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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.

UPCOMING EVENTS JUNE - JULY 2023

3	District 3 Constitutional Conference
3	Special Unit Training @ Unit 266
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JANE HARDACRE



Hello all my COLORFUL Auxiliary members!

April ended with the ALA Department of Florida finance meeting. I would like to thank the Finance Committee members, the Risk & Compliance Chairman, and the Headquarters staff. This is a four-day business

meeting to prepare your Department's budget for the upcoming 2023-2024 year. We will be presenting this to the General Membership at Department Convention.

May came in with a visit to District 7. These members live in mostly rural areas. They work together as a Legion family with feeding the community, sponsoring children & youth events, and give back to their veterans! They are hard-working, patriotic members who color our world!

One Unit gathered cereal for the local school. Feeding children was no problem for them! Another Unit feeds the community of Polk & some of Highlands counties. When the FAMILY works together, the FAMILY thrives together. When the veterans of a community needed clothing and toiletries, one Unit said #colormethere by purchasing these items. Thank you, District 7 for coloring our world!

Next on the visitation schedule was District 14. This district is really working hard to strengthen the Units, and the District. They hold fundraisers for sick members who have to leave the Keys and drive to Miami for

treatment. They purchase poppies for distribution and then use the donated money to help our veterans and their families. Miami Units hold events for the local children, such as trunk & treat, Valentine's Day parties, and of course holiday gifts!

These dedicated members never forget our teachers, fire fighters, first responders, and law enforcement. They show their appreciation through cards, gifts, and food! Thank you for a "Let The Good Times Roll" visit with you all!

I wanted to take the time to talk about truly giving back. Unit 136 Pine Island was hit by Hurricane Ian. Both the post home, and the Legion Family members, suffered damage. Through your generous donations to the Auxiliary Emergency Fund and in-kind donations, members of this community were helped. Well...at the Children & Youth picnic in April, this Unit wanted to give back. In thanks, and gratitude to all who gave, this Unit voted to donate a check in the amount of \$1,355.00 made payable to the Department of Florida Auxiliary Emergency Fund!! Pine Island, you are a loving and generous, and strong group of members! Thank you, thank you, thank you!!

As my year is drawing to a close, I cannot thank you enough for saying #colormethere and taking this journey with me. My mentors, friends, and fellow members.....

Thank you for **COLORING** my world!!

A graphic for the Commander's & President's Red White Blue Fling event. It features a stylized American flag on the left and the event title in large, bold, block letters. The text "Commander's & President's" is in a script font above "RED WHITE BLUE FLING".

TICKETS \$60 | COCKTAIL HOUR 6:30 PM | WEAR RED, WHITE, BLUE

INTERNATIONAL BALLROOM

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JUNE 16 2023

MEMBERSHIP

STACY CUSANO



You all sure have been painting the town for our veterans! We currently have 41,768 Members paid for 2023! We have recruited 5,750 new members! We have 1 unit that has reached over 200% in membership! We have 125 units that have reached or exceed their 100% membership goal.

Our units held MANY events across Florida. From Key West to Escambia! They held hosted initiations for new members, presented continuous years membership pins, hosted bingo, dances, talent shows and dinners. They held membership drives at their local events. They participated in Trunk or Treats, Christmas Parties and Valentines cards for children. They hosted lunches for our active duty, first responders and educators. They made bears for Camp Boggie Creek, held

membership drives and painted Veterans House. We have had some AMAZING events.

Our next membership goal is 105% by May 31, 2023! Many of our units are already there. What can you do to reach this goal? You can call members to see if they need assistance paying their renewal. You can ask a Legionaries if they have a relative that might be interested in joining.

How are you honoring your District's Past Department President? Get with your District and start preparing for the Membership Parade at Department Convention. Lets COLOR the room and celebrate a job well done! If you have photos that you would like to share on the screen for the membership parade, please email them to membershipchairman@alafl.org. Please include the District and Unit number.

SAL SQUADRON 5

BRIAN FUERST

Memorial Day Service to Honor the Fallen - May 29, 2023

Hosted by The American Legion Cemetery Corporation & The American Legion "U.S.S. Tampa" Post 5 Families

May 15, 2023 – The American Legion "U.S.S. Tampa" Post 5 invites the community to its Memorial Day event with family-friendly environment to show support for our military's sacrifices. The two-day event begins with Luminaries at 8:00 p.m., Sunday, May 28th and concludes Monday, May 29th with the Memorial Service from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The ceremonies are at the American Legion, "U.S.S. Tampa" Post 5 located at 3810 W. Kennedy Boulevard, Tampa, Florida 33609.

This year centers on "Be the One" to eliminate the stigma related to mental health treatment, and in turn, lower the number of veterans who die by suicide every day. We honor those who have fallen and are still in the battle for their lives. This focus is in collaboration on

the goals of the American Legion National Commander and Ellsworth "Tony" Williams (American Legion Post 5 member and Veterans Counseling Veterans founder). Veterans Counseling Veterans, Inc., (VCV) is a veteran-led nonprofit providing training, education, advocacy, mentorship, and service (TEAMS) to veterans and their families in the areas of mental wellness and suicide prevention.

The number of veterans who die by suicide every day is estimated at between 17 and 22. The American Legion has elevated Be the One to be its top priority, empowering veterans, servicemembers, their family members and civilians to act appropriately when a veteran may be at risk. This event intends to bring more awareness to the problem while providing resources to those who may be able to help save the life of a veteran.

