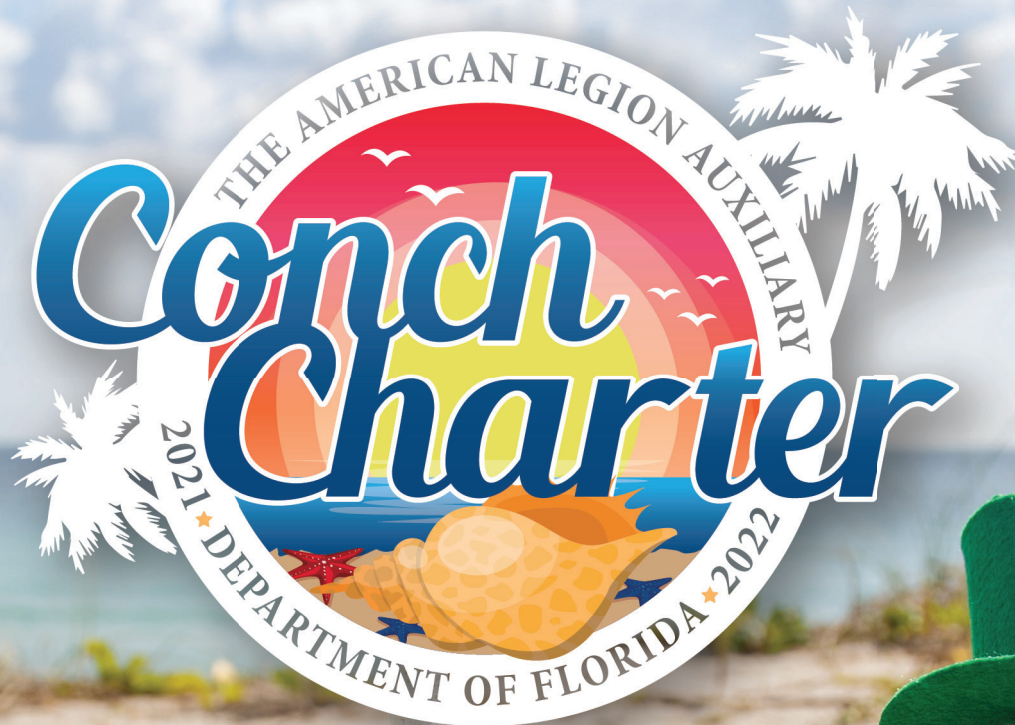


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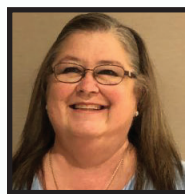


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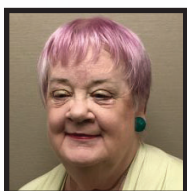
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Mission Statement

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 March 2022

3	Dept President's Visit to District 14
12	District 15 Meeting
12	District 17 Annual Picnic
13	District Auxiliary Meeting
19	Central Area Ball



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

alafl.org/submit
secretary@alafl.org

President's Message

WANDA BRANDT



Greetings Starfish:

As we move into the 2nd quarter of 2022, it is time to access our goals and mission for the remaining of the year. We have the tool needed to continue the journey. Although the path may change the destination

is still the same. All the programs of the American Legion Family will continue to thrive and provide all that is necessary to those in need. We will continue to support our communities, educate and promote Americanism within the younger community and encourage patriotism across the nation.

MEMBERSHIP

Thank you for choosing to join the American Legion Auxiliary and serving our mission.

Membership is the backbone of our organization, for without it and our veterans we wouldn't exist!

Let's work on our members that haven't paid their 2022 dues, they are considered a member not in good standing. Check with your units to make sure all officers are paid from President down, if not they are just considered a guest at their meetings.

This month we need to focus on the ALA Membership campaign and concentrate on reaching out to unpaid members and encouraging them to renew for 2022.

We also need to increase our efforts to recruit new members! Florida's membership percentage as of Friday 2/9 is 85.78, with a goal of 38,728. At that time there were only 33,221 members paid on the books, so you can see that we still have work to do; Remember, it is everyone's mission to work Membership. Let's get busy and work hard over the next few months to reach 100% for Florida.

MISSION TRAINING:

Learning is something that never ends. No matter our age, there is always something new we can learn or teach others. As an organization, it is important for American Legion Auxiliary members to share knowledge with each other to help continue the ALA's longstanding mission of serving veterans, military, and their families.

I just attended 2022 Mission Development Training 201 in Orlando, FL on February 12th. Pam Ray and Michele DeGennaro did an outstanding job presenting the changes.

There are **two more Mission Development Training 201 this year**, try and get to one of below training classes, if you missed the one on February 12.

- March 26, 2022: 2022 Baltimore, MD
- April 2, 2022: Omaha, NE

These training events will help members overcome common hurdles in mission delivery. The underlying belief in this training is that improving the member engagement experience will also drive membership.

A snapshot of what you'll learn:

- Identify and engage volunteers — members and non-members
- Determine the needs in your community
- Solve roadblocks
- Construct specific volunteer menu opportunities in your community

ALA Academy

ALA learning from the comfort of home

Were you unable to attend an ALA Academy Live webinar, or do you want to watch one again? Do you have other members in your unit who would benefit from taking a course?

Our live webinars are always recorded and can be viewed in the My Auxiliary member portal. ALA Academy Live webinars currently available:

- Using social media to Your Unit's Advantage

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- Using Poppy Funds
- Unit Fundraising Panel
- ALA Junior Leadership Training (includes four webinars)
- Mission Delivery Series (includes four webinars)

The ALA Academy also includes self-paced courses:

- ALA 101
- ALA Branding and Why it Matters to Me
- ALA Communication Methods
- Establishing an ALA Culture of Goodwill
- ALA Fundraising
- How to Deal with Conflict
- ALA Leadership: Living Our Motto of Service Not Self
- ALA Juniors eLearning Course

What I have learned

For the future of our organization, we need to reach out and accept young families, and potential eligible members. The values of teamwork, passion, planning, public speaking, communication, leadership and most of all-respect and appreciation for Flag and country. If I had not been presented those precious life values and gifts. I don't believe that I would be serving as your Department President.

The steps we take today. Can secure our future!

