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Mission Statement

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

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

Vision Statement

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

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President's Message

TREVA KAY WILDRICK



A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ONE AND ALL!! I hope you enjoyed the Holidays and successfully spread good cheer! Now, it's time to make new resolutions, plan events for new opportunities and look forward to make futures bright for our veterans, our communities and our children and youth.

I have continued a busy schedule through the end of the year. Old Glory Unit 183 arranged with a local restaurant Rock & Brews, coordinating a fundraiser to benefit K-9's for Warriors. They are a proud sponsor of many Veterans events along with other local charities. It wasn't difficult to work out the details and then advertising the event on Facebook, posters in local grocery and retail stores, Department Calendar and website as well as word of mouth. There were several families in attendance bringing their personal companions - the restaurant definitely catered to our 4-legged friends. Another Companion Dog organization supported the event bringing several of their 'in training' dogs. The evening was a success; everyone enjoyed their meal and the shared camaraderie. Within a few days, a check for the agreed donation was presented and sent to Department, notated on the Donation Remittance form. Another event is in the works for January.

My official visit to the 5th District wrapped around the week of Thanksgiving. Bernie set-up Eagle One camp at Post 137 Jacksonville, on Friday afternoon and I joined him that evening. There were several Unit members there when I arrived, saving a dinner to enjoy later on... District President Molly came bright and early on Saturday morning, bearing a gift from the District - a beautiful ceramic Squirrel. 'She' immediately found her spot on the table in the front window!! Then we were off for breakfast at one of the Units - which turned out to be on a different day, so we went to plan B, Cracker Barrel instead. Yummy Wild Blueberry Muffins and a relaxing visit sharing stories.

President Molly had the 'casual' day planned: we started with a visit to Unit 283 Arlington Jacksonville where Unit President Beth and Area Membership Crystal-Sweep Carolyn Brown with other members were gathered completing their mid-year reports. Congratulations Beth for completing the Leadership course offered through National!! The members have been quite busy and had to leave after a short visit to prepare baked goods. Their Post Family was gearing up for the upcoming Thanksgiving Dinner with Commander Steve attending.

Next, we were off to Unit 316 Atlantic Beach and just missed Liz Hill, again busy schedule. Not to worry, this was just a 'do drop in' and we would return later in the week. We headed off to Unit 129 Jacksonville Beach where many members were busy preparing for a Celebration of Life to one of their dear members. They still took a few minutes to share some time with me. Several of the members in the lounge told stories of activities that had been accomplished and plans for Thanksgiving. Again, we would return next Saturday for the scheduled "End of District Tour" Dinner...

We had some time to kill and President Molly took us on a tour of the local area on our way to her home Post 54 Fernandina Beach for their famous Steak Dinner. We passed the State Parks along the beach, saw several lovely homes, traversed multiple roundabouts and finally came to the Ferry. What a beautiful afternoon for a quick boat ride. When we arrived at Post 54, we were greeted with open arms and again told I was not needed for any assistance. So, I just floated about talking to everyone. Bernie had a discussion with one of the Sons members on how we would be eating the best baked potatoes in the State. We did enjoy a very tasty Steak Dinner with all the fixin's. Yes, the baked potato was very good - Bernie finished mine including the skin!! We stayed long enough to hear some of the live entertainment - a very talented keyboardist!! President Molly, being a conscientious hostess, reminded us that we would have an even earlier start Sunday; so we headed back to Camp only to spend over 90-minutes crawling along 95 due to several major car accidents. Molly texted me to let me know she arrived home safely...

Sunday was very exciting for me as we were going to tour the K-9's for Warriors facility in Ponte Vedra. We shared their great services with Commander Steve and Bernie along with other District staff. But first we headed to Post 253 Ponte Vedra Beach for Breakfast, where Department 3rd Vice President Wanda Brandt joined us before heading out to work, along with District Secretary Kathy Helmly, Commander Steve and his District staff. We were served a 'down-home' breakfast and enjoyed camaraderie with several Post Family members. We had a very informative presentation for the "Missing in America Project" whose mission is to locate, identify and the unclaimed cremains of American Veterans.

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Our speaker, Kathy Church, was very organized and her passion for this project was apparent. She shared recent success stories and how we as American Legion Family members could help and get involved. The MIAP website: www.miap.us has additional info, videos and other events throughout the State. Thank You again, Kathy - job well done!!

So we were a little late to travel to K-9's for Warriors and the tour hosted by CEO, Rory Diamond, but we all made it in one piece. He started with the program as a local attorney looking for a community service opportunity. Founder Sharon Duval replied immediately and he has been 'hooked' ever since. After several photo opportunities, we visited the lodge, warrior living quarters and the canine kennels. It was their scheduled nap time, but we were able to stroll and visit the dogs - falling in love with several... Rory explained how the process worked and the typical day's routine for the Warrior and his companion - going to the store, library, the mall etc.

Commander Steve asked many questions and Rory had great answers. He even made note to add a suggestion from Steve for added safety and/or evacuation training. When we were all done, Rory stated the President and another Warrior had visited Orlando and spoke - I politely thanked him again for that opportunity and how our special guests were truly appreciated by the Auxiliary members. That's when he put 2 and 2 together... (He did send a very lovely Thank You card.)

Then, we were off to St. Augustine Post 37. Wow! What a beautiful remodeling job (being a contractor's daughter I was fascinated with the woodwork). Hurricane Irma did some damage, but repairs were made for the 2nd grand re-opening. The luncheon was in honor of the Legion Family. I was very pleased to see the Auxiliary attendance included both long-time members and new members. I enjoyed visiting with each of them. We talked about Auxiliary programs and how they could associate with community events and in turn, getting the word out about our organization. I believe this Auxiliary will grow and we will see great achievements!! We had an hour or so to tour St. Augustine and of course President Molly and I headed for the shops!!

After we stashed away our treasures, we went off to our next stop; Post 194, St. Augustine. We were very impressed with their "Wall of Success" - filled from floor to ceiling with photos of children attending and 'graduating' the after-school programs sponsored by the Post Family. The members served a delicious southern style dinner and fresh fruit for dessert - a perfect finish!

I returned to Orlando and my real job. My youngest sister and niece traveled to Florida from Virginia arriving 12:30 am Wednesday morning. I played chauffeur,

picked them up and drove them to Mt Dora to stay with my parents, then drove back home to work that day. Bernie returned from Jacksonville to spend Thanksgiving Day with my Family. We then drove back to Jacksonville to complete my 5th District visit.

Black Friday Morning found us on the Ferry again traveling to Post 54 Fernandina Beach for Breakfast. I noticed a car full of adult ladies in their PJs - thinking they must have driven for a while and having to sleep in the car... Upon entering Post 54, I was greeted with additional people dressed in their PJs. Curiosity got to me - turns out, Fernandina Beach has an annual parade through town comprised of people in their PJs. The shop owners have specials to entice shopping and there are treats for children. Of course I have noted my calendar for 2018 to attend and I have plenty of time to choose my PJ-attire...

Post 54 has a history to tell. The original building was a log-cabin in the center of town for 70+ years. Due to pesky pests, it was demolished and the new building is the current Post home. The chimney still stands and is part of a Veterans Memorial. There is a dedicated log beam in the front of the new building as you enter from the parking lot and a framed photo collage of the old building in the foyer of the new building.

Speaking of new buildings, our next stop was Hilliard Post 401. The current location is just shy of the Georgia border. The new building is close to being finished and has certainly been planned to accommodate events with ample parking - both vehicle and motorcycle, strategic patios for cookouts, meeting rooms and storage. We had a light lunch and plenty of delicious desserts.

I am looking forward to visiting again when it is completed.

