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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.

Also Including...

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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"

**Want to submit an article and/or
photos to The Winning Hand ?**

alaf1.org/submit
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President's Message

MICHELE DEGENNARO



August proved to be a busy month as we started off with Workshop also known as **The "ALL In" Players Club and "All In"** everyone was! With our Security Chiefs in place, the doors opened to an evening of fun and learning as the VIP members anted up to the tables to hear the Chairmen deal out information on their Programs. Members rolled the dice, picked a card, and placed their bets! It was a full house of learning as the tables over flowed with information and material for everyone to take back to the Units.

It was **All or Nothing** on Saturday when our very own "Show Girl" made an appearance. It definitely made an impression and I'm sure it got people talking! Way to go membership Chairmen Dee Bell. Viva, Auxiliary!!

A BIG THANKS goes out to the Officers and Chairmen for a great job presenting our programs. Special thanks to the VIP members for attending because without each and every one of you we cannot do what we do! Thank you for learning, laughing and making Workshop a Winner for ALL!

As Installations finish up around the State, I would like to congratulate all the incoming Officers and Chairmen I wish you all a very successful year ... and thank you for going **"All In"**! Speaking of Installations, I had the pleasure of

installing two Unit Presidents, thank you 6th District President Mary for asking me to do the honors, and thank you Unit 219, Fruitland Park, and Unit 347, Lady Lake for allowing me to be a part of your special day!

School of Instruction dates are set, District meetings are planned, the website is updated, and Fall Conference will be here before we know it. The year is in full swing with some Big Payouts ahead. Next stop is National Convention and you will hear all about that in the next issue of the Winning Hand!

I would like to remind everyone that this is your newsletter so please share your Units events and accomplishments remember Ladies ... **We're All In This Together!**

"Patriotism is love of country. But you can't love your country without loving your countrymen and countrywomen. We don't always have to agree, but we must empower each other, we must find the common ground, we must build bridges across our differences to pursue the common good."

~Cory Booker, U.S. Senator



President's Photo Gallery





Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

WANDA BRANDT



It is with heart felt gratitude that I want to Thank You for your confidence and support in allowing me to be your 2nd Vice President VA&R (Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation)

The start of a new year (season), it brings many things! A recap of the last year goals, and a time to reflect, and to set goals for the New Year. What did you do last year for VA&R? Did you meet your goals? Did you exceed your goals? Or did you fall short? What are your goals for this year? Our Veterans fought for our Freedom, so let's give them what they deserve.

September is a great month, the start of fall and the beginning of the Holidays (yes, that is what I said. Holidays - Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and a beginning of a New Year)

- **September 3rd is Labor Day** - The day recognizes and celebrates the American labor movement as well as marks the end of the summer season (celebrated with parties, parades and athletic events)

However:

- **September 21st is POW/MIA** - How are we going to remember this day, "National POW/MIA Recognition Day"

- In our home post there is a single table and chair in a corner draped with the POW-MIA flag as a symbol for the missing, thus reserving a chair in hopes of their return.

Just recently North Korea returned the remains of 55 service members, it is still being determined if they are American or Allied service members. However if it will provide a closer, for 55 families.

Each month, I will be including a copy of what the VA Hospitals in your area need. If you can provide any of these items, please do so, and not forget your time and monetary donations in Unit report. This month I am attaching Bay Pines VAMC - if you can, please help out.

So please set up a Unit goal for our Veterans, and especially our Female Veterans and get it started by Remembering "To Work Hard" "Play Hard" and most of all "Have Fun" and be "ALL IN" for our Veterans.

Please review the VA&R plan of action and all the different attachments. If there is any questions, please don't hesitate to call me.



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

Public Relations

SANDI HOWARD-STEPP



Public Relations Role: Keeping the needs of Veterans, Military Families, Children and our Communities front and center in the minds of the American public.

Public Relations is a support committee for membership. How is PR a support to membership? In your Unit, do you wish there were more members, stepping up to work with the Mission related programs? If new members joined for their passion for Veterans, Military Families, Children and Community service what a **Very Important Person** they would be.

By creating a strong community presence with a positive impression and getting people talking about the American Legion Auxiliary Mission, we can reach those VIP's, as potential members. How do we get people talking?

5 Easy steps to a successful Public Relations Campaign.

A - Create and update Media contact list. Search online for community and online newspapers, television stations/websites, newsletters Unit/ Legion Family and other Veteran organizations. Call list their contact information (phone numbers, email address, reporter/editor names).

L - Gather info 5 W's (Who, What, Where, When and Why) Attend Mission related committee planning, Unit/Legion Family calendar or Leadership planning meetings.

L- Prepare Media release. Templates can be found in the Public Relations Program Action Plan

www.ALAFL.org or in the PR/ Marketing Resources www.ALAforVeterans.org members only section Public Relations.

