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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



With only two more Districts left to complete my official visits, there was no stopping us now, after all ...We're All IN! First up was District 3 with President Hilde. Day one started by meeting up with PDP, Irma, who arranged a wonderful tour at the Lake City VA Clinic. Immediately following was a delicious lunch and then a little down time before heading over to Lake City, Unit 57. Thank you, President Sharon and all the ladies, for a fun time and the generous donation to Final Salute Inc. Special thanks to our escorts, VAMC Rep. Elaine, and Past District President Judy. Next morning found us up and early as we drove south to Old Town, Unit 383. There we talked and laughed as we enjoyed each other's company. It wasn't long before we headed north, wayyyyy north to Madison, Unit 224. Seated on Cherry Lake, this Post has a jackpot of a view. The next morning, we headed to Live Oak, Unit 107 for a Legion Family breakfast before driving to Steinhatchee, Unit 291. Thank you, Commander, for opening the Post on a Sunday and ALL the Ladies that welcomed us. What a great afternoon!

Home for just a few short days, before heading to the last official visit. District 17 here we come!

Port Orange, Unit 270 members, President Kathy, Sue and PDP, Shirley were waiting to greet us. Lunch was first on the agenda, before settling into the hotel. Then it was off to S. Daytona, Unit 361 where President Linda and Unit 270's President

Kathy arranged a beautiful dinner meet and greet.

With President Kathy and Sue as our tour guides, the next day started early as we traveled to the VA Wellness Center, the property of Post 270 (post fire), home of PDP, Shirley, lunch and then off to Emery Bennett VA Nursing Home for some Bingo! Thank you, Sue, for letting me be the guest caller and thank you Port Orange, Unit 270 for going ALL IN!

Later that night we met up with District President Sherry as we visited Edgewater, Unit 285. Past Dept. Historian Eleanor, and President Venetta were wonderful hosts as we enjoyed the evening. Courtesy of Eleanor and Bob, the next morning included a quick stop on the beach for photos, before a tour of the Ponce De Leon Coast Guard Station. It was AWESOME and that was before we knew the Master Chief was a former Boys Stater! Working up an appetite in the fresh sea air, it was time for lunch at New Smyrna Beach, Unit 17. There President Milly and the Ladies awaited, as we enjoyed an afternoon filled with laughs. The day did not end there, waiting for us at our next stop, Ormand Beach, Unit 267 was Department Cavalcade of Memories Chairman, and Unit President, Toni along with PDC, Art and PDP Erna. Left, Right, Center, 99 and Horse Races were on the agenda for game night. Thank you, Toni, and ALL the VIP members. We had a Blast!

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Our last day in town started at Holly Hill, Unit 120 to honor the men and women of the Armed Forces. It was great to see PDC, Paul Martel and Mary. Greeting us at our next stop was Deltona, Unit 255 as they gave us a tour of the Veterans Memorial Park and Museum. Keep up the great work Ladies! Last stop...Palatka, Unit 45! President Linda and Auxiliary members served up a Legion Family dinner and Cake Auction with proceeds going to Final Salute Inc. Thank you District 17 VIP's!

This Auxiliary year is almost over, with all my visits complete and convention just around the corner, I must say Thank You! Rocking membership week after week as Florida maintained its position of number one in the Nation. Currently only 289 away from 100%. Woo Hoo!

The Presidents Project Final Salute Inc. setting a goal of \$75,000 was no small change but Florida Auxiliary you showed just how "ALL IN" you can be, raising \$73,405 at this writing, a mere \$1,595 away from reaching the goal, which I am sure you ladies will surpass. WOW!

Thank you for welcoming me and the "entourage" into your District and Units with open arms. We had a blast spending time and getting to know ALL the VIP members and hearing about the Amazing things ALL the Units are doing! Thank you for all the meals, gifts and mementos. Thank you for the memories I will cherish forever! To the Members of this great Organization I thank you for going "ALL In" for our Veterans, Military Families, Community, and Children & Youth...and I thank you for going "ALL IN" with me!

In the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson,
"The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well."



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Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

WANDA BRANDT



This year is over; and another year will soon begin. We need to start looking toward the future. Volunteers / Members are a crucial part of our organization, so don't let them go by the wayside! They're giving their time to the Auxiliary and we should give something in return.

Keeping members motivated shows them that we care. This can be done in a lot of ways, like saying thank you, equipping them for meaningful work and inviting them to be a part of our meetings. By doing even the little things, we'll keep our members coming back time and time again.

In my travels over the past year, I've visited many strong units and districts that are transforming their communities and the lives of veterans. When I attend their meetings, I can feel the energy. When I meet their members, I can see they are people of action and working together for the betterment of our Auxiliary.