Sunday's luminary observance requests that friends

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and family come out any time after 8:00 p.m. and have a moment of silence at the cemetery after sunset. No official ceremony will be presented. The Luminaries will be left out for visitations throughout the night with no official service or ceremony. The sight of all the candles lit is breathtaking and a symbol that we will never forget for our tomorrow, they gave their today. Volunteers will set up starting at 5:30 p.m.

The Memorial Service is organized by the American Legion Cemetery Corporation President Alyse Duffy and presented by Terry Doan (American Legion Post 5 Member and Board Member of the Cemetery) as the Master of Ceremonies. The first guest speaker will be Emily Peake, District winner of the American Legion Oratorical Contest, a sophomore at Cambridge Christian School, and placed 3rd in the Department of Florida Oratorical Contest as the youngest contestant.

The second guest speaker will be Lt. Col. Jeremy "Scooby" J.C. Shoop (ret.) was a career Special Tactics Officer and served within Special Operations for three decades, the mainly as a plankholder with the 123rd Special Tactics Squadron, an Air Force Special Operations Command unit. The ceremony will include special guests from the Boys State and Girls State Delegations. The invocation will be performed by Chaplain (Colonel) Eric J. Albertson is the US Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) Command Chaplain as a special staff officer responsible for providing strategic guidance on spiritual, religious, and ethical matters pertaining to the force. Vocal tributes by Gail Cooper, American Legion Unit 5 member. The raising of the flags to full staff will still take place at the closing of the ceremony at 12:00pm (noon) to memorialize

those who gave their lives serving the United States of America.

Feel free to bring a flag Monday and show support by flag waving along Kennedy Boulevard. Wreath registration is available if your group would like to place a remembrance wreath during the Post Everlasting portion of the ceremony to be part of the Roll Call. If any group would like to place their organization's personalized remembrance wreath in the ceremony, bring it to the registration table between 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. on Memorial Day. All branches of the military will be represented, as well as the remembrance wreaths announcement.

Since 1922 the American Legion has been honoring the fallen with a Memorial Day Service. The event provides a venue for all ages to give thanks for our military's sacrifices. The significance of the cost our soldiers have come to bear to preserve our way of life and the freedoms granted by their choices will never be forgotten. We asked them to give their all...they did. They ask to be remembered one day a year, and we will.



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CHAPLAIN

RUTH BURGESS



Many of our Units send a donation to the Scholarship Fund to honor a deceased member. Individuals also send donations to honor a loved one or friend who has passed. Donations should not be sent to the Department Chaplain. They should go directly to Auxiliary Headquarters accompanied by the Scholarship Fund Donation Form Used to Honor a Deceased Person Only. I have attached a scan of the form. If anyone wishes to honor a living person, there is a separate form. Both forms are available on the ALAFL.org website under the section named Resources for Unit Treasurers. I pray this will clear up the confusion. The Action Plan will be amended to correct its language.

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." - Psalm 23:4

O God, who art the only source of health and healing, the spirit of calm and peace of this universe, grant unto us such a consciousness of your indwelling and surrounding presence that we may permit you to give us health and strength and peace. Amen. Lutheran Prayerbook

Our dearly departed Sisters, by district:

Tiffany Zicarn	1	Marcia Wells	8	Betty Langel	13	Beverly A DeVeau	16
Arodine Drayton	2	William Ells	8	JoAnn Oien	13	Alice Patton	16
Bernice Crooms	2	Hernietta Gambardella	9	Cheryl Riley	13	Patricia A Flemming	16
Amanda Robinson	2	Loretta Hartley	9	Ileene Rollins Fay	13	Andrea McIntire	16
Aridene Drasyton	2	Auroria Correa	9	Ethel Gilbert	13	Rose C St. John	16
Kay Cole	5	Muery Barrett	11	Phyllis Yeagers	13	Barbara Niemra	16
Frances Leitner	5	Glennis Vitali	12	Donarae Hill	13	Claudia Mlsna "CJ"	16
Margaret P Hutchinson	6	Judy Silvaroli	12	Mary Simpson	13	Sharon Thiele	16
Barbara Hyman	6	Audrey Smith	12	Jan Beck	13	Carolyn DuMoulin	16
Sandy Davis	6	Barbara Morton	12	Deborah Robinson	13	Amber Young	16
Lynn Ness	6	Cindy Engel	12	Patricia Kline	13	Cher Easley	16
Beth Greenwaldt	6	Frances G Ohrt	12	Carol Tramutola	14	Sharon Shelton	16
Tamara Peterson	7	Mildred Canada	12	Paricia Gladieux	14	Susan Gilley	16
Lee Harty	7	E Judy Donatelli	12	Carol Voges	14	Janey Nolan	17
Eula M Watters	7	Mary Monk	12	Claudette S Vigliante	14	Charlotte Cucinitti	17
Laurie Uff	8	Inge Walker	12	Gloria Byrtek	15	Lorna Marks	17
Theresa M Hanna	8	Karen Benson	12	Betty Lou Bennett	15	Janet Nolan	17
Patricia Kowniecke	8	Helen Harrison	12	Eileen Kelleher	15	Charlotte Cucinith	17
Geraldine L Rahl	8	Kathryn O'Connor	12	Joan Weiss	16	Brenda Chapin	17

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

★ *We make
a difference!* ★

3.2 million hours volunteered in serving veterans
and military

Nearly 8,000 local Auxiliary units

Nearly \$7 million raised and spent on youth,
scholarships, communities

\$1 million in scholarships awarded

A COMMUNITY OF VOLUNTEERS SERVING VETERANS, MILITARY, AND THEIR FAMILIES

We know that military service is a sacrifice for the whole family, so ALA members quietly look for ways to ease the burden — whatever it takes to get that family back on their feet physically, mentally, socially, and vocationally. If we don't have the resources, we connect military families with our partners who do.

