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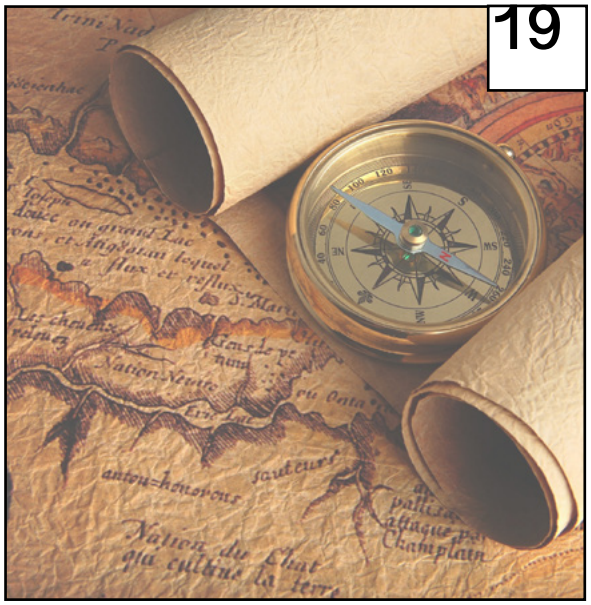

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Mission Statement

In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

Vision Statement

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

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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It is hard to believe that the holiday season is already among us. With a bit of luck, everyone had a scrumptious Thanksgiving dinner and watched some good football games or chose to fight the crowds and get some of their holiday shopping done. Either way, hopefully you enjoyed your turkey day.

The beginning of this month found me in the Southwestern area. I was invited to attend the Southwest Florida Vietnam Wall in Laishley Park Punta Gorda. Wow, it is really hard to say anything about this. I mean the dedication was breathtaking. There were many people in attendance—easily several hundred—including the 13th District President, Tina Hanson, along with many members from Lehigh Acres. SAL Commander, Steve Gordon, Rick Johnson, Membership Chairman Lyn Felice and I were honored to sit up front at the ceremony and witness a two-star general emcee the event. If you have any spare time and are looking for something to do, you need to take a visit over to this park and check the wall out. It is not a moving wall but a small replica of the one in Washington DC down to the same granite used for the one in Washington DC. Truly a breathtaking event that I was honored to be at.

Later that day, I went to Post 103 where I visited with a few people including Southwestern Area Membership Committee Member Jackie Moody and gave her some goodies to help boost membership in that area. After spending time there, I headed over to Port Charlotte Post 110. This is where my day started. Arrangements were made for me to be in the motorcycle escort over to Laishley Park. There were tons of Legion Riders excited to be a part of the ceremony. They all met at Post 110 and headed over in a procession where they then created a mini roll of thunder before the ceremony. I know the next time I am in the Southwestern Area, I must visit Post 110 again. You see, the Commander and I have something in common. And I must say, Mike, I'll be back!

Thanks to you we raised over $21,000 for Final Salute, Inc., so far! President Kelli wants Florida to go above and beyond to help our homeless Female Veterans in Florida. It's not too late to still donate. You can send in a check with a 2016-2017 Donation Remittance Form (found at www.alafl.org), and designate your donation to Final Salute, Inc!

To the members in the Southwestern Area, I cannot thank you enough for the true hospitality you showed me and Membership Chairman Lyn during this weekend.

On Thursday, November 10, I found myself driving to Panama City where I was invited to their Veterans Day Parade and to come to support the Booyah Bus Project. This is a special project to help raise awareness on homeless veterans and the suicide rate. Veteran and homelessness should never be in the same sentence. I will not say much on this because I will not steal VA & R Chairman Michele's thunder. I know Michele talked about it at Fall Conference and has an article in this newsletter about it. What I will say is on Friday at the ceremony, there was not a dry eye in sight. Pam Mathias did an excellent job in planning this spectacular ceremony. Thank you Pam for inviting me and letting me be a part of this event.

Before I left District 1, Jane, Linda and Tee showed some good ole' southern hospitality taking my

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Above: Captain Makeda "Ty" Young (far left) with President Kelli and Little Miss Poppy Jasmine Harris. Young is an active-duty Army Captain and first runnerup for Ms. Veteran America 2016. ***—Photo courtesy of Robin Shellhammer.***

mother, Pat Devine, my friend Dale Kallberg, and I to Post 375. What a great time. Some of the members were headed to Louisiana and others had plans to get ready for their blood drive and fish fry the next day, but they hung around to welcome the Department President and her friends. Thank you Post 375 in Southport for your generous hospitality. Later that evening, Linda, Tee, Dale, Mom and I took a cruise in the low rider up to Panama City Beach for dinner. They had a car show going on this weekend and we got to see some really cool cars. After dinner, we went over to visit Post 402. Post 402 shares a building with the VFW but it is all camaraderie in this building. Unit President Linda is doing a great job and the members love her. This unit was only chartered at convention. Keep up the good work.

It is a long drive from Panama City to Dunedin. My friend Matio makes the drive several times a month and says it is easier if you break the drive up and stop by in Old Town. So on Sunday, Mom, Dale and myself stopped in Old Town. They were having a memorial service at the Post for one of their chartered members. There were many members in attendance. I was able to meet the new president and give her some pins for their members and some other membership goodies to help them along with their membership. I look forward to visiting them again.

No time to slow down, as Fall Conference was right around the corner. I was excited to have the Southern National Vice President Beverly Mulkey with us. She was able to attend some breakouts and then the general session. Believe me, I know she didn't miss a thing. Thanks to the great Distinguished Guest Committee, Ruth Proctor, Erna Schwabe & Linda Teasley. Well not only did they have to keep their eyes on Beverly but we had another guest they need to watch. Captain Ty Young was at Fall Conference to represent Final Salute – my special project for the year. The DGC had to stay on their toes to escort these women around. It was a busy weekend. Thank you to all presenters whether at the general session or a breakout. It was an exciting conference to see and hear all the awards won at National Convention in August and hear about Final Salute and why it is important to Captain Ty Young. We were able to give over $20,000 this weekend and show her that Florida is going to give support to Female Homeless Veterans.

If you have any questions about this program, you can research them on **www.finalsaluteinc.org.** I know I went through a lot of mascara and tissues this weekend. Captain Ty even said she was going to lose her eyelash. So as you can see, another day of not a dry eye in sight. Again, I have to say it – Veteran. Homelessness. Unacceptable. No veteran should be homeless.

On Wednesday, November 23, I went to Cross Bayou to help peel potatoes and prep for the big Thanksgiving Dinner they have to serve the veterans from Bay Pines. There is a lot of prep for this dinner: 175 pounds of potatoes and many turkeys, the list goes on. We even made 50 relish trays so they could eat something while they were waiting for the line to go down. You can tell this isn't their first rodeo. They had everything and many volunteers to assist. Unfortunately, I was sick and in my pajamas on Thanksgiving and most of Friday and missed serving the veterans. I only got out of my pajamas on Friday for about 2 or 2 ½ hours and that was to attend the Celebration of Life for Bill Fuller. I was not able to speak at the ceremony from being sick and as soon as the ceremony was over I was back home and in the pajamas. What a way to spend a holiday. I did manage to get out of my pajamas on Sunday and go with my home post to Bay Pines and assist with the cookout for the veterans. I know I couldn't miss both days. Way to go Post 275 volunteers and great job DeeDee for organizing it.

