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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"

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

alafl.org/submit
secretary@alafl.org

President's Message

MICHELE DEGENNARO



Our Auxiliary year is well under way and the calendar is filling up with exciting events and happenings throughout the Department of Florida. Thank you to all who attended the School of Instructions. I know our Districts worked hard presenting the information to you. I hope you learned all about our Programs.

For those of you that would like more information available at your fingertips, we have flash drives in stock and they are on sale at our Dept. Headquarters store for \$5.00 plus shipping. Please check on line at www.alafl.org or email secretary@alafl.org.

This month my travels took me to Melbourne Unit 163. President Billy and the entire Legion Family presented a POW/MIA Remembrance. It was a truly beautiful ceremony that touched everyone in attendance. Thank you for inviting me and for ALL you do!

Units throughout the State are promoting this year's project, Final Salute Inc. whose mission is to provide homeless women veterans with safe and suitable housing. Next one up is Unit 117 in Palm Bay; on Saturday, October 6th they will be hosting a Casino Mystery Murder Dinner with proceeds going to Finale Salute. Thank you to ALL for supporting this Great Project!

Please check the www.alafl.org calendar for upcoming events in your area. You will notice my District visits are also on the calendar. I would love to visit with you the VIP members. So please come see me when I am in your area. Full details of events will be listed as Dept. Headquarters receives them or contact the District President for that area.

Speaking of calendars, sometimes it's hard to get to a computer and go to the www.alafl.org website to look at the upcoming events or the news. But how many times do you look at your smartphone in a day? Come join me and Katie Gabehart at the Fall Conference breakout when we launch a new phone app called "Lets All Do Good"! For all you phone junkies out there you can go now to the app store and down load it...It's free! Follow Veterans and Military Families and then like ALA Dept. of Florida.

LetsAllDoGood App



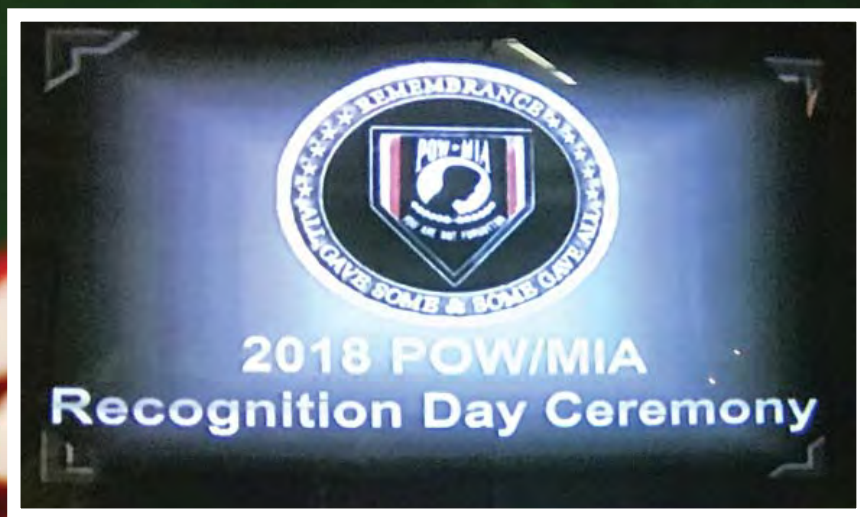
So Let's All Do Good is a fitting name and leads me right into my next topic. First I would like to preface this next paragraph and say THANK YOU to all the Units and Members that are working together for the good of the Auxiliary!

For those that are not... We talk about all the good we do for our Veterans, our Community our Children but really what does all that mean when there is fighting among us. They say one mistake cancels out a hundred good deeds. So what am trying to say ... new or prospective members can't get past all the fighting and arguing to see all the good that is being done!

We are losing members at a rapid rate ... we are arguing in in our Legion Families from one end of the State to the next. Take a moment and remember why you joined this GREAT Organization. It is time to put our differences aside and work for the common good! **It is time to go... ALL IN!**

President's Photo Gallery





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**



National Security

RHONDA BRAILEY-MAURER



Have you heard of Soldier's Angels?

www.soldiersangels.org

The National Security Program consists of many opportunities for our active military, their families, and those who protect our safety. Although it can be overwhelming at times, remember that we're ALL IN this together and I'm here to help you learn about new programs. Soldier's Angels is a web-based outreach for our deployed service members as well as our veterans and care-givers.



Soldiersangels.org is a wonderful organization that offers so many ways for our members to support our deployed. There is a small membership fee, a background check will be done, and the process is smooth and seamless. This program is perfect for every member as most of the activities can be done in the convenience of home or you can do a group project. I've personally been in the letter writing group, which calls for at least one letter a month, or if you like to write, you can do as many as two a day. Soldiersangels.org will supply you with a name and mailing address and it's up to the service member if they want to add anything else about themselves or their interests. You may even get a "FREE" letter back from one of them, which is very heartwarming, to say the least. Remember, not every service member has a family that can or will support them while they're deployed, and as the Soldier's Angel's motto says, "May No Soldier Go Unloved". Doesn't this sound like something your unit would love to do?

