hopes they will be able to give their girls that once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Some of the ALA Girls State Directors are exploring a possibility of an online version of their program this year. ALA National Headquarters will be working to help in any way to facilitate that option to every program as requested, including being test participants. We hope to send information on online meeting platforms later this week. If this is something your program is considering,

please email Wendy and Elizabeth. Elizabeth will act as a central repository of information and will share with all so we can learn and help each other.

This is a complex decision to make and we have no precedent to guide us which adds to the stress. Please know the NHQ staff will respect and support the decision you make. Do what is best for your program and your team. If a Department chooses to cancel their Girls State program for this year, that Department can still choose two delegates to send to Girls Nation.

We appreciate and respect the due diligence that ALA Girls State directors and their teams are taking regarding their programs. We couldn't be prouder of the conversations and your ability to see the bigger picture for your programs. We have faith that you will make the best decision possible when the time is right for each of your programs.

In the meantime, please feel free to reach out to ALA Girls Nation Chair, Wendy Riggle or ALA Girls Nation Program Manager, Elizabeth Sendelweck so we can continue to support you through every step of this process. Remember, we are all in this together and as a family will do all we can to ensure that our future leaders will still have the leadership opportunities that will start them down the path towards their best future.



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GIRLS' STATE

JACKIE BOOTH, DIRECTOR

Dear Members and Units of the Department of Florida, After meeting with the President, Girls State Chairman and the Secretary of the Department of Florida. It is with tears and a heavy heart that we regret to inform you that:

American Legion Auxiliary Florida Girls State is cancelled for the 2020 session.

We sincerely appreciate the dedication of our Units and staff team of volunteers in promoting this fast paced, hands-on immersive environment where delegates learn about city, county, and state government. This is an amazing program. However, this year we are witnessing first-hand the COVID-19 pandemic that has spread worldwide. This decision is made in recognition of the responsibility that the organization has to the health and safety of the delegates, the staff team of volunteers and the public. We are always committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all involved. We will gather again in 2021.

I always look forward to each Girls State session. When people ask why I love this program, I always tell them that it restores my faith in the future. I get to meet 300 young women that I know can and will change the world. Therefore, to all the delegates out there, you are the leaders of tomorrow. Your country, your state, your family and peers need your leadership now.

Please always remember that you have these gifts and continue to use them to the best of your ability.

The Department of Florida wants these young women to be able to claim their selection to the American Legion Auxiliary Florida Girls State on future resumes. We will provide more details and they become available. I am heartbroken that this years' selected delegates will not get to attend this session and we will not get to meet you inspiring young women. Always be proud that you were chosen as a delegate. Our units only choose the best candidates in the state of Florida.



HISTORIAN

ELEANOR AMATO



Historians,

For every history I receive, your name will be put in a hat for a drawing at Department Convention. The winner will receive this one of a kind handmade jewelry set.

Remember to send your history to:

Eleanor Amato
892 Catfish Avenue
New Smyrna Beach 32169



DISTRICT 1

KIM EDENS

Hey Y'all hope everyone is doing well. Well the end of 2019

Did NOT end well for us here in the panhandle. 6th of December there was a deadly terrorist attack here aboard NAS Pensacola where 3 young sailors lost their lives Ensign Joshua Kaleb Watson of Alabama, Airman Mohammed Sameh Haitham of St. Petersburg, Fl. And Airman Apprentice Cameron Scott Walters of Georgia. Along with 11 others that where wounded because of this cowardly attack.

I personally would like to Thank everyone that reached out to me. As many know my husband Western Area Commander John Edens works aboard NAS as an Instructor Pilot and it took several hours to find out if he was safe. Post 240 was made a safe haven for anyone in our community as we all waited on news about our fellow brothers and sisters. We had 3 news networks come to the Post for interview and get the word out for those that needed us.

The following day we open our Post to the First Responders to say Thank You and feed them. Continue Prayers for OUR community as we are still dealing. Only personal with a DOD Id is allowed on base until further notice.

Now on to happier news . We had a GREAT visit with Dept. President Ann King Smith and 12th District President Karen Humann. I do believe that they

brought all the rain and cold weather with them. Our district like all are continuing to grow our membership.

1st District has a lot of Male Spouses that have joined the Auxiliary and we all our welcoming them with open hearts and arms. We held our District meeting on 22 February and had a great turn out with a lot of first time members to attend and they all got some marti gras bead.

Big shout out to all the members of this great organization but especially here in district 1. I am so proud of each of them as some are new members and new as officers to their units. Each Unit are doing such amazing things with fundraisers and community services and taking care of OUR Veterans.

Some Units are still coming back for Hurricane Michael. They never gave up as a lot of them lost their homes and even their Post. Others are small and has worked hard to raise money for OUR Veterans. Others have to stepped to put New officers in place so they can continue our mission.

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See Yall in June !



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NEC BRIEFING

KELLY CIRCLE, NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Things are changing so quickly and so many questions are arising that I decided to send a mid-week update this week. I'm including Department Presidents and Department Secretaries on this briefing to facilitate rapid communication.

