

MISSION AUXILIARY

SERVING HEROES

SITUATION REPORT



SUCCESS IS THE ONLY OPTION

AUGUST - 2026

President's SITREP

As we begin this new Auxiliary year together, my heart is full of gratitude and hope. Being your Department President is an honor I don't take lightly, and I am deeply thankful for the trust you've placed in me. Each of you, in every Unit, every District, every corner of Florida, is part of the reason our mission continues to shine. This year, our theme is Mission Auxiliary Serving Heroes: Success Is the Only Option. It reflects who we are at our core: a family of dedicated volunteers who show up, lift up, and stand up for our veterans, our military, their families, and our communities. We serve our heroes because they deserve nothing less. Our colors this year are Army Green, Navy Blue, and Black. A simple, strong reminder of the courage, discipline, and resilience of those we serve. These colors represent strength, unity, and purpose... the same qualities I see in our members every day. As we step into



this year together, I want you to know this: You matter. Your service matters. Your heart for this mission matters. Whether you're leading a project, mentoring a new member, supporting Girls State, honoring a veteran, or quietly helping behind the scenes, you are part of something bigger than any one of us. I am also proud to share that Florida Girls State will be our President's Special Project this year. Girls State has always been a place where young women discover their voice, their confidence, and their leadership potential. Supporting this program means investing in the next generation of capable women who will shape our future, and I can't think of a more meaningful legacy for us to build together. My promise to you is simple: I will lead with honesty, humility, and heart. I will listen. I will support you. And I will work every day to make sure our Department remains strong and ready for the future. Let's make this a year of unstoppable purpose. Together, we will serve. Together, we will grow. And together,

we will succeed, because Success Is The Only Option. I'm grateful for all you do for our Veterans, Military, their families, and our communities.

Linda Knoblach-Harkness

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President

Department of Florida American Legion Auxiliary

SECRETARY

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CONGRATULATIONS and Welcome 2026-2027 Newly Elected and Appointed Officers and Chairpersons! I am sooo excited and look forward to working with our Team as we fulfill Linda's theme "Mission Auxiliary * Serving Heroes" where 'Success is the Only Option'.

Included on the next page is a map of Florida with District Presidents and Area Membership.

We had a Brilliant Boot Camp and the Department Chairmen presentations at Workshop were Over the Top! I am confident our year will be a 'Great Success'. **The Program Engagement Plans along with the Fillable Year-End reports and other resources will be available on our ALA Department website alafl.org as soon as possible.**

We are continuing to update our forms on the website to be 'fillable'. Let us know if you come across a page that doesn't work and we will happily look into it!

Just a Reminder:

Unit Presidents, please make sure to share your Unit Officers and Program Chairmen contact information with your District President.

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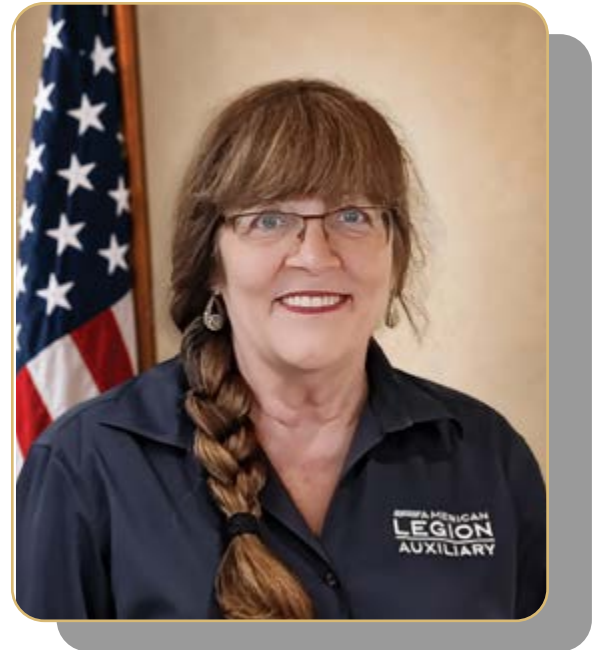
As you may know, at our Department Convention in June it has been voted to hire a paid Department Secretary. It is with Great Pleasure to announce effective August 3rd our new Department Secretary will be Patsy Sewell. I am certain she will MOVE our Department of Florida forward Successfully.

It has been an honor serving as your Department Secretary and I will continue to assist our organization to the best of my abilities.

Sharing our Knowledge strengthens our ALA Organization. Kindness and Communication strengthens our Mission of Service.

