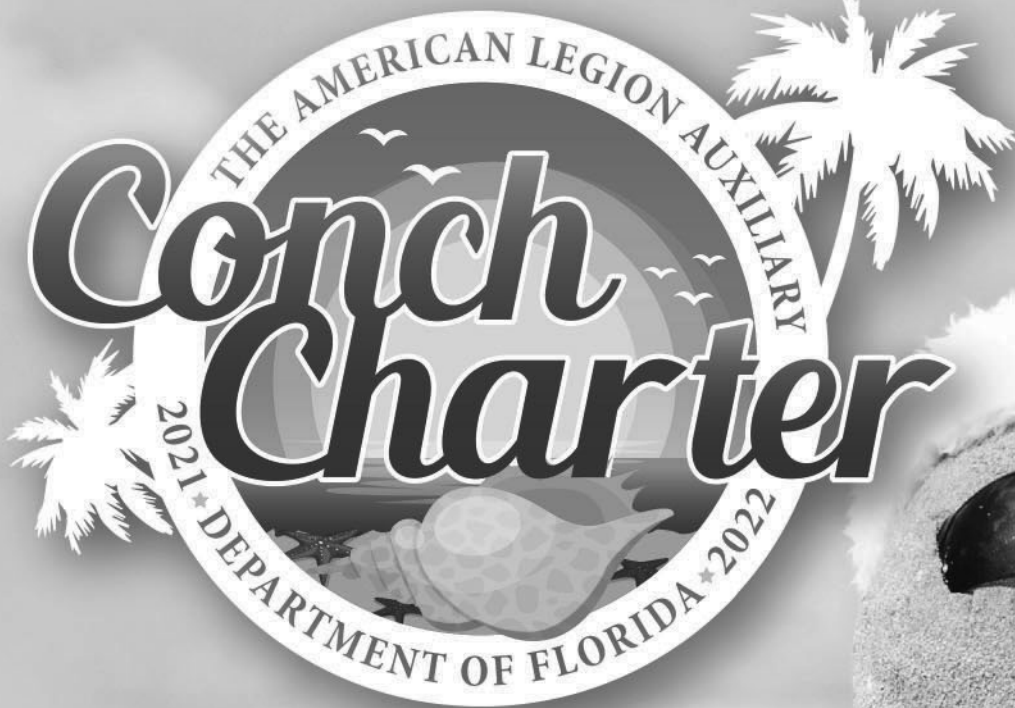


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Mission Statement

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

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

Vision Statement

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

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Upcoming Events December 2021

04	Tushies & Toes
11	District 6 Meeting
11	District 8 Meeting
15	Dept President Visit District 16
16	Unit 305 Fashion Show
18	Wreaths Across America
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Want to submit an article and/or photos to *Conch Charter*?

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secretary@alafl.org

President's Message

WANDA BRANDT



Happy Holidays to – all you Star Fishes!

December is special to all of us for many reasons. As we begin to celebrate the Holidays, let us not forget those Men and Women who have given us that right and to

those that are still fighting to keep that right for us. Sadly, homeless veterans, and their service, are almost completely forgotten or ignored so our mission is to end homelessness among veterans.

On any given night, over 37,000 veterans go without a safe place to live. We strive to honor their sacrifice and help veterans in crisis by connecting them to housing resources, employment services, and other benefits they have rightfully earned.

Remember ... their gift forevermore.

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MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP. I cannot stress membership enough. It is the bloodline of our organization. It enables us to perform our missions to the Veterans and their Families, and supports not only National Programs but ours also. While you are out there recruiting new members, do not forget your current members, get them to renew in a timely manner.

Speaking of growing. It is everyone responsibility to gain new members and teach them, share your knowledge concerning the organization and WHY you belong and let them figure out their WHY and let then grow.

REMEMBER

WHO WE ARE

Founded in 1919 during the first National Convention of the American Legion, we have grown to be the largest women's patriotic service organization in the world. We are passionate about making a difference,

answering the call of Service, Not Self. You will find us in more than 9,500 local communities and in the USA and in 11 foreign countries.

WHAT WE DO

The American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) members and volunteers step up to advance our mission of service to veterans, military, and their families. Our annual volunteer service is worth nearly \$2 Billion.

WHY WE MATTER

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

AND WHAT IS YOUR WHY? Why are you still a Member?

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“Get Involved”

This comes from National webpage. Whether hosting a stand down to bring vital health and support services to homeless veterans, or coordinating a 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.

In order for us to continue helping our Veterans, Military and their families; ***we must continue to grow.***

Let us not forget all the work we do in our communities, volunteer service activities, mentoring children, schools and so much more we do. Make sure

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you keep tracking of your time and do not forget to report it.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Membership . . . All of sudden, units are under the impression that members of the Auxiliary must belong to the unit associated with the post of the veteran they are joining under. This is not true. The veteran can join the post of their choice and the female can join the unit of her choice. They do not have to be the same. They can be in different states if they so desire. I have no idea how this got started.