This sure has been a tough season for me with allergies, coughing, colds, runny noses and no voice. I know many of you say, "No voice, that is great!" All kidding aside, I think I have finally kicked it, whatever it is and certainly hope that if you haven't already had any of the above symptoms that you do not get them. I wish you a healthy and happy holiday season and look forward to a Happy New Year.

For God and Country,

—Kelli Becraft

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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As the Christmas Season approaches, let us reflect on the true meaning of the season. May our hearts be filled with joy and may we renew friendships and keep families close.

May everyone have a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukah!

—Lois Stachelrodt,
Department of Florida Chaplain

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Unit 173	Vandelinder, Readell
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FROM THE FINANCE CHAIRMAN

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STATEMENT ON UNITED STATES OF AMERICA V. ROBIN BRIERE

On November 4, 2016, Robin Briere was sentenced to 33 months in Federal Prison. She must surrender for service of the sentence on December 14, 2016. Prosecution told the Auxiliary members present at the sentencing hearing that there would be no time off for good behavior, and that she will serve the entire 33-month sentence.

Upon release from prison, Robin will be on supervised release for a term of three (3) years. She was also ordered to pay $200.00 per month in restitution after serving the 33 months.

Thank you to all who wrote victim-impact statements and those who read their statements in court. I believe these statements allowed the court to see how Robin violated the trust that we had given her. We may feel that we did not get the sentence that we wanted, but she did plead guilty to a felony and will be serving time.

I have spoken with ALA National Secretary Dubbie Buckler. She has asked me to share with the members of the Department of Florida that she is pleased that we took the action to bring justice for our organization. She congratulates Florida on all the safeguards we have since put in place.

Let's continue to move forward and not pull ourselves down by thinking of the past. We have the determination and ability to do so. We will continue to work all of the wonderful programs that support our great mission, and the Department of Florida will continue to shine!

—Peggy Hearlson
Department Finance Chairman

National Security

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The service flag or service banner is a banner that family members of those serving in the United States Armed Forces can display. The flag or banner is officially defined as a white field with a red border, with a blue star for each family member service in the Armed Forces of the United States during any period of war or hostilities in which the Armed Forces of the United States are engaged. A gold star (with a blue edge) represents a family member that died during service, regardless of cause of death. The deceased might have been killed in action, or died due to unrelated causes.

The banner was designed in 1917 by United States Army Captain Robert L. Queisser of the Fifth Ohio Infantry, in honor of his two sons who were serving in World War I. It was quickly adopted by the public and by government officials. On September 24, 1917, an Ohio congressman read into the Congressional Record:

"The mayor of Cleveland, the Chamber of Commerce and the Governor of Ohio have adopted this service flag. The world should know of those who give so much for liberty. The dearest thing in all the world to a father and mother – their children."

Based on the star symbols used on the service flag, the term "Blue Star" has come into use in the United States as a reference to having a family member in active military service, and the term "Gold Star" has come to refer to the loss of a family member in military service. For example, the mother of a person who died in service is referred to as a "Gold Star mother", and the wife of an active service member is referred to as a "Blue Star wife".

From L to R: Jane Hardacre pictured with JoAnn Maitland (Gold Star Mother), VA&R Chairman Michele DeGennaro, and Sandy Milller (Gold Star Mother). ***—Photo courtesy of Jane Hardacre.***

Ladies, this is a wonderful tradition rich with history. Let us, the American Legion Auxiliary, continue the legacy of the service banner. Seek out families that have a member(s) serving and present them with a banner. They can be purchased at Emblem Sales for only $6.95 each.

For God and Country,

—Jane Hardacre,
Department
National Security
Chairman

Constitution & Bylaws

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All District Constitution & Bylaws Chairmen were given packets at Workshop. District Presidents were given copies of requests for contact information on District Chairmen. To date, four District Chairmen contact sheets have been returned. Also included in the packets was information on Units, either long overdue for updating or Units C&BLs that were returned for corrections that have not been returned. Two units of those mentioned have been approved.

THE REST ARE STILL OUTSTANDING. Please contact the Units in question to see if there are problems or need help. Refer to the revised Constitution & Bylaws sample template that is currently online. Remember, Unit Mid-Year reports are due to District Chairmen by ***December 1*** and District Chairmen reports are due to Department by ***December 15***. Please do not hesitate to contact me if help is needed.

—Pat Devine, Department Constitution & Bylaws Chairman

Americanism

Many of you wonder if it is all right to cut the stars out of retired American Flags and send them to our troops overseas. Here is the National American Legion's official stance. We know you want to send something special to our deployed military members, so instead of stars, please send Pocket Flags to our troops. They will also be greatly appreciated!

—Hilde Schmid, Department Americanism Chairman

SUSAN BRITTON

The question continues: "Is it ok to cut the embroidered stars from a flag that is considered to be unserviceable?" Do you know the correct answer and what to say to those who are practicing this? Be well informed and read more.

ALA National Headquarters is again receiving calls and emails regarding this ongoing question. The question stems from a flag-related project where embroidered stars are cut from the American flag and placed in a small bag along with a poem. The stars and poem are then sent to various veterans groups as well as to those currently serving. Some are sewing the stars on vests, jackets and other articles of clothing.

The following is the official position of The American Legion on this topic: "The American Legion's National Americanism Commission does **not** subscribe to the practice of cutting the United States flag into individual pieces prior to its proper disposal no matter what the reason or occasion may be. The Commission is of the opinion that when the flag is no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be disposed in its entirety, preferably by burning. The flag began as a whole; therefore it is to be disposed of as a whole. Contrary to what is found on some websites, The American Legion does not endorse the use of the flag in this manner." **The American Legion Auxiliary fully supports The American Legion's position on this subject.**

Please share this crucial information with all members so that further confusion is avoided. Be sure to share "why" we do not endorse the practice and explain our position in its entirety as noted above.

—Susan Britton, National Americanism Chairman

Children & Youth

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As December approaches, I know that many of you are busy preparing for Children & Youth activities at your unit. Taking care of our children, especially during the holidays, is a very rewarding part of our program. Giving to children not only makes happy children but brings smiles to the faces of parents that may be struggling financially and just can't afford gifts for their children. So, hats off to each and every unit that has holiday activities planned.