BIG Hugs ~
TK

Treva Kay Wildrick
Department Secretary

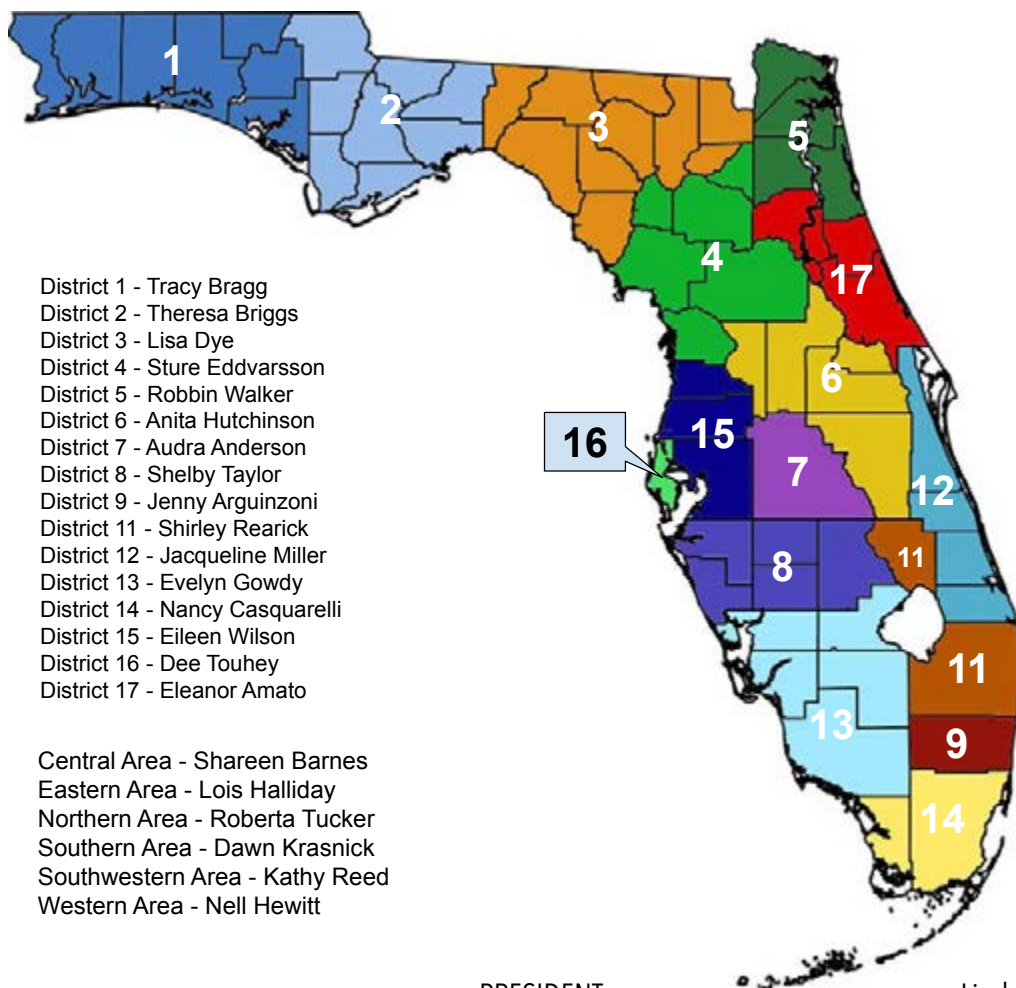


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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA

DISTRICT MAP



AMERICANISM..... Mary Fish
 AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND..... Joni Taylor
 CHILDREN & YOUTH..... Penny Kanbara
 COMMUNITY SERVICE..... Alysia Lombard
 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS..... Cheryl Yoder
 EDUCATION..... Dawn Davis
 FINANCE..... Julie Bair
 GIRLS STATE..... Patti Halliday
 JUNIORS..... Andrea O'Neal
 LEADERSHIP..... Janet Woods
 LEGISLATIVE..... Yvette Moore
 MEMBERSHIP..... Tammy Zell
 NATIONAL SECURITY..... Cheryl Adams
 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY..... Dee Bell
 POPPY..... Virna Luke
 PUBLIC RELATIONS..... Eileen Scates
 VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION..... Dara Oliver
 RISK & COMPLIANCE..... Kelley McCrimmon
 UNIT DEVELOPMENT AND REVITALIZATION..... Robin Watrous

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 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN..... Robin Burk
 1ST VICE PRESIDENT..... Lisa Hoyland
 2ND VICE PRESIDENT..... Dara Oliver
 3RD VICE PRESIDENT..... Penny Kanbara
 CHAPLAIN..... Karen Marks
 HISTORIAN..... Julie Kay
 SECRETARY..... Patsy Sewell
 TREASURER..... Brandi Langdon
 MEMBERSHIP ADMINISTRATION..... Treva Kay Wildrick
 PARLIAMENTARIAN..... Jane Hardacre
 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS..... Sam Touchton
 ASST SERGEANT-AT-ARMS..... Mea Kay
 CHAIRMAN OF PAGES..... Jeanne Nadeau
 VICE-CHAIRMAN OF PAGES..... Terry Gallagher
 PERSONAL PAGE..... Tammy Bradley
 AMERICAN LEGION LIASON..... Kelli Coppla
 RESOLUTIONS..... Charlotte Bass
 Fran Carlton
 DISTINGUISHED GUEST..... Linda Teasley
 Janet Jefford

GIRLS STATE

CHAIRMAN: PATRICIA HALLIDAY • GIRLSSTATE@ALAFL.ORG

GABBY THE GAVEL

T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

YOUR DESIGN OUR LEGACY.

Show your creativity and spirit by designing the official Girl State t-shirt!

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1, 2026

SUBMIT YOUR ORIGINAL DESIGN TO:
girlstate@alafl.org

HOW TO ENTER:

- WINNER WILL BE VOTED ON BY MEMBERS AT FALL CONFERENCE
- BE CREATIVE. BE BOLD. BE GABBY!

HONOR. LEADERSHIP. SERVICE.

LEADERSHIP

CHAIRMAN: JANET WOODS • LEADERSHIP@ALAFL.ORG



Welcome to a New Auxiliary Year! Start the year off by arming yourself with knowledge. Knowledge will ensure we complete our Mission Auxiliary Serving Heroes! Success is the only option with continued learning! Take advantage of the District School of Instruction to learn about this year's plan for the ALA programs. You are welcome to attend in any District! **District President information is available at ALAFL.org if you have questions regarding the event.**

Did you know many of our Programs, Units and Districts have dedicated Facebook pages? These pages are a great place to find current information, discover new ideas, ask questions, and share the amazing work your members are doing. **Be sure to use the hashtags #mash and #letsmove. Please remember to answer the questions or you may not be accepted into the group.**

Each year, a new Department Unit Guide is published. It is a great resource available to all members. You may purchase a printed copy or access it online at ALAFL.org. Do you have a log-in for the National ALA Website (legion-aux.org)? The ALA Academy offers informative self-paced

online courses at no cost. Topics include leadership, communication, mission outreach, and many other subjects designed to help members grow in their knowledge of the American Legion Auxiliary. **Leadership development doesn't happen by chance—it happens through participation.** Share leadership topics during monthly meetings, attend webinars, take on-line classes, attend district meetings and encourage members to cross-train by rotating responsibilities. Building confidence and competence today helps ensure successful leadership tomorrow.

School of Instruction Schedule as of July 11th:				
DISTRICT	DATE	UNIT	CHECK-IN	START TIME
District 1	Aug 22, 2026	Unit 235 Ft Walton Beach	11 am	11:30 am
District 2	Aug 15, 2026	Unit 241 Sneads	9 am	9:30 am
District 3	Aug 15, 2026	Unit 83 Macclenny	9 am	10:00
District 4	TBD			
District 5	Aug 22, 2026	Unit 129 Jax Beach	8 am	8:45 am
District 6	Aug 15, 2026	Unit 55 Clermont	8:30 am	9 am
District 7	Aug 8, 2026	Unit 72 Mulberry	9 am	9:30 am
District 8	Aug 15, 2026	Unit 69 Avon Park	10 am	11 am
District 9	Aug 22, 2026	Unit 321 Cooper City	9:30 am	10 am
District 11	Aug 15, 2026	Unit 268 Riviera Beach	9 am	10 am
District 12	Aug 22, 2026	Unit 189 Sebastian	9:30 am	10 am
District 13	Aug 8, 2026	Unit 323 Lehigh Acres	9:00 am	9:30 am
District 14	TBD			
District 15	Aug 22, 2026	Unit 5 Tampa	9:30 am	10 am
District 16	Aug 22, 2026	Unit 7 Clearwater	9:00 am	10 am
District 17	TBD			

