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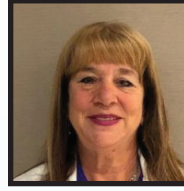
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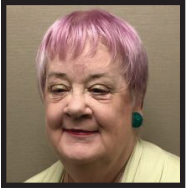
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Mission Statement

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 November 2021

06	Unit 254 Salute to Veterans
06	Veterans Parade - Punta Gorda
15	District 4 Meeting
20	"Meals for the Military" Unit 305
20	District 1 ABC



Want to submit an article and/or photos to *Conch Charter*?

alafl.org/submit
secretary@alafl.org

President's Message

WANDA BRANDT



Happy Autumn, everyone

Hope everyone is enjoying the cool weather, I just returned from Cincinnati / Kentucky and I got to see some beautiful trees and their leaves changing to the bright reds and yellow colors.

I do not hate saying goodbye to summer and fast-growing grass! (Now it is time, for cool weather, football, pumpkin drinks/coffee and the holidays).

I've heard a certain word over the past 2 months, and I am not sure, if I really understand the word.

I want to know what the word "ALMOST" is /means

What is the word "Almost"?

What does this really mean?

*Webster Dictionary states: **Almost is an adverb***

*Means: **very nearly but not exactly or entirely***

However: I think a lot of people use this word to make themselves look good. Making an excuse for not doing their very best and giving it 100%

Does this make sense?

I heard this statement, this past weekend, when the coach of the team that lost –made this comment.

1. **We almost** won the game' however, when he lost his footing, and we lost the game.
2. **I almost**, got 2 members to join, but at the last minute they changed their mind.
3. **I almost**, kept my mouth shut then she said.... And I just could not keep quiet.
4. **I almost** completed this report to send it out to everyone, then I got busy and just forgot.

Does this give us the right to use the word "ALMOST" as an excuse for our mistakes or bad behavior. When we should have stayed focused and

gave it 100% instead of getting lazy, tired, or upset.

Maybe we need to step back and ask ourselves.

Did we do our best?

Did we do it for the mission, and not for the glory?

Did we do what was necessary for the right reason?

Did we do it because it helped a Veteran?

If you can say YES to all of these.

Then you WON – it doesn't matter what the score says.

Department has mailed out to each unit concerning your unit quotas. We would appreciate if you send your check into Department Headquarters as soon as possible. Your District President, must know that the Unit quotas have been paid when they come for their visit along with other document.

By now your Unit meetings should be off and running after busy installations and everyone trained in their positions. We have a lot going on in the Auxiliary so let's get to it!! And work our programs, no your Unit does not have to work all of the programs, pick the programs you are passion about and give it your 100%.

As an organization I know, that we all know what our **Mission Statement** is however I would like to remind us:

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To work our programs, we must remain committed, learn the programs enhance on them, make the program better for our organization. Learn our responsibilities and roles as a member. If you want to learn more about the ALA, being a chairman is a perfect start. Step up and ask for a chairmanship that

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you have never done before or just for something different and to learn.

Don't let the time slip away from you. Don't say, I was lazy, tired, or upset, because I did all the work and I did not get recognized.

Don't say I ALMOST because of this or that. Or will you remember what happen a year from now?

Believe in our missions, and why you are where you are now. Always let the mission guide you.

Thank you for all that you do for the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Florida! -- Wanda

Dates To Remember in November:

National Veterans & Military Family Month

Warrior Care Month

National Family Caregivers Month

Education week Nov 15-19

If you are mailing to an APO/FPO/DPO – Ground Service is Nov 6th

Holidays

Election Day	Nov 2
Daylight Savings	Nov 7
Marine Corps Day/Birthday	Nov 10
Veterans Day	Nov 11
Armistice/Remembrance Day	Nov 11
Thanksgiving	Nov 25
Hanukkah	Nov 28

How to Celebrate Kindness Day

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13



10 Fun Ways to Celebrate World Kindness Day

November 13 is World Kindness Day! Imagine what the world would be like if each person did one kind thing for someone else. Get started making a difference with these 10 simple ideas:

1. Compliment the first three people you talk to.
2. Write a hand-written note to a teacher.
3. Say good morning to the person next to you on the elevator.
4. Pick up litter. Spend 10 minutes cleaning a park or your neighborhood.
5. Place uplifting notes in library books, on restroom mirrors, on someone's locker, or on their computer screen.
6. Dedicate 24 hours to spreading positivity on social media.
7. Hold up inspiring signs during rush hour.
8. Leave a generous tip.
9. Send flowers to a friend.
10. Set an alarm to go off three times on World Kindness Day. When the alarm sounds, stop what you're doing a call/text/email someone simply to tell them how awesome they are.

Auxiliary Emergency Fund

KAREN HUMANN



Welcome to November everyone! Have you dared to commit to helping your fellow Auxiliary members in need by raising funds for the Auxiliary Emergency Fund? We have always found that most members don't think about A.E.F. until they need it – please don't

forget this wonderful Program of our American Legion Auxiliary. The Program continues solely through the generous donations of our Auxiliary members.

Since this year I have asked you to dare to commit to raising funds for A.E.F., please don't forget that Department Chairman certificates will be given for the most money raised by a Unit, per grouping. In addition, please send in narratives about the great work you are doing because a Department Chairman award will be given for the best one received.

Please make sure to check the Department website at <https://alafl.org/programs/emergency-fund/>. I will update as often as new information comes to me. As a matter of fact, I have received updates from our National A.E.F. Chairman. The National awards have changed slightly and I noted adjustments in the revised Plan of Action.

Don't forget to become a member of our Facebook page at **ALAFL Emergency Fund** for lots of good information and to post all the great things you have done!

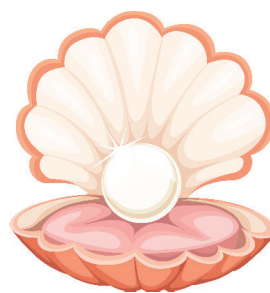
Have a great November – and please don't forget to send me those A.E.F. “AHA” moments!



We'll get through this together

Members helping members

Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF)



Pearl's Corner

PEARLS OF WISDOM

“Beautiful minds inspire others - so let's all Observe, Listen, & Learn - and then pass on our knowledge to others.”