Now for a couple of reminders as we get ready to plan for the deployed holiday troop packing parties that should be ready to ship around the first week or so in November:

Remember to put a "pocket flag" in each box. We

want our service members to have a little "piece of home" with them at all times, and to know that we are supporting and praying for their safe return. Start now with getting holiday/Christmas cards signed by as many members as the cards will allow, pack several in each box. Remember to also send blank holiday/Christmas cards for our service members to use to send back home to their families and friends. If room allows, pack in some decorations and small gifts that they can pass out to the children in their location.

Last but certainly not least, for the families of the deployed that have served, are serving, or made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom, reach out to them as a unit or district by honoring and supporting them, our honored Gold and Blue Star Mothers. You may have them in your unit, and/or there may be a chapter located near you, or you know a member in your community.

Invite them to join your unit and get them involved in your activities
Have a special event or fundraiser for them
Do a food basket for the holidays

Preparation and organization will make your job easier and one important step for now is to be sure to look over your plan of action and reporting page, and start planning what I know will be an amazing year for all our VIP.

It's such an honor to be your National Security Chairman, and I look forward to working with all of you. I'm always learning new things about this program too, so please don't hesitate to call me, I'm always up for a new challenge and together we will hit the jackpot!



Legislative

SHIRLEY FASHANO

Don't forget to vote November 6th. Elections are important to our republic. As citizens of this great nation, it is our duty and responsibility to exercise this right of franchise by casting our ballots on Election Day and to encourage others to do so as well. Today it is as important as it was in elections past.

The American Legion Auxiliary encourages all Americans to register and vote in all elections. In addition, Legionnaires, posts, districts and departments are encouraged to fully involve themselves in the electoral process by serving as poll volunteers, poll workers and by encouraging and assisting others to register and vote.

All of us should be encouraged to renew our commitment for continued service to this country by being politically active as individuals. By working together as "The World's Largest Women's Patriotic Service Organization" we can make a difference by promoting an informed populace, participation in our government, and involvement in its electoral process. We cannot forget that in this country, our government is "of the people, by the people and for the people." It cannot survive as a democratic republic unless the people participate. That is our task.

Here's a Sample News Release if you are planning on a voters registration campaign.

American Legion Auxiliary Launches Voter Registration Campaign

(City, Name, Date)

The American Legion Auxiliary in (community) is mobilizing to fight voter apathy and get residents registered to cast their votes on Election Day. Members of American Legion Auxiliary (No.) are urging their friends and neighbors to help stop the decline in voter participation and, instead, get every

eligible voter to the polls.

(Full Name), President of (name of unit), says the campaign in (city) is part of The American Legion's nationwide "Get Out the Vote" program. (Last name) said, "We've been doing this since 1920, but this year it is taking on added importance. There are so many important things happening in the world today that will shape how we live our lives tomorrow.

"Under the provision of The American Legion's federal charter, we are prohibited from supporting, opposing or providing aid to any political party or any candidate for public office. But The American Legion can use its volunteer resources and facilities to encourage eligible citizens to register and vote. After all, it is a citizen's duty and responsibility."

(Last name) said that members of the unit will keep the campaign going from the start of the registration drive to the close of polls on Election Day 2018.

(Insert information on dates, times, and how to obtain a ride to the polls and child care that is made available.)

CONTACT: (Full name of unit public relations chairman or other knowledgeable volunteer with a daytime phone number).

Are you planning for the suggested 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.) Speaking of the Flying High Eagle Award here are the rules:

Department Legislative Chairman Award for The Unit Chairman

This Unit Chairman Award will be given at the 2019 Department Convention. **You must have all information to Department Legislative Chair 30**



days prior to Convention (May 28th, 2019.) The Unit Legislative Chair with the most "Chips" received will win the Flying Eagle Award. **You will not be eligible without your year-end written narrative.**

100 Chips awarded for each of the items below you complete:

Holding a meet and greet (copy of flyer, invitation, and a photo must be attached.)

Hold a mock debate (can be as simple as which is a better color pink or yellow)

Volunteering at the polls, (elections in November) (proof is required)

Speaking at a county meeting (copy of the agenda must be attached)

Speaking at a city meeting (copy of the agenda must be attached)

50 Chips awarded for each of the items below that you have completed:

Call to action (copy of the email reply from the Elected Official)

Attendance of county meetings (copy of the agenda must be attached)

Attendance of city meetings (copy of the agenda must be attached)

An innovated idea of your own to promote a Bill of the 115th Congressional meetings

Submitting Legislative Involvement ideas to Department Chair for the Department Newsletter

Involve your Unit or District Public Relation Chair at any of the above events (articles, photos, press release, etc. must be attached)

Good Luck ladies, I want so many entries I spend days on all the paperwork.

Thank you for all you do and 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!!!!**



Visit Your Local Tag Office and get yours today!

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

floridalegion.org

Membership

DEE BELL



YOU ARE A VIP --- NOW WHAT?

YOUR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES....

Attend your monthly meeting:

Your Constitution & Bylaws & Standing Rules states the place, date and time of your monthly General meeting. As a member it is your responsibility to attend the General Meeting to assist in the management of your Unit.

Run for Office:

Any member in good standing may run for any office in her Unit, District, Department or on the National level by endorsement, the nominating committee or from the floor.

Make a Motion:

As a member it is your right to make or amend a motion. A motion is made to introduce business before the assembly. When making a motion you should make it in the affirmative by saying "I move that" or "I move to."