I-Call and email to media contacts. Prior to emailing to media contacts, call to verify name and email address, First introduction to your event. Separately attach any photos of past similar events and the ALA emblem. Post to social media and create an event invite.

N- Follow-up with calls and emails the week of and day of the event. Important follow through by Keeping the event front and center in the Minds of the media. (After event media coverage post success stories to American Legion Dept of FL Public Relations Facebook page.

Have Unit/District create a social media page or website? District Presidents/PR chairman have easy instructions to set a Facebook/Website. Use #Hashtags on FB posting and name and location of Unit.

We're "ALL IN"

For Veterans, Military Families, Children and our Communities.





Donation Needs List

Bay Pines VA Healthcare System



If you have any questions about items appearing on this list, or other potential donations, please contact the Voluntary Service office at (727) 398-9394. Thank you for your consideration!

Bay Pines VA Healthcare System
P.O. Box 5005 (135)
10000 Bay Pines Boulevard
Bay Pines, FL 33744

Note: Any reference to specific retailers, grocery, clothing or food chains is for reference only and in no way constitutes an endorsement by the Department of Veterans Affairs over any similar or competing entity.

❖ **Gift cards** which aid indigent Veterans, and Fisher House lodgers, needing food, clothing, fuel or similar items to area retail, grocery or food chains such as:

- iTunes
- Movie theater (Cobb)
- Wal-Mart
- Target
- Publix
- ALDI
- Kohl's
- Bealls
- Macy's
- Marshall's
- Arby's
- McDonald's
- Chick-Fil-A
- Wawa
- Shell, etc.

❖ **Headphones and/or earbuds** – used in combination with laptops, personal computers, and inpatient room televisions

❖ **Non-perishable food items** for Veterans who have fasted in preparation for lab work and for the Homeless Veterans program including but not limited to:

- Peanut butter crackers
- Cheese crackers
- Ramen noodles
- Granola/cereal bars
- Juice boxes
- Water

❖ **Reading glasses** (plastic frames preferred) – all magnifications are needed and appreciated

❖ **Clothing items** (new & in any size)

- Sweatpants
- Sweatshirts
- T-shirts
- Flip flops
- Socks
- Underwear

❖ **Personal care items** including but not limited to:

- Deodorant
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Body wash
- Shampoo
- Shaving cream
- Disposable razors
- Denture cleanser
- Denture adhesive

❖ **Coffee supplies** for the Homeless Walk-In Clinic and similar areas:

- Coffee
- Foam cups (8 ounce)
- Packets of creamer, sugar & sweeteners
- Stir sticks

❖ **Household supplies** for VA housing programs (homeless programs, HUD/VASH, etc.)

- Laundry soap
- Dishwashing liquid
- Cleaning supplies-mops, brooms, cleaners, etc.

Although not listed, other items may be accepted. Please contact the Voluntary Service office if you have questions. Thank you!
Date: 4/24/2017



The Winning Hand

CONTACT INFORMATION

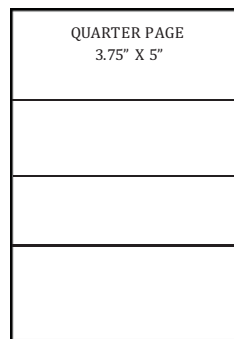
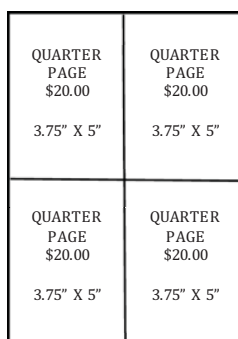
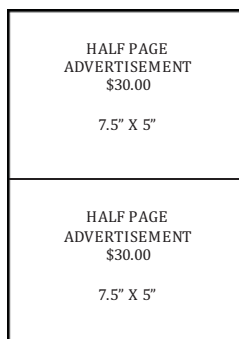
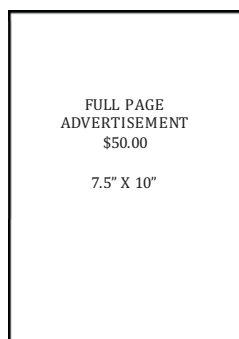
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Contact Person

Title

Phone

Email



☐ Full Page Ad (7.5"x10") - \$50.00

☐ Half Page Ad (7.5"x5") - \$30.00

☐ Quarter Page Ad (3.75"x5") - \$20.00

☐ Business Card (3.75"x2.5") \$15.00

Prepaid 3 month Subscription 15% discount on all advertisement sizes.