When we talk about engaging a Children & Youth or Junior Activities Program at our units, we often focus only on our Junior members. After talking to members throughout Florida, I have discovered that we all seem to struggle when it comes to bringing enough Junior members together for a group meeting. I recently spoke with **Dawn Burgess** from **Unit 117** in Palm Bay to find out new ways they are bringing in children and working as a **Legion Family**. Dawn says their program is in "full swing." Auxiliary members invited all Sons of the American Legion members under the age of 18 to join Auxiliary Junior members in activities that truly nurture youth as a "whole family." They have named their group **Legion Family Future Leaders**.

Their mission is to encourage and educate all junior members in the purpose of the American Legion Family and to instill confidence and a desire to serve their community, state and nation; while promoting independent thinking and leadership training.

At their September organizational meeting, each member was given a pocket Constitution, recognizing the 96th anniversary of women's right to vote. They also distributed Halloween Safety Coloring Books. In October, they made cards that were distributed to veterans in a local nursing home on Veteran's day. They also learned about the first three Amendments to the Constitution. Juniors were treated to a Halloween Carnival and pizza party. November plans include making Christmas ornaments and/or gifts and cards that will be sent to an all-female Navy troop aboard the USS Ronald Reagan aircraft carrier, which Unit 117 has adopted.

This program is a great example of working together as a **"FAMILY"** to become a positive influence on our children. If anyone would like more information, please follow them on Facebook at **www.facebook.com/groups/LFFL117.**

In closing, **please remember your Mid-Year reporting**. Mid-year reports reflect the work that each unit is performing for our Children & Youth. Each Unit Children & Youth Chairman is required to submit a narrative report to their District Children & Youth Chairman by December 1, 2016.

Each District Children & Youth Chairman is required to submit a narrative report by December 15, 2016 to the Department Children & Youth Chairman.

Reports should be mailed to: Ann King-Smith at P.O. Box 101236 Palm Bay, Florida 32910.

—Ann King-Smith, Department Children & Youth Chairman

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

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Hello to All. Wow! What a busy month it has been and I am very excited to tell you about it!

First up was my Official Visit to the Orlando VAMC where VA Rep. Nancy Troxel, and Department P.R. Chairman Sandi Stepp gave me a wonderful tour of this state-of-the-art facility. It was a full day touring the Medical Center, laughing with the residents at the Community Living Center (C.L.C.), walking through the in-progress renovation of the Domiciliary, visiting the Chapel where we helped the Chaplain connect with a Legion Honor Guard and then reflecting on "All Who Have Served and Fallen" at the Central Florida Veterans Memorial Park. Ladies, thank you for a wonderful day filled with love and caring. Whew, what a day!

Later that day, I was excited to meet up with the Marines from the Booyah Bus Project, as they started their 360-mile walk from Orlando VAMC in Lake Nona to Panama City. Walking 22 miles a day to bring awareness to the 22 veterans committing suicide every day! For the next 21 days, it was #getonthebus, as we followed Shane and his buddies making this trip.

The next week I was off to Daytona to visit Emery Bennett Nursing Home with Deputy Erna Schwabe. Thank you for the lovely tour of the well cared for facility. After a few moments of quality time with the residents we were off to the VA Wellness Recovery Center in Port Orange, where we met up with Department President Kelli and Seventeenth District President Toni. The Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Recovery Center, or the "PRRC," helps veterans struggling with severe and persistent mental illness. Wow, did I learn a lot!

Michele DeGennaro (middle; in green) joins members of Post 392 to place flags on veteran graves at Millville Cemetary.

—All photos courtesy of Michele DeGennaro

Just one week later, I had the honor of being present when the Elfers Post Office was renamed after a Home Town Hero. With the hard work and dedication of Unit 238 Auxiliary Member Teresa, the entire Post 238 Legion Family support and of course an act of Congress, the "Private First Class Felton Roger Fussell Memorial Post Office" was officially named.

Private Fussell was born in New Port Richey, Flor-

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Thank you to all the units and individuals that provided donations for the Orlando Domiciliary & Community Living Center! We are so proud of you for sending us such a large amount of donations. It truly shows the commitment our Department has to serving veterans.

—Department of FL Headquarters

ida, and graduated from Gulf High School in 1968. He pursued his calling by enlisting in the Marine Corps, on June 6, 1968. Private Fussell departed for Vietnam in March of 1969 and served with honor and distinction. On the one-year anniversary of his enlistment, he was killed by mortar fire in service of his country. For his bravery and sacrifice, Private Fussell earned several awards, including the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross, which is awarded for acts of valor and heroic conduct during an armed conflict. He also received the Vietnamese Military Merit Medal, which is the highest military decoration that was bestowed by South Vietnam during the Vietnam War. Fussell was also awarded the Purple Heart posthumously.

"I am proud to help honor this Marine, and his family, with this legislation.

Members of Private Fussell's family are present while the Elfers Post Office was renamed after him.

Michele DeGennaro poses for a photo with Shane Johnson, a Marine and founder of the Bus Booyah Project.

Private Fussell served our great nation with honor. It is clearly fitting to designate his hometown post office in Elfers, Florida in his honor," said Congressman Gus Bilirakis.

The month ended with a visit to Panama City where Deputy, Tina Kirchhoff arranged a tour of the Clifford Chester Sims State Veterans Nursing Home. Thank you Vicki, Christina, Sue, and Billie for joining us on the tour. Of course that's not all I did in Panama City. Prior to the tour, Tina and I joined up with members of Post 392 Legion Family to place flags on Veterans graves at Millville Cemetary in preparation for Veterans Day.

After a well-rested and well deserved night's sleep, I was off to the Parade to Honor our Veterans. It was so nice to see all the Legion Families participating in parades throughout the Department of Florida. Great Job to ALL!

One last stop on this month's trip brought me back to Panama City, Post 392 where Auxiliary President Pam Mathis arranged a beautiful reception for Shane Johnson and the Booyah Bus Project. With not a dry eye in the house, Shane talked to the crowd about his walk and what's really important. No, it's not all about having fun in our canteens, but rather the 22 Veterans that commit suicide every day, the Veterans that have no ride to get to a VA Hospital or VA Doctor, or the two words that should never be in a sentence together: "Homeless Veterans!"

From the bottom of my heart, I thank each and every one of you for all you do for OUR VETERANS!!!

I wish you all a Happy, Healthy and Safe Holiday Season.

Yours in Service,
Michele

—Michele DeGennaro, Department VA&R Chairman

District 2 Spotlight

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Half the fiscal year is ending soon and District Two Unit members have been "Navigating the Course for Veterans and Their Families" at home and abroad, active and inactive. Special efforts were implemented to bring awareness to our Female Veterans and the County Commissioners asked them to sit on the Honorary Platform during the Veteran's Day Parade.

We have continued our everyday activities of providing food, clothes, pet items, hygiene items, coupons, pull tabs, labels for education, school supplies, stamps, bus tickets, transportation service, and checking on health and wellness of Unit members and their families.

