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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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"Catching Rays, Creating Brighter Futures!"



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT T.K WILDRICK

First, I want to send Thoughts and Prayers to Everyone Dealing with the Historic Disaster, Hurricane Irma. I understand electricity is just coming back for several locations, collections and deliveries of water, food and other greatly needed supplies are continuing for the greatly devastated areas and the daunting task of clean-up and debris removal has just begun.

The American Legion Family is working together to assist those in need! Department Commander Steve and Detachment Commander Bernie drove their loaded trucks and trailers of collected goods from Orlando, Titusville and Lake Wales to Homestead and from there to Marathon. They traveled to Baby's Coffee (Mile Marker 15) and shared on Facebook the photos showing the aftermath devastation of destroyed vegetation, damaged buildings, overturned trailers and RVs, displaced boats and sunken yachts.

Other Posts have also collected items and delivered to the "Distribution Posts" reaching out to families hit hard. Labelle organized a hot meal smorgasbord for the Utility Crew sent to repair the power. Department of Alabama and North Carolina have reached out to donate towards both Texas and Florida AEF. Tractor Trailers of supplies have come as far as Maine and Indianapolis to support the relief effort.

I know many more of you are assisting with relief efforts within your communities. Our neighbors gathered to replace fences, repair roofs, cut and clear fallen trees and raked debris. Then we had a celebration (albeit sweaty) of job well done together! National has contacted me requested stories and photos of how our Auxiliary Units and Members are working together volunteering to assist others, preparing for and during the storm as well as in its aftermath. Please send your stories and photos to Patty, our Department Secretary, so we can compile a

journal to share.

Needless to say, the weather has whipped our schedule all around. It just means we will look forward to rescheduled postponed activities when they happen! As Department Workshop will be completed by the time you read this, please attend the upcoming Schools of Instruction in your Districts. The District Chairmen are working hard to share the programs of the American Legion Auxiliary so you may excel with your activities this year! Membership Chairmen, please keep processing your Membership! We are striving for NO Units to have "0" membership by October 25th (to allow time for processing) for National's deadline of October 31st. We are very close in this endeavor – I am confident you will succeed!!

Don't Let the Silly Things Steal Your Joy! We are gearing up for our October activities: Golf Tournaments and Fundraisers for K-9's for Warriors along with Halloween Safety for our Kids. Remember to wear your Auxiliary 'Branding' and send in your photos...

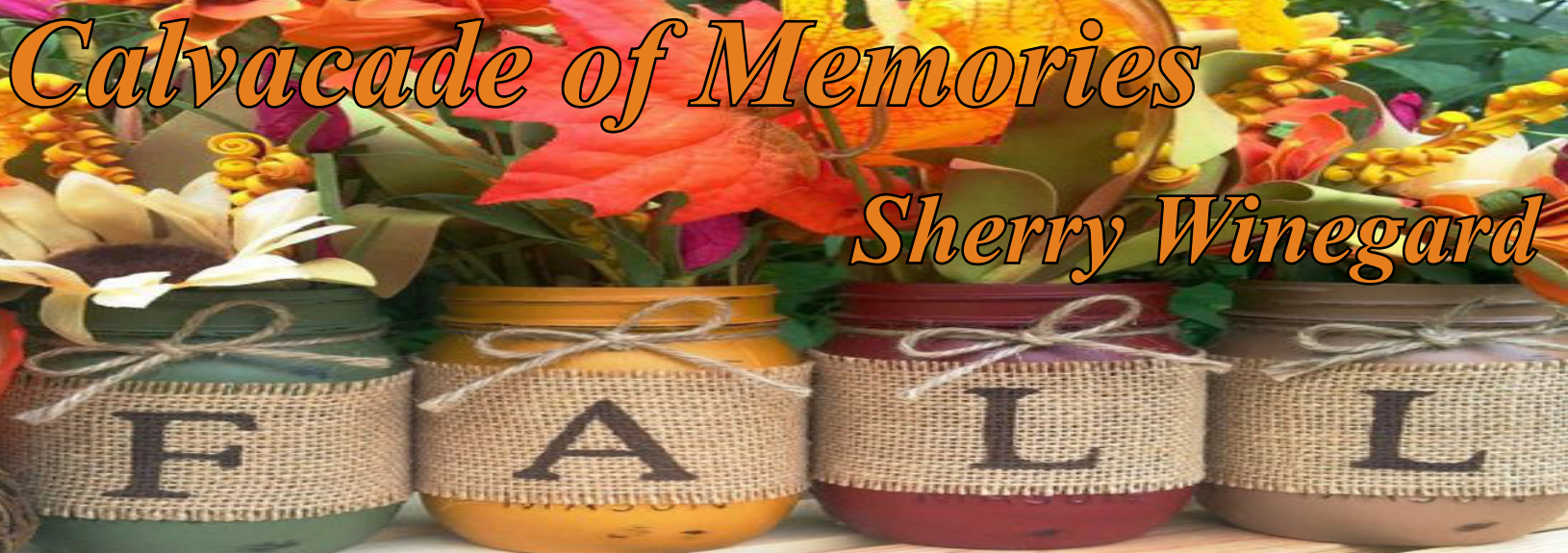
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! Our Department Fall Conference is coming soon: November 2-5, 2017 at the Renaissance Sea World. We have plenty in the works that you don't want to miss! Keep an eye out for our Flyers!

We have started to schedule the District visits as well. If you would like me to visit for events or attend your activities, please let me know via email President@alaf.org or cellular (407) 267-7258.

For God and Country ~

TK

Treva Kay Wildrick
Department President



Calvacade of Memories

Sherry Winegard

The HEART of any organization's history is in its records – items that officers, members, staff and volunteers have produced and compiled over the years. As stated by our National Chairman, Cathi Taylor, "They provide testimony to the achievements of our great Organization".

The Department of Florida history is contained in our artifacts, our documents, newspaper articles, publications, meeting minutes, photos, written histories, etc. The Calvacade of Memories museum, as well as the library and archives located at ALA National Headquarters serves as a resource for all of our members, volunteers and general public.

We had renewed Junior involvement this past year helping to update and/or create their own Calvacade of Memories. So, I would like to focus this article on "How To Involve A Junior Member" by working in obtaining the new History Patch. This Patch is for Junior members in the 9th through 12th grades. These young ladies will soon be taking ownership of our organization and it is vital for them to know and understand our Auxiliary's history. Then they will be ready to go forward in creating and preserving their own history.

The Patch has three (3) required activities and six (6) others of their choice totaling the nine (9) needed to earn the patch. There are other things like, Interview ALA members for the Members Remember project (see instructions - ALAforVeterans.org), contributing to the Units ALA Junior History, starting a Poppy Program history, creating a Girls State database, and etc. Please check it out for more information.

I would love to see us work with our Past Department Presidents in the Members Remember project to record their history. I would be more than happy to assist any Junior or Junior group to work toward earning this patch.

Looking forward to a Great Year in preserving our History for the Future!!!!

Sherry Winegard
Calvacade of Memories





AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Girls State 2018

June 6 – 14, 2018

Girls State is Great, and can easily be the best 12 days of your life..

If you have wanted to volunteer, please complete an application. Staff dates are Sunday, June 3rd – Thursday, June 14th.

Working with our future leaders is one of the most rewarding things I have ever done. If this program does not renew your faith in our future, nothing will. There is a job for everybody. From setting up prior to the delegate's arrival, to wake up and bathroom detail at the capitol and many duties in between!

If your schedule does not permit 12 days, that's OK let us know when you can be Tallahassee. We will be happy to work with your schedule and find a job that is both rewarding and a challenge. You can help with bill writing, breakfast, judging the spirit of cities or working with the USO show.

Please consider participating in this program. While it does require some hard work it comes with free room and board.

Theresa Briggs
Director, FL Girls State

Note: Applications to be a girls state volunteer can be found at alafl.org/girlstate



Emergency Fund

Robbin Walker

Members helping members is what AEF is all about.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Irma, there have been many acts of kindness and heroism from our American Legion Auxiliary members as we huddled together to protect our family, friends and neighbors prior to the storm. After the storm we provided shelter, rescued some from their homes by boat, checked on the elderly, distributed food and water, assisted each other with cleanup and continue to help others.

American Legion Auxiliary members selflessly serve veterans and military families. But when the need strikes home the Auxiliary Emergency Fund is available to eligible members for temporary emergency assistance when no other source of aid is readily available to pay for shelter, food and utilities.

Members with 3 consecutive years of paid membership are eligible to apply. Applications are available at alafl.org, go to the program tab and scroll to the Emergency Fund.

When a disaster hits, we see firsthand the devastation it can bring. We can continue to help our members by considering a donation to the American Legion Auxiliary Emergency Fund. Please make your check payable to the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Florida AEF Fund, P.O. Box 547917, Orlando, FL 32854-7917. We are having a state raffle as well with the proceeds going to Department of Florida Auxiliary Emergency Fund. Tickets will be available at Department Workshop and Fall Conference.

Robbin Walker, Department AEF Chairman

Department staff assisted The Legion in distributing supplies for families in need in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma





American Legion
Auxiliary

DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND RAFFLE

Members Helping Members

FIRST PRIZE

**49" Toshiba Flat Screen
Television**

SECOND PRIZE

Basket of Cheer

THIRD PRIZE

Chocoholic Basket

**1 TICKET FOR \$5 or
6 TICKETS FOR \$20**

AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND

The Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF) is a national grant assistance program that provides temporary emergency help to eligible members of the American Legion Auxiliary who have suffered a significant financial setback as the result of an act of nature or other personal crisis.

*Need not be present to
win, drawing just before
closing of Auxiliary
Fall Conference general
assembly.*

Must show ID to claim prize.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
CONTACT:
Robbin Walker
AEF Chairman
904-704-0308

Halloween

(Cora May Preble)

I'm not afraid on Halloween
Because my Mother said
I should not fear those funny
things
But laugh at them instead.

For orange faces in the night
That stare with eyes so wide,
Are only pumpkins on a porch
With candlelight inside.

And there are no such things as
ghosts . . .
Those figures shining white,
Are only children just like me
Wrapped up in sheets so tight.