I've also visited units that were hardly more than a social clubs, often meetings at the bar. It shouldn't ever be that way, work the programs and not the bar, nothing can be changed at the bar. Change the unexpected, it's time to start moving forward, by removing the barriers that are holding us back. Let's make it easier to make adjustments in our units. Let's work together to strengthen our units. Let's give all members the RESPECT, and the flexibility to serve in the ways that work best for them, Not Us, the outcome is what we are looking for, **not the way it gets done.** Every member needs to know they are VALUED by their unit, and that their opinion matter.

A big thank you to each and every one of you who are still doing great things for our veterans, and our female veterans – However please make sure we do our best to treat them with RESPECT. If you are dropping of clothes, make sure they have been washed and ironed.

No used makeup and underwear (only New). I know, some

members mean well; however how would you feel, to get clothes that are torn, or have not been cleaned. How would you like to use lipstick someone else has used, or under wear that is dirty or stained.

Let's remember they might be homeless, but they are people. Let's treat everyone with **RESPECT.**

Thank You for All you do for Our Veterans.

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

Membership

DEE BELL



Dear Department of Florida VIP's,

I can hardly believe that the year is almost over. Thank you for "Going ALL IN" embracing your casino throughout your Districts and in your Units. By "Striking it Rich with Membership" your Units have been en**RICH**ed by recruiting, renewing and rejoining wonderful women who do our great works throughout our communities. Congratulations to the Districts and Units who have hit the **JACKPOT** with a "**FULL HOUSE**," 100% or more as of May 13. So many Units are so close, please keep trying!! Close of books is June 12.th Every Unit that achieves 100% will receive 100% pins and banner ribbons.

DISTRICTS - #1 Circus Circus 102.57%, #3 Paris 100.71%, #6 MGM 106.66%, #12 Excalibur 101.18%, #16 Atlantis 100.92%.

UNITS

District 1 – Crestview 75, Ft. Walton Beach 235, Destin 296, Pensacola 340, Lynn Haven 356, Southport 375, Gulf Breeze 378, Navarre 382, Panama City 392, Panama City Beach 402.

District 2 – Lanark 82, Marianna 100, Sneads 241.

District 3 – Monticello 49, Lake City 57, Madison 224, Steinhatchee 291.

District 4 – Newberry 149, Crystal River 155, Homosassa 166, Beverly Hills 237, Belleview 284.

District 5 – Jacksonville 9, St. Augustine 194, Keystone 202, Middleburg 250, Atlantic Beach 316, Mandarin 372, Orange Park 373, Hilliard 401

District 6 – Orlando 19, Mount Dora 35, Clermont 55, Winter Garden 63, Bushnell 101, Orlando 331, Lady Lake 347.

District 8 – Lake Placid 25, Avon Park 69, Venice 159, North Port 254, Oneco 312, Ellenton 325.

District 9 – Ft. Lauderdale 36, Dania Beach 209, Ft. Lauderdale 220.

District 11 – Lake Worth 49, Stuart 62, Delray Beach 65, Riviera Beach 268, Boca Raton 277, Royal Palm Beach 367.

District 12 – Vero Beach 39, Fort Pierce 40, Melbourne 81, Fort Pierce 171, Satellite Beach 200, Port St. Lucie 318, Cape Canaveral 348, White City 358, Port St. John 359, Palm Bay 394.

District 13 – Fort Myers 38, Cape Coral 90, Punta Gorda 103, Labelle 130, Naples 135, N. Fort Myers 336.

District 14 – Coral Gables 98, Miami 133, Key West 168, Key Largo 333, Miami 336.

District 15 – Tampa 5, Tampa 111, Tampa 138, Odessa 147, Riverview 148, Tampa 167.

District 16 – New Port Richey 79, Pinellas Park 104, Treasure Island 158, Seminole 252, Madeira Beach 273, Dunedin 275, St. Pete Beach 305.

District 17 – Deland 6, New Smyrna 17, Daytona Beach 204, Deltona 225, Ormond Beach 267, S. Daytona 361.

I was thrilled to serve as your Department Membership Chairman "Showgirl." Thank You to the Districts and Units for their hospitality that I had the privilege to travel to. I was truly inspired and humbled by the Unit members outpouring of love, generosity and friendship.

Secretary

PATTY MACDONALD



Greetings from Department Headquarters! The 2018-2019 Department Convention is coming upon quickly. Membership close of books will be June 12, 2019. Department will be sending voting strength out along with the delegate/alternates forms after close of books.

To be able to register for Convention each Unit must be in compliance with the following:

1. 2019-2020 Unit Officer's List
2. Poppy proceeds remitted
3. Quotas remitted
4. Membership Credit Report can not have a negative balance
5. Unit must be at chart strength (10 paid members)
6. No outstanding balances with Department

This year registration will have four lines and each line will be dedicated to certain units. Please look for the signs with your Unit number on it. Please have your delegate/alternate forms completed and money ready so registration will flow smoothly. You do not have to be registered to attend a breakout session.

