



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

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# PASSIONATE POSTS

**NOVEMBER 2025**



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# FROM THE PRESIDENT



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## **November is Veterans month!**

Greetings! This month presents us many opportunities to remember the Veterans who have served our country and protected us. Young and old, they are our heroes! Please choose a place to be on Veterans Day where you can honor these patriots, some who paid the ultimate price in protecting us and the United States of America!

## **Travelogue:**

I closed out September by visiting District #1 in the Panhandle. I had not been to this area to visit Units before, so it was a new experience for me. Penny Kanbara, our Leadership Chairperson accompanied me on this visit. On our way to District #1, we spent the first night at Lake City #57. There, we meet with Unit Membership chairperson, Donna Sessa, who happens to be a bartender in the canteen. We had a wonderful conversation about a membership issue. Penny and I began working the phones to confirm

the answer for Donna! Working together solves issues!

Karen Azzaro led us on a visit to Clifford Chester Sims State Veterans' Nursing Home. It is a beautiful place with lots of happy residents. I was able to speak with about 25 Veterans individually, including a female veteran of the Coast Guard who is 105 years old!

From there, we landed at the beach in Navarre! District President Sam Touchton and Unit #382 hosted Penny and I for a wonderful rib-eye steak dinner! Karaoke was the order of the day and if you have not heard this before, our own Ms. Touchton performed a rendition of Landslide, by Stevie Nicks. I had no idea of Sam's talents! We attended a "Be the One #988" fundraiser. I had the opportunity to speak about caregivers, the unsung heroes who are on the front line to help our veterans, not only in suicide prevention, but every day! This is the fifth anniversary of the event held at the beach. There were booths, food, raffles, a motorcycle ride and 2-mile walk. I am so proud of our members who supported this event.

In October, I visited District 3! President Lisa Dye was my tour-guide. I quickly found that she is a VERY organized person! We packed in so many activities in just 3 days. Starting at Old Town Unit # 383, we made paper pumpkins which held snacks for the local ARC family of members. From there we met up with Steinhatchee Unit #291 and stuffed snack bags for the kids. On Saturday morning at Live Oak, we stuffed toiletries bags for residents of the local state nursing home and members delivered them. A SONS member put together a garden bench for the residents at the nursing home which he delivered for the Unit. It was wonderful to meet with the

residents, many of which shared their stories with us.

On Saturday afternoon, we arrived at Lake City #57 to also put together ditty bags for food-challenged members of the community. From there we visited the new Post #423 Lake City. They meet in a lovely fishing lodge and have set it up for meetings and activities. What a treat to sit outside on the patio while the sun was going down, around a fire pit!

One thing I learned on this visit is that there are plenty of fantastic cooks in the District!!!

Sunday morning was spent at McClenny Unit # 83, beginning with a wonderful breakfast. Then, we packed ditty bags for men and women. We finished up by painting rocks for "Be The One #988". Every rock is different but expresses our desire to help those in peril of committing suicide. Ted, a Post member and President of the Vietnam Veterans Association lead us on a tour of the city park just next door to the Post. It is an historic outdoor museum which holds much history of the McClenny area. If you are in the area and are a history buff, please go to the park. You will love it! I look forward to two more District visits before Thanksgiving! My best joy is being able to sit around the table and converse with the members, learning about their Units and celebrating the wonderful projects they complete which help our Veterans, their families and the community.

I am looking forward to seeing you at Fall Conference and hope you will join us at the President's and Commander's Dinner!

**Wishing everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving!**

*Robin Burk*



# FROM THE SECRETARY



**FALL**  
**CONFERENCE**  
**GIRLS STATE FUNDRAISER**

ONE BASKET NEEDED FROM EACH DISTRICT  
DRAWING: SATURDAY, NOV 22ND



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You may have heard – **we are sooo excited for the upcoming Fall Conference** and Just Can't Hide it.

Our break-outs are promising to be totally informational and the schedule for Saturday's session is jam-packed, with a very special guest. An updated schedule is posted at [alafl.org/fall-conference](http://alafl.org/fall-conference). We will also have 'the latest' schedule posted at the ALA Store. President Robin has requested the Fall Conference Dress Code to be FL Business Casual including ALA Branding, nice tops and bottoms. **PLEASE = NO shorts, cut-offs, or flip-flops.**

There will be Raffles at Fall Conference too! Each District is bringing a basket to Raffle for Girls State proceeds and Chairperson Gail will have a Lottery Board with chances for purchase. Our Juniors are also working on their Baskets of Passion for raffling to support President's Charity AEF – Disaster Relief.

Tickets are now available for the President's and Commander's

Banquet on Saturday night: "Dirty Dancing" – from the movie. Come dressed in your dancin' best or favorite 60's costume and enjoy 60's music and dancing. So, get your tickets early and enjoy a night of fun!

**NOTICE TO ALL DISTRICT PRESIDENTS:** You will not be giving a presentation at Fall Conference. Instead, you are **REQUIRED** to turn-in a written Mid-Year Update for your District's activities. Please turn these in to the Department Secretary by Friday, Nov 21, 2025 for your FC reimbursement.

Department President Robin's next District Visit dates are the 15th District Nov 13-16 and 14th District Dec 4-7. Please be courteous and RSVP accordingly to the hostesses of these District visits and take lots of photos to share!

Keep checking the ALA Calendar for upcoming ABC Schools in your area. You are welcome to attend any school – no matter new or seasoned member-status. Who knows what new aspect(s) of our

multiple programs you will learn! Remember, Be Kind and let the District President know how many guests you are bringing! I am looking forward to seeing you soon at the Caribe Royale! If not, I wish for you and your Families to have an especially blessed Thanksgiving holiday.

## WARNING

JUST A REMINDER TO BE  
VERY CAREFUL OF EMAIL  
PHISHING!!

THIS INCLUDES ANY  
REQUESTS FOR GIFT CARDS  
OR MONEY - THE ALA  
DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA  
WILL NEVER SEND EMAILS  
ASK FOR MONEY IN THIS  
MANNER.

BE MINDFUL AND REPORT  
THESE ATTEMPTS RIGHT AWAY.



# FROM THE CHAPLAIN



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Hello friends,  
I just returned from a family trip to Pennsylvania. It has been a long time since I was in my hometown, and it was such a joy to see the beginning of the fall colors. Fall is my favorite season. Visiting with my best friend from 2nd grade (long, long time ago) and family was a true blessing, and I am thankful to God for the opportunity to run away from home! Years ago, a group of us would post things that we were thankful for each day in November. It was so much fun to read about what friends and family shared. As we approach Thanksgiving, I believe it is a time of reflection on our lives and exactly what we are thankful for. I hope you take the time to think about your blessings that God has given you and your family.  
I wrote out the word Thanksgiving and came up with words from each letter. Maybe this is something you can do with your unit/district Facebook pages. Perhaps a fun post that all can participate in. There are 12 letters in the word  
**T H A N K S G I V I N G.**

Think about doing the 12 days of Thankfulness.

Here is what I came up with:

**T** – Thankfulness - for our lives, our faith, family and freedom.

**H** – Heaven - Our final resting place being with our loved ones as well as our Dear Lord.

**A** – Adam and Eve - Without God, there would be no creation of man and woman!

**N** – Natural (just be you!)

**K** – Kindness, of course.

**S** – Sundays, Smiles, Songs, Singing. The Bible says lots about music, dance and fellowship!

**G** – Grace – This is an undeserved and free gift from God.

**I** – Intuition – Trusting your judgment in a situation has been placed in your mind by Him.

**V** – Veterans and Volunteers – Volunteers are not paid because they are priceless.

**I** – Intelligence - He has given us special gifts. Using what He gives us brings closer to Him.

**N** – Neighborly – Neighbors, strangers, family, show your best self with still being you. Share a smile, a hug, a phone call (BE THAT ONE!).

**G** – Goodness of God and all his blessings!

As we proceed into November, we have Fall Conference coming up from the 21 through 23rd. I hope to see many of you there. If you would like to share ideas and suggestions, I would love that.