I do not fear a single thing
On Halloween you see,
Because I know they really are
Not what they seem to be.

For ghosts and goblins, witches,
spooks,
And other scary folks
We hear about on Halloween
Are really only jokes.



Poppy

Linda Knoblach-Harkness

The Poppy Program Is The Bomb!

I've been busy making Poppy Bombs so we can plant our poppies and spread the word about our Poppy Program. If you were at Workshop, I hope you picked some up and will plant them and perhaps have your own mini Flanders Field.

The November Poppy Season is fast approaching. If you have not ordered your unit's poppies yet, don't give up. Try anyway. The worse thing that could happen is you don't get your poppies. But Try! This is a good program to include our Juniors and the local community. Juniors can become Miss Poppy or Little Miss Poppy. Schools, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and other youth organizations can compete in Poppy Poster Contests. You never know, a young person in your community could have their poster picked to be on ALA Stationary.

I remember as a small girl seeing poppies being distributed in our community. Now, it's a rare sight. Let's get out in our communities and let people know the ALA is still around and working to serve our Veterans, Military and their Families.

Linda Knoblach-Harkness
Poppy Chairman



CHAPLAIN'S

CORNER

LOIS STACHELRODT

List of Deceased Members

As we approach our Fall Season and our weather changes a bit, let us reflect on how the rays of the sun catch the brightness of our lives. We will always remember our Angels who are watching over us and are grateful for their love and guidance.

District 3			District 12	
Unit 57	Hall, Cheryl		Unit 163	Lavier, Edith
	Newsome, Betty			Mendius, Helen
			Unit 348	Thomas, Mary
District 4				
Unit 155	Blankenship, Evelyn		District 13	
			Unit 38	Pederson, Jean
District 5			Unit 103	Ryder, Emily
Unit 88	Greene, Kathryn		Unit 136	Grabiec, Regina
Unit 250	Quinn, Charlotte		Unit 303	Jones, Ethal M.
				Matthews, Mella
District 6				
Unit 53	Zerulla, Ann		District 14	
Unit 55	McGuire, Bonnie		Unit 28	Weech, Patricia J.
	Stiles, Geraldine			
			District 15	
District 8			Unit 152	Laframboise, Martha
Unit 113	Frohm, Anne B.		Unit 334	Miller, Felecia (Phyllis)
Unit 159	Van Alen, Loretta			
			District 16	
District 11			Unit 158	Sharp, Mary
Unit 277	Akullian, Agnes			

From The Secretary

Patty MacDonald

Greetings from Department of Florida Headquarters! I would like to start off by saying the Department Staff is sending prayers to you and your families. If you have received damage or a hardship from Hurricane Irma, please remember we have the Department Auxiliary Emergency Fund that you can apply for. If you are interested please go to www.alafl.org.

I would like to cover a few items about membership in my article. I have received calls asking when the renewal notices will be going out. National has already emailed the first renewal and the printer for National has mailed the first notice as of September 15th, 2017.

When sending in membership, please make sure you are putting the correct year on the recap sheet. Please list only one year. For example if you are paying 2016-2017, dues only write 2017. If you are paying 2017-2018, dues only write 2018.

Please submit one check per membership recap sheet. This is very important for the over and short report! At this time if Department receives one check for more than one recap sheet, we will be returning it to the unit with a memo stating why it is being sent back.

When submitting new membership applications, make sure you review them completely before sending them in. If information is missing, we will have to send it back with a memo. Also, make sure that the Post Adjutant has signed the application.

When completing the membership recap sheet, make sure the names are in alphabetical order starting with the last name. If we received a recap sheet that is incorrect we will send you a memo the first time. After that

we will be sending the recap sheet back along with the unit check asking for it to be completed correctly.

If you have any questions about membership, please don't hesitate to contact me at secretary@alafl.org or membership@alafl.org.

I look forward to seeing you at Department Fall Conference on November 3 – 5, 2017 at Renaissance Sea-World Orlando. For more information visit our website www.alafl.org under calendar.

For God and Country,

Patty MacDonald
Department Secretary



Protocol

Michele DeGennaro

This year I have the privilege of talking Protocol. We all want to do a good job and there are many questions and concerns about doing the right thing at the right time. The ALA National headquarters has provided us with many great resources available to ALL members. The below information can be found in National's Unit Guide Book and Department Operations Guide located at www.alaforveterans.org/members/guides/

Each article this year I will highlight some of the most common ALA protocols/customs. If there is a particular topic you would like me to cover please email me and I will be sure to address it.

For God & Country,
Michele
Michele DeGennaro
1st Vice President

What is protocol ...

The American Legion Auxiliary, like most companies and organizations, has required procedures. These customs for conduct at meetings, events, and official ALA social gatherings are based on traditions and historical practices and have become known as ALA protocols and ALA etiquette.

New members and ALA guests alike are often intimidated or feel excluded because they are not familiar with the ALA's customs for etiquette at ALA meetings and events. It is important to know that customs and protocols are not lawful requirements. Members and guests who do not abide by the ALA's many customs are not violating laws and should not be made to feel belittled or demeaned for being unaware of ALA customs.

The following information is to help Districts, Units and Members understand common ALA customs and to follow customary ALA etiquette. Below are just a few of the most common ALA protocols or customs. There may be other customary practices unique to individual Districts or Units. The following norms/customs, while not legally required or established, are longstanding practices of the American Legion Auxiliary The Emblem, Ribbons, and Pins:

- The emblem should always be accorded the place of honor at any meeting. It not only represents the organization; it "is" the organization, the American Legion Auxiliary, and acts as the signature of the organization.
- Use of the emblem must receive the approval of the national secretary.
- The wearing of cross-body ribbon sashes are longstanding customs in the organization since its founding. The sash ribbon is worn by various officers on all levels, present and past. The sash ribbon is worn on formal occasions and never over a topcoat of any kind, but may be worn over a suit coat. The ribbon is worn over the right shoulder and under the left arm. No pins or decorations should be affixed to the ribbon. It should not be knotted at the left to fasten it, but should hang crossed and secured by an invisible fastening on the underside.
- Members are encouraged to wear the pin of the current office in which they are serving or have just completed, or the highest office held by the member. It should be worn on the left side, over the heart.
- Some Units still continue a tradition of wearing corsages at certain events. If a corsage is being worn, it should be on the left side, above the Auxiliary pin; a corsage is customarily considered a part of the dress once it is pinned in place.

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➤ If a flag pin should be worn, it should be worn on the left side of the blouse and may be worn with the pin of the current ALA office held by the member. The flag pin should be placed above the ALA pin(s).

Escorting Guests to the Podium:

When escorting a Legionnaire to the podium for the purpose of introduction, greeting, or an address, the correct procedure is for the ALA escort to take the Legionnaire's left arm, with the Legionnaire on the escort's right, thus freeing the Legionnaire's right hand for the purpose of saluting the colors prior to advancing on the dais. Be sure to pause before the colors to allow time for this salute.

This same escorting process is to be used when escorting other guests, (ladies and gentlemen) and ALA members, with the pause to salute the colors.

There are some ALA members, who appropriately pause and place their hand over their hearts, rendering the civilian salute to the colors. Federal law allows veterans to render the military right hand salute, even dressed as a civilian. The key factor is not how the salute is rendered, but that an appropriate salute is rendered.

Salute to Colors

The American Legion National Headquarters has advised the following on this matter. The Post Officer's Guide and Manual of Ceremonies asks that those Legionnaires who are entering or exiting a meeting salute the "station of the Commander." An acceptable protocol for those who approach the podium is to also properly salute the colors. The national organization appreciates the demonstration of patriotism and respect given the colors by our ALA members when they have stopped and saluted.

"Breaking Colors" or "Cutting the Flags"

Many departments and units observe a custom that is fairly unique to the American Legion Auxiliary that deems it disrespectful to "Breaking Colors" or "Cutting the Flags". Many ALA members expect other members to respect the "colors of the ALA or Legion," that is to say, respect the posted flags at the front of a room, stage, or meeting by not walking in between the flags.

While it is a custom of respect observed by many in the Legion Family to not "break/cut" between the flag and podium or another flag also posted, there is nothing in the U.S. Flag Code that addresses "Cutting the Colors" when flags are posted in the front of a room.

Protocol is what to do in a given situation.