Advertisements must be submitted no later than the 15th of the previous month to be included in the next issue. Please submit your advertisement artwork via email in one of the following image file types: .ai, .eps, .psd, .pdf, .tif, .jpeg, .jpg, .png. All advertisements will be full color. All imagery must be legally licensed. The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Florida reserves the right to redesign any advertisement due to required formatting or licensing issues. The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Florida reserves the right to refuse any advertisements that do not adhere to the American Legion Auxiliary Code of Conduct, or Code of Ethics. **Please email artwork to: media@alafl.org**

PAYMENT METHOD

☐ Check # _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____
Please make checks payable to ALA Department of Florida

Submit to: The American Legion Auxiliary, Dept. of Florida, **Attn: Secretary;**
PO Box 547917, Orlando, FL 32854-7917

American Legion Auxiliary Department of Florida



Juniors



**CALLING ALL ALA JUNIOR AUXILIARY
MEMBERS 8 YEARS OLD & OLDER**



***SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 3, 2018
SEA WORLD RENAISSANCE***



**Junior Members will be learning proper
protocol for running their meeting,
Flag etiquette, Patch program
information, Thank You Cards for
Veterans, making crafts to donate
to Ronald McDonald House,
making new friends & having Fun!**



**SIGN YOUR JUNIORS UP TODAY
FOR FALL CONFERENCE**



Children & Youth

JANE HARDACRE



One of the objectives to the Children & Youth program is supporting veterans' children. Some of our homeless veterans also have children living on the streets with them. We need to be visible in our communities and here are some ways we can show we are ALL IN!

- Contact local churches, homeless shelters and food pantries to identify homeless veterans' children. Ask them what their specific needs are and offer them your services.
- Contact your voluntary services representatives at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Offer to work with them to help meet the needs of children of homeless veterans who come to the VAMC.
- Contact local schools to assess their needs for supplies and extra clothes for homeless children.

- Contact your post service officer to help with the needs of children of veterans who need financial help. (The American Legion - Temporary Financial Assistance)

JUNIORS!!

We are excited to announce that we are calling **ALL** American Legion Auxiliary Juniors, age 8 years & older to Fall Conference! Your Junior members will be learning flag etiquette, the patch program, making thank you cards for veterans and much more!!! Please see the Department website for the flyer and registration form.

BETTING ON OUR FUTURE IS A SURE WIN!!



Visit Your Local Tag Office and get yours today!

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

floridalegion.org

Jim Burgess Memorial Poker Run September 8, 2018



Registration 9:00 am, KSU 10:00am @ Seabreeze Lounge

Seabreeze Lounge, 30625 US 19, Palm Harbor

American Legion Post 252, 11433 Park Boulevard North, Seminole

American Legion Post 138, 5535 W. Prescott Street, Tampa

Hennessy's Bar & Grille, 3980 Tampa Road, Oldsmar

American Legion Post 238, 900 Main Street, Safety Harbor

Last bike @ 4:00pm, Prizes @ 5:00pm

\$20 per bike, additional hands \$5
Best Hand \$200, Runner-up \$75,
Worst Hand \$25

50/50
Raffle items
Food, drinks

Sponsored by American Legion Riders, Chapter 238 — Funds raised to provide scholarships to Bay area students



As our year grows with excitement and extravaganza may our Chaplains express their Love to All Veterans throughout the State of Florida. The Chaplains are All In with the American Legion Auxiliary and willing to help throughout the year. May the Lord Bless you and keep you all safe as you travel.

Below are the names of our Sisters who have left our ranks and who have left a legacy for all to follow, may their souls rest in peace. This list includes the names from June, July and August.

Recently Departed Members

DISTRICT 1

Faye Slaughter, Unit 193
Catherine Eversole, Unit 235
Luann Carrol, Unit 240

DISTRICT 3

Kathy Beers, Unit 57
Joyce Hooper, Unit 57
Muriel Mick, Unit 57
Gladys Mikeal, Unit 57
Marie Wendel, Unit 57

DISTRICT 5

Ruby Vankirk, Unit 37
Maxine C Taunton, Unit 137

DISTRICT 6

Joan Hoffman, Unit 19
Ruth Maniloff, Unit 19
Shirley Barnett, Unit 219
Carol Gaetino, Unit 347
Charlotte Kehrner, Unit 347
Lori D Jones, Unit 330
Christine Manser, Unit 330

DISTRICT 7

Jeri Marshall, Unit 8
Laurie A Jayne, Unit 72
Mary Wilferth, Unit 72

DISTRICT 8

Mary Smith, Unit 69
Althea B Hughes, Unit 254
Tonya Long, Unit 325

DISTRICT 9

Patricia Bolwell, Unit 92
Mary Jane, Brady, Unit 92
Dolores Moegerle, Unit 92
Susan Wilson, Unit 57
Janeice A Sherrick, Unit 162