Let's all remember that being Chaplains, we give spiritual guidance, but we also share God's grace. As we move forward in this season of change, let's continue to Be the One who will take time to reach out in ministry and love. Sharing our passion with others and allowing them to share a little piece of their lives with us is truly a gift from God! We are blessed to be an amazing organization full of service for our military families and more. As I close

this message, I'd like you all to take a moment to reflect on what you are thankful for. Praying God fills your life with wonderful blessings!

Please remember that the cutoff date for me to receive deceased member forms is the 14th of each month. If you would rather email, text or call me, that would be great. I want to post this information in a timely manner. Please keep the families of the following members in your prayers. This is the most recent list of members I have received. May they all rest in peace through the pearly gates of Heaven.

| Name                  | District | Unit |
|-----------------------|----------|------|
| Laurette Nye          | 1        | 340  |
| Delores Gaden         | 2        | 13   |
| Susan O'Brien         | 6        | 347  |
| Juliette Smith        | 6        | 19   |
| Sandra D Alicea       | 6        | 35   |
| Patricia Steel        | 6        | 347  |
| Joyce Cirigliano      | 12       | 81   |
| Mary Dece Berry       | 13       | 110  |
| Sharen Fillinger      | 13       | 274  |
| Shirley Welty         | 13       | 110  |
| Mary Stottlemeyer     | 13       | 110  |
| Betty Rock            | 13       | 110  |
| Cellesteen Teague     | 13       | 110  |
| Phyllis Beneski       | 15       | 148  |
| Phyllis Crippen       | 15       | 148  |
| Debbie Zurinski-Jones | 15       | 148  |
| Janice Williams       | 16       | 273  |
| Karen Pyburn          | 16       | 119  |
| Donna Kelly           | 16       | 104  |
| Carol Price           | 16       | 158  |
| Kelly A Rutan         | 16       | 158  |
| Carol Ann Kaminski    | 16       | 252  |



# FROM MEMBERSHIP

Each week, the membership reports remind me why I'm so proud to serve as your Department Membership Chairperson. Every Friday, I see Units raising their numbers, telling their stories, and proving that when our hearts and voices come together, we make real progress.

**Our Department is now over 45% (as of 10/15/2025-hopefully way over 50% by the time this is published) and that's something to celebrate!**

But as we move into mid-October, it's time for some honest reflection too. There are still several Units sitting between 0% and 10%, and we need to focus our energy there. Those Units matter just as much as the ones celebrating milestones. I'm asking each District President to check in with their District Membership Chairperson, and I'm also calling on our Unit Presidents and Unit Membership Chairmen to step up and reach out to their members directly. A personal phone call, text, or conversation can make all the difference in encouraging renewals. Sometimes members just need a friendly reminder or a heartfelt "we miss you" to reconnect them to the mission.

Our Area Chairmen can also help coordinate plans to lift those numbers. Membership success happens when every level—Department, Area, District, and Unit—works together with a shared purpose.

I've heard some members say, "Oh, I'll pay my dues in December." While that's technically okay, we all know early renewals keep our programs strong. Membership dues fund everything that defines who we are: Americanism, National Security, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, Children & Youth, and more. When members renew early, we can plan, prepare, and serve more effectively.

Membership is so much more than numbers. Each card represents a story, a voice, and a promise to serve. I've loved hearing the heartfelt stories of why our members joined. There have been beautiful stories about fathers, mothers, and spouses who inspired a lifetime of service. These stories connect us, remind us of our mission, and fuel our passion to do more.

Please continue checking the ALA Department of Florida Membership page on Facebook for updates and ideas. I've also shared a short Google Form for feedback. Your creative approaches and success stories will help me recognize Units through "KUDOS" in our Membership Parade at Fall Conference. Let's highlight not just the numbers, but the hearts behind them. There is a QR code to scan for the form.

And don't forget to send or bring your red paper hearts for our Heart Wall at Fall Conference! Each heart tells a beautiful membership story. I can't wait to see that wall filled with love from across our Department, and I can't wait to see you at Fall Conference!

As Veterans Day approaches on November 11, 2025, the Chairperson's Award, "Heart of a Hero" is a special way to honor our commitment to membership and our veterans. The highest Unit in each membership grouping will win a prize to be given out at Fall Conference, so keep those renewals coming!

Our first major Department goal of 75% "Mission in Motion" is coming up on December 1st. Let's make sure every District and Unit is moving forward and ready to meet this target. Use this momentum to reach out, reconnect, and renew now so we our units can celebrate reaching that goal together.

If your Unit is under 10%, please don't wait but reach out now. I am happy



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to work with you, call members alongside you, or help brainstorm ideas to get things moving again. We succeed when we lift each other up. Please let me know how I can help! Our Department has come so far, but there's still room to grow. Let's keep the momentum going, keep telling our stories, and keep showing that Florida's membership is fueled by passionate commitment and powered by every heart.

**Scan the QR code below to take you to the link for the Google Form to share the amazing work your units are doing!**

Thank you and see you soon!



# FROM PUBLIC RELATIONS



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As we enter this season of gratitude and giving, let's remember why we're Passionate for Veterans, by sharing their stories and the impact of our ALA mission through powerful public relations. Be sure to read Currents—Florida Public Relations newsletter articles online at **[alafl.org/public-relations](https://alafl.org/public-relations)**, they're filled with educational information, creative ideas, and inspiring examples to strengthen your PR efforts.

Join us on November 21, at Fall Conference for our exciting Public Relations breakout session, **"Passion for Veterans: Storytelling in Action - From Interview to Delivery."**

This interactive workshop for public relations chairpersons and communicators is designed to help you unlock the power of compelling storytelling. Learn how to conduct insightful interviews that spark authentic stories, shape raw content into engaging arcs, and deliver your message with confidence and impact. Whether you're producing a video, crafting social media content, or writing a feature story for a newsletter, you'll walk away with practical techniques to elevate your storytelling and showcase your unit's passion for veterans, military, and community!



**#PassionForVets**

## 2025 ALA FLORIDA FALL CONFERENCE

Caribe Royale Orlando - 8101 World Center Dr - Orlando, FL 32821

**PR BREAKOUT SESSION**  
**FRIDAY, NOV. 21**

**10:45AM-12:00PM - GRAND SIERRA D**

**PASSION FOR VETERANS:**  
**STORYTELLING IN ACTION -**  
**FROM INTERVIEW TO DELIVERY**



# FROM LEADERSHIP

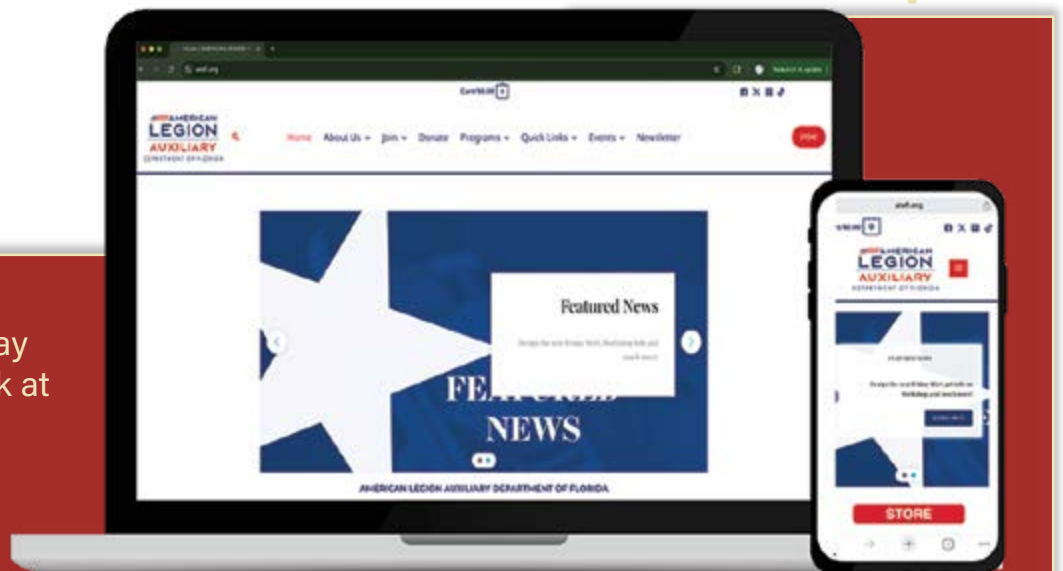
**Happy November!** Can you believe how quickly this year is going? I am very excited to see so many Districts that have already completed or scheduled their Auxiliary Basic Concepts (ABC) Schools. I personally want to thank our Certified Instructors and Trainees for their hard work, dedication, and passion for traveling around the state and helping our members understand the basis of our organization and the fundamentals in operating in their own unit. ABC school instructors are always looking for the members to share their questions and what things they would like to know. **Please reach out to leadership@alafl.org and share your questions for Que's Quest for Knowledge!** I hope to see many of you at Fall Conference where you can find out what it takes to be an ABC School Instructor too. People learn in many different ways: Auditory, Visual, Kinetic (by doing), social etc. Through our Unit Meetings, District meetings, Zoom calls, break-out sessions, Workshop, Schools of Instruction, ABC Schools, ALA Academy, and Mission Training. The American Legion Auxiliary offers many different ways to learn about the ins and outs of the ALA. Did