We seem to have a problem in several units with illegal membership. Uncles do not provide eligibility, father-in laws do not provide eligibility and SAL membership cannot provide eligibility. Remember it is the Unit's responsibility to verify an applicant is eligible according to Nationals rules. No Unit can waive the rules. If we continue to get complaints, the Department President will have no choice but call for a membership audit of your Unit. Clean up your house so Department doesn't have to.

Hope each of you, have a safe and happy holiday season.

Thank You, for all you do for the American Legion Auxiliary.

Community Service

DENICE GRINIS



What does Community Service look like in your neighborhood? Look around: Do you know if people are aware of available programs and resources that need volunteers within the community? This may take a little research for answers. A good place to start is

with your local officials. Send an email and ask what are the needs in your community and how can we be of help? Make sure we are branded when we serve the public.

Our goal has been to make our communities a better place for everyone to live. With all the natural disasters occurring in our communities, help to develop a disaster, emergency or evacuation plan, setting up first aid or CPR classes, or helping with a blood drive are just a few ways to engage your community.

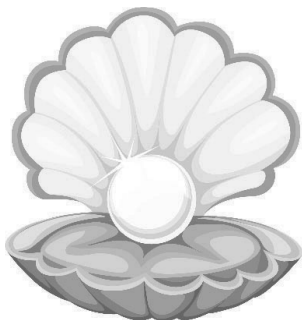
New for 2021-2022 year, National President Kathy Daudistel's focus is ***"Caring for Those Who Care for Others,"*** and we are going to recognize that special volunteer member with a Community Service Caregiver Award.

Do you have that one local unit member volunteer who goes above and beyond to help those in need?

Are they the first to spearhead a committee for the betterment of their community? Maybe they volunteer to take care of neighborhood members who aren't veterans but have mobility issues. They check on them to see what their needs are, prepare a meal for them, shop for them, or just spend time visiting with someone at risk. Let's recognize them for their efforts within the community. Encourage your members to report what they do for others. My unit 142 Pompano Beach puts out a spiral notebook at each meeting and members are encouraged to jot down what they do, how many hours did it take, and any money or in-kind donations given.

Units may wish to award certificates to several unit members in the communities who are outstanding volunteers. Each unit may submit only one nomination to their Department Community Service chairman to be received by May 1, 2022. Our department is encouraged to recognize the member nominations from every Unit submitted. Each department Community Service Chairman will select one winner and it will be emailed to the national Community Service Chairman by June 1, 2022.

Please take the time to honor those special members who give so much to our community. Forms and instructions may be found under the program "Community Service" on our website, ALAFL.org.



Pearl's Corner

PEARLS OF WISDOM

*"People are like tea bags;
They don't know their own Strength,
Until they are in Hot Water."*

From PDP TK Wildrick

*"A Smile is a Curve that can get a lot of
things Straight."*

From PDP TK Wildrick

Leadership

MARY KELLY-PERKINS



As I was going through some old correspondence, I came across an email and I would like to pass the following to all members of the Department of Florida. I borrowed it from Linda Smiley, the 2019-21 Southern Division

Leadership Chairman.

Lead by example –

Who says leadership is a one-way relationship? As you work towards developing leadership qualities in yourself, don't forget to look to your fellow members for feedback and inspiration.

1. Pay attention to the things that have been effective in the past and always be on the lookout for new ways to inspire, motivate and reward members.
2. Be willing to delegate responsibility – use the talents of others.
3. Always instill a climate of goodwill.
4. Be respectful, remember those all important "shout outs" to deserving members and certainly the two most important words, "**THANK YOU**".
5. Do care about your members and strive to help leadership capacity in them.

I personally know that these five examples work as I have been working them and I can see a change in myself and so have others.

Chaplain

RUTH BURGESS



Dear Lord, this Holy Season let us:

Mend a quarrel.
Seek out a friend.
Dismiss our doubt with trust.
Write a letter.
Share some treasure.
Answer softly.

Encourage youth.
Show mercy in word and deed.
Keep a promise.
Find the time.
Forego a grudge.
Forgive an enemy.

Listen.
Apologize.
Try to understand.
Flout envy.
Examine our demands on others.
Think first of someone else.
Appreciate.
Be kind and gentle.
Laugh a lot.
Take up arms against malice.
Go to church.
Welcome a stranger.
Gladden the heart of a child.
And in your honor - Love. Amen

Author Unknown

Secretary

PATTY HALLIDAY



Greetings from the Department Headquarters!!!

I would like to first send a big “Thank you” to all the Members, Units and Districts that donated

items for the National Creative Arts Festival Hospitality Suite at Fall Conference. Also to the Members, Units and Districts who donated items and their time, for the raffle table. Both fundraisers were a huge success. Congratulations to the winners from the raffle table.

