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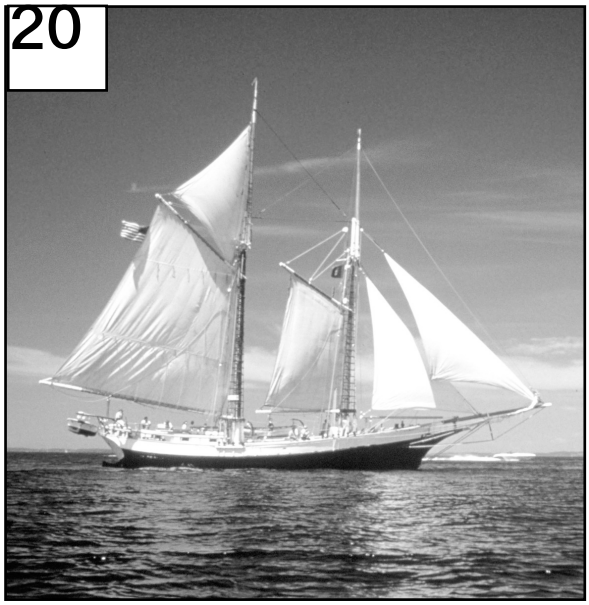

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Mission Statement

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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Wow, Ladies can you believe it is already Fall? I know you can't tell by the thermometer but October is among us. I can't believe how fast the year is moving. Since the last newsletter, I returned from National Convention to do dishes at my home Post 275 that sponsors a monthly dinner with the proceeds benefiting Final Salute.

The next weekend, September 9-11th found me in Jacksonville. It was my honor where I was privileged to be invited to the 5th District Dedication of the Jacksonville National Cemetery. I first learned about this project in August. This is a project that has been in the making over two years. The 5th District got together and worked to raise funds and get sponsors to create a beautiful monument that really will be a beautiful place to sit and remember why we all here and why the American Legion Family is so important to carry out the message, "For Service, Not Self." And does the 5th District know what family is? You betcha! The whole family played an important part in this beautiful day. And what better way to end the ceremony than with a fly over? Truly a special day that I will never forget. Thank you, 5th District. I spent Friday evening at Post 283, with District President Robbin, Sylvia, Tom and several other members. That night the SAL was doing their fish fry and it was absolutely delicious. The JROTC served and after meeting with these great young people, I am certain we have some wonderful leaders coming up. After the ceremony on Saturday, I was invited to Post 316 where the Auxiliary was providing a dinner for the Legion and SAL members of their Post. That was a lot of fun, especially signing Happy Birthday to the men. I tell you no matter how many buckets we had that night, we could not have carried a tune if we tried. And that was proven further in the evening when some sang karaoke and were gonged by the Unit President Liz Hill. Thank you Unit 316 for the wonderful dinner and entertainment

President Kelli Becraft(far right) visits Lehigh Acres for the annual Children & Youth Golf Tournament. —*Photo courtesy of President Kelli.*

Which haircut would you prefer on President Kelli?

☐ **Red Bob with Bangs**

☐ **Blonde Pixie Cut**

Select your favorite style and send in your picks to our Department Headquarters. We'll feature the top pick on the first page of the November issue!

that evening. A special thank you goes out to Nicole for the charming service she provided. That evening really made me feel special and It was a great time in the Mighty 5th District. Thank you all.

The next weekend found me in Lehigh Acres for the Children and Youth Golf Tournament. Despite the horrible weather driving to Lehigh and the five minutes sitting at the top of the Skyway Bridge and not moving, just looking over at the water down below, I thoroughly enjoyed this weekend. It started off by Evelyn asking me to take part in the Post POW/MIA ceremony on Friday night. This was a very moving ceremony that paid the utmost respect to all POW/MIA's. I was truly moved by this ceremony. The next morning I was bright-eyed and bushy-tailed and headed to Copperhead Golf Course. Who can't hit a little white ball around? Me, that's who, but I had fun trying to. Thanks to Team Lashes, it was a lot of fun. See if you can guess why we were Team Lashes. After a hot, very hot, extremely hot day swinging a club to hit a little white ball, we all went back to Post 323 for some lunch and raffle prizes. This is the fun part I really enjoy. Not to say so much for my wallet, it was open a lot this day. Even when I had the highest bid for a bottle of The American Legion 50th Anniversary Kentucky Straight Bourbon. All in all, it was a great day and I am not sure of the total that was raised for Children and Youth but Chairman Sid Damsgard said we raised over $7,000 that day. Way to go Sid and the Children and Youth Committee! Good Job.

On Tuesday September, I went to St. Pete/Clearwater International Airport to greet the WWII, Korean, and Vietnam War veterans that were on Mission 27. This was a great night and there were three women veterans on the flight among all the men that made the day trip to Washington DC.

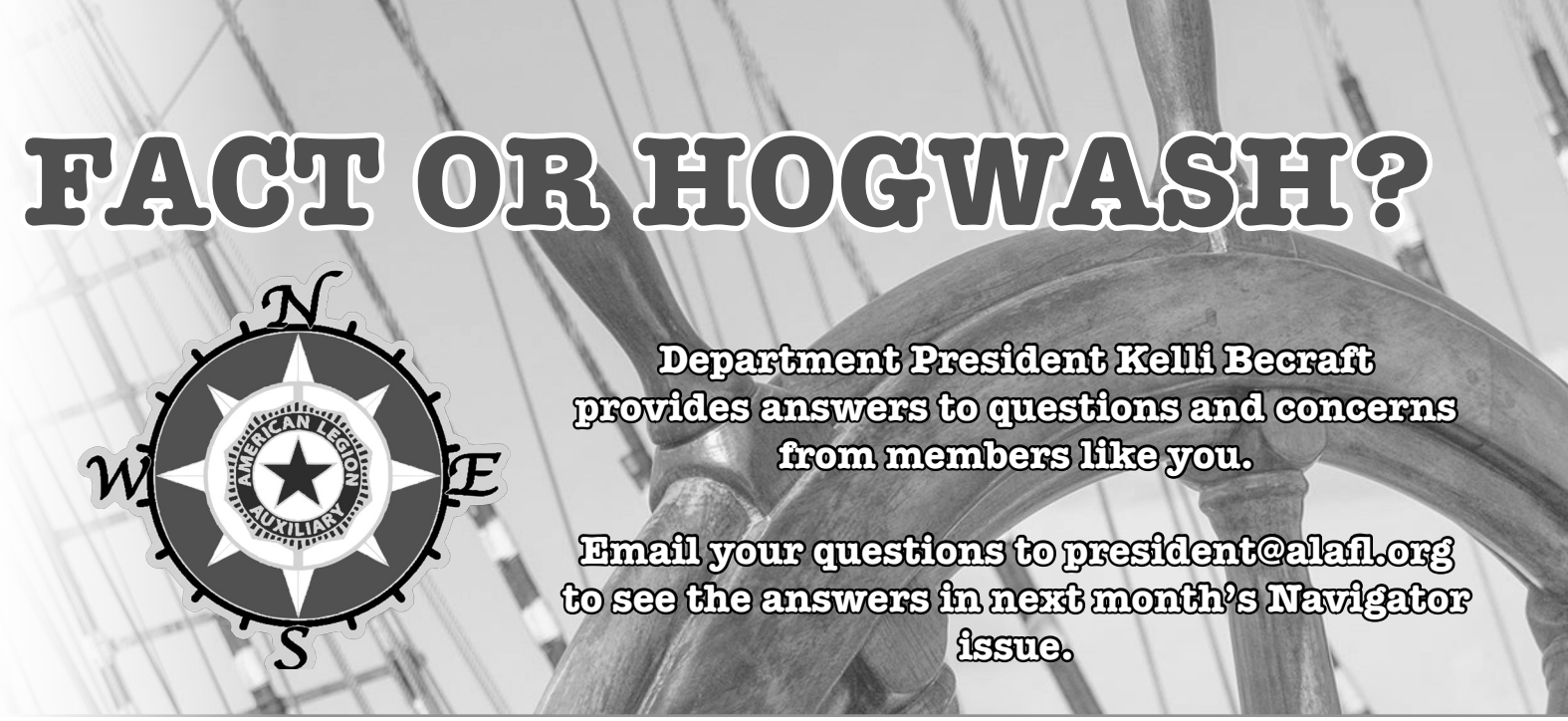
I will be traveling to the 8th District for their School of Instruction and then onto Melbourne for the 12th District picnic and then down to Post 117 Palm Bay for the last weekend of September.