In honoring our veterans, one of our core values is to demonstrate and pass on respect for our country and our nation's flag. We promote patriotic youth programs, most notably the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State and Girls Nation programs, held regionally and nationally, along with education programs, contests, and scholarships in local school systems.

Making our communities better places in which to live is another core value put into action by American Legion Auxiliary members every day across the country. Whether hosting a stand down to bring vital health and support services to homeless veterans, or coordinating a send-off or welcome-home event for a deployed military unit, ALA members are continuously at work in their communities, demonstrating the compassion and heart we have for those who serve our country and protect our freedoms.

WHO CAN JOIN?

RELATIONSHIP TO VETERAN:



- MOTHER
- DAUGHTER
- SISTER
- GRANDMOTHER
- GRANDDAUGHTER
- SELF — FEMALE VETERANS WHO HAVE SERVED
- MALE or FEMALE SPOUSE

ELIGIBILITY PERIODS: April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918; and any time after December 7, 1941

TWO PATHS FOR ALA ELIGIBILITY

PATH ONE

The potential member is related to a living veteran by one of the relationships stated above and the veteran is living AND a current member of The American Legion.



If the potential member is a female veteran, she only needs to have served during the eligible time periods to be eligible for ALA membership.

PATH TWO

The potential member is related to a deceased veteran who served during the eligible time periods and was honorably discharged.



The deceased veteran did not have to be a member of The American Legion in order for the potential member to join the ALA.

OUR DISTRICTS AND UNITS

DISTRICT 2



District 2 - On April 22nd District 2 Constitutional Conference was held at Post 241 in Sneads with eighteen in attendance. The event was co-hosted by Units 100 and 241. Muriel Kweyama was elected as 2023/2024 District 2 President.

DISTRICT 4



District 4 - District 4 DCC May 6, 2023 - Janet Woods was elected District 4 President 2023-2024. Anne Parker, Unit 27, Ocala was elected to be the delegate to the 2023 ALA National Convention and Deborah Ballew, Unit 166, Homosassa was elected as the alternate. 23 members attended from 7 Units. Seven awards were given: District 4 Unit of the Year 3rd Place - Unit 155 Crystal River; District 4 Unit of the Year 2nd Place - Unit 237 Beverly Hills; District 4 Unit of the Year - Unit 77 Inverness; District 4 Best YE Reports Narratives - Unit 166 Homosassa; District 4 First Place for Membership (124%) - Unit 16 Gainesville; District 4 Most New Members (70) - Unit 155 Crystal River; District 4 Soap Sack Award (165) - Unit 284 Belleview

DISTRICT 4



District 4 - A memorial service was held honoring members who passed away from May 2021 - April 2023. Anne Parker, District 4 Chaplain, read the names of each of 38 deceased members and rang a bell as representatives from each Unit placed white roses in vases flanked by balsam candles.



District 4 - District 4 President Natalie Scott and newly elected District 4 President for 2023-2024 Janet Woods, Unit 77 Inverness



District 4 - Natalie Scott, District 4 President and Debbie Ballew, District Secretary



District 4 - District 4 Award recipients: Deborah Ballew, Unit 166 Homosassa; Natallie Scott, District 4 President; Michelle Cavalieri, Unit 237 Beverly Hills; Sharon Leard, Unit 284 Belleview; Eileen Harrison, Unit 155 CRYSTAL RIVER; Karen Simpson, Unit 77 Inverness

DISTRICT 11

District 11-District 11 held its annual constitutional conference at unit 268 in Rivera Beach. Auxiliary members that we lost the past year were honored by each units president placing a carnation at the head table before the meeting began. Awards were handed out to the units who outdid their counterparts and wrote the best Narrative with their annual report. And for the overall best unit in the district. Congratulations to all the units in District 11 for all of hard work that has been done to honor our veterans.



DISTRICT 11



DISTRICT 12

District 12 - The Vietnam Traveling Wall is a memorial that is a reminder of the sacrifices made by servicemen and servicewomen during the Vietnam war. Its purpose is to help heal and rekindle friendships and to allow people to visit their loved ones in their own town - instead of making the trip to Washington, D.C.

The Vietnam Traveling Wall will be displayed at Wickham Park in Melbourne, Florida from April 30-May 7, 2023. Several members of the Frank B. Huddleston American Legion #81 in Melbourne, Florida had the honor of escorting the Wall as it traveled to its place at Wickham Park. Other members participated in a Wreath ceremony at the site of the Wall. Members of the Legion - as well as Auxiliary, Sons, and Riders were in attendance to show respect for those who were involved in this war. Hundreds of people came out to take part in the ceremony and pay respect. Thousands will come to see the Wall...

God bless all who served and especially those who gave their lives for their country. Pictured with Auxiliary wreath: Tammy Creel, Exec. Board member, Linda Arnold, Lynn Givens, Rhonda Laginess, Karla Riley, Secretary,

Ginny Jellison, Karen Dodds, Treasurer/membership, and Joyce Cirigliano, Past President. Dave Riley and Terry Zrutzkie presenting the Legion wreath. Kevin Creel and Tony Laginess represent the Sons. Bill Arnold and JD Givens present wreaths behalf of the Riders. JD and Joyce Cirigliano at the ceremony. Dave Riley rendered "Taps" at the ceremony. All members of Post #81 in Melbourne, Florida proudly honoring Vietnam heroes.