DISTRICT 11

Mildred Allaire, Unit 141
Samantha Belohlavek, Unit 141
Kerrie Bollman, Unit 141
Rosalyn Langevin, Unit 141
Marie Stonesifer, Unit 141
Vivian Tracy, Unit 141
Mary Webb, Unit 141
Joann Feeney, Unit 164

DISTRICT 12

Tresa Dawn Crabbe, Unit 126
Beverly Ackerman, Unit 163
Gladys Felker, Unit 163
Gloria Ann Reopelle, Unit 163
Priscilla Cyr, Unit 189
Christine Davis, Unit 189
Ann Richardson, Unit 359
Pamela Bailey, Unit 394

DISTRICT 13

Linda K Bizoe, Unit 103
Sandra Brown, Unit 103
Barbara Timpf, Unit 103
Jeanette Smallwood, Unit 136
Holly Scatterday, Unit 303
Sandra Bradford, Unit 323
Carol Burke, Unit 323
Etoile Howard, Unit 323

DISTRICT 14

Mancinelli Gioia, Unit 154

DISTRICT 16

Phylliss Metzcar, Unit 14
Lorraine Bauknecht, Unit 17
Margaret Gannon, Unit 17
Veronica Johnson, Unit 17
Margaret Robbins, Unit 17
Joanne Abbott, Unit 104
Thomasine Leverock, Unit 104
Bonnie Wesbrock, Unit 104
Marie Williams, Unit 104
Naomi Babcock, Unit 125
Beth Burmaster, Unit 273
Kris Ballard, Unit 275

DISTRICT 17

Gail M O'Connor, Unit 6
Josephine Silcora, Unit 115
Donna Owen-Pfenninger, Unit 120
Jeanne Sullivan, Unit 120
Judith Mickol, Unit 267
Dawn Collentain, Unit 270

Membership

DEE BELL



32 WAYS TO RECRUIT, RETAIN, ENRICH AND REJOIN MEMBERS

1. Smile and enjoy yourself and your members will too.
2. Encourage a positive attitude, each member is a VIP.
3. Be Memorable dress with respect, so others will know our organization is important.
4. Make an Impression use our emblem, your bell, a tablecloth, membership casino themed centerpiece to dress up the atmosphere at meetings.
5. Introduce new members and guests. Wear name tags.
6. Have program information available so new members learn about our organization.
7. Hold a new member initiation at least once a year.
8. Send a "Welcome to the ALA" flyer to all new members. (website)
9. Have a relaxed atmosphere at your meeting, make everyone feel welcome.
10. Get new members involved.
11. Ask a seasoned member to be a mentor to offer advice, support, and friendship for a new member.
12. Always give "the chair" your attention and respect.
13. Encourage questions.
14. Reading Thank you notes at the meeting shows appreciation for donations.
15. Offer members a ride to the meetings and events.
16. Ask members to respond to a time and talents survey.
17. Plan informative and timely meetings, respect your members busy schedule.
18. Keep business sessions brief and to the point.
19. Have a short Leadership class at every meeting.
20. Have an interesting speaker and/or Dept. or District Chairman for a change of pace.
21. Keep members informed through Facebook, phone calls, texts and newsletters.
22. Recognize member achievements in your newsletter.
23. Thank members publicly for their contributions and their volunteer service.
24. Get people Talking about our programs and encourage chairmanships.
25. Keep homebound and absent members updated and involved.
26. Explain rituals, customs and abbreviations to new members.
27. Have informational auxiliary flyer available, i.e. "ALA Member Benefits" (website)
28. Use the "VIP Thank You" card when sending membership cards. (website)
29. Make copies of the Preamble and hand out at your meeting.
30. Explain our charities and who they benefit.
31. Encourage attendance at District and Department meetings.
32. Encourage members to take the ALA Academy online classes or print and do at a unit meeting.

With thanks to Kat Rich, American Legion Auxiliary Past Department President 2000-2001

Adapted and Updated by Dee Bell Department Membership Chairman



Sending Coupons for Military Families?

Here's What You Need to Know!

The Support Our Troops® Troopons® program enhances the well-being of overseas and domestic military families by sending them food, non-food, baby, and pet manufacturer coupons to make their hard-earned dollars go farther.

Below is information from Troopons, an organization based in Florida that distributes donated coupons to military families. Please read the information and follow the directions to ensure that the coupons your members have so lovingly cut and organized go to our military families as quickly as possible. More information can be found at www.supportourtroops.org/troopons.

There are other coupon sites such as www.ocpnet.org, but Troopons seems to provide the best and most recent information. Happy clipping!