VETERAN AFFAIR&REHABILITATION

CHAIRMAN: DARA OLIVER • VA&R@ALAFL.ORG

If you love to help our Veterans we have several openings at our VAMC (Veterans Affairs Medical Centers) OPC (Out Patient Clinics and State Nursing Homes. **If you're interested in assisting in one of the facilities please contact VA&R Chair Dara Oliver at (321) 543-1069 or alamemberdoliver@gmail.com**

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MEDICAL CENTERS,
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STATE NURSING HOMES**

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- ★ BROWARD COUNTY
- ★ LAKE CITY
- ★ MIAMI
- ★ ORLANDO
- ★ PEMBROKE PINES



Please contact

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MEMBERSHIP

CHAIRMAN: TAMMY ZELL • MEMBERSHIPCHAIRMAN@ALAFL.ORG



Hello ALAFL Members – aka Troops! My name is Tammy Zell, but for this year you can call me Captain Auxiliary! It's time to kick off our new Membership year with a new Department theme, a new Membership theme and even more importantly, a renewed drive to continue the Florida tradition of leading the nation! **Our Membership theme this year is "Operation: M.O.V.E." with the acronym standing for "Mobilizing Outstanding Volunteers Everywhere", which each and every one of you are!** As a nod to honoring our military, past and present, we will be borrowing military terms for our members, leaders, Units and Districts this year.

These are all outlined in the Program Engagement Plan, which can be found at ALAFL.org/Membership, but for a quick rundown,



here is your 2026-2027 Chain of Command:

Department of Florida Members..... Troops
Department of Florida Members..... Cadets
Unit..... Platoon
Unit Presidents..... Platoon Leader
District Chairmen..... Advisors
District Presidents..... Command Staff
Department Chairmen..... Envoys
Department Officers..... Executive Officers
Past Department Presidents..... Generals
Department of Florida President..... Commander in Chief (CinC)
Department Headquarters..... HQ (what else did you think it would be?!)



As this year starts, many of you are having Early-Bird Renewal events at your Post home. **Please be sure to utilize our ALAFL Membership Facebook site to advertise the date, then share photos afterward so we can all cheer on your successes!** Our goal from National this year is +2 new members per Unit. Publicizing our recruiting events and activities and offering various incentives helps us all in reaching this goal. I'm looking forward to seeing all the great ideas the Units have renewing, recruiting and rejoining members this year!

And remember, any member that gets 10 new recruits or rejoins at any time throughout the year can complete the form from the ALA national Membership Committee page (ALAforVeterans.org) to receive a special gift. You must be logged in to the My Auxiliary area to access the page. This can be submitted at any time throughout the year up until June 1, 2027. The form does have to be validated by Department, so we ask that you email the forms as you get the 10 filled in rather than waiting until the end of the year to send everyone's in at once.

I plan to be on the MOVE as much as possible this year so that I can visit your "Brigades" and "Platoons". I recently had the honor of walking in the Safety Harbor 4th of July parade and thank Unit 238 for welcoming me to be a part of that traditional event. In the meantime, if you have any questions or need assistance with recruiting members, please feel free to contact me and I'll assist as best I can.

Let's fire up the airplanes, tanks and helicopters, launch the ships, cutters and rockets and get this year off to a strong start showing the rest of the nation that Florida is a force to be reckoned with! **Now get out there and recruit, renew, rejoin and #LetsMOVE!**

Greetings, Department of Florida!

It is both an honor and a privilege to serve as your 2026-2027 Department Poppy Chairperson. After four rewarding years as your Public Relations Chairperson, I am excited to begin this new journey. No great mission is accomplished alone. I am proud to introduce the dedicated members of our **Poppy Promise Team, Cheryl 'CC' Coutermash and Kim Oaks**, who will help encourage, educate, and support our units throughout the year. Together, we will share ideas, celebrate successes, and provide resources to help every unit build an active and meaningful Poppy Program.

The Poppy Program is much more than a distribution held around Memorial Day or Veterans Day. The poppy is a timeless symbol of sacrifice, gratitude, and compassion. It reminds us of those who made the ultimate sacrifice, honors all who have served, and supports veterans, service members, and their families through the American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Program.

I invite every unit to embrace our theme:

The Poppy Isn't a Season. It's a Promise.

Together, we will keep that promise by choosing to:

Remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Honor all who have served and those serving today.

Inspire future generations through education, storytelling, and youth involvement.

Serve veterans, military families, and our communities through the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary. Throughout the year, our Program Engagement Plan (PEP) will focus on simple, meaningful actions that every unit can accomplish. Whether it's wearing your poppy, sharing a veteran's story, promoting the Poppy Poster Contest, crowning a Little Miss Poppy, recognizing our Veteran poppy makers, or educating your community, every action helps keep the promise alive.

August Poppy Promise Challenge!

This month I encourage every unit to:

Wear your poppy every Friday.

August 4: Celebrate and honor the United States Coast Guard Birthday.

August 7: Observe Purple Heart Day by honoring the courage and sacrifice of Purple Heart recipients. Wear your poppy and thank a combat-wounded veteran if you have the opportunity.

August 29: Celebrate and honor the United States Marine Corps Reserve Birthday.

Share one veteran's story.

August is National Purple Heart Month; express your gratitude and raise awareness.

Teach one person the meaning of the poppy.



Post one Poppy Program photo or story on social media. please tag on Facebook @ALAFL Poppies #PoppyPromise. As we begin this new year together, our hope is that every member will see the poppy not as a seasonal tradition, but as a year-round promise of remembrance, honor, inspiration, and service.

Thank you for all you do for our Veterans, our military, their families, and our communities. We look forward to serving alongside each of you as we work together to strengthen the Poppy Program across the Department of Florida.

Remember. Honor. Inspire. Serve.
The Poppy Isn't a Season. It's a Promise.

Virna Luke
Poppy Chairperson

HISTORIAN

CHAIRMAN: JULIE KAY • HISTORIAN@ALAFL.ORG



It is truly an honor and privilege to serve as your 2026–2027 American Legion Auxiliary Department of Florida Historian. Thank you for the opportunity to preserve, celebrate and share the incredible story of our members, our Units, our Districts and our Department.

This year, Department President Linda's theme, MASH ~ Mission Auxiliary Serving Heroes, reminds us why we serve.

As your Historian, I'd like to add another meaningful perspective to MASH: Memories Archived, Shared and Honored.