DISTRICT 12

District 12 - Memorial Day and Flag Day made me think of how I can show my Americanism this year. So I would like to thank Jennifer(JT) Trefelner for the wonderful idea of a Flag Challenge.

I first thought I would handout 5 or 10 certificates, then I contemplated 25. But in the end, 100 was the magic number!! I started on a mission locate 100 businesses or homes that had American flags flying. I wrote those down and kept track of them at home. Driving back and forth to worker to the store, I looked for heroes in my home town of PalmBay and Melbourne, FL.

As my husband and I started giving out certificates,I saw smiles people's faces and knew how much the flag meant to them. Many shared stories of a loved one in the service. Some gave me flags that needed to be surrendered. I even told one woman that I would purchase a new flag for her and she nearly cried!

Some flag are large; some are small. Some are painted on buildings while others are on table tops. Any form of Americanism is awesome and appreciated! We love our Veterans for all they did for us!

I am still in the process of getting to my 100flag goal but I will complete it! I challenge any other auxiliary member do the same! Let's light up our world with the red, white, and blue! #colormethere



UNIT 62

Unit 62 - Southeast Florida Honor Flight had an amazing trip April 15. 78 veterans and guardians had an emotional day visiting all the memorials and Arlington National Cemetery. We had front row seats for the Changing of the Guard ceremony and despite the forecasts the weather was perfect and allowed for a successful day of honor. Afterwards Unit 62 presented a donation of \$3,500 to the Board members of Southeast Florida Honor Flight.



Unit 62 - Members of Unit 62 were a little rowdy on April 15. They were acting out a western murder mystery. One guest even won a 100 grand!!!! Dinner was provided with ticket purchase and monies raised will go to the Wreaths Across America fund.



UNIT 125



UNIT 217

Unit 217 - Unit 217, Quincy, honored one of its own on March 13th with a dinner: Ms. Ora Green for 60 years consecutive Auxiliary membership, all at Unit 217. She is a retired school teacher who taught 58 years with Gadsden Co. School System. She is a past Unit President and unit chairman of various programs. At her young age age of 94, she continues to attend meetings and serve when called upon. Pictured left to right: Shirley Crawford, Unit 217 President, Kathee Coughlin, Past Department President, Ms. Ora, Kaye Brown, District 2 President.



UNIT 241

Unit 241 - On May 12th at Hurlburt Air Force Field located in the Florida Panhandle hosted the retirement of the "MC-140H Talon II". Pictured: Kaye Brown (Unit 241) with her family; son-in-law Captain Jason Ayers who has flown this aircraft for approximately 12 years of his 16 years in the Air Force. Kaye proudly accompanied her family wearing the Friday T-Shirt.



UNIT 283

Unit 283 - April Showers bring May flowers!!!!!! What??? Well, a Military baby Shower on April 22nd in Lake City Florida brought quite a few new Military Moms to be, a little bit of sunshine. The VA at Lake City held a drive thru baby shower on that Saturday. There were many sponsors who donated items for the event.

Unit 283 donated crocheted baby blankets that were made by 2 of our unit members. Our unit also provided baby hats, mittens, bottle warmers and some baby bottles. Unit President Yvette Moore and member Suella Reynolds participated and helped hand out bags of items along with canned baby formula, pampers, baby wipes and numerous small items.

WAIT!! WAIT!! WAIT !! LETS BACKUP to the beginning...

As each car signed in, they were given a certificate and a tag was put on their windshield.

Blue Sticker (boy), pink sticker (girl), yellow sticker they didn't know yet. Next station was a shopping bag of items designated by blue, pink, yellow tissue paper. Next station was baby formula, bottles, and a bag with blankets, onesies, hats, newborn clothes. On to the next station which were big items.

A baby bath tub, car seats, booster seats, pampers and baby wipes. WOOH, almost to the end. The final tent had snacks for them for their trip back home. There were families that came all the way from Waycross GA for this wonderful event. Others when ask were from Tallahassee, Jacksonville, Gainesville, Lake City. What a great day we all had helping our military. Yes our unit is gearing up and collecting items for the next shower.



Unit 283 - On Saturday May 6th 2023, Unit 283 Legislative Chairman Yvette Moore and Suella Reynolds attended the PACT ACT Information Forum at the VY STAR Veterans Memorial Arena in Jacksonville. The PACT ACT (Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxins) is a historical new law that expands VA Health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxic substances.

During the forum, the speaker explained the burn pits as well as the other toxins that have been and are still affecting our military. In speaking of the burn pits he said that many do not realize that the smoke and toxins from these pits was not just on the ground up into the air and spread.

There are new presumptive illnesses that are being associated with Agent Orange that was still used a bit after the end of the Vietnam War.

There was quite a bit of good information given to those who attended as well as they had Veteran Service Officers there to help with the veterans who brought paperwork about their claims for medical conditions.

It was a very informative power point and at the 5th District meeting on May 7th a report was given and the information shared



UNIT 283

Unit 283 - Fabulous Breakfast Crew

Once again our fabulous breakfast crew did an outstanding job, cooking and serving a buffet that was so yummy.

If you need any references to how good this breakfast buffet is just ask any of the First Responders who attend. You know they are there enjoying the breakfast by just seeing the Emergency response equipment in the parking lot early during breakfast hours.

