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alaf1.org/events



Scan the code or visit
alaf1.org/event-submission
to submit your unit's events.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Charlotte Bass
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Greetings,

Let's Welcome November! It's a month filled with Gratitude. October was a trying month for many, with back-to-back hurricanes. Many have lost everything but know that as we as an American Legion Auxiliary Family, are here to help. **We are here to help with rebuilding and recovery.** Many have reached out wanting to know about collecting donations and items needed, **Relief efforts are being coordinated by The Legion.** It has been great seeing our members wanting to help members in need and "Securing our Foundation" and #buildingthehouse. The Legion has designated Area Coordinators that will coordinate the pickup and drop

off areas. Your District Commanders, Post Commanders and District Presidents have been given these contacts. Coordinate with your Post Commanders and District Presidents. Because some areas affected are still unstable, please don't try to take these items yourself. **Also make sure to start filing for AEF as soon as you can because you only have 60 days from the time the event happened.** Continue Buddy Checks with your members, and always give words of encouragement.

Fall Conference is happening soon. The dates are Friday, November 22nd though Sunday November 24th at the Caribe Royale Orlando. Our National President, Trish Ward will be attending. Her focus is "Leading the Way" We have planned many breakout sessions for our members to learn about our wonderful programs. I am looking forward to seeing you at Fall Conference. **Save the Date, my Home Coming is Saturday, January 18th at Post 80 St. Cloud.** More Details will be out soon. Thank you for all that you do.



"November: A time for reflection, a season of giving thanks, and a reminder of life's precious gifts." - Anonymous



**SAT 11/23
2024**

**Tickets
Available**

alafl.org/fall-conference

President and Commander's Banquet

70's Rock'n ROLL



\$65

**COCKTAIL
HOUR 6PM
Dinner 7-9pm**

Special guests
**DJ JUAN
PROVIDED BY
MISSING LINK
ENTERTAINMENT**

**MENU: DECONSTRUCTED CEASAR SALAD * BAKED ZITI* CHICKEN
PARMESEAN * ANGEL HAIR PASTA W/ RED SAUCE * VEGGIES * ROLL
* MINI TIRAMISU DESSERT**

CALL TO FALL CONFERENCE

The Annual Fall Conference of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Florida, will be held Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, November 22, 23 and 24, 2024 at the Caribe Royale Orlando, 8101 World Center Drive, Orlando, FL 32821.

Friday, November 22, 2024	
8am - 5pm	Department Headquarters Store Open - Grand Sierra C
9 - 9:30am	Pre-Breakout Meeting- 2024-2025 Dept Officers, & Dept Chairmen-Pres Charlotte Bass #BuildingTheHouse - Grand Sierra D
9:45 - 11:15am	Membership is the Key! - Jan Farrington - Grand Sierra D
9:45 - 10:30am	Past Presidents Parley - Wanda Brandt Mentoring at All Levels - Bonaire 1
9:45 - 11:15am	National Security - Tammy Zell - Outside organizations with an emphasis on Service Members & their families! - Bonaire 2
9:45 - 11:15am	Public Speaking for All Members- Robin Burk - Bonaire 3
9:45 - 11:15am	Americanism - Dawn's "Early Light" Davis - Essay Contest and Ideas to promote Americanism - Bonaire 4
9:45 - 11:15am	Education - Stacy Cusano - Reviewing/qualifying scholarships, children assist, community school support - Bonaire 5
9:45 - 11:15am	Community Service, Robin Watrous - Building the Bridge with other organizations and programs. - Bonaire 6
9:45 - 11:15am	Girls State - Eileen Wilson - Girl State is Great! School contacts, registration, interviews. - Bonaire 7
9:45 - 11:15am	Children & Youth - How to Look for and honor Good Deed and Youth Hero Award Recipients - Lisa Hoyland - Bonaire 8
9:45 - 10:30am	Vacant Curacao 1
9:45 - 11:15am	Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation - Linda Knobloch Harkness - Repts, Deps, and how you can support our Veterans. - Curacao 2
10:45 - 11:30am	Auxiliary Emergency Fund - Kathy Hemley - Application process & eligibility, fundraising ideas - Bonaire 1
11:30am - 12:45pm	Chaplain - Karen Marks - Comforting & Encouraging our members and other blessings. - Bonaire 5
11:30am - 12:45pm	Historian - Dara Oliver - Preserving our History ... How to write a Narrative- Bonaire 6
11:30am - 12:45pm	Sergeant-At-Arms - Sherry Shupp & Andrea Sherman- What should I do as Sergeant At Arms - Bonaire 7
11:15am - 12:30pm	Risk & Compliance - Nana Lontakos - Compliance Matters- Bonaire 8
11:30am - 12:45pm	Public Relations - Virna Luke - Tools for #BuildingTheHouse for a successful event! - Grand Sierra D
1:00 - 1:45pm	Legislative - Linda Allen - Your Voice Matters - Bonaire 1
1:00 - 2:15pm	National Security - Tammy Zell - Outside organizations with an emphasis on Service Members & their families! - Bonaire 2
1:00 - 2:15pm	Leadership- Mary Kelly Perkins - Interested in being an ABC Instructor? Bonaire 3
1:00 - 2:15pm	Americanism - Dawn Davis - Essay Contest Information and Ideas as to promote Americanism. Bonaire 4

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1 - 2:15pm	Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation - Linda Knobloch Harkness - Repts, Deps, and how you can support our Veterans. - Curacao 2
1:30 - 2:45pm	Emails Beware - Kellie Cowan- Phishing, Spoofing, Malware, oh my! - Grand Sierra D
3 - 4pm	Meet & Greet with National President Trish Ward - Grand Sierra D
4 - 5pm	District Presidents/ Department Chairmen #BuildingTheHouse as We Lead the Way! # - Grand Sierra D
Saturday, November 23, 2024	
8am	TBD Department Headquarters Store Open - Grand Sierra C
9am - 12pm	Juniors - Antigua 3 & 4
9:30am	General Session Grand Sierra D Announcements - Department Secretary
12pm	Lunch
12:45pm	Line Up for Membership Parade
1pm	General Session - Grand Sierra D Membership Parade
	Break
2 - 4pm	Distinguished Guest Speaker National President Trish Ward "Leading the Way!"
	Break
	Presentation of Raffle Basket Winners
	Announcements & Endorsements
	Closing & Remarks
6:00pm	Reception* Palms 2 *Cash Bar
7:00pm	President & Commander Banquet - Palms 2 We Built This City on Rock & Roll!
Sunday, November 24, 2024	
8:30am	Religious Service - Grand Sierra D
CALLED BY: Charlotte Bass Dept President & Mary Kelly-Perkins Dept Secretary September 19, 2024	

SECRETARY'S DESK

My thoughts and prayers go to all of our members who experienced the wrath of Hurricane Helene and Milton.

