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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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President's Message

MICHELE DEGENNARO



October started like all the other months, busy exciting and visiting our VIP's while they worked the mission! So with the car packed and loaded, with our very own Showgirl Membership Chairman Dee Bell, Children & Youth Chairman Jane Hardacre, and Finance Committee Member Nana Lontakos, we were off to ALA Unit 117 in Palm Bay, where we would be in for a Jackpot of a time.

Treated like High Rollers, Eric our Driver picked us up for what would be the start of a fun filled evening at the Casino Murder Mystery Event! Unit 117 was All In as they dealt out gambling, murder, and fundraising. With All proceeds raised going to Final Salute Inc.; the total raised is still a mystery and will not be revealed until my official visit in January. Special thanks to President Patty, Maryann, Linda and ALL the members who helped make this night so special.

Before heading home I was able to meet some VIP's while having a delicious breakfast at Post 394, courtesy of Dara Oliver, her daughter Junior Member Delaney and Cheryl, or as she is known by most "C.C."! It was great having breakfast with you Ladies.

As I drove home and prepared for my next adventure, there was something horrible preparing out in the gulf, Hurricane Michael! Scheduled to leave for my first official visit I headed South to the 14th District while things picked up in the North. With Showgirl Dee by my side we stopped in Delray Beach to pick up Historian Gail Dupuis, but not before visiting with PDP, Maureen Costello. It was so great to see Maureen! And then we were off...

The first stop of our visit was to see District 14 Mainland President, Linda Barichak. South Miami, Unit 31 hosted a delicious dinner and I was able to meet VIP members from Unit 31, Unit 98 Coral Gables, and Unit 133 Palmetto Bay. Thank you Linda for a delightful evening, filled with good food and great members. I do have to say one of

the highlights was meeting 4 yr. old S.A.L. member John who just so happens to be PDP Alma Zeller's great grandson! Who knew? The next day we had some free time and decided to adventure out on our own so we headed to Homestead Unit 43 and then to Palmetto Bay Unit 133. Apparently there is no hiding the fact that you're the President when you drive the Presidents car! We were welcomed with open arms everywhere we went. Big Shout Out to President Becky, Larry Miller, and Christina of Homestead. Thank you for all you do! Hope the Wii Breast Cancer Event was a Huge Success! Unit 133 President Stacy and Lisa ... it was an honor and privilege getting to know you both... You truly are VIP's!

Let me just say if District 14 Keys President Jeannette "Nettie" Goggans has anything to do with it be prepared for one Amazing ride! District President, Unit President, Membership Chairman, Honor Guard, unofficial / official tour guide. This woman will keep you going as she travels from one end of the District to the next working our mission and living our motto of Service not Self!

In 2 ½ days we visited every Unit in the Keys, attended a Breast Cancer Walk, the Coral Country Road Concert (and pre-party), and the Historic Home of Post 28. Lunch and dinners were provided everywhere we went. The hospitality was second to none and the opportunity to meet all the members was absolutely unforgettable. Thank you Commander Tony, President Cheryl and the members of Key Largo Unit 333. President Michele, Laurie, and Deb from Unit 28, thank you for allowing me to be a part of your "click"! Key West Unit 168 President Lakay, and the mighty six Ladies who rock it, thank you for all that you do.

To the Entire Legion Family of Post 154, Marathon,

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WOW! This Legion Family worked our mission. It was all hands on deck for Marathon Legion Riders, as they presented the Coral Country Concert raising money for Project Vet Relief and Mission 22. The Auxiliary was busy working the crowd for chances to win a Flamingo Raffle Basket, their efforts raised over \$1,500 with all proceeds going to Final Salute Inc. They even sent me home with pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House. Yep WOW! By the way Rumor has it Unit 154 might need the President back in February for their next concert! (I hear members are running amuck? Well at least that's our story!) **District 14 Thank you for All you do, you truly are... ALL IN!**

As the month started coming to a close, I ended my travels close to home by assisting with the One Community Now Stand Down. From setting up a live court room, and preparing a staging area for Veterans Court, to serving meals with the Auxiliary Units of the 16 District, helping our Veterans was the common theme. This year Veterans Court helped 37 Veterans, 157 cases cleared, \$82,158.00 in costs waived, and 21 Veterans Licenses /I.D. reinstated. Meanwhile the District 16 Auxiliary was busy, very busy as they served an estimated 2,500 meals over the course of the Stand Down.

With plenty of fun and excitement going on this month, there was still lots of work that needed to be done. As I mentioned earlier in my article while I was heading South, something terrible was happening in the North. With just barely over one year later and our Legion Families in the South still recovering from Hurricane Irma, Hurricane Michael wreaked havoc on our Florida Panhandle.

Entire Communities, Neighborhoods, and Legion Family Members still without power, sewer, water, gas, and some even experienced the unthinkable with total loss and devastation. Members, Units, and Districts from around the State immediately started collecting supplies, making monetary donations, and helping in any way they can. The Department of Florida Legion Disaster Preparedness Team has been working diligently to get supplies to needed areas. Auxiliary Headquarters has secured storage units at no cost, to house supplies until they can all be delivered.