We found ourselves 'racing' to Post 9 Jacksonville - don't blink or you'll miss the turn. This Post is part of a commercial strip center, taking up the end space. We were greeted at the door by the Post Commander Lena and made to feel quite a home. I noticed the Auxiliary's Cookbook- a collection of favorite recipes by the Unit members. I immediately bought one and noted several recipes to test out on Bernie...

Dinner was hosted by Post 316, Atlantic Beach, home of Past National Commander Clarence Hill. The place was packed. Wanda Brandt and Annie Anderson was able to join us. We had a choice of Steak or Salmon for dinner. Liz Hill was up to her elbows in the kitchen making sure salads were made, the mushrooms and onions were just right and everyone's order was served accordingly. We played the Meat Game Bingo and President Molly was a 'shared' winner. The entertainment was terrific - Video DJ. Everyone was signing along or up on the dance floor. Commander Steve has been challenged to a Dance Contest at National after showing his moves - more to

come...

Saturday Breakfast was served by Unit 88, Jacksonville. I was intrigued by the string and nail wall art mandalas of the Legion Family Emblems. These were done by JoJo, one of the Auxiliary members - she did a faahbulous job too! I walked through the Post and the great hall was decorated in preparation of the holidays. Thank You ladies for a great start to the day!!

We went to Unit 283 Jacksonville next. They had a great turn-out for the Thanksgiving dinner. Several members had gathered in the 'hall' and we sat for a round-table group chat. There was no 'rank among us' - questions were posed and answered. We discussed membership - how to attract more members and processing of the paperwork, many of the Auxiliary programs and mid-year reporting to year-end reporting. They are planning for upcoming events and district activities. These are very busy women - you can see they are having fun too!

Lunch was hosted by Unit 137 Jacksonville. Wow!! Everything was delicious and a 1st time-tried, homemade recipe. I would certainly sign up to be their taste-tester!! We all shared stories and the laughter filled the room. It was topped off with dessert - tiramisu, a favorite! We gathered for a Kodak moment photo before leaving to prepare for the End of 5th District Visit Dinner hosted by Post 129, Jacksonville Beach.

Many District and Department Officers and Chairmen were in attendance, all dressed in their 'Sunday Best'. The Pork Roast Dinner melted in your mouth. Commander Steve gave an overview of his visit, Commander Bernie shared a few highlights and then President Molly surprised me with parting gifts - a basket filled with favorite things, a large gift bag with more favorite things and my very own Pink Teddy Bear to travel with the Shuga Bear... We departed on Sunday after our "camping breakfast" and leisurely packing up. Thank You again to the members of 5th District for showing me a great time and sharing your kindness!

Commander Steve had invited Commander Bernie and me to participate in the Avalon Park Festival Parade. It is a local parade to kick-off the holiday season. In less than 53 minutes, I had shopped at 3 stores buying items to decorate the (3) Vehicles and the Project Vet Relief trailer. Bernie warned the Legionnaires of Post 409 Avalon Park to keep moving or I may decorate them as well... I did manage to secure reindeer antlers on the 'escort' American Legion Rider's helmet. It was a beautiful day and what a fantastic turn-out of parade participants and people lining the streets of the parade route. One of Steve's grandsons rode with Bernie in the Sons vehicle waving to the crowd. Bernie explained he was the real

elf versus the stuffed toy elf sitting in the front window as decoration. Thank You Steve, we had a wonderful time and it sparked the holiday spirit!

On Sunday we traveled to Post 347 Lady Lake to visit with the Southern Division National Vice Commander Bobby Bryant. He traveled from Oklahoma leaving 49 degrees to enjoy 79 degrees. We visited Old Glory 183 in Fern Park and learned he is a Bass fisherman after he saw our lake.

Commander Steve took SDNVC Bobby Bryant to Department Headquarters and then off to Lake Wales, just a start to the many Posts planned for visits.

As you may know, Special Olympics is very dear to Commander Bernie and is his Charity of Choice this year for the Sons of the American Legion. On December 8th and 9th we volunteered as Security for the Bowling State Competition. There were over 720 athletes competing at Boardwalk Bowl in Orlando from all over the State. Their coaches and families were in attendance, giving guidance and encouragement to the athletes. I believe the athletes were even stronger supporters to each other. And when it came time for the awards - you have never seen so many beaming smiles. If you ever have an opportunity to volunteer for any of the Special Olympics sports, please treat yourself and do so. They are always looking for extra helping hands for these events. Check out their website for more information.

Sunday December 10th, St. Cloud 80 hosted their Special Olympics Christmas Party. Bernie and I have attended in the past and this year was no exception! However, my visit was shortened as I had an invitation to a Children's Christmas Party at Lakeland Unit 4 later in the afternoon. It was an honor to read *Twas the Night Before Christmas* to the children as they waited for the arrival of Santa. There was plenty for them to do: a table was set up to decorate ornaments or headbands, another to decorate cookies with several frosting flavors and multiple toppings. I loved the kids' creativity with the ornaments, although I am not so sure about actually eating the finished cookies... Santa and his helpers handed out gifts, stockings and traditional candy canes to each child. Several had photos taken (me too!) and I only caught one child trying to tug on Santa's beard. I must say the candy cane Reindeer and Hershey chocolate candy cane Sleighs were totally cute and now adorn my tree. Thank You again President Jo for inviting me!

I hope the pleasantries of the holiday season stays with us into the New Year. Let's make our resolution to be kinder to one another. You are all amazing - just remember that!

For God and Country,
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Treva Kay Wildrick
Department President



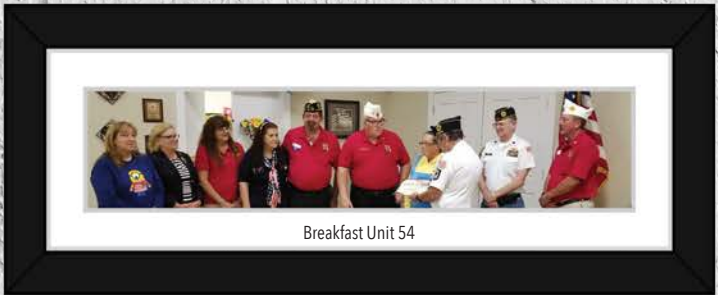
Avalon Park Festival Parade



Avalon Park Festival Parade



Avalon Park Festival



Breakfast Unit 54



Breakfast Unit 253



Breakfast Unit 253



Avalon Park Festival Parade



Breakfast Unit 54



Breakfast Unit 253



Drop in visit to Unit 283



Luncheon St Augustine home Post 37



Lady Lake 347 SDNVC Visit



Lady Lake 347 SDNVC Visit



Ferry ride to Unit 54



Lady Lake 347 SDNVC Visit



Lady Lake 347 SDNVC Visit



K-9s For Warriors



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Special Olympics Bowling



Special Olympics Bowling



Unit 4 Lakeland Christmas Party



Unit 80 Special Olympics Christmas Party



Unit 88 Breakfast



Breakfast Unit 54



Unit 80 Special Olympics Christmas Party



Unit 4 Lakeland Christmas Party



Unit 80 Special Olympics Christmas Party



Unit 80 Special Olympics Christmas Party



Unit 88 Breakfast 5th District



Unit 88 Breakfast 5th District



Unit 137 Visit and Eagle One campsite 5th District



Unit 283 visit 5th District



Unit 401



Visit to Unit 194



Unit 137 Visit



Unit 283 visit 5th District



Visit to Unit 194 St Augustine



Unit 283 visit



Unit 401



Visit to Unit 194 St Augustine



Do more
of what
makes
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Happy

DO GOOD WITH BURRITOS



Join us at our restaurant for a fundraiser to support K9's for Warriors. Just come in to the Chipotle at **103 Semoran Boulevard** in Casselberry on **Monday, January 8th** from **5:00pm** to **9:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to K9's for Warriors.



Online orders will not be included in the fundraiser total. To ensure your purchase is counted in the fundraiser, be sure to order and pay in-restaurant. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.