They definitely created a lot of stress and havoc for many plus the loss of Post Homes now has meetings being cancelled and rescheduled. Please remember that we are here for you if needed.

As per Standing Rule VIII UNITS Section 5, "Any member in good standing may run for office. While not required, candidates for elective office may be endorsed as a show of support at a regular meeting of the Unit of which they are members. All letters of endorsement for Department Officers, Including District Presidents, shall

be signed by the Unit President and Unit Secretary and forwarded to the Department Headquarters by certified mail, return receipt requested, giving the date of regular meeting at which the endorsement was made. Each endorsement shall contain a statement signed by the candidate, indicating their willingness to serve. Said letters of endorsement to be received at Department Headquarters ten (10) days before nominations are made. Copy of this letter to be sent to Department President."

If you are considering being endorsed by your unit for District President, Please follow the guidelines found in our Department Unit Guide under Constitution Article VII, Department Officers, Section 5.



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FROM LEADERSHIP

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Thank you to our ABC instructors for the awesome ABC classes that have been held in September and October. **Unfortunately, due to Helene and Milton we had to cancel some classes, however they will be rescheduled in the near future.** It was far better to be safe rather than having members and instructors traveling and not knowing what devastation they would encounter. In the meantime, I encourage all of our members to check out the National website and take advantage of the ALA Academy courses offered. These are courses that you can take at your own pace and learn so much more about our programs. If you have not received a copy

of the Fall Conference Schedule, you can find it on our department website plus many members have been sharing it on Facebook. At the Fall Conference there will be a session held for any member who may be interested in becoming a certified ABC instructor. I personally encourage members who have held the position of Unit and District President to check this class out. Now that the hurricanes have calmed down, I will begin to post more information on the ALAFL Leadership FB group and I invite you to join the National Leadership group which is ALA Leadership Program. Remember **#mentoringdevelopsleaders** Hope to see you at Fall Conference and I wish you and yours a blessed Thanksgiving!

If you would like to have your endorsement mentioned at Fall Conference the Department Headquarters must receive it no later than November 6, 2024. If you are sending in a Recruit 10 form please email it to Patsy Sewell, membership@al afl.org I know the form states to send it to Secretary however in the interest of getting it to National in a timely manner Patsy will be the go to person for this form. As a reminder the Department Secretary does not receive a copy of the Unit C&B's. They are to be emailed to Jane Hardacre our Department C&B chairman. The email address is Cbylaws@al afl.org. I am looking forward to seeing many of our members at the Fall Conference November 22-24, 2024. Wishing you and yours a blessed Thanksgiving,

FROM AMERICANISM



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*Greetings from "Dawn's
Early Light",*

I am thrilled and honored to serve as your Americanism Chairman for the year. **Our mission is to promote patriotism and responsible citizenship, and I'm inspired by the incredible efforts across the Department as we work together to Be the One in building a house of Promoting Overwhelming Patriotism.**

While we are currently recovering from hurricanes Milton and Helene, I hope that by the time you read this, life is beginning to return to normal. In times like these, it's important to hold on to the traditions that unite us—whether it's reciting the Pledge of Allegiance each morning or wearing red shirts on Fridays in

support of our troops. The sight of our nation's flag flying high, even amid the storms, is a powerful reminder that our patriotism endures, and our commitment to the red, white, and blue remains unwavering.

As you can see from the pictures on Facebook, I have had quite a few entries for the "America the Beautiful" Chairman contest this year.

Each image represents what America the Beautiful means to that individual. I cannot wait to showcase these photos at the Summer Convention. Please continue to send them in.

As we continue building our "house" of Americanism, we must start with a strong foundation: education. Our children and youth are the future, and it's essential that we teach them the values of patriotism. As a teacher, the essay contest has always held a special place in my heart. I love

brainstorming with my students, hearing their ideas, and seeing their essays take shape. So, I am looking forward to reading the essays that our youth write for us this year. With the theme as "What does America the Beautiful Mean to Me (regarding veterans and our military)?", we are in for some amazing essays.

The essay contest is open now, and I encourage you to engage local schools.

On my Americanism page, there are some great tools for putting your essay contest together. I have created a rubric for scoring essays, a cover sheet to use when

turning them in, and an information sheet to give to schools (creating a contest is a great idea). During the Fall Conference, we are going to put a lot of these tools to work. We will have a hands-on session (bring your tools) in my breakout room where we'll score sample essays together. This will help you confidently select the best essays for submission. Not only is membership the key, but education is as well! Beyond the essay contest, there are countless ways to involve schools in patriotic education. **Going into our schools and promoting patriotic education should be a number one priority for your Americanism chair and Auxiliary family.** You can put together some Star Spangled Kids Kits together (check out the box on the next page), or download the "America the Beautiful" coloring book



and deliver them to schools. Having contests with local schools and building that partnership with them will further our patriotic education and continue building our foundation. For example, partnering with local schools for Veterans Day programs, teaching students how to fold the flag, or hosting American history trivia are all fun and meaningful ways to engage our youth. Collaborating with organizations like the Scouts also opens opportunities to share the values of Americanism. Another easy way to partner is ensuring our schools have American flags. Just the other day, I saw a post on Facebook that a local school needed a flag. What an easy fix! Within three days, their school flag was replaced as a gift from the American Legion Auxiliary. It's these small acts of service that leave a lasting impact on our communities.

An essential part of promoting Americanism is exercising our right to vote. Every person gets one vote, and all votes matter. Voting for things you believe in matters and local races have a huge impact on your immediate future. Every time you vote, you are reinforcing your civic engagement and patriotism. Sharing why voting matters with our youth is so very important. So, wear your "I Voted" sticker proudly and encourage others to participate in their civic duty. **Please take time and review the Program Engagement Plan and the resources available on the Americanism page on alafi.org.** There are so many ways that you can promote overwhelming patriotism (POP) to help build the house of Americanism this year. Finally, remember that I am here to support you. **Every third Monday of the month, we are teamed with National Security for our monthly zoom.** I encourage you to join us as it is a great night of learning. If you need something or have a question, please let me know and if your unit is having an Americanism activity, please let me know as I would love to try and be there.

Over the last few days, I've heard and seen the most amazing community spirit and leadership as many of us are literally "building the house." As we rebuild from these storms, Lee Greenwood's lyrics resonate with so many of us:

"If tomorrow all the things were gone I worked for all my life And I had to start again With just my children and my wife. I'd thank my lucky stars To be livin' here today 'Cause the flag still stands for freedom And they can't take that away"

Let's continue to carry that spirit of Promoting Overwhelming Patriotism with us throughout the year!





