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Continue Our legacy of Respect

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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 OCTOBER 2022

8	District 6 - Unit 286 - ABC School
8	District 12 - Unit 394 - ABC School
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JANE HARDACRE



Continue Our Legacy Of Respect C.O.L.O.R.

not only is my theme this year, it is a mindset. Our Mission of Service, Not Self will only be accomplished through respect. We need to respect ourselves, and each other, before we can carry out that Mission.

The American Legion is the reason we exist. Our Preamble clearly states, ***"To participate in, and contribute to the accomplishment of the aims and purposes of The American Legion."***

We make that happen by working the programs, working with The Legion Family, and caring for our veterans and their families. We are a family in every sense of the word. We would not exist without The American Legion.

I am NOT asking you to best friends with every member. However, I am asking that you get along. We need to put aside our personal issues in order to get back to WORKING OUR MISSION!

We are a guest in the Legion's home. We must remember that. We must act accordingly whether we are working a fundraiser, attending our meeting, or visiting the lounge. Speaking of the lounge.....anything that

happens in the lounge is NONE of our business. The Legion has rules and policies that we must follow. The American Legion Auxiliary has no control over what happens in the lounge. Trust me, this is a GOOD thing!

Let us focus on AUXILIARY!

- How can we better care for our veterans?
- How can we help military families?
- How can we get more involved in our communities?
- How can we engage our members to become involved?
- How can we attract new members?
- How can we cross train members so the Unit does not have to start over every year?
- How can we become a TEAM?
- How do we tell the world... Who We Are, What We Do, and Why We Matter?

My parents taught me a long time ago.... ***"Don't worry about what someone else is doing. You have enough to worry about with your own life."***

This is how we will CONTINUE working our Mission and helping veterans and their families!

My visits will be starting the last week of September. I look forward to visiting the Districts and Units! I want to see all the great work you are doing in your communities!

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1ST VICE PRESIDENT

DEE BELL



COLOR YOUR WORLD

It's easier than you think to recharge your battery!

You may doubt it, but it's true:
Even when you're feeling depleted and drained,
there's a secret store of precious energy
within you just waiting to be tapped.
And once you turn your attention to
what really matters to you,
that energy will flow!

CHAPLAIN

RUTH BURGESS



"Dear Children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and truth" 1 John 3:18 (NIV)
 Pretty self explanatory isn't it?

The following Sisters have passed from this world since our Convention through August 31st. Their actions will be remembered by their Units, family and friends. When our day comes, let us have all of them remember us for our many positive, **COLORful** and sincere actions. May they now rest with our Dear Lord in Heaven.

Name	Unit	District
Ruth Mossner	158	1
Kathleen Wilhelmsen	340	1
Donna Antogoni	57	3
Gloria Brady	57	3
Harriet Clements	57	3
Joyce DeMarco	57	3
Marilyn Furnish	57	3
Barbara Meyers	57	3
Darlene Johnson	57	3
Sarah Knox	57	3
Clarice Otto	57	3
Catherine Pierce	57	3
Delores Robertson	57	3
Lillian Schnapp	57	3
Linda Shelton	57	3
Jean Smith	57	3
Wannie Lee	57	3
Andrea Westover	166	4
Barbara J Taylor	237	4
Susan Janus-Weir	237	4
Beth Park	54	5
Marlen Risgler	129	5
Mary Gable	129	5
Rachel Smith	80	6
Ruth M Hollins	347	6
Mary Kay Werner	347	6
Sue Ellen Dube	347	6
Elizabeth Rank-Beacuchamp	647	6
Eileen Lustgarten	347	6
Roma Merrill	113	8
Martha Harrell	69	8
Pauline Rose	69	8
Beverly Lambert	69	8
Darlene Pace	222	9
Sharon Dawn Roscoe	304	9

Name	Unit	District
Sherry Flading	271	11
Evelyn Ghiorzi	277	11
Annette Barnes	271	11
Dorothy J Cookingham	277	11
Barbara A Gideon	277	11
Eululee Scribner	1	12
Jo Regan	1	12
Karen Adams	1	12
Frances G Ohrt	1	12
Cindy Engel	1	12
Carol A Harris	358	12
Theresa Rever Lemmey	40	12
Beaulah Beach	39	12
Deborah Colombo	39	12
Carole Knight	81	12
Bonnie Thompson	126	12 S
Virginia Searle	303	13
Donna P Brach	373	13
Alice D Garnder	303	13
Sally Wagner	303	13
Shirley J Travis	147	15
Dawn M Poscich	147	15
Joi Thomas	138	15
Virginia Aldrich	86	15
Ellen H Wiggins	186	15
Abby L Christie	173	16
Feary Cristofori	173	16
Eleanor Schneeweis	173	16
Dominique Reiter	158	16
Ruth Higgins	252	16
Joanne Sahrner	125	16
Debbie Svidurskas	125	16
Judith Lovenberg	259	17
Marcia Tuggle	267	17

MEMBERSHIP

STACY CUSANO



Hello Artists!

Our Blank Canvas's aka District Membership Chairman have been very busy presenting membership during the School of Instruction classes across the state. Thank you for your passion and knowledge that you are giving. In return, I ask our Artists to paint those Blank Canvas's! Membership isn't just the Chairman's job, it is all of our jobs. Our members make this organization what it is and in-turn that makes potential members want to join us to work our mission. Let Paint the Town for our Veterans!