Believe. You can do it by taking one step at a time.

Let's all of us continue to be committed, motivated and enthusiastic. As we unite together as a TEAM, to become one strong and effected Auxiliary Family.

While this program year is in its final stretch. Our Department Commander and I are working together to instill and promote **TEAMWORK** with both **Legion and Auxiliary**. We are trying very hard to bring us together as a family; to build our image as an organization that works as a Legion Family and accepts and welcomes family involvement. **Thank you for all that you do for the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Florida!**

REMINDERS

Anyone **NOT** paid by January 3rd in the National system (ALAMIS), will be receiving the 2nd notice

from National HQ in the mail this past week.

If you received one of these notices and you have paid your dues to your Unit, contact your Unit membership chairman before you call Department or National.

UPDATE: SALUTE TO SERVICEMEMBERS AWARD

Established in 2003, this award has evolved from honoring women veterans to honoring active-duty women, **to honoring all 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.

Remember this award is now listed under National Security Committee.

NATIONAL POPPY DAY

Order ALA poppy coloring books

National Poppy Day® is May 27 this year. As you're making plans, consider ordering ALA poppy coloring books — a great way to educate kids about the meaning behind the poppy. The books are available for purchase from Emblem Sales and can be downloaded.

Due Dates For Reporting

- **UNIT** reports to **DISTRICTS due April 1st**
- **DISTRICT** reports to **DEPARTMENT CHAIR due April 15th**
- Dept. **CHAIRMAN** report to Dept. **PRESIDENT due to May 1**
- Dept. **Chairman** reports to **National** due May 15

Dates To Remember in March:

Women's History Month

Mar 1st	Mardi Gras
Mar 3rd	Navy Reserve Birthday
Mar 5th	Seabee Birthday
Mar 8th	International Women's Day
Mar 13th	Daylight Savings
Mar 13th	K9 Veterans Day
Mar 15th	American Legion Birthday
Mar 17th	St. Patrick's Day
Mar 21st	Rosie The Riveter Day
Mar 25th	Medal of Honor Day



American Legion Auxiliary Department of Florida

Department Membership Chairman
Candace Mabry hosting a

RAFFLING GIFT BASKET FUNDRAISER

CONVENTION 2022

June 16 from 10am-3pm

June 17 from 9am-3pm

June 18 from 9am-12pm

Asking for donations of gift baskets, or raffle items. Also in need of volunteers for the raffle table. To donate and /or help, please contact

Candace Mabry @ membershipchairman@alafl.org

**ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT PRESIDENT WANDA BRANDT'S SPECIAL
PROJECTS...MY WARRIOR'S PLACE AND PROJECT:VET RELIEF**



PROJECT: VETRELIEF

They Fought for Us. We Fight for Them.

The American Legion Department of Florida
COMMANDER Jerry & PRESIDENT Wanda

Please join us as we celebrate the Homecoming
Saturday April 16

Chef Terry Menu

Dinner 6:00

Cocktails 5:00

ATTIRE: ELEGANT DRESS

**Roasted Prime Rib with au jus
Tenderized & Hand Rolled Chicken Cordon
Bleu**

Entertainment A1A

Tickets: \$40.00 or 2/for \$75.00

Location

Hotel: Legion Homecoming

Post 57 Lake City, Fl

**Holiday Inn & Suites, Lake City \$129
1-800-465-4329**

Proceeds:
My Warrior Place & Project Vet Relief

**TRU by Hilton \$ 155 (call Shailesh)
1-386-344-3638**

\$40.00 Per person 2 for \$75.00

Name:

Number of Guest:_____

Prime Rib _____ Chicken _____

**Mail: Mary Ellen Bolin
10 Marsh Dr
Jacksonville Beach, Fl 32250-2637**

**American Legion Department of Florida
Commander and President Homecoming
Program Ads**

Advertising

Full Page	\$75.00
\$75.00	\$40.00

Business Name:

Point of Contact:

Phone#:

E-mail:

Amt. Paid: _____ Cash: _____ Check# _____

Business Signature: _____

All Advertisement must be submitted by April 1st, 2022

Forward Advertisements to Jeff Durden,

Email: jagucane@aol.com

Make All Checks Payable to:

American Legion Post 129

1151 4th Street South

Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250

ATTN: Jim Wineman

Mobile: (904) 707-0733

Email: jimwineland@att.net

Cavalcade of Memories

GEORGIA MACKENZIE



I hope we are making lasting memories for our scrapbooks. I have seen a lot of events and things in the social media our units have been doing. I am looking forward to seeing all the memories our Juniors have been doing during

this year in their scrapbooks. I also look forward to seeing the adult scrapbooks. Remember in your scrapbook be sure to show a picture and give a brief description of each one. At the beginning of the year I had ask that the Juniors do a scrapbook and let me know all that they have been doing with the Units. I hope to see a lot of scrapbooks coming in. Be sure to put your Scrapbook Title Page with your scrapbook.

This page is to include:

- American Legion Auxiliary Full name of Unit
- Unit Location
- Name of Cavalcade of Memories Chair or Historian and President
- Year of history being recorded starting when your unit/District was chartered if possible

More information is on the website under programs.

Time is coming soon for our reports to be due, April 1st. You can send them to me in a digital form through my email if you like or if you would like I will take them in the mail.

Email is cavalcade@alafl.org or mail to

Georgia Mackenzie
8823 E. Millpoint Rd
Riverview, FL 33578

If you do mail a copy, send a short email to me so I can keep a look out for it.

As members of this great American Legion Auxiliary Department of Florida we want our memories to never be forgotten so please do a scrapbook so our memories live on.

If you have questions please feel free to give me a call , text or email me.