From PDP Diane Rousseau

“Do the right thing, even when no one is looking. Its called Integrity.”

From PDP Diane Rousseau

“Please help me plant a garden

*First we plant three (3) rows of peas.
Hopefully we will have peace of mind,
heart and soul.*

*The next four (4) rows will be squash.
Squash gossip, indifference, grumbling
and selfishness.*

*Add four (4) rows of lettuce. Lettuce be
faithful, Kind and obedient. Lettuce us
love one another.*

*No Unit should be without turnips. Turnip
for meetings and services and most
important help one another.*

*Time to water and cultivate with love
and our garden will grow in abundance.*

Together we did it. ”

From PDP Shirley Fraser

Chaplain

RUTH BURGESS



O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.

As we welcome the autumn months, may the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest.

May the brilliant colors of the leaves remind us of the wonder of your creation.

May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us

District 5

Susan Goodyear
Claire Sheehan
Cindy Stockton

District 6

Yolanda C. Gehring
C. Lanny Stueber
Linda Small
Sigrid Sherrill
Geogianna Baughman
Carol Szuch
Phyllis Makoski
Geraldine Cripps
Yolanda C Gehring
Linda Small
Sigrid Sherrill
C Lanny Stueber
Sally Byrnes
Mary Hansel
Cathy Diehl
Sandra Berg
Diane Rocker
Margaret Husband
Maria Ramos
Theresa Everette
Martha McGregor
Ann Tindall
Virginia Cramble

District 7

Patricia Landry
Sharon Lee Baker

District 8

Judy Adelman
Marian Fernandez
Carol Huffman
Anita Kilpatrick

District 11

Kimberly Carlson
Judith Smith
Janie Garcia
Ida Anglin

District 12

Joni Allison
Vivienne Huff
Connie Holder

District 13

Coralea White
Jeanne Goode
Joan Wilson
Denise Walls

District 14

June Foster

District 15

Gail Thomas
Ruby Drash
Jane Aylwin

District 16

Nancy Lee Pickron
F Jan Callahan
Carol Millard

that it is you who give us the breath of life.

May the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance we have been given and bounty we are to share with others.

May the dying of summer's spirit remind us of your great promise that death is temporary and life is eternal.

We praise you for your goodness forever and ever.
Amen.

Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving Prayer

Dearest Lord,

On November 11th we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country.

We pray that you will bless them, Lord, for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country's heritage, for all of us.

Bless them abundantly for the hardships they faced, for the sacrifices they made for their many different contributions to America's victories over tyranny and oppression.

We respect them, we thank them, we honor them, we are proud of them, and we pray that you will watch over these special people and bless them with peace and happiness.

Also, thank you Dear Lord for this upcoming Thanksgiving Day. Help us all to stop and reflect on just how many blessings we have – too often we take for granted the bounty with which we live in the United States. Please allow joy, peace and thankfulness to settle in our hearts and let us share those wonderful feelings with all mankind.

Thank you, God.

Amen

Americanism

LIZ CLOSE



As we gather together and Veteran's Day approaches, Patriotism can be seen around our communities. Units are planning their Veteran's Day Parades with ceremonies at many posts.

We proudly fly our American flag, wear our Auxiliary branding apparel, and attend sporting events. We are a model to those around us as we place our hand over our heart during the Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem showing those around us who we are, what we stand for, where and why we matter.

How do we continue this wave of patriotism throughout the year? Bring a packet of information about the Great American Teach In, flag etiquette and of course the Americanism Essay Contest to schools when you meet with guidance counselors and history teachers letting them know how their students can participate in our great Americanism programs this year. You can purchase pocket sized booklets on the Declaration of Independence, U. S. Constitution, Flag Code, as well as comic books, and pamphlets from Emblem Sales to distribute during your visit.

The Essay Contest theme this year is, "How Can We Support Families Who Provide Care To Their Veterans?" All the details of this contest are available on the website alafl.org under the Americanism Program. You may want to create information packets explaining the contest rules, deadline dates, theme and award opportunities to take with you when you visit the schools. Contact the Girls and Boy Scouts, Young Marines and our Auxiliary Juniors to see if there are any interested potential candidates for the contest. Work with school administrators to identify students who may be interested as well. The date for Units to pick up the essays from

your school is February 25. You will then read them over, judging by the written criteria on the 2022 cover sheet. Units then need to send the winning essays to me, arriving no later than April 1, 2022. My address is 1115 61 Street South, Gulfport, FL 33707. The Department Americanism Committee will then come together and judge the submitted essays sending the winning essay in each of the 6 Class Levels to the Southern Division Americanism Chairman, Dr. Deborah Blanch, no later than April 15, 2022.

Again, be sure to carefully read the 2022 cover sheet detailing this contest and the prizes that will be awarded to the students. Be sure to include the cover sheet when sending the essay and scoring sheet to me for each participant. After the contest and the winners are chosen, you may want to arrange for a day with the school (preferably during a student assembly to present the essay winners inviting their parents.). Be sure to include your information about your hours, etc. on your unit report to District and Department Americanism Chairman. You may also want to invite the winner and their parents to an auxiliary meeting and have them read their essay at a unit meeting.

In October, the National Americanism Chairman, Norma Tramm wrote to let us know she is offering a contest to units nationwide to win a tool box to help their work with the "Star Spangled Kids" program. The deadline for this contest to be submitted is 5pm ET January 15, 2022. Recipients of the information tool boxes will be announced February 25, 2022. For details go to ALAFL Americanism Facebook page "How To Instructions Star Spangled Kids.docx" where you will find all the information and attachments related to this contest.

If I can be of any help to you, call or email me.



Visit Your Local Tag Office and get yours today!

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

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Membership

CANDACE MABRY



When you wish upon a STARfish...

Your membership dreams will come true.

I have asked for STARfish, Units and Districts to share their AHA moments. So, what is an AHA moment? All things that have to do with membership. If you are enhancing your members (renewal-educating), finding new members (recruiting), or bringing members back to the fold (rejoining). Those are the moments I want to share each month in this forum and on our Facebook page. I have two wonderful AHA moments to share this month... hopefully it will spur more ideas or give your Unit a splendid thought.