It will take a long time to overcome all the damages,

for some it has changed their lives forever. Our thoughts and prayers are with each and every one of you. To everyone that has helped in any way we thank you. This is a team effort and one that will surely prove we are ALL IN and we are ALL IN this Together!



President's Photo Gallery



Auxiliary Emergency Fund

JO ANN MAITLAND



As I write this article the American Legion Dept of Florida's trailer full of donated supplies has arrived in Perry Florida. Fellow Legionnaires and Auxiliary members unloaded and stationed the items in preparation for additional trips and distribution to those that have been hit by Michael's devastation.

By the time this edition of "The Winning Hand" goes to print we will know the full impact of Michael.

Are you "**ALL IN**" to aid a sister in need?

Important information for your use:

Disaster application only:

Expedited Application for Members Affected by Disaster - apply on line:

<https://www.alaforveterans.org/Expedited-Application-for-Members-Affected-by-Disaster/>

Application must be received at National Headquarters within 3 months from disaster date

Eligibility: Persons who have been members of the American Legion Auxiliary for at least the immediate past two consecutive years, AND whose current membership dues are paid at the time the emergency occurs (three consecutive years' dues) may apply for assistance. *You may submit the application in one of four ways:*

1. Download paper copy of application and fax completed application to National Headquarters at 317-569-4502,
2. Mail to American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters, Attn: AEF, 8945 N. Meridian St, Indianapolis, IN 46260,
3. Submit via the national website (click on the submit button after completing form)
4. E-mail directly to AEF@ALAforVeterans.org. Questions may be directed to AEF Grant Coordinator at (317) 569-4500.

Note: Applications lacking required information will be returned.

Other assistance available:

- Temporary assistance during a time of financial crisis, when no other source of aid is readily available to pay for shelter, food and utilities.
- Temporary assistance for food and shelter due to weather-related emergencies and natural disasters.
- Temporary assistance for educational training who lack the skills necessary for employment or to upgrade to competitive workforce skills.

The Department of Florida AEF maximum grant amount is \$1,200.00

Print the application:

<https://alaf.org/programs/emergency-fund>

The ALA National maximum grant amount is \$2400.00

Print the application: www.ALAforVeterans.org

Now for the nitty gritty. The only way these grants can exist is through donations from Members, Units, Districts and Departments, not only in Florida but across the country.

Fundraising ideas:

- All in Vegas Style Casino night!
- Pass the hat at Bingo, Queen of Spades or other gaming events for AEF
- Wrap a 20oz. water bottle with "Lend a Hand" logo. When full of dimes = \$100.00
- Raffle off a gambling cruise

Donate \$50.00 and receive:



Women Helping Women pin.

I know you are going to be "ALL IN" for our sisters in need. My wish is to receive stories of hope and help for mid and year-end reports.



<i>For Internal Use Only</i>	
Case #	_____
Date Received	_____
# of Continuous Yrs.	_____

American Legion Auxiliary Emergency Fund Expedited Application for Disaster Victims Seeking Temporary Shelter Assistance

NOTE: You may fax this completed application to National Headquarters at (317) 569-4502 or mail it to American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters, Attn: AEF, 8945 N. Meridian St, Indianapolis, IN 46260. Additionally, you may e-mail this completed application directly to AGinter@ALAforVeterans.org. Questions may be directed to Amanda Ginter at (317) 569-4564.

DATE OF OCCURRENCE: _____ MEMBERSHIP ID NUMBER: _____

MEMBER'S FULL NAME (Please Print legibly): _____

MEMBER'S ADDRESS AT TIME OF NATURAL DISASTER (tornados/flooding-must be filed with NHQ within 3 months from disaster date):

_____ address _____ city _____ state/zip

MEMBER'S UNIT #/LOCATION: _____ MEMBER'S DEPARTMENT: _____

MEMBER'S # OF DEPENDENTS: _____ PHONE NUMBER: () _____ - _____

GENERAL INFORMATION	RESIDENCE INSURED: D YES D NO If insured, please indicate the amount you expect to receive from policy: \$ _____ If you are not currently residing in the dwelling, please explain your current living arrangements and how long you anticipate being out of your home:	PRIMARY RESIDENCE: D YES D NO	STILL RESIDING IN DWELLING: D YES D NO
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DAMAGE INCURRED Please explain the damage incurred. You may include any copies of repair estimates, pictures, statements from FEMA or local law enforcement, etc.

EXPENSES INCURRED Please provide copies of applicable receipts.
EMERGENCY HOUSING: \$ _____ **FOOD:** \$ _____ **CLOTHING:** \$ _____
OTHER (please explain): _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Payment can be transmitted by electronic funds directly to the member's bank account OR a check can be mailed. You must provide a complete mailing address for delivery of a check by the U.S. Postal Service. For electronic funds transfer, the bank name, routing /ABA number as well as your account number must be provided. If available, please include a voided check for accuracy.