Vote:

The right to vote on motions or in elections is the privilege of every member, but remember you are not required to vote.

On September 15, membership renewals were sent to email addresses National had on file. (Please check your spam or junk mail) Paper renewals were mailed to all others. Congratulations to the following Districts 1,2,7 and 16, all of your Units have anted upped and have sent in at least one transmittal. The

following Units are ALL IN renewing VIP's and are in first place in their Districts

1. # 378 Gulf Breeze
2. # 13 Tallahassee
3. #291 Steinhatchee
4. # 149 Newberry
5. # 372 Mandarin
6. # Winter Park
7. # 201 Florence Villa
8. # 309 Palmetto
9. # 287 Deerfield Beach
11. # 62 Stuart
12. # 171 Fort Pierce
13. # 192 Fort Myers
14. Mainland #31 South Miami, Keys # 374 Key Biscayne
15. # 147 Odessa
16. # 252 Seminole
17. # Ormond Beach

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE BY DECEMBER 31, 2018

Don't loose your rights and privileges as a member!
Attend meetings, Run for office, Make motions, Vote
and Entrance into your Post Home



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

Children & Youth

JANE HARDACRE



Beads of Courage has been a Legion Family sponsored charity for several years now. We all know that they are committed to promoting the well-being of children coping with serious illness, their families, and the clinicians who care for them. Beads are given according to a program specific bead guide. For milestones in their treatment journey, they receive handmade one-of-a-kind glass beads that are donated by members of the International Society of Glass Beadmakers (ISGB). Have you ever wondered.... WHY beads?



Support the Carry a Bead initiative:

Carry a Bead - worn by you, record your activities and report back to the child that will receive your bead

Heroes Carry a Bead - specially designed for active duty military, veterans, police, fire, EMS and other heroes in our community, featuring red, white and blue beads (purchase some for your local Heroes to wear and then turn in with all the wonderful stories of what happened while they were wearing the bead)

Beads signify strength and courage

Beads have every-day uses

Beads carry value

Beads are believed to carry protective and healing powers

Beads signify status

You can help support this wonderful program in several ways:

Create bead bags to donate to sponsoring children's hospitals

Purchase products from their website to raise awareness

Make a monetary donation



Don't forget about the Legion Family Halloween Safety Coloring Books!
100 for \$20.00 or .25 each
Order yours now on the Florida Legion website:
www.floridalegionstore.org

BETTING ON OUR FUTURE IS A SURE WIN!!

Secretary

PATTY MACDONALD



Greetings from Department! In this article I am going to address how to process membership and provide helpful information to make the process easier.

At the 2017-2018 Department Convention, a resolution was passed for a special assessment fee of \$2.00 per senior member for the 2019 membership year. National had a membership increase of \$3.00 for senior members and \$1.25 for junior members. The total amount to be submitted to Department for 2019 dues is \$21.50.

Submitting 2019 Dues

To submit 2019 dues, please use the 2019 recap sheet. This recap sheet will show the increase for the seniors and juniors along with the special assessment. Please note the special assessment is for seniors only. Once you have completed the form, you will need to send it to Department Headquarters with the check. The address is P.O. Box 547917, Orlando, Florida 32854-7917.

Submitting back dues

A Unit that is submitting back dues will submit \$16.50 along with the recap sheet labeled back dues located on our website www.alafl.org. Each year needs to be on its' own recap sheet with a separate check.

Checks

Each recap sheet must have a separate check attached. This will make recording membership on the MCR (Membership Credit Report) much easier to read. If the check is short, we will process the membership and send you a memo stating how much and why the Unit is short. Please submit the memo and a check to Department. If you are using a credit from your MCR, please mark the form accordingly. Please limit recaps to no more than 200 members each.

Transfers with dues

When submitting transfers with dues, please complete a recap sheet marked transfers. The transfer form (member data form) must be signed by the member and a Unit officer. On the top right where it ask for Department and Unit, that is the information of the Unit the member is transferring into.

Transfers without dues

When submitting transfers without dues, you can send in the transfer form (member data form) without a recap sheet.

New members

If the Unit has ALAMIS access the Unit will enter their new members into the system. To finalize the entry of new members, you will need to go all the way through to the receipt screen. Once all members are entered, please mark the recap sheet or print the receipt and send it in with all completed applications and a check. Please do not send Department any DD214's.

Rejoin

There are two ways for a rejoin member to become a member again:

Complete an application and verify eligibility again. Units with ALAMIS access do not need to put the member in the system. Department can pull the prior information and rejoin them using ALAMIS. Please send a rejoin member on their own recap sheet.

The member can pay all back dues and not complete the application. Please call Department to verify the years owed. Each year must be on their own recap sheet with its own check.

Helpful hints

On the left topside of the recap sheet, it has a line for a transmittal #. If the Unit will number their recap sheets it is helpful when Department has to research anything for the Unit. The numbering system is up to the Units. Most Units choose to date it by year of membership and the corresponding transmittal being sent.

Double-check the applications to make sure all the required fields are completed and the applicant and the Post Adjutant/Officer have signed it.

Retain a copy of the recap sheets and membership applications for your records.

If you find an error on membership payments or your MCR, please notify Department within 60 days.