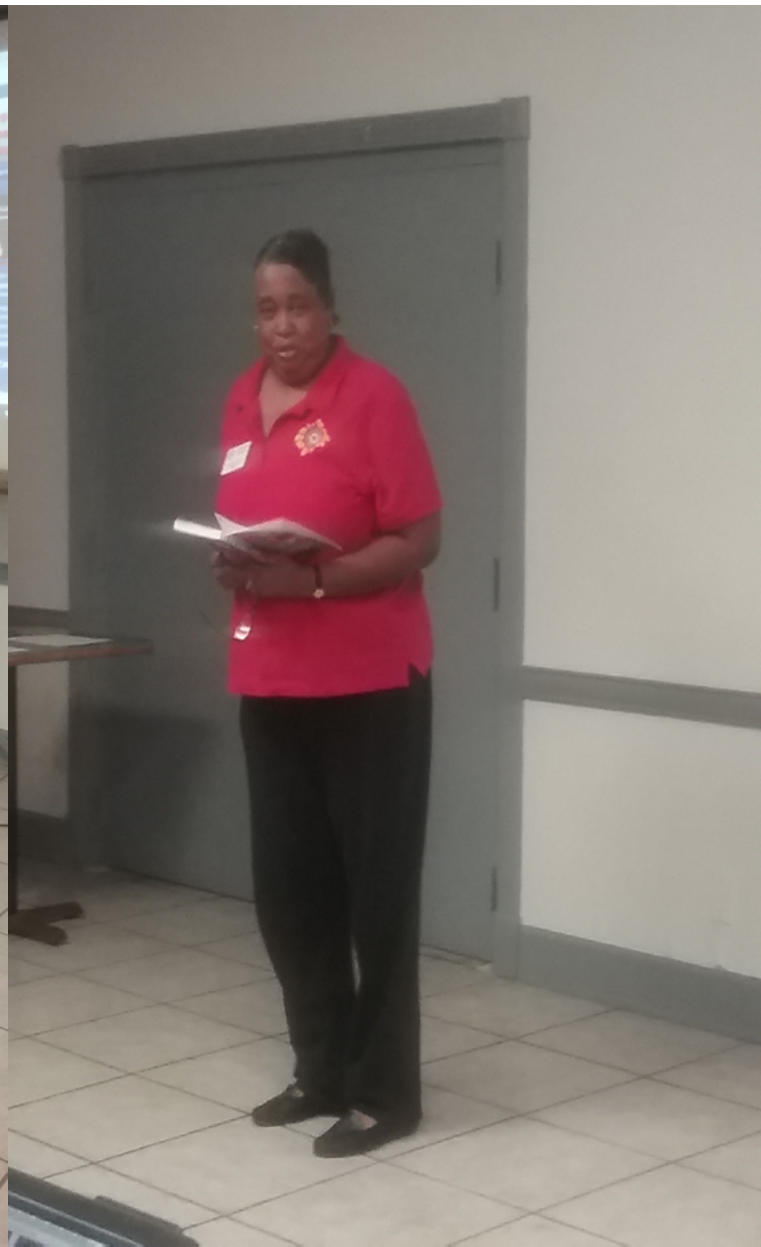
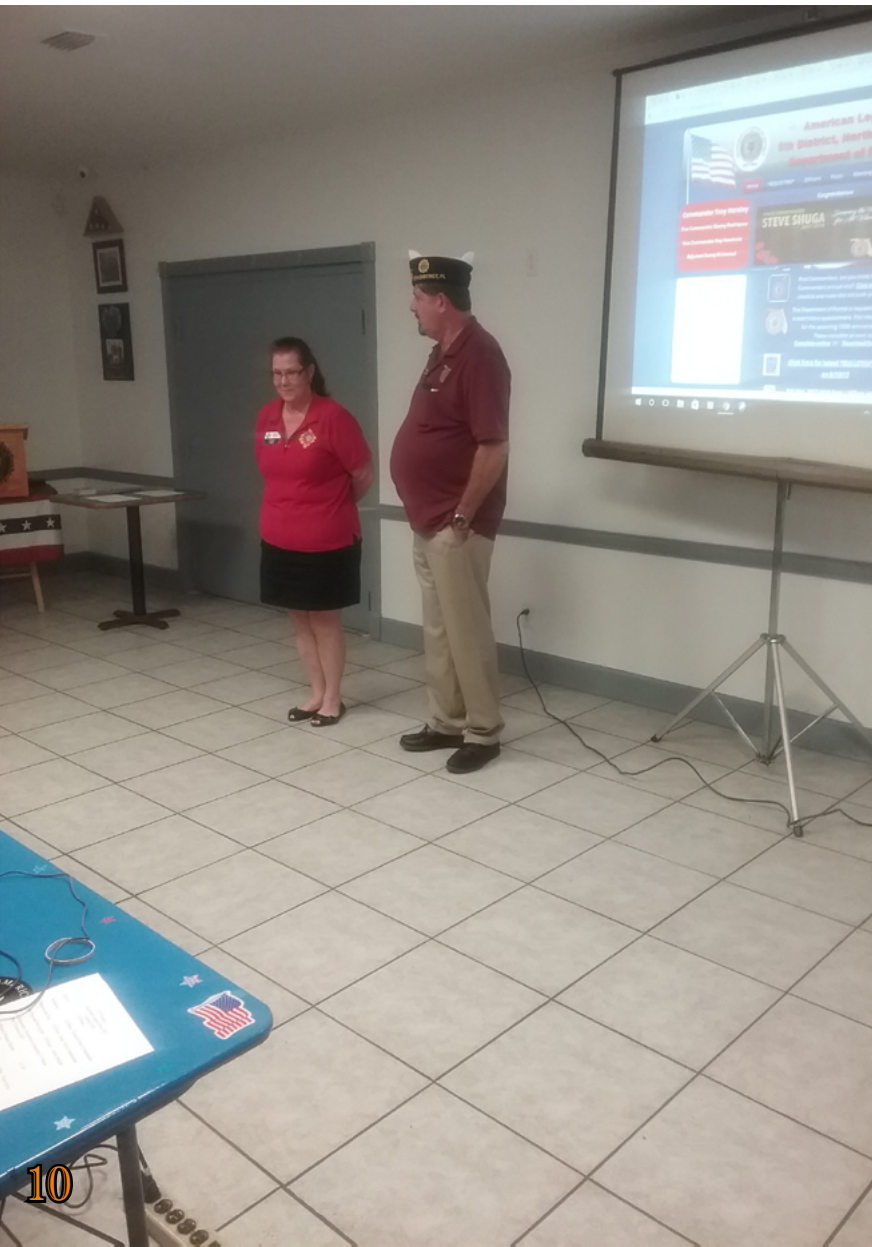
Etiquette is how to do it – and how to do it gracefully .



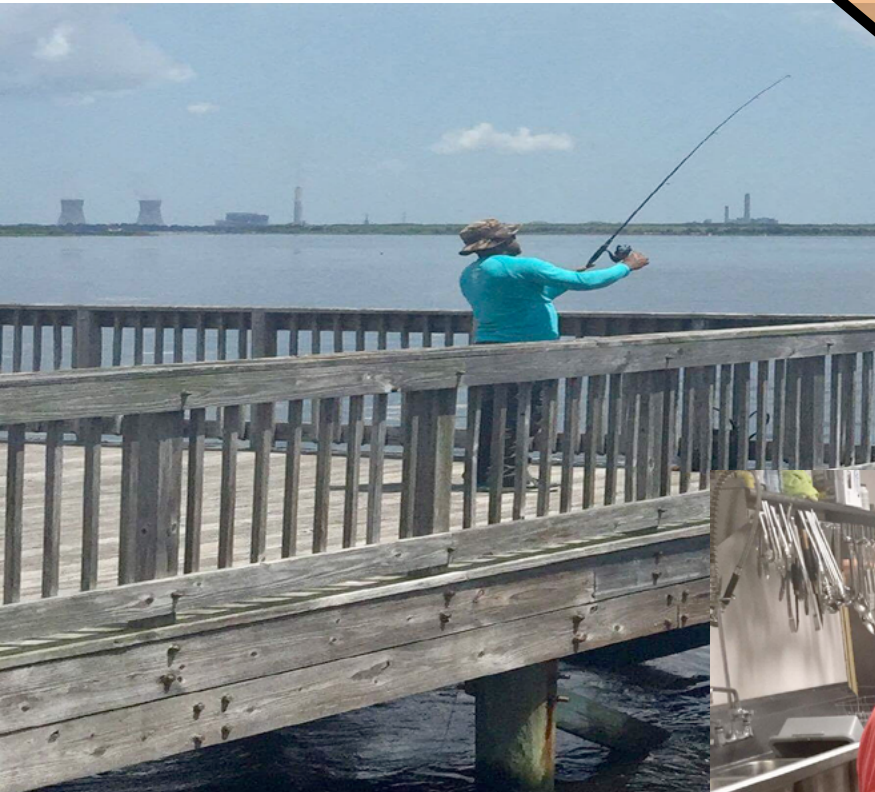
District 5 Spotlight

CAROLYN BROWN

Fifth District President Molly Main and Northern Area Membership Chairman Carolyn Brown speaking at the Fifth District Legion Training on building closer Legion Family Relationship by working together and building up Membership on Saturday, August 28th at Arlington Post 283.



**FROM
THE
UNITS**



Arlington Unit 283 sponsored their Annual Fishing Outing for the Homeless Veterans including lunch. Members that volunteered were Janice Dixon, Unit 283 VA&R Chairman, Cheryl LaBarge, Natalie Brouillette, Patty Hill, Kathleen Morgan.

District 5 Spotlight



Middleburg Unit 250 preparing free lunch for the Community in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma. Shown in the photos is Sherry James, Unit President and Unit Members Peggy Newsome and Danielle Groko.

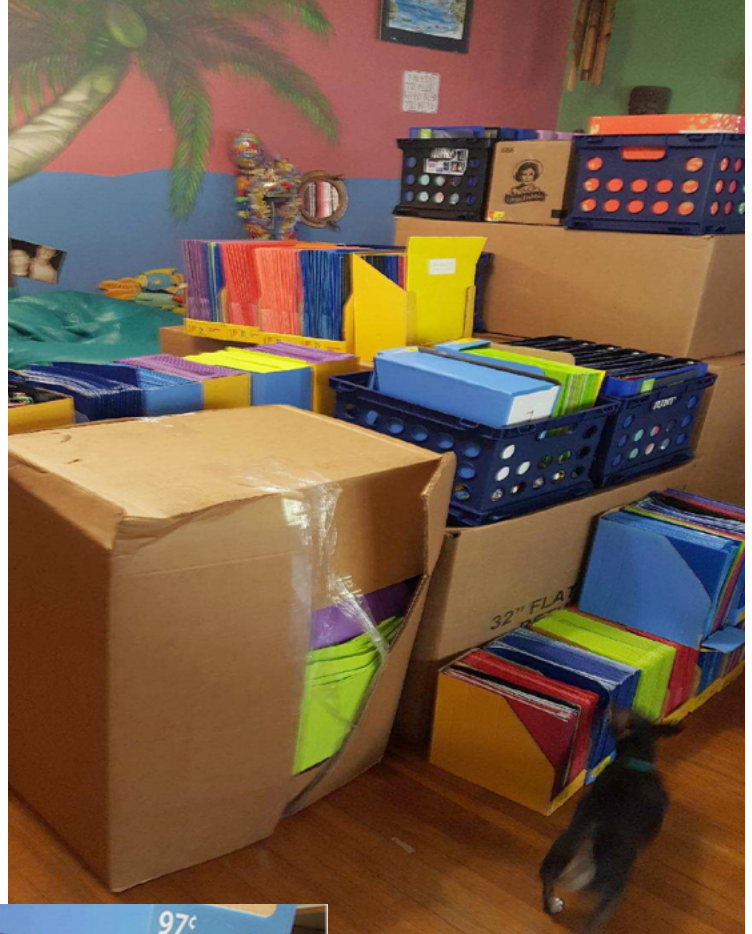


From The Units

Unit 275 Dunedin back to school supply drive



Kim Obre, Unit 275



Submitted by: Carol Brown



Americanism

Jane Hardacre

**If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a nation gone under.
~ Ronald Reagan**

Taking pride in America is a wonderful way to show our patriotism. As we go about our daily lives, we should practice and recognize patriotism. Flying the American flag is one way to show our love for America. When citizens and businesses fly the flag, thank them. There are several ways we can thank these patriots. We can personally thank them or we can take the time to write out a nice Thank You card and slip it in their mailbox. Units can print out Thank You cards that have your Unit name and number. Supporting these businesses is another way to show your appreciation. Here are a few upcoming dates that you can fly your American flag:

- **Columbus Day - second Monday in October**
- **Navy Day - October 27**
- **Veterans Day - November 11**
- **Thanksgiving Day - fourth Thursday in November**

Be the go-to organization in your community for flag promotion and protection. Be active in observing patriotic holidays. Model respect for our flag at public events, such as sporting events. Publish flag etiquette tips in your newspaper and on social media. Leading by example is the easiest way to get our message across.