Their breakfast buffet had 5 different stations. Let's start at the beginning. Yes, Linda will make your eggs to order, sunny side up, hard, over mediumetc. Linda has this down pat and as always with a smile.

Next let's move on to Gina and her delicious pancakes!! Write it down, plain, peanut butter, strawberry, chocolate, and blueberry or mix it up. No one makes Gina nervous if they want a multi-item pancake!!

Okay we finally made it to the buffet line. Get a plate or to go box because there's a ton of food to choose from.

FOLLOW ME DOWN THE LINE!!!!

Scrambled eggs, grits (cheese you can add), potatoes, corn beef hash, biscuits, sausage gravy, toast, bacon, sausage links or patties. I know it's a tough decision to make. Bet ya think that's the end.

Well you are mistaken!! I know you have to be thinking is there actually more to this buffet. Well yes there is. There's the breakfast pastry area, it changes from Sunday to Sunday. But now that you have all this food you need something to wash it all down. Lets see, milk, white or chocolate, orange juice, ice water and the life blood of many attending is the coffee area. Yes, Tony, as he refers to himself, the kitchen manager, keeps the coffee stocked and condiments filled. You know, none of this wonderful food for our patrons would be there if it weren't for our fabulous cooks in the kitchen keeping the fresh hot food coming. I know the servers and kitchen staff change from month to month, meal to meal. But our regulars are a constant. So if you are a member of Unit 283 and would like to volunteers our regulars would love the help. Many hands make the task lighter.

Thank you to our regular cooks, servers, helpers; Vicki, Linda, Patti, Gina, Heidi, Kelly, Tracy, and we can't forget Tony.



UNIT 291

Unit 291 - On May 8, 2023 American Legion Auxiliary Unit 291 of Steinhatchee celebrated Teachers Week for the Steinhatchee School. There are only 8 teachers in the school. At convention last year we purchased the Auxiliary insulated lunch bags to use this year. Each lunch bag contained an insulated cup, an Auxiliary cook book, lots of snacks and a thank you card with a gas card enclosed. Picture from left to right is Karen Tidwell, President Unit 291 and Jimmy Bray, Principle of the Steinhatchee School.



UNIT 356

Unit 356 - Unit 356 in Lynn Haven put on a second chance prom! What a great way of getting everyone dressed up and joining together in fellowship.



UNIT 382

Unit 382 - Post, Unit, Squadron! This makes us family! What a great way to work together for membership and to let our community know what we are all about. Way to go 382 Navarre. Thanks for showing us how working together works!



UNIT 392

Unit 392 - A 100th birthday party was held at Clifford C. Sims State Veterans Nursing Home for Maxine Mann on May 22, 2023. She is a WWII Navy WAVE, Seaman Second Class (1943 - 1945) Veteran and repaired aircraft instruments. Maxine was smiles and happy with approximately 35 people in attendance. Over 100 cards were received and everyone had an opportunity to present her with birthday cards and to chat with her for a few moments. She was also, featured on the local news at 5:00 pm and 10:00 pm. Honoring Maxine from District 1 in attendance were Nanette Sullivan, Department of Florida Representative for Clifford C. Sims, Karen Azzaro, ALA Unit 392 and Gregg Pennington, AL Post 392. Two (2) other Sims residents, Mr. Johnson who is 102 and Ms. Jean Strickland who is 100 attended Maxine's 100th birthday celebration.



UNIT 392

Unit 392 - Auxiliary members Nannette Sullivan and Karen Azzaro helped Maxine Mann celebrate her 100th birthday at Clifford Chester Sims State Nursing Home today and she received over 100 cards. Thank you to all that signed and sent cards. Maxine was joined by two other Centennials, Jean Strickland (100) and Mr. Johnson (102). They are amazing. The Fleet Reserve presented Maxine with a certificate and FDVA representative presented Maxine with a medal from the Governor. Wonderful afternoon. #colormethere



UNIT 402

Unit 402 - Our April 18th Unit 402 membership drive meeting with Commander Troy Lawson of Panama City Naval School! Much pride for our National Security, Veterans and First Responders we get to meet at these quarterly Luncheons hosted by Texas Road House and A Superior Air Conditioning! Pictured is President Mary Tarrant and Linda Bowers. #colormethere



