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The *Winning* HAND



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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.

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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.

"We're All In"

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President's Message

MICHELE DEGENNARO



May ... Mother's Day, Membership Target Dates, Birthdays, and Constitutional Conferences. May brings another busy month for our Auxiliary. But before we get into that, let's recap on last months activities.

My visits started down south, with District 11 President, Dee Butler. First stop took us to Unit President, Bunny and the VIP's at Palm Beach, Unit 141. It was wonderful to see all the Ladies, thank you PDP, Pearl McIntyre for joining us. Then we were off to Boynton Beach, Unit 164 for some trivia fun with President Agnes and several Unit members. The next day started out at PDP, Jean Mahoney's house. From there we all headed to Coconut Creek Casino to try our luck. With several members from around the District joining us, it was a day filled with fun, food, and friends. The fun didn't stop there as we headed to Lake Worth, Unit 47 for a night out at the Speak Easy! Thank you, President Natasha and ALL the Ladies of Unit 47, for going All IN to ensure we all had a good time.

The next day we traveled to Stuart, Unit 62. Thank you, President, Shirley and the Bingo Ladies! Delray, Unit 65 was up next. It was there we had our first encounter with Left, Right, Center! Final Salute came out the winner, when everyone donated their profits to the cause. Thank you, President Marybeth for the hospitality and bartender Melanie for the donations! The evening ended with the hospitality of Boca Raton, Unit 277 and the "Winning Hand Party". President Linda, Area Membership Committee Member Dawn Loff, and the rest of the Awesome Ladies, were ALL IN and made sure we were too when they asked us to sing the Membership song "Viva Auxiliary". It was a lot of fun, but now they all know why, and I'm sure quite glad, we had the song professionally recorded. Last stop of the visit was Okeechobee, Unit 64. It was a wonderful ending to the visit, spending time

getting to talk to President Penny and the Ladies.

Thank you to PDP, Fran Carlton for joining us throughout the visit.

With just two very short days home we headed over to the 13th District. District President Jeanne and her Staff (Joanne and Patricia) where ALL IN... all week starting at Lehigh Acres, Unit 323 where PDP, Mary Heenan joined us. Then we were off to Ft Denaud Cemetery to meet with PDP, Linda Teasley and pay our respects to a Medal of Honor recipient. The next stop was the Veteran's Memorial Park in Labelle, before ending our night at Linda's Post home, Labelle, Unit 130.

Up early and on the road to Naples Unit 135, President Lynn and members were proud of just how far they have come from the damages of hurricane Irma. Opened only a few short months since the hurricane they have worked hard to rebuild, in fact they received their 100% membership pin that day. Woo Hoo! It wasn't long, and we were headed to Bonita Springs, Unit 303. My new friend President Jan, Carolyn "Kay" Pirucki and the rest of the Ladies were so excited to see all of us ...it was so special! Before leaving the area, President Jan even took time to take us to the Bonita Springs Veteran's Memorial Park. It was beautiful! North Fort Myers Beach, Unit 274 was the last stop of the day. President Judy, Pam and the dessert Ladies were very gracious hosts. Legionnaire Jessica showed me how they roll at the beaches...in a Legion Riders golf cart! Who knew! The real celebrating began when they presented their very generous check for Final Salute!

Up early again and on the road to our first

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stop of the day, Fort Myers, Unit 38, home of the "John Ebling Veteran Art Gallery". Wow very moving! A quick stop in Tice, Unit 351 and we were off to N. Ft Myers, Unit 336 for a wonderful afternoon with so many VIP's from around the District! Then back to Lehigh Acres, Unit 323, for... a "Purse Action" with ALL proceeds going to Final Salute. Thanks to District President Jeanne we All left with a new purse. A special thanks to Unit President Kathy, Auctioneer Tina, PDP's Linda and Mary and ALL the Amazing Ladies that joined us!

With 2 days left on the 13 District tour there was no stopping us now, as we headed over Cape Coral, Unit 90. It was great meeting up with District Commander Taz, President Freda and the VIP's. St James Auxiliary, Unit 136 and President Angee, were ALL IN and proud to report it to the Pine Island Eagle Newspaper. Reporter Ed was waiting with camera and notebook in hand to get the scoop on Unit 136 and their generous donation for Final Salute! A quick stop to Douglas T. Jacobson Nursing home to say hello to, two one-hundred-year-old female veterans (courtesy of Carol) and then to Port Charlotte, Unit 110 for Dinner and a Show! Elvis was in the building. Thank you, President Kay and ALL the Auxiliary Sisters that attended. It was a great night and the cake... well that was WAY COOL almost as Cool as your generous donation to Final Salute!!!

Last day of our visit brought us to Punta Gorda, Unit 103 where Elvis joined us for breakfast so to speak. It was there I noticed a golf contest with ALL proceeds going to Final Salute. Since I'm All In I decided I was going to try and swing a club for the for the first time. Talk about laughs ...who knew the local paper was going to get the pictures! The last stop of the day was the Punta Gorda Veterans Park, to see the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall. A fitting ending as I took a moment to reflect on the visit... 13 Units, 1 Cemetery, 1 Veterans Art Gallery, 3 Veterans Memorial Parks, Elvis Show and lots of memories. From your extremely generous donations to Final Salute to the AMAZING Hospitality. ... District 13 you are ALL IN!!