Chaplain

LOIS STACHELRODT



As our year begins may our faith's and spirits create togetherness for all mankind. Let us go All In to help each other and encourage everyone as we come together to help our Veterans and their families.

Recently Departed Members

DISTRICT 1

Freda Batten, Unit 75
Roswithate Brannan, Unit 75
Karen Fruge, Unit 75
Donna Hinesley, Unit 75
Miriam Dannenmueller, Unit 235

DISTRICT 4

Helen Langford, Unit 149
Elaine Willis, Unit 149
Christine Bleshney, Unit 237
Jacqueline Popomain, Unit 237
Vicki Lynn Richard, Unit 237

DISTRICT 6

Elizabeth "Betty" Nelsen, Unit 80
Sandra Sawney, Unit 80
Joy Herndon, Unit 242
Nancy Padgett, Unit 242
Ann Farrell, Unit 347
Melba Gulizia, Unit 347

DISTRICT 8

Dorothy DeVoss, Unit 25
Sally Stickle, Unit 24
Charnell Barthel, Unit 69
Patricia Swinburnson, Unit 69

DISTRICT 11

Aola Walden, Unit 47

DISTRICT 12

Betty Bohse, Unit 39
Genevieve T Loar, Unit 163
Ida Mae Smith, Unit 366

DISTRICT 13

Rita Reynolds, Unit 323

DISTRICT 14

Martha Canalejo, Unit 28

DISTRICT 15

Marion Sapp, Unit 139

DISTRICT 16

Gail Dumoulin, Unit 119
Nancy Crabtree, Unit 125

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Americanism

JACQUELINE MOODY



It's time to get our youth participating in the Americanism Essay contest. This year's theme is: How can we address and prevent veteran homelessness in our communities. Make sure you are using the correct essay cover sheet with the 2019 date and theme. For a short time following the department workshop, the wrong cover sheet was on the website and it was quickly corrected. So again, make sure you have the correct cover sheet.

The Contest is for students in grades 3-12, and students with special needs. Grade levels are divided into classes 1-6. The Southern Division will have one winner in each of the six classes. Winners will receive \$50 and a \$50 donation in the student's name will be made to the Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship fund. National Winners will receive their check from National Headquarters. Citations will be mailed to me to be presented at our Department Convention in June.

1) Here are the rules:

Essay Title: "How can we address and prevent veteran homelessness in our communities?"

Essay Classes:	<u>Class</u>	<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Word Requirement</u>
	I	3 and 4	150-250
	II	5 and 6	250-300
	III	7 and 8	350-400
	IV	9 and 10	450-500
	V	11 and 12	450-500
	VI	Students with special needs	Word count should correspond with student's grade level.

2) Here is how to encourage participation:

Contact schools and youth groups about participation in the contest. Encourage our junior members to participate. Work with school administration to identify teachers or guidance counselors who may be interested in participating in the essay contest. Encourage your children or grandchildren to participate. Make essay information packets available.

All the information about the Americanism Essay Contest is in the Unit guide, on the website and in the plan of work. Let me know what I can do to help.

Past President's Parley

CAROL PIRONE-UDELL



What is Past Presidents Parley?

The purpose of this committee is to utilize the expertise and knowledge of Past Auxiliary Leaders that served in the Unit, Department and/or on National levels.

Honor Women Veterans

Honor Active Duty Women in all Branches of the Service

Honor Your Past Presidents in your Unit

Honor a Unit Member for "Unit Member of the Year Award"

Nursing Scholarships

Part of the Installation Speech is to give a Gavel to the incoming President as a sign of authority. The Past Presidents have knowledge of the Auxiliary especially the Past Department Presidents. She would have first been Unit President then District and finally Department. Look at all the knowledge she would have acquired.

If you have any of these ladies are in your unit... recognize them, take them to lunch or have a lunch or dinner in their honor.

Ask your past presidents to take time out to work with the new members explaining to them the programs, finding out what interest they have and ask if they would like to work on a committee. Let the new members know we value their input.

They need to be mentors for the unit.

One of the most rewarding events I had when I was in charge of PPP, was having a luncheon for all the women vets in our Tri County Area. We had over 100. We provided a lunch, a gift and then asked them to talk about when they signed up and what their take on women in the Military was. It was very interesting for everyone to hear about how the military was back years ago and with some of the

younger veterans, how it changed.

Please reach out to your Post and get a list of women vets that belong to the Legion. Also see if in your area there is a women's veterans' group and contact them to invite them to your event.

See if there is a Nursing School in your area and find out if you can help a nurse that is unable to purchase her books or equipment.

Find active duty Women in all Branches of the Military and Honor them.

Write a narrative on a Unit Member that goes above and beyond with a project for The Unit Member of the Year Award.

These are only a few ideas of what you can do.

PLEASE GO TO THE DEPARTMENT WEBSITE AND PULL DOWN YOUR PLAN. Read it so you know what we are looking for and what you need to report to me mid-year and year end.

Also, Please invite me to any events you have and if my schedule allows I will be there.

If you have any questions or need my help, I am here for you. Call or send me an email and I will get back to you as soon as I can,

**LETS GO ALL IN
AND HAVE A
100 PERCENT
PARTICIPATION IN
THIS PROGRAM
AND MAKING SURE
YOU SEND IN YOUR
REPORTS WHEN
DUE.**



ALA Department of Florida

Fall Conference



Girls State

Friday Break Out Session-from 1-3:30 pm

Agenda: From Interviews to Session

Girls State Dept. Chairman – Marge Reed – Unit Paperwork and Duties, General Activities of the Session and Volunteer Opportunities.