Questions are coming up regarding the possible cancelation of district and department conventions and what that means regarding elected officers. Please check your Constitution and Bylaws first for guidance. The National C&B states (highlighted for your convenience):

*Section 2. The National Convention shall elect the following term- limited national officers: National President, National Vice President, National Division Vice Presidents, National Chaplain, and National Historian. Each National Division Vice President shall serve without seniority. Such officers shall serve for one (1) term or **until their successors are elected**; a term shall start upon adjournment of the convention at which they are elected and end at the adjournment of the following National Convention.*

So, if the National Convention were to be postponed (and that is NOT being considered at this time), the current officers would remain in place until such time and election could be held. Please also look to your C&B to see if the convention can be held in an alternative format. If your C&B is silent on the topic, or even if it has a clause, check your state law for any limitations on convention format.

Update on NHQ staff: We are following the CDC, state and local advisories and policies, and the Legion's leniency on work schedules. Many staff are working from home, but the building is still open for business and we are conducting business as usual. We are asking members to refrain from visiting us in person for the next few weeks. Those who are out of the office have forwarded their phones and have access to email so I doubt many

members will even realize the difference.

In these uncertain times, anxiety can rise just because we are planners and now we can't really plan as things are changing so quickly. This is a great opportunity for us! We can do a hard reset and question everything we've always thought of as absolutes. We can get creative and adapt to a changing environment. For us at NHQ, we are taking this opportunity to test different online meeting options.

In addition to the change in our physical work environment, this pandemic has forced us to slow down. We all now have space to take a collective deep breath, reconsider our absolutes, and allow creative ideas to flow.

Please, allow those ideas to bubble up and write them down! Maybe you have ideas on how to make convention better, or a form easier to read, or a process to be more efficient. Write those ideas down and share them. This is truly the time to time "outside the box" and take the American Legion Auxiliary into the next century of service!

Thank you all for your hard work and dedication to our mission. Stay positive, stay healthy, and stay safe!



SECRETARY

PATTY MACDONALD



The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Florida received correspondence from National regarding Unit meets, elections and emergencies and how to determine what to do. Included in the email is a flow chart to determine what a unit should do.

With this flow chart you would answer the questions to determine if you can do electronic meetings and elections or if the current officers stay in place until the National crisis is over.

Question number one is does your Constitution, Bylaws & Standing Rules have a provision for emergency operations? Most units in Florida do not have this in place.

Question two is does your state non-profit laws allow electronic meetings? The research we can find is the answer is yes.

Question three is are electronic meetings prohibited by your governing documents? If you do not have anything in your Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules the answer would be no.

Question four is does your governing documents require elections in a particular month (impacted by an emergency)? This means does your documents have a stated month in them required for elections. (ie: March, April, May etc) This does not include 90 days or 15 days per to convention. If the answer is no you keep the current officers in place.

With this being said if you follow the flow chart and you cannot do electronic meetings or elections this will include nominations or any other meeting. The unit cannot do votes with the Executive Committee either.

I know after reviewing this and units find they do not have anything in the C&B's that the unit is going to want to add them. The unit will have to wait until you can hold meetings again. The unit must vote the Unit Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rule changes on.

District Constitutional Conferences are on hold at this time also. Once the pandemic is over the District Presidents will reschedule the Constitutional Conferences.

At this time Department Convention has not been cancelled and the date has not changed. This will be a decision by The American Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Florida will notify all Units when we hear something different.

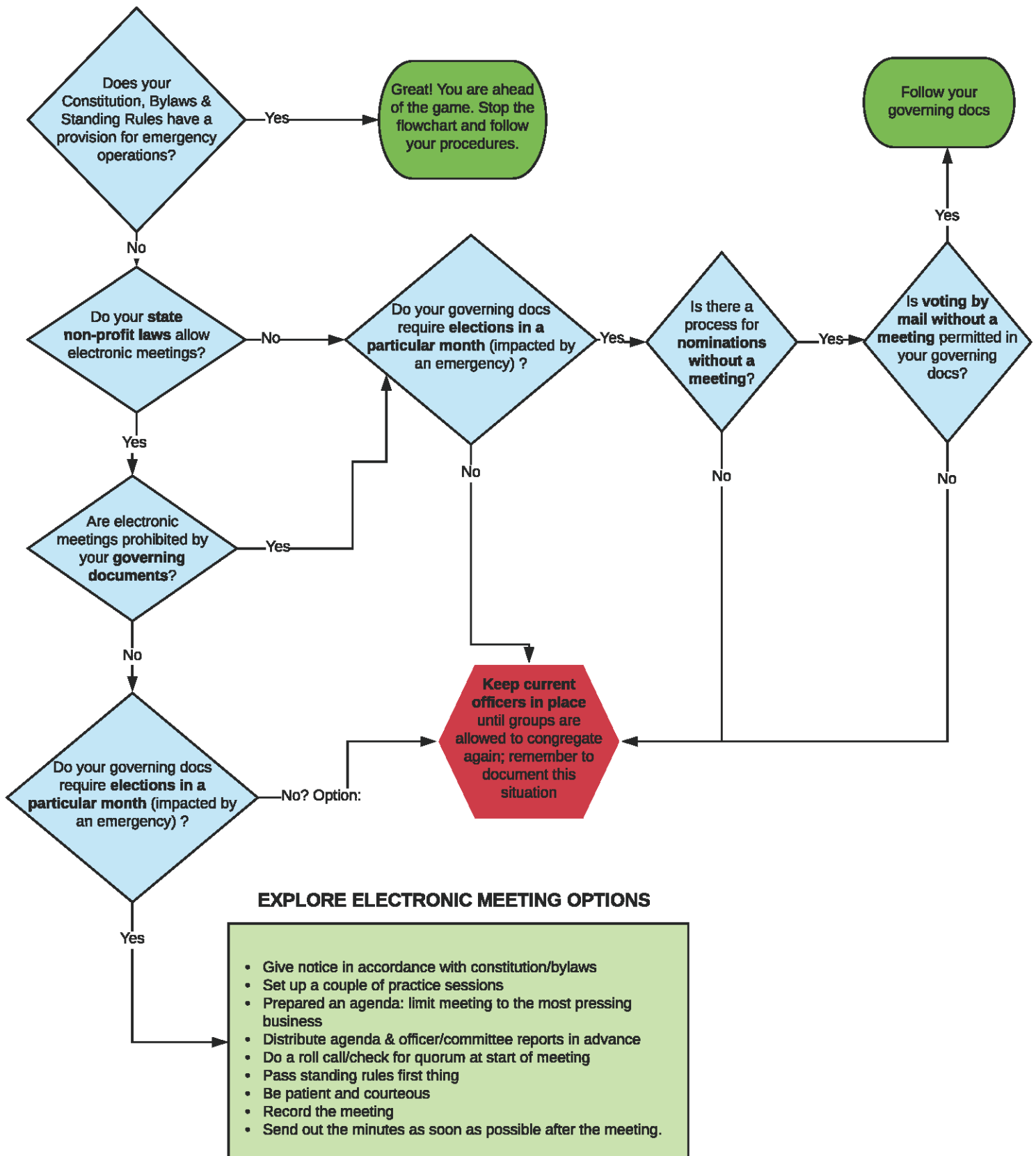
Units will still need to submit the 2021 dues form to Department Headquarters by April 15, 2020. National is not changing the date of when Departments have to submit this information. Please note the dues amount on the form must match the Units C&B's. I do compare the two. If they do not match I will submit to national what is in the C&B's. If an unit needs the form you can find it on our website at <https://alafl.org/wp-content/uploads/Unit-Dues-Information-Form-2021.pdf>.