With official visits starting to wind down,

spring brought a list of new events. First up was the Department Children & Youth Picnic held annual at Post 117, Palm Bay. A Legion Family event opened to the entire community. The weather was beautiful and there was plenty of activities for all. Bounce houses, cotton candy, music, dunk tanks and lots of raffle baskets to name a few. Thank you to C&Y Chairman Jane Hardacre for rocking the dunk tank. Thank you to All the people that donated and supported this event and a special thanks to All our Friends at Post 117 for hosting another fun day! But before the day was over...

We were off to Lehigh Acres, Post 323 for Detachment Commander Tom Klingler's Homecoming. Boys will be boys unless they are dressing like girls that is and with a "MASH" theme and a name like Klinger you can only imagine. Great job by the SAL, a wonderful time was had by ALL. Congratulations Commander Klinger on a successful year. It's been wonderful to see you and Kathy during our travels and I'm honored to be able to share this experience with you my friend.

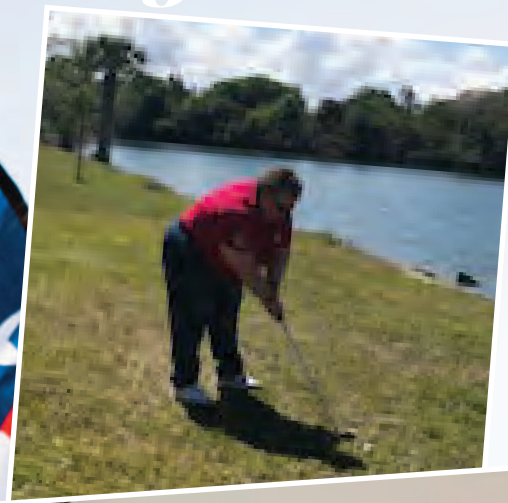
With less than a week away, finishing touches were set in place for my very own Homecoming. WOW! I'm speechless. Ok maybe not speechless, but extremely grateful. Words cannot express my sincere gratitude to All that attended and ALL the kind words that were spoken. Special thank you to Lady Lake, Post 347 Legion Family, Commander Al, President Ruth, and Mr. Bill Walsh, thank you for hosting the event I could not have asked for anything more! To Auxiliary Unit 347, thank you for the surprise of your extremely generous donation to Final Salute! Woo Hoo!

Wishing all of you a very successful District Constitutional Conference. You should ALL be very proud of this past year. This year we proved we are **All In** and we are **All In this together!**

Wishing All the Moms a Happy and Blessed Mother's Day!

Attract what you expect, reflect what you desire. Become what you respect, mirror what you admire. ~Anonymous

President's Photo Gallery



President's Photo Gallery







Legislative

SHIRLEY FASHANO

The American Legion wants the Legion Family members to contact all of their U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senators about S 504 in the Senate which reads "Let Everyone Get Involved in Opportunities for National Service Act" otherwise known as "The Legion Act". This bill opens up the dates for eligibility for The American Legion to include Cold War eras also since our country still lost members of the military during those periods. This bill was introduced in the Senate on February 14, 2019 by Senator Kyrsten Sinema (D) from AZ and Senator Thom Tillis (R) from NC. The House Bill was introduced on March 8, 2019 by Lon Correa (D) from CA and Ben Cline (R) from VA with Gil Cisneros (D) from CA as an original Co-Sponsor. So far we have not been able to find out what the House number is, but I am sure you can still promote it.

I also wanted to let you know that the Blue Water Navy Viet Nam Veterans Act of 2019 has been introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives. It did not pass through the House and Senate for the 115th Congress. So we need to promote this again and get it passed in both the House and Senate for the 116th Session of Congress.

Congress is charged with drafting, debating and sending bills to the president to be signed into law. But how do the nation's 100 senators and 435 representatives from 50 states manage their legislative business?

Where Does Congress Meet?

The United States Congress meets in the Capitol Building in Washington, District of Columbia. Originally built in 1800, the Capitol Building stands prominently atop the famously named "Capitol Hill" on the eastern edge of the National Mall.

Both the Senate and House of Representatives meet in separate, large "chambers" on the second floor of the Capitol Building. The House Chamber is located in the south wing, while the Senate Chamber is in the north wing. Congressional leaders, like the Speaker of the House and leaders of the political parties, have offices in the Capitol Building. The Capitol Building also displays an impressive collection of art related to the American and congressional history.

When Does Congress Meet?

The Constitution mandates that Congress convene at least once a year. Each Congress usually has two sessions, since members of the House of Representatives serve two-year terms. The congressional calendar refers to measures that are eligible for consideration on the floor of Congress, although eligibility doesn't necessarily mean that a measure will be debated. The congressional schedule, meanwhile, keeps track of measures that Congress intends to discuss on a particular day.

Types of Sessions

There are different types of sessions, during which either one or both chambers of Congress meet. The Constitution requires a quorum, or majority, to be present in order for the chambers to conduct business.

- Regular sessions are when the House and Senate are in normal operation during the course of the year.
- Closed sessions of the House or Senate are just that; only legislators are present to discuss the weightiest of matters, including impeachment of the president, national security concerns, and other sensitive information.
- Joint sessions of Congress - with both houses



present - occur when the president gives his State of the Union address or otherwise appears before Congress. They are also held to conduct formal business or to count electoral college votes in a presidential election.