First was from Carol Williams, District 16, Unit 273, Madeira Beach. They created an Auxiliary 101 Class for new or existing members that want to learn more. They began in August and since then they have had another one in September and October. These Auxiliary 101 classes have Executive committee members and Past Department Presidents to speak on a variety of topics to include but not limited to Membership, Sgt at Arms, Community Service, Public Relations, impact reports, and branding. At the first class they had 9 members attend, and it has grown each month to be over 20 per class. Each attendee was given a binder that contained everything they were reviewing that day and more. The binder is in itself an AHA moment. The Instructors kept it short and sweet, and each spoke about 5 minutes. It lasted about an hour, then they had lunch at the Post to continue with any more questions and for everyone to build comradery. They have also been giving out New Member Guide's all year. Carol was gracious enough to forward to me both the New Member Guide and binder for training. If you are interested, please feel free to email me at membershipchairman@alafl.org and I will be happy to share. Way to go team Unit 273.

Another wonderful AHA moment is submitted by Kaye Brown, District 2, Unit 241, Sneads, FL. Several months ago, Kaye was advised that a female veteran lived on the Legion Road in Sneads, just a few houses down from Post 241. She passed this house many

times, and she always observed an American flag flying in her yard. While riding in a Memorial Day Procession through their little community, she saw this veteran standing out in her yard, holding an American flag, and waving proudly at the procession. Kaye made herself a mental note to visit this veteran and ask her to join the Auxiliary and possibly the Legion also. In June, Kaye spotted her working in her yard, and she decided this was the day to talk to her. Kaye introduced herself and invited her to the Unit's next meeting in July which she did and joined the Unit that night!

The Unit is fortunate to have this new member. It is already evident that she is a hard worker for the Unit and a devoted patriotic person. Kaye is pleased that she took a few minutes of her day to stop and ask her to join the Unit... That is a STARfish that is shining brightly. Way to go 241.

Update on District Challenges...(as of this article being written) District 6 Flounder is putting a hurt on District 12 Sea Trout (north and south), District 11 Swordfish is rolling over District 9 Sailfish, District 2 Sea Turtle is whipping District 4 Scallops, District 17 Wahoo is pounding District 5 Seahorse, District 15 Snapper is thumping District 7 Shrimp, District 1 Stingray is walloping District 3 Dolphin, District 13 Barracuda is squeaking by District 8 Tuna and District 16 Marlin is thrashing District 14 Lobster.

Please send me more AHA moments to share throughout the Department and join our Facebook group ALAFL Membership...



Kaye Brown, Unit 241 and new member, Kathleen Sullivan



First AHA moment reported from Madeira Bch on their Auxiliary 101

Past President's Parley

JULIA GRIFFITH



Hello, all Auxiliary Members!

Fall is back and so am I, to share the purpose of the Past Presidents Parley Program! Another Fall season and another page turns...

"What is this program, and why do we have it?"

The purpose of the Past Presidents Parley (PPP) committee is to utilize the experience and knowledge of past Auxiliary leaders for training and encouragement of future Auxiliary leaders. Through the Past Presidents Parley committee, women who have served as unit, department, and national presidents have an opportunity to continue in active service to the Auxiliary, helping ensure strong future leadership for the organization.

Irma Wehrli's "Aha Moment"



I remember when I was Department President, traveling to Units. That was the year we started doing membership on-line and not processing it as we do today. There were many Units that had no idea on how to process their memberships,

so I helped them to fill out the new membership transmittal forms. This was back in 2011-2012. At that time, there were a lot of members who didn't

do things on computers. Previously, they had a transmittal that made a copy of what they had submitted. Old membership cards had a portion that separated; one to Department and the other portion to the member. It was difficult for members to remember to make a copy for our records.

I think during that transformation, it took a little for everyone to get used to. There are many "aha moments", but that was one that I felt I could help members with and make them feel like they were not alone.



DEPARTMENT TREASURER

The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Florida is hiring for the Department Treasurer position

APPLY AT
<https://indeedhi.re/3rIvhu0>





#ALAFLJuniors Camp – Out

December 10 – 12, 2021

My Warriors Place

Name of Female Junior Auxiliary Member: _____

Jr. Member #: _____ Unit #: _____ Unit Name and City: _____

_____ T-Shirt Size: C____/A____

Age of Junior: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Grade: _____

Address of Junior: _____

Emergency Contact Name & Cell #: _____

Emerg. Contact address & e-Mail: _____

Will the Junior be accompanied by an adult N/Y: Name of Adult _____

Has the Junior ever been away from home before Y/N: explain: _____

Does the Junior have any medical conditions that the Director needs to know about: Y / N Please explain: _____

Will Medication need to be given Y / N: explain: _____

Does the Junior have any Food Allergies Y/N: explain in detail: _____

The ALA FL Junior will be responsible to bring an overnight bag including change of clothes for at least 2 days, 1 - Auxiliary branded shirt, appropriate sleepwear, toiletries, a bathing suit & towel, your own pillow & pillowcase, a good attitude and the willingness to participate in all activities including meal prep and clean-up details. If an issue occurs (including disciplinary concerns, the Jr. getting homesick or physically sick) a parent or guardian will need to be able to pick the Junior up at the earliest convenience – within a few hours of call.) You also give permission for your Junior to be photographed and their pictures to be put on all Social Media platforms specifically for the use of ALA FL Juniors and the American Legion Auxiliary Junior Activities Committee. Yes / No

*Confirmation: By acknowledging and signing below, I am agreeing to this application: and it Must Be Signed and Notarized by a Notary Public. In case of an emergency, please attach a copy of **front & back of an Insurance Card** that the Junior is covered under, if no insurance an additional waiver will be signed.*

NOTARY PUBLIC:

Sworn and subscribed before me the _____ day of _____ in the year of 2021.
Notary Public, State of Florida _____

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#ALAFLJuniors Camp – Out

My Warriors Place

101 22nd Street NW

Ruskin, FL 33570

Schedule of Events: *This is subject to change if time restricts! Please be flexible:*

All meals will be eaten as a group and All activities will be done together. This camp is intended to teach Juniors about Teamwork, the importance of Service, not Self, inform what My Warriors Place is about and instill and instruct the mission of The American Legion Auxiliary.