Girls State Director Theresa Matthew Briggs/ Girls State Assistant Director Jackie Booth- How Units can Help!

Department Secretary Patty MacDonald – Unit/Delegate Registration Information.

Saturday Session - Afternoon

Guest Speaker: Finnley Senese

2018 Girls Nation VP

Her experiences at FL Girls State and Girls Nation

All Girls State Unit, District Chairmen and all ALA members interested in Girls State WELCOME

We're All In

Girls State

MARGARET REED



Public Relations

SANDI STEPP-HOWARD



Public Relations promotes Who we are, What we do, and Why we matter. Focusing on promoting these three themes strengthens the American Legion Auxiliary and makes appealing to potential members who will recognize our common goal of helping Veterans, active duty Military, Children and our

Communities.

Public/Media Relations Best Practices start with the First step create and update a media contact list for your area. Where do we begin? Whether you are a First time Public Relations chairman or have served multiple years, listed below are some very useful steps which are beneficial to creating and up-dating media contact list. If you do not have a Unit PR chairman, Unit Mission related committee chairman/ Unit Presidents have the duty to promote the Mission related committee event. **Remember our Role as a veteran's service organization is meeting the needs of Veterans, Active duty Military and their families, Children and our Communities and keeping those needs front and center in minds of the American public.**

Create Useful Media Lists

Up-to-date an accurate media lists can be a public relations team's most valuable asset. This list catalogs contact information for the media you'd like to share information with about American Legion Auxiliary activities and events. By having a robust and well-organized list of key outlets and contacts, you can quickly identify those you would like to reach out to with a pitch for your volunteer event or important date.

Follow these instructions for building a database of media contacts:

Compile a list of outlets. Think about those reporters and bloggers you would like to feature information about the Auxiliary. It helps to brainstorm which outlets potential volunteers pay attention to, and to talk to fellow members in your unit to determine what they read and watch.

Identify contacts. Page through your local newspaper or turn on a local morning television program to determine which reporters, editors, producers and bloggers cover areas of interest to your organization. The Internet is another great tool to determine local media contacts.

Try these resources to get started: Search Google.com Keyword examples: "Hollywood FL newspapers" "military reporter" "Panama City, Florida television news contacts" Sort through Google.com/blog search to find bloggers Read through military newsletters and local military base newspapers and magazine publications

Leverage existing relationships. You, or even your fellow unit members, may have a relationship with reporters or producers from local media outlets.

For example, a fellow unit member might have a relative or close friend who writes for your local military base's publication. Through this relationship, your unit member could reach out to her contact to see if they might be interested in covering your upcoming volunteer event, or if they can recommend a better contact for you to reach out to.

Include every detail. To make media outreach a smoother process, try using Microsoft Excel or other spreadsheet management software to house all of the information for your contacts. Include all information you find - phone numbers, email addresses and mailing addresses in your media list.



We have sent a request for a state-wide Military media contact list to the Administrator of the Military reporters. When we receive a reply, we will post on the American Legion Auxiliary Dept. of FL Public Relations Facebook page.

Remember to save a copy of all Public Relations successful publications to include in Mid-Year and Year-end reporting.

Have FUN with
Public Relations
We can Strike It Rich
with successful promotions of
Who We Are, What We Do and Why We Matter

Sound Off
We're "ALL IN" for our Veterans,
Military Families, Community and
Children and Youth.

VIP Corner

If you know of a Unit or member who did something good, please submit their information, photo and what they are being recognized for, to Patty MacDonald, secretary@alafl.org.

We will recognize them for a job well done in "The VIP Corner". Everyone wants and deserves a "Thank You"

From the Units



District 2- School of Instructions held September 8, 2018 in Lanark Unit 82. Thank you Lanark for your hospitality. What a fantastic job !



District 15 - #ALA On September 9th 2018 15th District came together Supporting Our Troops-TLC sent out to our troops from home ????. Packing care boxes filled with foot powder, coffee, powered drink crystals, wet wipes, slim jims, candy, gum, snacks, puzzle books, etc. and our love to our brave men and women who continue to defend our freedom. God bless them all. Another shipment will be sent for Christmas which will include small Christmas trees, ornaments, lights and many holiday items such as candy, Christmas cards for them to enjoy away from home for Christmas Please keep all of them in your prayers...



Unit 286 - Open House Held on September 2, 2018 at Pine Castle Memorial Post #286 and Auxiliary Unit #286 Pine Castle Memorial Orlando, Florida.





District 16 - American Legion Post 305 members Susan Kessler, Maria Deyampert and Gail Vanduyn are happy to have the Coast Guard retirees and active members. Read full story here: <http://thegabber.com/american-legion-hosts-coast-guards-50th-cleanup/>

District 17 having fun at their School of Instruction Saturday September 8. Lots of new information presented. Thanks to all presenters!