you know that you can find many of these resources online? Currently one of the things the ABC School Instructors are asked about are the Financial Compliance Documents needed. There is a very helpful guide on [alafl.org](http://alafl.org), called the Unit Treasurers Guide. This has information on where to go to find the forms needed, help numbers if your unit needs assistance and IRS paperwork information. The guide book also features a sample budget. Not only should all Treasurers have this document but your unit's leadership team should familiarize themselves with these helpful tools. In addition, be sure to visit [legion-aux.org](http://legion-aux.org) and log in with your membership number. You will gain access to so many more helpful tools like backgrounds for your zoom calls, the policy and procedures for Branding, the most up to date guide books and the full schedule of ALA Academy courses. Que has been hard at work taking in as much as she can. She is looking forward to showing off all her certificates of accomplishment!



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Visit the website for the Friday Reports available every week at [alafl.org/friday-reports](http://alafl.org/friday-reports).



# FROM VETERAN AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION



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Celebrated every November, National Family Caregivers Month (NFCM) recognizes and honors caregivers and provides us a chance to highlight care giving issues, educate communities, and increase support. As we reflect on National Family Caregivers Month, I encourage all unit members to thank a caregiver this month. Celebrating caregivers and their contributions does not have to be difficult or costly. Here are a few simple ways to show appreciation:

- Food is always appreciated, whether it's homemade or from a restaurant. The important thing is that the caregiver doesn't have to make it themselves. You could even find out their favorite dessert and surprise them with it one evening.
- Volunteer your time so the caregiver can have an afternoon or evening out of the house for a nice dinner, movie, shopping, or other activities. For caregivers, it's so important to have time to themselves to recharge so they can take better care of their loved ones.
- In addition to sharing your time, you might consider making a

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

## Resources for Caregivers

The VA's Building Better Caregivers program gives caregivers a safe space to connect with others, share experiences, and learn ways to manage caregiver challenges. Visit [caregiver.va.gov](http://caregiver.va.gov) to explore available support options. Caregiver Initiatives for VA&R HOURS BARS - Caregivers can be awarded "Service to Veterans" hours,

which may accumulate for hour bars for time spent providing care and assistance to Veterans within their families if they do not receive PROFESSIONAL compensation for doing so. If the caregiver lives with the Veteran, they may be awarded 10 hours a week. If they do NOT live with the Veteran relative, then they may be awarded 5 hours a week. The caregiver does need to report these hours to their unit.

Thank you to everyone who has taken part in the VA&R Caring Heart Bear Project. **You can view the photos on our ALAFL VA&R Facebook Page.** This project is yearlong, and I look forward to seeing how many more bears we can give to veterans. Each bear is a reminder that the ALA is here to support them and that they are not bearing the load alone.

*Celebrate*  
**National Family Caregivers Month**  
*with your Caregiver Support team!*

VA Caregiver Support | VA | U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
Atlanta VA Health Care System



# MEDICAL FACILITIES NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS



## Spotlight this month on **Malcolm Randall VAMC located in Gainesville, Florida.**

ALA VAVS Rep Janel Goodwin with staff from the Center for Development Civic Engagement -Volunteer Services. Second picture was taken at the Gainesville Fisher House.



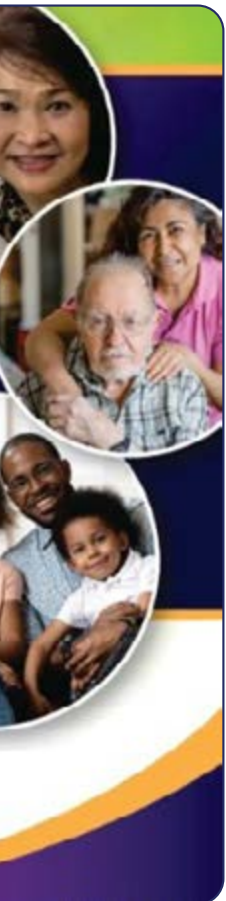
his memory but extend help where I could.

After some time had passed and getting my feet wet as a volunteer, I eventually became the American Legion Auxiliary representative for the 4th district as well as a volunteer at the Malcom Randall VA Hospital. On Monday's, Wednesday's and Friday's, I can be found at Malcom Randall either giving "We care" packages that have all sorts of snacks, making and handing out popcorn, or just sitting and talking with patients in the dialysis unit. Since my time as the representative for the Auxiliary, I have gotten Hawthorne Unit #230, Newberry, Interlachen and Gainesville Legions/Auxiliary's to help donate items for the veterans. Without the help of the Legions and Auxiliaries, I could not accomplish what I do for the veterans.

The joy that I feel in my heart working with these veterans and families is abundant. I love what I do and knowing that I am doing right not only for my late husband's memory but for other veterans and families. It is a running joke in my family

that "Janel" does not know a stranger and I have friends all over Malcom Randall

**Clyde E. Lassen State Veteran's Home Representative Bridgette Greene** who is a member of ALA Unit 194 St. Augustine, delivered a birthday cake to celebrate the Navy's 250th Birthday.



My late husband, a Vietnam Veteran, was a patient at the Malcom Randall VA Hospital in Gainesville, FL., in the dialysis unit for more than 5 years. I grew to love Malcom Randall, not only for the care that they gave my husband, but for all the veterans that are patients there. The extension of love, assistance, and friendship that was been given and still is, to my husband, my family and I are like no other that I have experienced. After the passing of my husband, I knew that I wanted to not only honor him and





# FROM NATIONAL SECURITY



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**November marks a time for reflection and gratitude, but also a crucial period for recognizing the importance of National Security.** As members of the American Legion Auxiliary, we understand that a strong nation is built on the foundation of a secure homeland and the unwavering dedication of our service members. During the current government shutdown the lives of our active duty military and their families are being impacted. I have created a special project called Help A Hero, where you as members can help during this crucial time.

## **What can you do to help???**

1. Donate non-perishable food items, diapers and formula to active duty military families
2. Use the Amazon wish list links to send needed supplies



3. Make a monetary donation. Send payment to ALA Dept of FL make sure to write Help A Hero on the memo line  
Units are encouraged to send non-perishable food items, diapers and formula to drop locations across our Department. These drop locations are Units close to military bases. Links to Amazon wish lists can help you get these supplies to our military service members and their families. (More information on the attached flyer) You can also find more information on alafl.org under National Security and on the ALAFL National Security Facebook page. Please reach out to myself or your District President if you have any questions. Let's show our support for those who stand strong for us! With that being said I know many units collect supplies for Thanksgiving baskets. Please keep our active duty military and their families in mind as



you deliver these baskets. Another area of the National Security program that receives a lot of attention this time of year are the care packages that are being sent to our service members serving overseas. Please remember the changes that have been made in shipping. Ship Thrifty is an excellent resource for navigating current postal requirements. Our guest speaker for the National Security virtual call on November 18th will be COL Curry, the State Quartermaster and Chief of Staff for the FL Dept. of Military Affairs with the Florida Army National Guard. He



will be sharing ways we, as Auxiliary members, can help support our local National Guard.