We have a full and exciting schedule for General Session starting on Friday. I look forward to seeing each and every one of you.

Thank you for making this a great year and going "ALL IN"!!!



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Chaplain

LOIS STACHELRODT



As our Nation's Flags fly high for our Veterans and our Citizens, may we all remember that there have been many who sacrificed their lives for our Country. Let us fly our Nation's Flag with honor and respect for those who are no longer with us.

Recently Departed Members

DISTRICT 1

Lucille Donnar, Unit 235
Betsy Hartman, Unit 340
Linda J. Guseman, Unit 378

DISTRICT 2

Brigit Smith, Unit 13
Daisy Peacock, Unit 100
LillieRuth McIntyre Jackson, Unit 217
Geraldine Palmer, Unit 217
Cornelia Smith, Unit 217

DISTRICT 4

Lois A. Ketzer, Unit 155

DISTRICT 5

Allie Ryan, Unit 129
Rolando Maas, Unit 137
Gloria Sylvester, Unit 283

DISTRICT 7

Betty Barber, PDP, Unit 71

DISTRICT 8

Susan Mosteller

DISTRICT 9

Sandi Henderson, Unit 142
Pat Silwanicz, Unit 142
Marilyn Jones, Unit 157
Pat Nacarella, Unit 162

DISTRICT 11

Vivian Vrana, Unit 47

DISTRICT 12

Carole Ashwell, Unit 1
Annette Waldo, Unit 1
Margaret Etense, Unit 348

DISTRICT 13

Kathleen Kessler, Unit 136
Sue Roger, Unit 136
Joan Gilbert, Unit 274
Judith E. Duffy, Unit 303

DISTRICT 15

Jackie Haller, Unit 138
Myrtle Willis, Unit 139
Bessie Miller, Unit 148
Betty Block, Unit 186
Gail F. Cleavers, Unit 186
Madelyn Lippert, Unit 186
Julia Solomon, Unit 186

DISTRICT 16

Ruth Miller, Unit 14
Marilyn Ann, Unit 14
Eggert, Unit 173
Linda Knight, Unit 173
Lucille Short, Unit 273
Betty Willard, Unit 273

DISTRICT 17

Esther Brewer, Unit 120
Lois Murray, Unit 120



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Unit 41, Eustis, FL

Unit 41 was chartered in 2013. As a new, re-formed Unit, we were faced with the important question of "What could we do, with a limited number of members, to make a significant impact in our community and serve the many veterans within it?" Our treasurer, Gloria Corbet, came up with the idea of hosting a monthly "Coffee Mess" at the local Veterans' Clinic. An Army veteran herself, and her husband a Marine veteran, had utilized the services of various veterans' clinics within and out of our area over the years. This would be an excellent opportunity to make the visits of those patients visiting the clinics a bit less stressful and mundane, plus give us the opportunity to personally thank the veterans, spouses and clinic staff for their significant service.

We estimated it would cost no more than \$50.00 per month for supplies, which we could set aside from our Poppy Funds, and with the support of members from our home Post, we would have enough members to have at least two of us (1 Unit and 1 Post member) volunteer on a rotating schedule each month throughout the year.

Early on the morning of November 18, 2014 we arrived at our local clinic in Leesburg armed with coffee supplies, pastries, juice, bananas, cookies and crackers, ready to greet the veterans who walked through the doors for their appointments. The response was overwhelmingly positive from both the patients and clinic staff!

Since we began this project, we have had the opportunity to visit with hundreds of veterans (many of whom schedule their appointments for the 3rd Tuesday of each month when they know we will be there), their spouses and caregivers. The doctors and nurses of the clinic look forward to our visits as they have told us that our small act of generosity and companionship makes the patients' experience at the clinic much more enjoyable, besides the fact that they are able to enjoy whatever goodies are left when we leave about noon.

Thanks to the dedication of our Unit Post members we have successfully proven that even a small Unit with limited financial resources and volunteers can make a significant impact and provide a welcome service to our local veterans and local community.