Unit 82 - Installation of Unit 82 Lanark by District 2 President Nell Hewitt



Unit 402 - American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 402 Rocks! Our ladies are painting rocks and plan on having a fall carnival. We hope to let the community know more about us, promote Americanism and membership as well as educate children about our American Flag. We will be hiding the rocks at our Post and have the children look for them and then take them out to the community and re-hide them. On the back of the rocks, is ALA 402. All the rocks are being painted in red, white and blue colors, with the exception of one. This one was painted by our newest Junior member and will have a special prize given to whoever finds it. We think that we can continue this with "Poppy Rocks" for future fun and educational events.



From the Units



Unit 291 - On Monday October 17th the American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 291 of Steinhatchee had a Veteran Memorial Flag Appreciation Banquet thanking all the volunteers that helped with the Flag Project. At this time we have 395 crosses that will be put back up prior to November 11th to honor veterans for the Veterans Day holiday in Steinhatchee. Awards were presented to 6 individuals that went above and beyond with their participation and/or donations. The awards were presented by Karen Tidwell, President of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 291. From left to right is Butch Cantrell, Larry Rugg, Mike Griffin, Karen Tidwell, Mike Williams, and Steve Graham. A plaque was also given to Ace Hardware for their support.



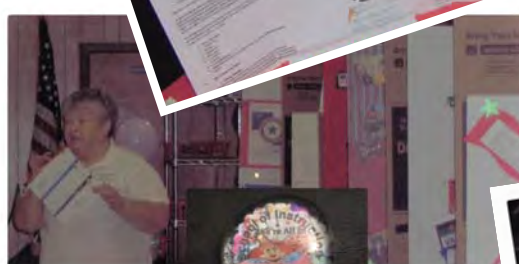
Unit 270 - American Legion Auxiliary Unit 270 Port Orange presents a check for \$15,000 to sponsor a K-9s for Warriors Dog.

Front row left to right: CEO K-9s for Warriors Rory Diamond, Unit 270 President Kathy Jensen, Executive Board Shirley Fraser, First Vice Jan McCarthy, Treasurer/Secretary Sue Pierce. Back row, left to right: K-9s for Warriors, Carrie Bennett, Brianna Erhardt, Elizabeth Chatham, Stephanie Vogt, Volunteers, Antionette Saladino, Aschelle Morgan, Marissa Grow, Patty Dodson, Nakia Brown.

District 1 - 1st District School of Instruction September 08, 2018 shows we are "All In". Informative ALA Program Posters, Power Point & Handouts.

Courtesy of your District Chairman. Included in the School was "The One and Only, Circus* Circus Casino Photo Booth, Under the Big Top!"

Get your Peanuts, Popcorn, Cotton & Candy Here! The American Legion Auxiliary District 1 had a Great Time! Sincere Appreciation to Host Unit 221 in Niceville, Great Job!



Membership Reports

AUGUST 17, 2018

DISTRICT 1						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0075	Crestview	131	0	25	25	19.08%
0078	Milton	21	0	3	3	14.29%
0193	Pensacola	100	0	6	6	6.00%
0221	Niceville	71	0	4	4	5.63%
0235	Ft Walton Beach	176	5	46	51	28.98%
0240	Pensacola	230	0	36	36	15.65%
0296	Destin	35	0	2	2	5.71%
0340	Pensacola	303	4	49	53	17.49%
0356	Lynn Haven	192	0	29	29	15.10%
0375	Southport	70	0	14	14	20.00%
0378	Gulf Breeze	23	0	18	18	78.26%
0382	Navarre	119	0	33	33	27.73%
0392	Panama City	161	0	12	12	7.45%
0402	Panama City Beach	41	0	17	17	41.46%
TOTALS		1673	9	294	303	18.11%

DISTRICT 3						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0049	Monticello	22	0	5	5	22.73%
0057	Lake City	230	0	43	43	18.70%
0107	Live Oak	48	1	17	18	37.50%
0131	Greenville	30	0	0	0	0.00%
0215	Jasper	39	0	0	0	0.00%
0224	Madison	34	0	11	11	32.35%
0291	Steinhatchee	150	2	65	67	44.67%
0383	Old Town	152	0	19	19	12.50%
TOTALS		705	3	160	163	23.12%

DISTRICT 2						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0013	Tallahassee	97	4	48	52	53.61%
0082	Lanark	92	0	13	13	14.13%
0084	Havana	33	2	8	10	30.30%
0100	Marianna	49	0	11	11	22.45%
0217	Quincy	55	5	18	23	41.82%
0241	Sneads	56	0	19	19	33.93%
TOTALS		382	11	117	128	33.51%

DISTRICT 4						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0016	Gainesville	60	0	2	2	3.33%
0027	Ocala	33	0	0	0	0.00%
0058	Dunnellon	44	0	1	1	2.27%
0077	Inverness	46	0	9	9	19.57%
0149	Newberry	26	0	9	9	34.62%
0155	Crystal River	306	1	72	73	23.86%
0166	Homosassa Springs	40	0	11	11	27.50%
0230	Hawthorne	52	0	15	15	28.85%
0236	Bronson	54	0	6	6	11.11%
0237	Beverly Hills	146	0	32	32	21.92%
0284	Bellevue	76	0	24	24	31.58%
0314	Starke	12	0	0	0	0.00%
0314	Starke	12	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTALS		895	1	181	182	20.34%