Unit 13 in Tallahassee is busy keeping the food pantry, a project they started at the VA Clinic, stocked. Members have already stuffed Christmas Stockings to be sent abroad to troops overseas; and at home, all the Veterans at Veterans Village will receive a gift card. They also collected stuffed animals for the police department to be given to children in the mist of a crisis.

Unit 82 in Lanark is busy traveling biweekly to Quincy to get food from Farm Share vendors. They donate food weekly to Veterans and their families. Shopping for the holidays has started and they will be providing needed and requested items to Veterans and children of Veterans.Unit 84 in Havana is still providing bread weekly to Vets Village and to the Kearney Center. Members are preparing for their annual Christmas Dinner for at-risk Veterans.

Unit 100 in Marianna continues to support and assist the Legion during their monthly social meetings. They did a "no bake" cake raffle where members donate the funds or cost to make a cake.

Members of District 2 pose for a photo during its School of Instruction. ***—All photos courtesy of Muriel Kweyama.***

Unit 217 in Quincy continues to provide donuts and coffee every week to clients at the VA Clinic. They are now at the new clinic still providing this service to Veterans who are very thankful and look forward to seeing members. Members are preparing for their annual Christmas Gala with the Post and Veterans and their families are invited.

Unit 241 in Sneads is gearing up to provide holiday fruit baskets to Veterans and their families. Their Halloween event served over 754 participants with at least 474 being children.

District Two members are always mindful of service and support to military families and know that WE ARE FAMILY. Godspeed and Happy Holidays to All!!

—Muriel Alexander Kweyama,
District 2 President

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1) Unit 100 (Marianna) members at one of their monthly social meetings.

2) Unit 217 in Quincy visit its local VA clinic to give veterans coffee and donuts.

3) A member from Unit 241 (Sneads) dressed up for its Halloween event.

4) Unit 82 (Lanark) set up to provide donated food to local veterans and their families.

Past Presidents Parley

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Has a Past Unit, District or Department President mentored, inspired, challenged and encouraged you or your Unit to excel in the American Legion Auxiliary? Would you like to recognize and thank her? Write a narrative about how she made a difference in your life and your journey in the American Legion Auxiliary. I will be compiling all narratives and pictures (no more than one per entry) I receive into a Department Book of Honor. Please mail all narratives to the Department Chairman by May 1, 2017.

Past Department President December birthdays & themes:

- **December 10**: Alma Zeller (1993-94): no info available
- **December 19**: Erna Schwabe (2014-15)
  - Theme: Lighting the way for Veterans
  - Emblem: Lighthouses

Hats Off to You & the women we honor.

—Dee Bell, Department Past Presidents' Parley Chairman

REPORT FROM THE ALL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE

As All Children's Hospital Rep., I delivered in-kind gifts of baby booties, blankets, layette sets, hats, and burial wraps knitted by Units.

I made 14 trips to the hospital for a total of 252 miles.

In April I was honored to host our Children & Youth Chairman, Michele DeGennaro on her visit to the hospital.

Thank You to all Units for their commitment and support of All Children's Hospital. Units that donated in-kind gifts or $100-$499 will receive a certificate.

Units donating $500- $999 will receive a presentation check. These will be in the District President's box.

Units with donations of $1,000 or more will receive a plaque in the mail from all Children's.

Respectfully submitted,

—Dee Bell,
All Children's Hospital Representative

FROM THE UNITS

UNIT 285

Above: Unit 285 Edgewater members hosted a Halloween party at Emory L Bennett VA nursing home, giving donuts, candy and more goodies to the veterans. ***—Courtesy of Eleanor Amato.***

UNIT 219

Top right: John Gella Memorial Unit 219 in Fruitland Park, sponsored its annual Peanut Butter Drive for National Make-A-Difference Day held October 22. The unit collected an all-time high of 267 jars and delivered them to Beyond The Walls food pantry in Fruitland Park! Pictured from L to R: Beyond The Walls Director Hannah McClain and Unit members Tawnna Villeneuve, Diane Rousseau, and Reta Hoernis. Great Community Service project to help our local citizens in need. — ***Courtesy of Diane Rousseau.***

DISTRICT 7

Above & Bottom right: District 7 hosted its School of Instruction on October 1 at Unit 72 in Mulberry.

Auxiliary Members used the "Jigsaw Method" of learning about the different ways to help our veterans, veteran families and youth.
—Courtesy of District 7 President Mary Lewis

DISTRICT 7

Top left: From L to R - Tara Harris, Little Miss Poppy Jasmine Harris, Robin Shellhammer, Nancy Troxel, Department Hospital Representative to Lake Nona & Lake Baldwin VA Medical Centers; Michele DeGennaro, Department VA&R Chairman; and Jane Hardacre, Department National Security Chairman. **Top right**: Little Miss Poppy visiting the Vietman War Memorial at Lake Baldwin.
—All photos courtesy of Robin Shellhammer, U286

Middle left: Unit 82 members unpack donated goods from Farm Share vendors to give to local veterans and families for the holidays. —***Courtesy of District 2 President Muriel Kweyama***
Middle right: Photo of District 8 President Julia Griffith presenting Barbara Horosky, President of Unit 113 (Rotonda West), with awards and a Lifesaver Ring representing a lifeline for President Kelli's "Final Salute". In the background is a very rare Lamp of the American Legion Auxiliary. ***—Courtesy of District 8 President Julia Flint Griffith***

Bottom left: Hillsborough High students offer tribute at Post 111 in honor of veterans, while discussing worldwide conflicts. ***—Courtesy of Louise Wilt, U111.***
Bottom right: Michele DeGennaro, Jane Hardacre & Nancy Troxel visit Veterans Memorial Park. ***—Courtesy of Michele DeGennaro***

UNIT 285

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UNIT 117

UNIT 111

UNIT 111

UNIT 117

Top & Bottom right: Unit 111 officers visit MacDill AFB to give "Josh" (top photo) a new family to comfort. SSGT. Vanessa Viviane Hook (in bottom photo), a single parent of four children, will be going oversea early in 2017. The family comes to help out at Operation Enduring Care, by sorting; packing & shipping the boxes to our troops overseas.

—Photos courtesy of Louise Wilt, U111

Top left photos: President Dora Lee Dawson and sister Jean Johnson (fourth and fifth from left, in bottom photo) from Unit 285 Edgewater worked hard to raised funds for school children in need to keep warm. The Legion and SAL members pitched in to help. In top photo (from L to R): Cmdr. Joe Robinson, Linda Robinson, Secretary Sharon East, Jean Johnson, Auxiliary President Dora Lee Dawson, S.A.L. Ray Durant and Treasurer Zella Durant. ***—Courtesy of Eleanor Amato, U285***

Bottom left and above: The Legion Family Future Leaders from Post 117 stuffed bags of goodies to go to a female troop overseas.

—Photos courtesy of Ann King-Smith, Department C&Y Chairman

UNIT 286

Top left: Little Miss Poppy Jasmine Harris at Veterans Memorial Park in Lake Baldwin. ***—Photo courtesy of Robin Shellhammer, U286.***

Middle photo: Members of Unit 217 (Quincy) gather for a photo.