Friday Night - December 10th – Arrive at My Warrior's Place between 4:30 – 6:30 PM

6:30 – 7:45 PM - Dinner: Pasta Night, tossed salad, Italian bread & butter, drinks, sundaes and Clean-Up

7:45 PM – Owner Kelly Kowall, will speak about My Warriors Place retreat and tell us what will need to be done for work detail in the morning.

9 – 9:30 PM Get Ready for Bed / 9:45 PM Lights Out

Saturday December 11th – 7:30 – 8:30 AM Wake-Up / Showers etc...

8:30 – 9:15 AM – Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs, sausage, fruit & juice as a group

9:15 – 9:30 AM Clean-Up

9:30 – 11:30 AM Work detail at My Warriors Place

11:30 – 11:45 AM – Clean-up for Lunch and explore grounds if time permits

11:45 AM – 12:30 PM – Lunch: soup, sandwich or wrap, chips, drinks & cookies

12:30 – 5:30 PM: Water Activity if weather & time permits / Team Building, Junior Auxiliary Activities Preamble, Meeting Protocol etc...

5:30 – 6:30 PM Dinner: Hamburgers/cheese, Hot dogs, salads, chips, iced tea, lemonade

6:30 – 6:45 Pm Clean-Up

6:45 – 8:30 PM: Reflection, start Thank You's and More Auxiliary Activities

8:30 – 9:00 PM Get Ready for Bed / 9:30 PM Lights Out

Sunday December 12th – 7:30 – 8:30 AM Wake-Up / Showers etc...

8:30 – 9:15 AM – Breakfast: donuts, muffins, bagels & cream cheese, fruit cups & juice

9:15 – 10 AM Clean-Up, Pack-up to go home – If Time allows Auxiliary Activity

10 – 11:30 AM – ALA FL Juniors Activity, Recap of Camp & Thank You to Ms. Kelly

Presentation of Gift Cards for My Warrior's Place Challenge

11:30 AM – 12:15 PM – Lunch: "Leftovers Lunch" ... No food will go to waste!

1 PM – Parents must have picked your child up by this time! Thank You



#ALAFLJuniors Camp - Out

* CHAPERONE APPLICATION *

December 10 – 12, 2021

My Warriors Place

Name of Chaperone Female Auxiliary Member: _____

Member #: _____ Unit #: _____ Unit Name and City: _____

Address: _____

Emergency Contact Name & Cell #: _____

Emerg. Contact address & e-Mail: _____

Do you have any medical conditions that the Director needs to know about: Y / N Please explain: _____

Will Medication need to be given Y / N: explain: _____

Do you have any Food Allergies Y/N: explain in detail: _____

Additional Information: _____

The ALA FL Junior Chaperone will be responsible to bring an overnight bag including change of clothes for at least 2 days, Auxiliary branded shirts, appropriate sleepwear, toiletries, a bathing suit & towel, your own pillow & pillowcase, willingness to participate in all activities including meal prep and clean-up details. You will be working closely with ALA FL Juniors under the age of 18 and will assist them with the above said camp so a background check will be needed to be done. You also give permission for photos to be taken of you and used on all Social Media platforms specifically for ALA FL Juniors and the ALA Junior Activities Committee. Yes / No
I hereby give approval for myself to participate in any and all activities prepared by ALA FL Junior Activities Chairman and Committee during the above said Camp. I assume all risk and hazards incidental to the conduct of the activities, and release, absolve and hold harmless the ALA Department of Florida, The Junior Activities Committee, it's respective Officers, Chairman, chaperones and representatives as well as My Warrior's Place, their officers & staff, from any and all liability for injuries to Junior Member arising from this Camp session. In case of injury to said child, I hereby waive all claims against the Florida ALA, FL ALA Junior Activities Committee, and My Warrior's Place.

Confirmation: By acknowledging and signing below, I am agreeing to this application, it is true and is Signed and Notarized by a Notary Public as well as a background check will be done. In case of an emergency, please attach a copy of front & back of an Insurance Card that you are covered under, if no insurance coverage, a waiver must be signed.

Print Name: _____

E-Mail: _____

NOTARY PUBLIC:

Produced Identification _____ (Photo ID) Personally Known _____

In witness of the undersigned parent / guardian of the above minor, _____

(Minor – Junior's name) has executed this statement of voluntary consent on this the _____ day of _____ in the year of 2021.

Sworn and subscribed before me the _____ day of _____ in the year of 2021.

Notary Public, State of Florida _____

Phone # _____

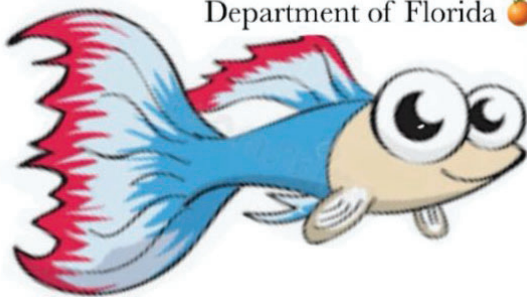
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#ALAFJuniors Camp – Out

American Legion Auxiliary

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Department of Florida 🍊



**Dec.
10, 11 & 12th,
2021**

**My Warriors Place
101 22nd St NW,
Ruskin, FL 33570**



Code of Conduct for all ALA Florida Juniors ~

- To fulfil the obligations of membership in the American Legion Family, I confirm that I am at least 8 years of age and a current paid ALA Junior member. Serving in any capacity representing the ALF is expected to pledge to uphold the following standards of conduct:

I agree to:

- be kind to others, including; being considerate and welcoming to members of all ages, ethnicities, and abilities, regardless of their appearance or years of membership. To value all members regardless of their ability to participate in ALA meetings, events or projects.
- to do what is asked of me in the meeting and actively participate with the planned events. I will conduct myself with dignity, displaying good manners and good morals at all times. I also agree to participate in all aspects including the dress code and Americanism sections of the program by honoring the American Flag and Standing for the Pledge.
- be honest, helpful, and to not undermine others. I understand that Chairman, Advisors and Committee members are managing and controlling the meeting and may deviate from the agenda or program whenever necessary to expedite proceedings to allow for guest speakers, activities or guests.
- Pray in my own Faith, while the Chaplain leads us in prayer, and believe in "For God & Country."
- respect the dignity of all persons and not bully, nor physically, mentally, or psychologically abuse any other person, if I see bullying, I will report it to an Advisor.
- not swear, smoke, vape, or abuse alcohol or illegal drugs.
- respect the property of the ALA and The Legion Family, personal property and the property of others. Cell phones are not to be seen or heard, if they become a distraction then they will be asked to be turned off or taken until the Junior Activity is over.
- demonstrate a high regard for the mission, rendering quality service to our Veterans, military, their families, work towards a better community and be a good citizen and a good neighbor including the American Legion Family at all levels. Any person causing unnecessary commotion or disturbance will be escorted from the activity or designated meeting area and a parent will be called to sign them out.
- For Safety & Security purposes, attendees cannot leave the activity / meeting area unescorted. If they need to leave (outside of scheduled breaks) they should request an escort by a member of the Junior Activities team or will need a parent to sign them out.
- Parents, guardians, family members etc. are not allowed in Junior meetings unless permission is granted by a team member. Meetings, training session & camps are intended for Juniors, advisors and invited guests only.
- To challenge all members to abide by this Code and appropriately address those who violate this Code of Conduct.
- Permission is granted to take and use my photo for the purpose of advertising, web-related content, publicity etc..

I understand that I represent the American Legion Family including the Auxiliary and SAL and that my behavior will reflect upon the American Legion Family at all levels. I understand and agree to adhere to the highest ethical standards to earn and protect the public's trust in carrying out the mission and agree to be a good steward of the ALA or SAL. I have read and understand this Code of Conduct, I agree to abide by the principles of good behavior described therein, and understand that violation of any part of the Code may result in disciplinary action as allowed by the ALA Junior Activities Chairman and Committee.

Jr. Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent / Guardian name: _____ Signature: _____



Did You know!

November 11th is the 100th Anniversary of The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

The American Legion and The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

timeline

Dec. 21,1920 American Legion founding leader U.S. Rep. Hamilton Fish III introduces a bill to authorize a return to the United States the remains of one unknown soldier who lost his life fighting in the Great War. The American Legion strongly supports the measure which passes.

Oct. 24,1921 Sgt. Edward F. Younger selects the third casket from the left among four unidentified U.S. soldiers who were earlier exhumed from their graves. The chosen soldier is transported from France to Washington D. C. aboard USS Olympia. The other three are interred at the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France, where they remain today. The chosen Unknown Soldier would lie in state at the U.S. Capitol Rotunda until ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery.

Nov. 11,1921 President Warren G. Harding and the Allied generals of the Great War, flanked by American Legion members, dedicate the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington.

March 26,1926 After vandalism and disrespect activity by visitor of the tomb, sunset-to sunrise surveillance of the site by armed military personnel begins, at the urging of The American Legion.

July 2,1937 Approval is given, after insistence by The American Legion, for 24-hour military guarding of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Aug. 3,1956 President Dwight D. Eisenhower signs an American Legion supported bill to select and honor the unknown military personnel who died fighting in World War II and the Korean War, who will be added to separate crypts on the tomb plaza on Memorial Day weekend 1958.

May 31,1958 American Legion National Commander John Gleason presents the organization's prestigious Distinguished Service Medal to the Unknown Servicemen of WW I, WWII and Korea the day after they are interred at Arlington.

March 15,1969 Legionnaire President Richard Nixon flips the switch to permanently light the tomb and the amphitheater temple façade. Nearly \$200,000 was raised for the project by The American, as its 50th anniversary "gift to the nation."

May 28,1984 President Ronald Reagan acts as next of kin and accepts the interment flag for a then-unknown Soldier of the Vietnam War, whose remains are added to a third crypt.

June 30,1998 The Department of Defense formally identifies, through DNA, that the Vietnam War Unknown Soldier is Air Force 1st Lt. Michael Joseph Blassie, who was shot down near An Loc in 1972. His remains were exhumed and repatriated to his family, and the Vietnam War crypt that contained his remains is vacant today.

American Legion families, other veterans and civic organizations, and your community can participate in the centennial remembrance national salute on November 11. You are asked to ring bells 21 times at 11 a.m. on November 11, with a moment of silence to follow. The same type of ceremony was performed during the interment of the World War I Unknown Soldier on November 11,1921.

Thank You to The American Legion Magazine for this interesting information.



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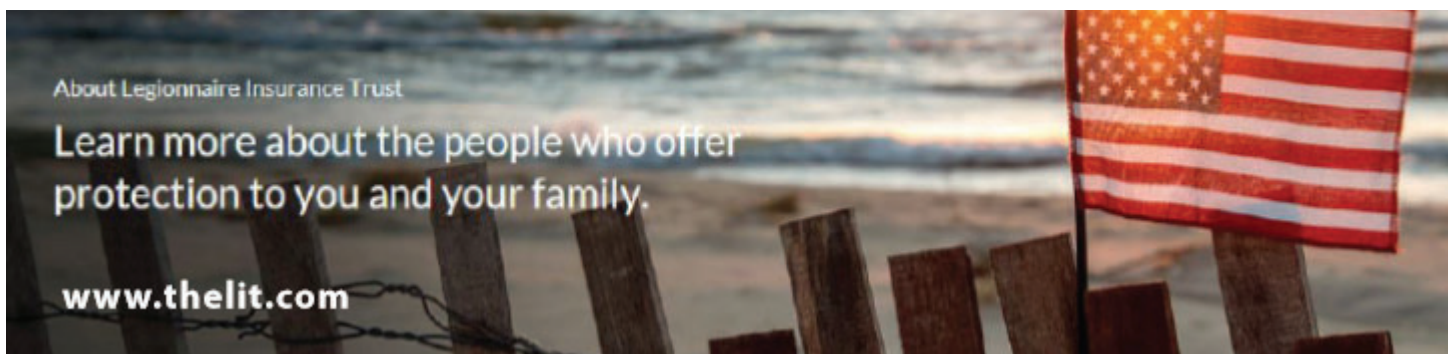
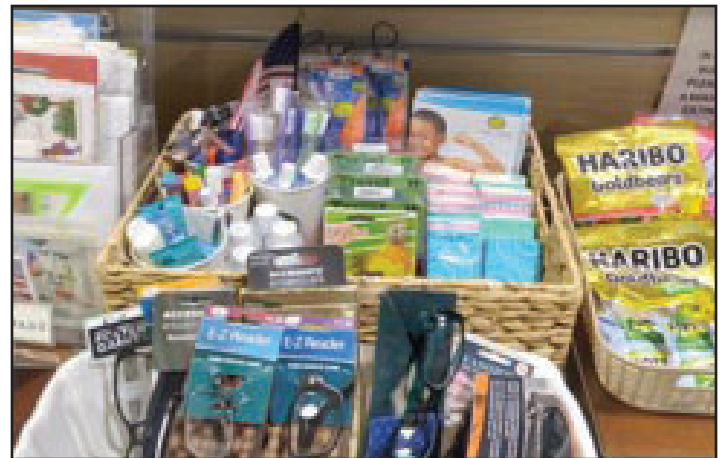
I became interested in the ALA Unit 5, 3810 West Kennedy Blvd., Tampa, FL two years ago, because I wanted to serve our huge veteran community here in the TB area.