DISTRICT 5

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0009	Jacksonville	29	0	12	12	41.38%
0037	Saint Augustine	83	0	4	4	4.82%
0054	Fernandina Beach	174	1	26	27	15.52%
0088	Jacksonville	89	2	18	20	22.47%
0129	Jacksonville Beach	338	4	76	80	23.67%
0137	Jacksonville	504	9	72	81	16.07%
0194	St Augustine	66	0	5	5	7.58%
0197	Jacksonville	73	5	17	22	30.14%
0202	Keystone Heights	50	0	0	0	0.00%
0233	Ponte Vedra Beach	217	35	22	57	26.27%
0244	Jacksonville	24	3	6	9	37.50%
0250	Middleburg	347	29	70	99	28.53%
0283	Jacksonville	431	6	92	98	22.74%
0316	Atlantic Beach	323	9	55	64	19.81%
0372	Mandarin	15	1	9	10	66.67%
0373	Orange Park	42	0	15	15	35.71%
0401	Hilliard	28	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTALS		2833	104	499	603	21.28%

DISTRICT 7

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0003	Bartow	83	0	9	9	10.84%
0004	Lakeland	73	0	10	10	13.70%
0008	Winter Haven	618	1	58	59	9.55%
0034	Haines City	68	0	4	4	5.88%
0071	Lake Wales	97	0	8	8	8.25%
0072	Mulberry	161	6	23	29	18.01%
0201	Florence Villa	37	3	20	23	62.16%
TOTALS		1137	10	132	142	12.49%

DISTRICT 6

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0010	Kissimmee	213	0	35	35	16.43%
0019	Orlando	120	2	26	28	23.33%
0021	Umatilla	11	0	1	1	9.09%
0035	Mount Dora	90	0	5	5	5.56%
0041	Eustis	16	0	1	1	6.25%
0052	Lake Panasoffkee	26	0	1	1	3.85%
0053	Sanford	81	0	2	2	2.47%
0055	Clermont	76	0	1	1	1.32%
0063	Winter Garden	28	0	3	3	10.71%
0080	Saint Cloud	277	23	58	81	29.24%
0101	Bushnell	106	0	7	7	6.60%
0109	Ocoee	16	0	0	0	0.00%
0112	Winter Park	23	1	9	10	43.48%
0183	Fern Park	160	5	29	34	21.25%
0219	Fruitland Park	196	1	37	38	19.39%
0242	Orlando	134	0	19	19	14.18%
0286	Orlando	211	4	29	33	15.64%
0330	Leesburg	74	1	24	25	33.78%
0331	Orlando	37	0	10	10	27.03%
0347	Lady Lake	1961	5	368	373	19.02%
0357	Clermont	19	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTALS		3875	42	665	707	18.25%

DISTRICT 8

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0011	Arcadia	97	0	0	0	0.00%
0024	Bradenton	337	0	23	23	6.82%
0025	Lake Placid	342	0	32	32	9.36%
0030	Sarasota	92	6	23	29	31.52%
0069	Avon Park	552	1	106	107	19.38%
0074	Sebring	94	0	2	2	2.13%
0113	Rotonda West	360	1	28	29	8.06%
0159	Venice	640	0	21	21	3.28%
0254	North Port	96	0	27	27	28.13%
0266	Fruitville	132	3	29	32	24.24%
0309	Palmetto	184	0	114	114	61.96%
0312	Oneco	254	3	44	47	18.50%
0325	Ellenton	137	0	19	19	13.87%
TOTALS		3317	14	468	482	14.53%

DISTRICT 9

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0036	Ft Lauderdale	35	0	0	0	0.00%
0092	Hollywood	127	0	36	36	28.35%
0142	Pompano Beach	258	3	43	46	17.83%
0157	Margate	262	16	15	31	11.83%
0162	Deerfield Beach	213	25	36	61	28.64%
0180	Fort Lauderdale	107	4	51	55	51.40%
0209	Dania Beach	17	0	2	2	11.76%
0220	Ft Lauderdale	28	0	11	11	39.29%
0222	Fort Lauderdale	66	0	15	15	22.73%
0287	Deerfield Beach	15	0	13	13	86.67%
0304	Dania	122	0	2	2	1.64%
0310	Hallandale	38	0	15	15	39.47%
0321	Cooper City	134	1	43	44	32.84%
0365	Sunrise	19	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTALS		1441	49	282	331	22.97%

DISTRICT 12

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0001	Titusville	318	8	72	80	25.16%
0022	Cocoa	100	1	13	14	14.00%
0039	Vero Beach	169	0	12	12	7.10%
0040	Fort Pierce	165	0	2	2	1.21%
0081	Melbourne	110	0	1	1	0.91%
0117	Palm Bay	474	3	73	76	16.03%
0126	Jensen Beach	234	0	13	13	5.56%
0163	Melbourne	284	8	81	89	31.34%
0171	Fort Pierce	11	0	9	9	81.82%
0189	Sebastian	113	0	35	35	30.97%
0191	Melbourne	110	0	1	1	0.91%
0200	Satellite Beach	138	0	15	15	10.87%
0318	Port St Lucie	723	1	85	86	11.89%
0348	Cape Canaveral	156	0	64	64	41.03%
0358	White City	45	0	5	5	11.11%
0359	Port St John	272	0	53	53	19.49%
0366	Barefoot Bay	74	0	0	0	0.00%
0394	Palm Bay	133	6	20	26	19.55%
0410	Viera	15	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTALS		3644	27	554	581	15.94%