Every meeting held, every service project completed, every scholarship awarded, every poppy distributed, every veteran supported and every member welcomed becomes part of our history. These moments deserve to be remembered, not years from now when details have faded, but today while they are fresh in our minds.

Preserving our history is a responsibility we all share. I encourage every Member, Unit and District to help us MOVE to Preserve Our

History. Whether you are documenting a special event, taking photographs, collecting newspaper clippings or recording the stories of members and veterans, you are helping ensure that future generations understand the impact of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Remember:

Today is Tomorrow's History.

History is much more than dates and statistics. It tells the story of people whose compassion, volunteerism, and dedication have made a difference in the lives of veterans, military members, their families, and our communities.

Tips for Writing a Great History

Writing your Unit history doesn't have to be difficult. Here are a few simple suggestions:

- Record events as they happen. Don't wait until the end of the year to remember everything.
- Tell the story, not just the numbers. Include who, what, when, where, why, and how your activities made an impact.
- Highlight member involvement. Recognize volunteers, new members, milestones, anniversaries and special accomplishments.
- Include meaningful quotes and personal stories. These bring your history to life.
- Take quality photographs. Identify the people, event, date, and location while the information is fresh.
- Stay organized. Keep digital folders or binders with meeting notes, newsletters, programs, flyers, and photos throughout the year.
- Be accurate. Verify names, dates, and facts before submitting your history.
- Focus on impact. Explain how your service fulfilled the American Legion Auxiliary mission and benefited veterans, military families, children, and your community.

Every Unit has a unique story worth telling. No act of service is too small to be remembered. Together, we can preserve the legacy of those who came before us while documenting the remarkable work being done today. Thank you for all you do to support our veterans, military families, and communities. I look forward to seeing the wonderful histories you create throughout this year. Together, let's preserve our legacy, because today is tomorrow's history, and every **Memory deserve to be Archived, Shared and Honored.**

Happy August! My name is Dawn Davis, and I have the privilege of serving as your Department of Florida Education Chair this year. Education has been my passion for more than 25 years as a middle school teacher, and I can honestly say that serving our veterans, military families, and our youth through the American Legion Auxiliary has been one of the greatest blessings of my life. Bringing those two passions together this year truly feels like the perfect mission. I have an incredible Education Committee serving alongside me, **Jan Farrington and Tricia Winegar**. Both of whom have years of leadership experience and passion as educators. I am so fortunate to have them on my team.

The purpose of the American Legion Auxiliary Education Program is simple, yet incredibly powerful. It is to promote quality education for children, especially military-connected children, and adults.

To go along with the Department theme, **Education's theme is #LearnTheMission**. I chose that theme because I truly believe that when we understand the "why" behind the program statements, our service becomes even more meaningful.

Education is really about people. It is about a child who walks into school wondering if anyone notices them. It is about a teacher who spent her own paycheck buying supplies because she refused to let her students go without. It's about discovering how each one of us can make a lasting difference in the lives of children, teachers, military families, veterans, and our communities.

Every month, I will be bringing different parts of the Education mission to you in the newsletter. My hope is that this year, you won't just know more about the Education Program. You'll be inspired to live the mission in your own Unit.

So, let's take a look at one of those missions right now. It's August, and it's back to school time! I have seen so many amazing activities going on around our Department supporting our students and teachers. **Take 10 for Education** is an initiative to support our classrooms. Give ten of anything a school would need (10 notebooks, 10 gluesticks, 10 pens, etc). There is going to be something exciting rolling out this year for the 20th birthday after National Convention, so please be on the lookout in September. It's never too late to participate in this program. You can do this throughout the year. Classrooms are always in need of supplies or a "restock." Think of some fun ways you can support not just at the beginning of the year.

The same goes for the teachers and staff! What about some fun welcome back (or a "you survived the first week) goody baskets or a donut party? Teachers love food! Or even helping set up a classroom or painting a hallway. All of these are great ways to support a local school and show that their local Auxiliary is there for them.

I am so excited to see how your unit is connecting with your schools and communicating those ideas on the Education Facebook page. If you haven't joined our page, please connect now. This is a great way for us to share flyers, handouts, and ideas with other units and inspire the mission! **Our goal is to reach 1000 members this year, and we have grown almost 300 members in just the last month!**

I look forward to sharing more mission information with you next month. I am going to focus on the Chairman's award—the Mission Passport and how your unit will be filling it with mission stamps.

Have a great back to school and School of Instruction!



COMMUNITY SERVICE

CHAIRMAN: AYSIA LOMBARD • COMMUNITYSERVICE@ALAFL.ORG



Hello Dept. of Florida and it is my honor to introduce my self as your new Charimen of Community Service for the Dept of Florida. My name is Aysia Lombard I am the Unit President of Unit 382, Navarre, FL in District 1. I am eligible through my husband Kenny Lombard who retired from the Army after 29yrs. I am also eligible through my father who retired from the Navy and my brother who is an Army Veteran.

I was inspired by our MASH theme year. I was thinking of our Military and First Responders as they march into the line of fire to defend out borders and streets. **I have created Operation Boots – Marching our mission through our community.**

Find creative ways to march into your community showing off your boots with pride giving back to those who have supported our Military, Veterans and their Families.

This year let Boots be your inspiration as you work your Community Service Program. Whether it is the Combat boot of the Military/1st

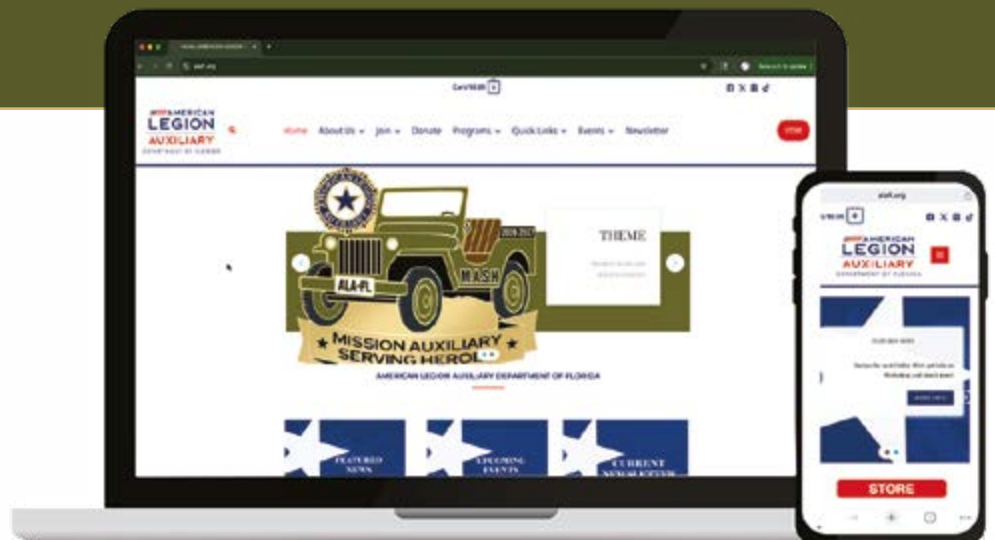
Responders, the cowboy boot of Farmers and Ranchers that feed our community, or Riding boots inspired by our American Legion Riders who are the definition of Legion representing all our missions in our community. Show off your boots! I **would love to share your monthly events in this newsletter, please send me your pictures and captions no later than the 10th of each month** so that I can feature your units amazing work! Send all pictures and captions to communityservice@alafl.org.