Department Headquarters Holiday Office Hours

- The Department Headquarters will be closed on November 25 and November 26, 2021 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.
- The Department Headquarters will be closed from December 24 to January 2, 2022 for the Christmas and New Years Holiday.

Membership Information

- Please remember when submitting membership you must have one check per recap/transmittal sheet. Please do not write one check for several.

- Membership Credit Reports are being sent out once a month via regular mail.
- If you receive a memo from the Department Headquarters that money is owed please do not submit payment with the memo. Please wait until you receive the Membership Credit Report before submitting payment.

Quotas

Quota invoices were originally mailed to all Unit in July. A late notice is being sent every month along with the Membership Credit Report. Please make sure the Unit has paid their quotas. Each unit can not register for Girls State and will not be able to attend Department Convention if their quotas are not paid.

Department Mailing Address

The Department Headquarters post office box is closed. Please do not send mail to the post office box. The mailing address for the Department Headquarters is:

1912A Lee Road
Orlando, FL 32180

Keny and I would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday season.

Americanism

LIZ CLOSE



In 1919, the American Legion was founded on four pillars: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism and Children & Youth. Each of these pillars encompasses a variety of

programs that benefit our nation's veterans, its service members, their families, the youth of America and ordinary citizens.

of the Americanism program in your local schools, community and patriotic ceremonies during Education Week, Veterans Day, getting this year's essay contest information to the schools and participating in the “Star Spangled Kids” contest.

Continue to be engaged with the schools and be sure all essays are picked up in time to review and judge the winners and send to me by April 1st, 2022.

Thank you for taking this year's 2021-2022 theme to heart, “Dare to Commit,” and undertaking promotion

Education

MARY MCELRATH



First, I would like to send a Huge “Thank You” to the units that donated supplies for the Unity gift wrapping project. The Junior’s had fun designing wrapping paper to use during different holidays to wrap Give 10 items throughout the year. Hopefully, the Junior’s will wrap Give 10 items for the Christmas Holidays!

Please send in any photos of your celebrations during National Education Week which November 15-November 19. I would like to share them with other units and our National Education chair.

This year the National Education chair will use a virtual train for each state to use to brag about what is happening within our department. I will use the pictures that are uploaded on our ALA Education Facebook page to share on the National virtual train. However, if you don’t have access to Facebook, please feel free to email me your pictures directly. You can find my contact information in the ALA Unit Guide.

What’s new??

Children of Warriors National Presidents’ Scholarship application can be completed online. The online application will be received by National then sent to the department for review. <https://www.legion-aux.org/>

Scholarships that are offered at a National Level:

- Children of Warriors National Presidents’ Scholarship
- Spirit of Youth Scholarship
- Non-Traditional Student Scholarship

- Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship
- The James H. Parke Memorial Scholarship

Scholarships that are offered at the Department level:

- Department Scholarships
- Department Memorial Scholarship
- Department Master’s Scholarship

CHALLENGE: I challenge each unit to submit at least one ALA scholarship and/or Department Scholarship entry this year.

*Don’t forget to check out the scholarships that are offered by our legion family.

Scholarship Deadline is March 1, 2022. Thank you for all you do in supporting students and teachers in the classroom.

A Cool Salute to our Troops.



Education Bingo Winner, Linda Bowers



Visit Your Local Tag Office and get yours today!

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

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Girls State

IRMA WEHRLI



Girls State Information for 2022 Session

Remember you must have a minimum of 10 paid members and all unit quotas paid to department. Check with your treasurer that

these fees have been remitted into Department. Your Unit should have received the delegate registration forms for delegate and over-quota delegate. These forms must be into Department before January 31, 2022. Interested new Units should request an invoice along with registration paperwork from Department Headquarters

Now is the time to contact the schools to set up dates to interviews for your girl stater. Please don't interview any girl until you have the numbered application from department. If you interview before you have received your application because until you receive your application you aren't guaranteed a girls stater. If you don't have girls state in your Unit budget you need to have your Unit vote on these monies. Also don't promise any girl a slot for girls state. We don't want your Unit to be embarrassed if the program is, or you forget to mail in your monies to get a girls stater.

The Girls State session is being held June 7, 2022 through June 15, 2022. Help your girls stater get her online application uploaded to Department before April 4, 2022. They will not be excepted after the deadline. Just make sure your delegate isn't having any problem getting everything into department. There are a lot of the registration forms that have to be notarized and signed. They also need to attend an orientation, both the delegate and parent or guardian must attend. You can get the dates for all orientations around the

state from the department website. She may go to another districts if she has conflict with the date of her district. This is mandatory that they attend, if they don't their name will be removed from the girls state list of delegates to go. Orientations will be held starting April 2, 2022 through May 22, 2022. All orientations are held on a Saturday or Sunday during the month of April and part of May.

