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## A Message from the Department President

### Dee Bell, Department President

[president@alaf.org](mailto:president@alaf.org)



Thank you to the Department, Area, District and Unit Membership Chairman for your commitment and diligence to renew,

recruit and retain. The Department of Florida is solidly in first place with 107.28%. Your BELLS are ringing loud and proud.

Thank you to the Unit and District Chairman for completely the year-end reports about the great work being accomplished in your Units. You are making a difference in the lives of our veterans, military families, children and your communities.

The Department staff, Girls State staff and Department Chairman have been very busy getting ready for the best Girls State session ever. Thank you to those who supported the Girls State raffle. The girls sponsored by your Units will have a lifelong

experience they will never forget.

My wish for all the Units is to have a successful poppy drive in May to continue assisting and supporting our veterans and military families. The Smiles you will create are your Thank Yous. Make an impact in your community to honor and remember all of our departed veterans.

Information and flyers are included in this newsletter for the Commanders and President Banquet at Department Convention. Shop your local consignment and thrift stores, get your tickets, and Celebrate with me 2023-2024.

My heart and thanks go out to the Department staff, my advisors, 1st Vice President Charlotte Bass and all those who have assumed duties during my recent leave. It's difficult to express my sincere heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the American Legion family Members, Units, Posts, Squads and Chapters, and Districts

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and Departments for all your cards, thoughts and prayers, sympathies

and condolences, and hugs from afar during the most difficult time in my life.

## Candidates Call

**Charlotte Bass, 1st Vice President**

[1stvicepresident@alaf.org](mailto:1stvicepresident@alaf.org)



Greetings,

We are trying something new this year. We are having a Candidates Call during the Breakout

Sessions at Convention. It will be held in the Palm Ballroom on Thursday, June 13th at 10:45am to 12:00pm. This is where you will be able to meet the Department Officer Candidates and ask them questions.

You can pick up a blank question card at the Auxiliary Registration Desk. Write your question down and who the question is for and place it in the box provided. You do not need to sign your name. The questions will be reviewed by a panel and then when approved the moderator will then ask the candidate the question. No verbal questions from the floor will be allowed.

This is your opportunity to get to know your candidates.

## Recently Passed

**Ruth Burgess, Chaplain**

[chaplain@alaf.org](mailto:chaplain@alaf.org)



Dear Sister and Brother Auxiliary members:

Please remember that prayer books being entered for the Mae Nalley Senior Prayer Book award must be in my possession by May 15, 2024. If not received by that date, it will be disqualified.

Our dear sisters and brothers who have friends and loved ones who

recently passed –

*“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; those crushed in spirit He delivers” – Psalms 34:18 (JPS)*

- Marie McDaniels, D1, U235
- Helen Stevener, D4, U16
- Rebecca Kelly, D4, U155
- Lisa R Sours, D5, U283
- Theresa Mims, D5, U283
- Barbara J McMichael, D6, U219
- Amy Jean Mitchell, D6, U286

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 2024

01-31	Month of the Military Caregiver
01-31	Military Appreciation Month
01	Loyalty / Law / May Day
02	National Day of Prayer
04	DCC - District 12
04	Unit 24: Kentucky Derby
04	Unit 117: Kentucky Derby
05-11	Public Service Recognition Week
10	Military Spouse Appreciation Day
11	Detachment Commander's Homecoming
11	Children & Youth Golf Tournament
11	DCC - Districts 15, 17, and 9
12	Mother's Day
11-18	Armed Forces Week
13	Children of Fallen Patriots Day
15	Liberty Bell Articles Due
15	Peace Officers Memorial Day
18	Armed Forces Day
18	Department Commander's Homecoming
18	DCC - Districts 1 and 8
19	DCC - District 13
20	Emancipation Day (FL)
22	Maritime Day
24	Poppy Day
25	DCC - District 5
25	Poppy Distribution
25	Missing Children's Day
26	Post 333: Memorial Day Event
27	Memorial Day (Dept Closed)

Events are subject to change. More details at [alaf.org](http://alaf.org).