Membership is our backbone and we need members to keep this organization strong. For those of you who were not able to attend Workshop in August, I put a challenge out to the state of Florida. We have not had 100% membership since 2011-2012 year. We were close last year (good job Ann), but I know we can do it. Why? Because we have so many times before. So my challenge to all the members is to let's make 100 percent this year and I will get my hair cut on stage at convention. The first two people to have scissors will be the first Unit to make 100 percent and the first District to have 100 percent. Throughout the next newsletters you will get to see some cute styles and not so cute styles with my face of some suggested haircuts. Let's have fun and get my hair cut. P.S. for those that have known me for years, you know I have never had short hair or a crazy style but I am willing and praying it will grow back. ☺

For God and Country,

— President Kelli

FACT OR HOGWASH?



Department President Kelli Becraft provides answers to questions and concerns from members like you.

Email your questions to president@alafl.org to see the answers in next month's Navigator issue.

I heard that once someone becomes a member you cannot challenge their membership.

- **Fact** – National said once their membership has been approved they are a member and it cannot be challenged.

Is it true that the District Auxiliary can have a joint checking account with the District Legion?

- **Hogwash** – The Approved Finance Rules # 3 – states Districts are not allowed to have bank accounts.

Do we have to host all our District Meetings with The Legion and SAL?

- **Hogwash** – You do not have to host meetings the same time as The Legion & SAL. Hosting them together does represent family and that is preferred. However it is understood if time or space does not permit it.

Please send all questions, comments and concerns to president@alafl.org to help keep The Department of Florida American Legion Auxiliary navigating for veterans and their families.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

LOIS STACHELRODT

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As we begin to Navigate our way through the journey that has been provided to us may we be able to spread the cheer and show our patriotism to those who are struggling. We are grateful for the time we had with those Members whom our Father has called home. We will miss them, but will never forget the lessons that they have taught us and continue on with their legacies.

—Lois Stachelrodt, Department of Florida Chaplain

District 1	
Unit 392	Hall, Sherry

District 3	
Unit 291	Hires, Freddie

District 6	
Unit 10	Stockholm, Joyce
Unit 347	Green, Sharon Faye

District 8	
Unit 159	Rondello, Jimmie Ann

District 15	
Unit 148	Duclos, Marlene S.

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*This information is only an outline of the plan's features. The full terms, benefits and conditions of the plan are shown in your Member Benefit Guide. Please read it carefully. ©2016 Worldwide Rescue & Security 40064

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

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A new Auxiliary year is under way and the calendars are filling up with exciting events happening throughout the Department of Florida. This year as we promote the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation program and our mission to enhance the lives of veterans, military and their families, let us not forget about President Kelli's Special Project, Final Salute Inc., whose mission is to provide homeless women veterans with safe and suitable housing.

On Saturday, October 8th, the Sons of the American Legion Sixteenth District will be hosting a Casino Night at Clearwater Post 7 with all proceeds going to Finale Salute and Children & Youth. Hope you can join us for a great cause and fun-filled night.

Another veteran project I would like to share with you is Booyah Veteran Bus Project, a 501 (c) non-profit organization in Florida.

"The Veteran Bus Project is a three-phase endeavor to provide a sense of dignity to the countless homeless and transitioning Veterans in our nation. Phase 1 is a 360+ mile hike from the Lake Nona, FL VA hospital to Panama City, FL raising awareness for Veteran homelessness and the fact that many of them have to walk just to get to the VA hospital.

Phase 2 of the Bus Booyah Project involves buses that will be used as mobile showers, providing a safe place for homeless veterans to stay clean.

—Courtesy of the Booyah Veteran Bus Project.

The hike begins on October 22nd and ends on Veteran's Day; it will be segmented into 22 mile intervals representing the number of Veterans that commit suicide every day," said Founder and Marine Shane Johnson.

As Shane mentioned, Phase 1 is awareness, you can help show your support by inviting Shane's team into your Post home for a hot meal, cold water or cheer him and his team on along their route. All support is welcomed!

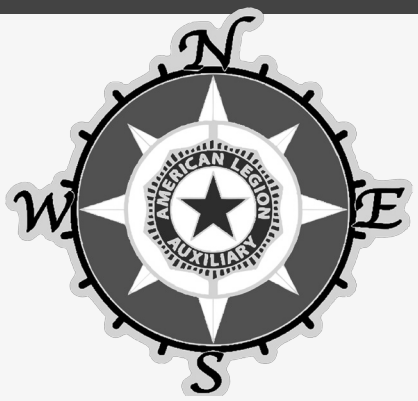
Please view Shane's route to see when and where you can cheer him on and visit his website at www.booyah-veteranbusproject.com to learn more about "Booyah Veteran Bus Project."

As I make my travels around the State, I will be visiting the V.A. Medical Centers and State V.A. Nursing Homes. My first stop is to West Palm Beach and it has come to my attention that the West Palm Beach VAMC Resource Center needs shoes for homeless and in-need veterans.

Please help our veterans in need (See flyer for more details)!

Yours in Service,

—Michele DeGennaro,
Dept. VA&R Chairman



The American Legion Department of Florida Family formally invites you to attend the

President's and Commander's Dinner

Saturday, November 19, 2016

6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

South Ballroom; Casual Attire

Music by: Bert & Sassy

Salad Compose Station with Accoutrement

Mixed Chopped Baby Iceberg Lettuce
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and Grated Cheddar Cheese Served with
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Corn-on-the-Cob
Creamy Butter
Corn Bread Muffins
Baked Potato Bar
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Served with Bacon, Broccoli Florets
Sour Cream, Scallions, Spicy Chili
Cheddar & Jack Cheeses
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Pastries and Fancy Cookies

Before November 1st - $40 per person | After November 1st - $45 per person

Banquet Reservation Form

Complete and return to: American Legion Auxiliary, P.O. Box 547917, Orlando, FL 32854
Limit: 150 people

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Post/Unit: _____ **Enclosed Check Amount: $** _____ **For** _____ **Tickets**

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Girls STATE FLORIDA

Our Department Girls State Chairman provides important details for Units preparing for 2017 Florida Girls State.