Familiarize yourself with the requirements for Girls State before you begin interviewing students. Please make sure the information you are giving your Units is correct. Our rules prohibit you from requiring citizenship for delegates. Who is eligible for Girls State, she must be a resident of the State of Florida. She must be in her junior year of high school and returning to her school for her senior year. She needs to possess, an interest in government, have strong leadership ability, good character and honesty, excellent scholastic standing, cooperativeness, community participation and service. Girls State delegates are a diverse group of women who share a common desire to learn.

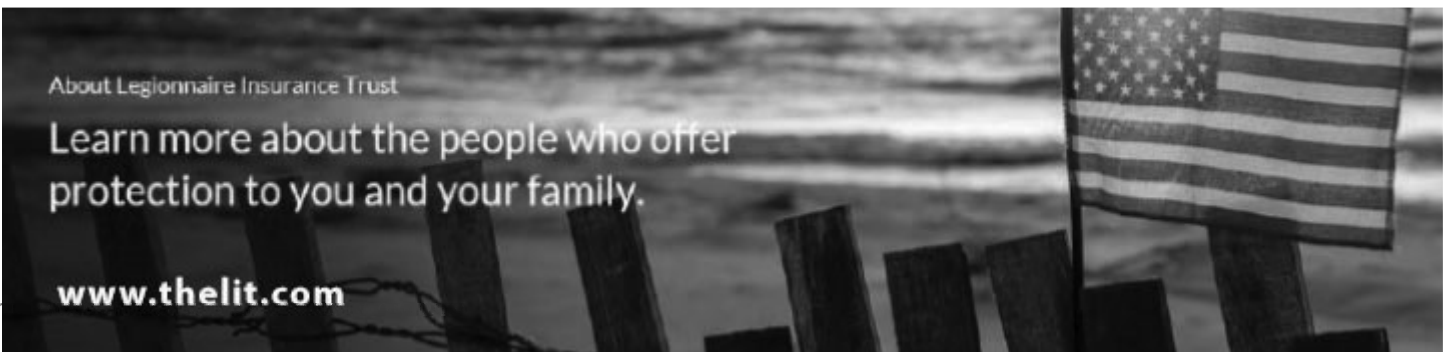
If you need any assistance or questions you can call or email me. Email address girlsstate@alafl.org

Cell phone (386)-397-6966 or home (386)-755-3814. There are no dumb questions just the ones that don't get ask. I'm here to help each of you, we will have a successful girls state session. Please remember you are responsible for selecting your delegate, reminding them of the dates for registration, attending an orientation, and where they are getting on the bus on June 7, 2022. They shouldn't arrive at Florida State before 1:00pm. Check in is between 1:00pm – 3:00pm. Girls State is a GREAT program so lets send the best girls to represent your Unit.

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Juniors

DARA OLIVER



The Department of Florida ALA Juniors had an amazing time at Workshop in August and Fall Conference that was held on Nov. 6th in Orlando. They have been continuing to raise funds for Department President Wanda's Project: My Warriors Place with the Gnarly Big Wave Challenge.

The Juniors collected \$1420. in Challenge #1 but came just shy of doubling that amount for Challenge #2. Winners were Membership Grouping 1 – Unit 344 Merritt Island, Group #2 – Unit 19 Orlando, Group #3 Unit 348 Cape Canaveral, Group #4 Unit 24 Bradenton and Group #5 Unit 283 Jacksonville. Unfortunately they didn't have anyone donate in Group #6.

The Juniors will be camping out at My Warriors Place, December 10-12, 2021 and ALL Juniors are invited to

attend at No Charge.

The Juniors had the opportunity to listen to Ms. Kelly Kowell's story she is the CEO of My Warriors Place and presented her with \$2325. in Gift Cards & checks.

The Juniors also signed Veterans Day and Christmas cards for local Veterans as well as completed some crafts, worked on their video's for the Public Relations committee and participated in the membership parade. National Miss Poppy & Dept. Honorary Jr. President Evelyn Derouin-Davidson spoke and Southern Div. Honorary Jr. VP got to meet Southern Div. VP Gabriele Barnett. It was a great Conference with 8 Juniors and 1 young SAL member in attendance.

Please find them on Facebook and Like - American Legion Auxiliary Florida Juniors and use the hashtag: #ALAFLJuniors.



National Security

CONNIE HENDRIX



Holiday greetings everyone! 2021 is rapidly coming to an end and our members have been doing a wonderful job supporting our active duty servicemembers, their families, and our first responders.

As you may or may not know, the Female Servicemember of the Year has been changed from Past President's Parley to National Security. However, it is now called "Salute to Servicemembers" honoring enlisted personnel who are currently serving our country in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, Space Force, and the National Guard/Reserve. That's right all enlisted members.

Details regarding this award and the nomination form can be found on the National Security page of the Department's website. Each American Legion Auxiliary unit may submit one entry for each branch of service. The Nomination Form must be accompanied a written narrative or YouTube video.

One enlisted servicemember from each branch of service, as well as the National Guard/Reserve, will be recognized at the American Legion Auxiliary National Convention. Recipients will attend the National Convention as guests of the Auxiliary.