__Troopons® Bagging Instructions

The commissaries have requested that Troopons be bagged and delivered to them as follows:

1. Cut out the coupons.
2. Sort coupons into two piles by status:
 - a. Expired. Not expired more than 2 months. (e.g. if today's date is 3/1/2013, you would cut out coupons with an expiration date that is not older than 1/1/2013.

- b. Unexpired. At least two months of life left.

3. Sort each of those two piles into four piles by type:

- a. Food items
 - b. Non-food items
 - c. Baby food/items
 - d. Pet items (like dog food)

4. Stuff them into plastic baggies.

5. Write the status (Expired or Unexpired) and the type (food, non-food, baby, or pet) on them.

6. Total the retail savings of the baggies and write it on them. This helps Troopons track the value of the overall program.

7. Mail coupons to:

Troopons Support Our Troops
P.O. Box 70
Daytona Beach, FL 32115-0070

Only "**Manufacturer's Coupons**" can be used. They can be from the newspaper, dispensers in grocery stores, tear-pads, and elsewhere as long as "Manufacturer's Coupon" is printed on them. No assistance vouchers. No food stamps. No store coupons. No restaurant coupons. No Internet coupons.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

SEP 11	National Day of Service and Remembrance
SEP 21	POW/MIA Recognition Day
SEP 30	American Gold Star Mothers Day

The 2018 Florida primary election is over. Primary elections were critical as they directly determined the general election ballot, making each vote in the primary count the most. Don't worry if you didn't have a chance to vote, while the general election determines the winners, the primary election determines the candidates on the November ballot.

Elected officials determine public policy on important issues impacting your life. When you vote, your voice counts.

Your Voice Matters, Your Vote Counts. Important Date to Remember: November 6th.

Now is the time to Host a Unit Meet the Candidate night. (You'll get 100 points for the Department "Flying High Eagle Award" (copy of flyer, invitation, and a photo must be attached.)

Step-by-Step Instructions:

A "meet the candidate" night is a question-and-answer session where all candidates for a specific election are invited to answer questions. It is not intended to be a debate.

Suggested Date of Event: 2-3 weeks before elections

2 Months Prior (now)

1. The planning committee arranges for volunteers for the following roles:

a. Moderator (1) - Someone impartial and ideally not a part of the Legion Family, such as local news reporter or radio host or someone known and respected by the community. Using someone on TV or radio also ensures that it will be announced on TV/radio.

b. Timekeeper (1) - To keep everyone on track. Each candidate should get an equal amount of time each round.

c. Legion Family Ambassadors (Several) - To man a table on programs and services your Legion Family offers. They should also have membership applications on hand.

d. Servers (Several) - Have a small team of volunteers serve refreshments.

e. Crowd Control (Several) - Volunteers to ensure that no attendee gets out of control. (Legion Family Sergeants at Arms might be great for this role).

f. Screeners (Several) - Volunteers to collect and review questions from attendees. Selected questions will be given to the moderator for a Q&A period.*Note: Candidates can stay after to talk with people and address their issues.

g. Public Relations Coordinator (1) - Someone who will ensure that event is advertised in local newspapers, social media, websites and any other media outlet. They might invite a radio station or local TV station to stream the event live. (They might form a team to help promote the event on social media, create a hashtag, etc.).

2. The planning committee sets an agenda and how the event will proceed. Depending on the number of candidates in attendance, allow time for opening and closing speeches for each (this could be 2 to 3 minutes). After opening speeches and introductions, the moderator will ask for questions (that have been screened).



a. If question is to a particular candidate, allow 1-2 minutes for the answer and allow opposing candidate the same amount of time. There should be no rebuttals!

b. If it is a general question, the moderator can ask any candidate to address it, but again only 1-2 minutes per candidate.

Day of Event

1. Set up the room with the candidates in front of the audience.
2. Prepare tent cards for all candidates with their name, party and the office they're seeking. You may wish to seat candidates alphabetically in an effort to not show favoritism.
3. Set up a table to talk about the programs and services your Legion Family offers. They should also have membership applications on hand and other Legion Family

branded information.

4. Setup a table for voter registration Members of your Americanism committee might be good to man this table, or you can invite an outside organization, like the League of Women Voters to help with the voter registration.

After the Event

1. Follow up with thank you notes to all the candidates who participated.
2. If media did not attend, work with your Public Relations chairman to send pictures to be published and posted on social media.

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!!!!

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www.thelit.com

From the Units



ABOVE: On Saturday, August 11, 2018, Tampa Bay Troop Support held another packing event hosted by American Legion Post 273. Eleven members of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 273 arrived at 9 am to sort and prepare tables of items for packing. Many caring individuals donated food and personal items, and Dave & Sharon Dabney, organizers for TBTS, arrived with a truck full of supplies. Packing of the USPS boxes began in flurry of enthusiasm and 210 boxes were filled to send overseas. One of the most successful events to date!