Member's Name and Address listed on Account: _____

Member's (Grantee's) Bank: _____

Bank Routing#/ABA # _____

Checking or Savings Account # (Please Circle Account Type): _____

Address Where Check is to be mailed: _____

Member's Signature: _____ Date: _____

**Please Note: The maximum grant amount for an expedited disaster application is \$2,000.00, disbursed as the Auxiliary Emergency Fund Grant Committee Determines*

Americanism

JACQUELINE MOODY



The month of November is Flush With American Pride. On three separate occasions we get to demonstrate our patriotism and celebrate some long-standing American ideals: we get to vote on Election Day, honor our veterans on Veterans Day and give thanks for all our blessings on Thanksgiving. These are all days to fly our American flag, so be sure you do.

Election Day- Election Day is not a holiday but is a day set by law as "the first Tuesday after November 1" to elect a president, vice president, congressional representatives and senators. Certain states have designated Election Day as a **state holiday**, while other states allow workers time off with pay to go vote. I cannot think of a more civic and patriotic thing to do than to be able exercise this privilege and vote to elect our officials. We vote for president and vice president every four years, and congressmen and 1/3 of our sitting senators every two years.

Work the polls. Remember to proudly wear your I Voted sticker to remind others to vote. Bring your children or grandchildren with you. Many polling places have children's ballots and other fun materials to teach them about what it means to vote.

Veterans Day is an official **federal holiday** observed annually on November 11, honoring our military veterans. The day marks the anniversary of the end of World War I; where major hostilities were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. The United States previously called this day Armistice Day but renamed it Veterans Day in 1954 to include honoring veterans of WWII and the Korean War.

Today we celebrate Veterans Day by attending parades, services at our posts, or in our communities. We fly our flags, decorate our homes with bunting or red white and blue wreaths. It is a day of remembrance to all our veterans. Help the post with activities and include our youth. Send a veteran's day card to the veterans in your family. Tell them how much you appreciate their service and sacrifice.

The American Legion Auxiliary and the Legion Family should know the difference between Veterans Day,

Memorial Day and Armed Services Day. Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans, while Memorial Day honors those who died while in military service. Armed Services Day honors those servicemen and women currently serving.

So, is it Veteran's Day or Veterans' Day? Did you know the US Department of Veterans Affairs website has an official spelling for the veteran's day holiday? It is Veterans Day "because it is not a day that 'belongs' to veterans, it is a day for honoring all veterans."

Thanksgiving Day is a **national holiday**. It began as a day of giving thanks for the blessing of the harvest of the preceding year. Our modern Thanksgiving holiday tradition is traced to a 1621 celebration at Plymouth, Massachusetts, and to a similar celebration in Virginia a couple of years before.

President George Washington proclaimed the first nationwide thanksgiving celebration by marking November 26, 1789, "as a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God".

In 1863 President Abraham Lincoln first officially called for, by proclamation, a national day of Thanksgiving. The date was to be the final Thursday in November. But due to the Civil War Thanksgiving was not celebrated until the 1870s.

On December 26, 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a joint resolution of Congress changing the national Thanksgiving Day from the last Thursday in November to the fourth Thursday.

Use this day as a day to practice the idea of Service Not Self by helping at our posts and community food kitchens to feed our veterans and the homeless. Have your children or grandchildren begin work on their essay, "**How Can We Address and Prevent Veteran Homelessness in Our Communities.**" Use this day to reflect on the freedoms, our individual rights, our family, our blessings. Thank a soldier or a veteran for these freedoms. *Quoted sources from Wikipedia*

Operation Stuff a Stocking

Help Our Little Heroes for the Holidays

Sponsor a military child this holiday season by providing gifts from a personalized Wish List!



How It Works

- * Choose a child by emailing Amy at afee@uso.org
- * Purchase \$50 worth of gifts from the Wish List
- * Return the gifts to the USO at Tampa Airport by Monday, December 10th



Children & Youth

JANE HARDACRE



A **Ronald McDonald House** provides a place for families to call home so they can stay close by their hospitalized child at little to no cost. You can donate money, food, or your time. For the Ronald McDonald Houses of Florida, we asked you to save your pop can tabs. This month's article is going to highlight a Unit out of the 14th District Keys.

Marathon Memorial, Unit #154, has been collecting pop can tabs. The Unit did not have a Ronald McDonald House near them. During Department President Michele's visit to the Keys, the Unit President asked her what they could do with them. Madame President told the Unit that due to Hurricane Michael, my husband and I evacuated from our home and were staying at her house. They graciously gave the box of tabs to Michele.



Not able to return safely to Panama City, we needed to keep our minds off our troubles. We took the box of tabs to the nearest recycling facility. This facility would print out a check, payable to the Charity. The total poundage weighed in at 39lbs! Normally, this facility pays .44 cents per pound. The manager reprinted our ticket at .54 cents per pound. They will be receiving a thank you

card from the American Legion Auxiliary!

We personally drove the check to St. Petersburg Ronald McDonald House next to John Hopkins All Children's Hospital. The staff was overwhelmed with our story: that the pop tabs came from Marathon and that the facility had donated the extra .10 cents. Karen, the RMH Manager, asked if we would like a tour. We did not turn her down. What happened next was amazing.

We passed a group of young men, with short hair, leaving through the lobby. Karen explained that the young men were Coast Guard stationed in St. Pete

and Clearwater.

These men were grooming the landscaping around the children's jungle gym playground. Weeding, cutting grass, and replacing woodchips were how they spent their morning!