What a great opportunity to honor and show appreciation for those who serve our country.

VA&R

DEE BELL



WOW is the word to describe the National Creative Arts Festival fundraiser. All 17 amazing Districts and many awesome Units donated a total of 46 baskets or homemade crafts for the raffle. Thank You to the dedicated volunteers who manned the tables on Friday and Saturday. Thank You to the entire American Legion

Family for buying tickets, because of your support we raised \$6,100 through the raffle and \$1,300 on the eagle cross stitch.

THANK YOU FOR CARING

Do you do things for a family member who serves or served in that military that he or she can't do anymore?

Do you help a family member who serves or served in the military with stress, emotional issues, anger or depression?

Do you take a family member who serves or served to

medical appointments or arrange any form of health care for them.

Do you sometimes feel alone, isolated in your duties because no one around you does the same thing or understands.

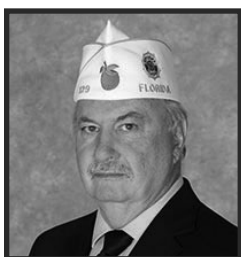
Do you feel you do the care responsibilities for someone who served in the military because they are your spouse, son/daughter, sibling or other family member.

SERVICE TO VETERAN HOURS

Caregivers of family members can now be awarded "Service to Veterans" hours and earn hour bars "Caring for those who cared for us" providing that you do not receive professional compensation. If the caregiver lives with the veteran, they may be awarded 10 hours a week. If they do not live with the veteran relative, they may be awarded 5 hours a week. Please use the "Service to Veteran" hours worksheet to keep track of your hours.

Department Commander

JERRY BRANDT



Members of the Auxiliary,

I would like to send you Holiday Greetings from the American Legion, Department of Florida, but I also want to personally thank, each and every one of you for what you do each and every day to assist, not only your

Posts, your Family, your community, but also keeping the spirit of our association with all Veterans alive.

So at this time, Merry Christmas, Hannukah, Kwanzaa and Happy New Years to everyone, but especially to our Veterans and their family.

DUTY * HONOR * COUNTRY

Florida Happenings



District 2



District 16 - Women Veterans at Stand down, 1st vice Jane Hardacre, 2nd vice Dee Bell and myself 16th District President spoke to the women vets about their service and installed they mattered and gave each a back pack filled with necessities.



Unit 5 - Several Unit 5 Auxiliary members and a dear friend joined together this Veterans Day to honor and show how thankful we are for all our Veterans at Mission BBQ .Town and Country location.



District 16 - American Legion Auxiliary District 16 members attended Fall Conference in Orlando November 5-7, 2021. Auxiliary members of District 16 collect items and filled a big blue wagon for the Chinese Auction at the conference. All Florida Auxiliary units collected items for several months for the auction, with proceeds going to benefit the Veterans Creative Arts Festival coming to St. Petersburg in April. Winner of the wagon was Julia Flint Griffith pictured Unit 273 President Cheryl Yoder.



Unit 79 - Auxiliary unit 79 17 thanksgiving baskets to veteran families

Florida Happenings



Unit 99 - Let's all get ready to welcome our newest unit of the 15th District, Congratulations to all members of Andrew Jackson Auxiliary Unit 99, Brooksville Florida to District 15 they received their Charter on Sunday November 14th.



Unit 125- Unit 125 Gulfport welcomed District 16 Sue Craft on her route to pick up donations for Fall Conference. Right to left Unit 125 President, Donna Anderson; District 16 President Sue Craft; Dept Americanism Chairman Liz Close
Back row right to left Christine Morrison and Linda Starnier.



Unit 138- American Legion Hugh Gilbert Strickland Auxiliary Unit 138, Port Tampa was aglow with over 60 luminaries on Veteran's Day, placed within the recently revitalized memorial garden in front of the Post home. The luminaries were purchased and personalized by Post 138 family and friends with messages of honor and remembrance for veterans in their lives. The project was led by Unit Poppy Chairperson Darla Flynn.



Unit 241- American Legion Post 241 and Unit 241 of Sneads recently placed American flags on veteran graves at local cemeteries: Pope, St. Peters, Dykes and Sinai. RIP



Unit 285- Mother Theresa (aka Dora Lee Dawson) came to collect bingo money at Unit 285 Edgewater



Unit 285- Strange people showed up at ALA Unit 285 Edgewater Friday bingo. Are you strange enough to attend on Fridays 2:00 pm.



Unit 285- Unit 285 Edgewater Drapes the Charter in memory of Past Unit President Venetta Narducci along with a service May she R I P



Unit 356- Unit 356 making a difference in our community and getting our presence known!