- Pro forma – from a Latin term meaning “as a matter of form” or “for the sake of form” – sessions are brief meetings of the chamber during which no legislative business may be conducted. More often held in the Senate than the House, pro forma sessions are typically used only to satisfy the constitutional obligation that neither chamber can adjourn for more than three days without the consent of the other chamber.
- Pro forma sessions can also be used to prevent the President of the United States from making recess appointments, pocket-vetoing bills, or calling the Congress into a special session. For example, during a 2007 recess, Senate Majority Leader, Harry Reid, planned to keep the Senate in pro forma session in order to prevent further controversial appointments made by the Bush Administration. “I am keeping the Senate in pro forma to prevent recess appointments until we get this process on track,” said Sen. Reid.
- “Lame duck” sessions occur after the November elections and before the January inauguration when some representatives are set to leave office, whether by choice or after failing to win re-election.
- Special sessions of Congress may be called in extraordinary circumstances. For example, a special session of Congress was called on March 20, 2005, to intervene in the case of Terri Schiavo, a woman in a persistent vegetative state whose family and husband found themselves at odds over whether to disconnect her feeding tube.

Duration of a Congress

Each Congress lasts two years and is comprised of two sessions. The dates of Congress’ sessions have changed over the years, but since 1934, the first session convenes on Jan. 3 of odd-numbered years and adjourns on Jan. 3 of the following year, while the second session runs from Jan. 3 to Jan. 2 of even-numbered years. Of course, everyone needs a vacation, and Congress’ vacation traditionally comes in August, when representatives adjourn for month-long summer break. Congress also adjourns for national holidays.

Types of Adjournments

There are four types of adjournments. The most common form of adjournment ends the day, following a motion to do so. Adjournments for three days or less also require the adoption of a motion to adjourn. These are limited to each chamber; the House may adjourn while the Senate remains in session or vice-versa. Adjournments for a period longer than three days require the consent of the other chamber and the adoption of a concurrent resolution in both bodies. Finally, legislators may adjourn “sine die” to end a session of Congress, which requires the consent of both chambers and follows the adoption of a concurrent resolution in both chambers.

My address is 521 Palmetto Drive Melbourne FL 32935 if you need to mail your report. Otherwise email to me. Good luck on the award!!!

Always remember we are a non-partisan Legislative team fighting for our Veterans. We must keep an eye on our elected officials, hold them accountable for their actions towards the American Veterans. We must stay politically connected to our government.

Let’s Be All In!!!!

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

WANDA BRANDT



I cannot believe this year is all most over. Where does time go when we are serving our veterans, communities and our children and youth? For we are “All In” .

I have received some of your reports prior to writing this report; however based on the few that I have received, I cannot wait to read all of our “FLORIDA VA&R REPORTS” and what a report National will receive from the Department of Florida.

A big thank you to each and every one of you who have and still are in the process of doing something for our veterans, our female veterans and especially **Final Salute** – which we all know this is our Madame

President charity for this year. I cannot wait to report to National on what our members have done for Veterans on a day to day basis.

I just want to say, **Thank You for All you do for Our Veterans.** I am so blessed and humbled, by being your Department VA&R Chairman.

As always, Remember “To Always Work Hard” “Play Hard” and most of all “Have Fun” and be “ALL IN” for our Veterans.

Stepping Up For Our Veterans

Historian

GAIL A. DUPUIS



Just a reminder ladies that your Historian report is due to me no later than May 27, 2019. It MUST BE MAILED to me NO emails will be excepted. Please don't confuse the Cavalcade of Memories with the History of your Unit or District, they are two different program. Please read the rules for the Eleanor Kernigan Senior History Award which is on page 92 of the Unit Guide. Looking forward to reading what the Units and Districts have been doing this past year.

Please MAIL them to:

Gail A Dupuis
3041 SW 13th Court
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312

American Legion Auxiliary

Department of Florida



Calling for Unit and District Color Bearers To Participate in Department Convention's Opening Ceremony Processional

Attire: Navy or Black skirt or Slacks, White Blouse (no ruffles and no sleeveless) Natural Colored Hose and Navy or Black Shoes, white gloves

Rehearsal will be Thursday, June 27, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in Crystal G Ballroom. Please be sure to bring all the needed materials, flag, eagle, stand, and that everything is marked with your Unit/District number.

All Units and Districts participating will receive a special ribbon for their banner.

To participate, complete the bottom of this form and return to Department Headquarters by June 6, 2019.

Presidents, please be sure your color bearers know how to present colors

District/Unit # _____ Person Responsible for delivery and pick up _____

Contact Phone Number _____

Chaplain

LOIS STACHELRODT



First I would like to apologize to District 1 and District 2 for an error in last month's Chaplain's All In article. My sincerest apologies to Units 240 and 241, I accidentally placed a name of a member in Unit 241 which should have been in 240, Clifford, Marye.

As Memorial Day approaches, may we honor those Veterans and Fallen Soldiers who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our Country. May we all support the men and women who are still serving in the Armed Forces and are protecting our Freedoms still today.