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CHAPLAIN

CHAIRMAN: KAREN MARKS • CHAPLAIN@ALAFL.ORG

Hello Friends,

First of all, welcome to the Chaplain Page for the Department of Florida. I am honored and blessed to have been elected for my third year as your Department Chaplain. We had a wonderful convention, and the Chaplain classes were well attended.

Workshop- wow! We have so many amazing chairmen and volunteers who are working the Mission! If you are a chaplain and

were not able to attend, please reach out to me and I will email you some of the information I handed out during our classes. **My email is chaplain@alafl.org.**

This year I'd like to change things up a bit. **Let's save on postage where we can. If you have a deceased member, please email the form to me.**

I have a feeling some of the forms were lost in the mail and I would like an accurate accounting of those who have passed so that we can be on top of things for membership as well.

Also, please think about the awards that are listed in your Unit Guide. The Mae Nalley Chaplain Prayer Book Award is an easy one to submit. This year we are doing online submittals rather than you mailing a book to me! This past year I had five entries, and it was extremely difficult to choose just one winner. I'd like to thank the women who put their time and effort into these prayer books. They were all amazing and it is always so hard to choose just one. The entries were submitted by Eleanor Amato of Unit 270 Port Orange, Sharon Banwell of Unit 83 Macclenny, Jana Staples of Unit 240 Pensacola, Joann Smith of Unit 98 Coral Gables, and Candy Venable of Unit 139 Tampa.

I am so excited about this year. We have many new Chaplains in our Department and being the spiritual leaders is a task that we shouldn't take lightly. Chaplains have many responsibilities. We are Caring, Helpful, Available, Polite, Loving, Assisting, Inspiring, and Non-Denominational. Together we DO make a difference within our Legion Family.

Here is a short prayer that was in one of the Chaplain Prayer Books I received:

The Knot Prayer

Dear God, Please untie the knots that are in my mind, my heart, and my life.

Remove the have nots, can not, and the do nots.

Erase the will nots, may nots, might nots that may find a home in my heart.

Release me from the could nots, would nots, and should nots that obstruct my life.

And most of all, dear God, I ask that You remove from my mind, my heart, and my life all of the "Am Nots" that I have allowed to hold me back, especially the thought that I am not good enough.

Author Unknown, Submitted by Edie Herrington

Let's continue to keep our Auxiliary Members as well as the rest of our Legion Family in our prayers. And please keep the deceased members in the box to the left in your hearts as we honor them for their service within our wonderful organizations.

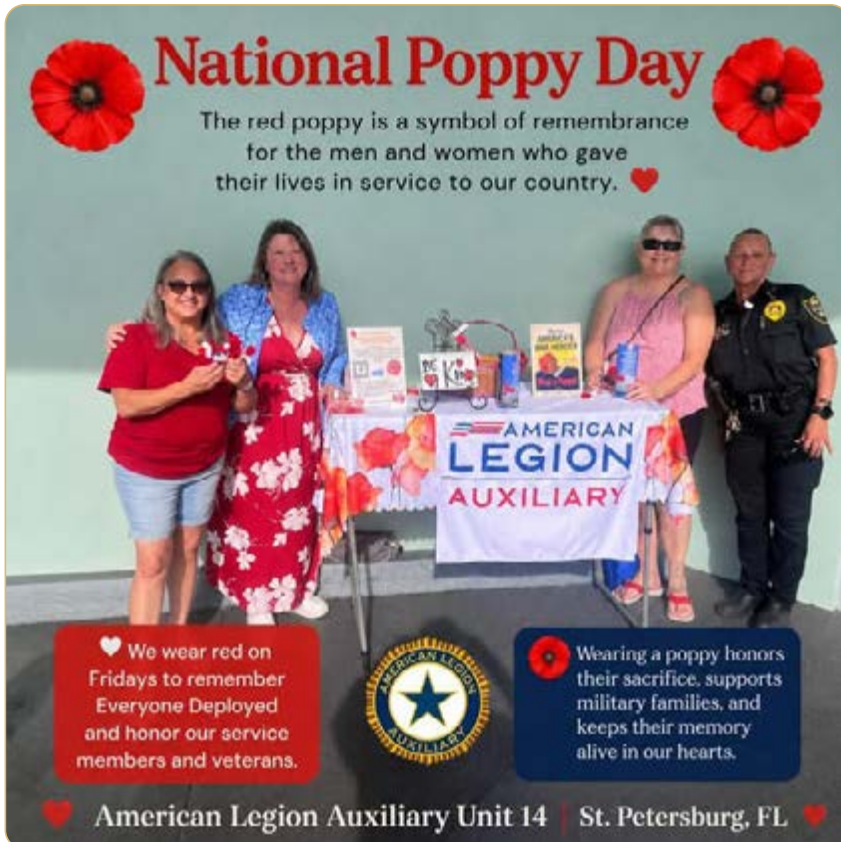


Member Name	District	Unit
Sandra Turner	1	378
Lois Garrett	1	235
Donna Rodda	2	114
Kelly Trotter	4	230
Edna Campbell	4	284
Elizabeth A. Hardy	4	237
Bernadine Casey	4	284
Carla Quimby	5	129
Elizabeth Bass	5	283
Rita Skelton	6	286
Debbi Aubee	6	286
Kathy Dabney	8	24
Annette Sharp	8	113
Anne Jones	11	164
Kathleen Moore	11	164
Theresa M Byrne	12	318
Lynn Goetzmann	12	394
Virginia M Shutt	13	323
Lorraine Satterlee	13	336
Susan Huffman	13	90
Alice Burks	15	111
Tammy Connolly	15	148
Maria Smith	16	273
Shirley Swank	16	119
Tracie Destrampe	16	119
Patricia Lydle	17	285
Carolyn Wood	17	120
Beverly Fifer	17	259

DISTRICTS & UNITS

American Legion Auxiliary Department of Florida units are Mission Auxiliary Serving Heroes! The next few pages highlight achievements, meetings, and donations throughout the community.