Membership Reports

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DISTRICT 1

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0075	Crestview	215	0	126	126	58.60%
0078	Milton	13	0	4	4	30.77%
0193	Pensacola	75	14	33	47	62.67%
0221	Niceville	105	0	62	62	59.05%
0235	Ft Walton Beach	145	1	36	37	25.52%
0240	Pensacola	249	6	143	149	59.84%
0296	Destin	60	1	49	50	83.33%
0340	Pensacola	355	7	201	208	58.59%
0356	Lynn Haven	139	0	85	85	61.15%
0375	Southport	49	1	22	23	46.94%
0378	Gulf Breeze	49	0	20	20	40.82%
0382	Navarre	149	3	78	81	54.36%
0392	Panama City	184	1	95	96	52.17%
0402	Panama City Beach	38	0	23	23	60.53%
TOTALS		1825	34	977	1011	55.40%

DISTRICT 3

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0049	Monticello	27	0	21	21	77.78%
0057	Lake City	238	0	133	133	55.88%
0107	Live Oak	46	1	36	37	80.43%
0215	Jasper	34	2	20	22	64.71%
0224	Madison	41	0	31	31	75.61%
0291	Steinhatchee	195	2	107	109	55.90%
0383	Old Town	131	0	6	6	4.58%
TOTALS		712	5	354	359	50.42%

DISTRICT 2

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0013	Tallahassee	81	3	46	49	60.49%
0082	Lanark	77	1	47	48	62.34%
0084	Havana	29	13	10	23	79.31%
0100	Marianna	36	3	23	26	72.22%
0217	Quincy	52	3	28	31	59.62%
0241	Sneads	70	20	45	65	92.86%
TOTALS		345	43	199	242	70.14%

DISTRICT 4

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0016	Gainesville	38	0	22	22	57.89%
0027	Ocala	20	0	12	12	60.00%
0058	Dunnellon	41	0	19	19	46.34%
0077	Inverness	49	0	37	37	75.51%
0149	Newberry	24	3	19	22	91.67%
0155	Crystal River	334	4	218	222	66.47%
0166	Homosassa Springs	137	0	90	90	65.69%
0210	Ocala	12	0	8	8	66.67%
0230	Hawthorne	28	4	22	26	92.86%
0236	Bronson	52	0	23	23	44.23%
0237	Beverly Hills	179	0	131	131	73.18%
0284	Bellevue	84	2	62	64	76.19%
TOTALS		998	13	663	676	67.74%

DISTRICT 5						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0009	Jacksonville	51	2	33	35	68.63%
0054	Fernandina Beach	177	0	93	93	52.54%
0088	Jacksonville	81	1	45	46	56.79%
0129	Jacksonville Beach	386	5	140	145	37.56%
0137	Jacksonville	464	10	279	289	62.28%
0194	St Augustine	78	0	24	24	30.77%
0197	Jacksonville	40	0	13	13	32.50%
0202	Keystone Heights	55	0	30	30	54.55%
0233	Ponte Vedra Beach	163	31	80	111	68.10%
0244	Jacksonville	27	0	10	10	37.04%
0250	Middleburg	307	27	161	188	61.24%
0283	Jacksonville	473	5	270	275	58.14%
0316	Atlantic Beach	356	44	181	225	63.20%
0372	Mandarin	28	0	22	22	78.57%
0373	Orange Park	30	1	16	17	56.67%
0401	Hilliard	49	1	12	13	26.53%
TOTALS		2765	127	1409	1536	55.55%

DISTRICT 7						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0003	Bartow	90	0	46	46	51.11%
0004	Lakeland	71	3	34	37	52.11%
0008	Winter Haven	581	7	425	432	74.35%
0034	Haines City	84	0	42	42	50.00%
0071	Lake Wales	45	0	26	26	57.78%
0072	Mulberry	163	2	76	78	47.85%
0201	Florence Villa	33	1	13	14	42.42%
TOTALS		1067	13	662	675	63.26%

DISTRICT 6						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0010	Kissimmee	204	2	148	150	73.53%
0018	Wildwood	13	0	2	2	15.38%
0019	Orlando	106	2	54	56	52.83%
0035	Mount Dora	156	0	69	69	44.23%
0041	Eustis	12	0	8	8	66.67%
0053	Sanford	70	0	13	13	18.57%
0055	Clermont	191	3	111	114	59.69%
0063	Winter Garden	37	0	12	12	32.43%
0080	Saint Cloud	253	17	141	158	62.45%
0101	Bushnell	136	0	49	49	36.03%
0109	Ocoee	16	0	1	1	6.25%
0112	Winter Park	24	2	20	22	91.67%
0183	Fern Park	108	1	55	56	51.85%
0219	Fruitland Park	208	2	145	147	70.67%
0242	Orlando	117	7	62	69	58.97%
0286	Orlando	178	3	112	115	64.61%
0330	Leesburg	60	1	46	47	78.33%
0331	Orlando	18	0	12	12	66.67%
0347	Lady Lake	2601	10	1904	1914	73.59%
0412	Orlando	14	2	10	12	85.71%
TOTALS		4522	52	2974	3026	66.92%