"Memories are special moments that tell our story."
Author Unknown

Americanism

LIZ CLOSE



It's important to do what we can to increase the awareness of Americanism. This can be accomplished through our Auxiliary and Junior programs, schools, youth groups, Boy and Girl Scout Troops, flag education,

pocket flag programs, participating with the Legion when it comes to Baseball, Shooting, Oratorical and more. The young people of our country are our future. Thank you to all units who participated in the 2022 Americanism Tool Kit Contest, "Star Spangled Kids," and currently the 2022 Essay Contest. I appreciate your

emails concerning the contests and general questions regarding the Americanism program. The 2021-2022 National Americanism Essay Contest theme is: "How can we support families who provide care to their Veterans?" The unit must pick the best essay (1) in each class. Multiple essays by class can be sent from the units, however only (1) the best essay in each class, can be sent to the Southern Division and National. Your contest unit essays are due to me by March 15. The Americanism Department will then select a winner from those received from you and send our winners to the Southern Division Chair by April 15. The Southern

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Division will then send their winning essays to the National Americanism Chairman, Norma Tramm. The awards will be given from the National level.

Be sure to carefully read the directions on the Cover Sheet found on the alafl.org website under Americanism giving full contact information on this form. Send the printed cover sheet along with your unit essay to me. Be sure that the student and unit information is complete and legible, (If the information must be rewritten, do this on the back of the cover sheet or attach to a separate piece of paper). If an essay is submitted with a different topic, it will not be able to be submitted to the Divisional Chair for consideration as a Southern or National winner. If there are any questions contact me at (727) 396-9086 or email ccloseg69@gmail.com.

A note on Year—End Reporting which will be due on April 1, 2022 to the District Chairmen who will then

send their Americanism reports to me at Department by April 15, 2022. Use the narrative cover sheets and program forms which can be found on alafl.org website.

Nothing signifies Americanism more than the flag of our country. Flying the American flag proudly represents Americanism, freedom, our way of life, and a reminder of the sacrifices by those who serve to defend our country. Have you taken the ALA Survey? Take a minute and go to survey@alaforveterans.org and help by completing this short survey. Want more information about Americanism go to ALAFL Americanism on Facebook.



Pearl's Corner

PEARLS OF WISDOM

"Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile." Mother Teresa

From PDP Diane Rousseau

"Some people come in our life as blessings. Some come in your life as lessons." Mother Teresa

From PDP Diane Rousseau

"Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier." Mother Teresa

From PDP Diane Rousseau

"It is not how much we do, but how much love we put in the doing. It is not how much we give, but how much love is put in the giving." Mother Teresa

From PDP Diane Rousseau

"Through many years of mentoring I can attest that teaching and sharing what knowledge and information I have does not make me less knowledgeable, it just makes other people more knowledgeable. Everyone of us has something to share. So, if we listen, we can all learn something from each other. The more we all know the better we will all be."

From PDP Fran Carlton

Secretary

PATTY HALLIDAY



Greetings from the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Florida Headquarters. I hope everyone is staying well and warm.

Unit Quotas (Obligations):

Let's talk about unit quotas. Unit quotas consists of five items:

Rehabilitation Quotas (Page 82 of 2021-2022 Department Unit Guide)

The Department Finance Committee has established a quota for each Unit, based on one dollar and fifty-five cents (\$1.55) per Senior Member at close of books fifteen (15) days prior to Department Convention. Please make your contribution early in the administration year. These contributions are to be used for activities in the Hospital as deemed necessary by the Hospital Representative for the good of the patients. Exact amount of Unit quotas are listed in the Quotas section of this Unit Guide.

Education Quotas (Page 76 of 2021-2022 Department Unit Guide)

Units shall contribute annually a minimum of fifty-five (\$0.55) per Senior member to the Department Scholarship fund, which can be paid from the Unit's Welfare Fund. Poppy funds may not be used as contributions to the Memorial Scholarship Fund. The Education quota money is used to award Department Scholarships annually.

Girls State Quotas (Page 76-77 of 2021-2022 Department Unit Guide)

Units shall contribute annually a quota of one dollar (\$1.00) per senior member, to the Girls State Fund to assist in funding the annual Girls State program. Total contribution is based on membership at close of books fifteen days prior to Department Convention.

Undergarment Quota (Page 83 of 2021-2022

Department Unit Guide)

Amount assessed to each unit is included with Quota Invoice. Amounts per membership grouping are as follows:

<i>Group 1 - \$6.00</i>	<i>Group 4 - \$10.00</i>
<i>Group 2 - \$7.00</i>	<i>Group 5 - \$20.00</i>
<i>Group 3 - \$8.00</i>	<i>Group 6 - \$25.00</i>

Grouping is based on membership at the close of books. The list of units in each grouping are located on pages 108-112 in the 2021-2022 Unit Guide.

Bonding Fee Quota (Page 70 of 2021-2022 Department Unit Guide)

Sec. 8. Bond: Unit bonding fee of \$6.00, included in Unit quota invoice, to be paid by January 31st. Convicted felons are not covered by Unit Bond. This fee is charged annually and is paid to National every three (3) years. This fee is a requirement by National. The quota invoices are mailed out to each unit in July.

Unit Elections:

It is that time of year to hold unit elections. Below is the rules for Unit elections from the Department Constitution and Bylaws.

Page 46 of 2021-2022 Department Unit Guide Bylaws Article V Section 6

All officers of the Units, with the exception of the Secretary, who may be appointed by the President, shall be elected annually not more than ninety (90) days nor less than fifteen (15) days prior to the Department Convention. Said officers shall be certified to the Department Headquarters not less than ten (10) days prior to the Department Convention, certification to be made on forms furnished by the Department Headquarters. If possible, installation shall be at a time coincident with The American Legion Post to which it

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is attached. In the event of a vacancy caused by death, resignation or removal from office, the name of the successors shall be promptly reported to the Department Headquarters within one week after the vacancy is filled.

The 2022-2023 Unit Officer List and Chairman List has been sent to all units. The form must be completed legible and returned to the Department Headquarters. Please mail these forms to Department. The mailing address is 1912A Lee Road, Orlando, FL 32810. Do not send to the PO Box as it has been closed.

Girls State:

Delegate and Alternate registration forms have been mailed to all the units and at this time the girls should be working on registration. As the girls register their documents will be reviewed and an email sent to each girl informing them of the status of their forms. Once they are approved with online registration, they will need to send some of the original documents to the Department Headquarters. Each Unit has received instructions for the unit and for the delegates/alternates. Emails will be sent to the Unit Girls State Chairman with updates on the registrations.