Department Staff is still working remotely from home as the US President has continued the Social Distancing for another thirty days. You can reach each of us via email at the following email address: Department Secretary, Patty MacDonald email secretary@alafl.org; Department Treasurer, Brandi Seeber email treasurer@alafl.org and Department Membership Administrator, Kenyson Gardner email is membership@alafl.org. This is the best way to reach us. The Department office phones are being forwarded to a cell phone and we rotate who has the phone.

If you have any questions, please contact your District President or you can email me at Secretary@alafl.org.

With all that is going on right now please know our thoughts and prayers are with each and every one of you and your family. Remember to stay home and be nice to one another.

MEETINGS, ELECTIONS, AND EMERGENCIES





CHAPLAIN

LOIS STACHELRODT

I will admit right now that I am using some wording from the Department Chaplain of New York's note. The Prayer however is from my heart.

As your Department Chaplain, I felt it was time for a special Prayer to all members of Florida. Please share with your Districts and your Units. We need this time together and we are all in this together as a team.

The past several weeks have been a time of stress and uncertainty not only for our members, but for our armed forces, our veterans and the world as a whole. We have had to practice physical distancing and as members of the American Legion Family, we are not "wired" that way, we are geared to jump in and assist no matter the circumstances. Our Legion Family is very important so please stay safe and only go out when necessary. Please feel free to share with your family, friends and all members of the American Legion Family.

So here is my Prayer to all of you.

Heavenly Father,

We ask thy blessings to be placed on all First Responders who have been fighting this virus with unconditional love, even without fear of being infected themselves. They are the most dedicated, loyal and giving people in the world and they continue to persevere through the turmoil. Without them this may become worse. With them we are seeing the love and concern they have for all of us.

To our members who are struggling both financially and mentally, we are asking that you send them your love, guidance and wisdom to help them through the storm. We are asking that you wrap your loving arms around those who may have lost a loved one to this virus, and let them know that we are here to help them through the difficult times. Father, we also ask that you help those who have lost a loved one; not from the virus but from other causes and that we are here for them. Please wrap your loving arms around them and comfort them through their difficult time.

We also ask that you calm the stress levels and anxiety levels of those who are housebound and cannot get out greeting their friends or seeing family. Let them know that they are all thinking of them and love them. Please just wrap your loving arms around all of us as we go through this storm.

To our healthcare professionals, law enforcement professionals, Armed Forces, and our First Responders all over the world, we ask that you protect them from this virus and allow them to do their jobs, but mostly Father, we ask that you let them know that we are proud of them, love them, care about them and are praying for them every day. Please keep them safe.

To all the members of the American Legion Family, we ask that you keep them safe from this virus and keep us informed of how they are doing, please help us to check in on each other and make sure that they are safe and that their needs are met.

All this we ask in thy Holy Name,
Amen



As the springs begins to bloom, may our spirits also awaken to the beauty that surrounds us. May we remember our members as the Lord has chosen them to live in his kingdom. May we continue to pray for those who are less fortunate than us and who need our help. Let us dedicate ourselves to our beliefs and be loyal to our morales.

I am sending a huge apology to Holly Rewolwnski. Her name was mistakenly listed as deceased, however it was her husband who actually passed away. I am so sorry for your loss and apologize for the error. May the Lord lift you up and help you through this difficult time.