STAR-SPANGLED KIDS KITS

ALA's "How to Promote Star-Spangled Kids" information sheet available at <https://member.legion-aux.org/Member/Committees/Americanism/How-to-Promote-Star-Spangled-Kids>

Star Spangled Kids: Educate youth on the history of the United States from the aspect of patriotism, Americanism and the U.S. Constitution.

All the items listed are available from The American Legion Flag & Emblem at <https://emblem.legion.org>

 <p>Item Number: 755.302 \$1.00 Special Pricing: → Buy 100 for \$0.79/each</p>	 <p>Item Number: 755.300 \$1.00 Special Pricing: → Buy 100 for \$0.79/each</p>	 <p>Item Number: 755.200 \$1.00 Special Pricing: → Buy 100 for \$0.80/each</p>	 <p>Item Number: 755.206 \$0.75 Special Pricing: → Buy 100 for \$0.50/each</p>
 <p>Item Number: 100.200G \$109.00 Price is for one gross (144)</p>	 <p>Item Number: 815.613 \$1.99</p>	 <p>Key Chain available on Amazon.com</p>	 <p>Patriotic Sticker available on Amazon.com</p>

Please add any other resources you have that will help educate our youth.

FROM MEMBERSHIP



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In the face of all the hurricanes Florida has experienced this month, it amazes me and humbles me to see the spirit of membership throughout the state. People are so excited to share how many renewals are coming into their mailboxes and online. When I visited District 5 with Department President Charlotte Bass, I witnessed firsthand the enthusiasm. **Getting to meet so many new members and**

share ideas on how to recruit, renew and rejoin energized me. I shared many pictures on the ALAFL membership Facebook page. Speaking of that, many ideas are posted on that page. If you haven't joined, consider it. The membership page is full of educational, inspirational, motivational and fun posts. **Every Wednesday the National membership percentages are posted and on Friday you can see Florida's Friday report and how every unit is doing.** Our Facebook page recently hit 1,000 followers! Department President Charlotte was in Kansas sitting with the National Membership Chairman, April Sinclair, when the National AEF chairman, Brister Thomas, was informed she was the 1000th follower. It's hard to believe that November is already here! Do you know that what that means? One of my Department Chairman Awards falls on National Kindness Day, 11/13/24. Whoever is the highest in each membership grouping is going to win a small prize from me! Can you believe Florida already has 3 Units that have reached 100% or more in membership? Those Unit Presidents and their Membership Chairman have received this year's "2024-2025 100% Membership Pin." I can't wait to hand them ALL out!

Some folks have reached out and asked for information on how to order National President Trish Ward's "The ALA Renew Crew Tee." Visit the 'American Legion Auxiliary National President' Facebook page and click in the link for "Renew Crew Tee." All proceeds benefit the ALA Foundation Veteran Projects Fund.



In closing, I pray for the devastated areas that have been impacted by these horrible hurricanes. If you are thinking of a way to help a unit out, you may consider paying it forward by buying someone's membership for the upcoming year. **It is important to keep your membership renewed in the event you need to file for AEF assistance.** You could be the difference for someone! Keep up the great work and continue to work membership. Always keep in mind kindness matters.

Department Chairman Awards

World Kindness Day is on **November 13, 2024.**
Kindness is the foundation for the success of the future.

The highest in each membership grouping will win a prize!!

Department President Charlotte's BIRTHDAY is on **January 27, 2025.**

Let's eat cake and highest in each membership grouping will win a prize!!

A birthday cake with pink frosting, white icing, and lit candles on top.

MEMBERSHIP 100% - 10/4

A wooden toolbox filled with various tools like a hammer, screwdriver, and pliers.

100% CLUB!!!!!!

District 6- Unit 6: Winter Park 103.45%
District 13- Unit 415: Babcock Ranch 115.38
District 17- Unit 293 Interlachen 166.67%

#membershipisthekey

FROM CHAPLAIN

Member	District	Unit
Patricia Truncellito	5	233
Sandra Walliman	6	80
Tawna Villeneuve	6	219
Cheryl A Runyon	6	219
Anna Wilkin	7	71
Judy Lynn McKie	8	24
Wendy Capri	8	159
Evelyn Moriconi	8	159
Carol Julien	8	159
Elizabeth LaSorsa	8	159
Helen Theresa Usher	11	271
Olga C Agell	11	271
Frances E Barrow	12	1
Carol A King	12	1
Audrey Brown	12	200
Gladys Neal	12	1
Kristine Burns	13	38
Virginia Dicristafaro	14	31
Judith Wacha	16	14
Jylene Timbasi	16	252
Shirley Waslik	16	158
Jan Taczy	16	273
Patricia Myers	16	273
Elfriede Soeder	16	104
Laura Ellenbecker	17	255
Emma Barcomb	17	270

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Florida:

I'd like to begin this message with a special prayer for all who have been affected by this horrific weather we have been having. May they keep the faith in God and may he surround them with his love and guidance. I pray we show our family values and reach out to those in need whether with food, shelter, monetary gifts or prayer. My heart goes out to each of you who are still weathering this storm.

It's November already. This is the month that most of us think about as the beginning of the holiday season. What do you think about as November arrives? Is it football games, holiday shopping and decorating, a mini vacation, a meal with family and friends, or do you look at it as the beginning advent or of the Holiday Season?

For my family Thanksgiving was a day of feasting and family. Everyone shared their special dishes, and we invited neighbors and friends who were alone.

It was opening our home to anyone who wanted to share a meal and conversation with us. Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful for so much. This year I am thankful for all the blessings God has given to me, my family, and my friends. Thanksgiving is a bittersweet holiday for me. My father left us to be with the Lord on Thanksgiving Day. I was so sad, but then I thought about it. What a wonderful day to go to heaven. So, as I looked for a simple quote to share, I thought



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of my dad and those who will not be at our table with us this holiday, and this is what I found, **"For death is no more than a turning of us over from time to eternity." – William Penn.**

I pray that as we approach Thanksgiving that God is present in your life and that he fills your souls with goodness. I wish you all a very blessed, happy, and joyful Thanksgiving.

Please remember that I am here for you any time. You can reach me by phone or email. If you have any concerns, please reach out to me.



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FROM EMERGENCY FUND



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Surviving the Storms: Navigating Loss and Hope

In the span of just a few months, Florida has been ravaged by three relentless hurricanes – Debby, Helene and Milton. These storms have left communities struggling to recovery from repeated devastation, testing the resilience of our communities, posts and members. The sheer scale of the destruction is hard to fathom.

Homes, businesses and livelihoods have been destroyed but hope and support remain within reach.