Girls State Orientation dates will be placed on the Department website as soon as all the dates are provided to the Department Girls State Chairman from the Districts. Each delegate and alternate must attend an orientation. They do not have to attend the orientation in the District they live in, as long as they attend one somewhere in the State and they sign in.

Unit Girls State Chairman please provide the delegates and alternates with transportation information for the District the girls live in. This information will come from the District Girls State Chairman, if the

District is providing transportation. The Department Headquarters does not handle any transportation and does not have the transportation information to provide the parents or girls. Please do not send any money to the Department Headquarters for transportation. That will be handled within the District.

2023 Dues Information Sheet

Each unit was mailed a 2023 dues information sheet from the Department. This form is to be completed and mailed back to the Department no later than April 1, 2022. The dues amount of the form must match the current copy of the Unit Constitution & Bylaws that Department has on hand. If not an email will be sent to the unit. If a unit is currently changing their Constitution & Bylaws a signed copy must be mailed to Department Headquarters. It must be a complete copy to include, Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules.

National President Visit

The National President, Kathy Daudistel, will be visiting Florida in May. Once a schedule is complete it will be posted on the Department website calendar. All members of the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion and Riders are welcome. Kathy Daudistel's focus is "Caregivers, Especially Military Caregivers". Kathy would love to meet caregivers as she visits Florida.

I hope that you find the information in this article helpful. If anyone has questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at secretary@alafl.org.



Chaplain

RUTH BURGESS



There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, ...

NIV First Testament - Ecclesiastes: 3

May God Bless our recently departed Sisters and all of us. Amen

District 3

Barbara Meyers

District 5

Jo T Smith
Sylvia Curnette

District 6

Rosemary Duggan
Marianne Asplen
Elizabeth Snedeler-Hill
Ann Gillespie
Ellen Daniels

District 8

Nanette Campbell
Candace Stroud
Janice Roth
Ruby Bell

District 9

Kristine Zapf
Angela Storr
Helen Hall
Barbara Serafin

District 11

Early Ulrich
Sandra Polcen
Lauree J. Powers
Patricia Edwards

District 12

Lillian Shaffer
Nancy Grovier
Michelle Baimonda
Carmela "Millie" Rummo

District 15

Joyce P Smelger
Maralyn Rummler
Loretta Giambra

District 16

Karin Matzer
Maryann Leqault
Ann Dinatale
Ann J Toalster

District 13

Mary Sivright
Melba McCleave
Helen Raymond
Virginia Alderman
Jean Gaines
Lynne Beebe
Madelyn Sul
Patricia Smith
Maxine Spamer
Geraldine Weit
Dorothy "Dee" Shafer
Norma Allen
Demise A Walls
Judith Swift
Paula Buffone
Jeanne Goode
Coralee White
Joann Wilson
Phyllis Smith
Carol Stutler
Mary Sivright
Barbara Moore
Georgia Porter
Wava Brickmann
Carmen B Denny
Lois Todd
Violet Clingerman
Dawn Vaughan

Leadership

MARY KELLY-PERKINS



HELEN GARDNER UNIT MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The rules are as follows:

1. Only Senior members in good standing are eligible.
2. The eligible member will not have served in a leadership role higher than Unit President but does not have to have served as President.
3. Selection should be based on the contribution the member had made through a program or project for the current year. What did this member do that was outstanding?
4. Years of membership do not matter. This may be a new member.
5. Only one entry from each Unit is to be submitted.
6. The name and address of the person selected by

the Unit, together with a narrative of not more than 1,000 words describing your nominee's work and achievement or the current year is to be received by the Department Leadership Chairman no later than April 15, 2022.

7. Unit entry is to be signed by the Unit President and Unit Secretary.
8. The attached National cover page is also to be completed and must accompany the narrative.

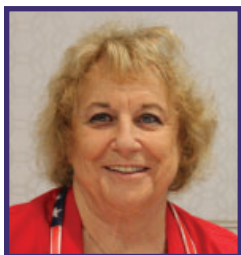
**PLEASE MAIL TO LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN NO
LATER THAN April 15, 2022**

Mary Kelly-Perkins
10212 Murray Rd
Clermont, FL 34711

SEE FORM ON PAGE 14

Historian

ELEANOR AMATO



NARRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

Unit Historians shall write a Unit history to be entered into Department Contest. Start compiling information early, and bulletins for additions or further information.

What is a narrative?

A narrative is some kind of retelling, in words, of something that happened (a story). The narrative is not the story itself but rather the telling of the story. While a story just is a sequence of events, a narrative recounts those events. In a series of events, a car crash takes a split second. A narrative account, however, might be almost entirely about the crash itself and the few seconds leading up to it.

Why should I write a narrative?

Narratives shape history (the series of events, the story of what happened). Each year the American Legion

Auxiliary uses narratives as a way to report the work that we do and the impact of that work. The narratives are used by the ALA to communicate to not only our members but to people outside our organization including potential donors. Additionally, some of the ALA awards require a narrative.

How do I write a narrative?

When a Unit or a member of a unit does something to support one of the Auxiliary programs the best practice is to write down what was done as soon after as possible. On the next pages there is a template that can act as a good place to start for writing your narrative. This template has been used by several Units and they have found it to be an easy way to get started.

Now that you have started keep going, add any additional information that you think is important, and add pictures.

Good Luck & Happy Writing!



Leadership Committee Award Entry Form Unit Member of the Year Award

A Unit Member of the Year from each department will be recognized annually at the American Legion Auxiliary National Convention.

Requirements:

1. Open to senior members who are not currently, nor have ever been, in an elected or appointed leadership role higher than unit president.
2. Units must submit a narrative of 1,000 words or less describing the nominee's accomplishments and activities together with the nominee's name and address. **Please include this narrative with this form.** Check with your department on where to send your completed form and narrative.
3. Departments may submit only one entry. Entry is due June 1 and must be signed by the Leadership or PPP chairman. Please send department entry to Linda Newsome at Leadership@ALAforVeterans.org

Nominating Department

Department:	
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Department Leadership/PPP Chairman Information

Name:	
Address:	
City, State ZIP	
Email:	
Phone:	
Signature:	

Unit Member of the Year Information

Name:	
Address:	
City, State ZIP	
Email:	
Phone:	

Veterans Affairs

DEE BELL



Who are “Service To Veterans” Volunteers

Service to Veteran volunteers are American Legion Auxiliary members who provide a service to veterans outside of a Veteran Affairs Medical Center.