As we left, we met a woman staying at the House. Her newborn son was receiving treatment due to a birth defect. She was from Indiana, near Chicago. The Chicago doctors gave her baby a 50% chance to live. The couple did some research and found a doctor in St. Petersburg that could help their son. The couple did not know how they could afford to go to Florida and still make their mortgage payments. A friend told them about Ronald McDonald Houses. They would not have been able to get their son help without Ronald McDonald House. She wanted to thank all of the members of our organization, especially Marathon Memorial, Unit #154.

We all can make a difference, no matter how small.



Membership

DEE BELL



Our thoughts and prayers go out to our American Legion family members and post homes effected by Michael.

Congratulations to the Units across Florida for hitting a 'double bonus' and Striking it Rich with Membership. We are very close to our first goal of 2% over Veterans Day 2017. I know Florida can do it!! Current membership standings are located at the back of the newsletter.

Unit 143 Fosters a culture of goodwill.

After more the 20 years as an ALA member, Lucille Wolfe, of Unit 143 in Cherokee, N.C. said she started to feel that she wasn't close to anyone in her post home. For that, and other personal reasons, her participation in the unit slowly but steadily decreased to nearly zero.

Then Wolfe got something special in the mail: a birthday card containing a sincere, heartfelt message from her fellow unit members. Wolfe said she started to reconsider her place at her post home. Maybe those close relationships she had there remained. She was reminded of her passion for honoring and helping veterans, servicemembers, and their families and how her personal values are closely aligned with the ALA and its mission of service and promoting patriotism. This birthday card became the catalyst for Wolfe's mindset and her eventual return to the unit as a member who participates in activities as often as she can, in any way she can, as she once did.

"It just touched me that they thought enough of me to send me a birthday card, especially since my birthday is on Christmas Eve - when people's minds are elsewhere. It also got me thinking about my passion for helping veterans because it came from Unit 143. Knowing that they cared made me come back to our unit and post home. Now, we're as close as families are, Wolfe said."

Wolfe was one of numerous Unit 143 members who, each with her own reasons, allowed her ALA participation level to plummet. Sending birthday and anniversary cards with sincere messages to members who became inactive and who still lived in the community was the idea of Patsy Ledford of Unit 143. She wanted them to know that their fellow members still cared about them, and that the unit would get more active in helping veterans. It was just one of several ways the unit attempted to appeal to non-participating members, as they tried to

recruit new members. All of this happened a few years ago.

Today Unit 143 has about 43 members, with a core group of about 15 women who participate all or most of the time. Among the 43 members are some of the previous members who returned and are actively participating again.

Ledford worked along with several of her fellow ALA members who wanted to revitalize their unit. An outsider looking in might wonder how Ledford - one of the few Caucasian Americans belonging to this predominantly Cherokee Native American unit - was able to help pull the unit together despite having a different cultural background than most of the members.

But Ledford and other unit members say they value the differences among their group while rallying around their common cause of fulfilling the ALA mission.

These women know that each has something to offer. No matter their race, religion, nationalities, or other differences among them, ALA members stand united in their desire to support The American Legion; assist and pay tribute to veterans, military personnel, and their families; mentor youth; and encourage good citizenship and patriotism.

They also know that working as a team is part of what makes their team work, Ledford explained: "These are the most awesome bunch of ladies I have ever had the privilege of working with! I said 'working with' - not 'working around' or 'working without.' We jelled as a group. Unit 143 member Carol Long, an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, agrees with Ledford.

"Working together as we do for the same cause creates a bond that I don't think anything can break. We're not perfect. We do have our issues at times. But we talk about it. We need to show our unity. The focus is doing things for our veterans, and doing the best we can for them," Long said.

Ledford serves as president of Unit 143, Long is Vice President

Legislative

SHIRLEY FASHANO



Elections are now over, now what?

The best way to support local legislative efforts is to make it personal. In some situations, local governments have proposed amendments that affect the homeless. Those regulations could significantly impact our local homeless vets. Personalize your connection to the proposed amendment and how it impacts our Veterans. Emphasize how much veterans mean to you. This personal connection can be very compelling to local governments.

When the legislative issue you have a strong opinion on arises, craft your narrative. For example, there are 67 Bills out there supporting our American Veterans. Check them out, pick one which stands out and touches your inner soul and run with it. You can see on the website which Representatives are already on board and those who are not. You can make a difference if you are active.

The American Legion has the capability to influence public policy as a major stakeholder, so it's wise to familiarize yourself with their structure. Typically the American Legion hires professional staff, such as Government Affairs Director's. Political coordinators or the American Legion Executive Committee to ensure our American Veteran's interests are presented. The American Legion also has a legislative committee with the American Legion Auxiliary volunteers. Our members shape the American Legion's policy priorities and advocacy for legislative on Veterans issues. Sharing your personal story with your legislative committee can be very useful as they formulate policy recommendations.

Nearly 4 million members of the American Legion Family exercise accountability every day. From the courthouse, to the statehouse to Capital Hill we stand for quality care, timely benefits, bright futures for young people, respect for the colors of our nation, and honored remembrance of those who have fallen. That's how the American Legion defines accountability. Our nation's veterans should expect nothing less, from all of us.