At that time, a kind hearted and welcoming lady named Rosemary Hamblin was the ALA President. Living in Oldsmar, 18 miles and 45 minutes away from the post, I passed several ALA on my way to this one. It was because of the kindness of Rosemary that I joined. Immediately, she made me feel like I had been a member for many years, she called me, and emailed me encouraging words, bc I needed them. Sadly, Rosemary suddenly passed not long after the death of her beloved husband, Bill Hamblin, Commander of the Post. Tears flowed and stories of Rosemary were recited at the following meetings. She has been greatly missed, there will never be another Rosemary. However, there is a person who very much reminds me of Rosemary.

I also volunteer at the USO Welcome Center at Tampa International Airport and at the Fisher House at James A Haley VA Hospital , Tampa. There are a great many needs at both of these locations, things like chapstick, travel sized tissue packs, beef jerky is a much needed item for the brand new recruits who visit the USO on their way to Basic Combat Training. Like Rosemary, this officer would bring in bags and bags of much needed items for both the USO and the Fisher House to give to me. Like Rosemary, this member would call just to check up on me.

I don't think that this officer just does this for me, but for all of the members of the unit...it's just her nature. This person is Patty Delgado...always helpful, always thoughtful, always generous....never , ever intrusive. Thank you, Patty, for being who you are....a role model for all of us...in the likeness of Rosemary Hamblin.

May Rosemary rest in peace...November 28, 2020



Florida Happenings



District 9 - ABC School



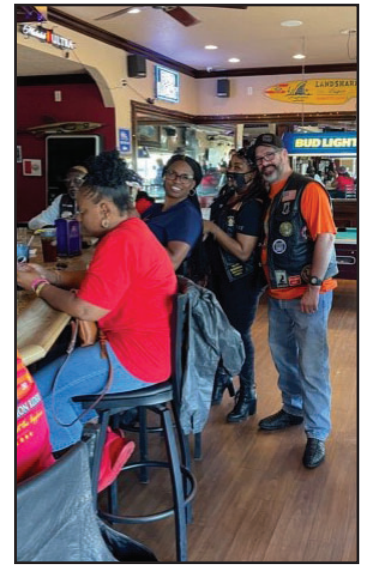
Unit 107



Unit 157



District 14



Unit 194 - On Sept 26th Unit 194 dual members (ALR) Bridgette Greene, Avis Chase, Dwala Willis & Dawn Bruton at Chapter 194's annual poker run to benefit Post 194 Kids Safe Zone After School Program. Auxiliary members LaShawnda Pinkney & Lori Johnson also joined the ride! Thank you to all the Chapters that came out to support Chapter 194's ride.....much appreciated!



Unit 194 - Post 194's dinner sale fundraiser. Chapter 283 held their Poker Run that day and Post 194 was one of their stops. It was a great day and we enjoyed seeing everyone.



District 16



Unit 9 - 2nd Annual Bacon & Boobs Pink Party for making strides against breast cancer.



Unit 305 - St Pete Beach is having their 2nd raffle basket this year to benefit the AEF program, pictured is AEF Chairman, Susan Kessler. The "Golf Themed" basket will run from Oct 8th thru Oct 30th, the winning ticket will be pulled at the Halloween Bash!



Unit 194 - Post 194's annual golf tournament held at Cimarrone Golf Course Service not Self



Unit 194 - Dunkin Donut delivery to Clyde E. Lassen State Veterans' Home. We also delivered pumpkins donated by 5th District Auxiliary members. The request for pumpkins came from the Activities Dir of the facility and will be used by the residents for their pumpkin decorating contest. Tim who is pictured with Lydia White works at the facility and is always very welcoming to the volunteers who visit our veterans. Thanks again Mighty 5th District for always coming thru for us.



Unit 125 - Resident of Town Shores Gulfport and member of the Gulfport Quilters, Janet LaFlamme, donated to Unit 125 Gulfport this beautiful handmade quilt to be presented to Unit 125 President, Donna Anderson for an upcoming fundraising activity. (Pictured left to right are Liz Close and Donna Anderson)



Unit 194 - Ground breaking for tag Children's Museum which will be located in St. Augustine, FL.