Update about increase for Senior Membership Dues Year 2024. At Florida's Department Convention a \$2.50 increase was voted on and approved and at the National Convention a \$6.00 increase was voted on and approved. **Therefore, when remitting membership dues starting in the 2024 membership year, the Unit will remit to Department \$30.00 via the Membership Recap Sheet** (The breakdown is as follows: \$18 National and \$12 Department). Units that are wishing to increase their Membership Dues for the 2024 year will need to update their Constitution & By Laws or Standing Rules. These must be updated prior to April 1, 2023. There is no change for Junior Membership Dues at this time.

ALAMIS. What is ALAMIS and how can it help the unit? ALAMIS is the American Legion Auxiliary Management Information System. It is used by units, districts/divisions, and departments to manage members, units, departments and leadership information. Each unit is allowed to designate up to two users for login access.

The cost is \$10 per login. You will need to fill out the ALAMIS User Request in the Forms and Resources section on www.alafl.org; once submitted, Department will contact National, the user(s) will get an email once setup and then the unit will receive an invoice from Department. How can this help your Unit? You can add new members and receive a membership ID number instantly. You can make updates, perform searches, view a members continuous year of membership, view many reports and export the information to perform mailings, create labels or email communication. Some reports available are a membership roster, unit paid dues roster, unit unpaid dues roster, unit dues paid online and more. There are training videos you can view as well. A Unit can also request Full Access, which will enable the Unit to renew and remit dues online. This will require a Debit/Credit card to make the payment online and a 30 minute training that the user has to complete.

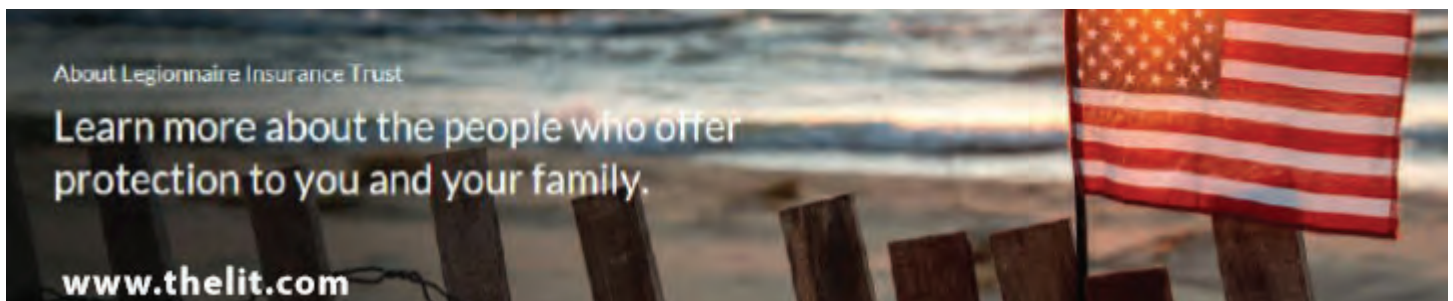
We are doing great with our membership renewals so far! As of September 14, Florida is 14th in the Nation.

We are at 17.52% of our goal with 6,820 paid members. That is 272 up compared to this time last year! National sent out paper renewal reminders via USPS so hopefully this will kickstart the renewals. Our next Department and National Goals are 75% by Pearl Harbor Day. Don't forget National will be giving a \$25 Emblem Store Credit to any Unit that reaches 100% of goal by Veterans Day (November 11, 2022). The Friday Reports are back up!

So make sure you visit alafl.org -> Quick Links -> Friday Reports.

Thank you all for your hard work and dedication.

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JUNIORS

DARA OLIVER



Art Show & Sale Update – November 18 - 20, 2022

Many Juniors have received their blank 12 x 16 white canvas boards to create their special artwork in the categories of: American Legion Auxiliary, Poppies, Colors, District Themed Mascots or Snowball Express. As

of this date we have 14 ALA FL Juniors participating in the Art Show and Sale set for Fall Conference November 18-20th to benefit Department President Jane's project: The Gary Sinise Foundation; Florida Chapter: Snowball Express.

All artwork is to be done by the Junior and will be voted on by our members for a \$1. fee. The Auction for each work of art will be taking place throughout the weekend and the highest bidder will receive their own Junior masterpiece to take home.

Any Junior that wants to participate can make any media: Paint, Crayon, Pen & ink, Watercolor, Decoupage, Pencil or Finger paints on a 12 x 16 white canvas board. Instructions and Show numbers will be given by Juniors Chairman: Dara Oliver 17776 SE 158th Court Weirsdale, FL 32195

News from National

There is a new patch coming soon for Red Level 1: K-3rd grade. They haven't unveiled it yet, so were not sure what the patch is ... Anyone care to take a guess? Click on our Facebook Page: American Legion Auxiliary Florida Juniors and take a guess on the post. Remember Juniors & Young SAL members, all over the Country regardless of where they live can participate in the Patch Program.

PUBLIC RELATIONS - DISTRICT 15

PATRICIA DELGADO



Public Relations is all about...
" Who we are, What we do and Why we do it, Also remember Where, When and How.