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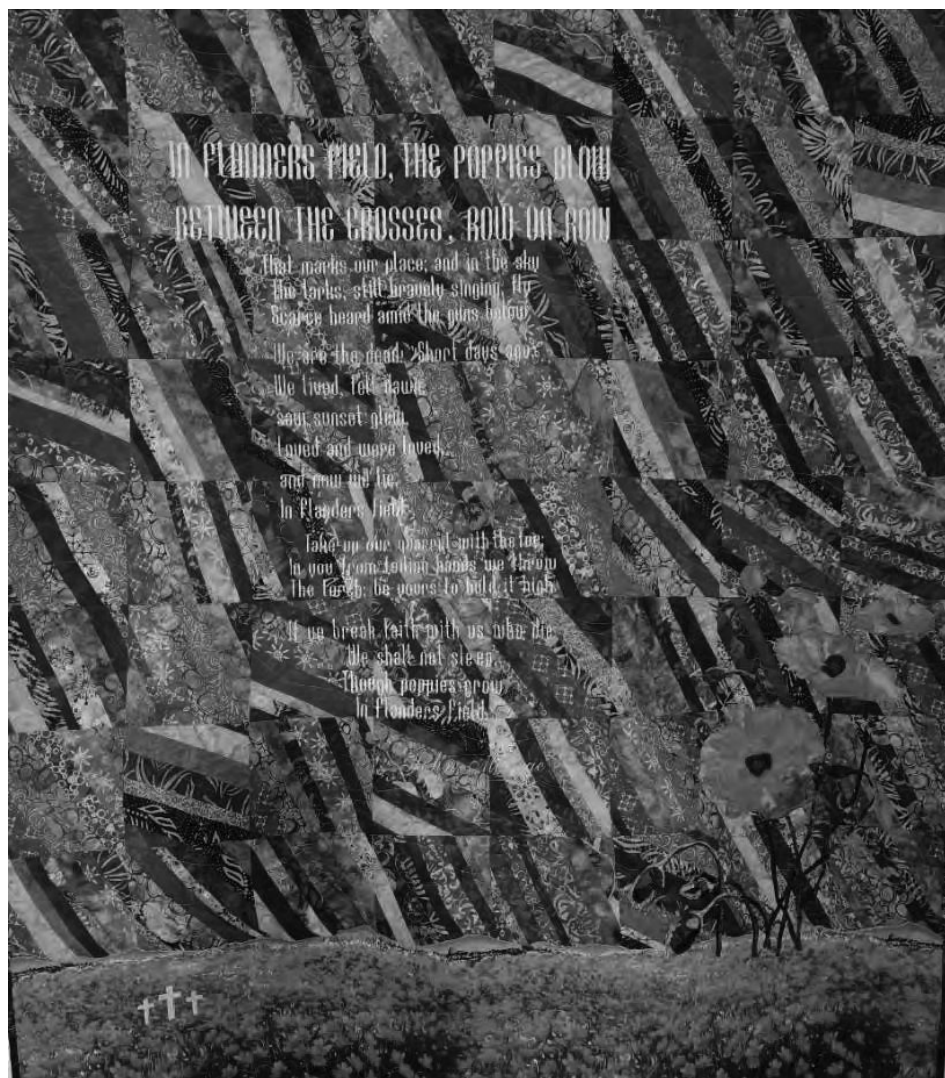
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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
Junior Activities



Honorary Junior Officer - Department of FL
Junior Intent to Run Form

Junior members intending to become a candidate for an Honorary Junior office shall file with the Department Junior Activities Chairman: _____

by (date) _____. Candidates must be a Junior ALA of FL member, in good standing and have proof that their _____ (year) dues has been paid.

I, (name) _____ **Junior Membership #** _____
hereby declare my intention to become a candidate for the Office of Honorary Department Junior _____ for the year **2023 - 2024**.

Please tell us in 75 words or less, why you are qualified to serve in this capacity and qualified to serve. (other side if needed)

- _____ I understand that I may be invited to future functions & meetings and my photo may be used on social media and in public relations forums.
- _____ I understand that my participation is voluntary and not required.
- _____ I understand that I may be asked to attend Unit, District & Department functions, meetings, conferences, schools of instruction, conventions etc.. as a representative of the Junior Activities Committee and are at least 8 Years Old.
- _____ I understand that if elected, I shall not travel as a representative of the Department of Florida; unless authorized by the Unit, District or Department of Florida.
- _____ I solemnly swear that I am qualified to hold an Honorary office, I'm a member in good standing of the American Legion Auxiliary, considered a Jr. member because of my age, will not knowingly participate in any fraudulent campaign practices and will follow the Jr. Code of Conduct.

Signature: _____ DOB _____

Address: _____ Phone # _____

Unit # _____ District # _____ Dept. of Florida

Parents Signature: _____ Date _____

MEMBERSHIP REPORTS

MAY 26, 2023

DISTRICT 1

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0075	Crestview	212	0	219	219	103.30%
0193	Pensacola	77	14	55	69	89.61%
0221	Niceville	126	2	148	150	119.05%
0235	Ft Walton Beach	130	4	133	137	105.38%
0240	Pensacola	253	6	234	240	94.86%
0296	Destin	73	4	82	86	117.81%
0340	Pensacola	337	6	322	328	97.33%
0356	Lynn Haven	135	1	136	137	101.48%
0375	Southport	54	0	41	41	75.93%
0378	Gulf Breeze	43	0	51	51	118.60%
0382	Navarre	170	4	173	177	104.12%
0392	Panama City	174	4	188	192	110.34%
0402	Panama City Beach	40	0	45	45	112.50%
TOTALS		1824	45	1827	1872	102.63%

DISTRICT 2

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0013	Tallahassee	77	1	68	69	89.61%
0082	Lanark	66	2	73	75	113.64%
0084	Havana	29	13	13	26	89.66%
0100	Marianna	31	4	28	32	103.23%
0217	Quincy	49	3	37	40	81.63%
0241	Sneads	71	18	50	68	95.77%
TOTALS		323	41	269	310	95.98%

DISTRICT 3

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0049	Monticello	27	0	33	33	122.22%
0057	Lake City	222	7	225	232	104.50%
0107	Live Oak	54	1	65	66	122.22%
0215	Jasper	34	2	32	34	100.00%
0224	Madison	49	0	53	53	108.16%
0291	Steinhatchee	199	3	209	212	106.53%
0383	Old Town	133	3	146	149	112.03%
TOTALS		718	16	763	779	108.50%