The Wrath of Hurricane Debby

Hurricane Debby struck first, with its vicious winds and storm surges hitting northern coastal areas hard hit Live Oak, Monticello and Stinhatchee, was left unrecognizable as floodwaters swallowed roads. Debby's impact on these communities was

profound, but as the clean-up began and member donations of supplies were delivered there was hope; however just enough time to catch a breath before the next storm hit.

Hurricane Helene: A Relentless Follow-Up

Barley weeks after Debby's destruction, Hurricane Helene came charging in with even more force. Already weakened infrastructure, District 3 was left even more vulnerable. Helene caused widespread flooding, knocking out power and destruction for weeks in some areas, such as District 13, 15, 16. Again, there was hope as members helped members.

Hurricane Milton: The Final Blow

Just when residents hoped for a reprieve, Hurricane Milton struck. The third storm in quick succession brought even more destruction, targeting communities that were already at their breaking point. Milton's powerful winds and rains caused catastrophic damage, flattened homes and businesses that managed to survive the earlier storms.

For survivors, the emotional toll of these repeated disasters has been immense. Many have been left with nothing, unsure of how to start over after these consecutive hurricanes. Yes, amid this devastation, there is hope, largely thanks to our Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF).

The Roll of the Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF)

The AEF is a crucial resource for those impacted by this unprecedented string of hurricanes. Designed to offer financial assistance to those affected

by natural disasters, the fund has been a beacon of hope for many. However, with so much destruction, the need for aid has been overwhelming.

District Presidents have taken on a critical role in helping affected members navigate, from proving the forms to gathering necessary paperwork to assist submitting to National and Department.

Rebuilding and Moving Forward

If you need AEF assistance, please complete and submit the AEF grant application as soon as possible found at alafl.org/emergency-fund. The road to recovery from these three hurricanes will be long and difficult. But the strength of our American Legion Family bolstered by the support of the AEF, it's already beginning to shine.

How Can You Help

The AEF relies on donations to provide aid to those affected by natural disasters like Hurricanes Debby, Helene, and Milton. Every contribution goes directly toward helping families rebuild after great loss. Please consider donating today to support those in need. Those that have no home, or those who have suffered great loss. To make a donation to our AEF grant assistance program, please visit, alafl.org/donate/.

Units should donate via the Donation Remittance Form alafl.org/wp-content/uploads/Donation-Form-2024-2025.pdf Please do not wait, we need you today.

alafl.org/store

FROM GIRLS STATE

WOW, Florida has been through some terrifying weather this last month. Prayers and resilience as we move past Debby, Helene and Milton. I certainly hope that everyone personally remained safe and that any losses you may have experienced have been minimal. Recovery will take many of us some time and I asked that we help each other out whenever we can.

So your Unit has decided to participate in Girls State.

GREAT! Now on to the next step. Schools have reopened, if you haven't had the opportunity to visit and inform them about the opportunities that Girls State offers, now is the time. Next, you should be preparing to submit your Units registration form/check. Here is the link alaf1.org/programs/gs-unit-registration-2025/. The deadline for registration is 12/28/2024. Girls State offers such life changes experiences, please send as many qualified students as possible, based on your Unit membership. Remember that you can't interview the students until you receive back your actual individual students delegation/alternate registration forms.

Fall conference is just around the corner and there will be two break-out sessions for Girls State. While we will cover the entire schedule, we will focus on school contacts, unit registration and suggestions for interviewing. If you have other questions I am only an email or phone call away.

Some reminders October - December

- Brainstorm ways to raise funds for your Girls State program.
- Make initial contact with schools
- Leave brochures, dates, and your contact information.
- Registration form and check to Dept. Headquarters by December 28, 2024.

- Theresa Mathews Briggs Trophy - To the Unit whose Girls State citizen(s) participates the most, in the unit's overall programming, upon returning from Girls State. All entries must be typed, using double space. See Unit Guide for complete rules. All entries must be sent to the Department chairman 30 days prior to convention.

Raffle Basket / volunteers Once again, please plan on supporting Girls State by donating a raffle basket to be brought to Fall Conference, Nov 22-24, 2024. Just think of all the opportunities for you to win. Of course you can also volunteer to help at the raffle table, just contact me, or submit this volunteer form: tinyurl.com/2s43vbvy

This year and always Build our Foundation for a Stronger Future. And remember:



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GIRLS STATE IS GREAT!

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
GIRLS STATE RAFFLE

ALL UNITS PLEASE BRING A BASKET TO RAFFLE AT FALL CONFERENCE

TICKET TICKET

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT 2025 GIRLS STATE

SECURING OUR FOUNDATION TO BUILD A STRONGER FUTURE

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FROM VA&R VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION



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As many of you work to rebuild your lives after the devastation of back-to-back hurricanes, I want to encourage you to seek support through AEF. For those units and members not impacted, please consider donating generously to the Department Disaster Relief Fund using the donation remittance form, and ensure you designate "DISASTER RELIEF" on the form.

Donations are welcome at any time. Stay strong, and let's support one another.

To transition to VA&R...November is a time to show our support and honor our nation's vital caregivers during National Family Caregivers Month. Let's come together to recognize and appreciate the families who tirelessly provide care "around the clock." This includes their unwavering dedication and hands-on care. Families often serve as the primary source of support for Veteran family members. Are you a Caregiver? Given the number of aging veterans who

served in previous wars, coupled with the needs of our newest veterans of the war on terror, many more of us are caregivers (even if it is only temporary)—without even realizing it. Has there been a time when you didn't know you were a military caregiver? Even though you are managing your veteran's medication and taking him/her to appointments, yet you don't identify as a caregiver. There currently are 5.5 million military caregivers across the United States. Not sure if you're one of them?

Consider these questions:

- Do you do things for someone who serves or served in the Armed Forces that he or she can't do anymore?
- Do you help someone who serves or served in the Armed Forces with stress, emotional issues, anger, or depression? A classic case of "invisible wounds,"
- Do you take someone who serves or served in the Armed Forces to medical appointments or arrange any form of health care for them?
- Do you sometimes, even often, feel alone or isolated in your duties because no one around you does the same thing or seems to understand?
- Do you feel you do the care responsibilities for someone who served in the Armed Forces because they are your spouse, son/daughter, friend, sibling, or other family member?
- Was your Veteran family member hospitalized and unable to care for themselves after returning home?

If you answered YES to any of these questions, you may be a military caregiver, according to the Military and Veteran Caregiver Network.

The ALA has always had caregivers in our ranks.