Service to Veteran volunteer is YOU!!!

“Service to Veterans” Opportunities

How to get connected

- Start at your Post Home. Contact your Commander, Service Officer, Chaplain or members and ask for Legionnaires who are house bound or in assisted living facilities.
- Contact leaders in your community for programs assisting veterans i.e. government officials, religious leaders and social service offices,
- List of Ideas
- Organize or volunteer at a stand-down
- Provide assistance with a veteran’s burial or cemetery upkeep
- Assemble care packages, tray favors, greeting cards, meals, holiday baskets
- Visit with veterans and remember them on holidays, birthdays & special occasions
- Offer to drive to Dr. appointments, post home, grocery store, church, etc.
- Visit with a veteran while their caregiver takes a break
- Take a veteran on a picnic, sightseeing drive, or to see family members or friend
- Treat veterans to the movies, sports event, concert, etc.
- Donate cleaning supplies, laundry soap, kitchen

items etc. to transitional housing facilities

- Donate or pay yearly dues for an American Legion membership
- Sponsor a room at a transitional housing facility
- Help furnish a new living space for a veteran i.e. new apartment, house, living with family members
- Volunteer at half-way houses, hospices, day-care centers, foster homes, homeless shelters serving military and veteran communities
- Volunteer to do landscaping, pool cleaning, yard mowing, indoor or outdoor house cleaning, trash removal

“Service to Veterans” Recognition

“Thank You” Volunteer Service to Veteran Pin

Anything done directly for or benefitting a sick, injured or homebound servicemember or veterans is considered Service to Veterans. Service to hour pins can be earned for these valuable hours you have volunteered to our heroes that served us.

“Thank You” Caregiver Service to Veteran Pin

Caregivers providing service to injured servicemembers or veteran family members can now accumulate service to veteran hours and earn Service to Veteran pins.

Those caring for those who cared for us and not receiving compensation can now be recognized for doing so. If the caregiver lives with the veteran relative, they can receive 10 hours of service hours a week. If the caregiver does not live with the veteran relative, they may claim 5 hours of service a week. Use the Service to Veteran form to keep track of your hours and submit to the VA&R chairman by May 1st.

The Department of Florida
is Honored to Welcome

**American Legion Auxiliary
National President Kathy Daudistel**

Saturday May 14, 2022

**Cocktail Hour 5:00 p.m.
Dinner 6:00 p.m.**

**Hosted by: American Legion Auxiliary Unit 79
5329 Legion Place, New Port Richey, 34652**

All “Legion Family” Welcome!

Reservations for the dinner can be made by returning this portion of the flyer.

Name _____ Phone: _____

of Tickets _____ x \$20.00 = Total Due \$ _____

Chicken Marsala: _____ Prime Rib: _____

RSVP by May 7, 2022—Mail Reservations and Check to:

Michele DeGennaro / (727- 457-8172)

9401 Sunshine Blvd, New Port Richey, FL. 34654

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ALA Unit 79



American Legion Auxiliary Old Glory Unit 183

PRESENTS



Saint Patty's Dinner & Purser Auction

Thursday, March 17 6pm

**Corned Beef & Cabbage . Irish Potatoes .
Dessert**

ONLY \$12 / Auction Following

2706 Wells Avenue
Fern Park, FL 32730
RSVP 407-831-8004

**Proceeds Benefit President Wanda's
Special Project**



EASTERN AREA BALL

COUNTRY & WESTERN STYLE

APRIL 30 @1 PM

FEATURING

**PULLED PORK & CHICKEN & ALL THE
FIXIN'S \$30 PER PERSON**

RSVP BY APRIL 15

**LIVE MUSIC ! RAFFLES ! LAKESIDE @ AMERICAN
LEGION OLD GLORY POST 183 - 2706 WELLS
AVENUE FERN PARK, FL 32730**

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April 30th, 2022
At
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Florida Happenings



District 11 - Department Presidents Visit to District 1.



District 11 - Unit 356 Lynn Haven presented check



District 11 - Unit 193 Pensacola



District 11 - Unit 382 Navarre



District 11 - Unit 221 Niceville



District 11 - Unit 240 with PDP Edie Herrington



District 2 - Mr. Wilbur Rentz, age 102 of Sneads, was presented a Quilt of Valor for his 26 years military service in the Air Force during WWII, Korean and Vietnam. Pictured with Mr. Rentz is Kaye Brown of Unit 241 who nominated him for this honor. Also pictured is Mr. Rentz with wife and four children.



District 4 - January 15 ABC School in District 4 plus a picture of Unit 77 at their January 18 officer installation.



District 11 - Instructor, Jane Hardacre assisted by Charlotte Bass. Attended by members from nine of the 13 Units in District 11. One third of the attendees were first timers.



District 15 - On January 22, 2022 the 15th District American Legion Auxiliary had a meeting which was held at the American Legion Post 111, Tampa Florida. Thanks to all who braved the chilly weather this morning and attended the meeting. Congratulations to all members who were awarded mentoring pins and sharing their knowledge. Special THANKS to Kelly Kowall from My Warriors Place for being our guest speaker. We were provided some valuable information from the chairman updates and Dare to Commit to membership with Tammy O'Donnell. Also a big thank you to Unit 111 for hosting.



UNIT 1 - Unit 1 Titusville Florida showing our First Responders appreciation for all they do here in Titusville. FL AIA unit1. This is for conch Charter Florida happenings.



UNIT 125- American Legion Auxiliary Unit 125 Gulfport held a very successful "Who Done It" Murder Mystery Dinner Show at their post on January 29. It was a true Legion Family event and our own Pollie McKenzie, Auxiliary Sgt-at-Arms was the culprit who knocked off Tombstone's famous Miss Kitty back in the time of the Wild Wild West at the Best Wild Western Hotel



UNIT 98 - Unit 98 President Nancy Volunteering for an Everglades cleanup.