Recently Departed Members

DISTRICT 1

Delores Godwin, Unit 235
Marye Clifford, Unit 240

DISTRICT 5

Sue Rewis, Unit 137
Brook Matthews, Unit 137
Chantey, Unit 197
Lori Orantes, Unit 283

DISTRICT 6

Debra J. Gilland, Unit 10
Emily Kuchenbrod, Unit 183
Virginia Hall, Unit 242
Marsha Larsen, Unit 286
Jacqueline Campbell, Unit 347

DISTRICT 8

Shilli Cervantes, Unit 69
Barbara Ann Horosky, Unit 113
Louise Shoup, Unit 159

DISTRICT 9

Carol A. Kesper, Unit 142

DISTRICT 11

Lisa Bowers, Unit 47
Aola Walden, Unit 47
Sheila Meese, Unit 62
Stephanie Delli, Unit 271
Maureen Driscoll, Unit 271
Kathlyn Richardson, Unit 271

DISTRICT 12

Joan Meldrem, Unit 1
Elaine Hanner, Unit 40
Cassandra Lomax, Unit 40
Jacqueline Jackson, Unit 191

DISTRICT 13

Brenda Cook, Unit 136
Cindy Clausing, Unit 274
Betty L. Grasser, Unit 303
Barbara B. Hicks, Unit 303
Lorraine M. Miller, Unit 303
Margaret R. Slusser, Unit 303
Kathleen Conliffe, Unit 323

DISTRICT 16

Ruth Bosben (PDP), Unit 79
Sandra Phillips, Unit 119
Joann Derer, Unit 273
Marilyn Murphy, Unit 273
Alberta Gardner, Unit 275



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CALL FOR PAGES

Pages are needed for our annual Department Convention. Convention dates are Thursday, June 27, 2019 to June 30, 2019 at the Orlando World Center Marriott, 8701 World Center Dr. Orlando, FL 32821.

If any member would like to serve as a Page during Friday and Saturday's general session, please complete and return this form as soon as possible.

The attire for Pages will be black or navy slacks or skirt and a white, tailored blouse (NO tank tops or t-shirts; but short sleeves are permitted).

Contact Department Headquarters if you have any questions. Thank you and we look forward to working with you.

American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Florida
PO Box 547917
Orlando, FL 32854
Attn: Call for Pages

Yes, I'm interested in being considered to serve as a Page during the Convention!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number (_____) _____-

Email _____

Unit # _____

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA
NINETY- EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
MARRIOTT ORLANDO WORLD CENTER
ORLANDO, FLORIDA
JUNE 27, 2019 – JUNE 30, 2019**

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

This is merely a tentative schedule with meeting locations. Locations are subject to change so please check for changes posted on site.

THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2019

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Convention Registration – Crystal Registration
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Auxiliary Store – Grand Registration
9:00 AM – 11:45 PM	Incoming District Presidents’ Instructions – Room: Chicago <i>Presenters: Diane Rousseau, Kelli Coppla and Dorothy Walsh</i>
9:00 AM – 11:45 AM	Incoming Unit President’s Instructions – Room: Miami <i>Presenters: Mary Kehoe, Erna Schwabe and Peggy Hearlson</i>
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation (VA&R) – Room: Atlanta <i>Presenter: Jane Hardacre</i>
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Membership Processing – Room: Crystal J1 and J2 <i>Presenter: Patty MacDonald</i>
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Incoming Treasurer’s Instructions and Compliance, 990’s and Taxes - Room: Diamond <i>Presenter: Cathie McMullin</i>
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Incoming Unit Secretaries Instructions– Room: Anaheim <i>Presenters: Peggy Hearlson</i>
10:15 AM – 11:00 AM	Public Relations Class – Room: Boston <i>Presenter: Eleanor Amato</i>
10:00 AM – 11:00 PM	Incoming Department Chairman- Room: Denver <i>Presenter: Shirley Fraser</i>
1:00 PM – 2:15 PM	Pre-Convention Constitution & Bylaws –Open to All Members- Resolution Review – Room: Crystal J1-J2 <i>Presenters: Linda Knoblach Harkness, Lisa Hoyland</i>
2:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Pre-Convention Finance Meeting – Open to All Members - Room: Crystal J1-J2
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Executive Committee Meeting – Open to All Members - Room: Crystal J1-J2
5:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.	National President Meet and Greet - Room: TBD
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	Legion Family Kick-Off Reception - Room: Canary Ballroom
7:30 PM – 8:30 PM	Exhibit Registration – Room: Crystal J1-J2
7:30 PM	Rehearsal for Flag Bearers / Opening ceremony – Room: Crystal J1-J2

FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2019

7:45 AM	All involved in Opening report to your location!
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Exhibit Registration – Room: Crystal J1-J2
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Convention Registration – Room: Crystal Registration
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Auxiliary Store – Room: Grand Registration
8:30 AM – 12:00 PM	General Session – Room: Crystal J1-J2
10:30 AM	Special Order of Business Nomination of Department Officers Nomination of National Convention Delegates
12:00 PM – 1:15 PM	Lunch Recess
1:30 PM – 5:00 PM	General Session – Room: Crystal J1-J2 Year End Reports Awards
1:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Exhibit Registration – Room: Crystal J1-J2
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Cocktail Hour - Room: Canary Ballroom
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Commander & President's Dinner - Room: Canary Ballroom

Any exhibit NOT REGISTERED BY 4:00 PM, Friday, June 28th will not be eligible for an award.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2019

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	Convention Registration – Room: Crystal Registration
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Auxiliary Store – Room: Grand Registration
8:30 AM – 12:00 PM	General Session - Room: Crystal J1-J2
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Special Order of Business Final Credentials Report – Patty MacDonald Election of Department Officers 2019-2020 Election of Delegates to National Convention
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch Recess
1:15 PM	Line up for Membership Parade
1:30 – 5:00 PM	General Session - Room: Crystal J1-J2 Membership Parade Parade of Checks Special Guest Year End Reports
5:00 – 5:30 PM	Closing Ceremonies

Department Staff will dispose of any exhibit not removed by the close of session.

SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2019

8:30 – 9:00 AM	Memorial Service – Room: Grand Ballroom 7A
9:15 – 10:15 AM	Installation of Department Officers – Room: Grand Ballroom 7A
10:30 – 12:00 PM	Post Executive Meeting – Room: Grand Ballroom 7A

Unit 5

PATRICIA DELGADO

On Monday May 27, 2019 The American Legion "U.S.S. Tampa" Post 5 will be hosting their Annual Memorial Day services - Remembering our fallen heroes.

Starting time is from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.
location is 3810 W. Kennedy Boulevard, Tampa, Florida 33609.

Commander Bill Hamblin will be presiding over the ceremony. All branches of the military will be represented, as well as the remembrance wreaths announcement.

Ceremony, which will include guest speakers and a Vocal tribute. Light refreshments will be served immediately following the service.

For over 90 years, the American Legion has been honoring the fallen with a Memorial Day Service. The event provides a venue for all ages to give thanks for our military's sacrifices. The significance of the cost our soldiers have come to bear to preserve our way of life and freedoms granted by their choices will never be forgotten. { All Gave Some and Some Gave All }

For directions or questions please call (813) 870- 0505 or visit <http://www.post5tampa.org/>


It's a tea party! Fine teas will be brewed and delicate finger sandwiches and sweets will be enjoyed.

The America Legion Auxiliary cordially invites you to Our Gold Star Mothers Tea

Hats encouraged. Everyone is invited.

Sunday, May 5, 2019 at 1:00 pm
3810 W. Kennedy Boulevard
Tampa, Florida 33609

RSVP by: May 3, 2019
Rosemary Hamblin 813 837-5508



Unit 392

MARY ECKERT



Dear ALA sisters,

My name is Mary Eckert I am from unit 392 in Panama City. After the love and support that was shown to us after hurricane Michael I wanted to pay it forward. Both my husband and I grew up in Nebraska, and because of all of you helping us here in Panama City you inspired me to help Nebraska.

I contacted the ALA in Nebraska and was given contact information for two small towns (both my husband and I grew up in small towns) who are in the hardest hit area.

These communities have only 137 and 136 people total in the town meaning that they are primarily farming communities and sometimes get overlooked because of the small size. If any of you would like to help us help them please let me know.

Again Thank you for all you have given to us you are truly wonderful sisters to all

Mary Eckert
(402)705-1996
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From The Units

UNIT 103: On Sunday, March 31st the Florida Department President Michele DeGennaro had breakfast with Auxiliary Unit 103 at Stacks, located at 2101 Taylor Road, Punta Gorda. She also tried to win \$250 at the Auxiliary Golf Fundraiser for “Final Salute”. Final Salute is an organization helping homeless female veterans find safe & suitable housing. Eighty percent of our female homeless veterans have children. Michele shared stories of her visits to other units, visits to hurricane damaged areas, and her passion for Final Salute. The Auxiliary 103 golf fundraiser raised \$1,000. for Final Salute. For more information on Final Salute please go to their website www.finalsaluteinc.org or contact the American Legion Auxiliary at 2101 Taylor Rd., Punta Gorda or call 941-639-6337 to make a donation.



UNIT 103: American Legion Auxiliary Department of Florida Officers had breakfast with Auxiliary Unit 103 at Stacks Restaurant at Post 103. From left to right is, Department Membership Chairman Dee Bell, Department President Michele DeGennaro, Department 3rd Vice President Jane Hardacre, and Department Historian Gail Debris.



UNIT 103: American Legion Auxiliary Department of Florida President Michele DeGennaro attempting a hole in one at the American Legion Auxiliary Post 103 Golf Fundraiser . The golf balls used are floating balls.



UNIT 103: American Legion Auxiliary Dept. of Florida 3rd Vice president Jane Hardacre zeros in on the floating green at the American Legion Auxiliary Post 103 Golf Fundraiser for Final Salute. The golf balls used are floating golf balls.



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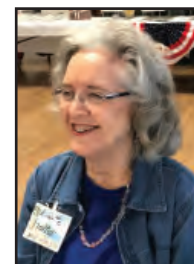
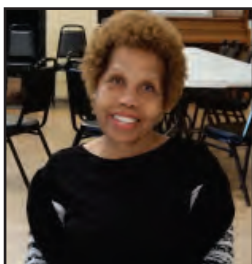
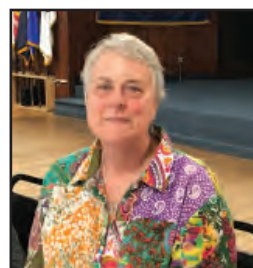


UNIT 13:

Women's Veterans Luncheon – Theme “Women Are Veterans Too” - The Faces of Our Women Veterans

Article and Photos by Maria A Renzulli – Photo Historian ALA Unit13

On March 23, 2019, the American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 13 hosted a special luncheon honoring our Women Veterans. There was an emotional period during the round table discussions where the women shared their personal stories. Almost all of the women veterans saw action during their time in the military. Roll Call included: Sharon Brooks, Siouxniqua Smith, Donna Mobley, Patrice Dawson, Katie Walker, Felita McNeill, Debbie Mann, Sherika Mitchell, Valerie Janard, Virginia Stewart, Joyce Madison, Lynn Jones (Frazier), Linette Halter, Joyce Madison, and Celia Suluki. The delicious lunch was catered by Deborah Soude. Pot Roast, Chicken, Yellow Rice, Baby Lima Bean were just a few items on the menu. The women were given gifts to commemorate this special luncheon.