Historically, as ALA members we are not the best at bragging about ourselves, our programs, and the impact we make in the

lives of our veterans, military, youth, and communities. We need to strive to think outside the box by giving ideas and suggestions to consider and, hopefully, implement this year as we continue to be branded by using our existing tools and finding new ones. Share information with others, always be kind and respect one another.

Remember Branding attire at all presentations. Share those special action photos' with others, be creative and make it special.

Public relations is exciting and filled with opportunities! We look forward to knowing what you are doing as you share with us and hope we can find new ways to recognize how much we do and how much more we can accomplish.

* * As American Legion Auxiliary members we need to always remember it is about the Cause not the Applause, and always Service not Self. Remember there is no letter I in the word TEAM

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NATIONAL SECURITY

LINDA KNOBLACH-HARKNESS



September was a busy month for the National Security Program. I hope many of our Units/ Members had opportunities to participate in a 9/11 commemorative of some sort. Whether it was taking something to your local fire station or having a moment of silence or maybe you attended a ceremony in your area.

Then came POW/MIA Day. This is one of our National Presidents focuses this year. We can never forget those who are still missing. Please take the time to visit the website for Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency at <https://www.dpaa.mil>. You can get free POW/MIA poster from DPAA to share with the post. There you will learn about this organizations mission to repatriate those who are still unaccounted for. Remember, POW/MIA is not just one day a year. Don't forget to send pictures of your POW/MIA ceremonies to the Canvas and post them on our ALAFL National Security Facebook page.

We also had a chance to honor our Gold Star Mothers/ Families. Again, I hope we are doing this more than just once a year.

September was also Disaster Preparedness Month. Yes, another component of our program. If you haven't already, check out the Facebook page, it has a checklist on it and some ideas on how you can help your neighbors out. You can also go to www.ready.gov for more information.

Of course you can check with the fire department and look into C.E.R.T. or go to <https://www.legion-aux.org/member/committees/national-security/how-to-train-for-community-emergency-response-team> to begin your research.

This month's Zoom call was a good one. Barbara Washburn, our National/National Security Chairman joined the call. What a wealth of information! Barbara did explain that there will be changes coming to the "Salute to Service Members Award". I will be forwarding that information to the District Presidents and District

Chairman. I will also post it on the Facebook page under files. So be on the lookout!

Michelle Nelson from "Our Military Kids" joined us as well. We learned about some of the unique challenges the National Guard/Reserves face when they are deployed. I don't have the space in this article to go into it but check out their website at www.ourmilitarykids.org and learn what this organization does. I will tell you, that donations made to them can be earmarked to stay in Florida.

There has been a change to our program... Blood Drives are now reported under Community Service. Please continue to plan to do these important events.

October 26th is "Day of Deployment", let's share some ideas on Facebook on how we can honor our deployed troops and their families. I know we will come up with dozens of ideas.

Our next Zoom Meeting is Oct. 11 at 6:00 EST. Let me know if you need the link, I'll be happy to send it to you. As always, I'm available to help if you need me. Just let me know what I can do. I'll even make the trip to see you.

Have a great October!!!!



VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

CHARLOTTE BASS



It is my pleasure to serve as your Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Chairman (VA&R). The committee members are Carol Pirone-Udell and Tammy Zell.

The Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation program promotes our mission to enhance the lives of veterans, military, and their families. When we work together, we can make a difference!

National President Vickie Koutz's theme is "Honor our Veterans Every Day." Her fundraising initiative is for the Caregivers of the Veterans who attend NVCAF to ensure they have the funding needed to attend the National Creative Arts Festival.

We will be Continuing Our Legacy of Respect for our Caregivers of Veterans, our Homeless Veterans, our Unemployed Veterans, our Hospitalized Veterans, our Veterans Transitioning back to civilian life, our Local Community and those not in a VA Hospital, and by Recognizing our Returning Military. There is a Service to Veterans Form for you to record your hours when assisting Veterans. It can be found on the Department Website under the VA&R page. Please email or mail me those forms, as I also have to report the hours to The National VA&R Chairman. A very good resource to use is the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation (VA&R) Guide. It can be downloaded from the American Legion Auxiliary National Website www.legion-aux.org. This National website has a wealth of information on all of our programs.

Please refer to the Program Action Plans and the Unit Guide for guidelines and additional resources.

Pictures, pictures, pictures please of your events honoring our Veterans, along with a brief description of the event.

Checkout and join the VA&R Facebook page ALAFL VA&R.

District Presidents please email me your District VA&R

Chairman information.

Here are some important dates to remember for honoring our Veterans and Military Families

- November 10th: U.S. Marine Corps (USMC) Birthday
- November 11th: Veteran's Day.

Entire month of November: National Military Family Month.

"November was first declared as Military Family Month in 1996. Since then, November has been a time to acknowledge the tremendous sacrifices our military families make. They contend with separation from their families and make adjustments to new living situations and communities. Military Families embody strength, resilience, and courage. Care of military families and children sustains our fighting force, and strengthens the health, security, and safety of our nation's families and communities." NCTSN website.

"Honor to the soldier and sailor everywhere, who bravely bears his country's cause. Honor, also, to the citizen who cares for his brother in the field and serves, as he best can, the same cause."