Bottom left: District 2 President Muriel Kweyama (far left) parties with Post 241 in Sneads, FL for its Halloween event.

Bottom right: Unit 13 in Tallahassee stuffed Christmas stockings to send to troops overseas.

—All other photos provided by District 2 President Muriel Kweyama.

UNIT 217

UNIT 241

UNIT 13

Photos clockwise: 1) District 4 President Rebecca Kelly installing Vice President Michelle Lambert of U236.

2) Unit 166 Officers (Alison Simon, Erskileena Owens, Natalie Scott, Monica Cotty, Barbara Tripp) at dinner hosted by the unit.

3) Doreen Bettis and Sheryl McDaniel at Unit 166's New & Prospective Member Dinner.

4) Unit 236 officers: Michelle Lambert (Vice President), Kathy Ott (Chaplain), and Charlotte Templeton (Sgt-at-Arms).

5) Unit 166 President Natalie Scott takes photo with Long-term Continuous Membership Award recipient Barbara Tripp (27 continuous years).

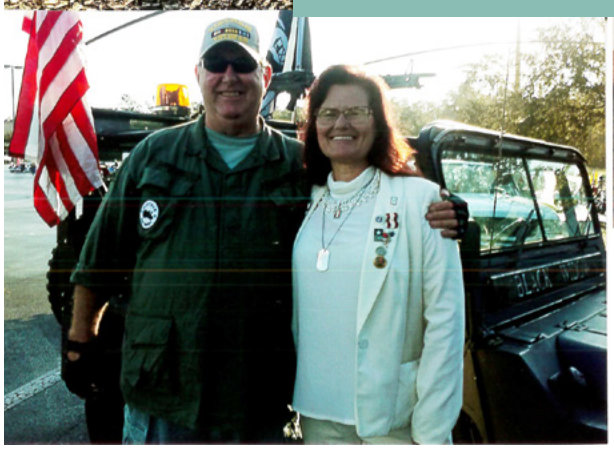
—All photos courtesy of District 4 President Rebecca Kelly.

UNIT 111

Above: During Veterans Day at Mendenhall Elementary School, Unit 111 awarded three third-grade essay winners: Anessa Medina; Cadia Rodriquez; Samatha Jaramillo. The students wrote about the following topics: Famous Veterans & Our Freedom, What is Veterans' Day and why is it important to our country?
The atmosphere at the assembly reflected genuine patriotism by principal; staff;students & parents.

—Courtesy of Louise Wilt, U111

DISTRICT 4



Clockwise: 1) Rebecca Kelly with Dept. Chaplain Lois; 2) Gold Star Mother with her escort for the Vietnam Traveling Wall; 3) Trailer for Vietnam Memorial Travelling Wall. ***—Courtesy of Rebecca Kelly.***

Unit 186 reports on activities for 2016-17 year

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After our summer hiatus, we hit the ground running in August and started planing for a busy 2016-17 year. Several of our unit members attended the Patriot Day ceremony at our Post and on September 17, 2016 our Chaplain, Betty Lou Bennett, conducted the POW/MIA ceremony. Four of our unit members assisted VA&R District Chair Mary McColgan with preparations for the September 2, 2016 Stand Down to be held in Tampa. Unfortunately the Stand Down was canceled due to the storm, but Mary received a lot more donations for the rescheduled District 15 Stand Down in late October. Four of our members attended the Sept. 17 District meeting and School of Instruction held at Post 111. Our Post Boys and Girls State Dinner was held on October 19. This is always a fun event and the reports of our attendees were interesting, informative and fun. On October 5, the Auxiliary members decorated our Post for Halloween. The all-family Halloween party was held on October 29. Two of our Auxiliary members assisted the Post with bingo every Tuesday night. The third Tuesday of the month is Auxiliary night, and we usually do well with the 50/50 raffle. Our VA&R chair was able to assist a veteran family in need with payment for storage space while they searched for housing, having been evicted from their rental home with only a day's notice, through no fault of their own. In conjunction with the Post's Veterans Day ceremony and picnic, the Auxiliary held a very successful silent auction fundraiser and our Cavalcade of Memories Chair had available a number of prior year's history books that she was able to display. November 5, 2016 was a very busy day for our Auxiliary, beginning with our yard sale held at the Post from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm, and followed by our Children and Youth dinner and dance. We are currently working on our Children & Youth Christmas giveaway, raising funds through this dinner and its accompanying basket of cheer raffle. Both events were very successful, and we are forging ahead with plans for a successful food and miscellaneous item giveaway. We are also preparing for the Angel Tree Christmas gift giveaway. It is never to early to start preparing for this huge undertaking. The Auxiliary will decorate the Post for Christmas on November 25. At that time the Christmas tree will be put up and the angel gift tags completed by the children will be hung on the tree. This year, we hope to serve approximately 20 families and 50 children. Our Post and all its family members are very generous in supporting this worthwhile cause. Our Christmas giveaway and children gift pick up will be held at the Post on December 18. On the last Wednesday of each month, our members meet socially for lunch. It's fun to catch up with each other and not discuss business at these gatherings.

— Lynda Anderson,
Charles E. Murray Unit
186 Secretary

Membership

LYN FELICE
SHANEECE DIXON

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As Fall Conference ends and the holidays are fast approaching, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your dedication and commitment in helping our veterans and their families, our children and youth and our communities. What an honor it is for me to be a member of the greatest women's patriotic service organization, and by doing so being able to honor the service of my father and his service to our country in Korea and Vietnam.

On the following page is an example of a renewal letter you may be able to use in your individual units. It can be found in the Membership Program Action Plan on the Department website to be downloaded and edited. We **REALLY** need everyone to push hard and get those renewals in as well as keep searching for new members to join us and honor their loved one's service.

Upcoming Praise dates to remember:

- December 7, 2016: Praise units and members for sharing their military history and give the gift of membership for the holidays.
- January 3, 2017: Praise your units and members by acknowledging their successes and encourage them to continue in honor of another year to serve our veterans, military and their families. Ring in the New Year with membership: Call those members who have not renewed or haven't been to a meeting letting them know you are concerned. Call new members and invite them to a meeting. Share how their dues support our mission at the local, state and national level.

Best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year!! Keep searchin', we're gonna find her.

THANKS FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!!

—Lyn Felice, Department Membership Chairman

NEW FEMALE VETERANS

membership@alafl.org

Please note that for the 2016-2017 year, both National and Department Headquarters are waiving their portion of dues for New Female Veterans' **first year** of membership.