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- Betty Rosen, D6, U347
- Kathy Kovarik, D8, U113
- Barbara Groskopf, D8, U159
- Mary Stawacki, D9, U142
- Adelaide Cordes, D11, U271
- JoAnne Sheridan, D12, U40
- Katherine Christesson, D12, U163
- Deborah J Lewis, D13, U136
- Connie Swanson, D13, U136
- Mary E Cremens, D13, U136
- Adrienne Bourtell, D13, U136
- Donarae Hill, D13, U136
- Beverly A Rufino, D13, U136
- Linda Hall, D13, U323
- Maralyn Waline, D13, U232
- Pearl Haley, D16, U7
- Trudy Hall, D16, U79
- Linda Payne, D16, U104
- Joyce Smith, D16, U125
- Mary West, D16, U238
- Linda Macholz, D16, U238
- Elizabeth Bodrey, D17, U120
- Myra Haddock, D17, U120

## Prayer Book

### Brister Thomas, Ntnl Chaplain

Hi all, Am hoping this message finds you well.

Please join us to create President Lisa's Prayer book.

To participate please email by May 30 to [alaChaplain@gmail.com](mailto:alaChaplain@gmail.com)  
Your contribution can take various forms: a poem, a photo

with a caption, a short anecdote, or any other creative expression that resonates with you. This is an opportunity to share your appreciation for President Lisa and the positive impact she has made on our community.

If you have a photo and/or a poem please send and I will happily add graphics, etc. to it.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to honor President Lisa. We look forward to receiving your contribution and making this chaplain book a beautiful tribute to her leadership and spirit.

Please reach out if you have any questions or need further clarification. (808) 284-0293

## Delegate Strength

### Mary Kelly Perkins, Secretary [secretary@alaf.org](mailto:secretary@alaf.org)



Information and Delegate Strength letters have been mailed to the Unit 30 days prior to the District Constitutional Conferences. For any

District that is holding their DCC after May 19, 2024; your information will be mailed to the Units after the Friday report on April 22, 2024.

As a suggestion about the Delegate

Strength for our Department Convention in June 2024, I would strongly recommend that the Units elect their delegates and alternates at the May 2024 Unit general meeting. Delegate strength forms will be mailed immediately following Close of Books and will also be posted on our website.

The tentative Call to Convention is being updated and will be mailed to the Units plus it will also be posted on our Department website.

Don't forget to email your Recruit 10 forms no later than May 15, 2024.

Wishing all Units a fantastic Constitutional Conference.

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## MCR

### Brandi Seeber, Treasurer

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All outstanding invoices must be paid within 30 days. All invoices are initially emailed to the unit treasurer's email address on file with

me. If the unit has any outstanding invoices at the end of the month, a statement will be emailed to the unit treasurer.

Poppy proceeds must be sent to department within 30 days of the distribution date. A completed form must accompany the check.

District Presidents have been sent a list of any units that are still have not completed treasurer compliance information. Please follow up with your units to make sure that they are completing this. Units will not receive any credit on the MCR until this is completed.

Any unit with a credit on the MCR at the end of the month, that is in compliance, will receive that credit via ACH. Please make sure that unit treasurers and membership and working together on this as the online renewals and MCR are emailed to membership.

Department Convention preparations are underway. The most current information regarding Department Convention can be found on our website.

Please make sure that when you are submitting forms to Department, for any reason, that you are using the most current form, which can be found on our website. Using an older form will cause a delay in completing your form.

If you have any questions please email me at [Treasurer@alaf1.org](mailto:Treasurer@alaf1.org). Thank you to all the Units for what you do and continue to do.

## Don't Forget the Details

### Patsy Sewell, Dept Membership

[membership@alaf1.org](mailto:membership@alaf1.org)



Please make sure you include your unit number on ALL correspondence – whether it be email or regular mail.

Please make sure that when submitting a form that you are using the most up-to-date forms which can be found on our website. Using an out-dated form will cause a delay in processing.

For transfers, please make sure the member data form accompanies the transfer with the previous unit's

information to avoid delays in processing.

Again, a reminder to not staple anything.

Thank you for all you do and looking forward to seeing you at Convention.

## Enrolling New Members

### Lisa Hoyland, Membership

[membershipchairman@alaf1.org](mailto:membershipchairman@alaf1.org)



Department of Florida Clappers I want to personally say "Thank You" for working the membership program this year.

Currently, we are at 107% as of the April 12th national report and we could not have reached this without you!

We currently have 12 Districts over 100% and 109 units! We can't stop

now.