Melanie Blankenship, President

Serving at the V.A. Clinic





Friday, June 21

Golf Prelim, Eagles Golf Course
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 22

Track, University of South Florida
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Golf Finals, Eagles Golf Course
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Mountain Bike Demonstration, Alafia State Park
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Opening Ceremony, Amalie Arena
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 23

Field, University of South Florida
8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Wheelchair Tennis, University of South Florida
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Cycling Time Trial, Bayshore Boulevard
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Monday, June 24

Archery Prelim, Tampa Convention Center
8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Powerlifting, Tampa Convention Center
2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Wheelchair Basketball Prelim, Tampa Convention Center
3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 25

Archery Finals, Tampa Convention Center
8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Indoor Rowing, Tampa Convention Center
2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Wheelchair Basketball Prelim, Tampa Convention Center
3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 26

Cycling Road Race, MacDill Air Force Base
8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Wheelchair Rugby Prelim, Tampa Convention Center
8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Sitting Volleyball Prelim, Tampa Convention Center
3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 27

Shooting Prelim, Tampa Convention Center
7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Wheelchair Rugby Prelim, Tampa Convention Center
8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Sitting Volleyball Prelim, Tampa Convention Center
3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Friday, June 28

Shooting Finals, Tampa Convention Center
7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Wheelchair Rugby Finals, Tampa Convention Center
8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Wheelchair Basketball Finals, Tampa Convention Center
3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 29

Swimming, Long Aquatic Center
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 30

Wheelchair Volleyball Finals, Yuengling Center
12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Closing Ceremonies, Amalie Arena
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

WARRIOR GAMES OVERVIEW



The 2019 Department of Defense (DoD) Warrior Games will be hosted by U.S. Special Operations Command and held for the first time June 21-30 in Tampa Bay, Florida. Over 300 wounded, ill and injured service members and veterans are expected to participate in the Paralympic-style competition. The athletes will represent the U.S. Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Special Operations Command. Historically, the Warrior Games has also invited international partner nations, and this year, athletes from the United Kingdom Armed Forces, Australian Defence Force, the Canadian Armed Forces, the Netherlands Defence Force and the Denmark Defence Force will compete.

The 2019 Warrior Games will feature 14 adaptive sports: archery, cycling, track, field, air pistol and rifle shooting, sitting volleyball, swimming, wheelchair basketball, rowing, powerlifting, wheelchair tennis, wheelchair rugby and, for the first time in Warrior Games history, golf. In addition, there will be a mountain biking expo. To qualify for the 2019 Warrior Games teams, athletes participate in camps, clinics, trials or similar means for their respective service teams.

The Warrior Games were established to enhance the recovery and rehabilitation of wounded, ill and injured service members and to expose them to adaptive sports. Visitors and participants will walk away with a better understanding of adaptive sports through an exciting and entertaining atmosphere, and gain with additional understanding of how to support these military athletes, and the tens of thousands of others they represent.

The 2019 Warrior Games competitions are **free** and **open to the public**. All are invited to attend, support and honor U.S. and international wounded warriors as they overcome adversity through sports.

The 2019 Games promise to live up to the success of previous games and will be memorable for the athletes, enjoyable for their caregivers and family members, and inspirational and educational for spectators and other supporters.

Background: The 2019 DoD Warrior Games is scheduled for June 21-30, 2019 in Tampa Bay. Opening and closing ceremonies and athletic competition will take place at venues inside the greater Tampa Bay area. All events are scheduled to take place outside of MacDill Air Force Base to allow the greater Tampa Bay community to show their support for our nation's wounded.

The DoD Warrior Games introduces wounded, ill and injured active duty service members and veterans to Paralympic-style sports. Warrior Games showcases the resilient spirit of today's wounded, ill or injured service members from all branches of the military. These athletes have overcome significant physical and behavioral injuries and prove that life can continue after becoming wounded, ill or injured.

WARRIOR GAMES FACT SHEET

- ★ Participation in adaptive sports programs transforms lives. The DoD Warrior Games and other rehabilitation and recovery programs offered by each service provide opportunities for athletes to heal and to regain confidence and purpose.
- ★ The 2019 DoD Warrior Games athletic competitions are **free** and **open to the public**. All are invited to attend, support and honor U.S. and international wounded warriors as they overcome adversity through sports. The best volunteers are the spectators that cheer on the competitors.
- ★ The Tampa Bay community has shown an outpouring of support as the host city for the 2019 DoD Warrior Games. The 2019 Games marks the first time that the U.S. Special Operations Command will serve as the host for the DoD Warrior Games.
- ★ It is an honor to work alongside the City of Tampa Bay and supporters from the greater Tampa Bay community to make the 2019 Warrior Games truly unforgettable for our wounded, ill and injured athletes and those who support them.
- ★ More than 300 athletes – active duty service members and veterans – are expected to participate in the 2019 DoD Warrior Games. The athletes represent the U.S. Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Special Operations Command, and several international partner nations.
- ★ The United Kingdom Armed Forces, Australian Defence Force, New Zealand Defence Force, Canadian Armed Forces, Danish Defence Force, and the Netherlands Defence Force will also compete. This will be the seventh time the U.K. will compete, third time for Australia and New Zealand, second time for Canada, and first time for Denmark and the Netherlands.
- ★ Athletes will compete in 14 events, including archery, wheelchair basketball, road cycling, time-trial cycling, field, golf, powerlifting, indoor rowing, wheelchair rugby, shooting, sitting volleyball, swimming, track, and wheelchair tennis.
- ★ Three new sports will debut at the 2019 Warrior Games. Athletes will compete in golf, wheelchair rugby, and wheelchair tennis for the first time in DoD Warrior Games history.
- ★ While the Games are primarily focused on the athletes and their incredible experiences and accomplishments, we must acknowledge and recognize the tremendous dedication and support of hidden heroes: athletes' family members and/or close friends who have made their own sacrifices to help our warrior athletes with their recovery efforts and athletic achievements.
- ★ Injuries and illnesses are not always visible (i.e., Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), cancer, post-traumatic stress), and not all are sustained in combat. The Games provide an opportunity for athletes to showcase their healing and recovery through adaptive sports, providing opportunities for athletes to heal and to regain confidence and purpose. The DoD Warrior Games offers a way to celebrate their efforts and commitment to healing.