1st Vice President

MICHELE DEGENNARO

Protocol

The National American Legion Auxiliary Constitution & Bylaws states, all American Legion Auxiliary meetings will be conducted using "*Parliamentary Procedure*" based on Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

So what is Parliamentary Procedure?

Parliamentary Procedure is a set of rules that exists to facilitate efficiently conducted meetings that protect the rights of members. It allows everyone to be heard and to make decisions without confusion.

The fundamental principles of Parliamentary Procedure are:

1. Fairness of process and courtesy for all.
2. Only one thing, speaker, motion, or action at a time.
3. The majority rules.
4. The minority must be heard.
5. Each proposition is entitled to a full and free debate.
6. The purpose is to facilitate action, not to obstruct it.

Why is Parliamentary Procedure Important?

Because it's a time tested method of conducting business at meetings and public gatherings. It can be adapted to fit the needs of any organization. Today, Robert's Rules of Order newly revised is the basic handbook of operation for the American Legion Auxiliary when conducting a meeting. So it is important that everyone know these basic rules!

Meetings, Motions and Members Rights!

American Legion Auxiliary meetings usually follow a fixed order of business. Below is a typical example:

1. Call to order.
2. Roll call of members present.
3. Reading of minutes of last meeting.
4. Officers' reports.
5. Committee reports.

6. Special orders --- Important business previously designated for consideration at this meeting.
7. Unfinished business.
8. New business.
9. Announcements.
10. Adjournment.

The method used by members to express themselves is in the form of moving motions. A motion is a proposal that the entire membership take action or a stand on an issue. Individual members can:

1. Call to order.
2. Second motions.
3. Debate motions.
4. Vote on motions.

How are Motions Presented?

A motion is a formal step to introduce a matter for consideration by a group. Generally, a motion should be phrased in a way to take action. The person making the motion is called the mover. Therefore when you make a motion you are moving the motion into action for this reason the mover states "I move to" or "I move that".

1. Obtaining the floor
 - a. Wait until the last speaker has finished.
 - b. Rise and address the Chairman by saying, "Madame Chairman, or Madame President."
 - c. Wait until the Chairman/ President recognizes you.
2. Make Your Motion
 - a. Speak in a clear and concise manner.
 - b. Always state a motion affirmatively. Say, "I move that we ..." rather than, "I move that we do not ..."
 - c. Avoid personalities and stay on your subject.
3. Wait for Someone to Second Your Motion
4. Another member will second your motion or the Chairman/ President will call for a second.
5. If there is no second to your motion it is lost.
6. The Chairman/ President States Your Motion
 - a. The Chairman/ President will say, "it has been



- moved and seconded that we ..." Thus placing your motion before the membership for consideration and action.
- b. The membership then either debates your motion, or may move directly to a vote.
 - c. Once your motion is presented to the membership by the Chairman/ President it becomes "assembly property", and cannot be changed by you without the consent of the members.
7. Expanding on Your Motion (Discussion)
- a. The time for you to speak in favor of your motion is at this point in time, rather than at the time you present it.
 - b. The mover is always allowed to speak first.
 - c. All comments and debate must be directed to the Chairman/ President.
 - d. Keep to the time limit for speaking that has been established.
 - e. The mover may speak again only after other speakers are finished, unless called upon by the Chairman/ President.
8. Putting the Question to the Membership
- a. The Chairman / President asks, "Are you ready to vote on the question?"
 - b. If there is no more discussion, a vote is taken.

There are two other motions that are commonly used that relate to voting.

1. Motion to Table -- This motion is often used in the attempt to "kill" a motion. The option is always present, however, to "take from the table", for reconsideration by the membership.
2. Motion to Postpone Indefinitely -- This is often used as a means of parliamentary strategy and allows opponents of motion to test their strength without an actual vote being taken. Also, debate is once again open on the main motion.

Voting on a Motion:

The method of voting on any motion depends on the situation and the by-laws of policy of the organization. There are five methods used to vote, they are:

1. By Voice -- The Chairman asks those in favor to say, "aye", those opposed to say "no". Any member may move for an exact count.
2. By Roll Call -- Each member answers "yes" or "no" as her name is called. This method is used when a record of each person's vote is required.
3. By General Consent -- When a motion is not likely to be opposed, the Chairman says, "if there is no objection ..." The membership shows agreement by their silence, however if one member says, "I object," the item must be put to a vote.
4. By Division -- This is a slight verification of a voice vote. It does not require a count unless the chairman so desires. Members raise their hands or stand.
5. By Ballot -- Members write their vote on a slip of paper; this method is used when secrecy is desired.

It is the chair's duty to **make the declaration of fact** and to **announce the result of the vote**. She will either say, "The ayes have it and the motion carried or "The noes have it and the motion has failed". The chair also needs to tell the assembly what will happen as a result of the vote.

Parliamentary Procedure is the best way to get things done at your meetings. But, it will only work if you use it properly.

1. Allow motions that are in order.
2. Have members obtain the floor properly.
3. Speak clearly and concisely.
4. Obey the rules of debate.

Most importantly, BE COURTEOUS to one another!

Many resources are available to our members, and the American Legion Auxiliary Unit Guide Book compiled by National is a good place to start. This book is available online at www.alaforveterans.org or through Emblem Sales Catalog for \$9.95. Please review National's Unit Guide Book, Department's Unit Guide, and Roberts Rules of Order Revised. When in doubt, ask a mentor.

Children & Youth

WANDA BRANDT

Junior Activities

Engaging the next generation to become members in the American Legion Auxiliary is the important purpose of the Junior Activities program. Junior membership is open to girls from infancy through age 17. The Junior Activities program prepares girls under the age of 18 to become active adult members of the organization by providing positive volunteer experiences that instill the ideals of the Auxiliary. These young ladies develop leadership skills while having fun and will hopefully become the future leaders of our organization.

Juniors are members of the Auxiliary who are organized as a committee of a unit. Juniors are not a separate organization. Junior members conduct their own meetings and perform their own special activities. Junior members plan their own community service projects, along with supporting projects sponsored by the Auxiliary and The American Legion Family.

The Juniors Patch Program is designed to foster the ideals of volunteer service in our communities and for our veterans. The Patch Program incentivizes active participation and helps Junior members learn about the Auxiliary. An annual Junior Meeting is held to provide these young members with an opportunity to become acquainted with girls from different states and experience multicultural team building while forming exciting new friendships.

Junior members are eligible to apply for the Auxiliary's

National Spirit of Youth Scholarship. Each year, five young women are competitively selected to each receive a four-year scholarship to pursue a college education, currently awarded at \$1,000 per year for four years.



Connecting with our Junior members and involving them in worthwhile activities that support our mission is the best way to ensure the continuation of the Auxiliary for as long as there are veterans to serve.

If you are planning to submit a Junior for an Award, please follow the guidelines and if submitting for a Nation Award. 1) Please follow instructions as you fill out the National Report and Awards Cover Sheet found in the awards section of the Programs Action Plan. 2) Provide details/examples about the activity as outlined in the award's materials and guidelines section. 3) Submit as indicated in the Annual Supplement to the Programs Action Plan.



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How to Recognize an American Legion Auxiliary Member

Say tell me have you seen her...that Auxiliary volunteer?
She was in the hospital yesterday, spreading hope and cheer.
Last week she was at a local school, thanking all the teachers,
And at a Legion baseball game, cheering from the bleachers.
She wears a veteran-made Poppy next to her Auxiliary pin,
And has a kind word ready with a warm and welcoming grin.
When she sees Old Glory, her hand crosses over her heart.
She loves God and her country, and she's made "giving" an art.
For Auxiliary means "Service Not Self," that's how it's supposed to be.
We honor all who serve and have served to keep our country free.
We strongly embrace traditions, and try to do what's right,
To help in our communities and make right the Master of might.
All our Auxiliary programs are much too vast to mention,
But if you let her know that you've got a "good intention"...
She'll invite you to a meeting and then first-hand you'll see
The richness of the blessing being an Auxiliary member can be.
We're mothers, wives and daughters, sisters and granddaughters too
And women veterans in their own right that have served our country, who
Know that "Freedom Isn't Free"...it comes at a very high price,
And giving back is what we do to honor the sacrifice.
It is our prayer that someday all the wars will cease,
And the whole world will enjoy everlasting peace.
Until that day comes forth, our service will not end.