Recently Departed Members

DISTRICT 5

Paula "Jackie" Romano, Unit 137
Karen O'Neill, Unit 233

DISTRICT 6

Olive Brasted, Unit 347
Arlene Johnson, Unit 347

DISTRICT 7

Jean D. Davis, Unit 71

DISTRICT 8

Doris Cleghorn, Unit 69
Shirlene Kaszolka, Unit 69
Sylvia Popvich, Unit 69

DISTRICT 9

Anna Foster, Unit 162
Jean Kosnik, Unit 162
Janeice Sherrick, Unit 162

DISTRICT 12

Brenda Headley, Unit 163

DISTRICT 13

Edith Hopper, Unit 323
Kay Woodmansee, Unit 323

DISTRICT 16

Stacy McBeth, Unit 125
Rose M. Koper, Unit 125
Deanne Conti, Unit 173
Marie B. Weber, Unit 173
Carrie Brown, Unit 230
Diane Binninger, Unit 273

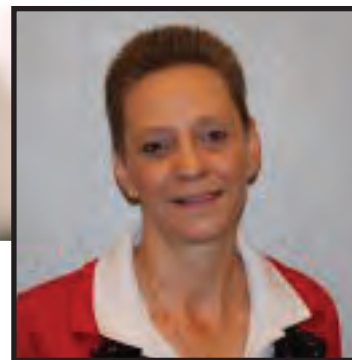
DISTRICT 17

Claudette Wozniak, Unit 120
Nancy Hackel, Unit 285



MEMBERSHIP

TERRY GALLAGHER



"REV UM UP"

Good Day All,

I hope this finds everyone safe and well. I send my thoughts and prayers out to each of you.

Yesterday April 3, 2020, President Ann King-Smith and I held a conference call with our Area Membership Chairmen to discuss many issues we are now facing. I would like to share the topics we discussed and give you information to help you along your way.

First, let me say WOW !!! Florida membership is really rocking !!! As of last Wednesday, Florida is less than 1% behind the Department of Puerto Rico first place. I know we can boost up a little energy during this time and put Florida where it belongsin First Place.

We understand that there may be questionable transfers. Please if you have documentation or charges pending on a transfer, do not process, hold until unit can meet again. (Remember that by National Rules you can not refuse a transfer or a new member without proper documentation of a charge.)

If your Standing Rules do not address voting on new members or transfers but you have been voting on them because "we've always done it," please process the memberships immediately.

You also should be working on the week of Caring and Sharing. With all the need in our communities right now, this is a good time for your Unit to be doing Buddy Checks. Call your members and check on them. If they have not renewed, this could be a good time to find out why not. It could be a hardship right now for them. You can check and see if you have a membership credit with Department by emailing the Department Treasurer, Brandi Seeber at treasurer@alafl.org. This could be a good way to help Unit members who can't afford to renew right now. If you have a credit the President of the Unit can call a special (emergency) meeting of the E-Board either by phone or email and get permission to use the credit to help pay Unit members in need dues. (Make sure when you are calling that it is really to just check in on them, let them know we care. Don't bring up renewals first off.)



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CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

CATHIE MCMULLIN

When I mentioned last August that many more changes would be coming through, I had no idea there would be so many. The following is a list of all of the changes which were made to our Preamble, Constitution and Bylaws:

1. Preamble (The American Legion changed "Great Wars" to "all wars"):
2. 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 during 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.

The American Legion, with the approval of Congress, was able to expand the years of service required for eligibility to join The Legion to anyone who served April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918 and any time after December 7, 1941. In addition, The American Legion changed "wives" to "spouses" under ALA Constitution – Article IV – Eligibility which permits male spouses of Veterans to join the American Legion Auxiliary. This prompted a resolution being passed at the 2019 National Convention removing all gender specific verbiage.

The changes mentioned in the above paragraph

affected:

Constitution – Article

II – NATURE

Section 1: American Legion Auxiliary Unit, Inc. is a civilian patriotic service organization that supports the mission of The American Legion.

Note: Previously stated "civilian patriotic service organization of women".

Constitution = Article IV – Eligibility:

"wives" has been changed to "spouses" to allow for male spouses of all Veterans.

See sample at www.alafl.org to review the suggested wording by National taking into account the years of service.

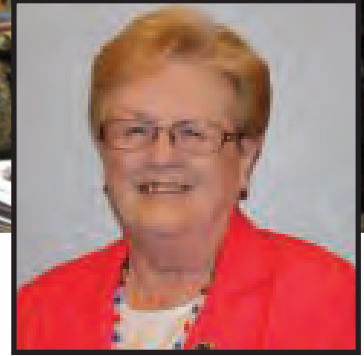
Bylaws:

Any gender specific verbiage such as she or her has been amended to allow for male Auxiliary members.

All of these changes have been incorporated in the Sample Constitution and Bylaws found at www.alafl.org > Programs > Constitution & Bylaws. It is formatted to enable downloading and inserting your Unit's information where applicable. Be sure to put your legal name and full address including your physical location, not just a P. O. Box.