The American Legion also has access to resources

such as Mission 22, Homeless Veteran Outreach, Women Veteran Advocacy and Project Vet Relief. These programs assist local American Legion efforts to engage the public and lawmakers throughout any legislative stage. The end goal is to position us as experts and Veteran Advocacy leaders.

As a final thought, engaging in the legislative process by sharing your perspective can have a long lasting effort on our Veterans. Ultimately, you and your local American Legion Auxiliary can drive public policy. When you share your personal story on legislative issues, you help strengthen the American Legion's message.

7-Point Plan to Get Your Representative to Pay Attention

- Write the member a personal letter and expect a response within thirty days. Do not use a form letter or postcard.
- If you haven't heard from your member, call to ask for a meeting with the staff member in charge of veterans issues.
- Be concise at the meeting. Have your facts straight and all your sources.
- Request that your issue/concern be placed on the radar screen and supported by your member.
- If the above isn't working, stand outside the member's office or committee door. Introduce yourself when she/he passes by and tell them about your concern as simply as possible. Back up your statement with facts.
- Send a thank you letter for the time and support the member gives to your issue.
- Hold her/him accountable. Send a note of appreciation if she/he votes yes. Send a note questioning a no vote.

Always remember we are a non-partisan Legislative team fighting for our Veterans. We must keep an eye on our elected officials, hold them accountable for their actions towards the American Veterans. We must stay politically connected to our government. Let's Be All In!!!!

Education

CHARLOTTE BASS



Each year, American Education Week, November 12th-16th, 2019, provides an opportunity to celebrate public education and honor the teachers, administrators, and educational professionals who are making a difference. Since the first observance in 1921, the National Education Association, American Legion and Auxiliary, US Office of Education, and PTA join together with other partners to emphasize the importance of public schools and to support public education.

Though there will always be room for improvement, there are many things being done well in US public education. This week helps us to remember those things, while also considering how we can expand on them to continue providing quality education to millions of students.

Please contact your local schools and see if your Post Family can discuss our Americanism program at the school. This is a great way to educate our next generation on our Constitution, ALA essay and how we as an Auxiliary can help our local students.

November is also known as Family Engagement Month. How does your Auxiliary engage your local military and families in your community? Have you considered hosting a family game or movie night? Does your community know about your

Junior program?
Scholarships?

Reaching out to engage families in meaningful ways and in which families are committed to actively supporting their children's learning and development. Family engagement is continuous across a child's life and entails enduring commitment but changing parent roles as children mature into young adulthood. Effective family engagement cuts across and reinforces learning in the multiple settings where children learn at home, in pre-kindergarten programs, in school, in after school programs, in faith-based institutions and in the community.

Please visit Florida Department of Education for more resources regarding Family Engagement and ideas for American Education Week.

Now is also a good time to start promoting our scholarships. Please review all scholarships before sending them to Department, to make sure that all of the criteria have been met.



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

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

floridalegion.org

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

WANDA BRANDT



November 11th is Veterans Day, This day is the anniversary of the signing of the armistice, which ended the World War I hostilities between the Allied nations and Germany in 1918. Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans. How will you be spending the day? Hopeful it will include saying Thank You to a Veteran.

Volunteers are a priceless asset

A big thank you to each and every one of you who are doing something for our veterans, and especially our female veterans - I know there are projects being planned and each of us are preparing for special events like Veterans Day, Thanksgiving and of course Christmas. I cannot tell you how humble I am, by the dedications of all you that reach out to touch veteran's life, you do exemplify what it is to volunteer.

I know you are working on some fundraisers projects in the upcoming months for our veterans. I would like for you to take pictures of the events, so I can get them to national, please email me at wanda.

brandt@comcast.net

and in the subject

line enter - Veterans Event, and please attach names, and what the event was about. If you take a picture of the veteran, please make sure they don't mind taking the picture, and let them know it just might be pictured in the National Magazine.

Please do not forget about **"Healing Veterans through Art Therapy"**. That is such a strong statement, and it's exactly what the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival does. The American Legion Auxiliary joins the Department of Veterans Affairs as a national co-sponsor of the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival each year. Your donations to Creative Arts is so much appreciated.

Remembering "To Work Hard" "Play Hard" and most of all "Have Fun" and be "ALL IN" for our Veterans. Please review the VA&R plan of action and all the different attachments. If there is any questions, please don't hesitate to call me.

Stepping Up For Our Veterans

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AMERICAN LEGION POST 80 St. CLOUD

Friday, November 16

AEF Fundraiser Event

VIVA LAS VEGAS



Contact the Post or
Auxiliary Officer
to "Pre-Pay" for Dinner

DINNER 5pm - 7pm

Choice of Beef Wellington or Cornish Hen \$15

Elvis Show at 8pm

RAFFLES · GAMES · DANCING · DOOR PRIZES
& COMMANDERS RAFFLE

AEF FUNDRAISER Hosted by

The American Legion Auxiliary UNIT 80

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Public Relations

SANDI STEPP-HOWARD



As Dept. of Florida American Legion Auxiliary prepares for the eventful next three months with activities such as Veterans Day, Poppy distribution, Community Service projects, Children and Youth events and fundraising for the Mission related programs, pitch the Auxiliary

events in the many local media resources. Flyers posted on community and veterans organization bulletin boards, community and online newspapers, newsletters, websites, social media, radio and television are commonly used by many Units/Districts.