DISTRICT 4

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0016	Gainesville	25	0	31	31	124.00%
0027	Ocala	19	1	16	17	89.47%
0058	Dunnellon	28	0	25	25	89.29%
0077	Inverness	67	1	73	74	110.45%
0149	Newberry	30	3	29	32	106.67%
0155	Crystal River	343	5	401	406	118.37%
0166	Homosassa Springs	145	2	162	164	113.10%
0210	Ocala	11	0	10	10	90.91%
0230	Hawthorne	31	4	29	33	106.45%
0236	Bronson	46	0	40	40	86.96%
0237	Beverly Hills	201	0	206	206	102.49%
0284	Bellevue	76	2	77	79	103.95%
TOTALS		1022	18	1099	1117	109.30%

DISTRICT 5						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0009	Jacksonville	67	3	56	59	88.06%
0054	Fernandina Beach	165	4	217	221	133.94%
0088	Jacksonville	76	1	82	83	109.21%
0129	Jacksonville Beach	358	11	367	378	105.59%
0137	Jacksonville	423	18	435	453	107.09%
0194	St Augustine	68	5	52	57	83.82%
0197	Jacksonville	43	6	48	54	125.58%
0202	Keystone Heights	72	1	89	90	125.00%
0233	Ponte Vedra Beach	175	31	134	165	94.29%
0244	Jacksonville	32	4	37	41	128.13%
0250	Middleburg	309	28	286	314	101.62%
0283	Jacksonville	459	10	475	485	105.66%
0316	Atlantic Beach	369	42	327	369	100.00%
0372	Mandarin	28	1	30	31	110.71%
0373	Orange Park	31	5	26	31	100.00%
0401	Hilliard	48	3	38	41	85.42%
TOTALS		2723	173	2699	2872	105.47%

DISTRICT 6						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0010	Kissimmee	205	0	196	196	95.61%
0018	Wildwood	20	0	20	20	100.00%
0019	Orlando	108	4	94	98	90.74%
0035	Mount Dora	146	1	132	133	91.10%
0041	Eustis	13	0	10	10	76.92%
0055	Clermont	214	6	250	256	119.63%
0063	Winter Garden	34	0	22	22	64.71%
0080	Saint Cloud	263	16	264	280	106.46%
0101	Bushnell	111	1	111	112	100.90%
0109	Ocoee	12	2	10	12	100.00%
0112	Winter Park	25	2	25	27	108.00%
0183	Fern Park	120	6	118	124	103.33%
0219	Fruitland Park	205	2	236	238	116.10%
0239	Groveland	10	0	11	11	110.00%
0242	Orlando	108	8	96	104	96.30%
0286	Orlando	170	8	153	161	94.71%
0330	Leesburg	68	6	59	65	95.59%
0331	Orlando	13	0	27	27	207.69%
0347	Lady Lake	2562	10	2538	2548	99.45%
0412	Orlando	13	2	10	12	92.31%
TOTALS		4420	74	4382	4456	100.81%

DISTRICT 7						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0003	Bartow	77	0	78	78	101.30%
0004	Lakeland	62	3	44	47	75.81%
0008	Winter Haven	600	9	649	658	109.67%
0015	Dade City	21	0	12	12	57.14%
0034	Haines City	77	0	89	89	115.58%
0071	Lake Wales	47	0	42	42	89.36%
0072	Mulberry	165	5	140	145	87.88%
0201	Florence Villa	24	1	21	22	91.67%
TOTALS		1073	18	1075	1093	101.86%

DISTRICT 8						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0011	Arcadia	35	10	35	45	128.57%
0024	Bradenton	332	11	303	314	94.58%
0025	Lake Placid	394	2	457	459	116.50%
0030	Sarasota	81	9	70	79	97.53%
0069	Avon Park	719	14	729	743	103.34%
0074	Sebring	131	0	129	129	98.47%
0113	Rotonda West	307	2	323	325	105.86%
0159	Venice	710	3	674	677	95.35%
0254	North Port	118	3	143	146	123.73%
0266	Fruitville	158	2	163	165	104.43%
0309	Palmetto	176	2	185	187	106.25%
0312	Oneco	198	2	180	182	91.92%
0325	Ellenton	199	0	211	211	106.03%
TOTALS		3558	60	3602	3662	102.92%

DISTRICT 9						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0036	Ft Lauderdale	37	1	29	30	81.08%
0092	Hollywood	97	1	81	82	84.54%
0142	Pompano Beach	185	7	178	185	100.00%
0157	Margate	170	8	166	174	102.35%
0162	Deerfield Beach	171	15	160	175	102.34%
0180	Fort Lauderdale	111	0	88	88	79.28%
0209	Dania Beach	17	0	13	13	76.47%
0220	Ft Lauderdale	27	8	19	27	100.00%
0222	Fort Lauderdale	31	0	44	44	141.94%
0287	Deerfield Beach	16	0	15	15	93.75%
0304	Dania	51	1	63	64	125.49%
0310	Hallandale	24	1	30	31	129.17%
0321	Cooper City	229	32	195	227	99.13%
0365	Sunrise	13	2	15	17	130.77%
Total		1179	76	1096	1172	99.41%