To facilitate faster processing and to reduce postage expense, you may send your revised CBL to my email address for REVIEW ONLY. I CANNOT APPROVE EMAILED COPIES. You must send two copies of the Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules to my home address for approval. If you have any questions, please contact me at 610-715-2237 or at cblaws@alafl.org

Cathie McMullin, Constitution & Bylaws Chairman
Pat Devine, CBL Committee Member



FLORIDA ALA HAPPENINGS



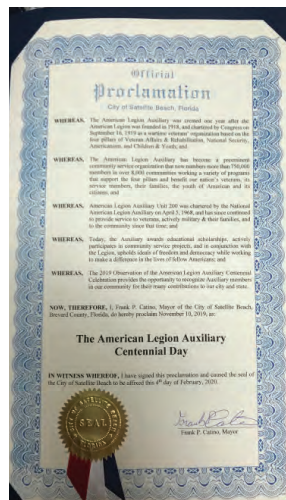
District 2: District 2 stepped up & responded to the need for clothes at Florida State Hospital in Chattahoochee. On behalf of District 2, pictured is Kaye Brown, Unit 241 President, with 10 boxes and 2 large garbage bags of new and slightly used clothes delivered on March 5th. Serving our veterans and community.



District 2: Another successful Unit 241 Valentine Project in the books. Success due to Ms. Sue's concerted efforts. Awarded a Visa Card from the Unit. Pictured Kaye Brown, Unit President, Suellen Howell, Art Teacher at Sneads Elementary School and Steve DeWitt, Principal & Army Veteran.



District 2: ABC School Hosted by Unit 13



District 12: District 12, Unit 200 has received their Centennial Proclamation from the City of Satellite Beach. Holding it is Amy McGuinness, Treasurer, Jennifer Green, and Unit President Cheryl Rector.



Unit 318: Unit 318 Our Auxiliary held its annual 50/50 Pot of Gold progressive raffle on St. Patrick's day. It was a success raffle and our last event at the Post due to Covid19. We will be back stronger than ever. God Bless America!



Unit 5: The American Legion Auxiliary emphasizes protecting, caring for, and supporting children and youth, particularly those of veterans and military families. Show your support for military children during April – Month of the Military Child.

The Military Child's Table Setting Ceremony is a unique program to involve Auxiliary Junior members and younger Sons of The American Legion to honor the sacrifices of their military child friends and classmates. The ceremony is inspired by the POW/ MIA remembrance table ceremony. Our military answer the call to service every day as they defend freedom around the world. That service often comes at a great personal sacrifice, not only for the service member, but also for their children. American Legion U.S.S. Tampa Unit 5 every year for the month of April we set up a Military Child Table

The Military Child Table.

- The potted flowering plant symbolizing that a military child may flower and flourish where they are planted
- The hand spade recognizes that they may be transplanted to a new place in the world at a moment's notice.
- The birthday cake and unlit candles, along with the baseball and glove, and ballet slippers represent special occasions that are missed.
- The family photo depicting a child with his/her uniformed parent demonstrates our country's strength.
- The final touch to the table setting is the American flag to remind us that families are united in their commitment to national service, at home or away.

Remember our Military Children



Unit 5: On March 5th 2020 during our American Legion U.S.S. Tampa Post 5 Family monthly meeting many things were discuss. There was a draping of the Post Charter for our beloved Commander Bill Hamblin who passed away.

There was a special quest speaker from the City Council Luis Vera who came to honor the memory of the late patriot and Air Force and Vietnam Veteran Bill Hamblin. Bill was the Post Commander for American Legion Post 5, he was a man with a deep love for our nation - a passion that he shared with many. His work in promoting patriotism, love of country and civic involvement with our young people was a work of the heart. Luis presented a signed Commendation to the entire American Legion Post 5 Family in honor and remembrance of Bill which was singed by several members of Hillsborough City Council which included the Mayor Of Tampa Jane Castor.

In addition one of the Auxiliary unit members recognized for all she is doing for the Legion Family. However this member had to leave early and missed out on her announcement. On Thursday several members from the American Legion Family and s MacDill Airforce Base personnel came to together to discuss the celebration of life for Commander Bill.

After our meeting Bonnie O'Brien was presented with a special certificate for outstanding achievements for all her work with the Wreaths Across America program. Bonnie is unit 5 Sgt of Arms, and is always there at the Post Home helping out where she ever needed. She is an inspiration to the entire Family of American legion U.S.S. Tampa.

FLORIDA ALA HAPPENINGS



Unit 138: Even with the mandated closure of the Legion Hugh Gilbert Strickland American Legion Tampa Florida, the 138 Auxiliary is still carrying out our Mission to community service. They cooked up everything left in the kitchen & it's all being distributed to our local SOG needy (South of Gandy community) #ALAFSTRONG



Unit 138: Hugh Gilbert Strickland American Legion 138, Tampa Florida has breakfast every Sunday, all monies that are normally raised went to Support Girls State and Boy State Transportation Cost. The food that is shown had been purchased for now cancelled breakfast, brunch & dinner events. Estimated to be approximately \$300 worth of food. the food was cooked and assembled by Unit President Deborah "Das" Lane and E-Board member Dawn Davis. Donated to Hope on the Horizon to feed homeless and less fortunate individuals in South Tampa.(Serving the Community helping others.)



Unit 183: Legion 2nd Vice- Eugenia Reed, Commander Michael Browning, Auxiliary Sgt at Arms Debbie Dorton, Legion Member Tom Dorton, Auxiliary President Penny Kanbara, Sons Members Ron Rentfrew and Joey Sewell (seated) New auxiliary Member Jessica Browning and Auxiliary 1st Vice President Patsy Sewell attending Roaring 20's night at Old Glory Post 183



Unit 183: President Penny Kanbara, Historian-Brittany Grieb and 1st Vice President- Patsy Sewell working on reports while social distancing.