"For God and Country" we shall serve, faithfully...Amen

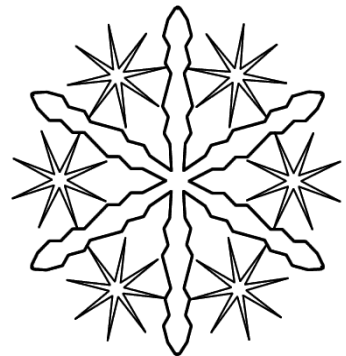
Winter Word Search

Instructions: Try to find all of the hidden Winter words in the word search puzzle below.
(Words can be spelled forwards, backwards, diagonally, up, or down.)



Word List

ANTIFREEZE	HOLIDAY	PENGUIN
CHILLY	HOOD	SLEIGHBELLS
DECEMBER	ICICLES	SNOWBOARDING
FROST	JACKET	SNOWFLAKES
FROZEN	MITTENS	WHITE



Public Relations

SANDI HOWARD-STEPP



The American Legion Auxiliary encourages and promotes participation in social media in an **ethical manner** that **increases awareness** about the American Legion Auxiliary which represents the American Legion Auxiliary brand and The American Legion Family brand in a **positive matter**. The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Florida Public Relations team is addressing the issue of **IMAGE** on Social Media (Facebook). In the past, we have taken for granted that Social Media account administrators knew using the name, emblem, or trademarks of American Legion Auxiliary are responsible for protecting the organization's image. Posting or sharing photos of members with adult beverages or advertising the sale of such beverages, is not protecting or establishing a positive **IMAGE** of our Mission.

We endeavor to correct this oversight by sharing the following inserts from the **AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NATIONAL POLICY: ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS, INTERNET, AND SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY** which can be found on www.alaforveterans.org under the members only section, public relations program.

Policy Statement: It is the policy of the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA), to have requirements and standards in place for communication conveyed electronically under the auspices of American Legion Auxiliary, including the Internet and social media, that protect the name and trademarks of the American Legion Auxiliary and the **reputation of the organization at all levels**. In keeping with the vision of the American Legion Auxiliary 2019-20 Strategic Centennial Plan. It is critical, we always remember **who we are** – the world's largest women's patriotic service organization, and that **what we do** – serve veterans, the military, and their families, can be **enhanced greatly** by sharing **why we matter** through responsible engagement in social media.

Guidelines: The American Legion Auxiliary National organization will publish and maintain current guidelines within the American Legion Auxiliary Branding Guide that include appropriate protocols regarding establishing and conducting American Legion Auxiliary social media and Web presence in keeping with applicable laws, government regulations, and **industry best practices**.

Content: Content considered relevant under this policy includes **proper and suitable postings** about members, ALA meetings, ALA mission-related programming events and fundraising activities, and events or fundraisers that benefit the American Legion Auxiliary.

Monitoring: The ALA will reasonably monitor electronic communications that protect the ALA from threatening or dangerous content, and the electronic media account administrator reserves the authority to remove postings that violate laws, regulations, or **ALA policy**.

Sanctions: Any electronic, Internet-based, website or social media presence using the name, emblem, or trademarks of American Legion Auxiliary that fails to comply with this policy is prohibited. Any cost for enforcement of laws or judgments relative to this policy shall be sought from the offending entity or individual representative.

To be compliant with the Monitoring section of the ALA National policy, we are establishing a list of all ALA Dept. of Florida Units, Districts and Committees using the name, emblem, or trademarks of the American Legion Auxiliary. Please email publicrelations@alafl.org the name of the Facebook page, the administrator's name and email address. The list will be forward to ALA Dept. Administrator/Secretary.

Our Role. We take our role as a veteran's service organization seriously; meeting the needs of veterans and keeping those needs front and center in the minds of the American public.

Historian

ELEANOR AMATO



Legislative: Work of this ALA committee amplifies other committees

The American Legion Auxiliary's Legislative Committee collaborates with our Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Education, and Americanism committees, depending on the legislative issue. It mobilizes members and helps to distribute a call to action throughout their spheres of influence.

Submitted by Eleanor Amato, National Legislative Committee Member

The American Legion Auxiliary's Legislative Committee intensifies the work of other committees. It collaborates with our Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Education, and Americanism committees, depending on the legislative issue. It mobilizes members and helps to distribute a call to action throughout their spheres of influence.

The American Legion's legislation priorities are as follows:

VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION:

- Unify VA programs and limit outsourcing of services, by recruiting and retaining top medical professionals.
- Quality care for women veterans.
- Research complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) treatments for PTSD and TBI.
- Support those who care for wounded veterans.
- Repeal unfair offsets that penalize disabled veterans and widows.
- Support veteran-owned small businesses.
- Continue and make permanent funding programs to end veterans homelessness.
- Streamline the nine community care programs into one effective and simple community care program for veterans.

NATIONAL SECURITY:

- End sequestration and ensure that dwindling budgets don't leave the nation vulnerable to enemy forces.
- Provide mandatory end-of-service exams for

reservists.

- Ensure those returning from active duty retain re-employment rights.

EDUCATION

- Continue to strengthen education benefits for veterans, servicemembers, and their families.

AMERICANISM:

- Protect the United States flag from acts of desecration.

Additionally, in a joint effort with The American Legion, ALA members can advocate at the state level to identify and initiate specific steps that need to be taken to provide transitioning servicemembers and military spouses with the credentials they need as they transition into civilian life, reducing barriers to licensing based on military experience or frequent moves.

By visiting the Legion's legislative website at www.legion.org/legislative, we can keep ALA units and members current on the Legion's priorities. The American Legion's Legislative Update fills readers in on the hottest legislative topics of the week: bills in Congress that affect issues such as veterans' benefits, the quality of military life, VA health care, veterans employment, and defense/VA appropriations. To sign up, visit www.legion.org/newsletters. Be sure to use the priority/drop sheet to learn the Legion's priorities, and then take these with you to your elected official's office. Another resource would be the Legion's Dispatch where we can draw from legislative updates to write articles on current legislative activities and publish them in ALA newsletters, newspapers, and on websites.

The Digital Dispatch is emailed to subscribers monthly and at other times when news warrants. The publication is aimed at department and post leadership. Stories focus on important topics to veterans and military members, such as health care, jobs, Capitol Hill action, and more. The newsletter also includes links to membership incentive programs and community forums on making posts successful.

Chaplain

LOIS STACHELRODT



As we begin a new calendar year, may the Sun's rays shine through our hearts and show us just how beautiful the days are. Let us show our Veterans, Family and Friends the support they need as we continue to help each other. As we remember our members who have left our ranks, may our hearts be filled with Love.