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IRMA WEHRLI

I have read all the evaluations from the Girls Staters. One thing that I noticed is the girls keep saying that the information from the unit wasn't always correct. If you are a unit chairman or district chairman and you are not sure of the answer to a girl's question, please contact me or the Girls State Director for clarification. You may also advise the girl to contact us if they desire. When you interview the girls, please make sure they have the resources to print the important information on our Department Website under Girls State. If they don't have the resources, please make arrangements to print this information for them. They will need this information when attending the Girls State Roundup. We ask you as a girls state unit or district chairman to go to our Department Website at alafl.org (under Programs, Girls State) to download this year's information for Girls State. Girls State fee is $350.00 per delegate for the 2017 program. The 2017 Girls State Program will take place from **June 8th to June 15th**.

When sending your regular quota money, please send in your over-quota money at the same time as a separate check. If your unit isn't at 100 percent in membership, please don't let this hold you back from sending in your over-quota money. The 100 percent units will get their over-quota awarded first and then to the other units until Girls State is full. If your unit doesn't receive the over-quota requested, your check will be returned. Registration forms will be sent to the units around mid-November. Please complete these forms quickly and send in your monies for quota and over-quotas in separate checks. If you have any questions, please contact me either at my home phone (386-755-3814) or cell phone number (386-397-9366). You can also contact our Girls State Director, Theresa Mathews Briggs, at (850) 566-1616.

I am looking forward to serving this year with you and making this coming Girls State the best yet.

For God and Country,

—Irma Wehrli,
Department Girls State Chairman

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR PDP OLGA TERRELL

There will be a 96th Birthday Party for PDP Olga Terrell on October 8th at Post 57 (Address: 2602 SW Main Blvd, Lake City, FL) at 6 p.m. Please come and celebrate! We hope to have several of her friends come. We are planning snacks, cake and we may have a meal. For more information, contact Irma Wehrli at (386) 755-3814 or (386) 397-6966.

Past Presidents Parley

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Did You Know?

Each year, the Department of Florida recognizes outstanding Unit members who have been nominated by their Unit for the Helen Gardner Unit Member of the Year Award. Guidelines for this award are in the Program Action Plan & the Unit Guide. Helen served as our Dept. President 1967-68 and as our National President 1984-85. The winning Dept. narrative is forwarded to Nat'l as our Unit Member of the Year. She attends the Woman of the Year Luncheon at National Convention. Each hardworking, dedicated Dept. winner is recognized for their service to our organization during the event. Established in 1984, the Woman of the Year Award recognizes outstanding women who exemplify the values and ideals of the American Legion Auxiliary, particularly those whose contributions advance the quality of life for America's military, veterans, and their families.

Past ALA Women of the Year Recipients:

2015 Neese Godin	Holocaust survivor, educator, & speaker
2014 Lt. Gen. Michele D. Johnson	1st Woman to Lead the U.S. Air Force Academy
2013 Patricia "Patty" Shinseki	Military Wife & Advocate
2012 Linda Wieck	Camo Quilt Project Founder & ALA Member
2011 Melissa Seligman	Co-authored "Simply Green" & "A Heart Apart"
2010 The Honorable L. Tammy Duckworth	Asst. Secretary of the Dept. of Veterans Affairs
2009 Lori Stevens	Patriot PAWS
2008 Tara Crooks	Military Lifestyle Writer & Talk Show Host
2007 Gale S. Pollock	Deputy Surgeon General for Force Management, U.S. Army
2006 Condelezza Rice	Secretary of State
2005 Barbara Mandrell*	Country Music Artist
2004 Audrey Fisher	Fisher House Ambassador
2003 Chely Wright	Country Music Artist

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2002 Kathyrn Koob	Foreign Service Officer
2001 Laura Bush	First Lady
2000 Kay Yow	North Carolina State Women's Basketball Coach
1999 Christine Gregoire	First Female Attorney General
1998 Elizabeth Walker	"Barefoot in the Rubble" Author
1997 Kathleen Kennedy Townsend	Lt. Governor of Maryland
1996 Corinne "Lindy" Claiborne Boggs	Former U.S. Representative of Louisiana
1995 Christine Todd Whitman	Governor of New Jersey
1994 Beverly Baron	Drug Abuse Prevention
1993 Patricia Hanges	Child Advocate
1992 Kathyrn C. Thornton	Astronaut
1991 Erma Bombeck	Humorist & Author
1990 Marilyn Quayle	Wife of Vice President Dan Quayle
1989 Margaret Adams	Senior Editor, Good Housekeeping Magazine
1988 Susan Sullivan	Actress
1987 Elizabeth Hanford Dole	U.S. Secretary of Transportation
1986 Marge Schott	Owner, Cincinnati Reds
1985 Paula Hawkins	U.S. Senator
1984 Ensign Kristine Holdereid	1st Female Midshipman to Graduate Top of her Class at the U.S. Naval Acad.

Past Dept. Presidents October birthdays & themes

- ***Marie Mahoney (1983-1984) - October 7th***
  Information Unavailable
- ***Olga O.T. Terrell (1976-1977) - October 12th***
  - **Theme:** Stars from Heaven will Shine in 76-77
  - **Emblem:** Stars
- ***Peggy Hearlson (2012-2013) - October 18th***
  - **Theme:** Moving Forward
  - **Emblem:** Trains

" Hats Off" to the women we honor!

—Dee Bell, Department Past Presidents Parley Chariman

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For more information log on to *www.TheLIT.com/Emergency-Assistance-Plus* or call toll-free **1-888-310-1547** today to speak with a benefit representative.

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National Security

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The National Security program maintains and promotes a strong national defense by strengthening and supporting military service members and their families.

How can we help?

- Wear red on Fridays to "Remember Everyone Deployed."
- Work to identify any military families or businesses that should receive a Blue Star or Gold Star Banner in recognition of a service member's service (Emblem sales).
- Support the Yellow Ribbon program, including car magnets and decorating your community for awareness.
- Support reserve and transitioning service members and families.

1. Greeting members and families as they deploy and/or return from deployment.
2. Follow up periodically with the service member and family to see if additional assistance may be needed.
3. Contact a U.S.O. (United Service Organization).

- Promote military spouse job fairs in your community.

a. Man an information booth about the ALA.
b. Help your Legion sponsor a job fair.

- Assist in a blood drive in your community.

a. Work with your Legion post host a blood drive.

- Complete a Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) course.

a. Build and/or help a neighbor build an emergency preparedness kit and plan.
b. Collect supplies for emergency preparedness kits and distribute them in your community.

Thank you goes out to Nicole Jaster, Unit 323, Lehigh Acres, for supplying us with addresses.

- Work with the Legion post to honor ROTC and JROTC.

a. Have a dinner to recognize their accomplishments.
b. Present recognition awards.
c. Invite ROTCs and JROTCs to post colors or even volunteer at unit events.

These are some ways that we can support our military and families. Please refer to the Program Action Plan and links that are posted on the Department website. As always, do not hesitate to contact me or the committee members. We are here to assist you in any way possible.

UPDATE

The overseas coupon website that we have provided, over the last several years, is **NO LONGER** in operation (www.ocpnet.org). One of our Auxiliary members in the 13th District has given us some current addresses that you can use. Shaneece, at Department Headquarters, has linked them to the Department website under National Security.

— Jane Hardacre, Department National Security Chairman

Historian

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You asked for it and here it is! The Department of Florida is offering a Junior History Award. This was not in the "Program Action Plan" and it will not be in the unit guide. So please keep these rules handy. Good luck to all juniors and have fun with it.