The Victory Bell Award will be handed out at our department convention in June. Plaques will be presented to each District and Unit President achieving 105% by close of books. I

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know you can do it!

## 10 tips for enrolling new members by designing a flyer and posting:

1. Make up a flyer advertising who you are and that they could be eligible to be a member in multiple places! Facebook page, at your Post bar, a grocery store, a restaurant, your gym, a daycare, your church, your Sr. Citizen's meeting room! Anyplace that potential members can see! (Remember to ask the establishment before you post a flyer!)
2. Change the way you phrase your request to become a member. Maybe use something like - Sign

up now and receive a free gift (maybe a Unit Handbook or a red/white/blue pen or how about a package of Thank You notes). Research shows that people are attracted to the idea of getting something for FREE!!

3. Add a testimonial! Interview a new member or a "seasoned" member take a quote from them and put it on the flyer along with a picture (with their permission of course!).
4. Advise that signing up is easy and that you can help them with the paperwork
5. Let them know that a portion of their membership dues will be used for veterans.
6. Have pictures of what your unit has done in the past - so that they will see how much fun you have!

7. Be sure to include your telephone number and email address so they can contact you with questions!
8. Evoke emotion!! Our emotions are much better than our intellect at getting us to act! Use language and pictures that will evoke an emotional response.
9. Make sure that you include your Facebook page on your flyer -- or state: LIKE US ON FACEBOOK: American Legion Auxiliary Unit #9999.

**Provide Obvious Value** - you have to provide something of obvious value to your audience. Something that speaks to their needs and feelings. Again, add a picture and a caption of how your unit has helped veterans (be sure to get an ok to use pictures)

## DISTRICTS AND UNITS

### District 15 Submitted by Tammy O'Donnell

At the March 23rd District meeting, the Military Child Table was on display. With the help of our two junior members we brought awareness for the upcoming month of April which is Military Child month. Purple Up!



### District 15 Submitted by Lynda Anderson

Unit 186, District 15 – March started off with a Post 186, Unit 186 All Family event. Each year we set up a membership table at the annual Swamp Fest Celebration at Linda Pederson Park in Weeki Wachee Florida. This year we invited volunteers from Posts and Units 99, Brooksville, and 418, Spring Hill, to join us. Over the three-day event we had a great number of festival attendees stop at our booth where they learned about the American Legion, SAL and Auxiliary, and the benefits

of joining our ranks. We did not take applications at this time, but provided information and application forms. Several visitors indicated an interest in joining us. With changes at our Post, the Legion, Auxiliary and SAL are once again working as a cohesive team. The Post has a Friday Night Fish Fry and the Auxiliary is now providing desserts to finish off a wonderful meal. This is an excellent fundraiser, and we have noticed that diners are very generous in donations for the assorted baked

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goods provided by our members. Bingo has also been brought back to the Post, operated jointly by the Auxiliary and SAL. Weekly games are held every Tuesday from 5:00 m to 7:00 pm, and since its recent inception, it seems to be doing well. The deadline for submission of our scholarship applications was April 12, 2024. We received, by mail, four scholarships from applicants at three of our local high schools.



Our Education Chair will check with the Guidance office at each of the five high schools to determine if any scholarships were turned in to them, after which we will start reviewing and judging the applications and select our recipients. We were honored to have our Fifteenth District President, Tammy O'Donnell, attend our March 14, 2024 meeting, and participate in our initiation of new members ceremony. We welcomed 11 of our newly elected 21 members



to our Unit on that date. Welcome all new members. Tammy, it was a pleasure hosting you. April is Military Child Month, and April 15 is Purple Up Day. We have put out the word to our members to come to the Post during Queen of Hearts, clad in purple, so we can get a photo of our members honoring our military children. We're hoping for a good turnout. Hopefully the photo will appear here.



## Unit 3 *Submitted by Dianne Tucker*

ALA unit 3, Bartow gathered items for Buddy Baskets to be donated for veterans moving into housing. Items will be donated to the supportive services for Veteran families of Polk County. We are very thankful to our Post Families for supporting whatever project our unit does.



and Youth Chair, Linda Knoblach-Harkness as they displayed those beautiful bears. The 5th District will be delivering bears, afghans, and quilts to Camp Boggy Creek in early May! The ladies are already working on afghans and quilts for next year!!