Unit 273: Janice Hill, District President Sue Craft, Zoe Roseman, Linda Keach



Unit 273: Auxiliary Unit 273 members and 3 Girls State attendees participate in packing boxes for the troops on Saturday, March 7 at Legion 273 Madeira Beach

Unit 183: On February 22, 2020 we hosted our 1st Annual Challenge 22 walk and fundraiser in support of the efforts of this wonderful charity. We were honored to have 11 people join us on our inaugural walk with two service dogs! Commander Michael Browning even scored a wheelchair to push President Penny Kanbara through the 2.2 mile walk while her bad Achilles heals. It was a lovely day by the lake and we were honored to have members from Winter Garden Post 63 support us with their merchandise and information on Challenge 22 and the new RPM Protocols. We raised over \$500.00 with Jambalaya made by SAL member Joey Sewell and lots of raffle prizes donated by the community. The band has even donated their time to play every year so we can make this an annual event. Thanks to Kurt Gies, Americanism Chair for all his support.



Unit 273: Saturday, March 7 American Legion and Auxiliary Unit 273 Tampa Bay Troop packing saw Janice Hill's 3 Girls State picks helping pack boxes. They really dived in and accomplished a lot.



Unit 273: Carol Dayton with You are Loved Card for troops



Unit 273: 155 packed boxes for the troops



Unit 273: Emily Altrop with her Grandmother and Janice Hill Unit 273 Members

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Unit 273: Asha Swann with brother and sister



Unit 291: Unit 291 of Steinhatchee has chosen their Girl's State Candidate Ellie Webb, our alternate will be Carolyn Gray who was not available for the picture. Pictured above left to right is School Officials, Auxiliary Committee Members and our Candidate.



Unit 291: American Legion Auxiliary Unit 291 of Steinhatchee did another year of "Purses with a Purpose". A donation of 58 purses filled with needed essential items (tooth brush, comb, deodorant, ect.) was given to the Refuge House for battered women. Pictured from left to right is Joanne Griffin, Judy Shimp, Carolyn Wiley, Jan Spivey, Karen Tidwell, and Brandi Turner Case Manager from Refuge House.



Unit 291: Even though we are not meeting and keeping socializing at a distance the Auxiliary Unit 291 is still working to help our community. Ursula Miller Vice President of the ladies Auxiliary was on a mission to get safety supplies for our local Sheriff Department. Ursula got with Brenda Sellers member of our Auxiliary and she made mask for all the deputies. Along with the mask she received a donation from Danny and Michelle McLeod of disposable gloves for each patrol car. They are still in need of sanitizer, Lysol, and rubbing alcohol if anyone can locate and donate or if we can purchase. Along with the safety supplies Ursula was able to get with a wholesaler a few weeks ago and the Auxiliary and the Legion was able to purchase toilet paper to be distributed to our local elderly community for those that can't get out and find this item. Thank you Brenda for your hard work making the mask and thank you Ursula for all your research and for picking up and delivering these items.





Unit 285: Jean Johnson Unit 285 serves corned beef and cabbage on St Paddy's Day



District 3: Visit



District 3: Lake City VMAC



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District 14: President's son and niece with Department President



District 3



District 14

MEMBERSHIP REPORTS

APRIL 3, 2020

DISTRICT 1

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0075	Crestview	146	0	173	173	118.49%
0078	Milton	14	0	14	14	100.00%
0193	Pensacola	93	15	58	73	78.49%
0221	Niceville	72	1	68	69	95.83%
0235	Ft Walton Beach	187	3	147	150	80.21%
0240	Pensacola	211	2	208	210	99.53%
0296	Destin	45	1	48	49	108.89%
0340	Pensacola	321	7	312	319	99.38%
0356	Lynn Haven	209	2	140	142	67.94%
0375	Southport	77	1	53	54	70.13%
0378	Gulf Breeze	48	0	38	38	79.17%
0382	Navarre	128	0	152	152	118.75%
0392	Panama City	183	1	125	126	68.85%
0402	Panama City Beach	43	0	32	32	74.42%
TOTALS		1777	33	1568	1601	90.10%

DISTRICT 2

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0013	Tallahassee	81	7	76	83	102.47%
0082	Lanark	95	1	79	80	84.21%
0084	Havana	34	16	14	30	88.24%
0100	Marianna	50	4	31	35	70.00%
0217	Quincy	49	6	44	50	102.04%
0241	Sneads	58	23	45	68	117.24%
TOTALS		367	57	289	346	94.28%

DISTRICT 3

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0049	Monticello	27	0	21	21	77.78%
0057	Lake City	237	1	219	220	92.83%
0107	Live Oak	45	2	32	34	75.56%
0131	Greenville	29	1	9	10	34.48%
0215	Jasper	40	3	32	35	87.50%
0224	Madison	39	0	32	32	82.05%
0291	Steinhatchee	181	3	180	183	101.10%
0383	Old Town	144	0	93	93	64.58%
TOTALS		742	10	618	628	84.64%

DISTRICT 4

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0016	Gainesville	53	0	26	26	49.06%
0027	Ocala	20	1	12	13	65.00%
0058	Dunnellon	38	2	41	43	113.16%
0077	Inverness	40	0	44	44	110.00%
0149	Newberry	32	2	19	21	65.63%
0155	Crystal River	317	6	305	311	98.11%
0166	Homosassa Springs	74	4	103	107	144.59%
0230	Hawthorne	48	4	33	37	77.08%
0236	Bronson	52	0	31	31	59.62%
0237	Beverly Hills	159	0	158	158	99.37%
0284	Bellevue	85	2	80	82	96.47%
TOTALS		918	21	852	873	95.10%