**For God and Country,
Jane Hardacre
Americanism Chairman**



From the Treasurer



Becky Gripton



First and foremost, my thoughts and prayers are with all of you that have been affected by Hurricane Irma. Department Headquarters fared well for the most part and, for that, we are thankful. The office was without power and internet for several days, but we are happy to report we are now back to full capacity. Our staff's personal homes were without power for many days as well and received only minor damage such as downed trees and fences, and otherwise relatively minor damage to our property. We were blessed. However, we know that many counties in our state were not so fortunate and have been devastated by Irma's impact. The ray of hope in this otherwise bleak situation is that we are a part of an organization that exists to help!

Please see our Department AEF chairman, Robbin Walker's, article for more detailed information on these programs and how our Department has been answering the call to help, but by way of reminder from Department headquarters...

In need of help? National AEF and Department AEF is here to help our members. Those who have been displaced from their home and are in need of immediate shelter assistance can fill out the National AEF Expedited Application. In addition to this assistance, other types of financial assistance are available for utilities, shelter and food through the National and Department AEF programs. You may find information on these programs and the applications by going to our website at www.alafl.org/programs/emergency-fund and the link for the Department, National and **AEF Expedited Applications** are posted there. Information on eligibility, grants amounts and where to send the applications are available on each form.

Looking for ways to help? **Donations for Department AEF are welcomed and needed!** We anticipate many applications in the coming weeks. We want to be able to help as many members as we can so your help is vital! Please go to our website at www.alafl.org/donate to donate to our AEF fund by credit card. Donations may also be made by check or money order mailed to ALA Department of Florida at 1912A Lee Rd Orlando FL 32810. Please notate "AEF Disaster Relief" in the memo

line. Units can donate to this program through the regular donation remittance form process found on the website under Forms & Resources- Unit Forms.

We do have some regular back-to-business items to address:

1- MCR- Membership Credit Report. The first membership credit report of the new fiscal year was scheduled to go out at the first of October, and was to include September's activity but, due to Hurricane Irma, we now have Workshop re-scheduled to September 29-30 so plans have been changed. So, I sent the MCR's out with July & August activity only. These were mailed with the Quotas. Know that I will do my best to the monthly October report out as close to the 15th as possible, but please be patient. When you receive your report, please contact us immediately if anything is incorrect. Also, remember to use any available credits with your next membership transmittal. A complete guide to understanding your MCR and FAQ's is listed on page

2- Quotas. Invoices were sent to your Unit between September 22-September 26. Please remit the monies ASAP to Department as quotas are vital to the essential programs of this organization.

3- Donation Remittance Form. The new 2017-2018 donation remittance form has been updated on the website. Go to www.alafl.org/quicklinks/forms-resources and it is under "Unit Forms". Use this to send in any donations to programs listed, throughout the year. Please remember that ALL donations must be received by 04/30/2018 in order to be eligible for awards in the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

4- Monthly Contribution/Donation Reports. Monthly contribution reports will be listed on the website beginning October 1st. We will list all donations received May 1, 2017 to date that count toward the new fiscal year awards.

For God & Country,
Becky Gripton

IN THE EVENT OF A DISASTER
Are you prepared to help your community?
By Linda Grevera
National Security Chairman

Hurricane Harvey has decimated Houston and parts of Louisiana. It could have been us! Since we are still in hurricane season, it makes sense to sign up now for a CERT class so you'll be ready!

Please consider taking this important class.

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program, underwritten by FEMA, helps train people to respond to emergency situations in their communities. When the unexpected happens, CERT members can give critical support to first responders, provide immediate assistance to victims, and organize volunteers at a disaster site on the spur of the moment.

CERT members can also aid non-emergency projects to help improve the overall safety of the community.

The 2,700 local CERT programs nationwide have trained more than 600,000 individuals just like YOU.

Classes are FREE and require approximately 24 hours over approximately 8 weeks. Most classes are held on nights and/or weekends to accommodate work schedules.

To find a CERT program in your area, visit <https://www.ready.gov/community-emergency-response-team>.

REMEMBER: The life you save may be someone you love!



Education

Charlotte Bass

"Tell me and I forget, Teach me and I will learn, Involve me and I will remember."

-Benjamin Franklin

Greetings,

First, I would like to say that I am honored and excited to be your 2017-2018 Department Education Chairman.

As school began Units were busy collecting schools supplies and distributing to the schools in their area. Some Districts and Units sent me some of their activities that they did to support the "Give 10 to Education"

- District 6, Unit 80, St. Cloud, collected schools supplies and distributed them to SSVF (Supportive Services for Veterans Families) supplying 36 students with school supplies, they were also able to help members from Unit 80 with school supplies and uniforms, and are continuing to collect supplies for local schools. Unit 286, Pine Castle, collected school supplies and backpacks. They then had 15 Legion Family Members sort and stuff 119 backpacks for a Back to School Party for students in VPK all the way through high school. At the party, they served food and played games with the families attending. Junior Members Jasmine and Analyssa and SAL member Jake helped run the games

- District 16, Unit 275, Dunedin, developed a partnership with Walmart Store#2801 in Clearwater, thanks to one of their unit members Kim Oubre who is an associate there. She is also the Unit's Education Chairman. Kim works closely with her Managers and

Claims Associates and is always willing to accept donations that will be utilized

by the Legion Family. They were able to collect two truckloads of school supply donations, everything from binders to rulers including almost 600 pencil boxes. The distribute school supplies to 3 elementary schools in Dunedin and 1 school in another district. They may be able to assist victims of Hurricane Irma if needed. District 16 also teamed up with The Pinellas County Council PTA and set up a Legion Family booth at their PTA Leadership Workshop, a mandatory workshop held for all K-12 School Principals and staff. There were over 200 vendors at the workshop. All four entities of the Legion Family helped with this event. Way to go District 16!! We may want to continue to collect school supplies to help replenish schools with supplies that were lost during Hurricane Irma. I know that there are schools out there that have already mentioned the need.

Our next major event for Education is American Education Week, November 13-17th, 2017. This is a time when we honor the individuals who are making schools great for every child. This week is not only dedicated to teachers but also the office staff, custodial staff, principals, bus drivers and school board. I have listed below just a couple of ideas, but for additional ideas you

can go to the National Website alaforveterans.org and NEA.org (American Education Week Activities Tool Kit.)

- Gift Basket of goodies (candy, cookies, any baked goods) for all

personnel at the school, along with thank you cards)

- Have your Juniors make thank you cards for bus drivers and give them to the bus driver when they get on the bus. Juniors can also make thank you cards for teachers and other support staff.

- Provide a breakfast for the staff and teachers (doughnuts are always welcome.)

- Take muffins/doughnuts/other baked goods to the local School Board. Don't forget to promote our Scholarships. Please check for the deadlines on alafl.org and alaforveterans.org Mid-year reports are due soon.

- Unit Reports—to District Chairman: November 15, 2017.

- District Mid-Year Reports Due to Department Chairman: December 1, 2017

When sending in your reports please send in a narrative along with pictures of your activities.

Thank you for all that you do,
Charlotte Bass
Department Education Chairman

FAQ about the Membership Credit Process

Please “square up” your account at the end of each month based on this report. Due to new rules from National, we may be unable to correct any error that is not discovered and reported within 90 days of original transaction.

Why is our Unit not getting checks anymore for our online renewals?

As of 2017, Department will no longer be sending a check when your unit member pays online. Instead, you will see the credit on your newly re-formatted membership credit report (previously called over/short report). The transaction's entry line will read “Online Renw” or “OR” (with a date) and the memo line will have the member's full name and membership number.

See Example Below:

General Journal	01/09/2017	Online Renw	Unit XYZ – Somewhere in FL	30012345678 Mary-
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Do I have to wait on the membership credit report to issue the member's cards/use the credit?

No. If you have ALAMIS access, you can go to the Unit section of the page (along the top next to Task Center)-Unit reports- Unit Dues Paid Online- and use that as proof of payment to issue your membership card to your member. You can also print and send that form in to Department and write “Online Renewal Credit” on it, if you want to use the credit before we have issued it to your Unit in the membership credit report. Your credit will be your unit's portion of dues. You can also accept the member's receipt as proof of payment and send a copy of the receipt to Department if you wish to use the credit immediately.

How do I use my online renewal credits?

At the end of the report, there is a “Net Income” line, a positive number reflects your total credits. You may use that credit on membership transmittal(s) to Department. On the “Membership Recap Sheet” report you send us, there is a line that says “Credit Used”, simply write the amount of the credit that you are using to pay for that transmittal and write the letters “MCR” for “Membership Credit Report” next to it. If the credit you have is less than what you owe for that transmittal, simply subtract the amount of credit from what you owe and send a check for the difference.

What are the “Over/Shorts” part of the credit report? How do I know why this was credit was issued?