Membership Reports

OCTOBER 29, 2021

DISTRICT 1

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0075	Crestview	215	0	86	86	40.00%
0078	Milton	13	0	4	4	30.77%
0193	Pensacola	75	14	22	36	48.00%
0221	Niceville	105	0	52	52	49.52%
0235	Ft Walton Beach	145	0	14	14	9.66%
0240	Pensacola	249	5	114	119	47.79%
0296	Destin	60	0	40	40	66.67%
0340	Pensacola	355	7	181	188	52.96%
0356	Lynn Haven	139	0	74	74	53.24%
0375	Southport	49	1	15	16	32.65%
0378	Gulf Breeze	49	0	14	14	28.57%
0382	Navarre	149	2	46	48	32.21%
0392	Panama City	184	1	77	78	42.39%
0402	Panama City Beach	38	0	21	21	55.26%
TOTALS		1825	30	760	790	43.29%

DISTRICT 3

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0049	Monticello	27	0	19	19	70.37%
0057	Lake City	238	0	70	70	29.41%
0107	Live Oak	46	1	36	37	80.43%
0215	Jasper	34	0	0	0	0.00%
0224	Madison	41	0	21	21	51.22%
0291	Steinhatchee	195	2	39	41	21.03%
0383	Old Town	131	0	5	5	3.82%
0383	Old Town	129	1	129	130	100.78%
TOTALS		712	3	190	193	27.11%

DISTRICT 2

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0013	Tallahassee	81	1	39	40	49.38%
0082	Lanark	77	1	38	39	50.65%
0084	Havana	29	13	9	22	75.86%
0100	Marianna	36	0	2	2	5.56%
0217	Quincy	52	3	28	31	59.62%
0241	Sneads	70	20	33	53	75.71%
TOTALS		345	38	149	187	54.20%

DISTRICT 4

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0016	Gainesville	38	0	20	20	52.63%
0027	Ocala	20	0	12	12	60.00%
0058	Dunnellon	41	0	15	15	36.59%
0077	Inverness	49	0	26	26	53.06%
0149	Newberry	24	3	13	16	66.67%
0155	Crystal River	334	4	175	179	53.59%
0166	Homosassa Springs	137	0	80	80	58.39%
0210	Ocala	12	0	0	0	0.00%
0230	Hawthorne	28	4	19	23	82.14%
0236	Bronson	52	0	14	14	26.92%
0237	Beverly Hills	179	0	99	99	55.31%
0284	Bellevue	84	2	54	56	66.67%
TOTALS		998	13	527	540	54.11%

DISTRICT 5

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0009	Jacksonville	51	1	21	22	43.14%
0054	Fernandina Beach	177	0	61	61	34.46%
0088	Jacksonville	81	1	44	45	55.56%
0129	Jacksonville Beach	386	5	137	142	36.79%
0137	Jacksonville	464	10	242	252	54.31%
0194	St Augustine	78	0	18	18	23.08%
0197	Jacksonville	40	0	2	2	5.00%
0202	Keystone Heights	55	0	30	30	54.55%
0233	Ponte Vedra Beach	163	31	72	103	63.19%
0244	Jacksonville	27	0	10	10	37.04%
0250	Middleburg	307	27	132	159	51.79%
0283	Jacksonville	473	4	199	203	42.92%
0316	Atlantic Beach	356	0	31	31	8.71%
0372	Mandarin	28	0	18	18	64.29%
0373	Orange Park	30	0	1	1	3.33%
0401	Hilliard	49	1	12	13	26.53%
0401	Hilliard	41	1	46	47	114.63%
TOTALS		2765	80	1030	1110	40.14%

DISTRICT 7

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0003	Bartow	90	0	41	41	45.56%
0004	Lakeland	71	0	8	8	11.27%
0008	Winter Haven	581	4	283	287	49.40%
0034	Haines City	84	0	7	7	8.33%
0071	Lake Wales	45	0	21	21	46.67%
0072	Mulberry	163	2	47	49	30.06%
0201	Florence Villa	33	0	9	9	27.27%
TOTALS		1067	6	416	422	39.55%

DISTRICT 6

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0010	Kissimmee	204	2	116	118	57.84%
0018	Wildwood	13	0	2	2	15.38%
0019	Orlando	106	2	49	51	48.11%
0035	Mount Dora	156	0	49	49	31.41%
0041	Eustis	12	0	8	8	66.67%
0053	Sanford	70	0	10	10	14.29%
0055	Clermont	191	1	94	95	49.74%
0063	Winter Garden	37	0	12	12	32.43%
0080	Saint Cloud	253	0	107	107	42.29%
0101	Bushnell	136	0	48	48	35.29%
0109	Ocoee	16	0	1	1	6.25%
0112	Winter Park	24	2	19	21	87.50%
0183	Fern Park	108	1	53	54	50.00%
0219	Fruitland Park	208	2	129	131	62.98%
0242	Orlando	117	7	56	63	53.85%
0286	Orlando	178	3	86	89	50.00%
0330	Leesburg	60	1	40	41	68.33%
0331	Orlando	18	0	1	1	5.56%
0347	Lady Lake	2601	10	1613	1623	62.40%
0412	Orlando	14	2	8	10	71.43%
0412	Orlando	17	2	11	13	76.47%
TOTALS		4522	33	2501	2534	56.04%

DISTRICT 8

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0011	Arcadia	31	0	0	0	0.00%
0024	Bradenton	330	12	180	192	58.18%
0025	Lake Placid	357	0	169	169	47.34%
0030	Sarasota	78	5	45	50	64.10%
0069	Avon Park	661	0	323	323	48.87%
0074	Sebring	111	0	70	70	63.06%
0113	Rotonda West	315	1	147	148	46.98%
0159	Venice	663	0	375	375	56.56%
0254	North Port	122	0	58	58	47.54%
0266	Fruitville	144	3	41	44	30.56%
0309	Palmetto	173	0	93	93	53.76%
0312	Oneco	255	0	84	84	32.94%
0325	Ellenton	194	0	90	90	46.39%
TOTALS		3434	21	1675	1696	49.39%

DISTRICT 9						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0036	Ft Lauderdale	31	0	1	1	3.23%
0092	Hollywood	93	0	56	56	60.22%
0142	Pompano Beach	179	3	116	119	66.48%
0157	Margate	186	6	63	69	37.10%
0162	Deerfield Beach	173	14	89	103	59.54%
0180	Fort Lauderdale	106	3	58	61	57.55%
0209	Dania Beach	17	0	8	8	47.06%
0220	Ft Lauderdale	31	4	11	15	48.39%
0222	Fort Lauderdale	35	0	8	8	22.86%
0287	Deerfield Beach	15	0	0	0	0.00%
0304	Dania	64	0	14	14	21.88%
0310	Hallandale	36	0	17	17	47.22%
0321	Cooper City	215	2	90	92	42.79%
0365	Sunrise	12	0	12	12	100.00%
TOTALS		1193	32	543	575	48.20%