DISTRICT 8						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0011	Arcadia	31	9	22	31	100.00%
0024	Bradenton	330	12	203	215	65.15%
0025	Lake Placid	357	0	231	231	64.71%
0030	Sarasota	78	5	45	50	64.10%
0069	Avon Park	661	9	357	366	55.37%
0074	Sebring	111	0	89	89	80.18%
0113	Rotonda West	315	1	195	196	62.22%
0159	Venice	663	3	439	442	66.67%
0254	North Port	122	0	68	68	55.74%
0266	Fruitville	144	3	41	44	30.56%
0309	Palmetto	173	0	118	118	68.21%
0312	Oneco	255	0	111	111	43.53%
0325	Ellenton	194	0	116	116	59.79%
TOTALS		3434	42	2035	2077	60.48%

DISTRICT 9

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0036	Ft Lauderdale	31	1	23	24	77.42%
0092	Hollywood	93	0	68	68	73.12%
0142	Pompano Beach	179	8	126	134	74.86%
0157	Margate	186	6	77	83	44.62%
0162	Deerfield Beach	173	14	96	110	63.58%
0180	Fort Lauderdale	106	3	76	79	74.53%
0209	Dania Beach	17	0	10	10	58.82%
0220	Ft Lauderdale	31	8	18	26	83.87%
0222	Fort Lauderdale	35	0	21	21	60.00%
0287	Deerfield Beach	15	0	0	0	0.00%
0304	Dania	64	0	16	16	25.00%
0310	Hallandale	36	0	19	19	52.78%
0321	Cooper City	215	2	123	125	58.14%
0365	Sunrise	12	0	12	12	100.00%
TOTALS		1193	42	685	727	60.94%

DISTRICT 12

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0001	Titusville	301	10	170	180	59.80%
0022	Cocoa	90	0	46	46	51.11%
0039	Vero Beach	179	0	51	51	28.49%
0040	Fort Pierce	183	1	114	115	62.84%
0081	Melbourne	174	1	100	101	58.05%
0117	Palm Bay	521	13	325	338	64.88%
0126	Jensen Beach	210	1	107	108	51.43%
0163	Eau Gallie	239	3	149	152	63.60%
0171	Fort Pierce	14	0	7	7	50.00%
0189	Sebastian	149	0	117	117	78.52%
0191	Melbourne	84	13	35	48	57.14%
0200	Satellite Beach	180	0	83	83	46.11%
0318	Port St Lucie	911	4	740	744	81.67%
0344	Merritt Island	45	9	26	35	77.78%
0348	Cape Canaveral	184	0	135	135	73.37%
0358	White City	64	0	43	43	67.19%
0359	Port St John	332	3	171	174	52.41%
0366	Barefoot Bay	69	22	35	57	82.61%
0394	Palm Bay	174	4	119	123	70.69%
0410	Viera	13	0	4	4	30.77%
TOTALS		4116	84	2577	2661	64.65%

DISTRICT 11

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0020	Belle Glade	46	2	28	30	65.22%
0047	Lake Worth	81	2	46	48	59.26%
0062	Stuart	524	3	375	378	72.14%
0064	Okeechobee	130	1	79	80	61.54%
0065	Delray Beach	53	4	40	44	83.02%
0141	West Palm Beach	79	5	46	51	64.56%
0164	Boynton Beach	147	4	95	99	67.35%
0199	W Palm Beach	42	0	16	16	38.10%
0268	Riviera Beach	87	13	42	55	63.22%
0271	Tequesta	156	7	108	115	73.72%
0277	Boca Raton	105	0	66	66	62.86%
0288	Boynton Beach	27	7	6	13	48.15%
0367	Royal Palm Beach	36	2	12	14	38.89%
TOTALS		1513	50	959	1009	66.69%

DISTRICT 13

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0038	Fort Myers	37	0	28	28	75.68%
0090	Cape Coral	272	4	168	172	63.24%
0103	Punta Gorda	506	2	372	374	73.91%
0110	Port Charlotte	601	4	371	375	62.40%
0123	Sanibel	53	0	11	11	20.75%
0130	Labelle	149	0	71	71	47.65%
0135	Naples	352	1	221	222	63.07%
0136	Saint James City	466	9	319	328	70.39%
0192	Fort Myers	22	2	16	18	81.82%
0274	Fort Myers Beach	574	1	371	372	64.81%
0303	Bonita Springs	392	3	277	280	71.43%
0323	Lehigh Acres	438	28	233	261	59.59%
0336	N Ft Myers	373	0	265	265	71.05%
0351	Fort Myers	92	1	45	46	50.00%
TOTALS		4327	55	2768	2823	65.24%

DISTRICT 14						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0028	Key West	61	0	36	36	59.02%
0031	South Miami	186	5	112	117	62.90%
0043	Homestead	69	0	4	4	5.80%
0067	North Miami	49	0	14	14	28.57%
0098	Coral Gables	22	0	13	13	59.09%
0133	Miami	71	5	30	35	49.30%
0154	Marathon	171	1	69	70	40.94%
0168	Key West	13	0	14	14	107.69%
0333	Key Largo	79	0	30	30	37.97%
0346	Miami	19	0	10	10	52.63%
0374	Key Biscayne	42	0	34	34	80.95%
TOTALS		782	11	366	377	48.21%