Department sends a “membership memo” with detailed information each time there is an actual overage or shortage on your membership account. If you use a number system when you submit your transmittal, and one was available when we processed your membership, we will reference that number in the memo line of the report. Over/shorts from a transmittal will have a “T” for transmittal with a # next to it. Reference your transmittal for those items. If you do not use transmittal numbers or one is not listed, our “Recap” number should be listed. This is a 3 digit number followed by the year. For example, 123-2018. If you have a question about a particular line item that has our “Recap” number, simply email membership@alafl.org with the Recap number with your inquiry and we will research your issue using this information.

How do I read my membership credit report?

This report is from our accounting software. The line items within the report are shown within an expense account which means that a negative number is a CREDIT/OVERAGE and a positive number is a SHORTAGE to Department. The FINAL totaled line showing your grand total of all line items is labeled “Net Income” and is shown within an income account, so the number shown there is positive if a credit and a negative if a balance is owed to Dept.

Why do I have transactions on my report when I have not received a membership memo?

When you send in one check for multiple transmittals, you will end up with more overages and shortages because we can only process the check with one transmittal. The net total will balance out to zero so you do not receive a memo, but the transmittals will be listed separately and show as over/shorts within the report.

For example, you send one check for Transmittals 1, 2 and 3 and the check total is \$115.50 for 7 members.

Transmittal 1 has 5 members. This transmittal will show an overage of \$33.00

Transmittal 2 and 3 have 1 member each. These transmittals will show as a shortage of \$16.50 each.

The net total will balance out to zero. T1 \$33.00 over - T2 -\$16.50 short - T3 -\$16.50 short= \$0

NOTE: THIS IS WHY THE NEW ONE CHECK PER TRANSMITTAL POLICY IS IN PLACE

What if we have a membership credit balance at the end of the fiscal year?

When we close our membership books for the fiscal year, (our FY is July 1- June 30) we will send you a check if you have an outstanding credit, or an invoice if you have an outstanding balance to close out the account for the fiscal year.

Can I receive my membership credit report quicker via email instead of “snail mail”?

Absolutely! You will be among the first to receive your report as emailed reports go out first!! If your preference is to receive this report via email, please send an email from the email address you wish to receive your report at, to bookkeeper@alafl.org and write “Email my Membership Credit Report” in the subject line. Please include your name and Unit # in the email!

**FROM
THE
UNITS**



Unit 217 of Quincy serving donuts and coffee at the new Tallahassee VA Outpatient Clinic every Tuesday.
Pleasant Fisher, the VA Clinic Deputy; Lillie Powell; Muriel Kweyama, District 2 President; and Mary Kenon.

LEGISLATIVE

DEE BELL

In Cincinnati, during the 2016 National Convention, The American Legion passed Resolution 11. Resolving that The American Legion urge the Drug Enforcement Agency to license medical marijuana production in the U.S. to enable cannabis research for PTSD and TBI.

IT HAPPENED IN RENO!!!

Dr. Sue Sisley, working in collaboration with the National Institute of Health and National Institute on Drug Abuse is conducting a study at the Scottsdale Research Institute in Phoenix, Arizona. She asked for the Legion's support for her research during the 2017 American Legion National Convention in Reno. Supporting this study falls within the scope of the (Legion's Resolution 11) passed a year ago.

The research being conducted by the Scottsdale Institute is the first cannabis study of its' kind in the U.S. This could produce evidence that will enhance, improve and save lives of veterans suffering with post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain-injury, along with other diseases and disorders.

The American Legion Family continues to urge our federal government to support and enable research to confirm the medicinal value of cannabis. As the largest veteran based service organization in the world, it is our duty to advocate improving the health of our veterans, specifically service-disabled.

On September 20, 2017, The American Legion National Commander Denise Rohan sent a letter to the Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary, David Shulkin urging him and the department to support the vital FDA Marijuana/PTSD research study at the Scottsdale Research Institute. Contact your Senators and House of Representatives to support cannabis research for PTSD and TBI sufferers.



Historian

Eleanor Amato

We are well into this year and once again, I need your help. If you are the historian for your District or Unit, please let me know what is happening? This year's history will be about the Department of Florida and what we all do for our Veterans, Children and Community. I cannot do this alone so I'm asking for your help. Please let me know who you are. Send me an email @ amatoellie@aol.com with history in the subject line. I am looking for big events that I just may be able to attend. It does not have to be a fundraiser. For example, parade, wreath's across America, Christmas party, you know what you do and I would like to publish it. If you do not let me know you won't see it in our history. Thanks so much for what you do and let's brag about it.

Remember: "I am here for you!"

For God & Country

Eleanor Amato

Department Historian



From The Units



Pinellas County Leadership Workshop



**Visit Your Local Tag Office
and get yours today!**

Proceeds benefit Veterans and their families
in the State of Florida.

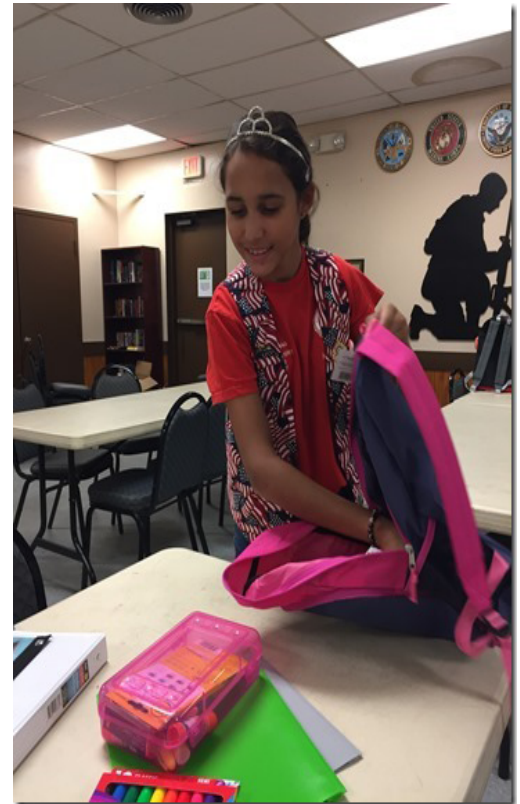
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Unit 286 Juniors passing out backpacks

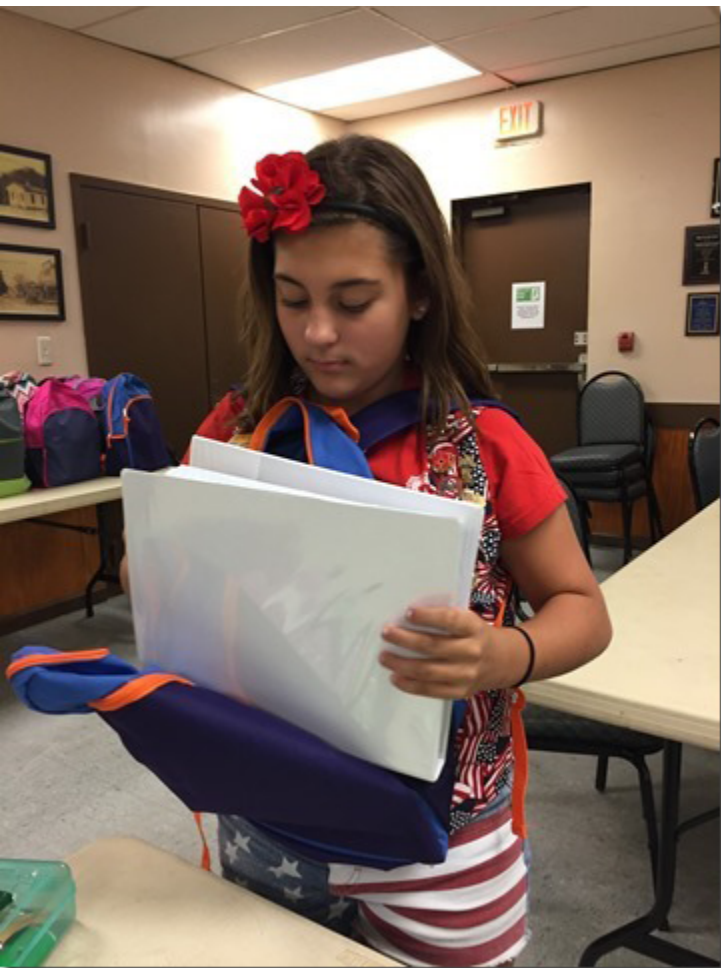
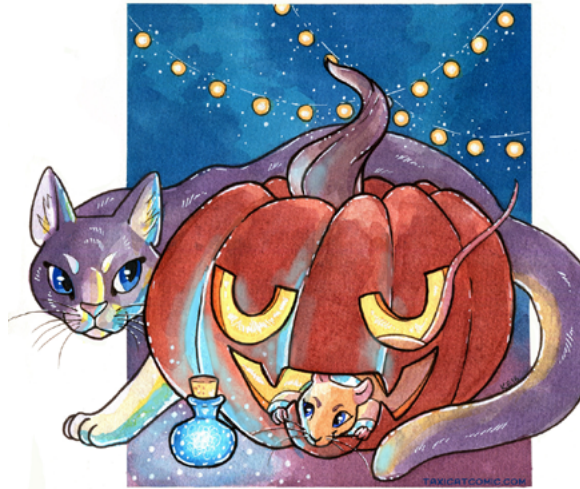