It is at your unit's discretion to waive its portion of dues as well. Assuming that the veteran has already provided a DD-214 (or other form of proof that indicates their eligiblity), the following steps must be completed:

1. After she is voted in, **complete a New Member Application**. The application needs to have her name, contact information and signature. For the Eligibility section, we need to know her Post Name, Post #, Post City and State (if she is a dual member of the American Legion). NOTE: Female Veterans joining the Auxiliary do not have to be dual members, **UNLESS** they have other members joining under them. The veteran's service is

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American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Florida

Dear Auxiliary Member, (Best to put the name, if at all possible)

Our membership in the American Legion Auxiliary honors the service of the special veteran(s) in our lives. Renewing your membership provides financial support to your Unit and the Department of Florida as they work to fulfill the mission of enhancing the lives of our veterans, our active duty military men and women and their families, both at home and abroad.

All members may not be able to participate in the unit activities or attend meetings. However, did you know your dues support the Unit's programs for veterans, children and youth and the community? Did you know your "membership dues" aren't really dues at all but are a "donation" that helps the Department of Florida to carry out the mission of service to our veterans? For example, the Department is able to provide the VA hospitals with money for "personal items" for the veterans.

The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors many wonderful programs that your membership dues help support the cost. Girls State is a premier program of the Auxiliary and one that needs to be continued. Another example is rehabilitation for the veterans in the VA hospitals. We provide money to the VA hospitals upon request from the deputies to help with programs while the veteran is recovering.

Please consider why you originally joined the American Legion Auxiliary. The reason you joined is the same reason you are being asked to renew your membership: **to honor the service of the veteran in your family**.

I encourage you to send your check to your Unit or pay by credit card online today. Join thousands of others in the State of Florida who are honoring our veterans by their membership in the American Legion Auxiliary.
Thank you for all that you do!

LYN FELICE (your name and title here)
2016-2017 Membership Chairman

Please put contact information here, i.e. where they can send the renewal

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enough to make *herself* eligible. We will also need to know when she served. Please make sure to mark the Applicant's Relationship to the Veteran as "Self." The application must also be signed by your Post Adjutant, or a Post Officer that is able to verify this veteran's eligibility as valid. An application missing any of this information will be returned to the unit for completion.

2. Along with the New Member Application, please complete a New Female Veteran Membership Recap Sheet. This can be found on the Department website (**www.alafl.org**), under Quicklinks, Forms & Resources. Once on the Forms & Resources page, the form can be found under "Membership Forms." These recap sheets can **ONLY** be used for processing New Female Veterans. You do not need to attach a check to this recap (because the National and Department portion of dues are waived).
3. **ALAMIS Unit Users**: Before mailing these items to Department, please make sure that you have the veteran entered in ALAMIS. If this is not done before we receive the recap & application, this is liable to be returned to you.

After the veteran's first year of membership, she will pay the same amount of dues as your regular renewals and can be listed on a regular recap sheet. If you have any more questions regarding New Female Veterans, please feel free to email me at membership@alafl.org (preferred), or call Department at (407) 293-7411.

Thank you for the hard work you all do for the Department of Florida! We are in the busy season of membership and appreciate your patience with our staff. As of November 29, we have processed over 17,000 members for 2017 dues. That's amazing! But we still have a long way to go.

As Lyn said, we really need everyone to pull together and bring in as much membership as you can. We are happy to see so many renewals coming in, but we also have to reach out to new and even former members to keep the mission of the Auxiliary going. Let's make President Kelli proud this year (and give her a new 'do too)!

Best regards,

—Shaneece Dixon, Department Membership & Communications Clerk

Membership Report

—Results as of Wednesday, 11/30/16

DISTRICT 1

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	Jrs.	Srs.	TOTAL	%
0075	Crestview	158	0	71	71	44.94%
0078	Milton	26	0	5	5	19.23%
0121	Jay	11	0	0	0	0.00%
0193	Pensacola	102	1	52	53	51.96%
0221	Niceville	86	3	62	65	75.58%
0235	Ft. Walton Bch	176	1	89	90	51.14%
0240	Pensacola	229	0	117	117	51.09%
0296	Destin	44	0	2	2	4.55%
0340	Gonzalez	323	5	106	111	34.37%
0356	Lynn Haven	188	2	69	71	37.77%
0375	Southport	66	0	22	22	33.33%
0378	Gulf Breeze	23	0	0	0	0.00%
0382	Navarre	128	0	38	38	29.69%
0392	Panama City	180	1	53	54	30.00%
402	P.C. Beach	14	1	25	26	185.71%
Total		1740	14	711	725	41.33%

The membership percentages reflected in this report may be similar to those listed in the report published on November 18, 2016.

Due to preparations for Fall Conference and the Thanksgiving Break, our staff hasn't had adequate time dedicated solely to membership processing.

Please keep looking at the Friday Report posted on the Department website for a more updated report.

If you have any questions regarding recaps that still aren't showing as processed, please email Shaneece Dixon at membership@alafl.org.

Please allow up to two weeks after sending transmittals to contact Department.

Thank you!

—Department of Florida Headquarters Staff

DISTRICT 2

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	Jrs.	Srs.	TOTAL	%
0013	Tallahassee	98	5	47	52	53.06%
0082	Lanark	111	1	47	48	43.24%
0084	Havana	29	3	9	12	41.38%
0100	Marianna	63	3	32	35	55.56%
0217	Quincy	61	3	27	30	49.18%
0241	Sneads	61	20	23	43	70.49%
Total		423	35	185	220	52.01%

DISTRICT 3

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	Jrs.	Srs.	TOTAL	%
0049	Monticello	18	0	0	0	0.00%
0057	Lake City	265	1	111	112	42.26%
0107	Live Oak	60	2	33	35	58.33%
0131	Greenville	27	0	0	0	0.00%
0215	Jasper	44	4	24	28	63.64%
0224	Madison	17	0	16	16	94.12%
0291	Steinhatchee	159	2	84	86	54.09%
0383	Old Town	162	4	68	72	44.44%
Total		752	13	336	349	46.41%

DISTRICT 4

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	Jrs.	Srs.	TOTAL	%
0016	Gainesville	92	2	41	43	46.74%
0027	Ocala	41	0	0	0	0.00%
0056	Starke	17	0	3	3	17.65%
0058	Dunnellon	48	2	37	39	81.25%
0077	Inverness	26	1	17	18	69.23%
0149	Newberry	28	0	3	3	10.71%
0155	Crystal River	300	3	136	139	46.33%
0166	Homosassa Springs	12	1	22	23	191.67%
0210	Ocala	13	0	0	0	0.00%
0230	Hawthorne	62	2	29	31	50.00%
0236	Bronson	41	0	22	22	53.66%
0237	Beverly Hills	133	0	65	65	48.87%
0284	Belleview	124	1	53	54	43.55%
0314	Starke	14	0	8	8	57.14%
Total		951	12	436	448	47.11%

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Jrs. = # of Junior Members
Srs. = # of Senior Members
% = Total percentage of membership