~ Abraham Lincoln

In Loving memory of Mary Roberts - 67 Year Member



Girls State Fundraiser

**3 nights at Department
Convention**

Convention registration fee

**Two (2) tickets for the
Commander's Dinner**

\$5.00/ticket or 5 for \$20.00

Drawing March 18, 2023*

*winner can be a member of the
Auxiliary, Legion, or Sons

**All proceeds benefit
ALA Florida Girls State Program**

The background of the poster is a watercolor wash in shades of blue and red. In the top left corner, there is a purple paint jar. In the top right corner, there is a white paint palette with several colors of paint (blue, red, black, green) and a small circular seal. A paintbrush is visible on the left side, partially obscured by the text.

American Legion Auxiliary Fall Conference

November 18 - 20, 2022

Fri Nov 18 Breakout Sessions

Sat Nov 19 General Sessions

Sun Nov 20 Church Service

Caribe Royale Orlando
8101 World Center Drive
Orlando, FL 32821

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It's time to

ROCK N' ROLL!

at the 2022 President & Commander's event

Tailgate at 5pm
Jam session at 6pm

Tickets: \$55 in advance
\$65 day of event

Buffet Menu:
Deconstructed Caesar Salad | Baked Ziti | Chicken
Parmesan | Angel Hair Pasta | Market Fresh
Vegetables | Rolls & Bread | Mini Tiramisu Desserts

Fall Concert Series

1 night only | Saturday, November 19, 2022 | Palms 2

Attire: Jeans and your favorite Classic Rock Group t-shirt

Special Musical Guest: Billy Lindsey

OUR DISTRICTS AND UNITS

DISTRICT 15

By Lynda Anderson - Members from two Fifteenth District American Legion Auxiliary Units, Charles E. Murray Unit 186 and Unit 248 West Tampa Memorial, worked together with Amanda Rud, Moton Elementary School PTO President, to plan and implement this project. Amanda coordinated with the school guidance counselor who provided the number of backpacks needed for the students in need. Lynda Anderson, President of Unit 186 and Patti Motzer, Unit 186's Children & Youth Program Chair, along with Mary McColgan, President of Unit 248 accepted the challenge of filling 73 backpacks with teacher specified school supplies, by grade. Both Units 186 and 248 collected and donated backpacks, headphones and requested school supplies. Inventory was recorded on an Excel spreadsheet and updated each time items were donated.

Our cutoff date for collecting donations was July 26, 2022. On July 27th, Lynda Anderson and Patti Motzer shopped for the remaining supplies needed.

On Friday, July 29, 2022, five Auxiliary Unit 186 Officers including President Lynda Anderson, Treasurer Claudia Fischer, Second Vice President Mitzi Moscovitz, Member-at-Large Gladys Stover and Sgt-at-Arms Lorraine Feirman, along with Patti Motzer and Mary McColgan organized, stuffed, and transported filled backpacks to the trailer, as well as classroom supplies including paper towels, tissues, sanitizers, wipes, zip lock bags, reams of paper and black socks.

The filled backpacks included basic school supplies used by Pre-Kindergarten through Fifth grade students plus headphones and black socks to clean the dry erase boards. The preschoolers got fluffy naptime blankets in their backpacks.

Delivery to Moton Elementary School was made on Monday, August 1, 2022, by Mary McColgan, accompanied by Lynda Anderson and Moton PTO President Amanda Rud.

In addition to providing school supplies to Moton Elementary School, Unit 186, once again working with the Hernando County School Board, Homeless

Education Division, filled backpacks for 13 homeless seniors graduating from Hernando County High Schools. These graduates were each provided with a clothes basket containing a blanket, personal items, backpack, toiletries and snacks. Three of these graduates were continuing their education and they also received assorted college level school supplies. It is truly heart breaking that these students have to overcome such obstacles in order to receive their diplomas. Hopefully they will go on to a successful future.

Our only feedback and acknowledgement comes from the schools or other individuals involved with the projects. Our programs are carried out in a confidential manner. Knowing we are helping to give these children the tools they need for a successful education is thanks enough.

The school supplies project has been ongoing in Unit 186 for more than 25 years. For the past 5 years Patti Motzer, as Chair, has worked with the Hernando County School District to select a Title 1 school and provide supplies for the start of school, as well as during the year. While, in previous years, we have provided school supplies in bulk, this year we provided individual packed book bags for those students needing them.

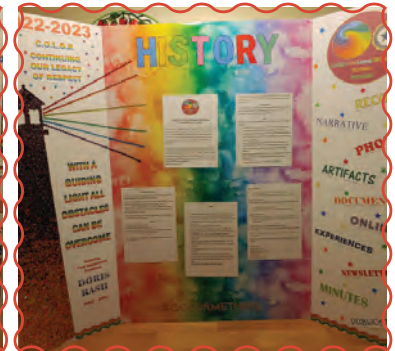
Our next Children & Youth mission will be the Christmas Angel Tree Project, coming up in mid-December.

Programs such as these make us all realize how truly blessed, we are. There is so much need in the community, and our goal is to help whenever and wherever we can.





District 15 - School of Instruction - The photo with the large sleeping mat was made by someone special, from the community. This mat and others will be going to the Hillsborough Sheriff Dept. Almost every every District chair made up a presentation poster board, photos of some of them are attached.