## Unit 9 *Submitted by Karen Marks*

Unit 9 President, Karen Marks, contacted a local fabric store and told the owner, Miss Sarah, about Camp Boggy Creek. The owner said she would put together a contest for Boggy Bears. She advertised it on her social media as well as in the store. The contest

lasted one month and when she called Karen, she told her that the ladies had made 68 Boggy Bears. Here is a picture of the bears along with Karen and Department 3rd Vice President, Children



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**Unit 16** Submitted by Kristy Jordan  
Debby Stalbaum with a new owner of a crockpot. Unit 16 had a crockpot drive to help veterans in need.



Unit 16 President at work showing off her purple on April 15 for Military children.



**Unit 138** Submitted by Dawn Davis  
Unit 138 had a very proud moment on March 25th. This day commemorated the 100th birthday of Hugh Gilbert (Buddy) Strickland, our post namesake. Last September, on POW/MIA Day, Tammy Zell began the pursuit of finding "Buddy" who was killed in action during WWII. Using social media and modern technology, the #bringbuddyhome endeavor began. On the 25th, his family,

our Post 138 Family, and the 15th District came together, to "raise the flag" downtown. This was led by a City Councilman and many other government officials. After this ceremony, everyone came to our Post for a reception. We also had the local news cover the event which was part of the nightly news for Channel 13 news in Tampa. It was an amazing day, and we will continue the quest to ring the bells and "Bring Buddy Home."



decided to dedicate the event in her honor to support AEF. We had a preshow meal cooked by our Unit 138 Auxiliary members, and we continued to sell raffle and 50/50 tickets throughout the event. We were fortunate to have some very special celebrity guests. Past Department President Jane Hardacre, Past Department President Michele DeGennaro, and local DJ Jesse Kage had a tough job that evening. The event kicked off with

the National Anthem followed by the first round of contestants. After a lively half time show, the contestants performed again, and the judges deliberated. Our top 3 contestants received a certificate, and the winner received the Golden Microphone. Total proceeds just from the finals was over \$1000 for AEF!! Raising these funds was especially meaningful to our Unit, as two of our own unit members had to utilize AEF just a couple of months prior.

On March 16th, the 15th District Second Annual Legions' Got Talent finale took place. This event was hosted at Post 138. Not only did it highlight what our amazing Unit 138 and Post 138 family, but it also showed such an amazing family that the 15th District has. The finals were scheduled to coincide with the Department President visitation as the benefactor of the fundraiser was her project, AEF. Although President Dee was unable to join us, we



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## Unit 291 *Submitted by Karen Tidwell*

On Monday March 11, 2024 the Executive Board of Unit 291 Steinhatchee presented a check in the amount of \$500.00 to the Stingray's athlete fund. The money will help to purchase uniforms and equipment needed by the students at the local Steinhatchee School.



On Monday March 25, 2024 Jane Feber, President Unit 291 of Steinhatchee presented a check to Carol West with the Dixie County Education Foundation in the amount of \$2,500.00. (Pictured Left to right is Carol West and Jane Feber)

On Monday April 15, 2024 Jane Feber, President of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 291 of Steinhatchee delivered needed items to the Ronald McDonald house in Gainesville. A special thank you to all the members that donated items to help make this happen. (Pictured from left to right is Jane Feber, President Unit 291 and Sherry Houston, CEO of Ronald McDonald House)



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# MEMBERSHIP REPORTS

Membership Reports as of April 26, 2024

## DISTRICT 1

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0075	Crestview	213	0	219	219	102.82%
0193	Pensacola	78	11	55	66	84.62%
0221	Niceville	127	2	170	172	135.43%
0235	Ft Walton Beach	131	1	126	127	96.95%
0240	Pensacola	254	4	218	222	87.40%
0296	Destin	74	2	81	83	112.16%
0340	Pensacola	338	7	331	338	100.00%
0356	Lynn Haven	136	1	130	131	96.32%
0375	Southport	55	2	35	37	67.27%
0378	Gulf Breeze	44	0	58	58	131.82%
0382	Navarre	171	4	175	179	104.68%
0392	Panama City	175	1	176	177	101.14%
0402	Panama City Beach	41	1	47	48	117.07%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>1837</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>1831</b>	<b>1867</b>	<b>101.63%</b>