DISTRICT 5						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0009	Jacksonville	40	3	32	35	87.50%
0037	Saint Augustine	58	2	24	26	44.83%
0054	Fernandina Beach	156	4	142	146	93.59%
0088	Jacksonville	79	3	81	84	106.33%
0129	Jacksonville Beach	348	13	344	357	102.59%
0137	Jacksonville	519	18	420	438	84.39%
0194	St Augustine	71	9	57	66	92.96%
0197	Jacksonville	64	10	38	48	75.00%
0202	Keystone Heights	53	0	52	52	98.11%
0233	Ponte Vedra Beach	168	35	116	151	89.88%
0244	Jacksonville	22	3	8	11	50.00%
0250	Middleburg	354	35	279	314	88.70%
0283	Jacksonville	438	23	416	439	100.23%
0316	Atlantic Beach	335	48	259	307	91.64%
0372	Mandarin	25	4	28	32	128.00%
0373	Orange Park	43	9	31	40	93.02%
0401	Hilliard	40	1	35	36	90.00%
TOTALS		2813	220	2362	2582	91.79%

DISTRICT 7						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0003	Bartow	81	1	63	64	79.01%
0004	Lakeland	62	3	58	61	98.39%
0008	Winter Haven	599	6	576	582	97.16%
0034	Haines City	64	0	66	66	103.13%
0071	Lake Wales	74	0	38	38	51.35%
0072	Mulberry	164	6	137	143	87.20%
0201	Florence Villa	36	3	23	26	72.22%
TOTALS		1080	19	961	980	90.74%

DISTRICT 6						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0010	Kissimmee	202	3	178	181	89.60%
0019	Orlando	130	5	110	115	88.46%
0035	Mount Dora	116	2	123	125	107.76%
0041	Eustis	14	0	11	11	78.57%
0052	Lake Panasoffkee	19	0	3	3	15.79%
0053	Sanford	67	3	46	49	73.13%
0055	Clermont	97	1	126	127	130.93%
0063	Winter Garden	37	2	31	33	89.19%
0080	Saint Cloud	274	20	218	238	86.86%
0101	Bushnell	116	1	108	109	93.97%
0109	Ocoee	16	3	8	11	68.75%
0112	Winter Park	22	2	20	22	100.00%
0183	Fern Park	124	4	102	106	85.48%
0219	Fruitland Park	196	2	197	199	101.53%
0242	Orlando	123	10	107	117	95.12%
0286	Orlando	187	7	156	163	87.17%
0330	Leesburg	65	1	61	62	95.38%
0331	Orlando	42	0	12	12	28.57%
0347	Lady Lake	2485	13	2604	2617	105.31%
0347	Lady Lake	1961	12	2396	2408	122.79%
TOTALS		4332	79	4221	4300	99.26%

DISTRICT 8						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0011	Arcadia	31	10	22	32	103.23%
0024	Bradenton	317	14	264	278	87.70%
0025	Lake Placid	362	0	342	342	94.48%
0030	Sarasota	73	11	62	73	100.00%
0069	Avon Park	583	9	603	612	104.97%
0074	Sebring	87	0	93	93	106.90%
0113	Rotonda West	331	3	308	311	93.96%
0159	Venice	724	8	665	673	92.96%
0254	North Port	119	0	115	115	96.64%
0266	Fruitville	132	4	131	135	102.27%
0309	Palmetto	179	1	161	162	90.50%
0312	Oneco	258	2	238	240	93.02%
0325	Ellenton	154	0	152	152	98.70%
TOTALS		3350	62	3156	3218	96.06%

DISTRICT 9

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0036	Ft Lauderdale	41	0	31	31	75.61%
0092	Hollywood	98	4	86	90	91.84%
0142	Pompano Beach	197	8	175	183	92.89%
0157	Margate	234	15	157	172	73.50%
0162	Deerfield Beach	197	22	151	173	87.82%
0180	Fort Lauderdale	105	5	89	94	89.52%
0209	Dania Beach	24	0	19	19	79.17%
0220	Ft Lauderdale	29	12	19	31	106.90%
0222	Fort Lauderdale	54	2	46	48	88.89%
0287	Deerfield Beach	14	0	14	14	100.00%
0304	Dania	74	3	58	61	82.43%
0310	Hallandale	36	0	36	36	100.00%
0321	Cooper City	146	30	176	206	141.10%
0365	Sunrise	17	0	15	15	88.24%
TOTALS		1266	101	1072	1173	92.65%

DISTRICT 11

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0020	Belle Glade	52	5	48	53	101.92%
0047	Lake Worth	113	4	98	102	90.27%
0062	Stuart	358	3	381	384	107.26%
0064	Okeechobee	117	0	101	101	86.32%
0065	Delray Beach	49	5	48	53	108.16%
0141	West Palm Beach	94	5	86	91	96.81%
0164	Boynton Beach	145	12	124	136	93.79%
0199	W Palm Beach	51	0	36	36	70.59%
0268	Riviera Beach	84	11	62	73	86.90%
0271	Tequesta	165	7	146	153	92.73%
0277	Boca Raton	93	0	98	98	105.38%
0288	Boynton Beach	33	16	13	29	87.88%
0367	Royal Palm Beach	45	7	30	37	82.22%
0367	Royal Palm Beach	44	12	32	44	100.00%
TOTALS		1399	75	1271	1346	96.21%