Recognizing caregivers for all they

do doesn't have to be difficult or even expensive. Here are just a few simple ways to let caregivers know they are seen:

- Food: home-cooked or restaurant style — it doesn't matter — just food that the caregiver doesn't have to prepare themselves. This idea could involve multiple ALA members so the caregiver would have a few meals provided a week. Just a small thing like taking the stress out of preparing meals can have a large impact on caregivers. Bonus idea: Find out the caregiver's favorite dessert and drop it off one night as a surprise! Have a group where one or two people pick a night and have DoorDash deliver something from a restaurant.
- Cleaning: One of the last things a caregiver wants to do is clean. They are exhausted from the oftentimes constant care of another, and having to clean a home can seem like an insurmountable task. Auxiliary members can team up and clean the house together on a weekly or monthly basis, or gather donations to hire a cleaning service. Use an option that works best for your unit. Know that whichever you choose, it will be appreciated!
- Time out of the house: Volunteer your time so the caregiver can have an afternoon or evening out of the house for a nice dinner, movie, shopping, etc. For caregivers, it's so important to have time to themselves to recharge so they can take better care of their loved one. This will also give the person being cared for time to talk to someone new or simply rest. It doesn't have to be a whole day — even a few hours can make a world of difference.
- Caregiver survival kit: Assemble

a little kit for caregivers and fill it with items like hand sanitizer, moisturizer, lip balm, water, gum/mints, snacks, pen, paper, etc. This way, they have several useful items for doctors' appointments while they wait for their loved one. Sometimes, caregivers are there for hours waiting during various appointments, and this kit can help.

- Financial help: Simply pulling together the financial resources of an ALA unit to gift a caregiver with a little extra cash or gift cards to their favorite store and/or restaurant can make a big difference. Perhaps present the gift around their birthday, favorite holiday, Christmas, etc. It doesn't have to be a large financial amount — it's the thought that counts, and the caregiver will appreciate it.
- Adult caregiver certificate: ALA members are encouraged to recognize adult caregivers at unit meetings, special events, or even in their own homes with a Caregiver Appreciation Certificate. It's a simple gesture, but it can mean so much to have just that little bit of recognition.

Caregivers can now be awarded Service to Veterans hours, which may accumulate for hour bars, for the time spent providing care and assistance to veterans within their families if they do not receive professional compensation. Caregivers living with the veteran may be awarded 10 hours a week, while those who do not live with the veteran may be awarded 5 hours a week. Caregivers must report these hours using the Member Tracking Working sheet, at alaf1.org/quicklinks/forms-resources/. Please submit the worksheet to our Department Secretary.

These hours can only be counted under VA&R once and cannot be reported again under another committee such as National Security or Community Service. And here is a BONUS- Young ALA members get the opportunity to learn

through caregiver patch. Focus on caregivers is important at all levels of the organization, down to our youngest members. **As part of the ALA Patch Program, a new caregiver patch is available**

for Juniors and Sons of The American Legion to earn. Check out the Junior Activities page for more information on activities youth can complete to earn the caregiver patch.



Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation: A Guide for Volunteers

How can I be a Representative/Deputy?

I don't want to be a Representative/Deputy, how can I volunteer?

How do I report my hours?



November 22, 9:45 to 11:15 (Curacao 2)



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Happy November to all, this month we celebrate, honor, and gather for: **Military Family Appreciation Month, Election Day, Veterans Day, American Education Week, Fall Conference, National Family Week, Thanksgiving, and #GivingTuesday.**

Speaking of Veterans Day, the American Legion wants to know about your Veterans Day events, please share by email to Steve at sbrooks@legion.org with details that include the time, date, location

and what the event will entail. Natl may cover your event in person! More, your event may appear on Natl magazine, e-newsletter, or social media. Take great action photos. Visiting the ALA Public Relations (Facebook), I saw a short video by Linda Tome, Natl Public Relations Chairman, sharing the Natl theme "Leading The Way," and asked the question "How do you promote membership through PR?" Great question, I will share it on Facebook, for your thoughts.

Linda wants you to share interviews and articles, and how they are related to PR. Also, she wants you to not only share photos, but to share the story behind the photos. How PR was used to promote the event, actions during, and the end result. **PR is promoting the ALA, who we are, what we do, and why we matter.**

Make sure to use the fillable media templates provided by National at legion-aux.org/Member/Resources/Media-Templates.

I look forward to seeing you at Fall Conference in Orlando. **PR will have a breakout session "Tools for #BuildingTheHouse for a**

successful event" on Friday, Nov. 22 from 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM Grand Sierra D.

I hope you enjoyed reading your Florida PR newsletter "Currents," thank you so much to Erin Hoffer, for the great articles. It was sent by email to all district public relations chairmen and district presidents to share with the membership. You can also find the pdf, under the "Files" tab on our Facebook group, ALAFL Public Relations. Have topics or questions you want us to discuss, send an email to publicrelations@al afl.org

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DISTRICTS & UNITS

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District 6 Unit 219

Our National & Department Historian, Dara Oliver just came back from Space Coast Honor Flight where Veterans are taken to the Nations Capital, to see the monuments and memorials built in their honor. Dara was a Guardian for 92 year-old Korea war era Veteran: Louie Montante. Dara and Louie had met each other when she was 17-years old and was a member of the Maverick Ski Club (a water ski team) that performed in the Thousand Islands. Louie attended Dara's Dads' funeral in June and told her that he had been selected to go on Honor Flight in October in Florida. Coincidentally, Louie lives in Clayton, NY in the summer (near the Oliver's Cabin) and Palm Bay, FL in the winter time. Dara said she was not going

to let anyone be his guardian except her, so she applied and his family requested her! They had an amazing time and Dara thoroughly enjoyed watching Louie embrace every monument, memorial and statue. It was a long... "but fast" 24 hours! What an incredible opportunity to be able to share this experience! He stated that his favorite part of the trip was visiting Arlington and watching the Changing of the Guard which is so "polished and pristine!" He enjoyed watching some fellow veterans in the group of 30 lay a wreath from Space Coast Honor Flight Network at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Louie was celebrated by SCHF



as the Oldest Veteran and once again the Auxiliary members in Florida sent cards to make his Mail Call very large with over 150 pieces of mail. Thank you All.

PLEASE REMEMBER - Poppy Funds can assist with Honor Flight and Guardian fees.



John Gella Memorial Unit 219 in Fruitland Park is honored to have Unit member Dara Oliver serve as not only Department Historian but also as our National Historian. She was recently elected to serve as National Historian at National Convention in New Orleans, LA, and we know she will do an outstanding job for Department and National. Dara has been an asset to our 219 Legion Family in so many ways as her energy never seems to stop ... she volunteers in the kitchen, attends and helps with events, assists with Honor Flights, and helps wherever needed. She has been a member of the ALA for almost 40 years ... and Unit 219 is proud to have her as a member here in Fruitland Park.