Tampa Bay Troop Support's purpose is to make a difference in the lives of our service members stationed overseas. By sending care packages to different military units around the world, the men and women know their service and sacrifice are appreciated.

A big thank you to the 11 ALA Unit 273 ladies, dozens of volunteers and to Commander White for arranging the packing.

The Tampa Bay support group was born out of a common desire to show our appreciation and respect for our troops while they are stationed overseas, away from their home, family and friends. Follow TBTS at www.tampabaytroopsupport.com. Watch for an announcement of the next packing event at Post 273 in November. Our Christmas packing!

Submitted by: Carol A Williams Public Relations
ALA Unit 273

American Legion and Auxiliary Unit 273
Remember Our Military Overseas
ALA Unit 273 The Packing Volunteers



THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA





ABOVE: Today South Jacksonville and The mighty 5th District Honored a Virtuous Woman, Ms. Mildred Murrell who turned 101 years old on July 27. Ms Murrell was the 1st President of Unit 244 when first Chartered by the ALA Department of Florida 48 years ago.

Family and Friends joined the Mighty 5th District and Unit 244 celebrating this tremendous occasion. Happy Birthday Ms Murrell from EVERYONE!



Membership Reports

AUGUST 17, 2018

DISTRICT 1						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0075	Crestview	131	0	0	0	0.00%
0078	Milton	21	0	0	0	0.00%
0193	Pensacola	100	0	5	5	5.00%
0221	Niceville	71	0	0	0	0.00%
0235	Ft Walton Beach	176	3	25	28	15.91%
0240	Pensacola	230	0	12	12	5.22%
0296	Destin	35	0	0	0	0.00%
0340	Pensacola	303	4	16	20	6.60%
0356	Lynn Haven	192	0	20	20	10.42%
0375	Southport	70	0	7	7	10.00%
0378	Gulf Breeze	23	0	11	11	47.83%
0382	Navarre	119	0	0	0	0.00%
0392	Panama City	161	0	4	4	2.48%
0402	Panama City Beach	41	0	6	6	14.63%
TOTALS		1673	7	106	113	6.75%

DISTRICT 3						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0049	Monticello	22	0	0	0	0.00%
0057	Lake City	230	0	27	27	11.74%
0107	Live Oak	48	0	0	0	0.00%
0131	Greenville	30	0	0	0	0.00%
0215	Jasper	39	0	0	0	0.00%
0224	Madison	34	0	4	4	11.76%
0291	Steinhatchee	150	2	37	39	26.00%
0383	Old Town	152	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTALS		705	2	68	70	9.93%

DISTRICT 2						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0013	Tallahassee	97	4	31	35	36.08%
0082	Lanark	92	0	0	0	0.00%
0084	Havana	33	0	0	0	0.00%
0100	Marianna	49	0	0	0	0.00%
0217	Quincy	55	0	7	7	12.73%
0241	Sneads	56	1	17	18	32.14%
TOTALS		382	5	55	60	15.71%

DISTRICT 4						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0016	Gainesville	60	0	0	0	0.00%
0027	Ocala	33	0	0	0	0.00%
0058	Dunnellon	44	0	0	0	0.00%
0077	Inverness	46	0	0	0	0.00%
0149	Newberry	26	0	1	1	3.85%
0155	Crystal River	306	1	27	28	9.15%
0166	Homosassa Springs	40	0	11	11	27.50%
0210	Ocala	0	0	0	0	0%
0230	Hawthorne	52	0	8	8	15.38%
0236	Bronson	54	0	0	0	0.00%
0237	Beverly Hills	146	0	16	16	10.96%
0284	Bellevue	76	0	0	0	0.00%
0314	Starke	12	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTALS		895	1	63	64	7.15%

DISTRICT 5

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0009	Jacksonville	29	0	9	9	31.03%
0037	Saint Augustine	83	0	0	0	0.00%
0054	Fernandina Beach	174	0	14	14	8.05%
0088	Jacksonville	89	1	13	14	15.73%
0129	Jacksonville Beach	338	0	2	2	0.59%
0137	Jacksonville	504	0	22	22	4.37%
0194	St Augustine	66	0	0	0	0.00%
0197	Jacksonville	73	0	0	0	0.00%
0202	Keystone Heights	50	0	0	0	0.00%
0233	Ponte Vedra Beach	217	0	0	0	0.00%
0244	Jacksonville	24	3	4	7	29.17%
0250	Middleburg	347	28	33	61	17.58%
0283	Jacksonville	431	2	45	47	10.90%
0316	Atlantic Beach	323	0	0	0	0.00%
0372	Mandarin	15	0	7	7	46.67%
0373	Orange Park	42	0	0	0	0.00%
0401	Hilliard	28	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTALS		2833	34	149	183	6.46%