Please send entries to: Department Historian Eleanor Amato, 892 Catfish Ave., New Smyrna Beach, FL 32169. Phone: 386-427-1168.

JUNIOR HISTORY AWARD

1. Fly page (title page) must contain:
   - Unit name and number
   - Location (city and state)
   - Name of Historian & President
   - Date
   - Number of junior members
2. History must have a story as events occur starting with/or after Department Convention.
3. Photos are allowed but should be placed after your story.
4. Must be secured in a folder or binder.
5. Must be received by the Department Historian no later than May 1, 2017.

—Eleanor Amato, Department Historian

District President Articles

District 11 member Barbara Susco wins National award

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Congratulations to Barbara Susco, Delray Beach Unit 65's Legislative Chairman and District 11's Legislative Chairman, for being awarded a National Citation for the best Unit report of Legislative activism in the Southern Division. Barb is always working hard to make sure Washington keeps the best interest of our veterans and their families foremost in their minds. Congratulations, Barb—we're so proud of you!

—Mary Beth Marioni, District 11 President

District 15: Units work together to prepare for the holidays

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Units 5, 111, 139 and 167 of the 15th District, make a habit of working projects together. We are getting ready to prepare our Christmas Boxes to the troops. This is the biggest and with multiple units, we have many more resources as well as funds. Each box will have a complete Christmas meal, a Christmas trees for decorating, complete with battery operated lights, and ornaments and a surprise ditty bag with special Christmas gifts. Such a feel-good project!

These units also continue working on projects such as the plastic mats for the homeless, ditty bags, neck coolers and lab robes. Unit 152 now has joined us in helping to complete the neck coolers. We share the materials, the projects, and as a bonus we get to know our Auxiliary sisters much better. We are here to the same jobs, so let's do it together so we all reap the benefits.

Another group made and donated Dog blankets. Our boxes also include the canines. Local organizations such as the Police Department, the Air Force Base and Paws for Patriots are also worthy recipients of the dog blankets. Thank you all.

—Rosemary Hamblin, Unit 5 President

In District 16: Unit 79's donates 100 baby hats, 100 baby burial buntings and 75 blankets with hats and booties to John Hopkins All Children's Hospital. Members of the unit take a photo with hospital representative Dee Bell (center; with hat). All items made by Miss Sandy (far left; holding yellow package). From L to R: Sandy, Mary, Linda , Suzi, Dee, Sue, Jean, Ann, Susan, Bonnie and Marion. —*Photo courtesy of Sue Craft.*

District 16 revs up service and fundraising for 2016-17 year

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District 16 has our motor boats revved up and we are navigating the way for our veterans and their families.

Units Largo 119, Gulfport 125 and Treasure Island 158 have filled their boats with hundreds of items for our female veterans at the Bay Pines Domiciliary. Treasure Island Unit 158 and St. Petersburg Unit 14 held vase drives for Random Acts of Flowers, a non-profit that repurposes flowers and delivers hundreds of bouquets to hospitals including Bay Pines VA Hospital every week.

Safety Harbor Unit 238 held a sold-out cooking class with a professional chef. All in attendance received an apron and enjoyed a five-course dinner which they helped prepare. Food and Fundraising – what a great combination!

We held a successful School of Instruction on September 10th with over 50 members present. It was fun and informative! Members of Dunedin 275 Legion, SAL and ALA participated in a bowling tournament on September 11th to raise money for Honor Flight of West Central Florida. Their Legion Family donated $1,800 to help veterans go to Washington, D.C. We held our District Picnic on September 24th at Gulfport Post 125 with proceeds going to help fund Girls and Boys State bus transportation.

Many members throughout the District volunteered at the One Community Now Stand Down in Hudson held September 29th – Oct.1st. District 16 SAL (with a lot of love from the ALA) is hosting a Casino Night on October 8th at Clearwater Post 7. Event is open to everyone. Proceeds will benefit Final Salute, Inc. and Legion Children and Youth Charities.

Many units have events scheduled such as Dunedin Unit 275's Charity Golf Tournament on October 15th to benefit Final Salute, Inc. St. Petersburg Unit 14 has a Trash to Treasure sale the end of October. I am proud to report that District 16 is on course and using our compass to navigate the way in our motor boats.

Yours in Service,

—Sharon Damsgard,
District 16 President

From the VA Medical Center - West Palm Beach

LINDA GREVARA

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In August, Mary Phillips, Chief of Voluntary Services at the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center, asked the American Legion Auxiliary to tackle a longstanding problem – their very messy clothing closet for homeless and in-need veterans. The closet had been neglected for several years after a previous volunteer group was unable to continue maintaining it. The VAMC needed a group to not only organize the closet but to commit to maintaining it on an ongoing basis. I was honored that the VAMC staff had enough confidence in the ALA that they would trust us with such a challenging project. And I knew, with the help of my ALA sisters, that this was a challenge we could meet. My goal was to make that closet look like a showroom at Nordstrom's and keep it looking that way.

So we got to work and spent a total of 60 hours organizing, folding, labeling, and cleaning that closet. As you can see from the before and after photos, it came out pretty good! And enough ALA members have come forward that we will be able to staff the closet with two volunteers for four hours a day, three times a week. The VA staff is thrilled with the outcome and our ongoing efforts. They even asked us to put a sign on the closet door to make known the organization that is responsible for the closet makeover and maintenance.

Top photo: This is what the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center's closet looked like before volunteers cleaned and organized it. The end result is shown in the bottom photo. —*Photos courtesy of Linda Grevara.*

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I am so proud of being an American Legion Auxiliary member because of the wonderful things we accomplish for veterans and how much impact we have in our community. We rock!

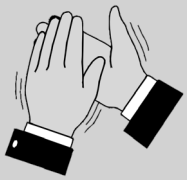
Also, the closet needs men's (only) new or gently used shoes in sizes 9 through 13. Shoes are items that are very much in demand and our inventory is low. If you can donate shoes, please email me at linda.grevera@yahoo.com

— Linda Grevera, West Palm Beach VAMC Representative

THANK YOU!

Thanks to all these volunteers that have been helping since June. Kudos to you all & showing we are truly family. Thanks again!!!

- **Cathie & Dennis McMullin**
- **Sandi Stepp**
- **Lee Whalen**
- **Peggy & Phil Hearlson**
- **Shirley Fraser**
- **Charlotte & Daryl Bass**
- **TK & Bernie Wildrick**
- **Erna Schwabe & Mary Kehoe**
- **Ruth Sovern**
- **Carol Pirone-Udell**
- **Diane Rousseau**
- **Karen & Randy Collinsworth**
- **Linda Allen & Janetta Allen**
- **Robin Shellhammer, Jasmine & Jake Harris**
- **Sandy Allen & Teresa Cummings**
- **Jackie Middleton**



Shoes Needed for Veterans

The West Palm Beach VAMC Resource Center needs shoes for homeless and in-need veterans.

Please donate new or gently used men's (only) shoes in sizes 9 – 15. Work boots and athletic shoes especially needed, but all types are welcome.

To make a donation, please contact Linda Grevera at: 561-232-8907 or at linda.grevera@yahoo.com.

Have a Donation?

Do you have a donation for Final Salute? Bring it to Fall Conference and sign up at the office and you can present it on stage with President Kelli & Special Guest Speaker from Final Salute, Inc.