From The Units

UNIT 273: ALA Unit 273 Madeira beach members (10) attended the Prohibition Ball at St. Petersburg Post 14 for their 100th Anniversary of the post. Saturday, March 30, 2019.



UNIT 273: L to R: Zoe Roseman, Nancy Newman, Rhonda Brailey-Mauer, Ann Cortesini, Linda Keach, Janice Hill, Mary Cori-ello



UNIT 273: Dancing couples Jan Williams and friend



UNIT 273: Dancing couples top Sue Magnus and hubby



UNIT 273: Carol Williams, Linda Keach, Rhonda Brailey-Mauer, Ann Cortesini, Mary Cariello



UNIT 273: Jamming in the photo booth Carol Williams, District 16 President Liz Close and Zoe Roseman



UNIT 273: American Legion Auxiliary Unit 273
April 1, 2019. New member initiation.



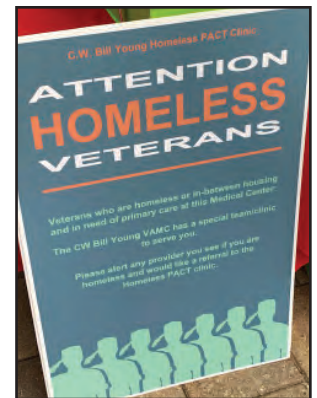
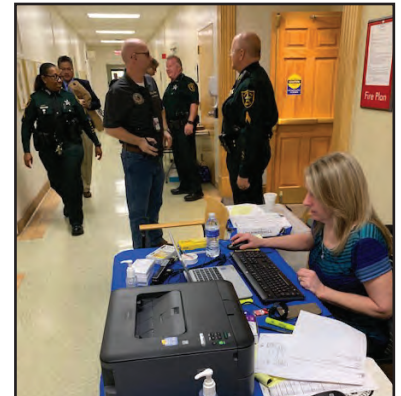
From The Units



UNIT 273: 34 members of Legion Post 273 and Auxiliary Unit 273 volunteered to help make the 2019 Stand Down at C.W. Bill Young Bay Pines a success. The members distributed flash lights, bungee cords, t shirts, toiletries, towels, washcloths and friendly conversation to the guests. It is a rewarding day of comradery with friends and veterans.

Miss Veteran America Desiree Pabon supported the day coming from her post at MacDill Air Force Base.





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Membership Reports

MARCH 29, 2019

DISTRICT 1

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0075	Crestview	131	0	137	137	104.58%
0078	Milton	21	0	13	13	61.90%
0193	Pensacola	100	18	71	89	89.00%
0221	Niceville	71	1	65	66	92.96%
0235	Ft Walton Beach	176	6	172	178	101.14%
0240	Pensacola	230	0	191	191	83.04%
0296	Destin	35	0	44	44	125.71%
0340	Pensacola	303	9	284	293	96.70%
0356	Lynn Haven	192	2	199	201	104.69%
0375	Southport	70	0	76	76	108.57%
0378	Gulf Breeze	23	0	34	34	147.83%
0382	Navarre	119	1	116	117	98.32%
0392	Panama City	161	1	166	167	103.73%
0402	Panama City Beach	41	1	41	42	102.44%
TOTALS		1673	39	1609	1648	98.51%

DISTRICT 3

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0049	Monticello	22	0	24	24	109.09%
0057	Lake City	230	1	223	224	97.39%
0107	Live Oak	48	2	35	37	77.08%
0131	Greenville	30	3	25	28	93.33%
0215	Jasper	39	3	23	26	66.67%
0224	Madison	34	0	36	36	105.88%
0291	Steinhatchee	150	2	176	178	118.67%
0383	Old Town	152	0	142	142	93.42%
TOTALS		705	11	684	695	98.58%

DISTRICT 2

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0013	Tallahassee	97	6	73	79	81.44%
0082	Lanark	92	2	92	94	102.17%
0084	Havana	33	14	14	28	84.85%
0100	Marianna	49	2	47	49	100.00%
0217	Quincy	55	6	35	41	74.55%
0241	Sneads	56	24	33	57	101.79%
TOTALS		382	54	294	348	91.10%

DISTRICT 4

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0016	Gainesville	60	0	49	49	81.67%
0027	Ocala	33	2	17	19	57.58%
0058	Dunnellon	44	2	35	37	84.09%
0077	Inverness	46	0	38	38	82.61%
0149	Newberry	26	0	25	25	96.15%
0155	Crystal River	306	2	299	301	98.37%
0166	Homosassa Springs	40	2	58	60	150.00%
0230	Hawthorne	52	2	45	47	90.38%
0236	Bronson	54	0	50	50	92.59%
0237	Beverly Hills	146	0	146	146	100.00%
0284	Bellevue	76	2	80	82	107.89%
0314	Starke	12	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTALS		895	12	842	854	95.42%