UNIT 100 - SALUTE TO VETERAN PATIENTS:
The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 100, Marianna, joined forces for the eighth year with the GFWC Marianna Woman's Club by observing the National Valentine's Day Salute to Veteran Patients at the Marianna Based Outpatient Clinic February 8 – 14, 2022. The groups are shown presenting 226 snack/treat bags to V.A. Community Based Outpatient Clinic staff to be handed out to patients the week leading up to Valentine's Day. This annual event reaches out into our community to show Love, Respect, and Kindness for our veterans. Pictured left to right are Andrea Giles, Community Based Outpatient Clinic, MAS Supervisor, Nieves Skipper, Rebekah Williams, Barbara Morris, Rochelle Wagner, Xylpha Schwehm, Debra Hinson, Linda Jo Jarmon, Cindy Maslyn, Deresa Craven, MSW, LCSW, Senior Social Worker for the Community Based Outpatient Clinic, and Jane Powell, Unit 100 President. Not pictured is Mary Pettis.



UNIT 9 - American Legion Auxiliary, Kelly J. Mixon Unit 9 at the City of Jacksonville Homeless Veteran Stand Down January 29, 2022.



UNIT 291 - For Valentines Day members of Unit 291 Steinhatchee donated baskets to be raffled off. The person that had the most purchased tickets in their basket won a prize of 50.00. Jane Feber won the prize money with 450 tickets in her basket. Along with the drawing for these baskets the Auxiliary had a spaghetti dinner on Saturday Feb 12th. Total money raised to help with our projects was \$1050.00.
Karen Tidwell, President Unit 291



UNIT 291 - On February 16, 2022 Unit 291 of Steinhatchee hosted a reception for ALA State President Wanda Brandt. Along with great interactions there was plenty of food and cake to be had by all. Our Unit appreciated the time that we had to spent with Wanda Brandt.



UNIT 316 - American Legion Auxiliary Unit 316 (Atlantic Bch, Fla.) held its Annual Valentine's Dinner prepared by Liz Hill, we had Kadence Thigpen (Auxiliary Junior) to help with her beautiful smile. The prime rib dinner was delicious. Our fantastic members donated cakes for the "cake walk," we all enjoyed the dancing and winning a sweet treat! Karaoke followed dinner with a lineup of talented singers, fun was had by all! Proceeds to benefit Girls State.



UNIT 366 - 7 more teddy bears headed home to Pelican Landing Memory Lane in Sebastian. These were made and stuffed by Unit #366 in Barefoot Bay. This is 15 bears for them. Also I made 2 memory bears for families of Joan Labbe. A loved by all member who passed away



UNITS 1 & 359 - ALA Unit 1 and Post 359 helping veterans bi-weekly with laundry, perishable food, clothing, household items and getting back on their feet.

Membership

CANDACE MABRY



When you wish upon a STARfish...

Your membership dreams will come true

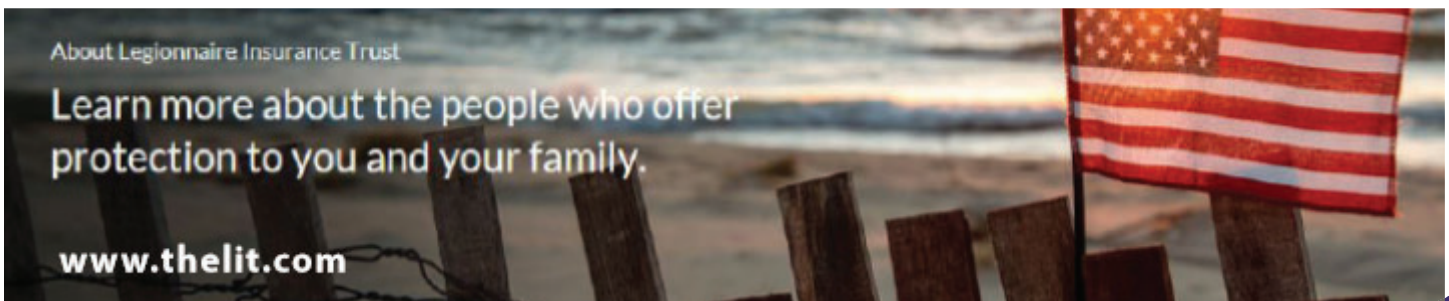
Each year on March 17, the Irish and Irish-at-heart come out in droves to pubs and parade routes to celebrate the patron saint of Ireland. It is a time to celebrate all things Irish, wearing of the Green, shillelagh, Guinness, Erin go Brag.

Take the time to celebrate and get ready for a wave who's size has not been seen by this Department for many a year.....

The Department of Florida Membership drive will take place on Saturday, March 26th. One Unit in each membership group will be given a special gift by President Wanda for the highest percentage increase from the Friday report of 3/25/22 until the Friday report of 4/8/22. The membership drive will kick off at 1:00p.m. that March 26th and run until 4:00 p.m. During this time frame Units will have a phone-a-thon and call their members that are delinquent, include members who have not renewed in years and are still on that ALAMIS roster. When they receive positive feedback, the Unit will be reporting to their District President and or District Membership chairman who will then report to me. We will do Facebook live to update everyone, so join the Facebook group ALAFL Membership. Some Units may say...I'm already at 100%, we have no one to call. Here's your opportunity to have a new membership drive outside the

Commissary, restaurant, or local grocery store. Wear your brand proudly and invite the Legion and SAL to join you to further President Kathy's message Together We Serve.

I know we can have a lot of fun with this, but most importantly getting our members to renew and rejoin. The Units can call from their own home, get together, order a pizza and call from the same room. When these members come to renew, give them a STARfish and remind them to sparkle and shine for our Veterans, Active Duty, Children and Community. Please take pictures so I can share these AHA moments on Facebook and this Newsletter. Ride the Wave...cause we know you can DARE to commit.