Recently Departed Members

DISTRICT 1

Nellie E. Lewis, Unit 356

DISTRICT 2

Marie L. Harris, Unit 13

Rebecca Edwards, Unit 241

DISTRICT 4

Joyce E. Luffman, Unit 27

Barbara Jean Stedman, Unit 155

DISTRICT 5

Mildred VanBuren, Unit 197

DISTRICT 6

Linda Biller, Unit 183

Nancy Jakulewicz, Unit 286

DISTRICT 7

Marion Johnston, Unit 8

Marcia J. Callahan, Unit 71

DISTRICT 8

Victoria O'Leary, Unit 11

Joy Tinsley, Unit 11

Virginia Burns, Unit 30

Elizabeth Massey, Unit 159

Mary Oliver, Unit 159

DISTRICT 9

Paulina Ford, Unit 157

Sally Morgan, Unit 157

Mary J. Perpard, Unit 157

Margie Ribb, Unit 222

Bonnie Derosky, Unit 321

DISTRICT 11

Bettie Cooney, Unit 47

Joan Bednar, Unit 164

DISTRICT 12

Sharon Marrison, Unit 81

Lisa Spence, Unit 81

Mary Ann Spowls, Unit 163

Martha Williams, Unit 359

DISTRICT 13

Gladys Dunn, Unit 110

Marjorie Gosnell, Unit 130

Jody E. Hauer, Unit 274

Marlene T. Miller-Foote, Unit 303

Candy Lynch, Unit 323

Rose Brammer, Unit 336

DISTRICT 15

Jacquelyn Clark, Unit 152

Barbara Katherine, Unit 152

DISTRICT 16

Amelia Fildes, Unit 79

Eleanor M. Metro, Unit 238

DISTRICT 17

Ruth Larizza, Unit 270

Beverly A. Kerr, Unit 361

Membership

DEBBIE SVIDERSKAS



Mary Poppins is getting a strong wind blowing in from the East. The membership figures are in for December 15th and there are 29 units who have met the 75% goal. Congratulations to all 29 units. Your kite is soaring above the trees. There are also many more of the units who are soooooooo close. Do not give up! You have done a great job so far! You just need to catch another wind current and let your ideas soar as you work together to make us the best organization working for our veterans, our community and our children.

As we are catching rays, creating brighter futures, our focus needs to be on growing our units so that we have more eyes, ears, legs and hands to work our programs.

And as we focus on building our organization, let us remember that working together is the key. It is important to look for the good in everyone. We all have something to give. If someone insists on dwelling on the negative, move on. Anything can happen if you let it!

In every job that must be done, there is an element of fun!!

Please let us know if Mary Poppins or the Crystal Sweeps can help you in any way. We are here for you!

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Membership Awards

DECEMBER 15TH GOAL OF 75%

3/4 TEASPOON FULL OF SUGAR



DISTRICT 1

UNIT	PERCENTAGE
0078 Milton	79.17%
0402 Panama City Beach	83.33%

DISTRICT 2

UNIT	PERCENTAGE
0100 Marianna	76.36%
0241 Sneads	83.64%

DISTRICT 4

UNIT	PERCENTAGE
0027 Ocala	79.49%
0058 Dunnellon	93.48%
0077 Inverness	133.33%
0166 Homosassa Springs	82.76%

DISTRICT 6

UNIT	PERCENTAGE
0052 Leesburg	91.67%
0112 Winter Park	90.91%
0330 Leesburg	78.95%

DISTRICT 7

UNIT	PERCENTAGE
0201 Florence Villa	89.47%

DISTRICT 8

UNIT	PERCENTAGE
0309 Palmetto	86.05%

DISTRICT 9

UNIT	PERCENTAGE
0209 Dania Beach	136.36%
0220 Ft Lauderdale	83.33%
0287 Deerfield Beach	93.33%
0310 Hallandale	82.05%
0365 Sunrise	120.00%

DISTRICT 10

UNIT	PERCENTAGE
0020 Belle Glade	83.08%
0062 Stuart	116.29%
0188 Delray	80.00%

DISTRICT 12

UNIT	PERCENTAGE
0163 Melbourne	70.23%
0366 Barefoot Bay	87.67%
0394 Palm Bay	76.60%

DISTRICT 15

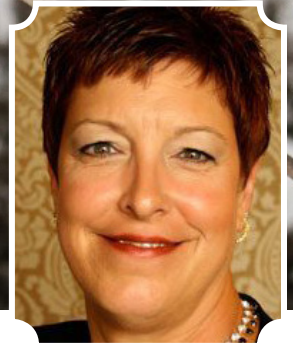
UNIT	PERCENTAGE
0111 Tampa	75.00%
0334 Tampa	96.55%

DISTRICT 17

UNIT	PERCENTAGE
0127 Lake Helen	92.31%
0204 Daytona Beach	84.00%
0267 Ormond Beach	82.32%

Americanism

JANE HARDACRE



In his farewell address delivered from the Oval Office on January 11, 1989, Reagan warned that “the resurgence of national pride...won’t count for much, and it won’t last unless it’s grounded in thoughtfulness and knowledge.” Rather, he said, “an informed patriotism is what we want...our spirit is back, but we haven’t re-institutionalized it. We’ve got to do a better job of getting across that America is freedom—freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of enterprise. And freedom is special and rare. It’s fragile; it needs protection.”

Now that the holiday season is over, most of us are trying to live up to our New Year’s resolutions. Did you know that the verb for resolution is RESOLVE? One of the definitions for the word resolve is:

~ to make a firm decision to do something

Let us re-read President Ronald Reagan’s quote. The Auxiliary has a rich history of promoting patriotism and responsible citizenship. How can our members contribute to our Nation’s present-day need for patriotism? Educating our school children, of all ages, is the topic this month.

How can Units and members accomplish this? Work with local schools to further the education of our Flag and U.S. Constitution. Here are a few examples to help you tell the world....

Who we are, What we do, and Why we matter!

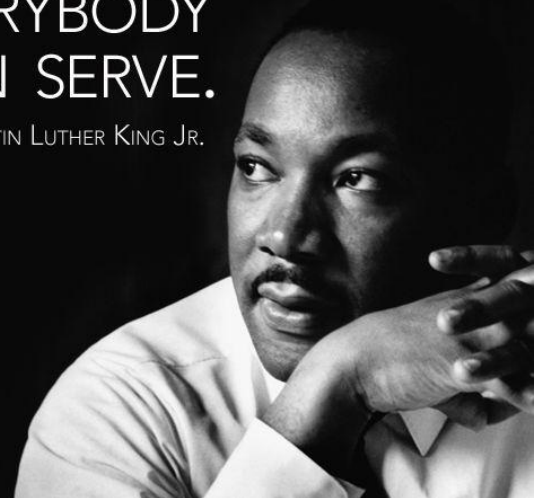
- ◊ Visit schools to give some basic facts about our flag, national anthem, and how we stand with our hands over our hearts at parades and ball games.
- ◊ Provide American flags to your local schools for classrooms.
- ◊ Order pocket flag kits and distribute them to the teachers. Explain how they will be sent to our active-duty military overseas.
- ◊ Teach respect and proper care for the U.S. Flag.

- ◊ Purchase materials regarding the history and care of the flag for Teachers to read to the students.
- ◊ Join the Post family when teaching Flag etiquette to school children.
- ◊ Don’t forget to include the media and newspapers to witness the events.
- ◊ Purchase pocket-sized booklets on the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, the Flag Code etc.
- ◊ Support the schools by attending events that have to do with Civics, History etc. Proudly wear your Auxiliary apparel.

I know that this New Year will bring a resurgence of American Pride due to your hard work and dedication to Our Nation, Our Military, Our Communities, and Our Children & Youth. Thank you for Taking Pride in America!

EVERYBODY CAN BE
GREAT BECAUSE
EVERYBODY
CAN SERVE.

-DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.



Legislative

DEE BELL



The American Legion needs our help!!!

DID YOU KNOW?

Congress increased TRICARE costs for military retirees and their families who enter the military after January 1, 2018.

Currently, military retirees and their families are exempt from these increased fees. Congress is considering legislation that would remove this exemption, increasing costs for these service members and their families. If passed, this would result in higher TRICARE fees, including pharmacy copayments and enrollment fees for certain plans.

Take Action: Log onto the National Legion or Auxiliary's website. Go to the Legislative page and click on **Take Action** to contact our Senators and Representatives. Demand that they reject any legislation that would result in TRICARE fee increases for current beneficiaries and let them know that veterans have paid for their benefits through blood, sweat, and tears many times over.