**Deploy Toy Soldier Missions for November - Collect supplies for active duty military service members and their families - Send thank you cards and/or care packages to deployed service members - Make and distribute Thanksgiving Baskets to Active Duty families**

Highlights from last month included many Gold Star Mothers and Family events, collecting supplies for our active duty military and participating in RED Friday. Including Gold Star Family Dedication Ceremonies in Tampa and Cape Canaveral, a Gold Star Mothers and Family Brunch in Jacksonville and care packages sent to the USCG Cutter Glen Harris. Keep up the amazing work deploying those Toy Soldiers! "Supporters are like pillars in your life, providing strength and stability when you need it the most." - Unknown. I challenge you to be a Pillar, providing that strength and stability, love and support for someone who needs it the most.

**Service, Not Self!**





# FROM CHILDREN & YOUTH

- Events this month include Daylight Savings Time on the 2nd of November, What will you do with an extra hour? Will you volunteer to assist a Child?
- Election Day, is November 4th – Have you contacted your local Government to secure a Proclamation (perhaps the newly elected Official) for April 15th Purple-Up Day?
- Veterans Day is on November 11th Are you planning anything at your Post where Children of your community have an opportunity to meet and talk to a Veteran? Maybe that will spark a Veterans History project by one of them or a partnership between the generations.

discussing Volunteer opportunities and enlisting our Juniors to help and again 1:15 – 2:30 pm in Bonaire 8.

Remember **“Family First”** so this Thanksgiving on the 27th make sure the blessings are abundant and that you and your family if able, to take care or help a family that has children that might not be so blessed.

Your Department Children & Youth chairperson is gearing up for an unforgettable safari experience! Children's Burn Foundation of Florida Camp TeQuesta is set to empower young minds from November 6 – 9th at the Florida Elks Youth Camp in Umatilla. The Camp is sponsored by Fire & Iron Motorcycle Club. Dara

Oliver reached out to the camp staff to see how the Auxiliary or her community could assist. There was a wish list, supplies and even a Camp Buddy position but the Camp Director found out about Dara's talents and past work with Children as a Coach, Junior Activities Chairperson and Girls State Counselor and they needed an Arts & Crafts Director, (as the position was vacant

and time was short.) Dara with her generous spirit agreed and is eagerly looking forward to inspiring creativity and joy in the children that weekend. She said, “something that started out with the simplest intentions flourished into something much larger and she hopes this partnership will last far into the future.” These young fire victims desperately need this camp as a sanctuary for healing, nurturing both their physical and emotional well-being.

**Be inspiring and encourage our Children & Youth to inspire and help others!**



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**\*\* DID you know - World Children's Day is on November 20th** – What can you plan at your Unit or Post? Can you make Busy Bags? Have a Party and celebrate the children of your community? Donate “Good Person” certificates to a local school? Department Fall Conference will be hosted at the Caribe Royale in Orlando Friday the 21st – Sunday the 23rd and you will have an opportunity to meet National President, Pam Ray from Illinois. The Children & Youth will have 2 break-out sessions this year on Friday November 21, 2025 from 9:15 – 10:30 am in Bonaire 5



# FROM AMERICANISM



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**Greetings!** I hope November finds everyone enjoying our softer weather and getting ready for the important upcoming holiday! I am not talking about Thanksgiving and turkey, but Veterans Day, and the importance of honoring our military veterans. Planning should already be underway for ceremonies within your city or at your post and Americanism should be part of everything on this important day. Help to decorate, hand out flags, especially to children, or plan a visit to your local nursing home to thank the veterans who reside there and spend time with them. Bring thank you cards from your Juniors as well as other members to let them know we appreciate their service and have not forgotten them! Nothing is too small of a gesture when thanking our veterans. Now that Labor Day has passed, schools are in full swing. Promoting the Americanism Essay is important, getting the information out early so that teachers can include it in

their lesson plans. **“Celebrating America’s 250th Birthday and the Veterans who fought for our Freedom” is the essay prompt.**

Units need to set deadlines that allow time for winners to be chosen in each class before being submitted to your District Americanism Chairperson (check with your district for their deadline). District Chairs need to submit their winners to Department no later than April 1, 2026. All rules and guidelines can be found in the PEP.

Promoting patriotism and responsible citizenship is the core of the ALA Americanism Program. There are many places that we can reach our youth to do this. As public schools are understandably letting fewer guests into the schools, we need to be creative in where to reach our youth. Remember your scouting groups, church youth groups, even your public library would be a great place to teach Flag Facts, Etiquette and all about the Constitution. Have a Saturday “Fun with the Flag” event inviting the public to your post, this can help with membership recruitment as well!

I know everyone is utilizing your “Americanism Activity Tracker”, right? This doesn’t only keep track of how many times you say the Pledge of Allegiance, but also keeps track of how often you vote, what patriotic holidays you celebrated, when you flew your flag. Referring to it often helps with accuracy and reminds you of upcoming events you can promote and participate in. All these things help round out your Americanism Program. Make sure new, incoming members receive one!

Remember to refer to the Program Engagement Plan for awards in the Americanism Program, paying special attention to due dates and criteria. Be proud of all your unit has done!

**Finally, it is not too early to start preparing for America’s 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on**

**July 4, 2026!** Early planning with your Legion Family will result in a successful event, whether at your post home, or something bigger by participating in parades and public events.

Let’s all remember to put a little “Red, White and Blue” in everything we do!”



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Share your unit's  
stories with the rest  
of the Auxiliary!







# DISTRICTS & UNITS



American Legion Auxiliary Department of Florida units are shining bright with a star-spangled heart in the community! The next few pages highlight achievements, meetings, and donations throughout the community.

## DISTRICT 12 UNIT 318

September was a busy month. First we had a very touching ceremony for 9-11 then on September 20 several of our veterans when on the freedom flight to Washington on September 27 50 of our members took a bus trip over to post 138 in Tampa. They invited us to celebrate their reopening after last years hurricane.



Post 318 VETERAN, Jim and Steve escorted by Pam, auxiliary and veteran of 318...on the honor flight in our district of Washington on September 20, 2025.  
Thank you for your service.





## DISTRICT 5 UNIT 9

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 9 along with all the entities of Post 9 and 197, members of Rabia Temple and Rabia Court, recently visited veterans at the Lake City VA Medical Center to honor them and lift their spirits.

More than forty members traveled along Route 90 to celebrate the veterans' service with a special bike, jeep and car show, followed by an afternoon of bingo and fellowship.

Mary Jury, Unit 9 Auxiliary President, shared, "One veteran said he hadn't played bingo in 20 years." Others expressed how much they enjoyed the two-hour visit and eagerly asked when we would return.

During the visit, participants helped the veterans play bingo and handed out thoughtful gifts, including ditty bags filled with toiletries and handmade caddy bags designed to attach to wheelchairs and walkers. The handmade red, white, and blue sweatbands were especially popular among the veterans. It was a day filled with smiles, gratitude, and memories that will last a lifetime for those who have given so much in service to our country.

Caroline Sherman, an At-Large Member of Unit 9, described the experience as "the most humbling experience I've ever had." After the visit, she encountered one of the veterans outside a restaurant. He recognized her and stopped to chat. During their conversation, he spoke of his time in the Navy and mentioned he was from Georgia. He became emotional while talking about family and personal memories—reminding us how many veterans long for connection and conversation.

Jury reflected, "I learned that we need to do better supporting our vets, not just financially, but physically. We need to be present for them. How many more are out there who don't have someone to talk to or visit with them?"

The visit by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 9 along with all the entities of Post 9 and 197, members of Rabia Temple and Rabia Court was a touching reminder of the power of presence, compassion, and community in honoring those who served our nation.

The American Legion Auxiliary, founded in 1919, is a community of volunteers serving veterans, military, and their families. ALA members assist veterans in hospitals, advocate for veteran issues, support therapeutic creative arts festivals, distribute poppies for remembrance, and much more. In addition to serving the military community, the American Legion Auxiliary hosts ALA Girls Nation and the ALA Girls State programs that teach future leaders about government and civic responsibility.