Membership Reports

FEBRUARY 24, 2022

DISTRICT 1

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0075	Crestview	215	3	192	195	90.70%
0078	Milton	13	0	4	4	30.77%
0193	Pensacola	75	14	53	67	89.33%
0221	Niceville	105	0	104	104	99.05%
0235	Ft Walton Beach	145	1	111	112	77.24%
0240	Pensacola	249	6	206	212	85.14%
0296	Destin	60	1	67	68	113.33%
0340	Pensacola	355	8	286	294	82.82%
0356	Lynn Haven	139	0	122	122	87.77%
0375	Southport	49	1	34	35	71.43%
0378	Gulf Breeze	49	0	34	34	69.39%
0382	Navarre	149	3	130	133	89.26%
0392	Panama City	184	2	139	141	76.63%
0402	Panama City Beach	38	0	38	38	100.00%
TOTALS		1825	39	1520	1559	85.42%

DISTRICT 2

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0013	Tallahassee	81	3	66	69	85.19%
0082	Lanark	77	1	60	61	79.22%
0084	Havana	29	15	12	27	93.10%
0100	Marianna	36	3	24	27	75.00%
0217	Quincy	52	4	33	37	71.15%
0241	Sneads	70	21	49	70	100.00%
TOTALS		345	47	244	291	84.35%

DISTRICT 3

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0049	Monticello	27	0	26	26	96.30%
0057	Lake City	238	2	196	198	83.19%
0107	Live Oak	46	1	47	48	104.35%
0215	Jasper	34	3	30	33	97.06%
0224	Madison	41	0	41	41	100.00%
0291	Steinhatchee	195	3	168	171	87.69%
0383	Old Town	131	4	55	59	45.04%
TOTALS		712	13	563	576	80.90%

DISTRICT 4

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0016	Gainesville	38	0	24	24	63.16%
0027	Ocala	20	1	14	15	75.00%
0058	Dunnellon	41	0	25	25	60.98%
0077	Inverness	49	0	55	55	112.24%
0149	Newberry	24	3	23	26	108.33%
0155	Crystal River	334	4	296	300	89.82%
0166	Homosassa Springs	137	1	126	127	92.70%
0210	Ocala	12	0	10	10	83.33%
0230	Hawthorne	28	4	24	28	100.00%
0236	Bronson	52	0	41	41	78.85%
0237	Beverly Hills	179	0	181	181	101.12%
0284	Bellevue	84	2	67	69	82.14%
TOTALS		998	15	886	901	90.28%

DISTRICT 5

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0009	Jacksonville	51	4	50	54	105.88%
0054	Fernandina Beach	177	3	135	138	77.97%
0088	Jacksonville	81	1	69	70	86.42%
0129	Jacksonville Beach	386	10	289	299	77.46%
0137	Jacksonville	464	14	352	366	78.88%
0194	St Augustine	78	2	51	53	67.95%
0197	Jacksonville	40	0	14	14	35.00%
0202	Keystone Heights	55	0	62	62	112.73%
0233	Ponte Vedra Beach	163	31	113	144	88.34%
0244	Jacksonville	27	0	11	11	40.74%
0250	Middleburg	307	28	229	257	83.71%
0283	Jacksonville	473	10	383	393	83.09%
0316	Atlantic Beach	356	44	279	323	90.73%
0372	Mandarin	28	1	25	26	92.86%
0373	Orange Park	30	1	16	17	56.67%
0401	Hilliard	49	1	39	40	81.63%
TOTALS		2765	150	2117	2267	81.99%

DISTRICT 7

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0003	Bartow	90	0	69	69	76.67%
0004	Lakeland	71	3	48	51	71.83%
0008	Winter Haven	581	10	510	520	89.50%
0015	Dade City	26	0	15	15	57.69%
0034	Haines City	84	0	65	65	77.38%
0071	Lake Wales	45	0	33	33	73.33%
0072	Mulberry	163	7	137	144	88.34%
0201	Florence Villa	33	1	17	18	54.55%
TOTALS		1093	21	894	915	83.71%

DISTRICT 6

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0010	Kissimmee	204	2	184	186	91.18%
0018	Wildwood	13	0	11	11	84.62%
0019	Orlando	106	5	84	89	83.96%
0035	Mount Dora	156	1	120	121	77.56%
0041	Eustis	12	0	12	12	100.00%
0053	Sanford	70	1	34	35	50.00%
0055	Clermont	191	4	184	188	98.43%
0063	Winter Garden	37	0	12	12	32.43%
0080	Saint Cloud	253	17	201	218	86.17%
0101	Bushnell	136	0	90	90	66.18%
0109	Ocoee	16	2	9	11	68.75%
0112	Winter Park	24	2	21	23	95.83%
0183	Fern Park	108	5	80	85	78.70%
0219	Fruitland Park	208	2	176	178	85.58%
0242	Orlando	117	7	91	98	83.76%
0286	Orlando	178	5	141	146	82.02%
0330	Leesburg	60	1	56	57	95.00%
0331	Orlando	18	0	12	12	66.67%
0347	Lady Lake	2601	10	2313	2323	89.31%
0412	Orlando	14	2	10	12	85.71%
TOTALS		4522	66	3841	3907	86.40%

DISTRICT 8

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0011	Arcadia	31	9	23	32	103.23%
0024	Bradenton	330	12	289	301	91.21%
0025	Lake Placid	357	0	337	337	94.40%
0030	Sarasota	78	9	54	63	80.77%
0069	Avon Park	661	14	536	550	83.21%
0074	Sebring	111	0	115	115	103.60%
0113	Rotonda West	315	4	268	272	86.35%
0159	Venice	663	3	587	590	88.99%
0254	North Port	122	2	104	106	86.89%
0266	Fruitville	144	3	93	96	66.67%
0309	Palmetto	173	2	160	162	93.64%
0312	Oneco	255	0	169	169	66.27%
0325	Ellenton	194	1	178	179	92.27%
TOTALS		3434	59	2913	2972	86.55%

DISTRICT 9						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0036	Ft Lauderdale	31	1	31	32	103.23%
0092	Hollywood	93	2	83	85	91.40%
0142	Pompano Beach	179	8	152	160	89.39%
0157	Margate	186	7	130	137	73.66%
0162	Deerfield Beach	173	14	129	143	82.66%
0180	Fort Lauderdale	106	3	95	98	92.45%
0209	Dania Beach	17	0	14	14	82.35%
0220	Ft Lauderdale	31	8	18	26	83.87%
0222	Fort Lauderdale	35	0	21	21	60.00%
0287	Deerfield Beach	15	0	3	3	20.00%
0304	Dania	64	0	40	40	62.50%
0310	Hallandale	36	0	23	23	63.89%
0321	Cooper City	215	34	158	192	89.30%
0365	Sunrise	12	0	12	12	100.00%
TOTALS		1193	77	909	986	82.65%