DISTRICT 7

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0003	Bartow	83	0	6	6	7.23%
0004	Lakeland	73	0	0	0	0.00%
0008	Winter Haven	618	0	5	5	0.81%
0034	Haines City	68	0	0	0	0.00%
0071	Lake Wales	97	0	3	3	3.09%
0072	Mulberry	161	1	8	9	5.59%
0201	Florence Villa	37	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTALS		1137	1	22	23	2.02%

DISTRICT 6

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0010	Kissimmee	213	0	15	15	7.04%
0019	Orlando	120	0	12	12	10.00%
0021	Umatilla	11	0	0	0	0.00%
0035	Mount Dora	90	0	0	0	0.00%
0041	Eustis	16	0	0	0	0.00%
0052	Lake Panasoffkee	26	0	0	0	0.00%
0053	Sanford	81	0	1	1	1.23%
0055	Clermont	76	0	0	0	0.00%
0063	Winter Garden	28	0	0	0	0.00%
0080	Saint Cloud	277	23	39	62	22.38%
0101	Bushnell	106	0	0	0	0.00%
0109	Ocoee	16	0	0	0	0.00%
0112	Winter Park	23	0	0	0	0.00%
0183	Fern Park	160	5	26	31	19.38%
0219	Fruitland Park	196	1	15	16	8.16%
0242	Orlando	134	0	1	1	0.75%
0286	Orlando	211	2	22	24	11.37%
0330	Leesburg	74	1	12	13	17.57%
0331	Orlando	37	0	0	0	0.00%
0347	Lady Lake	1961	2	71	73	3.72%
0357	Clermont	19	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTALS		3875	34	214	248	6.40%

DISTRICT 8

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0011	Arcadia	97	0	0	0	0.00%
0024	Bradenton	337	0	0	0	0.00%
0025	Lake Placid	342	0	0	0	0.00%
0030	Sarasota	92	6	18	24	26.09%
0069	Avon Park	552	0	53	53	9.60%
0074	Sebring	94	0	0	0	0.00%
0113	Rotonda West	360	0	2	2	0.56%
0159	Venice	640	0	1	1	0.16%
0254	North Port	96	0	13	13	13.54%
0266	Fruitville	132	0	1	1	0.76%
0309	Palmetto	184	0	76	76	41.30%
0312	Oneco	254	0	1	1	0.39%
0325	Ellenton	137	0	1	1	0.73%
TOTALS		3317	6	166	172	5.19%

DISTRICT 9

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0036	Ft Lauderdale	35	0	0	0	0.00%
0092	Hollywood	127	0	18	18	14.17%
0142	Pompano Beach	258	0	14	14	5.43%
0157	Margate	262	0	0	0	0.00%
0162	Deerfield Beach	213	25	26	51	23.94%
0180	Fort Lauderdale	107	4	41	45	42.06%
0209	Dania Beach	17	0	0	0	0.00%
0220	Ft Lauderdale	28	0	0	0	0.00%
0222	Fort Lauderdale	66	0	0	0	0.00%
0287	Deerfield Beach	15	0	13	13	86.67%
0304	Dania	122	0	0	0	0.00%
0310	Hallandale	38	0	3	3	7.89%
0321	Cooper City	134	0	0	0	0.00%
0365	Sunrise	19	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTALS		1441	29	115	144	9.99%

DISTRICT 12

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0001	Titusville	318	0	34	34	10.69%
0022	Cocoa	100	0	0	0	0.00%
0039	Vero Beach	169	0	1	1	0.59%
0040	Fort Pierce	165	0	0	0	0.00%
0081	Melbourne	110	0	0	0	0.00%
0117	Palm Bay	474	2	33	35	7.38%
0126	Jensen Beach	234	0	10	10	4.27%
0163	Melbourne	284	5	47	52	18.31%
0171	Fort Pierce	11	0	8	8	72.73%
0189	Sebastian	113	0	12	12	10.62%
0191	Melbourne	110	0	0	0	0.00%
0200	Satellite Beach	138	0	0	0	0.00%
0318	Port St Lucie	723	0	32	32	4.43%
0348	Cape Canaveral	156	0	18	18	11.54%
0358	White City	45	0	0	0	0.00%
0359	Port St John	272	0	19	19	6.99%
0366	Barefoot Bay	74	0	0	0	0.00%
0394	Palm Bay	133	0	1	1	0.75%
0410	Viera	15	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTALS		3644	7	215	222	6.09%