## DISTRICT 2

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0013	Tallahassee	78	2	68	70	89.74%
0082	Lanark	67	2	69	71	105.97%
0084	Havana	30	13	14	27	90.00%
0100	Marianna	32	4	31	35	109.38%
0217	Quincy	50	2	27	29	58.00%
0241	Sneads	72	13	50	63	87.50%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>329</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>89.67%</b>

## DISTRICT 3

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0049	Monticello	28	0	31	31	110.71%
0057	Lake City	223	8	237	245	109.87%
0107	Live Oak	55	1	56	57	103.64%
0215	Jasper	35	2	33	35	100.00%
0224	Madison	50	0	57	57	114.00%
0291	Steinhatchee	200	3	197	200	100.00%
0383	Old Town	134	3	146	149	111.19%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>725</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>774</b>	<b>106.76%</b>

## DISTRICT 4

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0016	Gainesville	26	0	30	30	115.38%
0027	Ocala	20	1	14	15	75.00%
0058	Dunnellon	29	0	28	28	96.55%
0077	Inverness	68	1	86	87	127.94%
0149	Newberry	31	3	28	31	100.00%
0155	Crystal River	344	5	430	435	126.45%
0166	Homosassa Springs	146	4	185	189	129.45%
0230	Hawthorne	32	3	38	41	128.13%
0236	Bronson	47	0	48	48	102.13%
0237	Beverly Hills	202	0	146	146	72.28%
0284	Bellevue	77	2	71	73	94.81%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>1022</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1126</b>	<b>1145</b>	<b>112.04%</b>

## DISTRICT 5

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0009	Jacksonville	68	2	61	63	92.65%
0054	Fernandina Beach	166	6	253	259	156.02%
0088	Jacksonville	77	1	79	80	103.90%
0129	Jacksonville Beach	359	12	397	409	113.93%
0137	Jacksonville	424	21	418	439	103.54%
0194	St Augustine	69	6	44	50	72.46%
0197	Jacksonville	44	2	45	47	106.82%
0202	Keystone Heights	73	1	72	73	100.00%
0233	Ponte Vedra Beach	176	20	146	166	94.32%
0244	Jacksonville	33	1	29	30	90.91%
0250	Middleburg	310	20	278	298	96.13%
0283	Jacksonville	460	9	476	485	105.43%
0316	Atlantic Beach	370	38	337	375	101.35%
0372	Mandarin	29	0	36	36	124.14%
0373	Orange Park	32	4	20	24	75.00%
0401	Hilliard	49	4	29	33	67.35%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>2739</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>2720</b>	<b>2867</b>	<b>104.67%</b>

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0010	Kissimmee	206	2	214	216	104.85%
0018	Wildwood	21	0	20	20	95.24%
0019	Orlando	109	2	89	91	83.49%
0035	Mount Dora	147	1	141	142	96.60%
0041	Eustis	14	0	9	9	64.29%
0055	Clermont	215	8	259	267	124.19%
0063	Winter Garden	35	0	14	14	40.00%
0080	Saint Cloud	264	16	266	282	106.82%
0101	Bushnell	112	0	113	113	100.89%
0109	Ocoee	13	0	0	0	0.00%
0112	Winter Park	26	3	23	26	100.00%
0183	Fern Park	121	1	108	109	90.08%
0219	Fruitland Park	206	1	223	224	108.74%
0239	Groveland	11	0	19	19	172.73%
0242	Orlando	109	8	108	116	106.42%
0286	Orlando	171	9	166	175	102.34%
0330	Leesburg	69	2	43	45	65.22%
0331	Orlando	14	0	12	12	85.71%
0347	Lady Lake	2563	9	2658	2667	104.06%
0412	Orlando	14	2	6	8	57.14%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>4440</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>4491</b>	<b>4555</b>	<b>102.59%</b>

## DISTRICT 7

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0003	Bartow	78	0	90	90	115.38%
0004	Lakeland	63	4	44	48	76.19%
0008	Winter Haven	601	18	741	759	126.29%
0015	Dade City	22	1	25	26	118.18%
0034	Haines City	78	0	92	92	117.95%
0071	Lake Wales	48	0	34	34	70.83%
0072	Mulberry	166	5	139	144	86.75%
0201	Florence Villa	25	1	22	23	92.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>1081</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1187</b>	<b>1216</b>	<b>112.49%</b>