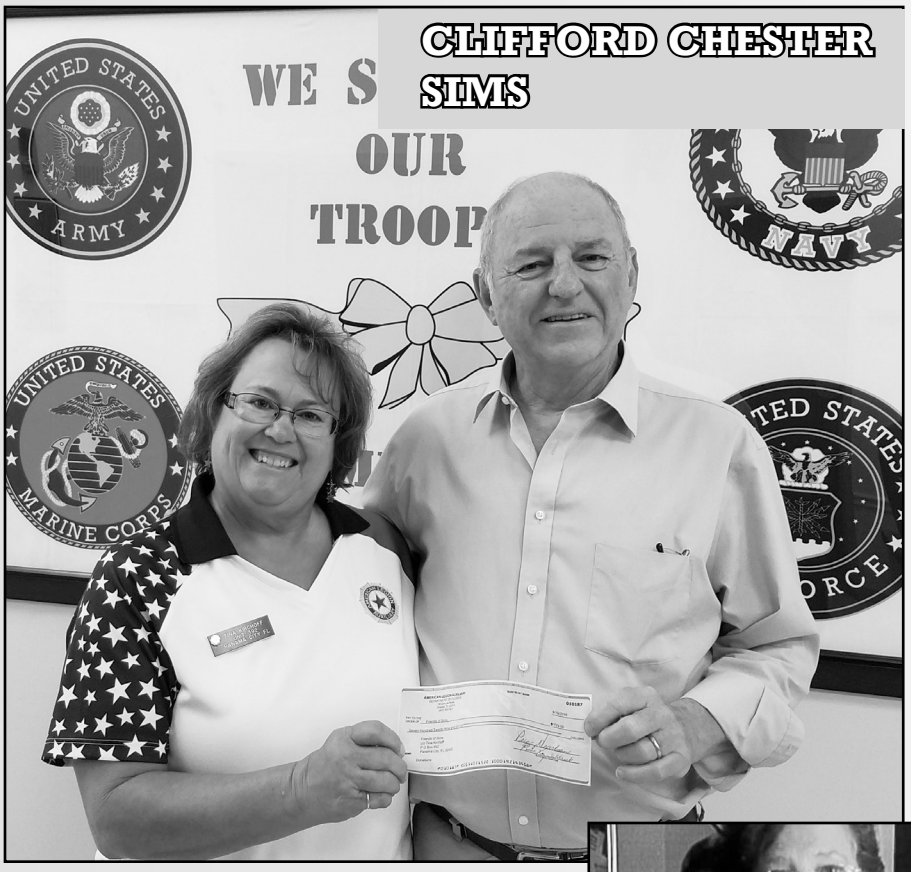
Yes, your Unit will get credit for the donation. Follow these easy steps.

1. Make Check payable to ALAFL – to ensure money stays in Florida for Female Homeless Veterans.
2. Bring Check to Fall Conference.
3. Sign Up at the Office/Store Supply.
4. Get Ready & Smile – you will be called to come on stage and present your donation (pictures may be taken).
5. Thanks for helping Florida Female Homeless Veterans!

FROM THE UNITS

"Navigating the course for veterans and their families!"

CLIFFORD CHESTER SIMS



Top left: Tina Kirchoff, Nursing Home Representative for Clifford Chester Sims in Springfield (Panama City) delivers a check to John Deegins, Chairman of 'Friends of Sims' in the amount of $729.00. All of these funds were sent in on the Donation Form during 2015-2016 year and are used for direct Veteran needs. Keep up the good work, Department of Florida and remember to donate to State Veterans Nursing Homes on the Donation Remittance Form!

—Photo courtesy of Tina Kirchoff

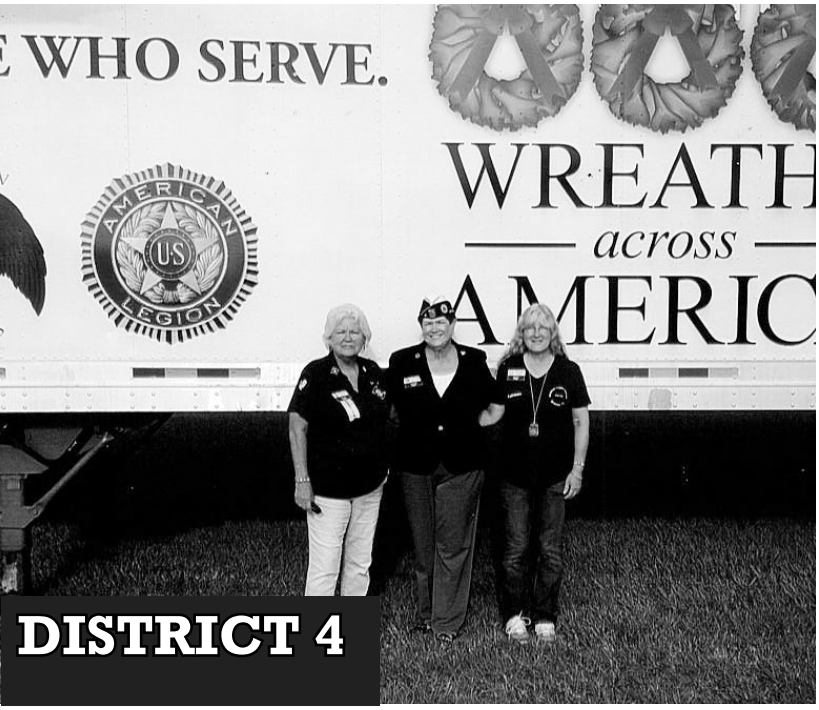
UNIT 237

Bottom left: Unit 237 in Beverly Hills hosts its Labor Day Lunch. From L to R: Julie Nottingham, Unit President Sally Peddle and May.

—Photo courtesy of Rebecca Kelly, District 4 President

Top photo: Unit 16 in Gainesville hosts their Installation of Officers. Also pictured is Unit President, Virginia Polk. **Bottom left photo**: District 4 President Rebecca Kelly takes photo with Vicki Vanburan and District Secretary Kathleen Harris in front of their 18-wheeler. The District is striving to feed and supply resources for veterans and families in five counties.

—Photos courtesy of Rebecca Kelly, District 4 President



Bottom right: Post 303 in Bonita Springs, Florida is so proud to be the recipient of two back-to-back National Awards. In 2014-2015 Jessica Arent was awarded the Salute to Service Women-United States Army. Ashlee Grissom was awarded the 2015-2016 Salute to Service Women- United States Marines. Both recipients are members of Post 303 and were honored guests at National Convention, where the awards were presented. Jessica flew in from Fort Hood in Texas and Ashlee flew in from Moscow, Russia. To know that your female Legion member is one of only 5 women chosen annually throughout the whole country is amazing. To repeat it the next year is an all-time high for any American Legion to brag about! Deborah Whiteley, Unit 303's President at the time, asked Jan Farrington, the unit's Historian, to submit all the necessary paperwork and essays about the soldiers. They both were very pleased they took the time to complete this and thank the ALA for these recognitions! ***—Courtesy of Jan Farrington, U303 Historian***

From 2016 National Convention

1) Unit 303 members Ashley Grissom (Marines) and 2) Jessica Arent (Army) attended National Convention as honored guests and Salute to Servicewomen Award recipients.

—Photos courtesy of Jan Farrington, U303 Historian.