From The Units



UNIT 5: Gold Star Mother's High Tea was held May 5 at "USS Tampa" Post 5. Pictured from left to right are District Officers President, Liz Close, Historian, Monica Hoyland, Chairman VA&R Stefana Vergara, and Department National Security and District National Security, Rhonda Bailey-Mauer.



UNIT 5: At a recent Gold Star Mother tea, Chaplain, Lt. Col. U.S. Air Force, Linda Pugsley, spoke of courage and finding strength for mothers who have lost a child due to or as a result of combat. Lt. Col. Pugsley served as a nurse in the Vietnam war. Many mothers shared their stories of their children and spoke of their children's courage and fierce desire and determination to serve their country. We salute and admire each and every one of you. May God bless.



UNIT 5: Sunday May 5, 2019 the Auxiliary members of unit 5 American Legion U.S.S Tampa and Operation Homefront together with our auxiliary sisters from other units hosted a lovely and touching Tea for Gold Star mothers. Everything looked beautiful from the little homemade tea sandwiches to the elegant table settings. Everyone worked together to make this day a honorable tribute to all our Gold Star Mothers and family, .It was really heart warming as each Gold Star mother stood to remember their loved one-speak their name and tell a little something about them. They express the love their children felt for defending the freedom of our great country. . God Bless them all . .



From The Units



UNIT 104: Legion Post 104 Commander Larry and wife Valerie DePaulo



UNIT 125: Fisher House was so impressed with the delicious Baked Ziti Feast brought to them by Unit 125 Gulfport members-Linda Starner, Donna Anderson and Paula Arms.



UNIT 104: American Legion Auxiliary Unit 104 President Carrie Pannitti working hard in the Taco Tuesday kitchen



UNIT 273: Gold Star Mother's President Yolando Mercado presented Operation Homefront Certificate of Appreciation to Rhonda Brailey-Maurer National Security Chair

UNIT 104: Zoe Roseman and Carol Williams enjoying the most excellent Tacos!





UNIT 273: L to R: District President Liz Close, her granddaughter Monica, Chaplain Lt. Col. Linda J. Pugsley and Janice Hill ALA Unit 273.



UNIT 273: American Legion Auxiliary Unit 273 ladies doing double duty on Saturday, May 11, 2019. Melody, Nancy, Rosemary, Janice and Lila are selling apparel and fluffing the poppies for National Poppy Day.

UNIT 233:

A Cheer for ALA Unit 233

We're so proud to serve the ALA
Helping our Veterans to find their way
Showing our love with an outstretched hand
We'll make our mark throughout this land

Always onward, we work and strive
To get new members to love our Jive
Preparing meals that are spiced with care
And sharing our Poppies everywhere

Leading our youth to reach greater heights
All over this land they'll shine their lights
We teach them proudly to honor our flag
Singing our Anthem, they'll never lag

From Missing in America, to Boots on the Ground
We welcome Riders from every town
To help our Wounded Warriors to mend
We support our K9's – to them we send!

Our theme this year is "We're All In"
Reports are finished for this year's end
Which shows to all our great big heart
Unit 233 has done their part

To this great nation we are in debt
So, we reach out always to serve a Vet
They work so hard to keep us safe from harm
So, we won't ever have to be alarmed

To the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine
Through life and death, you are supreme
You fight for the Homeland, courageous and brave
For those who die we lay wreaths at their grave

To all dear ALA Volunteers
Keep on keeping on for many years
Your great service will never be in vain
Always remember, God knows your name

Composed by Celeste Sheble

From The Units



UNIT 273: Pinellas County Fallen Officer Memorial National Police Week, Pinellas Sheriff Offices in the Rotunda, May 9, 2019.