## DISTRICT 8

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0011	Arcadia	36	0	3	3	8.33%
0024	Bradenton	333	2	330	332	99.70%
0025	Lake Placid	395	0	471	471	119.24%
0030	Sarasota	82	9	65	74	90.24%
0069	Avon Park	720	13	772	785	109.03%
0074	Sebring	132	0	124	124	93.94%
0113	Rotonda West	308	2	346	348	112.99%
0159	Venice	711	2	631	633	89.03%
0254	North Port	119	1	159	160	134.45%
0266	Fruitville	159	2	183	185	116.35%
0309	Palmetto	177	0	199	199	112.43%
0312	Oneco	199	2	112	114	57.29%
0325	Ellenton	200	0	203	203	101.50%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>3571</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>3598</b>	<b>3631</b>	<b>101.68%</b>

## DISTRICT 9

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0092	Hollywood	98	1	80	81	82.65%
0142	Pompano Beach	186	7	156	163	87.63%
0157	Margate	171	7	152	159	92.98%
0162	Deerfield Beach	172	13	143	156	90.70%
0180	Fort Lauderdale	112	0	83	83	74.11%
0209	Dania Beach	18	0	11	11	61.11%
0220	Ft Lauderdale	28	7	16	23	82.14%
0222	Fort Lauderdale	32	0	49	49	153.13%
0287	Deerfield Beach	17	0	21	21	123.53%
0304	Dania	52	2	54	56	107.69%
0310	Hallandale	25	2	30	32	128.00%
0321	Cooper City	230	26	208	234	101.74%
0365	Sunrise	14	2	12	14	100.00%
<b>Total</b>		<b>1155</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>1044</b>	<b>1114</b>	<b>96.45%</b>

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## DISTRICT 11

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0020	Belle Glade	40	2	41	43	107.50%
0047	Lake Worth	75	1	83	84	112.00%
0062	Stuart	548	9	781	790	144.16%
0064	Okeechobee	116	1	94	95	81.90%
0065	Delray Beach	58	7	51	58	100.00%
0141	West Palm Beach	73	5	65	70	95.89%
0164	Boynton Beach	150	13	157	170	113.33%
0199	W Palm Beach	38	0	45	45	118.42%
0268	Riviera Beach	85	4	63	67	78.82%
0271	Tequesta	158	8	180	188	118.99%
0277	Boca Raton	111	0	88	88	79.28%
0288	Boynton Beach	22	5	10	15	68.18%
0367	Royal Palm Beach	28	3	28	31	110.71%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>1502</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>1686</b>	<b>1744</b>	<b>116.11%</b>

## DISTRICT 13

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0038	Fort Myers	37	0	41	41	110.81%
0090	Cape Coral	287	5	349	354	123.34%
0103	Punta Gorda	649	3	823	826	127.27%
0110	Port Charlotte	635	5	489	494	77.80%
0123	Sanibel	41	1	50	51	124.39%
0130	Labelle	152	0	175	175	115.13%
0135	Naples	367	0	386	386	105.18%
0136	Saint James City	516	8	526	534	103.49%
0192	Fort Myers	21	1	18	19	90.48%
0274	Fort Myers Beach	544	0	427	427	78.49%
0303	Bonita Springs	425	13	408	421	99.06%
0323	Lehigh Acres	409	31	400	431	105.38%
0336	N Ft Myers	440	3	547	550	125.00%
0351	Fort Myers	104	3	83	86	82.69%
0415	Punta Gorda	10	0	21	21	210.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>4637</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>4743</b>	<b>4816</b>	<b>103.86%</b>