DISTRICT 5

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	Jrs.	Srs.	TOTAL	%
0009	Jacksonville	26	1	18	19	73.08%
0037	St. Augustine	81	4	31	35	43.21%
0054	Fernandina Beach	198	5	120	125	63.13%
0088	Jacksonville	122	2	43	45	36.89%
0129	Jacksonville Beach	324	3	141	144	44.44%
0137	Jacksonville	546	15	290	305	55.86%
0194	St Augustine	53	9	48	57	107.55%
0197	Jacksonville	67	19	38	57	85.07%
0202	Keystone Heights	85	2	36	38	44.71%
0233	Ponte Vedra Beach	210	26	77	103	49.05%
0244	Jacksonville	48	2	17	19	39.58%
0250	Middleburg	366	32	154	186	50.82%
0283	Jacksonville	398	6	159	165	41.46%
0316	Atlantic Beach	385	37	122	159	41.30%
0373	Orange Park	38	8	27	35	92.11%
0401	Hilliard	24	2	12	14	58.33%
Total		2971	173	1333	1506	50.69%

DISTRICT 6

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	Jrs.	Srs.	TOTAL	%
0010	Kissimmee	203	0	92	92	45.32%
0019	Orlando	143	2	63	65	45.45%
0021	Umatilla	15	0	10	10	66.67%
0035	Mount Dora	82	0	4	4	4.88%
0041	Eustis	17	0	12	12	70.59%
0052	Leesburg	24	7	12	19	79.17%
0053	Sanford	112	2	48	50	44.64%
0055	Clermont	100	0	18	18	18.00%
0063	Winter Garden	37	0	1	1	2.70%
0080	Saint Cloud	287	20	150	170	59.23%
0101	Bushnell	128	0	48	48	37.50%
0109	Ocoee	10	3	2	5	50.00%
0112	Winter Park	21	2	13	15	71.43%
0183	Fern Park	172	11	89	100	58.14%
0219	Fruitland Park	231	3	95	98	42.42%
0242	Orlando	143	15	42	57	39.86%
0286	Orlando	272	6	120	126	46.32%
0330	Leesburg	72	6	32	38	52.78%
0331	Orlando	79	0	15	15	18.99%
0347	Lady Lake	1685	7	731	738	43.80%
0357	Clermont	21	0	0	0	0.00%
Total		3854	84	1597	1681	43.62%

DISTRICT 7

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	Jrs.	Srs.	TOTAL	%
0003	Bartow	86	1	31	32	37.21%
0004	Lakeland	93	1	46	47	50.54%
0008	Winter Haven	596	2	390	392	65.77%
0034	Haines City	71	0	30	30	42.25%
0071	Lake Wales	111	0	36	36	32.43%
0072	Mulberry	162	2	55	57	35.19%
0201	Florence Villa	44	6	22	28	63.64%
Total		1163	12	610	622	53.48%

DISTRICT 8

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	Jrs.	Srs.	TOTAL	%
11	Arcadia	33	0	0	0	0.00%
24	Bradenton	402	0	127	127	31.59%
25	Lake Placid	356	0	99	99	27.81%
30	Sarasota	90	16	45	61	67.78%
69	Avon Park	482	1	219	220	45.64%
74	Sebring	92	0	1	1	1.09%
113	Rotonda West	418	2	208	210	50.24%
159	Venice	738	20	312	332	44.99%
254	North Port	104	0	67	67	64.42%
266	Fruitville	61	3	56	59	96.72%
309	Palmetto	171	1	132	133	77.78%
312	Oneco	205	2	116	118	57.56%
325	Ellenton	108	0	41	41	37.96%
Total		3260	45	1423	1468	45.03%

DISTRICT 9

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	Jrs.	Srs.	TOTAL	%
36	Ft. Lauderdale	70	3	20	23	32.86%
92	Hollywood	126	2	81	83	65.87%
142	Pompano Beach	287	57	124	181	63.07%
157	Margate	345	21	155	176	51.01%
162	Deerfield Beach	263	31	107	138	52.47%
180	Ft. Lauderdale	129	10	65	75	58.14%
209	Dania Beach	11	0	3	3	27.27%
0220	Ft. Lauderdale	27	5	17	22	81.48%
0222	Ft. Lauderdale	75	0	42	42	56.00%
0287	Deerfield Beach	25	0	14	14	56.00%
0304	Dania	142	21	71	92	64.79%
0310	Hallandale	33	0	28	28	84.85%
0321	Cooper City	133	8	54	62	46.62%
Total		1666	158	781	939	56.36%

DISTRICT 11

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	Jrs.	Srs.	TOTAL	%
0020	Belle Glade	63	4	56	60	95.24%
0047	Lake Worth	126	5	77	82	65.08%
0062	Stuart	166	2	103	105	63.25%
0064	Okeechobee	103	0	55	55	53.40%
0065	Delray Beach	50	3	33	36	72.00%
0141	West Palm Beach	78	2	34	36	46.15%
0164	Boynton Beach	137	3	47	50	36.50%
0188	Delray	18	2	8	10	55.56%
0199	W Palm Beach	49	0	25	25	51.02%
0268	Riviera Beach	105	9	38	47	44.76%
0271	Tequesta	204	6	113	119	58.33%
0277	Boca Raton	98	1	67	68	69.39%
0288	Boynton Beach	59	31	14	45	76.27%
0367	Royal Palm Beach	37	6	15	21	56.76%
0399	Palm City	17	3	14	17	100.00%
Total		1310	77	699	776	59.24%

DISTRICT 12

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	Jrs.	Srs.	TOTAL	%
1	Titusville	315	10	133	143	45.40%
22	Cocoa	114	0	11	11	9.65%
39	Vero Beach	186	2	50	52	27.96%
40	Fort Pierce	133	0	68	68	51.13%
81	Melbourne	125	0	52	52	41.60%
117	Palm Bay	460	4	211	215	46.74%
0126	Jensen Beach	219	2	118	120	54.79%
163	Melbourne	344	9	198	207	60.17%
189	Sebastian	117	2	86	88	75.21%
191	Melbourne	104	22	36	58	55.77%
200	Satellite Beach	123	0	70	70	56.91%
318	Port St Lucie	708	3	345	348	49.15%
348	Cape Canaveral	171	0	120	120	70.18%
358	White City	48	0	9	9	18.75%
359	Port St John	281	20	97	117	41.64%
366	Barefoot Bay	74	11	28	39	52.70%
394	Palm Bay	86	4	37	41	47.67%
Total		3608	89	1669	1758	48.73%

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DISTRICT 13

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	Jrs.	Srs.	TOTAL	%
0038	Fort Myers	70	2	41	43	61.43%
0090	Cape Coral	197	1	91	92	46.70%
0103	Punta Gorda	379	0	196	196	51.72%
0110	Port Charlotte	595	1	265	266	44.71%
0123	Sanibel	79	0	0	0	0.00%
0130	Labelle	168	0	86	86	51.19%
0135	Naples	399	1	217	218	54.64%
0136	Saint James City	470	1	202	203	43.19%
0192	Fort Myers	20	4	12	16	80.00%
0274	Fort Myers Beach	618	4	257	261	42.23%
0299	Moore Haven	18	1	14	15	83.33%
0303	Bonita Springs	425	1	176	177	41.65%
0323	Lehigh Acres	502	38	231	269	53.59%
0336	N Ft Myers	348	3	166	169	48.56%
0351	Fort Myers	93	1	47	48	51.61%
Total		4381	58	2001	2059	47.00%