3) Unit 252 member Dana Metts wins Unit Member of the Year Award.
4) Department NEC and PDP Pearl McIntyre receives an award from National.

—Photos courtesy of Sharon Damsgard, District 16 President

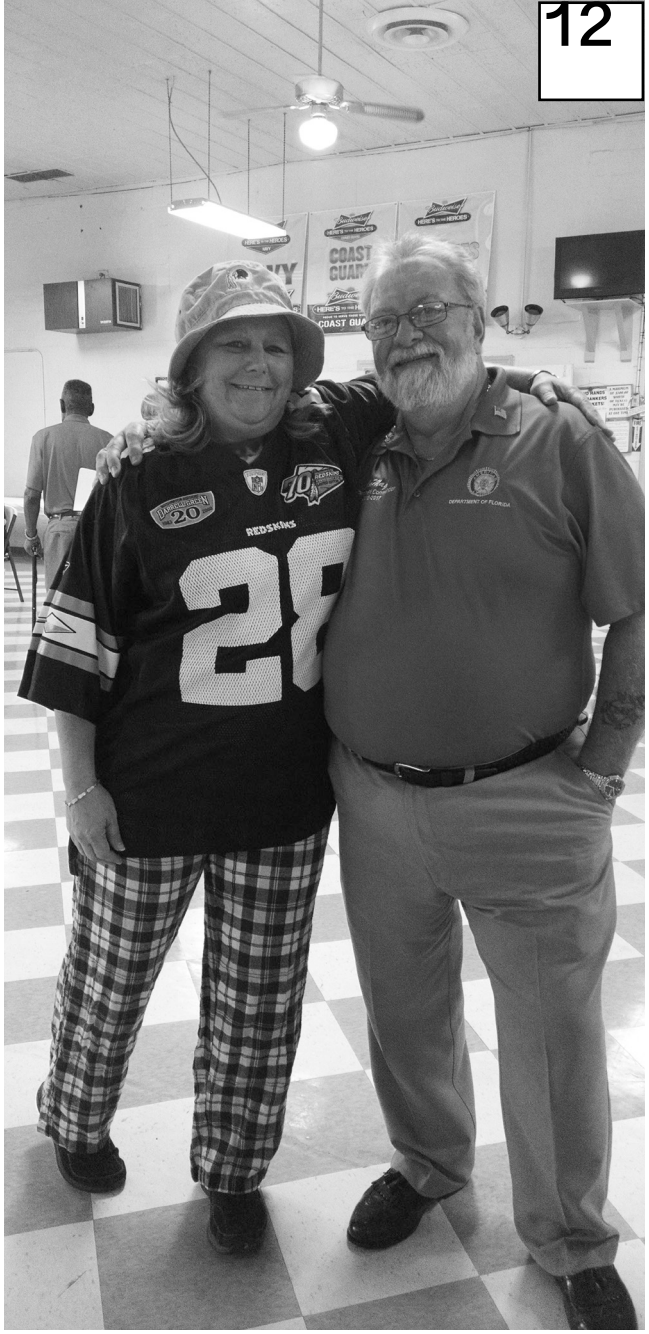
From 2016 National Convention

Photos 5-8: National Little Miss Poppy Jasmine Harris (Unit 286) on stage at National Convention and leading the Department of Florida Family along with Commander Jim Ramos in the All States Parade.

—Photos courtesy of Robin Shellhammer, Member of U286

Photo 9: Jasmine dancing at the Florida Party at National Convention with Department President Kelli.

—Photo courtesy of Sharon Damsgard, District 16 President



Photos 10-11: Dept. Officers TK Wildrick (1st VP), Ann King-Smith (3rd VP), Michele DeGennaro (2nd VP), and President Kelli Becraft pose for group photos.

—Photos courtesy of Gail Dupuis

Photo 12: President Kelli and Commander Joe Magee at the Florida Party at National convention. Kelli is decked out in her Washington Red Skins gear.

Photo 13: Department 3rd Vice President Ann King-Smith and Gail Dupuis dancing at the Florida Party.

—Photos courtesy of Sharon Damsgard, District 16 President

Membership

LYN FELICE

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First of all, a clarification from last month's Navigator and the Program Action Plan. Central Area Membership Chairman Wendy Capri's correct telephone number is (727)-631-3778 for those of you in Districts 7, 15, and 16. Sorry about that,Wendy!

I am hearing some wonderful stories about the enthusiasm everyone has been showing at the District Schools of Instruction. President Kelli and I witnessed it first-hand on our visit to the 8th District School where there were approximately 30-40 members in attendance and also in our visit to the 12th District. Great job ladies, keep up the good work!

A VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE to all Unit Presidents and Membership Chairmen. If a member has elected to pay her dues online, please **DO NOT** hold their membership cards until the Unit receives payment from Department. If they present to you their receipt for paying online, you must give them their card immediately. You will be reimbursed by check from Department in a timely manner and we appreciate your assistance in enhancing the member experience by creating a culture of goodwill.

Each District has been assigned Modes of Transportation to Navigate for Our Veterans and how to use your compass as a guide. Be creative and have fun with them. They are:

District 1	Submarines	District 9	Helicopters
District 2	Motorcycles	District 11	Trucks (except for 18 wheelers)
District 3	Trains	District 12	Hikers
District 4	18 Wheelers	District 13	Covered Wagons
District 5	Tanks	Districts 14	Automobiles
District 6	Planes	District 15	Bicycles
District 7	Buses	District 16	Motor Boats
District 8	Sailboats	District 17	Hot Air Balloons

You can "Raise what you praise" in membership in October and November in a couple of ways. First, thank your members and Units for making a difference and honor a female Veteran through membership. National is again waiving their $9 portion of 2017 dues and Department is waiving their $7.50 portion.

Many Units have elected to waive their portion as well making a female veteran's first year for joining the Auxiliary absolutely free. Remember, a female veteran does not have to be a member of The American Legion first to join the Auxiliary. They can join under their own service record.

Second, for Veteran's Day in November, thank your members and Units for showing their patriotism for our veterans and honor their service through membership by ordering and wearing an "Honor Their Service" button to recognize the veteran through whom you are eligible. Order forms are available at www.ALAforVeterans.org.

THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!!

For God and Country,

—Lyn Felice,
Department Membership Chairman

Membership Report

—Results as of Wednesday, 9/28/16

KEY

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

DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP REPORT*

District	GOAL	Juniors	Seniors	TOTAL	%
District 1	1740	9	358	367	20.92%
District 2	423	30	106	136	32.15%
District 3	752	4	102	106	14.10%
District 4	951	4	188	192	20.19%
District 5	2971	152	723	875	29.45%
District 6	3854	55	601	656	17.02%
District 7	1163	2	108	110	9.46%
District 8	3260	30	353	383	11.75%
District 9	1666	146	378	524	31.45%
District 11	1310	53	337	390	29.77%
District 12	3608	19	699	718	19.90%
District 13	4381	33	711	744	16.98%
District 14	788	1	168	169	21.45%
District 15	1633	16	255	271	16.60%
District 16	7088	41	1218	1259	17.76%
District 17	1574	27	316	343	21.79%
Unit 400	259	0	45	45	17.37%
TOTAL	37435	622	6666	7288	19.47%