DISTRICT 5

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0009	Jacksonville	29	3	32	35	120.69%
0037	Saint Augustine	83	4	52	56	67.47%
0054	Fernandina Beach	174	3	136	139	79.89%
0088	Jacksonville	89	2	73	75	84.27%
0129	Jacksonville Beach	338	11	307	318	94.08%
0137	Jacksonville	504	18	448	466	92.46%
0194	St Augustine	66	9	54	63	95.45%
0197	Jacksonville	73	18	43	61	83.56%
0202	Keystone Heights	50	2	50	52	104.00%
0233	Ponte Vedra Beach	217	35	87	122	56.22%
0244	Jacksonville	24	4	17	21	87.50%
0250	Middleburg	347	36	312	348	100.29%
0283	Jacksonville	431	25	382	407	94.43%
0316	Atlantic Beach	323	49	269	318	98.45%
0372	Mandarin	15	3	20	23	153.33%
0373	Orange Park	42	10	32	42	100.00%
0401	Hilliard	28	1	32	33	117.86%
TOTALS		2833	233	2346	2579	91.03%

DISTRICT 7

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0003	Bartow	83	1	63	64	77.11%
0004	Lakeland	73	1	57	58	79.45%
0008	Winter Haven	618	6	568	574	92.88%
0034	Haines City	68	0	62	62	91.18%
0071	Lake Wales	97	0	45	45	46.39%
0072	Mulberry	161	10	141	151	93.79%
0201	Florence Villa	37	4	31	35	94.59%
TOTALS		1137	22	967	989	86.98%

DISTRICT 6

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0010	Kissimmee	213	4	189	193	90.61%
0019	Orlando	120	4	121	125	104.17%
0021	Umatilla	11	0	9	9	81.82%
0035	Mount Dora	90	2	97	99	110.00%
0041	Eustis	16	0	13	13	81.25%
0052	Lake Panasoffkee	26	5	13	18	69.23%
0053	Sanford	81	3	55	58	71.60%
0055	Clermont	76	0	85	85	111.84%
0063	Winter Garden	28	0	29	29	103.57%
0080	Saint Cloud	277	24	229	253	91.34%
0101	Bushnell	106	1	102	103	97.17%
0109	Ocoee	16	4	8	12	75.00%
0112	Winter Park	23	1	17	18	78.26%
0183	Fern Park	160	6	105	111	69.38%
0219	Fruitland Park	196	3	178	181	92.35%
0242	Orlando	134	13	87	100	74.63%
0286	Orlando	211	10	168	178	84.36%
0330	Leesburg	74	2	61	63	85.14%
0331	Orlando	37	9	31	40	108.11%
0347	Lady Lake	1961	12	2342	2354	120.04%
0357	Clermont	19	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTALS		3875	103	3939	4042	104.31%

DISTRICT 8

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0011	Arcadia	97	10	20	30	30.93%
0024	Bradenton	337	14	289	303	89.91%
0025	Lake Placid	342	0	342	342	100.00%
0030	Sarasota	92	10	59	69	75.00%
0069	Avon Park	552	6	567	573	103.80%
0074	Sebring	94	0	64	64	68.09%
0113	Rotonda West	360	4	304	308	85.56%
0159	Venice	640	11	665	676	105.63%
0254	North Port	96	0	114	114	118.75%
0266	Fruitville	132	4	114	118	89.39%
0309	Palmetto	184	1	175	176	95.65%
0312	Oneco	254	5	249	254	100.00%
0325	Ellenton	137	0	148	148	108.03%
TOTALS		3317	65	3110	3175	95.72%

DISTRICT 9

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0036	Ft Lauderdale	35	1	38	39	111.43%
0092	Hollywood	127	1	96	97	76.38%
0142	Pompano Beach	258	6	177	183	70.93%
0157	Margate	262	16	209	225	85.88%
0162	Deerfield Beach	213	25	165	190	89.20%
0180	Fort Lauderdale	107	8	92	100	93.46%
0209	Dania Beach	17	0	23	23	135.29%
0220	Ft Lauderdale	28	12	16	28	100.00%
0222	Fort Lauderdale	66	2	51	53	80.30%
0287	Deerfield Beach	15	0	13	13	86.67%
0304	Dania	122	3	70	73	59.84%
0310	Hallandale	38	0	35	35	92.11%
0321	Cooper City	134	28	111	139	103.73%
0365	Sunrise	19	0	16	16	84.21%
TOTALS		1441	102	1112	1214	84.25%

DISTRICT 12

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0001	Titusville	318	17	286	303	95.28%
0022	Cocoa	100	3	85	88	88.00%
0039	Vero Beach	169	6	172	178	105.33%
0040	Fort Pierce	165	3	153	156	94.55%
0081	Melbourne	110	0	119	119	108.18%
0117	Palm Bay	474	14	420	434	91.56%
0126	Jensen Beach	234	3	208	211	90.17%
0163	Melbourne	284	8	229	237	83.45%
0171	Fort Pierce	11	0	11	11	100.00%
0189	Sebastian	113	0	109	109	96.46%
0191	Melbourne	110	16	67	83	75.45%
0200	Satellite Beach	138	0	138	138	100.00%
0318	Port St Lucie	723	3	770	773	106.92%
0348	Cape Canaveral	156	0	161	161	103.21%
0358	White City	45	0	56	56	124.44%
0359	Port St John	272	15	262	277	101.84%
0366	Barefoot Bay	74	25	42	67	90.54%
0394	Palm Bay	133	6	139	145	109.02%
0410	Viera	15	0	10	10	66.67%
TOTALS		3644	121	3459	3580	98.24%