Use this link to check on all the key bills in congress and know the position The American Legion has taken to support or not support:

<http://www.capwiz.com/legion/issues/bills/>

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National Security

LINDA GREVERA



You Ought to Be in Pictures!

Photos of Unit National Security Activities Needed

Have you taken a group photo of your Unit members wearing red shirts? Did you take a photo when you welcomed home returning service members? How about a snapshot while you were packing care packages for the troops? If you took photographs of any of your Unit's National Security activities this year - I need them!

I need images of Units carrying out their National Security program activities to display as a PowerPoint presentation at Department Convention in July during my year-end report. I love to brag about the many things you ladies do for America's service members and their families so please send me photos to display at Convention.

If you haven't taken any photos yet this year, please consider taking some as you carry out your program activities. Creativity is encouraged!

You can send the photos to me via text, email or regular mail. Please be sure to include your Unit number and location.

Also, please note my new address given below.

God Bless America,

Linda Grevera
National Security Chairman
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For those of you who have completed the class at any time and will be attending Department Convention in July, please see me there for a "thank you" gift. Must be present and provide proof of completion to receive your gift.





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Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation

ANN KING SMITH

I can hardly believe that by the time you read this newsletter, we will have said goodbye to 2017 and greeted 2018. I know the time has been flying by, As we are all so busy making life better for our many veterans and their families. I so enjoyed reading reports of all the positive things that have been happening all across Florida. I heard from many District Chairmen that reporting from Units was very low and this is very disappointing. I know that each and every Unit in Florida has done something to help a veteran this year. Please remember that we need to have these things reported. Please make a dedicated effort to complete a Year-End Report, following all instructions in the VA&R Program Action plan.

It was so great to see everyone that attended Fall Conference in Orlando. I heard so many comments about how great they thought the entire weekend was. Everyone learned much from the many breakout sessions and this information will be shared with members that weren't able to attend. Kudos to President T.K. for doing such a great job of making this weekend a success!

On December 18th, I traveled south to attend the District 9 Past Presidents and Commanders Dinner at Post 222 in Ft. Lauderdale. Along with a great dinner, I was once again privileged to attend another Quilts of Valor Ceremony. It is such a heartwarming experience to see a handmade quilt wrapped around veterans' shoulders to "welcome him home."



The next day, I accompanied members from the Mighty 9th District to the Alexander "Sandy" Nining State Veterans Nursing Home in Pembroke Pines. The veterans were treated to an old fashioned ice cream social, which they enjoyed so very much. District 9 provided more different kinds of ice cream toppings that I could ever imagine even existed. District President Joanne Cox was in charge of the whipped cream and she personally made sure that each and every veteran had a generous portion. Gail Dupuis was able to feed a blind veteran his ice cream and also develop a very heartwarming conversation. This veteran had served two tours of duty in Vietnam and was very proud to talk about his service. When Gail asked him how his ice cream tasted, he told her that there was only one thing that could make it better and that was some nice homemade apple pie. I immediately jumped in and suggested that Gail bake him a pie. Of course, she agreed, so now we all have to constantly remind her to make this pie. While Gail fed one veteran, I fed another. I can tell you that this was the most moving, yet humbling, experience I have ever had in my life. This young veteran was mostly unresponsive, yet tears rolled down his cheek when I fed him and stroked his face, all while thanking him for his service.

As you all know, we have been requesting costume jewelry, scarves, hats, gloves, lipsticks and nail polishes.... anything "girlie" to distribute to our female veterans. I distributed goody bags to the ladies at Sandy Nining and knew immediately that this idea was a huge hit. Each bag was filled with bracelets, necklaces, pins, scarves, mirrors, combs, just to mention a few of the items. Well, the ladies put ALL of the jewelry on at one time, along with the scarves. It was amazing to see how much fun they were having.

On January 20, the alarm rang at 5:00 so that Gail Dupuis and I could make the drive to Miami VAMC. For those of you that aren't familiar with Miami traffic, it may seem unbelievable that a drive from Ft. Lauderdale to downtown Miami could take 2 hours. Of course, there was work traffic and rain but 2 hours??? But, we had a mission to deliver a 7.5 foot Christmas tree to the VAMC and veterans were counting on us. Upon arrival, I was given the "tour of all tours" by Mr. Mernie E. Williams, who is the Chief of the Volunteer Service Team. I can tell



you that this facility is AMAZING. The care and attention that was given to each veteran was incredible. Everyone I met on the Volunteer Service Team expressed their gratitude to the American Legion Auxiliary for finally having a representative at their facility. Thank you, Gail Dupuis for filling these shoes that were vacant for many years.

I had so much fun watching the veterans in the CLC make Christmas decorations for the tree that Gail and I had delivered. It was obvious that they were very proud of their creations. After the decorations were made, the real fun began. Female veterans that were able to leave their beds arrived for a special spa day, complete with haircuts and styling. Denice Grenis and Gail Dupuis brought their own stylist in to give these female veterans a special cut, rather than the traditional barber cut they are accustomed to. They also had their nails done and enjoyed all the goodies from the gift bags I delivered. Once again, every piece of jewelry was put on.....all at once. The females that weren't able to leave their rooms weren't forgotten, as we made special visits to them. They also enjoyed their jewelry, mirrors and lipstick. We enjoyed listening to stories told by brave female veterans that served in World War II, recalling events as if they happened yesterday.

My day ended by a visit to the Hospice Unit, which now

consists of 10 beds but is under expansion and will soon be 20 beds. What a beautiful and peaceful area this is. They have a resident long haired Siamese cat that sits on the lobby sofa, greeting everyone. I was told that she roams from room to room, bringing love to our veterans in their final hours.

As Auxiliary members, we often talk of bringing cheer and happiness to our veterans in hospitals and nursing homes. We need to also think of the veterans and their families that are in Hospice areas of the facilities. I asked the Director if there are needs in this area that we might be able to fulfill. She suggested pillows or lap robes that the veteran could rest their head on or be wrapped in during their final hours. These items could then be kept by family members as a way to treasure those last days with their loved one.

Please, continue to join me this year as we all shout out "LOUD and CLEAR" for each and every one of our veterans. Please make sure to join us on our Facebook VA&R page to keep up to date with new ideas and comments. I will be posting new information there as it comes along. ala department of florida- veterans affairs & rehabilitation 2017-2018.

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LIT Products and Services Exclusively for Legion Families

The Legion families in this Department are very fortunate to be part of something that has been around over half a century - the Legionnaire Insurance Trust (LIT). The Department joined with the other forty-nine (49) Departments that make-up the LIT. The LIT is this

Department's sponsored insurance program. Make no mistake, the broad range of insurance products and services found under the LIT umbrella are your products and services. These products and services are not available to just anyone - other veterans included - but only to members of this Department's Legion family.

The LIT's products and services are continually reviewed and updated (plus new programs added) so that you have access to the best selection possible. The oversight of the LIT is done by a Board of Directors - with one Trust Director from each participating Department. This helps make sure you are getting the best possible coverage from the Legionnaire Insurance Trust program.

Through the LIT, your Department sponsors a broad range of insurance products and services ranging from the "no-cost" AD&D to HOSPITAL HELP to CANCER CARE to Emergency Assistance + (EA+) to Medicare Supplement and more - so one or more will likely

fill a need in your family's insurance portfolio.

The best way to buy insurance is to shop, compare, and then purchase the coverage from a source you trust. We invite you to compare this Department's endorsed products with any on the market. Then you can buy with the confidence of over fifty (50) years of continuous service to Legion families behind the LIT. Buying through the LIT also helps support your Department's programs and services.

To learn more about your Department's insurance products and services please call the LIT's administrator at (800) 235-6943 or check-out the programs at www.theLIT.com. Either way, there will be no hard-sell or obligation to buy when you do.