DISTRICT 1

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	Jrs	Srs.	TOTAL	%
0075	Crestview	158	0	17	17	10.76%
0078	Milton	26	0	5	5	19.23%
0121	Jay	11	0	0	0	0.00%
0193	Pensacola	102	1	20	21	20.59%
0221	Niceville	86	2	46	48	55.81%
0235	Ft. Walton Bch	176	1	51	52	29.55%
0240	Pensacola	229	0	47	47	20.52%
0296	Destin	44	0	2	2	4.55%
0340	Gonzalez	323	2	51	53	16.41%
0356	Lynn Haven	188	1	37	38	20.21%
0375	Southport	66	0	10	10	15.15%
0378	Gulf Breeze	23	0	0	0	0.00%
0382	Navarre	128	0	19	19	14.84%
0392	Panama City	180	1	36	37	20.56%
402	P.C. Beach	14	1	17	18	128.57%
Total		1740	9	358	367	20.92%

DISTRICT 2

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	Jrs.	Srs.	TOTAL	%
0013	Tallahassee	98	5	34	39	39.80%
0082	Lanark	111	0	16	16	14.41%
0084	Havana	29	3	6	9	31.03%
0100	Marianna	63	0	13	13	20.63%
0217	Quincy	61	2	16	18	29.51%
0241	Sneads	61	20	21	41	67.21%
Total		423	30	106	136	32.15%

DISTRICT 3

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	Jrs.	Srs.	TOTAL	%
0049	Monticello	18	0	0	0	0.00%
0057	Lake City	265	0	34	34	12.83%
0107	Live Oak	60	0	15	15	25.00%
0131	Greenville	27	0	0	0	0.00%
0215	Jasper	44	0	0	0	0.00%
0224	Madison	17	0	1	1	5.88%
0291	Steinhatchee	159	2	27	29	18.24%
0383	Old Town	162	2	25	27	16.67%
Total		752	4	102	106	14.10%

DISTRICT 4

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	Jrs.	Srs.	TOTAL	%
0016	Gainesville	92	1	25	26	28.26%
0027	Ocala	41	0	0	0	0.00%
0056	Starke	17	0	2	2	11.76%
0058	Dunnellon	48	0	6	6	12.50%
0077	Inverness	26	0	13	13	50.00%
0149	Newberry	28	0	3	3	10.71%
0155	Crystal River	300	1	45	46	15.33%
0166	Homosassa Springs	12	0	12	12	100.00%
0210	Ocala	13	0	0	0	0.00%
0230	Hawthorne	62	2	18	20	32.26%
0236	Bronson	41	0	3	3	7.32%
0237	Beverly Hills	133	0	36	36	27.07%
0284	Belleview	124	0	25	25	20.16%
0314	Starke	14	0	0	0	0.00%
Total		951	4	188	192	20.19%

DISTRICT 5

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	Jrs.	Srs.	TOTAL	%
0009	Jacksonville	26	1	14	15	57.69%
0037	St. Augustine	81	0	6	6	7.41%
0054	Fernandina Beach	198	4	102	106	53.54%
0088	Jacksonville	122	1	20	21	17.21%
0129	Jacksonville Beach	324	2	72	74	22.84%
0137	Jacksonville	546	8	137	145	26.56%
0194	St Augustine	53	9	30	39	73.58%
0197	Jacksonville	67	19	31	50	74.63%
0202	Keystone Heights	85	1	8	9	10.59%
0233	Ponte Vedra Beach	210	26	30	56	26.67%
0244	Jacksonville	48	2	14	16	33.33%
0250	Middleburg	366	32	78	110	30.05%
0283	Jacksonville	398	4	87	91	22.86%
0316	Atlantic Beach	385	37	63	100	25.97%
0373	Orange Park	38	4	21	25	65.79%
0401	Hilliard	24	2	10	12	50.00%
Total		2971	152	723	875	29.45%

DISTRICT 6

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	Jrs.	Srs.	TOTAL	%
0010	Kissimmee	203	0	30	30	14.78%
0019	Orlando	143	2	17	19	13.29%
0021	Umatilla	15	0	4	4	26.67%
0035	Mount Dora	82	0	4	4	4.88%
0041	Eustis	17	0	12	12	70.59%
0052	Leesburg	24	0	1	1	4.17%
0053	Sanford	112	1	15	16	14.29%
0055	Clermont	100	0	1	1	1.00%
0063	Winter Garden	37	0	1	1	2.70%
0080	Saint Cloud	287	20	96	116	40.42%
0101	Bushnell	128	0	20	20	15.63%
0109	Ocoee	10	3	2	5	50.00%
0112	Winter Park	21	2	12	14	66.67%
0183	Fern Park	172	11	52	63	36.63%
0219	Fruitland Park	231	3	40	43	18.61%
0242	Orlando	143	0	3	3	2.10%
0286	Orlando	272	6	42	48	17.65%
0330	Leesburg	72	0	5	5	6.94%
0331	Orlando	79	0	15	15	18.99%
0347	Lady Lake	1685	7	229	236	14.01%
0357	Clermont	21	0	0	0	0.00%
Total		3854	55	601	656	17.02%

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DISTRICT 7

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	Jrs.	Srs.	TOTAL	%
0003	Bartow	86	1	15	16	18.60%
0004	Lakeland	93	0	16	16	17.20%
0008	Winter Haven	596	0	35	35	5.87%
0034	Haines City	71	0	9	9	12.68%
0071	Lake Wales	111	0	17	17	15.32%
0072	Mulberry	162	1	16	17	10.49%
0201	Florence Villa	44	0	0	0	0.00%
Total		1163	2	108	110	9.46%

DISTRICT 8

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	Jrs.	Srs.	TOTAL	%
11	Arcadia	33	0	0	0	0.00%
24	Bradenton	402	0	11	11	2.74%
25	Lake Placid	356	0	24	24	6.74%
30	Sarasota	90	9	23	32	35.56%
69	Avon Park	482	0	54	54	11.20%
74	Sebring	92	0	1	1	1.09%
113	Rotonda West	418	1	34	35	8.37%
159	Venice	738	20	59	79	10.70%
254	North Port	104	0	21	21	20.19%
266	Fruitville	61	0	13	13	21.31%
309	Palmetto	171	0	101	101	59.06%
312	Oneco	205	0	10	10	4.88%
325	Ellenton	108	0	2	2	1.85%
Total		3260	30	353	383	11.75%

DISTRICT 9

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	Jrs.	Srs.	TOTAL	%
36	Ft. Lauderdale	70	0	2	2	2.86%
92	Hollywood	126	0	51	51	40.48%
142	Pompano Beach	287	56	46	102	35.54%
157	Margate	345	21	69	90	26.09%
162	Deerfield Beach	263	30	39	69	26.24%
180	Ft. Lauderdale	129	10	57	67	51.94%
209	Dania Beach	11	0	1	1	9.09%
0220	Ft. Lauderdale	27	0	0	0	0.00%
0222	Ft. Lauderdale	75	0	19	19	25.33%
0287	Deerfield Beach	25	0	14	14	56.00%
0304	Dania	142	21	33	54	38.03%
0310	Hallandale	33	0	18	18	54.55%
0321	Cooper City	133	8	29	37	27.82%
Total		1666	146	378	524	31.45%