DISTRICT 12						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0001	Titusville	301	6	141	147	48.84%
0022	Cocoa	90	0	38	38	42.22%
0039	Vero Beach	179	0	22	22	12.29%
0040	Fort Pierce	183	1	104	105	57.38%
0081	Melbourne	174	1	68	69	39.66%
0117	Palm Bay	521	4	274	278	53.36%
0126	Jensen Beach	210	0	73	73	34.76%
0163	Eau Gallie	239	3	100	103	43.10%
0171	Fort Pierce	14	0	7	7	50.00%
0189	Sebastian	149	0	102	102	68.46%
0191	Melbourne	84	0	8	8	9.52%
0200	Satellite Beach	180	0	66	66	36.67%
0318	Port St Lucie	911	4	588	592	64.98%
0344	Merritt Island	45	2	19	21	46.67%
0348	Cape Canaveral	184	0	116	116	63.04%
0358	White City	64	0	37	37	57.81%
0359	Port St John	332	2	126	128	38.55%
0366	Barefoot Bay	69	22	23	45	65.22%
0394	Palm Bay	174	4	81	85	48.85%
0410	Viera	13	0	3	3	23.08%
TOTALS		4116	49	1996	2045	49.68%

DISTRICT 11						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0020	Belle Glade	46	2	25	27	58.70%
0047	Lake Worth	81	1	29	30	37.04%
0062	Stuart	524	2	335	337	64.31%
0064	Okeechobee	130	1	61	62	47.69%
0065	Delray Beach	53	4	36	40	75.47%
0141	West Palm Beach	79	5	34	39	49.37%
0164	Boynton Beach	147	3	79	82	55.78%
0199	W Palm Beach	42	0	16	16	38.10%
0268	Riviera Beach	87	9	24	33	37.93%
0271	Tequesta	156	7	96	103	66.03%
0277	Boca Raton	105	0	55	55	52.38%
0288	Boynton Beach	27	0	0	0	0.00%
0367	Royal Palm Beach	36	2	12	14	38.89%
TOTALS		1513	36	802	838	55.39%

DISTRICT 13						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0038	Fort Myers	37	0	26	26	70.27%
0090	Cape Coral	272	2	137	139	51.10%
0103	Punta Gorda	506	2	289	291	57.51%
0110	Port Charlotte	601	1	288	289	48.09%
0123	Sanibel	53	0	10	10	18.87%
0130	Labelle	149	0	24	24	16.11%
0135	Naples	352	1	168	169	48.01%
0136	Saint James City	466	2	234	236	50.64%
0192	Fort Myers	22	2	16	18	81.82%
0274	Fort Myers Beach	574	1	265	266	46.34%
0303	Bonita Springs	392	3	229	232	59.18%
0323	Lehigh Acres	438	25	167	192	43.84%
0336	N Ft Myers	373	0	192	192	51.47%
0351	Fort Myers	92	1	40	41	44.57%
TOTALS		4327	40	2085	2125	49.11%

DISTRICT 14						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0028	Key West	61	0	26	26	42.62%
0031	South Miami	186	5	103	108	58.06%
0043	Homestead	69	0	4	4	5.80%
0067	North Miami	49	0	12	12	24.49%
0098	Coral Gables	22	0	3	3	13.64%
0133	Miami	71	5	24	29	40.85%
0154	Marathon	171	0	15	15	8.77%
0168	Key West	13	0	4	4	30.77%
0333	Key Largo	79	0	14	14	17.72%
0346	Miami	19	0	3	3	15.79%
0374	Key Biscayne	42	0	18	18	42.86%
TOTALS		782	10	226	236	30.18%

DISTRICT 16						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0007	Clearwater	273	0	34	34	12.45%
0014	St Petersburg	115	3	66	69	60.00%
0079	New Port Richey	470	17	187	204	43.40%
0104	Pinellas Park	244	7	135	142	58.20%
0119	Largo	355	2	144	146	41.13%
0125	St Petersburg	291	4	159	163	56.01%
0158	Treasure Island	272	0	54	54	19.85%
0173	Holiday	261	2	152	154	59.00%
0238	Safety Harbor	278	7	113	120	43.17%
0252	Seminole	1027	7	642	649	63.19%
0273	Madeira Beach	3181	0	760	760	23.89%
0275	Dunedin	874	3	498	501	57.32%
0305	St Pete Beach	125	1	69	70	56.00%
0335	Hudson	69	4	39	43	62.32%
TOTALS		7835	57	3052	3109	39.68%

DISTRICT 15						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0005	Tampa	42	1	22	23	54.76%
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0111	Tampa	61	0	37	37	60.66%
0138	Tampa	453	6	288	294	64.90%
0139	Tampa	99	0	5	5	5.05%
0147	Odessa	41	0	12	12	29.27%
0148	Riverview	216	4	116	120	55.56%
0152	Tampa	256	10	154	164	64.06%
0167	Tampa	24	0	0	0	0.00%
0186	Brooksville	400	1	150	151	37.75%
0248	West Tampa	22	0	3	3	13.64%
0248	West Tampa	25	1	20	21	84.00%
0389	Ruskin	16	2	11	13	81.25%
TOTALS		1614	22	788	810	50.19%

DISTRICT 17						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0006	Deland	89	0	40	40	44.94%
0017	New Smyrna Beach	165	0	54	54	32.73%
0045	Palatka	41	0	22	22	53.66%
0115	Palm Coast	41	0	17	17	41.46%
0120	HollyHill	218	1	133	134	61.47%
0127	Lake Helen	26	1	10	11	42.31%
0204	Daytona Beach	21	0	0	0	0.00%
0255	Deltona	30	4	14	18	60.00%
0259	Debary	23	0	8	8	34.78%
0267	Ormond Beach	194	4	153	157	80.93%
0270	Port Orange	179	0	104	104	58.10%
0285	Edgewater	105	2	54	56	53.33%
0361	S Daytona	212	0	61	61	28.77%
TOTALS		1344	12	670	682	50.74%



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