OUR DISTRICTS AND UNITS

DISTRICT 1

District 1 - Thank you American Legion Post 382 "FAMILY" For visiting the firestation and delivering a lovely Spaghetti dinner in honor of their sacrifice and tribute to 9/11. A very special thank you to Kimbo Merf and Daniel Murphy and Tiffany Martinez for cooking all day in a super hot kitchen to make this happen. FOR SERVICE NOT SELF! NEVER FORGET #COLORMETHERE



District 1 - Thank you to all who attended the School of Instruction in Crestview at Post 75. Our new District Committee Chairman rocked it and also our Chairman's who have dedicated many years to different committees made our day very informational and fun. Thank you to Ronnie Grover District Commander and Shelby Windham 1st District 1st Vice for attending. #colormethere



DISTRICT 2

District 2 - Units 100-Marianna and 241-Sneads co-hosted District 2 School of Instruction in Sneads on Aug. 13th with 23 in attendance. District Chairman shared information regarding their assigned Auxiliary Program. Ms. Kathee Coughlin, Past Department President was honored for her 40 years in Auxiliary, serving all levels as President and many Departmental Chair positions. Kaye Brown, District 2 President, presided over this event, reporting it to be successful and and informative.



District 2 - Sneads Carlisle Rose Garden Club participated in the Hometown Heroes Benefit on Aug. 27th in Sneads for Sgt. Brett Preston who was shot in the line of duty. Pictured with Sgt. Brett, left to right: Sue Basford, Connie Butts, Linda Jarmon (member Unit 100-Marianna), and Faye Walden (member Unit 241-Sneads).



DISTRICT 4

District 4 - Unit 237 Beverly Hills sent care packages to troops and received a thank you note with pictures from them. Their note: "Good evening. It was a great surprise getting packages from you all!!! The Soldiers were very pleased with all of it, as you can see in the pictures, it looked like Christmas day. We cannot thank you all enough for your time and efforts putting this together for us. It was also a pleasure reading the letter from the Commander as well. Thank you all for our many sacrifices to this great Country! Thank you!! Thank You!! Please send our regards to all of ALA #237!!! Thank you all for everything you do!! Very respectfully, Joseph Ramsey, CW2, OD, FLARNG"



District 4 - Unit 237 Beverly Hills President, Michelle Cavaleri, presented the first volunteer of the month award to Carol Emsley. Congratulations Carol.



District 4 - Carol Emsley, Unit 237 Beverly Hills, delivered school supplies to the Crystal River Armory



District 4 - Barb Dubose, Unit 166 Homosassa, presents the poppy cake won by Venita Hughes, Unit 237 Beverly Hills at District 4 School of Instruction on August 20. The poppy cake raffle raised \$83 for the Gary Sinise Foundation.



District 4 - Unit 77 Inverness members, Clogene Schons, Mary Ann Santiago, and Lou Isley delivered school supplies to their local elementary school as part of Operation Homefront.



District 4 - Unit 149 Newberry worked the 10 for 10 in Education program and delivered the school supplies as part of Operation Homefront



OUR DISTRICTS AND UNITS

DISTRICT 4

District 4 - Unit 149 Newberry packed thank you Veterans bags



District 4 - Unit 166 Homosassa held a successful early renewal drive at Post 166.



District 4 - District 4 Officers - Natalie Scott, President; Deb Ballew, Secretary; Bet Chavous, Parliamentarian; Janet Woods, Asst. Chaplain; not pictured Alison Simon, Historian; Anne Parker, Chaplain; Margaret Woods, Sgt-at-Arms



District 4



District 4 - District 4 Program Chairmen: Natalie Scott, Ronna Jackson, Nettie Goggans, Virginia Higginbotham, Debbie Stalbaum, Det Chavous, Sylvia Fidler, Clogene Shoens, Paulette Krug, Janet Woods, Eileen Harrison, Michelle Cavalieri, Michele Shreve, Deb Ballew.



District 4



DISTRICT 16

District 16 - District 16 held their School of Instruction at Legion Post 252 in Seminole, FL, Saturday, September 10, 2022. 72 Auxiliary members from district units, officers, and program chairs attended. Each Program Chair described the Action Plan for their program. The new members were furiously taking notes and asking questions! Also in attendance were 13 Past District Presidents. It was noted this was a record. Nine of the PDP's are pictured.



DISTRICT 16

District 16 - Thank you to both the Korean War Veterans for their donation of \$100 and Sons of the American Legion Post 16 for their donation of \$50 to help with the Unit 16 school supply drive. Photo of Debby Stalbaum with Garry Giles, Korean War Veteran.



UNIT 13

Unit 16 - PATRIOT'S DAY CELEBRATION - A few Members from the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 13 Tallahassee visited the Tallahassee Police Department to deliver a special thank you note and cookies in remembrance of 9/11, Patriot Day. The downpour of rain didn't deter Unit 13 from thanking them for their service to our community. Thank you, Sharon Courey, Peggy Lane, Nance Nadeau, Donna Winsloe and Nell Hewitt for assisting with delivering to our first responders.



UNIT 79

Unit 79 - New Port Richey Florida school supplies delivered to Richey Elementary. Also, a collection of school supplies from Operation Homefront Dollar Tree stores, \$3,200 in value given to 3 elementary schools.



UNIT 49

Unit 49 - Installation of Officers from Unit 49, Monticello, that was on July 12. In photo: Irma Wehrli - District 3 President, Linda Sparks - President, Diana Mulhearn - Vice President, Debbie Snapp - Secretary, Cheryl Gifford - Treasurer.