DISTRICT 11

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0020	Belle Glade	61	2	6	8	13.11%
0047	Lake Worth	109	2	8	10	9.17%
0062	Stuart	320	0	72	72	22.50%
0064	Okeechobee	124	0	0	0	0.00%
0065	Delray Beach	47	1	6	7	14.89%
0141	West Palm Beach	93	0	0	0	0.00%
0164	Boynton Beach	40	0	12	12	30.00%
0188	Delray	13	0	0	0	0.00%
0199	W Palm Beach	52	0	0	0	0.00%
0268	Riviera Beach	70	0	3	3	4.29%
0271	Tequesta	189	2	19	21	11.11%
0277	Boca Raton	91	0	9	9	9.89%
0288	Boynton Beach	47	0	0	0	0.00%
0367	Royal Palm Beach	44	0	0	0	0.00%
0399	Palm City	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		1300	7	135	142	10.92%

DISTRICT 13

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0038	Fort Myers	54	0	6	6	11.11%
0090	Cape Coral	216	0	0	0	0.00%
0103	Punta Gorda	401	0	15	15	3.74%
0110	Port Charlotte	571	2	15	17	2.98%
0123	Sanibel	84	0	0	0	0.00%
0130	Labelle	134	0	13	13	9.70%
0135	Naples	264	0	0	0	0.00%
0136	Saint James City	452	0	23	23	5.09%
0192	Fort Myers	22	0	7	7	31.82%
0274	Fort Myers Beach	627	0	7	7	1.12%
0299	Moore Haven	16	0	2	2	12.50%
0303	Bonita Springs	409	1	32	33	8.07%
0323	Lehigh Acres	450	3	49	52	11.56%
0336	N Ft Myers	339	0	1	1	0.29%
0351	Fort Myers	80	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTALS		4119	6	170	176	4.27%

DISTRICT 14						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0028	Key West	80	0	0	0	0.00%
0031	South Miami	174	1	46	47	27.01%
0043	Homestead	59	0	0	0	0.00%
0067	North Miami	61	0	0	0	0.00%
0098	Coral Gables	16	0	0	0	0.00%
0133	Miami	70	0	0	0	0.00%
0154	Marathon	196	0	6	6	3.06%
0168	Key West	25	0	0	0	0.00%
0333	Key Largo	76	0	0	0	0.00%
0346	Miami	11	0	0	0	0.00%
0374	Key Biscayne	52	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTALS		820	1	52	53	6.46%

DISTRICT 16						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0007	Clearwater	353	0	1	1	0.28%
0014	St Petersburg	130	0	1	1	0.77%
0079	New Port Richey	438	1	10	11	2.51%
0104	Pinellas Park	214	3	43	46	21.50%
0119	Largo	396	0	87	87	21.97%
0125	St Petersburg	372	3	36	39	10.48%
0158	Treasure Island	266	0	0	0	0.00%
0173	Holiday	264	2	12	14	5.30%
0238	Safety Harbor	288	11	50	61	21.18%
0252	Seminole	945	2	122	124	13.12%
0273	Madeira Beach	2987	0	33	33	1.10%
0275	Dunedin	657	0	27	27	4.11%
0305	St Pete Beach	89	0	9	9	10.11%
0335	Hudson	224	4	23	27	12.05%
TOTALS		7623	26	454	480	6.30%

DISTRICT 15						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0005	Tampa	39	1	10	11	28.21%
0026	Plant City	35	0	0	0	0.00%
0111	Tampa	44	0	1	1	2.27%
0138	Tampa	411	6	90	96	23.36%
0139	Tampa	118	0	17	17	14.41%
0147	Odessa	28	0	0	0	0.00%
0148	Riverview	151	0	0	0	0.00%
0152	Tampa	292	0	24	24	8.22%
0167	Tampa	16	0	0	0	0.00%
0186	Brooksville	360	0	0	0	0.00%
0246	Sun City Center	38	0	0	0	0.00%
0248	West Tampa	26	0	0	0	0.00%
0334	Tampa	32	0	0	0	0.00%
0389	Ruskin	24	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTALS		1614	7	142	149	9.23%

DISTRICT 17						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0006	Deland	122	0	11	11	9.02%
0017	New Smyrna Beach	195	0	9	9	4.62%
0045	Palatka	45	0	1	1	2.22%
0115	Palm Coast	39	0	4	4	10.26%
0120	Holly Hill	221	1	60	61	27.60%
0127	Lake Helen	26	0	0	0	0.00%
0204	Daytona Beach	23	0	0	0	0.00%
0255	Deltona	22	0	0	0	0.00%
0259	DeBary	30	0	0	0	0.00%
0267	Ormond Beach	166	3	58	61	36.75%
0270	Port Orange	160	0	14	14	8.75%
0285	Edgewater	140	0	0	0	0.00%
0293	Interlachen	44	0	1	1	2.27%
0361	S Daytona	163	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTALS		1396	4	158	162	11.60%



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