DISTRICT 11

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0020	Belle Glade	61	2	41	43	70.49%
0047	Lake Worth	109	6	101	107	98.17%
0062	Stuart	320	2	341	343	107.19%
0064	Okeechobee	124	0	105	105	84.68%
0065	Delray Beach	47	4	43	47	100.00%
0141	West Palm Beach	93	2	85	87	93.55%
0164	Boynton Beach	143	7	121	128	89.51%
0188	Delray	13	0	6	6	46.15%
0199	W Palm Beach	52	1	30	31	59.62%
0268	Riviera Beach	70	11	72	83	118.57%
0271	Tequesta	189	7	152	159	84.13%
0277	Boca Raton	91	0	92	92	101.10%
0288	Boynton Beach	47	10	14	24	51.06%
0367	Royal Palm Beach	44	12	27	39	88.64%
TOTALS		1403	64	1230	1294	92.23%

DISTRICT 13

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0038	Fort Myers	54	0	57	57	105.56%
0090	Cape Coral	216	3	213	216	100.00%
0103	Punta Gorda	401	5	402	407	101.50%
0110	Port Charlotte	571	10	509	519	90.89%
0123	Sanibel	84	3	76	79	94.05%
0130	Labelle	134	0	137	137	102.24%
0135	Naples	264	0	283	283	107.20%
0136	Saint James City	452	1	446	447	98.89%
0192	Fort Myers	22	3	17	20	90.91%
0274	Fort Myers Beach	627	3	550	553	88.20%
0299	Moore Haven	16	0	11	11	68.75%
0303	Bonita Springs	409	13	363	376	91.93%
0323	Lehigh Acres	450	32	384	416	92.44%
0336	N Ft Myers	339	7	337	344	101.47%
0351	Fort Myers	80	0	67	67	83.75%
TOTALS		4119	80	3852	3932	95.46%

DISTRICT 14						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0028	Key West	80	0	52	52	65.00%
0031	South Miami	174	3	158	161	92.53%
0043	Homestead	59	0	51	51	86.44%
0067	North Miami	61	1	51	52	85.25%
0098	Coral Gables	16	0	17	17	106.25%
0133	Miami	70	7	65	72	102.86%
0154	Marathon	196	1	158	159	81.12%
0168	Key West	25	0	25	25	100.00%
0333	Key Largo	76	0	77	77	101.32%
0346	Miami	11	1	19	20	181.82%
0374	Key Biscayne	52	0	45	45	86.54%
TOTALS		820	13	718	731	89.15%

DISTRICT 16						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0007	Clearwater	353	2	269	271	76.77%
0014	St Petersburg	130	4	110	114	87.69%
0079	New Port Richey	438	49	332	381	86.99%
0104	Pinellas Park	214	18	227	245	114.49%
0119	Largo	396	11	363	374	94.44%
0125	St Petersburg	372	18	315	333	89.52%
0158	Treasure Island	266	1	267	268	100.75%
0173	Holiday	264	10	247	257	97.35%
0238	Safety Harbor	288	13	259	272	94.44%
0252	Seminole	945	19	943	962	101.80%
0273	Madeira Beach	2987	8	3063	3071	102.81%
0275	Dunedin	657	12	700	712	108.37%
0305	St Pete Beach	89	0	112	112	125.84%
0335	Hudson	224	6	120	126	56.25%
TOTALS		7623	171	7327	7498	98.36%

DISTRICT 15						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0005	Tampa	39	1	36	37	94.87%
0026	Plant City	35	2	19	21	60.00%
0111	Tampa	44	1	44	45	102.27%
0138	Tampa	411	10	408	418	101.70%
0139	Tampa	118	0	95	95	80.51%
0147	Odessa	28	0	31	31	110.71%
0148	Riverview	151	6	156	162	107.28%
0152	Tampa	292	12	238	250	85.62%
0167	Tampa	16	3	20	23	143.75%
0186	Brooksville	360	1	330	331	91.94%
0246	Sun City Center	38	0	18	18	47.37%
0248	West Tampa	26	2	13	15	57.69%
0334	Tampa	32	1	25	26	81.25%
0389	Ruskin	24	3	11	14	58.33%
TOTALS		1614	42	1444	1486	92.07%

DISTRICT 17						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0006	Deland	122	1	128	129	105.74%
0017	New Smyrna Beach	195	3	209	212	108.72%
0045	Palatka	45	2	39	41	91.11%
0115	Palm Coast	39	0	33	33	84.62%
0120	Holly Hill	221	7	193	200	90.50%
0127	Lake Helen	26	6	14	20	76.92%
0204	Daytona Beach	23	10	13	23	100.00%
0255	Deltona	22	4	20	24	109.09%
0259	DeBary	30	5	23	28	93.33%
0267	Ormond Beach	166	4	157	161	96.99%
0270	Port Orange	160	0	139	139	86.88%
0285	Edgewater	140	4	121	125	89.29%
0293	Interlachen	44	2	25	27	61.36%
0361	S Daytona	163	11	153	164	100.61%
TOTALS		1396	59	1267	1326	94.99%



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