Unit 286 Filling backpacks

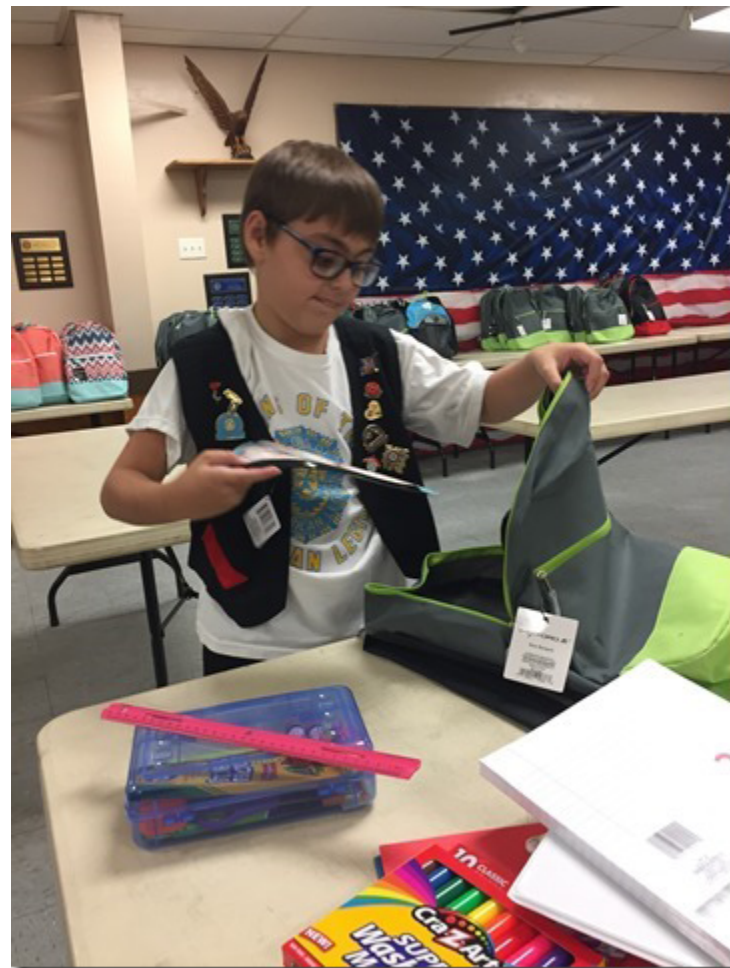


**Little Miss Poppy
Analyssa Shellhammer
filling bookbags**

From The Units



**Little Missy Poppy
Jasmine Harris
Filling Backpacks**



**Sons of the American Legion
Jake Harris
Filling Backpacks**



Unit 286 Pinecastle Backpack party



President's Coloring Page

orientaltrading.com/freefun





Happy Halloween!!! Hope EVERYONE is OK after that dreadful Irma unleashed her wrath on our State. The witch thought she could use her magic brew to blow us all away but we hung in there. Prayer is a powerful thing.

I see that we are now starting to get our Friday reports, Thanks to Patty and our office crew who weathered the storm, did without power, but kept on doing their best to help our members out.

I also see that Irma did not stop our units from sending in membership. 372 units have sent in their first renewals as of Sept. 15th, making sure they are awarded the Yellow $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon full of sugar pin. FANTASTIC JOB!!!! I do not, at this time have a count of how many have achieved the 2nd Award of the $\frac{1}{3}$ rd teaspoon full of sugar award. We still need the rest of you to get those renewals, rejoins, and, now, new membership transmittals in to department by Oct. 20th so that they can be processed and to National before October 31st. WE DO NOT WANT ANY GOOSE EGGS IN FLORIDA!!!! The District Presidents are working hard to make this happen, please work with them.

Remember, Membership is EVERYONE's Job. We have many membership benefits that you can share with perspective candidates. Brochures and flyers are available on line at alaforveterans.org to print and use. If you need help locating anything, please let me know. I will be happy to help.

Now that this Witch, Irma has left us, we need to regroup and help our sisters out that suffered losses during these trying times, focusing our efforts on what we can do and not what we can't, keep everyone in our prayers and promote the greatest Women's Organization in the world. Don't forget to invite our department officers & chairmen, district officers & chairmen, as well as your legion family to participate in all events. We are a family and that is what makes us special.

I am sorry but I put the wrong date in last month's Kaleidoscope for the first renewal notice being sent out from National. The first renewal notices were sent out September 15th.



File your 990-N, 990 EZ or 990 on or before November 15

If you have \$50,000 or less in gross receipts (most Units fall under this category), you have until November 15 to file your 990-N for the fiscal year July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017 (tax filing year 2016) providing you are compliant with National and Department by operating with a fiscal year of July 1 – June 30. If it is not your fiscal year, we strongly urge you to correct it.

Note when registering or filing: Text fields cannot exceed 35 characters and must contain only numeric, alpha or hyphen characters unless noted otherwise. Periods, slashes, etc. will cause registration or filing errors. Browser issues: If you have multiple browsers open when registering or filing, errors may occur. Using Google has created problems for Units in the past so please select a different browser.

If you are filing a Form 990-N for the first time as a new treasurer and the account has already been set up, proceed with the following;

1. Go to <https://sa.www4.irs.gov/epostcardsecure/home/>
2. On the right side of the window, select "Manage Form 990-N Submission" to create a new Form 990-N electronic filing submission.
3. From the drop down window, select "Exempt Organization" in the "User type" field. Click "Continue"
4. Enter the 9 digit EIN, Taxpayer Identification #, for your Unit and then click "Add EIN". To continue, select "Create New Filing"
5. Select the EIN you wish to file for from the drop down menu. Once you have selected the EIN (it should be your Unit's EIN), select "Continue".
6. Complete the "Organization Details" page.
 - a. Insert the fiscal year ending 6/30 in the first field (if your Unit is compliant with National and Department by having a fiscal year of 7/1-6/30. If not, you will need to correct it).
 - b. Enter Yes or No in the field asking if your organization has terminated or gone out of business.
 - c. Answer Yes to "Are your gross receipts normally \$50,000 or less". If your gross receipts are more than \$50,000, you will not be able to file the 990-N form.
 - d. When you have completed each line, select "Continue".
7. Complete the "Contact Information" page. **Be sure to enter American Legion Auxiliary in the field "Organization's legal name". Also be sure to enter the rest of your Unit's legal name in the "DBA Name" field.** When you have completed each line, select one of the following:
 - a. **Save Filing:** Select if you are missing any requested information. This will allow you to return to complete it later.
 - b. **Submit Filing:** Select when you are sure all required information has been input.
8. The filing "Confirmation" will display the filing status as "Pending." Click on the word "Print" in the bottom paragraph to print a copy for your records. **Once you leave the page, you won't be able to print this filing.**
9. Remember, if you miss filing by November 15 for a specific year, you will not be able to go back and file for that year. If 3 years are not filed consecutively, you will lose your tax-exempt status.
10. On the "Manage Form 990-N Submissions" page, your submission will show the status as "Pending".
 - a. After 7 minutes, refresh the page (F5 key for Windows; Command-R for Mac) and the "Get updated Status" button will be visible.
 - b. Select "Get Update Status" to see if your submission was accepted or rejected.
 - c. If your submission was rejected, select the **submission ID** hyperlink for additional details.

To file Form 990-N for the first time

1. Go to
<https://sa.www4.irs.gov/epostcardsecure/home/>
2. Click "Get Started"
3. Fill in your first and last name and e-mail address
4. Click "Send E-mail Confirmation Code"
5. Check your email for the "Code"
6. Enter the Code and click continue
7. Be sure to write down the information you enter so it can be passed on to the next treasurer. You will need to provide the following information.
 - a. User name: (Suggestion only)
TreasurerUnit (insert your Unit #)
No spaces allowed.
 - b. Password: _____ (Only letters, numbers, ! or #)
 - c. Phrase: _____ (I used "For God & Country")
 - d. Site image. Select one and make a note of it for future use.
 - e. Select 4 security questions and provide the answers. I would recommend not using or answering with personal information but rather Unit related information.

You will then select the button to enter your 9 digit EIN (same as TIN) and will be able to file your 990-N return.

When you are filing the E-Postcard, you will see the name American Legion Auxiliary. Be sure to enter the name of your Unit on the second line (doing business as).

Example: American Legion Auxiliary and in DBA field "Titusville Unit 1, Inc."

If you have difficulty with your information being retained, try using a different browser. Google does not seem to work.

Alternatively, you can file a **990-EZ** if you have gross receipts less than \$200,000 and total assets of less than \$500,000. However, if you elect to file a 990-EZ, you will have to maintain complete records of member and non-member income. "All organizations filing Form 990-EZ must complete Parts 1 through V and any required schedule." You can file electronically.

Note: If you host bingo games and have gross revenue (amounts collected before payouts) over \$15,000, you will need to complete a Schedule G also.

Most Units will not be required to file a 990. However, if you meet the requirements of either gross receipts greater than or equal to \$200,000 or total assets greater than or equal to \$500,000 at end of tax year, I strongly advise having a CPA prepare it for you as it is significantly more complex.

Remember to send a copy of your filing to the ALA Dept. of FL for our records.

Instructions on how to correct your fiscal year can be found at www.alafl.org > Programs > Finance > Compliance, State Taxes, 990s

If you experience any difficulties, do not hesitate to contact me at finance@alafl.org.

-Cathie McMullin
Finance Chairman



Way to Go Department of FL at National Convention in Reno, Nevada!! The delegates attended their assigned Program Pre-Convention meetings and reported on the activities, awards and upcoming changes. We all attended the Constitution and Bylaws meeting with discussion on our Dues and fiduciary responsibilities of our Organization. Several participated in the Parade on Sunday through the streets of Reno past many famous Casinos, others cheered us on along the way enduring the heat, although not as hot as Florida...

Monday was Opening Session and President Mary Davis shared her nephew as Key-note Speaker about the "Why you are a Member". We enjoyed our FL Party at the National Automobile Museum in Reno – what an experience to stroll through the multiple 'warehouse-sized' rooms viewing cars from long ago imagining the lifestyles of the day as well as those previously owned by James Dean, Frank Sinatra, John F. Kennedy, Elvis Presley, John Wayne and Lana Turner to name a few.

Tuesday continued general session program reports and break-out sessions. I attended the ALA Foundation session with Past National President Linda Boone presiding. I learned about the (3) types of Grants (never-ending loans) that are available and the process to apply. They have guidelines to follow, but I believe this is an avenue we can pursue for our Units and Veterans.