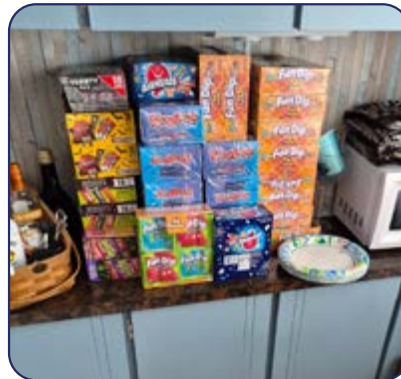
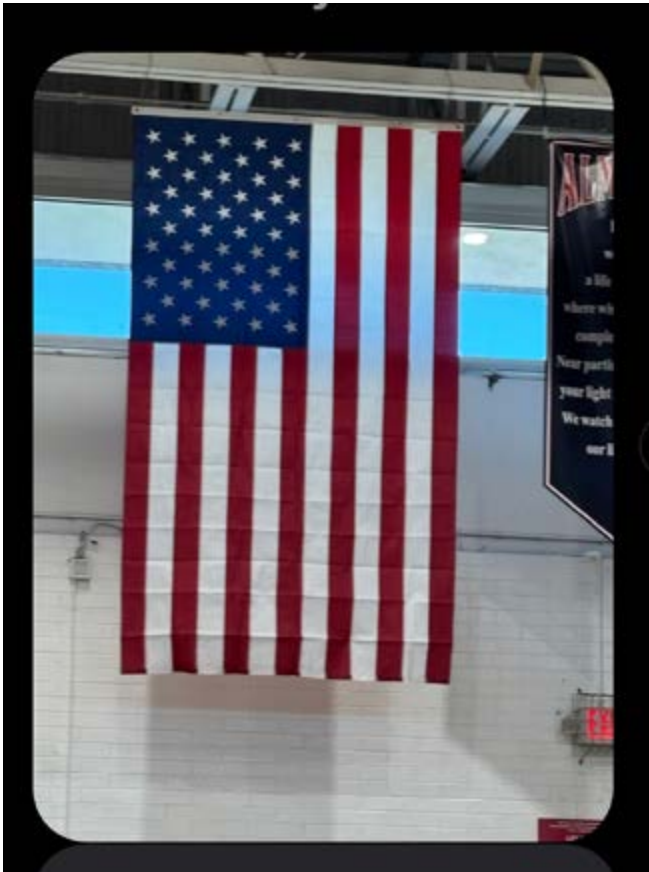


## DISTRICT 12 UNIT 348



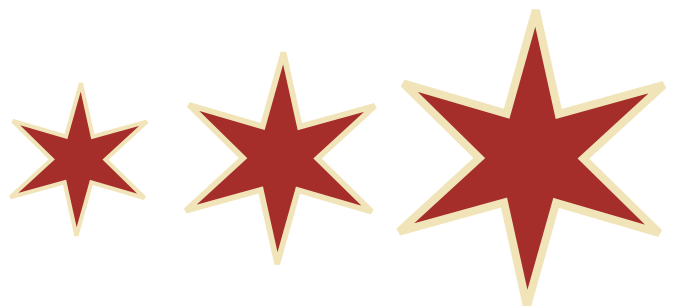
Unit 348 Cape Canaveral has been busy helping our veterans and the community. Baskets and auction items were made up and collected to help District 12 raise funds for Girls and Boys State transportation. Basic Necessities were donated by members and community partners to be provided to a local homeless support organization Matthews Hope. The organization offers multiple services to help people who need assistance in their lives and to provide support for veterans and their families. Bears, bears and more bears ready for distribution through the Caring Hearts Bear Project. Candy and other treats are being collected so that we can participate in the City of Cape Canaveral Trunk or Treat Monster Mash at the end of October. Families of deployed servicemen at Patrick Space Force Base will receive

meals and support while their loved one is on active duty through a generous donation. We even provided a new flag for the gymnasium at Cocoa Beach High School. Our members attended the NVHS Lost in America Gala giving us the opportunity to help put an end to veteran homelessness in Brevard County. Unit 348 is proud to be able to enhance the lives of those who are in need and to educate our community about mission of the American Legion Auxiliary.



## DISTRICT 16 UNIT 79

We have a member that wants to make the knit or crochet caps (helmet liners) for active duty military. If there are patterns, please email them to Pat Hamby at [jimhamby14@aol.com](mailto:jimhamby14@aol.com) Thank you.



## DISTRICT 15 UNIT 26

A new American Legion Auxiliary Unit is joining District 15!! Members of the soon to be Unit 26, in Plant City, Florida, officially signed their charter paperwork during a Post 26 meeting in October. Unit 26 will be starting off with 24 members!!

Incoming Unit 26 President Kathleen VanMiddlesworth (also a Member of Post 26 and a soon to be proud Dual Member), looks forward to working the programs and mission of the Auxiliary in the Greater Plant City area. Unit members are particularly excited to participate in Girls State, as Post 26 has a very strong Boys State program.

District 15 is ecstatic to be welcoming this fantastic new "Firework" Unit to the team!!



## DISTRICT 15 UNIT 138

After having to cancel last years event due to multiple Hurricanes, Unit 138 was overjoyed to join the Post 138 Family at the return of the Early Bird Membership Steak Dinner. Volunteers arrived early to the Post to prepare 200 bacon wrapped filets, baked potatoes, salad bar and dessert. Unit Membership Chairperson Dawn Steele processed additional renewals and new member applications while Unit members served food, ran raffle tables, and washed lots of steak knives!! We are so thankful for our members who selflessly sacrifice their time for our mission.



## DISTRICT 4 UNIT 155

American Legion Unit 27 of Ocala, Florida, recently obtained a grant from the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation and was able to purchase a commerical washer and dryer and storage cabinet for Soldiers Freedom Outdoors in Melrose, FL so that participants in their outdoor activities could wash their clothes while staying at the ranch and linens and towels could be washed onsite. The storage cabinet will be used to store cleaning supplies neatly out of sight. Below is a picture of the 2nd Vice President of Unit 27, Anne Parker, and Commander of Post 354, Michelle Langdon, as well the founder of Soldiers Freedom Outdoors, Daniel DeMarco, and volunteer, Liz Wegner when Anne and Michelle visited Soldiers Freedom Outdoors recently. A plaque was placed on the equipment showing that the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation and Unit 27 provided the equipment. The facility provides outdoor activities to veterans and active duty military as well as families of the fallen.

Anne Parker

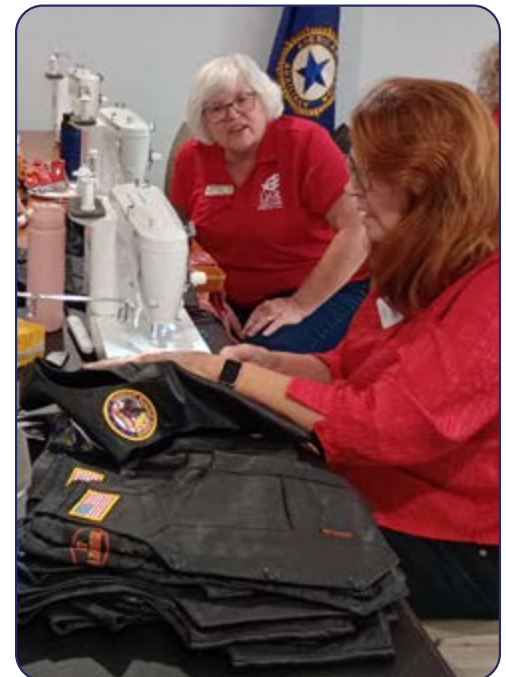
Proud Blue Star Mother





## DISTRICT 17 UNIT 45

GRAND OPENING! Our Grand Opening was October 23. Look for our photos in the next issue. This month we have also draped our charter for one of our past presidents and longtime member, Pat Hunt. We are grateful for her service and dedication to Unit 45. Our stand-alone building was used to host the Patriot Guard Riders Sewing Party for Gary Sinise's Annual Snowball Express to be held at Disneyworld in December. We sewed patches on 1,400 vests for the children of our fallen heroes. Member at Large, Marion James secured a donation of food items from Walmart store 551 in Palatka for the party. PGR is the only group in the nation that sews these patches on the vests. Pictured are PGR leader Sandi Barrett, Member at Large Marion James, Walmart coordinator Crag James, President Esme Coward, and Member at Large Edna Bayler. We also held our first Auxiliary Yard Sale and hosted the blood mobile.