UNIT 62

Unit 62 - Our second Girls State attendee Summer Haworth gave us a great report on her experience in Tallahassee. She had a great time learning and had some amazing experiences that will be lifelong memories. President Shirley Rearick presented her with a gift of a Scholarship provided by the Auxiliary.



UNIT 62

Unit 62 - As part of our dedication to our community we have a section of road we adopted near our unit. 82 pounds of trash was cleaned up and the local Twistee Treat gave us free ice cream cones to cook us off after all that hard work



OUR DISTRICTS AND UNITS

UNIT 148

Unit 148 - Patriot Day Flag Waving at Post 148, delivering Thank You Baskets for the Sherriff's and Fire Departments with Thank You cards from 4th graders. Pictures from Legionnaire, Tom Stones Wedding; food and decorations done by the Auxiliary. Our youngest Junior, 4 year old Aubrey, leading the Auxiliary, in the Pledge of Allegiance at our August Auxiliary meeting.



UNIT 166

Unit 166 - Unit 166 Secretary, Julie Rowe, delivered school supplies gathered from Dollar Tree.



Unit 166 - Family Legion Luau at Post 166 was held on Saturday September 3. Everyone had a fabulous time for the party hosted by Post 166 Commander Bob Ballew and Unit 166 President Debbie Ballew.



UNIT 273

Unit 273 - Auxiliary 273 members presented "You are Loved" cards to legion 273 Honor Guard. Smiles all around and a few tears. This is a powerful gift of love. Members of American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 273, Madeira Beach, FL created Project "You are Loved" a concentrated effort to support active military and veterans suffering from severe anxiety due to current or previous combat experience. The members present a gift of love card with a worry stone to veterans.

Unit 273 - Sunday, September 11, 2022, a 9/11 remembrance ceremony was held at FL Madeira Beach Causeway Park. District 16 President, Janice B. Hill (left) and Auxiliary 273 President, Cheryl Yoder attended.



UNIT 291

Unit 291 - ALA Unit 291 of Steinhatchee volunteered to help and provided raffle baskets (pictured above) for the fundraiser for Jogging for Jugs. Jogging for Jugs is a nonprofit that helps individuals fighting cancer. The fund raisers and the 5k walk in October helps to provide funds to individuals for gas to get to appointments, medication, pays electric bills and helps with other needs as they come up. At this time Jogging for Jugs is helping 15 families in our small county fighting this terrible disease. As a Unit we are proud to be part of this much needed organization as some of our members sit on the Jogging for Jugs board of directors.



Unit 291 - Jane Feber an Auxiliary member from Unit 291 Steinhatchee heard that Post 291 needed to raise money to make improvements to the Post home. Jane went out and got this 17 foot Dek Kat Boat donated to be raffled off for the legion. The boat was just the plain boat so; Jane went further and was able to get the trailer donated along with the electric pole, a trolling motor, a 25hp motor, and a GPS. Jane went above and beyond to help our legion. Tickets for the boat will be sold from Labor Day Week-end 2022 until Labor Day Week-end 2023. Tickets are \$20.00. The legion will be taking the boat to several local events to promote the sale of the tickets. GREAT job Jane for helping our Post.

MEMBERSHIP REPORTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

DISTRICT 1

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0075	Crestview	212	0	39	39	18.40%
0193	Pensacola	77	0	3	3	3.90%
0221	Niceville	126	0	54	54	42.86%
0235	Ft Walton Beach	130	1	44	45	34.62%
0240	Pensacola	253	3	55	58	22.92%
0296	Destin	73	0	18	18	24.66%
0340	Pensacola	337	4	69	73	21.66%
0356	Lynn Haven	135	0	36	36	26.67%
0375	Southport	54	0	2	2	3.70%
0378	Gulf Breeze	43	0	6	6	13.95%
0382	Navarre	170	0	14	14	8.24%
0392	Panama City	174	2	69	71	40.80%
0402	Panama City Beach	40	0	19	19	47.50%
TOTALS		1824	10	428	438	24.01%

DISTRICT 3

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0049	Monticello	27	0	8	8	29.63%
0057	Lake City	222	0	40	40	18.02%
0107	Live Oak	54	0	5	5	9.26%
0215	Jasper	34	0	0	0	0.00%
0224	Madison	49	0	9	9	18.37%
0291	Steinhatchee	199	2	51	53	26.63%
0383	Old Town	133	1	31	32	24.06%
TOTALS		718	3	144	147	20.47%

DISTRICT 2

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0013	Tallahassee	77	0	22	22	28.57%
0082	Lanark	66	0	8	8	12.12%
0084	Havana	29	4	7	11	37.93%
0100	Marianna	31	3	7	10	32.26%
0217	Quincy	49	1	12	13	26.53%
0241	Sneads	71	18	24	42	59.15%
TOTALS		323	26	80	106	32.82%