DISTRICT 12

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0001	Titusville	312	15	291	306	98.08%
0022	Cocoa	99	1	82	83	83.84%
0039	Vero Beach	186	6	188	194	104.30%
0040	Fort Pierce	171	3	174	177	103.51%
0081	Melbourne	129	1	117	118	91.47%
0117	Palm Bay	481	16	435	451	93.76%
0126	Jensen Beach	228	3	208	211	92.54%
0163	Eau Gallie	255	8	237	245	96.08%
0171	Fort Pierce	12	0	15	15	125.00%
0189	Sebastian	115	1	126	127	110.43%
0191	Melbourne	102	16	76	92	90.20%
0200	Satellite Beach	145	5	148	153	105.52%
0318	Port St Lucie	802	5	852	857	106.86%
0344	Merritt Island	27	11	33	44	162.96%
0348	Cape Canaveral	172	0	173	173	100.58%
0358	White City	59	1	62	63	106.78%
0359	Port St John	285	15	256	271	95.09%
0366	Barefoot Bay	72	25	48	73	101.39%
0394	Palm Bay	152	5	142	147	96.71%
0410	Viera	11	0	10	10	90.91%
TOTALS		3815	137	3673	3810	99.87%

DISTRICT 13

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0038	Fort Myers	59	0	44	44	74.58%
0090	Cape Coral	235	4	230	234	99.57%
0103	Punta Gorda	425	3	424	427	100.47%
0110	Port Charlotte	545	5	546	551	101.10%
0123	Sanibel	80	2	56	58	72.50%
0130	Labelle	144	0	127	127	88.19%
0135	Naples	316	1	330	331	104.75%
0136	Saint James City	457	3	447	450	98.47%
0192	Fort Myers	21	2	17	19	90.48%
0274	Fort Myers Beach	585	3	583	586	100.17%
0303	Bonita Springs	416	16	382	398	95.67%
0323	Lehigh Acres	427	35	393	428	100.23%
0336	N Ft Myers	356	4	342	346	97.19%
0351	Fort Myers	80	2	83	85	106.25%
0351	Fort Myers	80	0	78	78	97.50%
TOTALS		4146	80	4004	4084	98.50%

DISTRICT 14						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0028	Key West	69	0	52	52	75.36%
0031	South Miami	171	6	165	171	100.00%
0043	Homestead	57	1	54	55	96.49%
0067	North Miami	56	3	51	54	96.43%
0098	Coral Gables	18	0	20	20	111.11%
0133	Miami	75	8	60	68	90.67%
0154	Marathon	170	1	154	155	91.18%
0168	Key West	26	0	11	11	42.31%
0333	Key Largo	85	0	76	76	89.41%
0346	Miami	22	1	16	17	77.27%
0374	Key Biscayne	49	0	37	37	75.51%
TOTALS		798	20	696	716	89.72%

DISTRICT 16						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0007	Clearwater	289	4	283	287	99.31%
0014	St Petersburg	123	4	99	103	83.74%
0079	New Port Richey	463	40	356	396	85.53%
0104	Pinellas Park	257	8	213	221	85.99%
0119	Largo	400	19	357	376	94.00%
0125	St Petersburg	350	17	303	320	91.43%
0158	Treasure Island	290	2	294	296	102.07%
0173	Holiday	270	10	253	263	97.41%
0238	Safety Harbor	284	13	253	266	93.66%
0252	Seminole	988	9	935	944	95.55%
0273	Madeira Beach	3132	12	2844	2856	91.19%
0275	Dunedin	749	10	830	840	112.15%
0305	St Pete Beach	127	0	113	113	88.98%
0335	Hudson	149	4	66	70	46.98%
TOTALS		7871	152	7199	7351	93.39%

DISTRICT 15						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0005	Tampa	42	3	35	38	90.48%
0026	Plant City	25	1	12	13	52.00%
0111	Tampa	51	1	43	44	86.27%
0138	Tampa	435	9	430	439	100.92%
0139	Tampa	109	0	114	114	104.59%
0147	Odessa	33	0	36	36	109.09%
0148	Riverview	175	7	177	184	105.14%
0152	Tampa	261	14	251	265	101.53%
0167	Tampa	24	1	18	19	79.17%
0186	Brooksville	354	1	367	368	103.95%
0246	Sun City Center	20	0	12	12	60.00%
0248	West Tampa	20	1	23	24	120.00%
0389	Ruskin	15	2	13	15	100.00%
TOTALS		1564	40	1531	1571	100.45%

DISTRICT 17						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0006	Deland	135	1	76	77	57.04%
0017	New Smyrna Beach	232	4	224	228	98.28%
0045	Palatka	45	3	43	46	102.22%
0115	Palm Coast	37	1	37	38	102.70%
0120	HollyHill	214	6	200	206	96.26%
0127	Lake Helen	24	5	20	25	104.17%
0204	Daytona Beach	24	10	10	20	83.33%
0255	Deltona	27	8	22	30	111.11%
0259	Debary	30	5	15	20	66.67%
0267	Ormond Beach	175	4	160	164	93.71%
0270	Port Orange	143	0	125	125	87.41%
0285	Edgewater	134	3	107	110	82.09%
0361	S Daytona	180	11	184	195	108.33%
TOTALS		1400	61	1223	1284	91.71%



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