District 5 Presidential Tour

Madam President Charlotte Bass visited the Mighty 5th District the first weekend in October. She was able to visit units, talk to the members, and enjoy great food. President Charlotte was able to crown the District Miss Poppy and Little Miss Poppy at the annual Poppy Pageant. District 5 also held a membership drive where members came together to learn more about Renew, Recruit and Retaining members. Our flashlights were shining bright to "Help our members see the Light" as we continue Building the House!



Unit 45 prepared a spaghetti luncheon for our adopted Veterans at Barry Apartments in Palatka. The veterans were joined by Auxiliary and Post members and received a bag of gifts. The event was arranged by VAR co-sponsors Marion James and Edna Bayler along with Barry Apts.

Service Coordinator, Pat Akins and. Among those attending were (pictured L-R) Post 45 Judge Advocate James Hinkle, veterans Gene and Rubin, dual members Dianne Perritt and June Landry, (front row) veterans Cal and Dale. Children and Youth chair Sandi Barrett set up a booth at Palatka's October Folk Festival as well as Crescent City's Farmers Market to share information about a fundraiser for the Gary Sinise Foundation's Snowball Express to support children and families of Fallen Military and First Responder Heroes. The event



was held at Bert Hodge Post 45, Palatka on October 26. The Patriot Guard Riders, of which she is also a member, displayed the "Vietnam and Global War on Terrorism Memorial Walls." Post and Unit 45 provided breakfast and lunch with proceeds benefiting this project.

Member at Large Marion James secured a large donation of drinks and food from Walmart store #551 for the PGR wall event. Pictured are Sandy Barrett, Associate Don, Manager John, Marion James, and President Esme Coward. The "Bakers and Makers" of Unit 45 conducts workshops to make handcrafted items to sell or use as gifts and prizes. They recently hosted a membership table at the Fall Folk Festival in Palatka and sold some of their items. Pictured are Member at Large Marion James, President Esme Coward, and Edna Bayler.

President Esme Coward shared the tools and techniques of Spencerian writing at Post 45. Visitors were able to use glass and speedball dip pens and oblique writing instruments. As she is digitizing the more than 105 years of letters, receipts, and notes in the Post Archives, she has found many documents with this style of handwriting and several were on display.





At the October meeting of Unit 270 Port Orange, President Sharon Sir (pictured in the middle) presented certificates of appreciation for all the work that they do for the unit, veterans, and communities to 1st Vice President Jan McCarthy (left) and Sue Pierce (right).

Members Sue, Jan, Asst Rep Iliana, Clinic Rep Tony and President Sharon pictured with clothing donated from Unit 270 Port Orange. All clothing needs from the VA list were purchased



When President Sharon Sir of Unit 270 Port Orange was told that the Barracks of Hope is housing 3 female veterans she went out and purchase 3 welcome baskets and filled them up with needed goodies shown in picture

Unit 270 Port Orange delivered new bedding to Barracks of Hope for all 24 veterans' room. Pictured are Member Shirley, 1st Vice President Jan, President Sharon, Veteran Resident, Treasurer Sue, Chairman Helen and Resident Manager Brandi in front.



Happy Thanksgiving

On Friday, September 20th, Unit 138 was honored to host a POW/MIA Ceremony. POW/MIA is especially meaningful to our Unit, as our Post namesake is Hugh "Buddy" Strickland, a POW/MIA from WWII. ALAFL National Security Chair, Tammy Zell, read a moving tribute to all POW/MIA. We also had Additional Department special guests which were Dawn Davis, ALAFL Americanism Chair, Andrea Sherman, ALAFL Assistant Sergeant at Arms and Central Area Membership Chair, and Florida American Legion National Security Chair Mike Sherman. Unit 138 and the entire 138 Legion Family are committed to honoring and remembering the over 81,000 POA/MIA who are still missing and unaccounted for and will continue to do so until they all come home.

Sadly, less than one week after this ceremony, Hurricane Helene brought 4 feet of storm surge into our Post building, causing us to literally gut the post back to the studs to remove the damage. Even more heartbreaking is 2 weeks after Helene, Hurricane Milton caused major roof damage and damaged our outdoor Pavilion area where we host multiple events annually.

During such devastation and heartbreak, we have so much gratitude for what we do have. Hope, Love, and each other to depend on. It starts with President Charlotte's theme of #Buildingthehouse. We are quite literally Rebuilding our House! We are also thankful for the mentorship of ALAFL Membership Chairman Jan Farrington, who went through her own hurricane 2 years ago. She has dubbed us the Rising Rosies of 138!! We were also encouraged that our BE KIND sign survived!! We will continue to work our mission and look forward to our new and improved post home being fully rebuilt!



Unit 241 worked the Legislative Program by handing out voting and amendment information. Unit goal was to remind registered voters to vote either by secret ballot, on early elections dates or on election of Nov. 5th.



Unit 241 Junior members Sayla & Abra Roberts accompanied their Nanny Kaye Sr. member to Sneads Town Hall in delivery of hurricane supplies for Taylor Co. This relief effort sponsored by Sneads Volunteer Fire Dept.



District 17 • Post 6



District 17 School of Instruction held at Post 6 Deland with Americanism Chairman fiddle player Carol Ripley leading the parade.

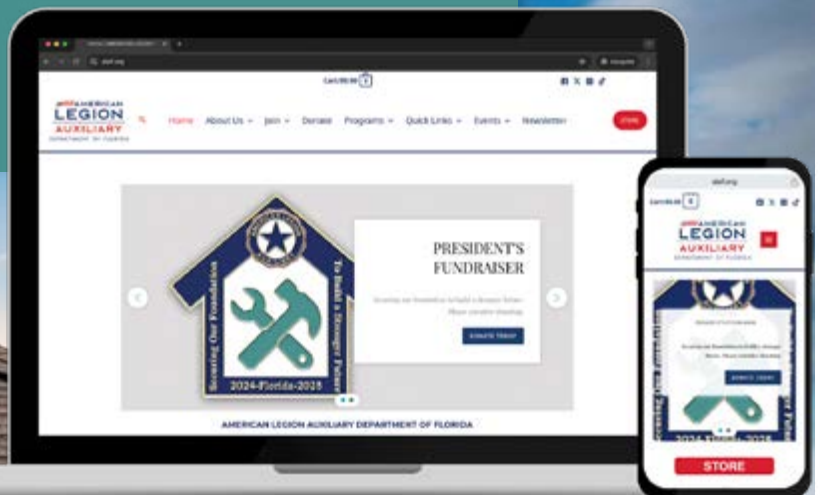


On September 21, 2024, Unit members, legionnaires, Jupiter High School students, cadets from the Explorers of the Village of Tequesta, and local constituents met at our home Post 271 and folded hundreds of American pocket flags. Each year the Unit sends pocket flags to different American bases overseas so that our servicemen and servicewomen abroad will always have a piece of home with them. This year the pocket flags were shipped to a base in Africa.