DISTRICT 4

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0016	Gainesville	25	0	4	4	16.00%
0027	Ocala	19	0	5	5	26.32%
0058	Dunnellon	28	0	4	4	14.29%
0077	Inverness	67	1	18	19	28.36%
0149	Newberry	30	3	5	8	26.67%
0155	Crystal River	343	2	108	110	32.07%
0166	Homosassa Springs	145	2	49	51	35.17%
0210	Ocala	11	0	10	10	90.91%
0230	Hawthorne	31	2	18	20	64.52%
0236	Bronson	46	0	7	7	15.22%
0237	Beverly Hills	201	0	39	39	19.40%
0284	Bellevue	76	2	30	32	42.11%
TOTALS		1022	12	297	309	30.23%

DISTRICT 5						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0009	Jacksonville	67	2	18	20	29.85%
0054	Fernandina Beach	165	0	29	29	17.58%
0088	Jacksonville	76	0	17	17	22.37%
0129	Jacksonville Beach	358	3	68	71	19.83%
0137	Jacksonville	423	8	102	110	26.00%
0194	St Augustine	68	3	21	24	35.29%
0197	Jacksonville	43	3	14	17	39.53%
0202	Keystone Heights	72	0	13	13	18.06%
0233	Ponte Vedra Beach	175	28	31	59	33.71%
0244	Jacksonville	32	0	2	2	6.25%
0250	Middleburg	309	22	50	72	23.30%
0283	Jacksonville	459	1	108	109	23.75%
0316	Atlantic Beach	369	40	34	74	20.05%
0372	Mandarin	28	0	15	15	53.57%
0373	Orange Park	31	0	0	0	0.00%
0401	Hilliard	48	0	1	1	2.08%
2723		110	523	633	23.25%	13.22%

DISTRICT 7						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0003	Bartow	77	0	12	12	15.58%
0004	Lakeland	62	0	5	5	8.06%
0008	Winter Haven	600	0	71	71	11.83%
0015	Dade City	21	0	0	0	0.00%
0034	Haines City	77	0	20	20	25.97%
0071	Lake Wales	47	0	6	6	12.77%
0072	Mulberry	165	1	18	19	11.52%
0201	Florence Villa	24	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTALS		1073	1	132	133	12.40%

DISTRICT 6						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0010	Kissimmee	205	0	38	38	18.54%
0018	Wildwood	20	0	0	0	0.00%
0019	Orlando	108	3	39	42	38.89%
0035	Mount Dora	146	0	13	13	8.90%
0041	Eustis	13	0	1	1	7.69%
0055	Clermont	214	2	33	35	16.36%
0063	Winter Garden	34	0	3	3	8.82%
0080	Saint Cloud	263	14	71	85	32.32%
0101	Bushnell	111	0	15	15	13.51%
0109	Ocoee	12	0	1	1	8.33%
0112	Winter Park	25	2	18	20	80.00%
0183	Fern Park	120	0	28	28	23.33%
0219	Fruitland Park	205	0	40	40	19.51%
0239	Groveland	10	0	2	2	20.00%
0242	Orlando	108	0	24	24	22.22%
0286	Orlando	170	4	28	32	18.82%
0330	Leesburg	68	0	4	4	5.88%
0331	Orlando	13	0	0	0	0.00%
0347	Lady Lake	2562	5	779	784	30.60%
0412	Orlando	13	0	1	1	7.69%
TOTALS		4420	30	1138	1168	26.43%

DISTRICT 8						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0011	Arcadia	35	9	12	21	60.00%
0024	Bradenton	332	11	66	77	23.19%
0025	Lake Placid	394	0	43	43	10.91%
0030	Sarasota	81	5	29	34	41.98%
0069	Avon Park	719	0	118	118	16.41%
0074	Sebring	131	0	37	37	28.24%
0113	Rotonda West	307	0	21	21	6.84%
0159	Venice	710	1	79	80	11.27%
0254	North Port	118	0	27	27	22.88%
0266	Fruitville	158	0	8	8	5.06%
0309	Palmetto	176	0	42	42	23.86%
0312	Oneco	198	0	9	9	4.55%
0325	Ellenton	199	0	14	14	7.04%
TOTALS		3558	26	505	531	14.92%

DISTRICT 9						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0036	Ft Lauderdale	37	0	5	5	13.51%
0092	Hollywood	97	1	18	19	19.59%
0142	Pompano Beach	185	2	59	61	32.97%
0157	Margate	170	8	24	32	18.82%
0162	Deerfield Beach	171	15	20	35	20.47%
0180	Fort Lauderdale	111	0	34	34	30.63%
0209	Dania Beach	17	0	0	0	0.00%
0220	Ft Lauderdale	27	8	18	26	96.30%
0222	Fort Lauderdale	31	0	8	8	25.81%
0287	Deerfield Beach	16	0	0	0	0.00%
0304	Dania	51	0	14	14	27.45%
0310	Hallandale	24	0	0	0	0.00%
0321	Cooper City	229	2	47	49	21.40%
0365	Sunrise	13	0	1	1	7.69%
TOTALS		1179	36	248	284	24.09%