Wednesday we wrapped early in order to attend the "joint" session with President Trump addressing the American Legion. We also witnessed 'history in the making' with the signing of the Bill for Veterans Timely Appeals. Wow! What an overwhelming feeling of "Proud to be an American"!! That afternoon, we attended the Installation of National Officers, where yours truly pledged to do my best as your Department President. We watched the Ceremony of Colors Presentation to Past National President Mary Davis and the presentation of Ribbon and Pin to National President Diane Duschek, a retired Science Teacher from the Department of Wisconsin. Despite some travel delays and 'Plan Bs' around Hurricane Harvey in Texas, everyone returned home safe and sound. Please ask us to share our stories as we also took 'side-trips' sightseeing around the area.

-Treva "TK" Wildrick
Department President





National Convention

Greetings from Erna Schwabe

What a great National Convention with so much history! What an honor to witness the signing of the GI Bill by President Donald Trump at the podium of the 99th National Convention. It was the first time a Veterans Service Organization had a bill signed on the floor and it was exciting that happened to our great AL Family. It was also exciting to witness the installation of our friend Denise Rohan as the first Female National Commander of the American Legion. Congratulations to our friend Dianne Duschek for being elected as the National President of the ALA. Our ALA meetings were informative and well attended and our delegation seemed to enjoy what they were hearing. I had a great meeting with the 100th Anniversary Committee in which I am a part of. We are looking forward to our 100th year so if any of you have any ideas please let me know so we can present it at our next meeting!

The 2017 National Convention, held in Reno, Nevada, on August 18 – 24th, was well planned by the 2017 National President, Officers, committee, and staff. Kudos also goes to our Department President, Kelli Bancroft, for her leadership, especially during our caucus prior to voting on amendment changes. Kelli asked for questions from our delegates and it was suggested that we judge our vote on what would be in the best interests of our Florida members, who elected us. I, as a delegate, felt that the amendment that passed, to raise a one-time National increase in dues of \$3 per senior and \$1.25 for juniors, was good, and needed. The defeat of the amendment for the NEC to have the authority to add incremental increases to dues represented the voice of our national members.

The 2018 newly-elected National President, Diane Duscheck, planted seeds in my mind. On my return to Florida, I have accepted her challenge and will plant seeds to grow into trees to support the missions we serve for our veterans, troops, children, and community.

Julia Flint Griffith
Delegate from Department of Florida

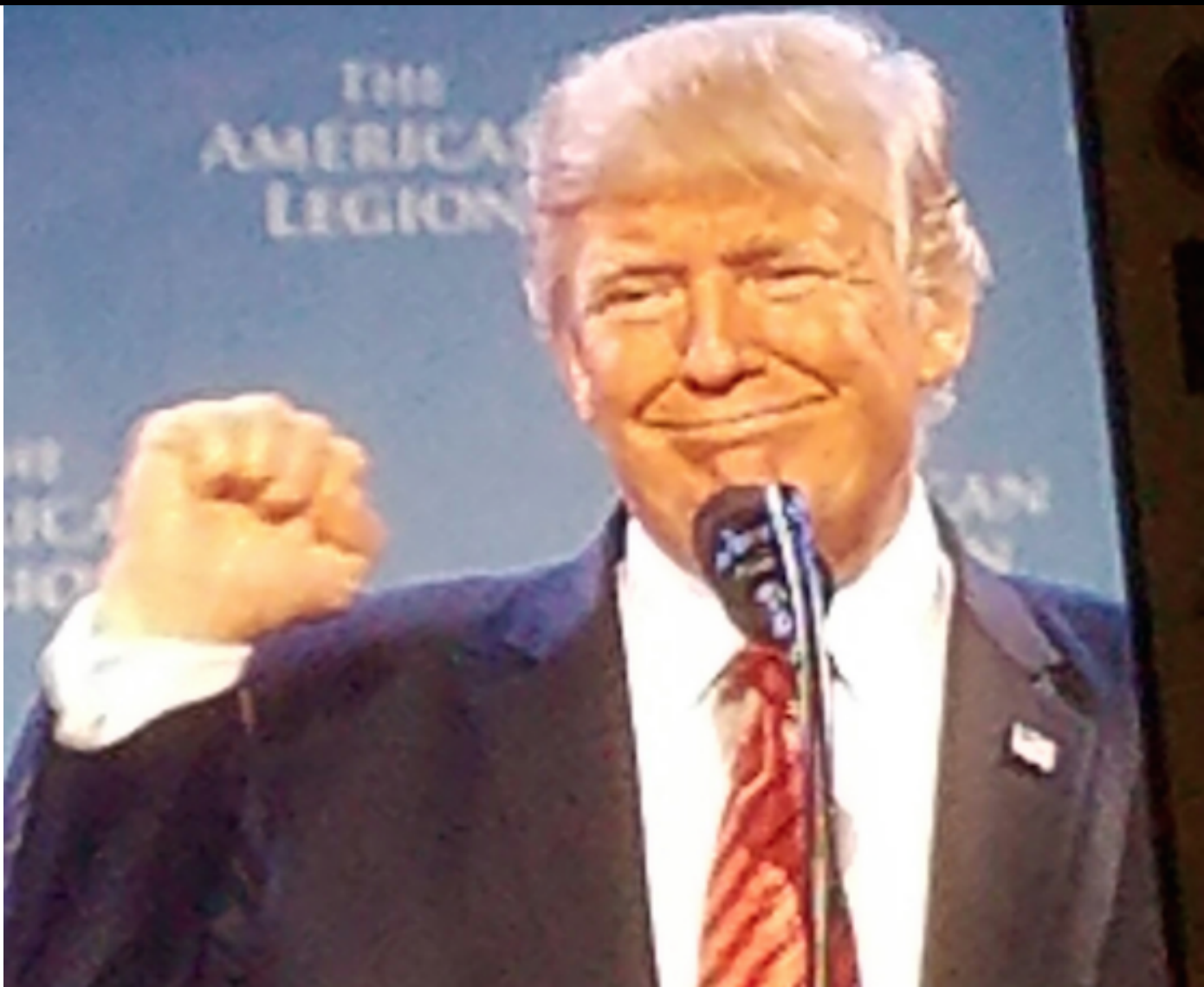


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I was a Page at the convention and Florida was at the front of the room, we had a great view of the guests, and it was my pleasure to escort Keli to the waiting room to receive our award, The Garlin Murphy trophy. We also had a luncheon get together with then president Keli, just we girls at a local restaurant. What fun, chatting, catching up with friends. Florida party was at a car museum good food, and fun. The people of Reno were very hospitable, we even won a few dollars. I even learned more than I knew before.

-Edie Porter



Membership Report

District 1

UNIT	CITY	OBJECTIVE	JUNIOR	SENIOR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0075	Crestview	148	0	20	20	13.51%
0078	Milton	24	0	7	7	29.17%
0193	Pensacola	97	1	19	20	20.62%
0221	Niceville	94	0	23	23	24.47%
0235	Ft Walton	184	1	42	43	23.37%
0240	Pensacola	253	0	37	37	14.62%
0296	Destin	34	0	2	2	5.88%
0340	Pensacola	294	0	48	48	16.33%
0356	Lynn Haven	187	1	31	32	17.11%
0375	Southport	60	0	1	1	1.67%

District 2

UNIT	CITY	OBJECTIVE	JUNIOR	SENIOR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0013	Tallahassee	98	0	17	17	17.35%
0082	Lanark	91	0	15	15	16.48%
0084	Havana	30	4	5	9	30.00%
0100	Marianna	55	1	10	11	20.00%
0217	Quincy	54	2	14	16	29.63%
0241	Sneads	55	20	14	34	61.82%
	Total	383	27	75	102	26.63%

District 3

UNIT	CITY	OJECTIVE	JUNIOR	SENIOR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0049	Monticello	14	0	5	5	35.71%
0057	Lake City	233	0	37	37	15.88%
0107	Live Oak	54	0	3	3	5.56%
0131	Greenville	32	0	0	0	0.00%
0215	Jasper	42	0	0	0	0.00%
0224	Madison	32	0	6	6	18.75%
0291	Steinhatchee	142	2	20	22	15.49%
0383	Old Town	164	0	24	24	14.63%
Total	713	2	95	97	13.60%	

District 4

UNIT	CITY	OBJECTIVE	JUNIOR	SENIOR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0016	Gainesville	80	0	14	14	17.50%
0027	Ocala	39	0	0	0	0.00%
0058	Dunnellon	46	0	5	5	10.87%
0077	Inverness	24	1	25	26	108.33%
0149	Newberry	20	0	3	3	15.00%
0155	Crystal River	288	1	46	47	16.32%
0166	Homosassa	29	1	11	12	41.38%
0210	Ocala	13	0	0	0	0.00%
0230	Hawthorne	58	0	5	5	8.62%
0236	Bronson	52	0	13	13	25.00%
0237	Beverly Hills	145	0	28	28	19.31%
0284	Bellevue	95	0	24	24	25.26%
0314	Starke		12	0	0	0
	Total		901	3	174	177

District 5

UNIT	CITY	OBJECTIVE	JUNIOR	SENIOR	TOTAL	PERCENTAG
0009	Jacksonville	30	0	14	14	46.67%
0037	Saint Augustine	72	2	19	21	29.17%
0054	Fernandina Beach	179	5	53	58	32.40%
0088	Jacksonville	108	2	20	22	20.37%
0129	Jacksonville Beach	333	3	56	59	17.72%
0137	Jacksonville	570	6	56	62	10.88%
0194	St Augustine	74	3	23	26	35.14%
0197	Jacksonville	73	0	5	5	6.85%
0202	Keystone Heights	78	1	6	7	8.97%
0233	Ponte Vedra Beach	216	34	22	56	25.93%
0244	Jacksonville	40	0	12	12	30.00%
0250	Middleburg	380	39	78	117	30.79%
0283	Jacksonville	416	6	68	74	17.79%
0316	Atlantic Beach	372	12	64	76	20.43%
0372	Mandarin	11	0	0	0	0.00%
0373	Orange Park	40	2	13	15	37.50%
0401	Hilliard	24	1	4	5	20.83%
	Total	3016	116	513	629	20.86%