DISTRICT 14

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	Jrs.	Srs.	TOTAL	%
0028	Key West	70	2	27	29	41.43%
0031	South Miami	164	1	100	101	61.59%
0043	Homestead	63	0	27	27	42.86%
0067	North Miami	57	0	6	6	10.53%
0098	Coral Gables	30	0	10	10	33.33%
0133	Miami	71	0	14	14	19.72%
0154	Marathon	155	1	58	59	38.06%
0168	Key West	17	0	0	0	0.00%
0333	Key Largo	79	0	40	40	50.63%
0346	Miami	24	0	1	1	4.17%
0374	Key Biscayne	58	1	34	35	60.34%
Total		788	5	317	322	40.86%

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% = Total percentage of membership

DISTRICT 15

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	Jrs.	Srs.	TOTAL	%
0005	Tampa	41	2	12	14	34.15%
0026	Plant City	30	2	21	23	76.67%
0111	Tampa	39	1	30	31	79.49%
0138	Tampa	382	6	155	161	42.15%
0139	Tampa	140	0	56	56	40.00%
0147	Odessa	24	0	3	3	12.50%
0148	Riverview	210	5	93	98	46.67%
0152	Tampa	296	7	145	152	51.35%
0167	Tampa	35	6	20	26	74.29%
0186	Brooksville	364	0	120	120	32.97%
246	Sun City Center	0	1	11	12	100.00%
0248	West Tampa	25	0	0	0	0.00%
0334	Tampa	33	1	22	23	69.70%
0389	Ruskin	14	1	4	5	35.71%
Total		1633	32	692	724	44.34%

DISTRICT 16

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	Jrs.	Srs.	TOTAL	%
7	Clearwater	360	13	136	149	41.39%
14	St Petersburg	138	3	76	79	57.25%
79	New Port Richey	415	2	156	158	38.07%
104	Pinellas Park	248	8	116	124	50.00%
119	Largo	382	3	199	202	52.88%
125	St Petersburg	365	8	177	185	50.68%
158	Treasure Island	219	0	86	86	39.27%
0173	Holiday	271	9	131	140	51.66%
0238	Safety Harbor	282	8	134	142	50.35%
0252	Seminole	838	11	557	568	67.78%
0273	Madeira Beach	2636	0	762	762	28.91%
0275	Dunedin	523	7	238	245	46.85%
0305	St Pete Beach	148	0	48	48	32.43%
0335	Hudson	263	5	121	126	47.91%
Total		7088	77	2937	3014	42.52%

Results as of Wednesday, November 30, 2016

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

DISTRICT 17

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	Jrs.	Srs.	TOTAL	%
6	Deland	144	0	52	52	36.11%
17	New Smyrna Beach	273	2	103	105	38.46%
45	Palatka	53	0	23	23	43.40%
115	Palm Coast	50	0	5	5	10.00%
120	Holly Hill	266	11	130	141	53.01%
127	Lake Helen	27	6	14	20	74.07%
204	Daytona Beach	32	0	0	0	0.00%
255	Deltona	44	2	11	13	29.55%
259	Debary	26	4	12	16	61.54%
267	Ormond Beach	144	8	115	123	85.42%
270	Port Orange	165	0	65	65	39.39%
285	Edgewater	149	3	71	74	49.66%
293	Interlachen	47	3	30	33	70.21%
361	S Daytona	154	0	64	64	41.56%
Total		1574	39	695	734	46.63%

HEADQUARTERS

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	Jrs.	Srs.	TOTAL	%
0400	Orlando	259	0	163	163	62.93%
Total		259	0	163	163	62.93%

DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP REPORT*

District	GOAL	Juniors	Seniors	TOTAL	%
District 1	1740	14	586	600	34.21%
District 2	423	35	151	186	43.97%
District 3	752	11	272	283	37.63%
District 4	951	10	332	342	35.96%
District 5	2971	160	1107	1267	42.65%
District 6	3854	82	1259	1341	34.80%
District 7	1163	11	485	496	42.65%
District 8	3260	38	995	1033	31.69%
District 9	1666	151	692	843	50.60%
District 11	1310	61	509	570	43.51%
District 12	3608	69	1234	1303	36.11%
District 13	4381	56	1692	1748	39.90%
District 14	788	3	245	248	31.47%
District 15	1633	23	603	626	38.33%
District 16	7088	56	2086	2142	30.22%
District 17	1574	36	559	595	37.80%
Unit 400	259	0	131	131	50.58%
TOTAL	37435	816	12938	13754	36.74%

Results as of Wednesday, November 30, 2016

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"We have assisted over 2000 women Veterans and children in over 30 states and territories!"

The mission of **Final Salute Inc.** is to provide homeless women Veterans with safe and suitable housing.

Over half of homeless women Veterans are single mothers. There are an estimated 55,000 homeless women Veterans nationwide.

WHO WE ARE

The mission of Final Salute Inc. is to provide homeless women Veterans with safe and suitable housing
Final Salute Inc. believes in paying women Veterans with the proper respect due to them for the service & sacrifice they have provided to our country.

OUR PROGRAMS

H.O.M.E - Transitional Housing
S.A.F.E - Prevention of Homelessness
Stand Up - Employment Transition Assistance

WHY SUPPORT US

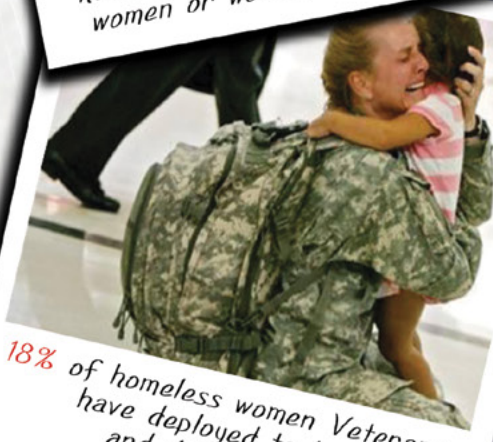
We support women Veterans on a national level; when they are unable to get support locally
No Veterans should be homeless!

TRANSITIONAL FACILITY OPERATING COST

$25 daily per woman Veteran
(includes food, clothing, transportation, supportive services)
$5,000 monthly for transitional housing facility
(up to 10 women and children)

Women Veterans have unique needs that cannot be addressed by existing programs that were designed for men.

Over 60% of government funded housing programs don't take in women or women with children



18% of homeless women Veterans have deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan

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