If your Unit/District needs one-on-one coaching, the Public Relations committee is committed to helping. Last month, we published an article "How to create a media contact list" Did Units find this helpful and what was the outcome? We realize many Units/Districts have not filled the Public Relations chairman position, therefore, we encourage each Core and Standing committee chairman to promote the Unit/District activities thru the many local media resources available. **It is the duty of every member to insure the future of American Legion Auxiliary's next 100 years and to take our role as a veteran's service organization seriously and to keep those needs front and center in the minds of the American public.**

Preparing attention-grabbing Media releases is a very essential portion to a successful promotion of Mission related activities. The media release objective is to pitch/promote our Mission "**Service not Self**". A pitch is a description of a potential story idea to an editor, reporter, news assignment

editor or producer. It can be sent via email. A pitch lays out why a story matters and makes the case for doing a certain story at a certain point in time. It should quickly and concisely do a few things -- summarize the story you want a media outlet to cover and explain **why** that story matters. On the National website www.alaforveterans.org, in the *Public Relations Guide and Tips for Volunteer Recruitment* are instructional and beneficial tips. **The following Tips for Optimizing Media Opportunities at Events have proved successful and many reporters have been thankful for the support.**

Follow these tips and best practices to ensure media contacts have the best possible experience at your volunteer events. The media is assisting in promoting a positive image and educating the public on **Who we are, what we do and Why we matter.** Building a working relationship with reporters is essential.

Prior to the event

- Prepare. Provide the media contact(s) with a cell phone number for someone from your organization who will be an on-site contact. You may do this via email or phone, but it is nice for them to have it in writing.
- Gather materials. Bring any materials that might be of use to media contacts with you to the event. Compile multiple copies in a folder so they are all in one place, and make sure you or the assigned on-site media contact has this folder at all times during your volunteer event.
- Identify a spokesperson to work with media. As the head of public relations for your unit, this person maybe you. Unit committee member in charge of the event are highly passionate about the event and best prepared with key messages.



- Prepare statements. Media will want to speak with members of your unit. Prior to the event, host a meeting to go over any key messages you'd like them to convey to the media. Remember to:
 - o Keep messaging simple. Example: "The American Legion Auxiliary is dedicated to meeting the needs of veterans through events such as this."
 - o Point to solutions. Example: "Becoming a member of the American Legion Auxiliary is a rewarding way to give back to our veterans."
 - o Direct people to your website. A reporter may ask, "Where can folks go for more information about the American Legion Auxiliary?" By directing individuals to your website, www.ALAFLL.org, they can find out more about the organization and how it delivers its mission.

At the event

- Say hello. Once a member of your organization has been assigned as an on-site media contact, she should be responsible for greeting media when they arrive. Media often show up without notice, so being able to quickly make the connection between the reporter and your spokesperson is essential to ensure coverage of your event.
- Provide materials. Leverage the folder you prepared prior to the event to provide relevant media materials. Reporters like to take these materials before they leave so they can reference information after the event.
- Exchange contact information. In some cases, a

media outlet may send a reporter or camera crew that you did not have previous contact with. In these cases, it's important to ask for that individual's business card or contact information. By obtaining this additional information, **you will not only add to your media list**, but you will now have the necessary information for follow up after your event.

After the event

- Follow up. It is vital to conduct a follow up with all media contacts who attend your volunteer event. Send them an email or give them a call to:
 - o Express gratitude for their
- **When the story runs in print or airs on television, make sure you obtain a printed copy or a recorded copy for your files**, allowing you to share the event coverage with other members in your unit.



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RHONDA BRAILEY-MAURER



Operation Stuff a Stocking

Believe it or not, it's already time to ramp up for Operation Stuff a Stocking again! For those unfamiliar with the program: Through Operation Stuff a Stocking, the Central Florida USO commits to providing \$50 worth of holiday gifts for any child of a service member ranked E6 and below. The program is operated much like a giving tree, with donors providing gifts for the children from their personalized wish lists. This has become one of our most demanding programs, starting with just 85 children registered in 2013 and growing to 732 children registered in 2017! With numbers expected to remain high, we are looking for companies and organizations who may be interested in "adopting" children's wish lists this holiday season. Here are a few ways that community partners are involved:

1) Employees/members can participate on an

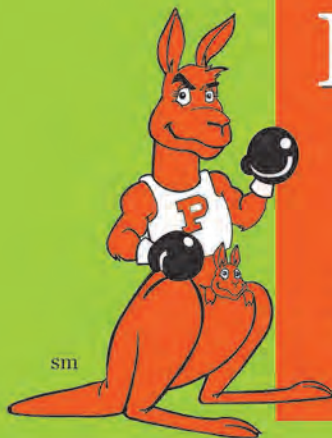
individual basis, selecting the number of children they would like to sponsor.

2) The company/organization can do a donation collection among employees/members and choose the number of children to support based on the amount collected.