DISTRICT 12						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0001	Titusville	301	14	245	259	86.05%
0022	Cocoa	90	0	73	73	81.11%
0039	Vero Beach	179	5	169	174	97.21%
0040	Fort Pierce	183	1	157	158	86.34%
0081	Melbourne	174	2	156	158	90.80%
0117	Palm Bay	521	14	439	453	86.95%
0126	Jensen Beach	210	1	166	167	79.52%
0163	Eau Gallie	239	4	196	200	83.68%
0171	Fort Pierce	14	0	14	14	100.00%
0189	Sebastian	149	0	141	141	94.63%
0191	Melbourne	84	13	62	75	89.29%
0200	Satellite Beach	180	8	143	151	83.89%
0318	Port St Lucie	911	4	960	964	105.82%
0344	Merritt Island	45	9	31	40	88.89%
0348	Cape Canaveral	184	0	190	190	103.26%
0358	White City	64	0	59	59	92.19%
0359	Port St John	332	9	304	313	94.28%
0366	Barefoot Bay	69	24	41	65	94.20%
0394	Palm Bay	174	4	170	174	100.00%
0410	Viera	13	0	9	9	69.23%
TOTALS		4116	112	3725	3837	93.22%

DISTRICT 11						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0020	Belle Glade	46	2	28	30	65.22%
0047	Lake Worth	81	2	56	58	71.60%
0062	Stuart	524	4	505	509	97.14%
0064	Okeechobee	130	1	106	107	82.31%
0065	Delray Beach	53	4	43	47	88.68%
0141	West Palm Beach	79	5	64	69	87.34%
0164	Boynton Beach	147	7	124	131	89.12%
0199	W Palm Beach	42	0	20	20	47.62%
0268	Riviera Beach	87	15	57	72	82.76%
0271	Tequesta	156	8	141	149	95.51%
0277	Boca Raton	105	0	95	95	90.48%
0288	Boynton Beach	27	10	10	20	74.07%
0367	Royal Palm Beach	36	3	19	22	61.11%
TOTALS		1513	61	1268	1329	87.84%

DISTRICT 13						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0038	Fort Myers	37	0	31	31	83.78%
0090	Cape Coral	272	6	264	270	99.26%
0103	Punta Gorda	506	3	571	574	113.44%
0110	Port Charlotte	601	9	539	548	91.18%
0123	Sanibel	53	0	28	28	52.83%
0130	Labelle	149	0	121	121	81.21%
0135	Naples	352	1	301	302	85.80%
0136	Saint James City	466	10	460	470	100.86%
0192	Fort Myers	22	2	16	18	81.82%
0274	Fort Myers Beach	574	1	484	485	84.49%
0303	Bonita Springs	392	7	348	355	90.56%
0323	Lehigh Acres	438	31	339	370	84.47%
0336	N Ft Myers	373	1	372	373	100.00%
0351	Fort Myers	92	3	77	80	86.96%
TOTALS		4327	74	3951	4025	93.02%

DISTRICT 14						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0028	Key West	61	0	51	51	83.61%
0031	South Miami	186	5	155	160	86.02%
0043	Homestead	69	3	39	42	60.87%
0067	North Miami	49	2	32	34	69.39%
0098	Coral Gables	22	0	14	14	63.64%
0133	Miami	71	5	48	53	74.65%
0154	Marathon	171	1	126	127	74.27%
0168	Key West	13	0	14	14	107.69%
0333	Key Largo	79	0	69	69	87.34%
0346	Miami	19	0	14	14	73.68%
0374	Key Biscayne	42	0	35	35	83.33%
TOTALS		782	16	597	613	78.39%

DISTRICT 16						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0007	Clearwater	273	0	196	196	71.79%
0014	St Petersburg	115	3	100	103	89.57%
0079	New Port Richey	470	50	360	410	87.23%
0104	Pinellas Park	244	8	228	236	96.72%
0119	Largo	355	18	313	331	93.24%
0125	St Petersburg	291	5	248	253	86.94%
0158	Treasure Island	272	0	223	223	81.99%
0173	Holiday	261	5	222	227	86.97%
0238	Safety Harbor	278	9	237	246	88.49%
0252	Seminole	1027	10	931	941	91.63%
0273	Madeira Beach	3181	8	3148	3156	99.21%
0275	Dunedin	874	5	854	859	98.28%
0305	St Pete Beach	125	1	134	135	108.00%
0335	Hudson	69	5	70	75	108.70%
TOTALS		7835	127	7264	7391	94.33%

DISTRICT 15						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0005	Tampa	42	1	33	34	80.95%
0099		0	1	11	12	#DIV/0!
0111	Tampa	61	0	50	50	81.97%
0138	Tampa	453	6	394	400	88.30%
0139	Tampa	99	0	53	53	53.54%
0147	Odessa	41	1	39	40	97.56%
0148	Riverview	216	5	179	184	85.19%
0152	Tampa	256	10	215	225	87.89%
0167	Tampa	24	1	7	8	33.33%
0186	Brooksville	400	1	316	317	79.25%
0248	West Tampa	22	1	12	13	59.09%
0248	West Tampa	25	1	20	21	84.00%
TOTALS		1614	27	1309	1336	82.78%

DISTRICT 17						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0006	Deland	89	0	84	84	94.38%
0017	New Smyrna Beach	165	1	176	177	107.27%
0045	Palatka	41	1	28	29	70.73%
0115	Palm Coast	41	0	35	35	85.37%
0120	HollyHill	218	4	198	202	92.66%
0127	Lake Helen	26	4	15	19	73.08%
0204	Daytona Beach	21	0	0	0	0.00%
0255	Deltona	30	6	17	23	76.67%
0259	Debary	23	4	20	24	104.35%
0267	Ormond Beach	194	5	202	207	106.70%
0270	Port Orange	179	0	159	159	88.83%
0285	Edgewater	105	2	95	97	92.38%
0361	S Daytona	212	8	181	189	89.15%
TOTALS		1344	35	1210	1245	92.63%



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