DISTRICT 12						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0001	Titusville	276	12	238	250	90.58%
0022	Cocoa	105	3	105	108	102.86%
0039	Vero Beach	206	5	213	218	105.83%
0040	Fort Pierce	184	3	195	198	107.61%
0081	Melbourne	171	5	200	205	119.88%
0117	Palm Bay	513	14	539	553	107.80%
0126	Jensen Beach	194	1	166	167	86.08%
0163	Eau Gallie	219	7	227	234	106.85%
0171	Fort Pierce	15	0	14	14	93.33%
0189	Sebastian	158	0	192	192	121.52%
0191	Melbourne	80	8	62	70	87.50%
0200	Satellite Beach	170	9	170	179	105.29%
0318	Port St Lucie	1153	3	1355	1358	117.78%
0344	Merritt Island	46	8	33	41	89.13%
0348	Cape Canaveral	210	3	217	220	104.76%
0358	White City	68	0	69	69	101.47%
0359	Port St John	357	10	357	367	102.80%
0366	Barefoot Bay	68	13	48	61	89.71%
0394	Palm Bay	207	7	229	236	114.01%
0410	Viera	12	0	6	6	50.00%
TOTALS		4412	111	4635	4746	107.57%

DISTRICT 11						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0020	Belle Glade	39	2	47	49	125.64%
0047	Lake Worth	74	3	94	97	131.08%
0062	Stuart	547	6	606	612	111.88%
0064	Okeechobee	115	1	119	120	104.35%
0065	Delray Beach	57	6	52	58	101.75%
0141	West Palm Beach	72	5	72	77	106.94%
0164	Boynton Beach	149	13	139	152	102.01%
0199	W Palm Beach	37	0	45	45	121.62%
0268	Riviera Beach	84	3	57	60	71.43%
0271	Tequesta	157	9	171	180	114.65%
0277	Boca Raton	110	2	109	111	100.91%
0288	Boynton Beach	21	5	10	15	71.43%
0367	Royal Palm Beach	27	4	30	34	125.93%
TOTALS		1489	59	1551	1610	108.13%

DISTRICT 13						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0038	Fort Myers	36	2	39	41	113.89%
0090	Cape Coral	286	10	305	315	110.14%
0103	Punta Gorda	648	4	736	740	114.20%
0110	Port Charlotte	634	8	569	577	91.01%
0123	Sanibel	40	2	64	66	165.00%
0130	Labelle	151	0	151	151	100.00%
0135	Naples	366	0	379	379	103.55%
0136	Saint James City	515	10	621	631	122.52%
0192	Fort Myers	20	1	18	19	95.00%
0274	Fort Myers Beach	543	2	641	643	118.42%
0303	Bonita Springs	424	18	475	493	116.27%
0323	Lehigh Acres	408	34	399	433	106.13%
0336	N Ft Myers	439	3	498	501	114.12%
0351	Fort Myers	103	3	87	90	87.38%
TOTALS		4613	97	4982	5079	110.10%

DISTRICT 14						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0028	Key West	56	0	55	55	98.21%
0031	South Miami	170	5	161	166	97.65%
0043	Homestead	56	0	37	37	66.07%
0067	North Miami	41	2	37	39	95.12%
0098	Coral Gables	15	0	16	16	106.67%
0133	Miami	62	11	57	68	109.68%
0154	Marathon	145	1	153	154	106.21%
0168	Key West	22	0	19	19	86.36%
0333	Key Largo	77	0	69	69	89.61%
0346	Miami	18	0	15	15	83.33%
0374	Key Biscayne	41	0	34	34	82.93%
TOTALS		703	19	653	672	95.59%

DISTRICT 16						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0007	Clearwater	248	4	252	256	103.23%
0014	St Petersburg	116	3	114	117	100.86%
0079	New Port Richey	457	44	438	482	105.47%
0104	Pinellas Park	254	7	280	287	112.99%
0119	Largo	359	18	335	353	98.33%
0125	St Petersburg	296	13	255	268	90.54%
0158	Treasure Island	255	0	322	322	126.27%
0173	Holiday	258	5	262	267	103.49%
0238	Safety Harbor	313	11	342	353	112.78%
0252	Seminole	1064	10	1194	1204	113.16%
0273	Madeira Beach	3427	9	3880	3889	113.48%
0275	Dunedin	980	6	1071	1077	109.90%
0305	St Pete Beach	149	0	152	152	102.01%
0335	Hudson	95	8	92	100	105.26%
TOTALS		8271	138	8989	9127	110.35%

DISTRICT 15						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0005	Tampa	37	1	26	27	72.97%
0099	Brooksville	20	1	20	21	105.00%
0111	Tampa	53	0	51	51	96.23%
0138	Tampa	482	5	545	550	114.11%
0139	Tampa	57	0	91	91	159.65%
0147	Odessa	43	0	45	45	104.65%
0148	Riverview	208	5	200	205	98.56%
0152	Tampa	249	9	247	256	102.81%
0167	Tampa	15	1	14	15	100.00%
0186	Brooksville	368	1	334	335	91.03%
0248	West Tampa	14	1	11	12	85.71%
TOTALS		1546	24	1584	1608	104.01%

DISTRICT 17						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0006	Deland	103	0	133	133	129.13%
0017	New Smyrna Beach	211	1	200	201	95.26%
0045	Palatka	30	3	37	40	133.33%
0115	Palm Coast	39	1	44	45	115.38%
0120	Holly Hill	215	3	213	216	100.47%
0127	Lake Helen	23	2	16	18	78.26%
0255	Deltona	24	6	24	30	125.00%
0259	Debary	27	4	27	31	114.81%
0267	Ormond Beach	228	3	223	226	99.12%
0270	Port Orange	174	2	189	191	109.77%
0285	Edgewater	124	1	144	145	116.94%
0361	S Daytona	225	8	228	236	104.89%
TOTALS		1423	34	1478	1512	106.25%



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