## DISTRICT 6 UNIT 219



John Gella Memorial ALA Unit 219 of Fruitland Park have been asking for donations of Bears for the VA&R Caring Heart Bear Challenge in celebration of America's 250th Birthday which is on July 4, 2026. Patty Halliday is chairing this challenge and will be accepting donations of bears for this project. Auxiliary Member; Cathy Losey and Unit Chaplain; Debra Riggs brought joy to Veteran Don, (who was recently recovering at a Rehab facility) gifted him one of the Bears which wonderfully lifted his spirits!

Unit Sgt. At Arms; Ranee Kelly then presented one of our Legion members; Harley a bear after his recent surgery.



This demonstrates Unit 219's profound impact on the lives of Veterans and our commitment to promoting the American Legion Auxiliary within our community. The Unit has also been tirelessly collecting Peanut Butter for many years as a Community Service Project which culminates on "Make a difference Day - October 28th." Originally initiated by a Girls Stater the project was adopted by the Auxiliary Unit to ensure its continuation after the young lady left for college. The Unit was about 100 jars shy of reaching goal this year, until the Unit meeting on Monday, October 13th. Female Veteran & Unit member; Lois Halliday made an announcement and showed her and her co-workers' generosity in a photo on her phone that had over 340 jars to add to the collection. The Unit has successfully received a total of 566 jars to be delivered to Beyond The Walls Food Pantry in Fruitland Park. **(See Photo - President Clay Norman, Aux. Member & Navy Veteran Lois Halliday and Secretary Diane Rousseau)**

Some upcoming events for the Unit include a fundraiser called Crafty Crop Retreat where artists rent a table for 3-days and work on their projects as well as each participant will make a page to add to the Unit History book. The Mayor of Fruitland Park will be signing a Proclamation for Veterans Day and a combined Veterans Day celebration will be hosted at City Hall on November 11th which also includes the Police Department, Fire Department and City officials along with the entire Legion



Family of 219. Many members are looking forward to Department Fall Conference in Orlando 20th - 23rd and Giving Thanks on the 27th, the Unit will be assisting with a potluck dinner starting at 1 pm.





# MEMBERSHIP REPORTS

ON THE NEXT FEW PAGES FIND THE MEMBERSHIP REPORTS BY  
DISTRICT AND UNIT.  
REPORTS CURRENT AS OF 17 OCTOBER 25

## DISTRICT 1

| UNIT  | CITY          | OBJ  | JR | SR  | TOT | %      |
|-------|---------------|------|----|-----|-----|--------|
| 0075  | Crestview     | 235  | 0  | 94  | 94  | 40.00% |
| 0078  | Milton        | 13   | 1  | 8   | 9   | 69.23% |
| 0193  | Pensacola     | 69   | 0  | 6   | 6   | 8.70%  |
| 0221  | Niceville     | 245  | 2  | 125 | 127 | 51.84% |
| 0235  | Ft Walton Bch | 148  | 0  | 60  | 60  | 40.54% |
| 0240  | Pensacola     | 246  | 1  | 105 | 106 | 43.09% |
| 0296  | Destin        | 98   | 1  | 51  | 52  | 53.06% |
| 0340  | Pensacola     | 344  | 7  | 205 | 212 | 61.63% |
| 0356  | Lynn Haven    | 146  | 2  | 61  | 63  | 43.15% |
| 0378  | Gulf Breeze   | 68   | 0  | 18  | 18  | 26.47% |
| 0382  | Navarre       | 210  | 0  | 105 | 105 | 50.00% |
| 0392  | Panama City   | 204  | 1  | 78  | 79  | 38.73% |
| 0402  | PC Beach      | 63   | 1  | 18  | 19  | 30.16% |
| Total |               | 2089 | 16 | 934 | 950 | 45.48% |

## DISTRICT 2

| UNIT  | CITY        | OBJ | JR | SR  | TOT | %      |
|-------|-------------|-----|----|-----|-----|--------|
| 0013  | Tallahassee | 71  | 6  | 48  | 54  | 76.06% |
| 0082  | Lanark      | 75  | 0  | 14  | 14  | 18.67% |
| 0084  | Havana      | 22  | 2  | 5   | 7   | 31.82% |
| 0100  | Marianna    | 37  | 5  | 28  | 33  | 89.19% |
| 0217  | Quincy      | 29  | 0  | 10  | 10  | 34.48% |
| 0241  | Sneads      | 63  | 15 | 31  | 46  | 73.02% |
| Total |             | 297 | 28 | 136 | 164 | 55.22% |

## DISTRICT 3

| UNIT | CITY       | OBJ | JR | SR  | TOT | %      |
|------|------------|-----|----|-----|-----|--------|
| 0049 | Monticello | 30  | 0  | 17  | 17  | 56.67% |
| 0057 | Lake City  | 294 | 1  | 148 | 149 | 50.68% |
| 0083 | Macclenny  | 74  | 0  | 37  | 37  | 50.00% |

|       |              |     |   |     |     |        |
|-------|--------------|-----|---|-----|-----|--------|
| 0107  | Live Oak     | 57  | 1 | 17  | 18  | 31.58% |
| 0215  | Jasper       | 37  | 3 | 19  | 22  | 59.46% |
| 0224  | Madison      | 58  | 0 | 18  | 18  | 31.03% |
| 0291  | Steinhatchee | 207 | 0 | 97  | 97  | 46.86% |
| 0383  | Old Town     | 156 | 4 | 68  | 72  | 46.15% |
| Total |              | 913 | 9 | 421 | 430 | 47.10% |

## DISTRICT 4

| UNIT  | CITY              | OBJ  | JR | SR  | TOT | %      |
|-------|-------------------|------|----|-----|-----|--------|
| 0016  | Gainesville       | 35   | 0  | 12  | 12  | 34.29% |
| 0027  | Ocala             | 14   | 1  | 8   | 9   | 64.29% |
| 0058  | Dunnellon         | 29   | 0  | 7   | 7   | 24.14% |
| 0077  | Inverness         | 103  | 1  | 48  | 49  | 47.57% |
| 0149  | Newberry          | 28   | 3  | 11  | 14  | 50.00% |
| 0155  | Crystal River     | 435  | 2  | 230 | 232 | 53.33% |
| 0166  | Homosassa Springs | 192  | 0  | 111 | 111 | 57.81% |
| 0230  | Hawthorne         | 48   | 4  | 35  | 39  | 81.25% |
| 0236  | Bronson           | 66   | 1  | 35  | 36  | 54.55% |
| 0237  | Beverly Hills     | 154  | 0  | 78  | 78  | 50.65% |
| 0284  | Bellevue          | 85   | 0  | 46  | 46  | 54.12% |
| Total |                   | 1189 | 12 | 621 | 633 | 53.24% |

## DISTRICT 5

| UNIT | CITY           | OBJ | JR | SR  | TOT | %      |
|------|----------------|-----|----|-----|-----|--------|
| 0009 | Jacksonville   | 83  | 0  | 26  | 26  | 31.33% |
| 0054 | Fernandina Bch | 309 | 3  | 180 | 183 | 59.22% |
| 0088 | Jacksonville   | 89  | 0  | 20  | 20  | 22.47% |
| 0129 | J'ville Bch    | 437 | 8  | 234 | 242 | 55.38% |
| 0137 | Jacksonville   | 477 | 4  | 196 | 200 | 41.93% |
| 0194 | St Augustine   | 44  | 2  | 36  | 38  | 86.36% |
| 0197 | Jacksonville   | 62  | 0  | 11  | 11  | 17.74% |



|       |                  |      |    |      |      |        |
|-------|------------------|------|----|------|------|--------|
| 0202  | Keystone Heights | 113  | 0  | 76   | 76   | 67.26% |
| 0233  | Ponte Vedra Bch  | 193  | 17 | 87   | 104  | 53.89% |
| 0244  | Jacksonville     | 28   | 0  | 8    | 8    | 28.57% |
| 0250  | Middleburg       | 316  | 20 | 137  | 157  | 49.68% |
| 0283  | Arlington        | 466  | 3  | 223  | 226  | 48.50% |
| 0316  | Atlantic Beach   | 382  | 33 | 103  | 136  | 35.60% |
| 0372  | Mandarin         | 45   | 0  | 26   | 26   | 57.78% |
| 0401  | Hilliard         | 40   | 0  | 5    | 5    | 12.50% |
| Total |                  | 3084 | 90 | 1368 | 1458 | 47.28% |