UNIT 273: American Legion Auxiliary Unit 273 Madeira L to R: Rhonda Brailey-Maurer, Zoe Roseman, Carol Williams Janice Hill



UNIT 273: Janice Hill, FL House Representative Chris Sprowls, Carol Williams



UNIT 291: Welcomed State President Michelle Degennaro at their Post on Sunday May 5.



UNIT 273: Pinellas County Fallen Officer Memorial National Police Week

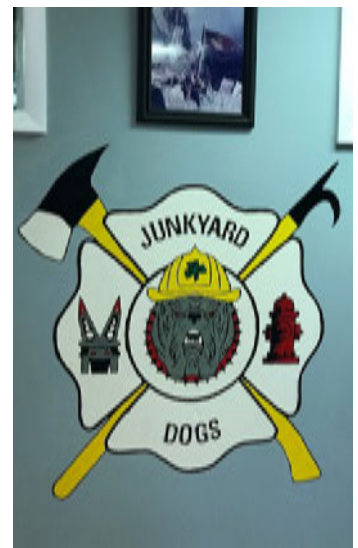


Unit 291: Steinhatchee is ready for Memorial Day. With the help of the Legionnaires, Son's of the Legion and residents of Steinhatchee 390 crosses were put up for Memorial Day week-end. This has been one of the best projects that the Auxiliary has put together in our small community.

Unit 291: Our Veteran Committee Nina Johnson and Jackie Pons takes their job seriously and are doing GREAT work. They not only visit our local nursing home and assisted living each holiday to visit our veterans and take gift bags they also like to make their birthdays special as seen here with Mr. Simmons.



Unit 347: In honor of first responders appreciation week (May 13-18th) The ladies from American Legion Auxiliary unit 347 delivered 6 trays of baked goods to the Lady Lake Police Department. Enough so all the shifts would be able to enjoy. Then we took 2 trays to Lake County fire station number 52 (they only have 12 men). We wanted to show our appreciation for everything they do on a daily basis to keep our community safe.



From The Units



1st District Girls State Orientation



ALA Unit President Anna Denisha



1st District Girls State Orientation

Unit 382: Florida Girls State Program



Bay Pines Clothesline Project for Sexual Assault Awareness Month April 30, 2019. To break the silence male and female veterans have designed shirts to reflect their experiences and recovery. This national annual display depicts the pain felt by Military Sexual Trauma (SMT) and abuse. 1 in 4 women and 1 in 3 men have been assaulted by someone in their chain of command. Sad facts.

L to R: Zoe Roseman, Janice Hill, Carol Williams

Membership Reports

MAY 24, 2019

DISTRICT 1

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0075	Crestview	131	0	140	140	106.87%
0078	Milton	21	0	13	13	61.90%
0193	Pensacola	100	18	74	92	92.00%
0221	Niceville	71	1	68	69	97.18%
0235	Ft Walton Beach	176	6	177	183	103.98%
0240	Pensacola	230	3	207	210	91.30%
0296	Destin	35	0	44	44	125.71%
0340	Pensacola	303	9	299	308	101.65%
0356	Lynn Haven	192	2	200	202	105.21%
0375	Southport	70	0	76	76	108.57%
0378	Gulf Breeze	23	0	44	44	191.30%
0382	Navarre	119	1	123	124	104.20%
0392	Panama City	161	1	181	182	113.04%
0402	Panama City Beach	41	1	41	42	102.44%
TOTALS		1673	42	1687	1729	103.35%

DISTRICT 3

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0049	Monticello	22	0	26	26	118.18%
0057	Lake City	230	1	234	235	102.17%
0107	Live Oak	48	2	39	41	85.42%
0131	Greenville	30	3	25	28	93.33%
0215	Jasper	39	3	23	26	66.67%
0224	Madison	34	0	37	37	108.82%
0291	Steinhatchee	150	2	178	180	120.00%
0383	Old Town	152	0	142	142	93.42%
TOTALS		705	11	704	715	101.42%

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	42	48	87.27%
0241	Sneads	56	24	33	57	101.79%
TOTALS		382	54	301	355	92.93%

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	2	29	31	119.23%
0155	Crystal River	306	3	312	315	102.94%
0166	Homosassa Springs	40	2	67	69	172.50%
0230	Hawthorne	52	2	45	47	90.38%
0236	Bronson	54	0	51	51	94.44%
0237	Beverly Hills	146	0	151	151	103.42%
0284	Bellevue	76	2	80	82	107.89%
0314	Starke	12	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTALS		895	15	874	889	99.33%