3) The company/organization can sponsor a selected number of children as a company-sponsored project.

Wish Lists for the children will be available on **November 9th**, but the USO wants to get the word out now so partners can prepare for it in advance. Please share with your units so that we can help make it a happier holiday for our military families.

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Please say a special Prayer for all those who have been affected by the hurricanes and let us send our love, compassion and strength to them. May we all say a silent prayer.

As we approach Fall, may we remember to pay homage to our Veterans in November on Veterans Day and in December with the Wreaths Across America Services. Most of all let us all say a Prayer for all those who are still fighting for our Freedoms and to keep our Country Safe.

Recently Departed Members

DISTRICT 1

Josephine Huffman, Unit 271

DISTRICT 3

Sarah Knox, Unit 57

DISTRICT 6

Martha Brisco, Unit 242
Carol Washburn, Unit 242
Sharon Core, Unit 286
Maria Connell, Unit 347

DISTRICT 7

Marilyn C. Lundquist, Unit 8

DISTRICT 9

Margaret McCutcheon, Unit 209

DISTRICT 11

Judith Bloodworth, Unit 47

DISTRICT 12

Ann Bibb, Unit 126
Teresa Calhoun, Unit 189
Patricial, Salsberg, Unit 366

DISTRICT 13

Carol Nicholson, Unit 136
Velma Cook, Unit 274
Judith Griffiths, Unit 336

DISTRICT 14

Merry Joan Hoak, Unit 133
Constance M. Chaffee, Unit 154

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Josephine Bender, Unit 186
Marlene Blair, Unit 186
Gail Cleaves, Unit 186
Betty Corbin, Unit 186
Arline Frain, Unit 186
Mary Beth Hablewitz, Unit 186
Gabriella Hieb, Unit 186
Kay Lockwood, Unit 186
Arlene Malin, Unit 186
Catherine Martilak, Unit 186
Norma Quickel, Unit 186
Ann Rakuceqicz, Unit 186
Mary Rhodes, Unit 186
Jo (Norma) Tern, Unit 186
Marlene Thomas, Unit 186
Wilda Tuomey, Unit 186
Beverly Zielinski, Unit 186
Jean Raper, Unit 334

DISTRICT 16

Diane Snyder, Unit 79
Linda Boucher, Unit 173

DISTRICT 17

Mary (Marie) Henle, Unit 115
Cindy Rutigliano, Unit 115
Diana Reeve, Unit 361

From District 1

NANETTE SULLIVAN

In the Month of September 2018, from Pensacola, Florida to Panama City, Florida. 1st District Units #340, #356, #392, came prepared with Dedication & Commitment to show Homeless Veteran's support to receive the help they needed. The American Legion Auxiliary spent countless hours assembling personal hygiene care bags for (Male & Female) Veterans. Food and snack bags, coats, shoes, and many other items.

As each Homeless Veteran approached our tables they were greeted, and told: "Thank You for your Service". As we looked in the faces of many Veteran's, we could see the twinkle in their eye, as they accepted our help. This feeling that our volunteers experienced, these were touching moments. And each of us knew "We're All In".



From District 15

PATRICIA DELGADO

Saturday October 13, 2018 15th District ABC class which was held at American Legion Post 248 located at 3204 W. Cypress St Tampa, Florida.. Great turn out by Auxiliary members, and our District Legion officers were invited. In attendance was District 15 Commander Bruce Carl , Vice Commander Brian Holeyfield and Sergeant at Arms Greg Dodge, and Asst Sgt at Arms Tom Wilson.They all were happy that they attended. (Awesome class, both Robin Burke and Sandi Howard Stepp did an excellent job.) Everyone left with more knowledge of our Auxiliary - Who We Are- What We Do and Why We Matter)



From District 16

CAROL WILLIAMS

ABC School of Instruction, October 6, 2018 American Legion Post 273, Madeira Beach, FL



Katie Gabehart, Unit 273 President



Liz Close, District 16 President



Robin Burke, ABC School Instructor



The Casino Bosses

(l to r) Edie Porter, Christine Massey, Robin Burke, Liz Close, Katie Gabehart.

The ABC School of Instruction Casino was called to action at American Legion Post 273 by ABC Instructor, Robin Burk. The Atlantis Casino was a full house with most of District 16 units represented. We were given important information; we built Atlantis Casinos; we played jeopardy and framed our faces for "We're All In."



Gifts and Prizes



Lunch Tickets



Atlantis
A winning combination.

We rolled into action and built Atlantis casinos. The tallest one (left) was the winner.

American Legion Post 252, Seminole, FL, held the *District 16 picnic* on Saturday, September 30. The show stopper was Randall McNabb, Legion Post 273, Madeira Beach, FL, raffling his hair for *Wreaths Across America*. He made 3 sections in his long hair, and three ticket winners each got to snip a section of his hair.



Dealer Katie Gabehart on left.
Casino Host Michele DeGennaro on right



American Legion Auxiliary Unit 273 ladies at the District 16 picnic on Saturday, September 30. (l to r front row) Rhonda Brailey-Maurer, Janice Hill, Sharon Abbott (back row l to r) Zoe Roseman and Katie Gabehart.