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LOOKING FORWARD TO 2018



MY ONE WORD IS: _____

WANT What I really want in 2018 is: _____

NEED What I really need in 2018 is: _____

SHARE What I will share in 2018 is: _____

SUCCEED In 2018 I will succeed at: _____

From the Units



Molly Main (District 5 President), Barbara Smith (Unit 194 President), Janice Dixon and Mage Stroud (Unit 283) decorating at the Clyde E. Lassen VA Nursing Home.



The Mighty District 5, spreading Christmas Cheer.



Unit Holiday Party



Liz Close, District President with Dee Howeth, Unit Chaplain, at Unit Holiday Party.



Ride and Run with the Stars event, held December 2nd. 100 kids in attendance at Fort Desoto Park in Pinellas County. Joint event with Auxiliary, Pinellas County POTA and Pinellas Sheriff's Office.



Unit 237



Unit 237 (L-R) Treasurer Robyn Fredericks, Coupon Chair Corrine Smurawa, Secretary & Membership Chair Sally Peddle, Eleen Valentine, Jackie Walker, (Behind) Historian Joanne Borel, Lynne Herrick, (Front) Darlene Rohlf, Kathy Malczewsky, Sgt-at-arms Gloria Hembree



Unit 237



Unit 273 Americanism Committee at the Great American Teach-In at Madeira Beach Fundamental School on Nov 15th, with four service members of the U.S. Coast Guard Air Station, Clearwater. ALA members are Rhonda Brailey-Maurer, Joann Derer & Helen Conklin.



Unit 237 President, Samantha Slaven



Unit 347 prepares Spaghetti dinner for Toys for Tots volunteers. L-R: Betty Spencer, Ann Huxtable, Lois Glosch, Maureen Caswell, Mary LaNoce, and Carol Pirone-Udell. Over 50 volunteers served.



Unit 392, Jr member Rowdy Jane Johns of Panama City, 'Stuff the Bus' book drive for kids Christmas. She got 120 books last year, and Unit 392 started her off with 120 books this year. She is trying for a new record!



ALA Unit 241 in Sneads, Florida, District 2, helped to host Governor Rick Scott at the awards ceremony for the Honor Guards on Monday, December 11, 2017.



Unit 347 members march in Lady Lake Christmas Parade. L-R: Cathy Trout, Betty Spencer, Lois Glosch and Ann Huxtable.

Membership Reports

JANUARY 3, 2018

DISTRICT 1

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0075	Crestview	148	0	24	24	16.22%
0078	Milton	24	0	20	20	83.33%
0193	Pensacola	97	7	58	65	67.01%
0221	Niceville	94	1	41	42	44.68%
0235	Ft Walton Beach	184	3	104	107	58.15%
0240	Pensacola	253	0	145	145	57.31%
0296	Destin	34	0	21	21	61.76%
0340	Pensacola	294	6	138	144	48.98%
0356	Lynn Haven	187	4	112	116	62.03%
0375	Southport	60	0	32	32	53.33%
0378	Gulf Breeze	29	1	12	13	44.83%
0382	Navarre	115	0	66	66	57.39%
0392	Panama City	161	2	52	54	33.54%
0402	Panama City Beach	30	1	26	27	90.00%
TOTALS		1710	25	851	876	51.23%

DISTRICT 3

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0049	Monticello	14	0	8	8	57.14%
0057	Lake City	233	2	141	143	61.37%
0107	Live Oak	54	2	31	33	61.11%
0131	Greenville	32	0	1	1	3.13%
0215	Jasper	42	3	15	18	42.86%
0224	Madison	32	0	6	6	18.75%
0291	Steinhatchee	142	2	91	93	65.49%
0383	Old Town	164	0	88	88	53.66%
TOTALS		713	9	381	390	54.70%

DISTRICT 2

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0013	Tallahassee	98	5	44	49	50.00%
0082	Lanark	91	2	58	60	65.93%
0084	Havana	30	10	7	17	56.67%
0100	Marianna	55	3	42	45	81.82%
0217	Quincy	54	4	31	35	64.81%
0241	Sneads	55	20	26	46	83.64%
TOTALS		383	44	208	252	65.80%

DISTRICT 4

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0016	Gainesville	80	0	36	36	45.00%
0027	Ocala	39	8	23	31	79.49%
0058	Dunnellon	46	2	41	43	93.48%
0077	Inverness	24	1	31	32	133.33%
0149	Newberry	20	0	9	9	45.00%
0155	Crystal River	288	1	184	185	64.24%
0166	Homosassa Springs	29	2	23	25	86.21%
0210	Ocala	13	0	6	6	46.15%
0230	Hawthorne	58	2	36	38	65.52%
0236	Bronson	52	0	34	34	65.38%
0237	Beverly Hills	145	1	92	93	64.14%
0284	Bellevue	95	1	63	64	67.37%
0314	Starke	12	0	1	1	8.33%
TOTALS		901	18	579	597	66.26%

DISTRICT 5

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0009	Jacksonville	30	0	16	16	53.33%
0037	Saint Augustine	72	3	36	39	54.17%
0054	Fernandina Beach	179	5	102	107	59.78%
0088	Jacksonville	108	2	51	53	49.07%
0129	Jacksonville Beach	333	11	183	194	58.26%
0137	Jacksonville	570	18	318	336	58.95%
0194	St Augustine	74	10	43	53	71.62%
0197	Jacksonville	73	7	28	35	47.95%
0202	Keystone Heights	78	2	31	33	42.31%
0233	Ponte Vedra Beach	216	35	35	70	32.41%
0244	Jacksonville	40	4	18	22	55.00%
0250	Middleburg	380	40	205	245	64.47%
0283	Jacksonville	416	14	211	225	54.09%
0316	Atlantic Beach	372	52	170	222	59.68%
0372	Mandarin	11	0	3	3	27.27%
0373	Orange Park	40	7	27	34	85.00%
0401	Hilliard	24	1	18	19	79.17%
TOTALS		3016	211	1495	1706	56.56%

DISTRICT 7

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0003	Bartow	85	1	56	57	67.06%
0004	Lakeland	71	2	49	51	71.83%
0008	Winter Haven	656	2	413	415	63.26%
0034	Haines City	74	0	34	34	45.95%
0071	Lake Wales	95	0	59	59	62.11%
0072	Mulberry	158	10	79	89	56.33%
0201	Florence Villa	38	5	29	34	89.47%
TOTALS		1177	20	719	739	62.79%

DISTRICT 6

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0010	Kissimmee	202	2	116	118	58.42%
0019	Orlando	130	3	70	73	56.15%
0021	Umatilla	15	0	6	6	40.00%
0035	Mount Dora	91	0	19	19	20.88%
0041	Eustis	20	0	5	5	25.00%
0052	Leesburg	24	7	15	22	91.67%
0053	Sanford	93	3	46	49	52.69%
0055	Clermont	71	0	40	40	56.34%
0063	Winter Garden	25	0	4	4	16.00%
0080	Saint Cloud	296	26	181	207	69.93%
0101	Bushnell	125	0	49	49	39.20%
0109	Ocoee	12	0	3	3	25.00%
0112	Winter Park	22	3	17	20	90.91%
0183	Fern Park	181	15	103	118	65.19%
0219	Fruitland Park	207	2	124	126	60.87%
0242	Orlando	133	13	66	79	59.40%
0286	Orlando	231	8	129	137	59.31%
0330	Leesburg	76	9	58	67	88.16%
0331	Orlando	43	12	11	23	53.49%
0347	Lady Lake	1765	9	1197	1206	68.33%
0357	Clermont	23	2	12	14	60.87%
TOTALS		3785	114	2271	2385	63.01%