DISTRICT 5

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0009	Jacksonville	29	3	32	35	120.69%
0037	Saint Augustine	83	4	53	57	68.67%
0054	Fernandina Beach	174	3	152	155	89.08%
0088	Jacksonville	89	3	75	78	87.64%
0129	Jacksonville Beach	338	11	317	328	97.04%
0137	Jacksonville	504	22	468	490	97.22%
0194	St Augustine	66	9	59	68	103.03%
0197	Jacksonville	73	18	43	61	83.56%
0202	Keystone Heights	50	2	50	52	104.00%
0233	Ponte Vedra Beach	217	35	114	149	68.66%
0244	Jacksonville	24	4	17	21	87.50%
0250	Middleburg	347	36	317	353	101.73%
0283	Jacksonville	431	26	399	425	98.61%
0316	Atlantic Beach	323	49	283	332	102.79%
0372	Mandarin	15	3	20	23	153.33%
0373	Orange Park	42	10	32	42	100.00%
0401	Hilliard	28	1	36	37	132.14%
TOTALS		2833	239	2467	2706	95.52%

DISTRICT 7

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0003	Bartow	83	1	70	71	85.54%
0004	Lakeland	73	2	59	61	83.56%
0008	Winter Haven	618	6	585	591	95.63%
0034	Haines City	68	0	62	62	91.18%
0071	Lake Wales	97	0	60	60	61.86%
0072	Mulberry	161	10	147	157	97.52%
0201	Florence Villa	37	4	31	35	94.59%
TOTALS		1137	23	1014	1037	91.20%

DISTRICT 6

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0010	Kissimmee	213	4	196	200	93.90%
0019	Orlando	120	4	122	126	105.00%
0021	Umatilla	11	0	9	9	81.82%
0035	Mount Dora	90	4	106	110	122.22%
0041	Eustis	16	0	13	13	81.25%
0052	Lake Panasoffkee	26	5	13	18	69.23%
0053	Sanford	81	3	63	66	81.48%
0055	Clermont	76	0	85	85	111.84%
0063	Winter Garden	28	2	34	36	128.57%
0080	Saint Cloud	277	24	241	265	95.67%
0101	Bushnell	106	1	109	110	103.77%
0109	Ocoee	16	5	10	15	93.75%
0112	Winter Park	23	1	19	20	86.96%
0183	Fern Park	160	6	112	118	73.75%
0219	Fruitland Park	196	3	182	185	94.39%
0242	Orlando	134	13	109	122	91.04%
0286	Orlando	211	9	169	178	84.36%
0330	Leesburg	74	2	62	64	86.49%
0331	Orlando	37	9	32	41	110.81%
0347	Lady Lake	1961	12	2396	2408	122.79%
0357	Clermont	19	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTALS		3875	107	4082	4189	108.10%

DISTRICT 8

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0011	Arcadia	97	10	20	30	30.93%
0024	Bradenton	337	14	297	311	92.28%
0025	Lake Placid	342	0	360	360	105.26%
0030	Sarasota	92	10	62	72	78.26%
0069	Avon Park	552	6	569	575	104.17%
0074	Sebring	94	0	86	86	91.49%
0113	Rotonda West	360	4	311	315	87.50%
0159	Venice	640	11	698	709	110.78%
0254	North Port	96	0	115	115	119.79%
0266	Fruitville	132	4	114	118	89.39%
0309	Palmetto	184	1	177	178	96.74%
0312	Oneco	254	5	250	255	100.39%
0325	Ellenton	137	0	151	151	110.22%
TOTALS		3317	65	3210	3275	98.73%

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	185	191	74.03%
0157	Margate	262	16	216	232	88.55%
0162	Deerfield Beach	213	25	169	194	91.08%
0180	Fort Lauderdale	107	8	94	102	95.33%
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	1133	1235	85.70%

DISTRICT 12

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0001	Titusville	318	18	288	306	96.23%
0022	Cocoa	100	3	90	93	93.00%
0039	Vero Beach	169	6	174	180	106.51%
0040	Fort Pierce	165	3	162	165	100.00%
0081	Melbourne	110	0	128	128	116.36%
0117	Palm Bay	474	16	437	453	95.57%
0126	Jensen Beach	234	3	223	226	96.58%
0163	Melbourne	284	10	238	248	87.32%
0171	Fort Pierce	11	0	11	11	100.00%
0189	Sebastian	113	1	112	113	100.00%
0191	Melbourne	110	17	79	96	87.27%
0200	Satellite Beach	138	0	138	138	100.00%
0318	Port St Lucie	723	3	794	797	110.24%
0348	Cape Canaveral	156	0	167	167	107.05%
0358	White City	45	0	57	57	126.67%
0359	Port St John	272	15	267	282	103.68%
0366	Barefoot Bay	74	26	44	70	94.59%
0394	Palm Bay	133	6	144	150	112.78%
0410	Viera	15	0	10	10	66.67%
TOTALS		3644	129	3587	3716	101.98%