DISTRICT 11

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0020	Belle Glade	61	2	9	11	18.03%
0047	Lake Worth	109	2	19	21	19.27%
0062	Stuart	320	1	145	146	45.63%
0064	Okeechobee	124	0	14	14	11.29%
0065	Delray Beach	47	3	16	19	40.43%
0141	West Palm Beach	93	0	33	33	35.48%
0164	Boynton Beach	143	0	17	17	11.89%
0188	Delray	13	0	4	4	30.77%
0199	W Palm Beach	52	0	1	1	1.92%
0268	Riviera Beach	70	0	7	7	10.00%
0271	Tequesta	189	3	44	47	24.87%
0277	Boca Raton	91	0	26	26	28.57%
0288	Boynton Beach	47	0	0	0	0.00%
0367	Royal Palm Beach	44	5	11	16	36.36%
0399	Palm City	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		1403	16	346	362	25.80%

DISTRICT 13

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0038	Fort Myers	54	0	18	18	33.33%
0090	Cape Coral	216	0	19	19	8.80%
0103	Punta Gorda	401	0	89	89	22.19%
0110	Port Charlotte	571	5	76	81	14.19%
0123	Sanibel	84	0	0	0	0.00%
0130	Labelle	134	0	23	23	17.16%
0135	Naples	264	0	26	26	9.85%
0136	Saint James City	452	0	62	62	13.72%
0192	Fort Myers	22	0	9	9	40.91%
0274	Fort Myers Beach	627	0	44	44	7.02%
0299	Moore Haven	16	0	3	3	18.75%
0303	Bonita Springs	409	1	75	76	18.58%
0323	Lehigh Acres	450	9	100	109	24.22%
0336	N Ft Myers	339	1	60	61	17.99%
0351	Fort Myers	80	0	1	1	1.25%
TOTALS		4119	16	605	621	15.08%

DISTRICT 14						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0028	Key West	80	0	1	1	1.25%
0031	South Miami	174	1	59	60	34.48%
0043	Homestead	59	0	3	3	5.08%
0067	North Miami	61	0	3	3	4.92%
0098	Coral Gables	16	0	4	4	25.00%
0133	Miami	70	0	3	3	4.29%
0154	Marathon	196	0	34	34	17.35%
0168	Key West	25	0	0	0	0.00%
0333	Key Largo	76	0	5	5	6.58%
0346	Miami	11	0	1	1	9.09%
0374	Key Biscayne	52	0	19	19	36.54%
TOTALS		820	1	132	133	16.22%

DISTRICT 16						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0007	Clearwater	353	0	22	22	6.23%
0014	St Petersburg	130	2	19	21	16.15%
0079	New Port Richey	438	13	34	47	10.73%
0104	Pinellas Park	214	5	71	76	35.51%
0119	Largo	396	3	145	148	37.37%
0125	St Petersburg	372	4	62	66	17.74%
0158	Treasure Island	266	0	22	22	8.27%
0173	Holiday	264	2	23	25	9.47%
0238	Safety Harbor	288	11	71	82	28.47%
0252	Seminole	945	5	404	409	43.28%
0273	Madeira Beach	2987	1	246	247	8.27%
0275	Dunedin	657	2	93	95	14.46%
0305	St Pete Beach	89	0	22	22	24.72%
0335	Hudson	224	4	30	34	15.18%
TOTALS		7623	52	1264	1316	17.26%

DISTRICT 15						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0005	Tampa	39	1	13	14	35.90%
0026	Plant City	35	0	0	0	0.00%
0111	Tampa	44	1	16	17	38.64%
0138	Tampa	411	6	125	131	31.87%
0139	Tampa	118	0	21	21	17.80%
0147	Odessa	28	0	18	18	64.29%
0148	Riverview	151	1	21	22	14.57%
0152	Tampa	292	7	51	58	19.86%
0167	Tampa	16	0	0	0	0.00%
0186	Brooksville	360	0	42	42	11.67%
0246	Sun City Center	38	0	1	1	2.63%
0248	West Tampa	26	0	0	0	0.00%
0334	Tampa	32	1	18	19	59.38%
0389	Ruskin	24	0	2	2	8.33%
TOTALS		1614	17	328	345	21.38%

DISTRICT 17						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0006	Deland	122	0	15	15	12.30%
0017	New Smyrna Beach	195	0	25	25	12.82%
0045	Palatka	45	0	7	7	15.56%
0115	Palm Coast	39	0	11	11	28.21%
0120	Holly Hill	221	1	69	70	31.67%
0127	Lake Helen	26	0	0	0	0.00%
0204	Daytona Beach	23	0	0	0	0.00%
0255	Deltona	22	1	3	4	18.18%
0259	DeBary	30	0	2	2	6.67%
0267	Ormond Beach	166	3	66	69	41.57%
0270	Port Orange	160	0	33	33	20.63%
0285	Edgewater	140	2	18	20	14.29%
0293	Interlachen	44	0	12	12	27.27%
0361	S Daytona	163	0	2	2	1.23%
TOTALS		1396	7	263	270	19.34%



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