DISTRICT 16						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0007	Clearwater	273	0	37	37	13.55%
0014	St Petersburg	115	3	74	77	66.96%
0079	New Port Richey	470	17	231	248	52.77%
0104	Pinellas Park	244	7	163	170	69.67%
0119	Largo	355	2	236	238	67.04%
0125	St Petersburg	291	4	177	181	62.20%
0158	Treasure Island	272	0	102	102	37.50%
0173	Holiday	261	2	173	175	67.05%
0238	Safety Harbor	278	8	156	164	58.99%
0252	Seminole	1027	8	732	740	72.05%
0273	Madeira Beach	3181	0	1070	1070	33.64%
0275	Dunedin	874	3	603	606	69.34%
0305	St Pete Beach	125	1	94	95	76.00%
0335	Hudson	69	4	53	57	82.61%
TOTALS		7835	59	3901	3960	50.54%

DISTRICT 15						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0005	Tampa	42	1	30	31	73.81%
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0111	Tampa	61	0	42	42	68.85%
0138	Tampa	453	6	324	330	72.85%
0139	Tampa	99	0	35	35	35.35%
0147	Odessa	41	1	31	32	78.05%
0148	Riverview	216	4	137	141	65.28%
0152	Tampa	256	10	164	174	67.97%
0167	Tampa	24	0	0	0	0.00%
0186	Brooksville	400	1	211	212	53.00%
0248	West Tampa	22	0	3	3	13.64%
0248	West Tampa	25	1	20	21	84.00%
TOTALS		1614	23	978	1001	62.02%

DISTRICT 17						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0006	Deland	89	0	53	53	59.55%
0017	New Smyrna Beach	165	0	55	55	33.33%
0045	Palatka	41	0	22	22	53.66%
0115	Palm Coast	41	0	25	25	60.98%
0120	HollyHill	218	2	156	158	72.48%
0127	Lake Helen	26	1	10	11	42.31%
0204	Daytona Beach	21	0	0	0	0.00%
0255	Deltona	30	6	16	22	73.33%
0259	Debary	23	0	15	15	65.22%
0267	Ormond Beach	194	4	172	176	90.72%
0270	Port Orange	179	0	121	121	67.60%
0285	Edgewater	105	2	61	63	60.00%
0361	S Daytona	212	0	109	109	51.42%
TOTALS		1344	15	815	830	61.76%

Membership

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Mele Kalikimaka...For those of you that don't speak surfer talk, that means Merry Christmas! We are in the middle of the holiday season. A wonderful time of year for a children's Christmas party, caroling for veterans, sending cards to active duty, feeding our community, but don't forget your membership! Remember, a Unit

cannot do all these wonderful and thoughtful programs without members. I would like each Unit throughout this great Department of Florida to squeeze in a membership moment during your awesome events. If you have a Christmas party for the children of you Post, are you asking if their daughters/granddaughters are juniors? Give them a STARfish if they sign up. Have the mothers/grandmothers renewed or are they even a member?

Be creative and crafty! For every member that joins/renews in December give a STARfish or create your District Under the Sea creature and cut it out and hand to them.

Thanks to all the Districts and Units that shared their AHA moments at Fall Conference. It was a wonderful parade and such creative costumes! Led by our Juniors...Our Stingrays of District 1...Seahorses from District 5...Freddy District 6 the Flounder...Who can EVER forget Lobster from 14, our Snapper in an aquarium from District 15 or Marlins from 16?

Please keep those AHA moments coming...Unit 80, St. Cloud along with the Post 80 Family, including Juniors held a membership drive at the Osceola County Sheriff's Department 1st Annual Veterans Appreciation Day, November 11th. I'm sure there were many Poppy moments on Veterans Day, but did you also let everyone know how

they can join this awesome organization? Please share and I'll be happy to put up on our Facebook page.

District 2, Sea Turtles are still leading the surfing contest with 65.51%. The Flounders, District 6, has slipped into 2nd, 61.70% passing District 4 the Scallops at 61.02%. I am happy to report that 10 of our 16 Districts are over 50%, but remember our goal as a Department is 75% by Pearl Harbor Day with National!

Let's start those membership drives and phone calls. I want to also congratulate Unit 11, Arcadia, who has joined Unit 365, Sunrise, to be at 100%. So radical!

Make sure you join our ALA Membership Facebook group.

Snow and STARfish is a scene we don't have to worry about here in the great Department of Florida!

We don't have to shovel snow, just sand to find and renew our STARfish. If you are planning a membership drive, reach out to me and possibly I can attend!!

Ride the Wave, 'cause we know you can DARE to Commit.





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