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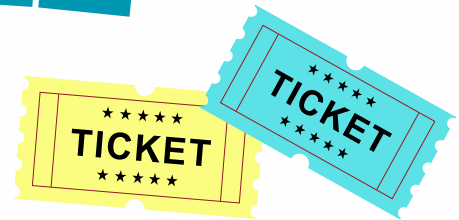


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MEMBERSHIP REPORTS

REPORTS CURRENT AS OF 25 OCTOBER 2024

DISTRICT 1

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0075	Crestview	222	0	85	85	38.29%
0078	Milton	12	0	2	2	16.67%
0193	Pensacola	79	9	21	30	37.97%
0221	Niceville	155	2	118	120	77.42%
0235	Ft Walton Bch	147	1	80	81	55.10%
0240	Pensacola	242	2	106	108	44.63%
0296	Destin	90	0	58	58	64.44%
0340	Pensacola	332	9	219	228	68.67%
0356	Lynn Haven	142	0	67	67	47.18%
0378	Gulf Breeze	58	0	19	19	32.76%
0382	Navarre	182	1	112	113	62.09%
0392	Panama City	196	0	96	96	48.98%
0402	Panama City Beach	47	1	27	28	59.57%
Total		1904	25	1010	1035	54.36%

DISTRICT 2

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0013	Tallahassee	72	1	32	33	45.83%
0082	Lanark	78	0	28	28	35.90%
0084	Havana	28	9	7	16	57.14%
0100	Marianna	34	4	28	32	94.12%
0217	Quincy	46	2	25	27	58.70%
0241	Sneads	70	11	38	49	70.00%
Total		328	27	158	185	56.40%

DISTRICT 3

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0049	Monticello	35	0	23	23	65.71%
0057	Lake City	244	2	130	132	54.10%
0083	Macclenny	51	0	10	10	19.61%
0107	Live Oak	69	0	17	17	24.64%

DISTRICT 3 (CONT.)

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0215	Jasper	36	1	15	16	44.44%
0224	Madison	55	0	24	24	43.64%
0291	Steinhatchee	219	0	48	48	21.92%
0383	Old Town	151	3	59	62	41.06%
Total		860	6	326	332	38.60%

DISTRICT 4

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0016	Gainesville	35	0	17	17	48.57%
0027	Ocala	19	1	11	12	63.16%
0058	Dunnellon	28	0	11	11	39.29%
0077	Inverness	77	1	60	61	79.22%
0149	Newberry	34	3	9	12	35.29%
0155	Crystal River	411	2	237	239	58.15%
0166	Homosassa Springs	170	2	121	123	72.35%
0230	Hawthorne	35	3	36	39	111.43%
0236	Bronson	42	0	28	28	66.67%
0237	Beverly Hills	209	0	73	73	34.93%
0284	Bellevue	81	2	47	49	60.49%
0354	Ocala	24	0	1	1	4.17%
Total		1165	14	651	665	57.08%

DISTRICT 5

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0009	Jacksonville	67	2	30	32	47.76%
0054	Fernandina Bch	227	3	168	171	75.33%
0088	Jacksonville	86	0	41	41	47.67%
0129	J'ville Bch	391	10	176	186	47.57%
0137	Jacksonville	472	2	219	221	46.82%
0194	St Augustine	61	0	13	13	21.31%
0197	Jacksonville	56	0	3	3	5.36%

DISTRICT 5 (CONT.)						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0202	Keystone Heights	93	0	57	57	61.29%
0233	Ponte Vedra Bch	170	20	106	126	74.12%
0244	Jacksonville	43	0	7	7	16.28%
0250	Middleburg	333	3	154	157	47.15%
0283	Arlington	498	3	233	236	47.39%
0316	Atlantic Beach	371	32	116	148	39.89%
0372	Mandarin	33	0	31	31	93.94%
0373	Orange Park	33	0	2	2	6.06%
0401	Hilliard	43	0	6	6	13.95%
Total		2977	75	1362	1437	48.27%

DISTRICT 6						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0010	Kissimmee	199	0	71	71	35.68%
0018	Wildwood	22	0	12	12	54.55%
0019	Orlando	102	3	40	43	42.16%
0035	Mount Dora	137	0	59	59	43.07%
0055	Clermont	270	0	103	103	38.15%
0063	Winter Garden	26	0	5	5	19.23%
0080	Saint Cloud	299	17	155	172	57.53%
0101	Bushnell	117	0	25	25	21.37%
0112	Winter Park	29	3	28	31	106.90%
0183	Fern Park	126	0	43	43	34.13%
0219	Fruitland Park	243	1	122	123	50.62%
0239	Groveland	15	0	9	9	60.00%
0242	Orlando	111	9	43	52	46.85%
0286	Orlando	164	5	108	113	68.90%
0330	Leesburg	67	2	32	34	50.75%
0331	Orlando	28	0	12	12	42.86%
0347	Lady Lake	2605	10	1713	1723	66.14%
0412	Orlando	15	0	1	1	6.67%
Total		4575	50	2581	2631	57.51%

DISTRICT 7						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0003	Bartow	80	0	20	20	25.00%
0004	Lakeland	49	0	12	12	24.49%
0008	Winter Haven	663	5	429	434	65.46%

DISTRICT 7 (CONT.)						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0015	Dade City	29	0	10	10	34.48%
0034	Haines City	95	0	33	33	34.74%
0071	Lake Wales	44	0	8	8	18.18%
0072	Mulberry	149	1	42	43	28.86%
0201	Florence Villa	24	0	0	0	0.00%
Total		1133	6	554	560	49.43%

DISTRICT 8						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0011	Arcadia	47	0	1	1	2.13%
0024	Bradenton	323	0	168	168	52.01%
0025	Lake Placid	471	0	204	204	43.31%
0030	Sarasota	84	2	21	23	27.38%
0069	Avon Park	747	12	428	440	58.90%
0074	Sebring	133	0	66	66	49.62%
0113	Rotonda West	334	2	181	183	54.79%
0159	Venice	712	1	277	278	39.04%
0254	North Port	151	0	69	69	45.70%
0266	Fruitville	173	1	73	74	42.77%
0309	Palmetto	191	0	93	93	48.69%
0312	Oneco	184	0	20	20	10.87%
0325	Ellenton	215	0	44	44	20.47%
Total		3765	18	1645	1663	44.17%