## DISTRICT 12

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0001	Titusville	277	11	215	226	81.59%
0022	Cocoa	106	0	119	119	112.26%
0039	Vero Beach	207	6	221	227	109.66%
0040	Fort Pierce	185	3	206	209	112.97%
0081	Melbourne	172	4	227	231	134.30%
0117	Palm Bay	514	16	583	599	116.54%
0126	Jensen Beach	195	2	142	144	73.85%
0163	Eau Gallie	220	8	250	258	117.27%
0189	Sebastian	159	0	199	199	125.16%
0191	Melbourne	81	8	52	60	74.07%
0200	Satellite Beach	171	9	147	156	91.23%
0318	Port St Lucie	1154	3	1482	1485	128.68%
0344	Merritt Island	47	3	24	27	57.45%
0348	Cape Canaveral	211	3	250	253	119.91%
0358	White City	69	0	71	71	102.90%
0359	Port St John	358	10	351	361	100.84%
0366	Barefoot Bay	69	8	46	54	78.26%
0394	Palm Bay	208	2	300	302	145.19%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>4403</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>4885</b>	<b>4981</b>	<b>113.13%</b>

## DISTRICT 14

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0028	Key West	57	0	52	52	91.23%
0031	South Miami	171	4	146	150	87.72%
0043	Homestead	57	1	31	32	56.14%
0067	North Miami	42	0	32	32	76.19%
0098	Coral Gables	16	0	12	12	75.00%
0133	Miami	63	8	46	54	85.71%
0154	Marathon	146	2	148	150	102.74%
0168	Key West	23	0	17	17	73.91%
0333	Key Largo	78	0	71	71	91.03%
0346	Miami	19	0	18	18	94.74%
0374	Key Biscayne	42	0	33	33	78.57%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>714</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>86.97%</b>

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UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0005	Tampa	38	1	25	26	68.42%
0099	Brooksville	21	1	32	33	157.14%
0108	Land O' Lakes	10	0	19	19	190.00%
0111	Tampa	54	0	44	44	81.48%
0138	Tampa	483	9	653	662	137.06%
0139	Tampa	58	0	102	102	175.86%
0147	Odessa	44	0	37	37	84.09%
0148	Riverview	209	5	219	224	107.18%
0152	Tampa	250	7	264	271	108.40%
0167	Tampa	16	1	7	8	50.00%
0186	Brooksville	369	0	390	390	105.69%
0248	West Tampa	15	1	14	15	100.00%
0418	Spring Hill	10	3	35	38	380.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>1577</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1841</b>	<b>1869</b>	<b>118.52%</b>

## DISTRICT 17

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0006	Deland	104	0	114	114	109.62%
0017	New Smyrna Beach	212	1	203	204	96.23%
0045	Palatka	31	1	41	42	135.48%
0115	Palm Coast	40	0	41	41	102.50%
0120	Holly Hill	216	3	196	199	92.13%
0127	Lake Helen	24	1	15	16	66.67%
0255	Deltona	25	7	21	28	112.00%
0259	Debary	28	6	34	40	142.86%
0267	Ormond Beach	229	2	219	221	96.51%
0270	Port Orange	175	2	211	213	121.71%
0285	Edgewater	125	1	159	160	128.00%
0361	S Daytona	226	6	267	273	120.80%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>1435</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1526</b>	<b>1556</b>	<b>108.43%</b>

## DISTRICT 16

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0007	Clearwater	249	3	264	267	107.23%
0014	St Petersburg	117	3	136	139	118.80%
0046	Tarpon Springs	10	2	20	22	220.00%
0079	New Port Richey	458	25	427	452	98.69%
0104	Pinellas Park	255	7	309	316	123.92%
0119	Largo	360	15	342	357	99.17%
0125	St Petersburg	297	26	277	303	102.02%
0158	Treasure Island	256	0	325	325	126.95%
0173	Holiday	259	4	292	296	114.29%
0238	Safety Harbor	314	7	377	384	122.29%
0252	Seminole	1065	7	1233	1240	116.43%
0273	Madeira Beach	3428	6	3744	3750	109.39%
0275	Dunedin	981	5	1191	1196	121.92%
0305	St Pete Beach	150	0	157	157	104.67%
0335	Hudson	96	5	81	86	89.58%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>8295</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>9175</b>	<b>9290</b>	<b>112.00%</b>

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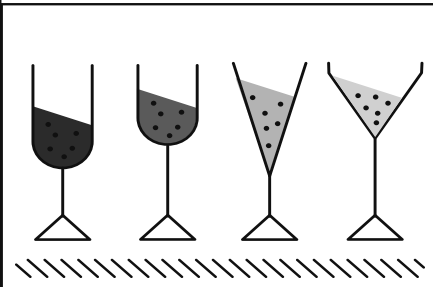
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