DISTRICT 8

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0011	Arcadia	41	9	22	31	75.61%
0024	Bradenton	364	18	194	212	58.24%
0025	Lake Placid	328	0	207	207	63.11%
0030	Sarasota	97	16	52	68	70.10%
0069	Avon Park	534	5	323	328	61.42%
0074	Sebring	47	0	6	6	12.77%
0113	Rotonda West	407	1	208	209	51.35%
0159	Venice	709	20	384	404	56.98%
0254	North Port	108	0	60	60	55.56%
0266	Fruitville	116	1	74	75	64.66%
0309	Palmetto	172	1	150	151	87.79%
0312	Oneco	240	0	11	11	4.58%
0325	Ellenton	129	0	78	78	60.47%
TOTALS		3292	71	1769	1840	55.89%

DISTRICT 9

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0036	Ft Lauderdale	48	0	30	30	62.50%
0092	Hollywood	125	2	85	87	69.60%
0142	Pompano Beach	271	52	131	183	67.53%
0157	Margate	286	19	134	153	53.50%
0162	Deerfield Beach	237	29	121	150	63.29%
0180	Fort Lauderdale	116	8	72	80	68.97%
0209	Dania Beach	11	0	15	15	136.36%
0220	Ft Lauderdale	30	11	14	25	83.33%
0222	Fort Lauderdale	77	1	42	43	55.84%
0287	Deerfield Beach	15	0	14	14	93.33%
0304	Dania	128	0	7	7	5.47%
0310	Hallandale	39	0	32	32	82.05%
0321	Cooper City	132	13	67	80	60.61%
0365	Sunrise	15	0	18	18	120.00%
TOTALS		1530	135	782	917	59.93%

DISTRICT 12

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0001	Titusville	314	15	204	219	69.75%
0022	Cocoa	89	2	51	53	59.55%
0039	Vero Beach	167	3	91	94	56.29%
0040	Fort Pierce	163	0	80	80	49.08%
0081	Melbourne	128	1	39	40	31.25%
0117	Palm Bay	468	11	245	256	54.70%
0126	Jensen Beach	228	4	144	148	64.91%
0163	Melbourne	309	9	222	231	74.76%
0171	Fort Pierce	0	0	9	9	Infinity
0189	Sebastian	121	0	81	81	66.94%
0191	Melbourne	109	18	40	58	53.21%
0200	Satellite Beach	128	0	83	83	64.84%
0318	Port St Lucie	701	2	452	454	64.76%
0348	Cape Canaveral	198	0	114	114	57.58%
0358	White City	40	0	26	26	65.00%
0359	Port St John	259	17	139	156	60.23%
0366	Barefoot Bay	73	20	45	65	89.04%
0394	Palm Bay	94	4	73	77	81.91%
0410	Viera	27	0	1	1	3.70%
TOTALS		3616	106	2139	2245	62.09%

DISTRICT 11

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0020	Belle Glade	65	6	50	56	86.15%
0047	Lake Worth	124	5	80	85	68.55%
0062	Stuart	178	0	213	213	119.66%
0064	Okeechobee	115	0	88	88	76.52%
0065	Delray Beach	57	4	35	39	68.42%
0141	West Palm Beach	81	4	58	62	76.54%
0164	Boynton Beach	138	2	60	62	44.93%
0188	Delray	15	2	10	12	80.00%
0199	W Palm Beach	50	0	38	38	76.00%
0268	Riviera Beach	80	0	3	3	3.75%
0271	Tequesta	200	6	134	140	70.00%
0277	Boca Raton	100	0	67	67	67.00%
0288	Boynton Beach	53	21	11	32	60.38%
0367	Royal Palm Beach	42	5	18	23	54.76%
0399	Palm City	18	2	5	7	38.89%
TOTALS		1316	49	669	718	54.56%

DISTRICT 13

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0038	Fort Myers	63	1	34	35	55.56%
0090	Cape Coral	204	1	127	128	62.75%
0103	Punta Gorda	394	3	249	252	63.96%
0110	Port Charlotte	589	5	305	310	52.63%
0123	Sanibel	82	2	49	51	62.20%
0130	Labelle	150	0	83	83	55.33%
0135	Naples	372	0	165	165	44.35%
0136	Saint James City	488	1	235	236	48.36%
0192	Fort Myers	22	4	12	16	72.73%
0274	Fort Myers Beach	633	3	363	366	57.82%
0299	Moore Haven	19	0	11	11	57.89%
0303	Bonita Springs	424	16	243	259	61.08%
0323	Lehigh Acres	486	21	264	285	58.64%
0336	N Ft Myers	361	3	210	213	59.00%
0351	Fort Myers	93	1	54	55	59.14%
TOTALS		4380	61	2404	2465	56.28%

DISTRICT 14						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0028	Key West	68	0	50	50	73.53%
0031	South Miami	167	1	115	116	69.46%
0043	Homestead	63	0	21	21	33.33%
0067	North Miami	48	3	43	46	95.83%
0098	Coral Gables	22	0	5	5	22.73%
0133	Miami	60	5	31	36	60.00%
0154	Marathon	180	0	69	69	38.33%
0168	Key West	3	0	2	2	66.67%
0333	Key Largo	79	0	35	35	44.30%
0346	Miami	4	0	1	1	25.00%
0374	Key Biscayne	60	0	43	43	71.67%
TOTALS		754	9	415	424	56.23%

DISTRICT 16						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0007	Clearwater	353	11	169	180	50.99%
0014	St Petersburg	145	5	84	89	61.38%
0079	New Port Richey	433	31	226	257	59.35%
0104	Pinellas Park	247	5	136	141	57.09%
0119	Largo	371	15	277	292	78.71%
0125	St Petersburg	362	4	224	228	62.98%
0158	Treasure Island	242	0	116	116	47.93%
0173	Holiday	262	15	167	182	69.47%
0238	Safety Harbor	281	12	189	201	71.53%
0252	Seminole	941	9	412	421	44.74%
0273	Madeira Beach	2790	2	1421	1423	51.00%
0275	Dunedin	582	12	404	416	71.48%
0305	St Pete Beach	107	0	54	54	50.47%
0335	Hudson	241	10	144	154	63.90%
TOTALS		7357	131	4023	4154	56.46%

DISTRICT 15						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0005	Tampa	45	2	21	23	51.11%
0026	Plant City	36	2	16	18	50.00%
0111	Tampa	44	1	33	34	77.27%
0138	Tampa	363	10	215	225	61.98%
0139	Tampa	135	0	62	62	45.93%
0147	Odessa	25	0	18	18	72.00%
0148	Riverview	194	3	90	93	47.94%
0152	Tampa	285	1	170	171	60.00%
0167	Tampa	31	3	12	15	48.39%
0186	Brooksville	371	1	255	256	69.00%
0246	Sun City Center	42	0	14	14	33.33%
0248	West Tampa	27	0	2	2	7.41%
0334	Tampa	29	1	28	29	100.00%
0389	Ruskin	18	4	14	18	100.00%
TOTALS		1645	28	950	978	59.45%

DISTRICT 17						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0006	Deland	141	0	59	59	41.84%
0017	New Smyrna Beach	246	2	119	121	49.19%
0045	Palatka	40	1	22	23	57.50%
0115	Palm Coast	40	1	27	28	70.00%
0120	Holly Hill	249	11	169	180	72.29%
0127	Lake Helen	26	7	17	24	92.31%
0204	Daytona Beach	25	11	10	21	84.00%
0255	Deltona	31	4	16	20	64.52%
0259	DeBary	29	4	14	18	62.07%
0267	Ormond Beach	164	6	138	144	87.80%
0270	Port Orange	171	0	102	102	59.65%
0285	Edgewater	145	5	78	83	57.24%
0293	Interlachen	41	3	27	30	73.17%
0361	S Daytona	153	11	99	110	71.90%
TOTALS		1501	66	897	963	64.16%



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