#### DISTRICT 6

| UNIT  | CITY           | OBJ  | JR | SR   | TOT  | %      |
|-------|----------------|------|----|------|------|--------|
| 0010  | Kissimmee      | 202  | 3  | 55   | 58   | 28.71% |
| 0018  | Wildwood       | 23   | 0  | 10   | 10   | 43.48% |
| 0019  | Orlando        | 74   | 3  | 26   | 29   | 39.19% |
| 0035  | Mount Dora     | 153  | 0  | 71   | 71   | 46.41% |
| 0055  | Clermont       | 299  | 0  | 105  | 105  | 35.12% |
| 0080  | Saint Cloud    | 310  | 17 | 133  | 150  | 48.39% |
| 0101  | Bushnell       | 108  | 0  | 23   | 23   | 21.30% |
| 0112  | Winter Park    | 35   | 4  | 25   | 29   | 82.86% |
| 0183  | Fern Park      | 124  | 0  | 42   | 42   | 33.87% |
| 0219  | Fruitland Park | 251  | 2  | 122  | 124  | 49.40% |
| 0239  | Groveland      | 22   | 0  | 6    | 6    | 27.27% |
| 0242  | Orlando        | 134  | 9  | 35   | 44   | 32.84% |
| 0286  | Orlando        | 191  | 6  | 100  | 106  | 55.50% |
| 0330  | Leesburg       | 45   | 2  | 22   | 24   | 53.33% |
| 0331  | Orlando        | 27   | 0  | 1    | 1    | 3.70%  |
| 0347  | Lady Lake      | 2823 | 9  | 1767 | 1776 | 62.91% |
| 0412  | Orlando        | 11   | 2  | 4    | 6    | 54.55% |
| Total |                | 4832 | 57 | 2547 | 2604 | 53.89% |

#### DISTRICT 7

| UNIT | CITY         | OBJ | JR | SR  | TOT | %      |
|------|--------------|-----|----|-----|-----|--------|
| 0003 | Bartow       | 100 | 0  | 41  | 41  | 41.00% |
| 0004 | Lakeland     | 61  | 0  | 15  | 15  | 24.59% |
| 0008 | Winter Haven | 714 | 4  | 390 | 394 | 55.18% |
| 0015 | Dade City    | 29  | 0  | 4   | 4   | 13.79% |
| 0034 | Haines City  | 100 | 0  | 67  | 67  | 67.00% |

|       |                |      |   |     |     |        |
|-------|----------------|------|---|-----|-----|--------|
| 0071  | Lake Wales     | 29   | 2 | 10  | 12  | 41.38% |
| 0072  | Mulberry       | 140  | 0 | 46  | 46  | 32.86% |
| 0201  | Florence Villa | 20   | 0 | 0   | 0   | 0.00%  |
| Total |                | 1193 | 6 | 573 | 579 | 48.53% |

#### DISTRICT 8

| UNIT  | CITY         | OBJ  | JR | SR   | TOT  | %      |
|-------|--------------|------|----|------|------|--------|
| 0011  | Arcadia      | 53   | 8  | 20   | 28   | 52.83% |
| 0024  | Bradenton    | 343  | 1  | 169  | 170  | 49.56% |
| 0025  | Lake Placid  | 463  | 0  | 215  | 215  | 46.44% |
| 0030  | Sarasota     | 57   | 0  | 13   | 13   | 22.81% |
| 0069  | Avon Park    | 824  | 14 | 435  | 449  | 54.49% |
| 0074  | Sebring      | 142  | 0  | 75   | 75   | 52.82% |
| 0113  | Rotonda West | 383  | 1  | 198  | 199  | 51.96% |
| 0159  | Venice       | 616  | 3  | 293  | 296  | 48.05% |
| 0254  | North Port   | 199  | 0  | 80   | 80   | 40.20% |
| 0266  | Fruitville   | 188  | 1  | 96   | 97   | 51.60% |
| 0309  | Palmetto     | 214  | 0  | 97   | 97   | 45.33% |
| 0312  | Oneco        | 166  | 0  | 86   | 86   | 51.81% |
| 0325  | Ellenton     | 205  | 1  | 92   | 93   | 45.37% |
| Total |              | 3853 | 29 | 1869 | 1898 | 49.26% |

#### DISTRICT 9

| UNIT  | CITY            | OBJ  | JR | SR  | TOT | %      |
|-------|-----------------|------|----|-----|-----|--------|
| 0036  | Ft Lauderdale   | 38   | 1  | 3   | 4   | 10.53% |
| 0092  | Hollywood       | 73   | 0  | 25  | 25  | 34.25% |
| 0142  | Pompano Bch     | 159  | 5  | 67  | 72  | 45.28% |
| 0157  | Margate         | 185  | 5  | 78  | 83  | 44.86% |
| 0162  | Deerfield Beach | 187  | 11 | 101 | 112 | 59.89% |
| 0180  | Fort Lauderdale | 94   | 0  | 52  | 52  | 55.32% |
| 0209  | Dania Beach     | 21   | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0.00%  |
| 0220  | Ft Lauderdale   | 26   | 0  | 1   | 1   | 3.85%  |
| 0222  | Fort Lauderdale | 58   | 0  | 21  | 21  | 36.21% |
| 0287  | Deerfield Beach | 22   | 0  | 7   | 7   | 31.82% |
| 0304  | Dania           | 78   | 2  | 54  | 56  | 71.79% |
| 0310  | Hallandale      | 37   | 2  | 18  | 20  | 54.05% |
| 0321  | Cooper City     | 247  | 8  | 161 | 169 | 68.42% |
| 0365  | Sunrise         | 16   | 0  | 11  | 11  | 68.75% |
| Total |                 | 1241 | 34 | 599 | 633 | 51.01% |



| DISTRICT 11 |                |      |    |      |      |        |
|-------------|----------------|------|----|------|------|--------|
| UNIT        | CITY           | OBJ  | JR | SR   | TOT  | %      |
| 0020        | Belle Glade    | 50   | 2  | 28   | 30   | 60.00% |
| 0047        | Lake Worth     | 79   | 2  | 44   | 46   | 58.23% |
| 0062        | Stuart         | 909  | 5  | 547  | 552  | 60.73% |
| 0064        | Okeechobee     | 73   | 0  | 11   | 11   | 15.07% |
| 0065        | Delray Beach   | 51   | 1  | 32   | 33   | 64.71% |
| 0141        | West Palm Bch  | 68   | 3  | 37   | 40   | 58.82% |
| 0164        | Boynton Beach  | 219  | 14 | 195  | 209  | 95.43% |
| 0199        | W Palm Beach   | 48   | 0  | 18   | 18   | 37.50% |
| 0268        | Riviera Beach  | 74   | 0  | 63   | 63   | 85.14% |
| 0271        | Tequesta       | 198  | 3  | 127  | 130  | 65.66% |
| 0277        | Boca Raton     | 62   | 0  | 9    | 9    | 14.52% |
| 0367        | Royal Palm Bch | 38   | 1  | 24   | 25   | 65.79% |
| Total       |                | 1869 | 31 | 1135 | 1166 | 62.39% |

| DISTRICT 12 |                 |      |    |      |      |        |
|-------------|-----------------|------|----|------|------|--------|
| UNIT        | CITY            | OBJ  | JR | SR   | TOT  | %      |
| 0001        | Titusville      | 231  | 2  | 129  | 131  | 56.71% |
| 0022        | Cocoa           | 147  | 1  | 76   | 77   | 52.38% |
| 0039        | Vero Beach      | 243  | 1  | 92   | 93   | 38.27% |
| 0040        | Fort Pierce     | 238  | 3  | 154  | 157  | 65.97% |
| 0081        | Melbourne       | 251  | 2  | 122  | 124  | 49.40% |
| 0117        | Palm Bay        | 651  | 4  | 225  | 229  | 35.18% |
| 0126        | Jensen Beach    | 209  | 0  | 21   | 21   | 10.05% |
| 0163        | Eau Gallie      | 263  | 2  | 101  | 103  | 39.16% |
| 0189        | Sebastian       | 187  | 0  | 102  | 102  | 54.55% |
| 0191        | Melbourne       | 67   | 0  | 16   | 16   | 23.88% |
| 0200        | Satellite Beach | 154  | 6  | 56   | 62   | 40.26% |
| 0318        | Port St Lucie   | 1622 | 1  | 932  | 933  | 57.52% |
| 0344        | Merritt Island  | 24   | 1  | 7    | 8    | 33.33% |
| 0348        | Cape Canaveral  | 290  | 3  | 102  | 105  | 36.21% |
| 0358        | White City      | 77   | 0  | 38   | 38   | 49.35% |
| 0359        | Port St John    | 389  | 0  | 187  | 187  | 48.07% |
| 0366        | Barefoot Bay    | 46   | 0  | 5    | 5    | 10.87% |
| 0394        | Palm Bay        | 303  | 2  | 152  | 154  | 50.83% |
| 0420        | Suntree         | 0    | 0  | 10   | 10   | 0%     |
| Total       |                 | 5392 | 28 | 2527 | 2555 | 47.39% |