DISTRICT 16 UNIT 14



ALA Unit 14, St. Petersburg has been busy working program. Partnering with Publix had a successful Poppy Day on May 23. Members distributed 150 poppies in one day raising awareness of the symbolism and history of Poppies. Shown are member Lisa Spata, President Tricia Winegar and Secretary Rhonda Brailey Mauer. The Unit also distributed Poppies on May 1 at Ferg's Sports Bar and Grill in St. Petersburg. In addition to distributing Poppies, members were able to engage with the public about ALA programs and membership eligibility. Shown is member Lisa Clay outside Ferg's.



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DISTRICT 12 UNIT 318

Post 318 had many events in May. We had the Kentucky derby, Auxiliary Golf tournament and Memorial Day BBQ. But the most notable was our Memorial Day flag ceremony held at our memorial garden. Our commander gave a very touching speech and our honor guard played taps. It was really a very touching moment for all that attended.



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DISTRICT 15 UNIT 5

In learning this year that Troop boxes were being held due to the ongoing conflict overseas, USS Tampa Unit 5 reached out to our liaison at MacDill AFB. We learned that they were setting up a USO on base as our soldiers were deploying directly from there. We ask how we could help and they told us that it was better if we could prepackage what we wanted to send them off with rather than trying to stock their shelves. So, we put the word out and started collecting donations. In April we started off by making 80 "Troop Bags", they contained multiple personal hygiene and comfort items as well as a personal note. They were picked up by the USO, but the donations kept coming in. So, we made up another 20. At our next meeting a member asked if we had heard of the "USA 250 Challenge". She shared the information on it, and everyone agreed we should take it on. We did some shopping with the monies donated and were able to put together another 150 Troop bags. We had collected donations of over \$4,000. At our Memorial Day ceremony, we invited the public to write notes to be included, which was very well received. So, the mighty USS Tampa Unit 5 completed our 250 challenge and sent our deployed soldiers with comfort items from home to let them know how much we supported and appreciated their service.



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DISTRICT 17 UNIT 270

Unit 270 Port Orange was the host for the American Birthday at Emory Bennett Nursing home in Daytona Beach. A beautiful cake was served along with Ice Cream with sodas and even NA beer. Thanks to the Department of Florida the Unit distributed commemorative baseball caps to every patient at the home along with stick flags. The afternoon was filled with patriotic songs and voiced throughout the halls God bless America!



DISTRICT 11 UNIT 62

On Memorial Day ALA members of Unit 62 Dist 11 walked along side Legionnaires and Riders followed behind as we walked in the Stuart parade in Memorandum of our fallen military. ALA members handed out poppies, flags and flag etiquette pamphlets throughout the parade route.

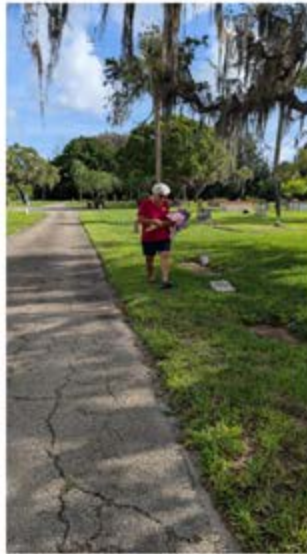
Members gathered at Harolds Johns Post 62 after the parade for a blessing of the bricks in the memorial garden near the rear entrance of the Post. The blessing was given by Unit Chaplain Becky Schumacher with assistance from President Shirley Rearick and Vice President Gail Crosby and Dual Member Kendall White.



MISSION AUXILIARY SERVING HEROES

DISTRICT 11 UNIT 62

Over the course of Memorial Day Weekend ALA unit 62 Dist 11 members along with Legionnaires and employees of Fern Hill Cemetery, placed flags on the graves of Veterans that are interred there. Auxiliary members and friends also handed out poppies at a local Publix grocery store and gather donations for the poppy fund.



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DISTRICT 11 UNIT 62

At the Department convention in Orlando in June Unit 62 Dist 11 walked away with some great awards and a major announcement. Committee member Rebecca Baruffi was chosen as the recipient of the Theresa Gilleo Award for organizing the most creative Veteran's event with the VA&R committee and she also received a recognition award for her work she does on the Children and Youth committee for the Unit. Rebecca has also been elected to be the new Vice President for Unit 62 for the 26-27 year. Congratulations Rebecca for all of the hard work and rewards! The major announcement is Shirley Rearick has been elected to be our new District President for District 11 for the 26-27 27-28 term. Congratulations to all!!!



DISTRICT 2 UNIT 13



Ladies working Poppy donations, VA clinic, and Memorial Day at the post.



Adopt a duck for a veteran at the Tallahassee springtime event.



DISTRICT 2 UNIT 13

Girls State Event.



Executive member installation.



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This was our first 4th of July celebration for the community. We had hotdogs, chips, lemonade, sodas, watermelons, cookies. And home made ice cream all free. We had games and entertainment. We had Cheryl Marrs sing our national

anthem and the Suwannee river fife and drum perform. We had the Wednesday fiddlers group entertain. We also had the theater with a mission perform the declaration of independence and patrick henry speech. We had a Seminole Indian enactor dressed in all his finery. We also had the presentation of the 13 folds and meanings of the American flag. . We fed 387 folks that morning from 11am to 4pm.