DISTRICT 11

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0020	Belle Glade	61	2	43	45	73.77%
0047	Lake Worth	109	6	106	112	102.75%
0062	Stuart	320	2	354	356	111.25%
0064	Okeechobee	124	0	105	105	84.68%
0065	Delray Beach	47	4	44	48	102.13%
0141	West Palm Beach	93	5	88	93	100.00%
0164	Boynton Beach	143	14	123	137	95.80%
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	32	44	100.00%
TOTALS		1403	74	1261	1335	95.15%

DISTRICT 13

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0038	Fort Myers	54	0	58	58	107.41%
0090	Cape Coral	216	3	218	221	102.31%
0103	Punta Gorda	401	5	415	420	104.74%
0110	Port Charlotte	571	10	527	537	94.05%
0123	Sanibel	84	3	76	79	94.05%
0130	Labelle	134	0	139	139	103.73%
0135	Naples	264	0	294	294	111.36%
0136	Saint James City	452	1	448	449	99.34%
0192	Fort Myers	22	3	17	20	90.91%
0274	Fort Myers Beach	627	3	568	571	91.07%
0299	Moore Haven	16	0	11	11	68.75%
0303	Bonita Springs	409	13	392	405	99.02%
0323	Lehigh Acres	450	32	388	420	93.33%
0336	N Ft Myers	339	7	342	349	102.95%
0351	Fort Myers	80	0	78	78	97.50%
TOTALS		4119	80	3971	4051	98.35%

DISTRICT 14

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0028	Key West	80	1	64	65	81.25%
0031	South Miami	174	3	162	165	94.83%
0043	Homestead	59	0	56	56	94.92%
0067	North Miami	61	2	53	55	90.16%
0098	Coral Gables	16	0	17	17	106.25%
0133	Miami	70	7	66	73	104.29%
0154	Marathon	196	1	163	164	83.67%
0168	Key West	25	0	25	25	100.00%
0333	Key Largo	76	0	81	81	106.58%
0346	Miami	11	1	20	21	190.91%
0374	Key Biscayne	52	0	47	47	90.38%
TOTALS		820	15	754	769	93.78%

DISTRICT 16

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0007	Clearwater	353	2	286	288	81.59%
0014	St Petersburg	130	4	116	120	92.31%
0079	New Port Richey	438	71	368	439	100.23%
0104	Pinellas Park	214	18	231	249	116.36%
0119	Largo	396	20	374	394	99.49%
0125	St Petersburg	372	18	323	341	91.67%
0158	Treasure Island	266	1	272	273	102.63%
0173	Holiday	264	10	255	265	100.38%
0238	Safety Harbor	288	13	269	282	97.92%
0252	Seminole	945	19	944	963	101.90%
0273	Madeira Beach	2987	8	3105	3113	104.22%
0275	Dunedin	657	13	727	740	112.63%
0305	St Pete Beach	89	0	122	122	137.08%
0335	Hudson	224	6	127	133	59.38%
TOTALS		7623	203	7519	7722	101.30%

DISTRICT 15

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0005	Tampa	39	1	40	41	105.13%
0026	Plant City	35	2	19	21	60.00%
0111	Tampa	44	1	49	50	113.64%
0138	Tampa	411	11	423	434	105.60%
0139	Tampa	118	0	108	108	91.53%
0147	Odessa	28	0	32	32	114.29%
0148	Riverview	151	6	161	167	110.60%
0152	Tampa	292	12	244	256	87.67%
0167	Tampa	16	3	20	23	143.75%
0186	Brooksville	360	1	352	353	98.06%
0246	Sun City Center	38	0	18	18	47.37%
0248	West Tampa	26	2	17	19	73.08%
0334	Tampa	32	1	25	26	81.25%
0389	Ruskin	24	3	11	14	58.33%
TOTALS		1614	43	1519	1562	96.78%

DISTRICT 17

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0006	Deland	122	1	131	132	108.20%
0017	New Smyrna Beach	195	3	223	226	115.90%
0045	Palatka	45	2	41	43	95.56%
0115	Palm Coast	39	0	36	36	92.31%
0120	Holly Hill	221	7	201	208	94.12%
0127	Lake Helen	26	6	15	21	80.77%
0204	Daytona Beach	23	10	13	23	100.00%
0255	Deltona	22	4	21	25	113.64%
0259	DeBary	30	5	24	29	96.67%
0267	Ormond Beach	166	7	163	170	102.41%
0270	Port Orange	160	0	141	141	88.13%
0285	Edgewater	140	4	127	131	93.57%
0293	Interlachen	44	2	25	27	61.36%
0361	S Daytona	163	11	168	179	109.82%
TOTALS		1396	62	1329	1391	99.64%



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