| DISTRICT 13 |                |      |    |      |      |        |
|-------------|----------------|------|----|------|------|--------|
| UNIT        | CITY           | OBJ  | JR | SR   | TOT  | %      |
| 0038        | Fort Myers     | 37   | 0  | 15   | 15   | 40.54% |
| 0090        | Cape Coral     | 408  | 5  | 205  | 210  | 51.47% |
| 0103        | Punta Gorda    | 955  | 2  | 580  | 582  | 60.94% |
| 0110        | Port Charlotte | 573  | 5  | 288  | 293  | 51.13% |
| 0123        | Sanibel        | 79   | 0  | 38   | 38   | 48.10% |
| 0130        | Labelle        | 178  | 0  | 25   | 25   | 14.04% |
| 0135        | Naples         | 454  | 0  | 216  | 216  | 47.58% |
| 0136        | St James City  | 579  | 3  | 258  | 261  | 45.08% |
| 0192        | Fort Myers     | 23   | 1  | 13   | 14   | 60.87% |
| 0274        | Fort Myers Bch | 405  | 0  | 191  | 191  | 47.16% |
| 0303        | Bonita Springs | 584  | 3  | 296  | 299  | 51.20% |
| 0323        | Lehigh Acres   | 472  | 21 | 199  | 220  | 46.61% |
| 0336        | N Ft Myers     | 599  | 1  | 326  | 327  | 54.59% |
| 0351        | Fort Myers     | 104  | 2  | 43   | 45   | 43.27% |
| 0415        | Punta Gorda    | 40   | 3  | 32   | 35   | 87.50% |
| Total       |                | 5490 | 46 | 2725 | 2771 | 50.47% |

| DISTRICT 14 |              |     |    |     |     |        |
|-------------|--------------|-----|----|-----|-----|--------|
| UNIT        | CITY         | OBJ | JR | SR  | TOT | %      |
| 0028        | Key West     | 53  | 0  | 24  | 24  | 45.28% |
| 0031        | South Miami  | 140 | 0  | 41  | 41  | 29.29% |
| 0043        | Homestead    | 58  | 3  | 40  | 43  | 74.14% |
| 0067        | North Miami  | 36  | 0  | 10  | 10  | 27.78% |
| 0098        | Coral Gables | 19  | 0  | 4   | 4   | 21.05% |
| 0133        | Miami        | 61  | 3  | 16  | 19  | 31.15% |
| 0154        | Marathon     | 165 | 0  | 55  | 55  | 33.33% |
| 0168        | Key West     | 20  | 0  | 2   | 2   | 10.00% |
| 0333        | Key Largo    | 90  | 0  | 20  | 20  | 22.22% |
| 0346        | Miami        | 21  | 0  | 6   | 6   | 28.57% |
| 0374        | Key Biscayne | 32  | 0  | 10  | 10  | 31.25% |
| Total       |              | 695 | 6  | 228 | 234 | 33.67% |

| DISTRICT 15 |               |     |    |    |     |        |
|-------------|---------------|-----|----|----|-----|--------|
| UNIT        | CITY          | OBJ | JR | SR | TOT | %      |
| 0005        | Tampa         | 25  | 2  | 17 | 19  | 76.00% |
| 0099        | Brooksville   | 24  | 0  | 19 | 19  | 79.17% |
| 0108        | Land O' Lakes | 25  | 0  | 10 | 10  | 40.00% |



|       |             |      |    |     |      |        |
|-------|-------------|------|----|-----|------|--------|
| 0111  | Tampa       | 58   | 0  | 28  | 28   | 48.28% |
| 0138  | Tampa       | 682  | 14 | 340 | 354  | 51.91% |
| 0139  | Tampa       | 114  | 0  | 52  | 52   | 45.61% |
| 0147  | Odessa      | 28   | 0  | 16  | 16   | 57.14% |
| 0148  | Riverview   | 236  | 3  | 133 | 136  | 57.63% |
| 0152  | Tampa       | 287  | 5  | 148 | 153  | 53.31% |
| 0186  | Brooksville | 423  | 0  | 207 | 207  | 48.94% |
| 0418  | Spring Hill | 38   | 6  | 23  | 29   | 76.32% |
| Total |             | 1940 | 30 | 993 | 1023 | 52.73% |

#### DISTRICT 16

| UNIT | CITY            | OBJ  | JR | SR   | TOT  | %      |
|------|-----------------|------|----|------|------|--------|
| 0007 | Clearwater      | 259  | 0  | 44   | 44   | 16.99% |
| 0014 | St Petersburg   | 155  | 0  | 74   | 74   | 47.74% |
| 0079 | New Port Richey | 501  | 4  | 156  | 160  | 31.94% |
| 0104 | Pinellas Park   | 366  | 6  | 237  | 243  | 66.39% |
| 0119 | Largo           | 368  | 5  | 103  | 108  | 29.35% |
| 0125 | St Petersburg   | 295  | 20 | 148  | 168  | 56.95% |
| 0158 | Treasure Island | 362  | 1  | 136  | 137  | 37.85% |
| 0173 | Holiday         | 366  | 0  | 158  | 158  | 43.17% |
| 0238 | Safety Harbor   | 448  | 13 | 229  | 242  | 54.02% |
| 0252 | Seminole        | 1316 | 3  | 738  | 741  | 56.31% |
| 0273 | Madeira Beach   | 3683 | 3  | 1673 | 1676 | 45.51% |

|       |               |      |    |      |      |        |
|-------|---------------|------|----|------|------|--------|
| 0275  | Dunedin       | 1384 | 3  | 644  | 647  | 46.75% |
| 0305  | St Pete Beach | 180  | 0  | 102  | 102  | 56.67% |
| 0335  | Hudson        | 120  | 4  | 59   | 63   | 52.50% |
| Total |               | 9803 | 62 | 4501 | 4563 | 46.55% |

#### DISTRICT 17

| UNIT  | CITY             | OBJ  | JR | SR  | TOT | %      |
|-------|------------------|------|----|-----|-----|--------|
| 0006  | Deland           | 114  | 0  | 50  | 50  | 43.86% |
| 0017  | New Smyrna Beach | 188  | 0  | 64  | 64  | 34.04% |
| 0045  | Palatka          | 46   | 0  | 22  | 22  | 47.83% |
| 0115  | Palm Coast       | 42   | 0  | 18  | 18  | 42.86% |
| 0120  | Holly Hill       | 196  | 0  | 106 | 106 | 54.08% |
| 0127  | Lake Helen       | 16   | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0.00%  |
| 0255  | Deltona          | 29   | 4  | 16  | 20  | 68.97% |
| 0259  | Debary           | 43   | 2  | 22  | 24  | 55.81% |
| 0267  | Ormond Beach     | 257  | 0  | 128 | 128 | 49.81% |
| 0270  | Port Orange      | 235  | 1  | 130 | 131 | 55.74% |
| 0285  | Edgewater        | 176  | 0  | 98  | 98  | 55.68% |
| 0293  | Interlachen      | 36   | 0  | 27  | 27  | 75.00% |
| 0361  | S Daytona        | 290  | 0  | 78  | 78  | 26.90% |
| Total |                  | 1668 | 7  | 759 | 766 | 45.92% |

|       |       |     |       |       |        |
|-------|-------|-----|-------|-------|--------|
| Total | 45968 | 492 | 22165 | 22657 | 49.29% |
|-------|-------|-----|-------|-------|--------|

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