DISTRICT 11

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	Jrs	Srs.	TOTAL	%
0020	Belle Glade	63	4	54	58	92.06%
0047	Lake Worth	126	4	38	42	33.33%
0062	Stuart	166	1	59	60	36.14%
0064	Okeechobee	103	0	4	4	3.88%
0065	Delray Beach	50	3	27	30	60.00%
0141	West Palm Beach	78	1	14	15	19.23%
0164	Boynton Beach	137	0	7	7	5.11%
0188	Delray	18	2	8	10	55.56%
0199	W Palm Beach	49	0	10	10	20.41%
0268	Riviera Beach	105	0	5	5	4.76%
0271	Tequesta	204	3	59	62	30.39%
0277	Boca Raton	98	0	30	30	30.61%
0288	Boynton Beach	59	31	14	45	76.27%
0367	Royal Palm Beach	37	4	8	12	32.43%
0399	Palm City	17	0	0	0	0.00%
Total		1310	53	337	390	29.77%

DISTRICT 12

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	Jrs.	Srs.	TOTAL	%
1	Titusville	315	5	64	69	21.90%
22	Cocoa	114	0	11	11	9.65%
39	Vero Beach	186	0	7	7	3.76%
40	Fort Pierce	133	0	30	30	22.56%
81	Melbourne	125	0	17	17	13.60%
117	Palm Bay	460	2	100	102	22.17%
0126	Jensen Beach	219	0	30	30	13.70%
163	Melbourne	344	6	113	119	34.59%
189	Sebastian	117	0	72	72	61.54%
191	Melbourne	104	0	21	21	20.19%
200	Satellite Beach	123	0	23	23	18.70%
318	Port St Lucie	708	2	93	95	13.42%
348	Cape Canaveral	171	0	71	71	41.52%
358	White City	48	0	0	0	0.00%
359	Port St John	281	0	32	32	11.39%
366	Barefoot Bay	74	0	0	0	0.00%
394	Palm Bay	86	4	15	19	22.09%
Total		3608	19	699	718	19.90%

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DISTRICT 13

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	Jrs.	Srs.	TOTAL	%
0038	Fort Myers	70	2	21	23	32.86%
0090	Cape Coral	197	0	24	24	12.18%
0103	Punta Gorda	379	0	48	48	12.66%
0110	Port Charlotte	595	1	61	62	10.42%
0123	Sanibel	79	0	0	0	0.00%
0130	Labelle	168	0	23	23	13.69%
0135	Naples	399	0	79	79	19.80%
0136	Saint James City	470	1	64	65	13.83%
0192	Fort Myers	20	4	10	14	70.00%
0274	Fort Myers Beach	618	1	47	48	7.77%
0299	Moore Haven	18	1	7	8	44.44%
0303	Bonita Springs	425	1	80	81	19.06%
0323	Lehigh Acres	502	19	142	161	32.07%
0336	N Ft Myers	348	3	87	90	25.86%
0351	Fort Myers	93	0	18	18	19.35%
Total		4381	33	711	744	16.98%

DISTRICT 14

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	Jrs.	Srs.	TOTAL	%
0028	Key West	70	0	9	9	12.86%
0031	South Miami	164	1	80	81	49.39%
0043	Homestead	63	0	1	1	1.59%
0067	North Miami	57	0	4	4	7.02%
0098	Coral Gables	30	0	10	10	33.33%
0133	Miami	71	0	2	2	2.82%
0154	Marathon	155	0	27	27	17.42%
0168	Key West	17	0	0	0	0.00%
0333	Key Largo	79	0	18	18	22.78%
0346	Miami	24	0	1	1	4.17%
0374	Key Biscayne	58	0	16	16	27.59%
Total		788	1	168	169	21.45%

DISTRICT 16

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	Jrs.	Srs.	TOTAL	%
7	Clearwater	360	0	24	24	6.67%
14	St Petersburg	138	3	51	54	39.13%
79	New Port Richey	415	2	44	46	11.08%
104	Pinellas Park	248	5	46	51	20.56%
119	Largo	382	0	58	58	15.18%
125	St Petersburg	365	5	81	86	23.56%
158	Treasure Island	219	0	20	20	9.13%

DISTRICT 15

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	Jrs.	Srs.	TOTAL	%
0005	Tampa	41	0	0	0	0.00%
0026	Plant City	30	0	0	0	0.00%
0111	Tampa	39	1	14	15	38.46%
0138	Tampa	382	4	86	90	23.56%
0139	Tampa	140	0	34	34	24.29%
0147	Odessa	24	0	3	3	12.50%
0148	Riverview	210	3	35	38	18.10%
0152	Tampa	296	7	55	62	20.95%
0167	Tampa	35	0	0	0	0.00%
0186	Brooksville	364	0	10	10	2.75%
246	Sun City Center	0	0	0	0	0.00%
0248	West Tampa	25	0	0	0	0.00%
0334	Tampa	33	1	17	18	54.55%
0389	Ruskin	14	0	1	1	7.14%
Total		1633	16	255	271	16.60%

DISTRICT 16 (continued)

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	Jrs.	Srs.	TOTAL	%
0173	Holiday	271	4	22	26	9.59%
0238	Safety Harbor	282	6	61	67	23.76%
0252	Seminole	838	9	427	436	52.03%
0273	Madeira Beach	2636	0	239	239	9.07%
0275	Dunedin	523	3	75	78	14.91%
0305	St Pete Beach	148	0	15	15	10.14%
0335	Hudson	263	4	55	59	22.43%
Total		7088	41	1218	1259	17.76%

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% = Total percentage of membership

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

DISTRICT 17

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	Jrs.	Srs.	TOTAL	%
6	Deland	144	0	6	6	4.17%
17	New Smyrna Beach	273	0	25	25	9.16%
45	Palatka	53	0	20	20	37.74%
115	Palm Coast	50	0	5	5	10.00%
120	Holly Hill	266	10	82	92	34.59%
127	Lake Helen	27	6	12	18	66.67%
204	Daytona Beach	32	0	0	0	0.00%
255	Deltona	44	2	7	9	20.45%
259	Debary	26	0	1	1	3.85%
267	Ormond Beach	144	6	85	91	63.19%
270	Port Orange	165	0	27	27	16.36%
285	Edgewater	149	3	30	33	22.15%
293	Interlachen	47	0	1	1	2.13%
361	S Daytona	154	0	15	15	9.74%
Total		1574	27	316	343	21.79%

HEADQUARTERS

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	Jrs.	Srs.	TOTAL	%
0400	Orlando	259	0	45	45	17.37%
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KEY

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

Results as of Wednesday, September. 28, 2016

Homeless. Woman. Veteran.

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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

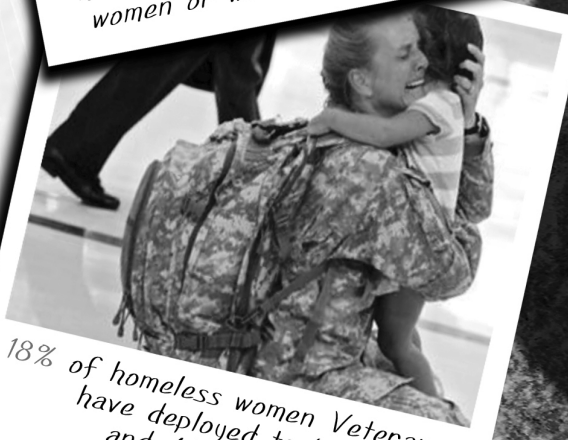
We support women Veterans on a national level; when they are unable to get support locally
No Veterans should be homeless!

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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The needs of homeless women Veterans are immediate. They need our support

TODAY!

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