DISTRICT 12						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0001	Titusville	276	1	54	55	19.93%
0022	Cocoa	105	0	6	6	5.71%
0039	Vero Beach	206	0	16	16	7.77%
0040	Fort Pierce	184	2	52	54	29.35%
0081	Melbourne	171	1	50	51	29.82%
0117	Palm Bay	513	6	92	98	19.10%
0126	Jensen Beach	194	0	25	25	12.89%
0163	Eau Gallie	219	3	43	46	21.00%
0171	Fort Pierce	15	0	0	0	0.00%
0189	Sebastian	158	0	79	79	50.00%
0191	Melbourne	80	0	8	8	10.00%
0200	Satellite Beach	170	0	16	16	9.41%
0318	Port St Lucie	1153	3	340	343	29.75%
0344	Merritt Island	46	2	22	24	52.17%
0348	Cape Canaveral	210	0	48	48	22.86%
0358	White City	68	0	18	18	26.47%
0359	Port St John	357	2	74	76	21.29%
0366	Barefoot Bay	68	3	17	20	29.41%
0394	Palm Bay	207	3	27	30	14.49%
0410	Viera	12	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTALS		4412	26	987	1013	22.96%

DISTRICT 11						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0020	Belle Glade	39	2	20	22	56.41%
0047	Lake Worth	74	1	25	26	35.14%
0062	Stuart	547	1	183	184	33.64%
0064	Okeechobee	115	1	25	26	22.61%
0065	Delray Beach	57	3	20	23	40.35%
0141	West Palm Beach	72	2	18	20	27.78%
0164	Boynton Beach	149	2	18	20	13.42%
0199	W Palm Beach	37	0	7	7	18.92%
0268	Riviera Beach	84	0	2	2	2.38%
0271	Tequesta	157	4	63	67	42.68%
0277	Boca Raton	110	2	65	67	60.91%
0288	Boynton Beach	21	0	0	0	0.00%
0367	Royal Palm Beach	27	1	15	16	59.26%
TOTALS		1489	19	461	480	32.24%

DISTRICT 13						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0038	Fort Myers	36	0	10	10	27.78%
0090	Cape Coral	286	3	35	38	13.29%
0103	Punta Gorda	648	0	104	104	16.05%
0110	Port Charlotte	634	0	117	117	18.45%
0123	Sanibel	40	0	2	2	5.00%
0130	Labelle	151	0	9	9	5.96%
0135	Naples	366	0	58	58	15.85%
0136	Saint James City	515	0	86	86	16.70%
0192	Fort Myers	20	0	14	14	70.00%
0274	Fort Myers Beach	543	0	62	62	11.42%
0303	Bonita Springs	424	7	99	106	25.00%
0323	Lehigh Acres	408	4	93	97	23.77%
0336	N Ft Myers	439	0	100	100	22.78%
0351	Fort Myers	103	0	15	15	14.56%
TOTALS		4613	14	804	818	17.73%

DISTRICT 14						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0028	Key West	56	0	16	16	28.57%
0031	South Miami	170	3	56	59	34.71%
0043	Homestead	56	0	3	3	5.36%
0067	North Miami	41	0	3	3	7.32%
0098	Coral Gables	15	0	4	4	26.67%
0133	Miami	62	3	10	13	20.97%
0154	Marathon	145	0	10	10	6.90%
0168	Key West	22	0	1	1	4.55%
0333	Key Largo	77	0	8	8	10.39%
0346	Miami	18	0	1	1	5.56%
0374	Key Biscayne	41	0	1	1	2.44%
TOTALS		703	6	113	119	16.93%

DISTRICT 16						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0007	Clearwater	248	0	28	28	11.29%
0014	St Petersburg	116	1	18	19	16.38%
0079	New Port Richey	457	2	69	71	15.54%
0104	Pinellas Park	254	5	102	107	42.13%
0119	Largo	359	1	54	55	15.32%
0125	St Petersburg	296	1	65	66	22.30%
0158	Treasure Island	255	0	31	31	12.16%
0173	Holiday	258	1	41	42	16.28%
0238	Safety Harbor	313	5	83	88	28.12%
0252	Seminole	1064	8	337	345	32.42%
0273	Madeira Beach	3427	2	680	682	19.90%
0275	Dunedin	980	0	175	175	17.86%
0305	St Pete Beach	149	0	18	18	12.08%
0335	Hudson	95	0	11	11	11.58%
TOTALS		8271	26	1712	1738	21.01%

DISTRICT 15						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0005	Tampa	37	1	16	17	45.95%
0099	Brooksville	20	0	2	2	10.00%
0111	Tampa	53	0	22	22	41.51%
0138	Tampa	482	5	189	194	40.25%
0139	Tampa	57	0	18	18	31.58%
0147	Odessa	43	0	12	12	27.91%
0148	Riverview	208	2	51	53	25.48%
0152	Tampa	249	2	55	57	22.89%
0167	Tampa	15	0	6	6	40.00%
0186	Brooksville	368	1	56	57	15.49%
0248	West Tampa	14	1	9	10	71.43%
TOTALS		1546	12	436	448	28.98%

DISTRICT 17						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0006	Deland	103	0	26	26	25.24%
0017	New Smyrna Beach	211	0	17	17	8.06%
0045	Palatka	30	1	7	8	26.67%
0115	Palm Coast	39	0	13	13	33.33%
0120	Holly Hill	215	0	84	84	39.07%
0127	Lake Helen	23	0	0	0	0.00%
0255	Deltona	24	3	7	10	41.67%
0259	Debary	27	0	14	14	51.85%
0267	Ormond Beach	228	1	85	86	37.72%
0270	Port Orange	174	0	48	48	27.59%
0285	Edgewater	124	0	13	13	10.48%
0361	S Daytona	225	0	15	15	6.67%
TOTALS		1423	5	329	334	23.47%



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