MEMBERSHIP REPORTS

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DISTRICT AND UNIT.
REPORTS CURRENT AS OF 21 MAY 2026

DISTRICT 1

UNIT	CITY	OBJ	JR	SR	TOT	%
0075	Crestview	235	1	239	240	102.13%
0078	Milton	13	2	24	26	200.00%
0193	Pensacola	69	8	61	69	100.00%
0221	Niceville	245	2	250	252	102.86%
0235	Ft Walton Bch	148	0	159	159	107.43%
0240	Pensacola	246	1	247	248	100.81%
0296	Destin	98	1	105	106	108.16%
0340	Pensacola	344	8	337	345	100.29%
0356	Lynn Haven	146	2	150	152	104.11%
0378	Gulf Breeze	68	0	79	79	116.18%
0382	Navarre	210	3	226	229	109.05%
0392	Panama City	204	4	202	206	100.98%
0402	PC Beach	63	1	74	75	119.05%
Total		2089	33	2153	2186	104.64%

DISTRICT 2

UNIT	CITY	OBJ	JR	SR	TOT	%
0013	Tallahassee	71	6	67	73	102.82%
0082	Lanark	75	2	78	80	106.67%
0084	Havana	22	10	10	20	90.91%
0100	Marianna	37	6	32	38	102.70%
0114	Crawfordville	0	1	14	15	100%
0116	Port Saint Joe	28	0	34	34	121.43%
0217	Quincy	29	2	22	24	82.76%
0241	Sneads	63	16	45	61	96.83%
Total		325	43	302	345	106.15%

DISTRICT 3

UNIT	CITY	OBJ	JR	SR	TOT	%
0049	Monticello	30	0	31	31	103.33%
0057	Lake City	294	8	324	332	112.93%

0083	Macclenny	74	0	88	88	118.92%
0107	Live Oak	57	1	49	50	87.72%
0215	Jasper	37	3	37	40	108.11%
0224	Madison	58	0	53	53	91.38%
0291	Steinhatchee	207	1	220	221	106.76%
0383	Old Town	156	6	152	158	101.28%
0422	Lee	0	2	14	16	100%
0423	Lake City	0	4	23	27	100%
Total		913	25	991	1016	111.28%

DISTRICT 4

UNIT	CITY	OBJ	JR	SR	TOT	%
0016	Gainesville	35	0	23	23	65.71%
0027	Ocala	14	1	14	15	107.14%
0058	Dunnellon	29	1	32	33	113.79%
0077	Inverness	103	1	109	110	106.80%
0149	Newberry	28	3	23	26	92.86%
0155	Crystal River	435	6	432	438	100.69%
0166	Homosassa Spgs	192	2	206	208	108.33%
0230	Hawthorne	48	4	45	49	102.08%
0236	Bronson	66	1	81	82	124.24%
0237	Beverly Hills	154	1	155	156	101.30%
0284	Bellevue	85	6	75	81	95.29%
Total		1189	26	1195	1221	102.69%

DISTRICT 5

UNIT	CITY	OBJ	JR	SR	TOT	%
0009	Jacksonville	83	3	87	90	108.43%
0054	Fernandina Beach	309	5	322	327	105.83%
0088	Jacksonville	89	1	76	77	86.52%
0129	Jacksonville Beach	437	14	456	470	107.55%

0137	Jacksonville	477	21	440	461	96.65%
0194	St Augustine	44	3	57	60	136.36%
0197	Jacksonville	62	1	62	63	101.61%
0202	Keystone Heights	113	1	130	131	115.93%
0233	Ponte Vedra Beach	193	23	170	193	100.00%
0244	Jacksonville	28	0	24	24	85.71%
0250	Middleburg	316	20	302	322	101.90%
0283	Arlington	466	8	454	462	99.14%
0316	Atlantic Beach	382	37	318	355	92.93%
0372	Mandarin	45	0	38	38	84.44%
0401	Hilliard	40	2	30	32	80.00%
Total		3084	139	2966	3105	100.68%

DISTRICT 6						
UNIT	CITY	OBJ	JR	SR	TOT	%
0010	Kissimmee	202	4	226	230	113.86%
0018	Wildwood	23	0	19	19	82.61%
0019	Orlando	74	3	57	60	81.08%
0035	Mount Dora	153	1	171	172	112.42%
0055	Clermont	299	1	267	268	89.63%
0080	Saint Cloud	310	18	324	342	110.32%
0101	Bushnell	108	0	81	81	75.00%
0112	Winter Park	35	4	32	36	102.86%
0183	Fern Park	124	1	95	96	77.42%
0219	Fruitland Park	251	4	270	274	109.16%
0239	Groveland	22	0	20	20	90.91%
0242	Orlando	134	10	119	129	96.27%
0286	Orlando	191	9	192	201	105.24%
0330	Leesburg	45	2	43	45	100.00%
0331	Orlando	27	0	31	31	114.81%
0347	Lady Lake	2823	9	2928	2937	104.04%
0412	Orlando	11	2	6	8	72.73%
Total		4832	68	4881	4949	102.42%

DISTRICT 7						
UNIT	CITY	OBJ	JR	SR	TOT	%
0003	Bartow	100	2	98	100	100.00%
0004	Lakeland	61	2	53	55	90.16%

0008	Winter Haven	714	8	738	746	104.48%
0015	Dade City	29	1	32	33	113.79%
0034	Haines City	100	0	109	109	109.00%
0071	Lake Wales	29	3	21	24	82.76%
0072	Mulberry	140	5	173	178	127.14%
0118	Zephyrhills	0	0	35	35	#DIV/0!
0201	Florence Villa	20	1	18	19	95.00%
Total		1193	22	1277	1299	108.89%

DISTRICT 8						
UNIT	CITY	OBJ	JR	SR	TOT	%
0011	Arcadia	53	12	52	64	120.75%
0024	Bradenton	343	1	356	357	104.08%
0025	Lake Placid	463	0	502	502	108.42%
0030	Sarasota	57	8	51	59	103.51%
0069	Avon Park	824	15	836	851	103.28%
0074	Sebring	142	2	143	145	102.11%
0113	Rotonda West	383	2	450	452	118.02%
0159	Venice	616	6	627	633	102.76%
0254	North Port	199	1	212	213	107.04%
0266	Fruitville	188	1	193	194	103.19%
0309	Palmetto	214	0	193	193	90.19%
0312	Oneco	166	0	173	173	104.22%
0325	Ellenton	205	1	210	211	102.93%
Total		3853	49	3998	4047	105.04%

DISTRICT 9						
UNIT	CITY	OBJ	JR	SR	TOT	%
0036	Ft Lauderdale	38	1	37	38	100.00%
0092	Hollywood	73	0	77	77	105.48%
0142	Pompano Beach	159	5	137	142	89.31%
0157	Margate	185	7	179	186	100.54%
0162	Deerfield Beach	187	11	162	173	92.51%
0180	Fort Lauderdale	94	0	88	88	93.62%
0209	Dania Beach	21	0	15	15	71.43%
0220	Ft Lauderdale	26	7	19	26	100.00%
0222	Fort Lauderdale	58	0	60	60	103.45%
0287	Deerfield Beach	22	3	24	27	122.73%

0304	Dania	78	8	75	83	106.41%
0310	Hallandale	37	3	34	37	100.00%
0321	Cooper City	247	28	252	280	113.36%
0365	Sunrise	16	0	15	15	93.75%
Total		1241	73	1174	1247	100.48%