DISTRICT 6

UNIT	CITY	OBJECTIVE	JUNIOR	SENIOR	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
0010	Kissimmee	202	0	24	24	11.88%
0019	Orlando	130	2	25	27	20.77%
0021	Umatilla	15	0	1	1	6.67%
0035	Mount Dora	91	0	5	5	5.49%
0041	Eustis	20	0	5	5	25.00%
0052	Leesburg	24	7	12	19	79.17%
0053	Sanford	93	0	6	6	6.45%
0055	Clermont	71	0	2	2	2.82%
0063	Winter Garden	25	0	1	1	4.00%
0080	Saint Cloud	296	0	63	63	21.28%
0101	Bushnell	125	0	16	16	12.80%
0109	Ocoee	12	0	1	1	8.33%
0112	Winter Park	22	3	12	15	68.18%
0183	Fern Park	181	12	28	40	22.10%
0219	Fruitland Park	207	0	33	33	15.94%
0242	Orlando	133	0	3	3	2.26%
0286	Orlando	231	4	24	28	12.12%
0330	Leesburg	76	0	3	3	3.95%
0331	Orlando	43	0	0	0	0.00%
0347	Lady Lake	1765	8	267	275	15.58%
0357	Clermont	23	2	4	6	26.09%
	Total		3785	38	535	573

DISTRICT 7

UNIT	CITY	OBJECTIVE	JUNIOR	SENIOR	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
0003	Bartow	85	0	0	0	0.00%
0004	Lakeland	71	0	8	8	11.27%
0008	Winter Haven	656	0	17	17	2.59%
0034	Haines City	74	0	2	2	2.70%
0071	Lake Wales	95	0	22	22	23.16%
0072	Mulberry	158	5	23	28	17.72%
0201	Florence Villa	38	5	22	27	71.05%
	Total	1177	10	94	104	8.84%

DISTRICT 8

UNIT	CITY	OBJECTIVE	JUNIOR	SENIOR	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
0011	Arcadia	41	0	0	0	0.00%
0024	Bradenton	364	18	40	58	15.93%
0025	Lake Placid	328	0	14	14	4.27%
0030	Sarasota	97	12	18	30	30.93%
0069	Avon Park	534	1	62	63	11.80%
0074	Sebring	47	0	1	1	2.13%
0113	Rotonda West	407	1	24	25	6.14%
0159	Venice	709	20	48	68	9.59%
0254	North Port	108	0	20	20	18.52%
0266	Fruitville	116	0	26	26	22.41%
0309	Palmetto	172	0	103	103	59.88%
0312	Oneco	240	0	0	9	3.75%
0325	Ellenton	129	0	9	9	6.98%
	Total	3292	52	374	426	12.94%

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DISTRICT 9

UNIT	CITY	OBJECTIVE	JUNIOR	SENIOR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0036	Ft Lauderdale	8	0	0	0	0.00%
0092	Hollywood	125	0	38	38	30.40%
0142	Pompano Beach	271	52	34	86	31.73%
0157	Margate	286	0	7	7	2.45%
0162	Deerfield Beach	237	29	44	73	30.80%
0180	Fort Lauderdale	116	5	41	46	39.66%
0209	Dania Beach	11	0	9	9	81.82%
0220	Ft Lauderdale	30	0	0	0	0.00%
0222	Fort Lauderdale	77	0	13	13	16.88%
0287	Deerfield Beach	15	0	0	0	0.00%
0304	Dania	128	0	2	2	1.56%
0310	Hallandale	39	0	17	17	43.59%
0321	Cooper City	132	1	19	20	15.15%
0365	Sunrise	15	0	1	1	6.67%

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DISTRICT 11

UNIT	CITY	OBJECTIVE	JUNIOR	SENIOR	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
0020	Belle Glade	65	0	0	0	0.00%
0047	Lake Worth	124	2	20	22	17.74%
0062	Stuart	178	0	84	84	47.19%
0064	Okeechobee	115	0	5	5	4.35%
0065	Delray Beach	57	3	22	25	43.86%
0141	West Palm Beach	81	1	20	21	25.93%
0164	Boynton Beach	138	0	6	6	4.35%
0188	Delray	15	0	0	0	0.00%
0199	W Palm Beach	50	0	1	1	2.00%
0268	Riviera Beach	80	0	2	2	2.50%
0271	Tequesta	200	1	48	49	24.50%
0277	Boca Raton	100	0	23	23	23.00%
0288	Boynton Beach	53	0	0	0	0.00%
0367	Royal Palm Beach	42	0	1	1	2.38%
0399	Palm City	18	0	0	0	0.00%
	Total	1316	7	232	239	18.16%

DISTRICT 12

UNIT	CITY	OBJECTIVE	JUNIOR	SENIOR	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
0001	Titusville	314	6	74	80	25.48%
0022	Cocoa	89	0	9	9	10.11%
0039	Vero Beach	167	0	10	10	5.99%
0040	Fort Pierce	163	0	6	6	3.68%
0081	Melbourne	128	1	11	12	9.38%
0117	Palm Bay	468	1	65	66	14.10%
0126	Jensen Beach	228	0	27	27	11.84%
0163	Melbourne	309	6	95	101	32.69%
0171	Fort Pierce	0	0	1	1	#DIV/0!
0189	Sebastian	121	0	17	17	14.05%
0191	Melbourne	109	0	14	14	12.84%
0200	Satellite Beach	128	0	10	10	7.81%
0318	Port St Lucie	701	0	42	42	5.99%
0348	Cape Canaveral	198	0	49	49	24.75%
0358	White City	40	0	6	6	15.00%
0359	Port St John	259	17	46	63	24.32%
0366	Barefoot Bay	73	0	0	0	0.00%
0394	Palm Bay	94	4	11	15	15.96%
0410	Viera	27	0	0	0	0.00%
	Total	3616	35	493	528	14.60

DISTRICT 13

UNIT	CITY	OBJECTIVE	JUNIOR	SENIOR	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
0038	Fort Myers	63	1	18	19	30.16%
0090	Cape Coral	204	0	19	19	9.31%
0103	Punta Gorda	394	0	60	60	15.23%
0110	Port Charlotte	589	1	60	61	10.36%
0123	Sanibel	82	0	9	9	10.98%
0130	Labelle	150	0	12	12	8.00%
0135	Naples	372	0	35	35	9.41%
0136	Saint James City	488	0	36	36	7.38%
0192	Fort Myers	22	2	9	11	50.00%
0274	Fort Myers Beach	633	0	45	45	7.11%
0299	Moore Haven	19	0	1	1	5.26%
0303	Bonita Springs	424	1	75	76	17.92%
0323	Lehigh Acres	486	15	97	112	23.05%
0336	N Ft Myers	361	1	58	59	16.34%
0351	Fort Myers	93	1	13	14	15.05%
	Total	4380	22	547	569	12.99%

DISTRICT 14

UNIT	CITY	OBJECTIVE	JUNIOR	SENIOR	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
0028	Key West	68	0	6	6	8.82%
0031	South Miami	167	1	57	58	34.73%
0043	Homestead	63	0	2	2	3.17%
0067	North Miami	48	2	16	18	37.50%
0098	Coral Gables	22	0	5	5	22.73%
0133	Miami	60	4	10	14	23.33%
0154	Marathon	180	0	18	18	10.00%
0168	Key West	3	0	0	0	0.00%
0333	Key Largo	79	0	7	7	8.86%
0346	Miami	4	0	1	1	25.00%
0374	Key Biscayne	60	0	21	21	35.00%
	Total	754	7	143	150	19.89%

DISTRICT 15

UNIT	CITY	OBJECTIVE	JUNIOR	SENIOR	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
0005	Tampa	45	0	0	0	0.00%
0026	Plant City	36	0	0	0	0.00%
0111	Tampa	44	1	16	17	38.64%
0138	Tampa	363	4	89	93	25.62%
0139	Tampa	135	0	28	28	20.74%
0147	Odessa	25	0	5	5	20.00%
0148	Riverview	194	0	6	6	3.09%
0152	Tampa	285	1	45	46	16.14%
0167	Tampa	31	0	0	0	0.00%
0186	Brooksville	371	0	12	12	3.23%
0246	Sun City Cen- ter42	0	0	0	0.00%	
0248	West Tampa	27	0	1	1	3.70%
0334	Tampa	29	0	20	20	68.97%
0389	Ruskin	18	1	2	3	16.67%
	Total	1645	7	224	231	14.04%

DISTRICT 16

UNIT	CITY	OBJECTIVE	JUNIOR	SENIOR	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
0007	Clearwater	353	3	31	34	9.63%
0014	St Petersburg	145	0	3	3	2.07%
0079	New Port Richey	433	7	22	29	6.70%
0104	Pinellas Park	247	3	41	44	17.81%
0119	Largo	371	2	166	168	45.28%
0125	St Petersburg	362	4	51	55	15.19%
0158	Treasure Island	242	0	30	30	12.40%
0173	Holiday	262	4	23	27	10.31%
0238	Safety Harbor	281	8	60	68	24.20%
0252	Seminole	941	4	50	154	16.37%
0273	Madeira Beach	2790	0	191	191	6.85%
0275	Dunedin	582	1	63	64	11.00%
0305	St Pete Beach	107	0	6	6	5.61%
0335	Hudson	241	5	26	31	12.86%
	Total	7357	41	863	904	12.29%

DISTRICT 17

UNIT	CITY	OBJECTIVE	JUNIOR	SENIOR	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
0006	Deland	141	0	8	8	5.67%
0017	New Smyrna	246	0	33	33	13.41%
0045	Palatka	40	0	7	7	17.50%
0115	Palm Coast	40	0	5	5	12.50%
0120	HollyHill	249	1	66	67	26.9
0127	Lake Helen	26	1	5	6	23.08%
0204	Daytona Beach	25	0	0	0	0.00%
0255	Deltona	31	0	0	0	0.00%
0259	Debary	29	0	1	1	3.45%
0267	Ormond Beach	164	3	83	86	52.44%
0270	Port Orange	171	0	1	1	0.58%
0285	Edgewater	145	2	18	20	13.79%
0293	Interlachen	41	0	1	1	2.44%
0361	S Daytona	153	10	16	26	16.9%
	Total	1501	17	244	261	17.3%



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