DISTRICT 9						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0036	Ft Lauderdale	32	3	19	22	68.75%
0092	Hollywood	89	0	42	42	47.19%
0142	Pompano Bch	190	7	96	103	54.21%
0157	Margate	177	0	71	71	40.11%
0162	Deerfield Beach	179	12	83	95	53.07%
0180	Fort Lauderdale	90	0	56	56	62.22%
0209	Dania Beach	15	0	5	5	33.33%
0220	Ft Lauderdale	29	7	14	21	72.41%
0222	Fort Lauderdale	47	0	19	19	40.43%
0287	Deerfield Beach	17	0	14	14	82.35%
0304	Dania	66	2	48	50	75.76%
0310	Hallandale	33	1	17	18	54.55%
0321	Cooper City	233	2	141	143	61.37%

DISTRICT 9 (CONT.)						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0365	Sunrise	19	1	9	10	52.63%
Total		1216	35	634	669	55.02%
DISTRICT 11						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0020	Belle Glade	52	2	11	13	25.00%
0047	Lake Worth	100	2	30	32	32.00%
0062	Stuart	616	6	551	557	90.42%
0064	Okeechobee	122	0	28	28	22.95%
0065	Delray Beach	61	1	19	20	32.79%
0141	West Palm Bch	79	3	29	32	40.51%
0164	Boynton Beach	154	4	102	106	68.83%
0199	W Palm Beach	47	0	24	24	51.06%
0268	Riviera Beach	62	0	40	40	64.52%
0271	Tequesta	184	3	138	141	76.63%
0277	Boca Raton	113	0	34	34	30.09%
0288	Boynton Beach	17	0	0	0	0.00%
0367	Royal Palm Beach	36	3	28	31	86.11%
Total		1643	24	1034	1058	64.39%
DISTRICT 12						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0001	Titusville	255	4	112	116	45.49%
0022	Cocoa	110	1	35	36	32.73%
0039	Vero Beach	229	0	93	93	40.61%
0040	Fort Pierce	205	2	149	151	73.66%
0081	Melbourne	207	4	149	153	73.91%
0117	Palm Bay	563	6	291	297	52.75%
0126	Jensen Beach	179	0	35	35	19.55%
0163	Eau Gallie	237	4	132	136	57.38%
0189	Sebastian	197	0	98	98	49.75%
0191	Melbourne	73	3	10	13	17.81%
0200	Satellite Beach	181	7	51	58	32.04%
0318	Port St Lucie	1385	1	883	884	63.83%
0344	Merritt Island	43	1	14	15	34.88%
0348	Cape Canaveral	239	1	122	123	51.46%
0358	White City	71	0	34	34	47.89%
0359	Port St John	371	6	162	168	45.28%

DISTRICT 12 (CONT.)						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0366	Barefoot Bay	63	3	27	30	47.62%
0394	Palm Bay	238	0	150	150	63.03%
Total		4846	43	2547	2590	53.45%
DISTRICT 13						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0038	Fort Myers	43	0	18	18	41.86%
0090	Cape Coral	322	3	196	199	61.80%
0103	Punta Gorda	759	3	420	423	55.73%
0110	Port Charlotte	590	2	278	280	47.46%
0123	Sanibel	70	0	41	41	58.57%
0130	Labelle	169	0	40	40	23.67%
0135	Naples	389	0	201	201	51.67%
0136	Saint James City	635	3	258	261	41.10%
0192	Fort Myers	21	0	14	14	66.67%
0274	Fort Myers Beach	647	0	164	164	25.35%
0303	Bonita Springs	498	6	210	216	43.37%
0323	Lehigh Acres	437	28	188	216	49.43%
0336	N Ft Myers	513	0	310	310	60.43%
0351	Fort Myers	92	1	24	25	27.17%
0415	Punta Gorda	13	0	19	19	146.15%
Total		5198	46	2381	2427	46.69%
DISTRICT 14						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0028	Key West	59	0	15	15	25.42%
0031	South Miami	173	3	67	70	40.46%
0043	Homestead	39	1	33	34	87.18%
0067	North Miami	41	0	9	9	21.95%
0098	Coral Gables	18	0	4	4	22.22%
0133	Miami	70	3	27	30	42.86%
0154	Marathon	158	0	47	47	29.75%
0168	Key West	21	0	11	11	52.38%
0333	Key Largo	71	0	28	28	39.44%
0346	Miami	18	0	10	10	55.56%
0374	Key Biscayne	36	0	23	23	63.89%
Total		704	7	274	281	39.91%

DISTRICT 15

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0005	Tampa	29	1	13	14	48.28%
0099	Brooksville	23	0	12	12	52.17%
0108	Land O' Lakes	19	1	7	8	42.11%
0111	Tampa	54	0	22	22	40.74%
0138	Tampa	570	9	357	366	64.21%
0139	Tampa	96	0	51	51	53.13%
0147	Odessa	47	0	4	4	8.51%
0148	Riverview	211	3	126	129	61.14%
0152	Tampa	266	2	139	141	53.01%
0186	Brooksville	338	0	233	233	68.93%
0248	West Tampa	15	0	1	1	6.67%
0418	Spring Hill	43	1	13	14	32.56%
Total		1711	17	978	995	58.15%

DISTRICT 16

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0007	Clearwater	266	0	104	104	39.10%
0014	St Petersburg	119	0	56	56	47.06%
0079	New Port Richey	487	1	83	84	17.25%
0104	Pinellas Park	293	8	228	236	80.55%
0119	Largo	365	4	121	125	34.25%
0125	St Petersburg	282	23	136	159	56.38%
0158	Treasure Island	338	0	130	130	38.46%
0173	Holiday	269	1	154	155	57.62%
0238	Safety Harbor	355	4	140	144	40.56%
0252	Seminole	1211	7	672	679	56.07%
0273	Madeira Beach	3986	3	1003	1006	25.24%
0275	Dunedin	1084	4	625	629	58.03%
0305	St Pete Beach	158	0	72	72	45.57%
0335	Hudson	104	0	33	33	31.73%
Total		9317	55	3557	3612	38.77%

DISTRICT 17

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0006	Deland	137	0	57	57	41.61%
0017	New Smyrna Beach	207	0	69	69	33.33%
0045	Palatka	43	0	25	25	58.14%
0115	Palm Coast	47	0	17	17	36.17%

DISTRICT 17 (CONT.)

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0120	Holly Hill	221	0	80	80	36.20%
0127	Lake Helen	20	0	2	2	10.00%
0255	Deltona	33	7	15	22	66.67%
0259	Debary	33	2	30	32	96.97%
0267	Ormond Beach	230	1	110	111	48.26%
0270	Port Orange	192	2	136	138	71.88%
0285	Edgewater	150	0	79	79	52.67%
0293	Interlachen	12	0	29	29	241.67%
0361	S Daytona	244	0	41	41	16.80%
Total		1569	12	690	702	44.74%

DISTRICT 99						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0400	Orlando	456	2	195	197	43.20%
Total		456	2	195	197	43.20%