DISTRICT 11						
UNIT	CITY	OBJ	JR	SR	TOT	%
0020	Belle Glade	50	2	51	53	106.00%
0047	Lake Worth	79	2	78	80	101.27%
0062	Stuart	909	9	1020	1029	113.20%
0064	Okeechobee	73	0	50	50	68.49%
0065	Delray Beach	51	4	55	59	115.69%
0141	West Palm Beach	68	3	75	78	114.71%
0164	Boynton Beach	219	16	283	299	136.53%
0199	W Palm Beach	48	0	49	49	102.08%
0268	Riviera Beach	74	0	79	79	106.76%
0271	Tequesta	198	3	197	200	101.01%
0277	Boca Raton	62	1	60	61	98.39%
0367	Royal Palm Beach	38	4	34	38	100.00%
Total		1869	44	2031	2075	111.02%

DISTRICT 12						
UNIT	CITY	OBJ	JR	SR	TOT	%
0001	Titusville	231	6	240	246	106.49%
0022	Cocoa	147	2	158	160	108.84%
0039	Vero Beach	243	6	240	246	101.23%
0040	Fort Pierce	238	5	268	273	114.71%
0081	Melbourne	251	8	232	240	95.62%
0117	Palm Bay	651	24	630	654	100.46%
0126	Jensen Beach	209	0	207	207	99.04%
0163	Eau Gallie	263	6	239	245	93.16%
0189	Sebastian	187	0	191	191	102.14%
0191	Melbourne	67	3	52	55	82.09%
0200	Satellite Beach	154	6	148	154	100.00%
0318	Port St Lucie	1622	7	1747	1754	108.14%
0344	Merritt Island	24	4	21	25	104.17%
0348	Cape Canaveral	290	6	315	321	110.69%

0358	White City	77	0	80	80	103.90%
0359	Port St John	389	14	369	383	98.46%
0366	Barefoot Bay	46	4	39	43	93.48%
0394	Palm Bay	303	3	336	339	111.88%
0420	Suntree	0	0	10	10	#DIV/0!
Total		5392	104	5522	5626	104.34%

DISTRICT 13						
UNIT	CITY	OBJ	JR	SR	TOT	%
0038	Fort Myers	37	0	31	31	83.78%
0090	Cape Coral	408	5	430	435	106.62%
0103	Punta Gorda	955	9	1112	1121	117.38%
0110	Port Charlotte	573	8	579	587	102.44%
0123	Sanibel	79	1	91	92	116.46%
0130	Labelle	178	0	181	181	101.69%
0135	Naples	454	1	492	493	108.59%
0136	Saint James City	579	6	585	591	102.07%
0192	Fort Myers	23	2	19	21	91.30%
0274	Fort Myers Beach	405	2	423	425	104.94%
0303	Bonita Springs	584	16	653	669	114.55%
0323	Lehigh Acres	472	24	449	473	100.21%
0336	N Ft Myers	599	3	616	619	103.34%
0351	Fort Myers	104	4	100	104	100.00%
0415	Punta Gorda	40	4	45	49	122.50%
Total		5490	85	5806	5891	107.30%

DISTRICT 14						
UNIT	CITY	OBJ	JR	SR	TOT	%
0028	Key West	53	0	78	78	147.17%
0031	South Miami	140	5	131	136	97.14%
0043	Homestead	58	3	79	82	141.38%
0067	North Miami	36	2	29	31	86.11%
0098	Coral Gables	19	0	17	17	89.47%
0133	Miami	61	3	45	48	78.69%
0144	Miami Lakes	0	2	16	18	#DIV/0!
0154	Marathon	165	1	166	167	101.21%
0168	Key West	20	0	14	14	70.00%
0333	Key Largo	90	0	95	95	105.56%

0346	Miami	21	0	16	16	76.19%
0374	Key Biscayne	32	0	29	29	90.63%
Total		695	16	706	722	103.88%

DISTRICT 15						
UNIT	CITY	OBJ	JR	SR	TOT	%
0005	Tampa	25	2	29	31	124.00%
0026	Plant City	0	0	26	26	#DIV/0!
0099	Brooksville	24	3	35	38	158.33%
0108	Land O' Lakes	25	0	21	21	84.00%
0111	Tampa	58	0	63	63	108.62%
0138	Tampa	682	14	745	759	111.29%
0139	Tampa	114	0	123	123	107.89%
0147	Odessa	28	0	28	28	100.00%
0148	Riverview	236	6	241	247	104.66%
0152	Tampa	287	9	302	311	108.36%
0186	Brooksville	423	0	437	437	103.31%
0418	Spring Hill	38	6	42	48	126.32%
Total		1940	40	2092	2132	109.90%

DISTRICT 16						
UNIT	CITY	OBJ	JR	SR	TOT	%
0007	Clearwater	259	0	234	234	90.35%
0014	St Petersburg	155	5	170	175	112.90%
0079	New Port Richey	501	27	494	521	103.99%
0104	Pinellas Park	366	9	369	378	103.28%
0119	Largo	368	13	370	383	104.08%
0125	St Petersburg	295	21	286	307	104.07%
0158	Treasure Island	362	2	361	363	100.28%
0173	Holiday	366	4	401	405	110.66%

0238	Safety Harbor	448	14	498	512	114.29%
0252	Seminole	1316	7	1331	1338	101.67%
0273	Madeira Beach	3683	8	3891	3899	105.86%
0275	Dunedin	1384	5	1496	1501	108.45%
0305	St Pete Beach	180	0	204	204	113.33%
0335	Hudson	120	7	127	134	111.67%
Total		9803	122	10232	10354	105.62%

DISTRICT 17						
UNIT	CITY	OBJ	JR	SR	TOT	%
0006	Deland	114	1	125	126	110.53%
0017	New Smyrna Beach	188	0	176	176	93.62%
0045	Palatka	46	2	53	55	119.57%
0115	Palm Coast	42	0	36	36	85.71%
0120	Holly Hill	196	1	197	198	101.02%
0127	Lake Helen	16	1	16	17	106.25%
0255	Deltona	29	6	21	27	93.10%
0259	Debary	43	2	33	35	81.40%
0267	Ormond Beach	257	1	259	260	101.17%
0270	Port Orange	235	2	248	250	106.38%
0285	Edgewater	176	1	216	217	123.30%
0293	Interlachen	36	0	36	36	100.00%
0361	S Daytona	290	3	292	295	101.72%
Total		1668	20	1708	1728	103.60%

Total	45968	911	47476	48387	105.26%
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