Anthony Torregrossa, Katie Gabehart and Randall McNabb Post 273. Madeira Beach, FL



Katie Gabehart takes first snip of Randall's hair



Ticket winners show their sections of Randall's hair.



Jeopardy game hosted by Robin Burke. (left)
(right) Jeopardy winners strike it rich. \$50 gift certificate for Final Salute.



From Post 5

PATRICIA DELGADO

Madiera Beach Auxiliary Unit 273, thanks Rosemary Hamblin, Tampa Post 5, for the invitation to attend the 100th Anniversary of the sinking of the US Coast Guard Cutter, Tampa. Janice Hill and Carol Williams attended the remembrance ceremony on Sunday, September 23. Post 5 made every effort to create a spectacular celebration. Speakers Post 5 Commander Bill Hamblin, USCG Rear Admiral Peter Brown, songs by Scott Gierke, bag pipes, carnations placed at the monument for each soldier lost and a 21 gun salute. Followed by a lunch inside the post to remember the Tampa and connect with other Posts. **God Bless all of our military.**



From Unit 273

CAROL WILLIAMS, UNIT 273 PUBLIC RELATIONS



We're All In!

Monday, October 1, *American Legion Auxiliary Unit 273*, Madeira Beach, FL, met for their monthly meeting. Then the action began for the full house of members, as the Dealer Katie Gabehart began the Casino Night Meet and Greet. Betting the ladies would buy in to games, comradery, food and drink, Katie hit it big for the "We're all in" attitude at Auxiliary Unit 273!



From Unit 273

CAROL WILLIAMS, UNIT 273 PUBLIC RELATIONS

Sergeant Stubby, First Canine Member of The American Legion



As a homeless puppy in 1917, Stubby was wandering Yale University. Private Robert J. Conroy found the little short tail dog and named him Stubby. Little did he know that this dog would win nine medals and become nationally recognized in WWI.

Against US Army policy, Conroy brought Stubby back to camp, and he proved to be good for the soldiers' morale. Clever young Stubby learned how to salute with his paw and became familiar with bugle calls and marching routines. He became a mascot for the 102nd Infantry Battalion.

Conroy smuggled Stubby on the USS Minnesota at Newport News. Once on board, he hid Stubby in a coal bin. When Stubby emerged, the commanding officer was not pleased. Perhaps sensing he was in trouble, Stubby gave the CO a salute, so he was allowed to stay with his Infantry Battalion.

The 102nd reached the front lines in France on February 5, 1918. Stubby sustained his first injury when he inhaled toxic gas. He was treated in the hospital alongside his two-legged comrades. He became sensitive to the toxic gas smell and barked a warning to the soldiers before they inhaled too much, saving many lives.

It wasn't just his nose that helped the soldiers: his ears did, too. He would whine when he heard incoming artillery shells. He was trained to differentiate between English and German speakers and barked at the trenches of wounded English-speaking soldiers, but not German-speaking, to alert paramedics.

Stubby captured a German spy who sneaked into their camp at night. He grabbed his leg and pinned him down until the American soldiers arrived. Stubby was promoted to the rank of sergeant for capturing the German spy, the first dog to achieve such a rank in the United States Army.

Stubby served in 17 battles during the war. He served faithfully, saving many lives, and earned nine medals. After the war, he met with Presidents Woodrow Wilson, Calvin Coolidge and Warren G. Harding. Stubby also attended the Georgetown University Law Center with Conroy. He was made a lifetime member of the Red Cross, the YMCA and The American Legion, and marched in Legion parades and attended Legion conventions all over the country.

In 1926, Stubby passed away. His body was donated to the Smithsonian Institute where it was preserved and put on display, along with his medals.

Restoring the Rhythm of Life for Veterans

On September 18, 2018, at a St. Petersburg, Florida, Caliber Collision shop, Veteran Williams was the recipient of a recycled automobile. Williams was elated, "I can get a job now and drive my daughter to school." Changing Lanes - restoring the rhythm of life is the mantra of Caliber Collision.

Pictured is Veteran Williams as he accepted his vehicle from Caliber Collision and Rhonda Brailey-Maurer, Department National Security Chairman, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 273, who presented the car on behalf of the Veterans Program Soldiers Angels.

"Recycled rides" is a win-win for our military heroes and Caliber. "Changing Lanes" Automotivation program, funded by 3M "Hire Our Heroes" campaign, is a unique automotive skill-based rehabilitation program. Transitioning soldiers gain valuable skills to jump start a rewarding collision repair career. The veterans, and wounded veterans, learn the techniques and technology to service cars and refurbish the ones awarded to veterans. Caliber Collision has gifted more than 150 vehicles to military families across the United States over the past five years.

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As the nation's leading collision repair provider, Caliber Collision is a proud supporter of the valiant men and women who serve and protect us overseas and on American soil. "Whether they're soldiers, firefighters, police officers or rescue personnel, we honor the memory of those who have fallen, and pay tribute to the many who serve today."

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 273 sincerely thanks Steve Grimshaw, Caliber Collision Chief Executive Officer, and the participating Caliber Collision service centers, for their dedication to improving the lives of the United States military – Restoring the Rhythm of Life.

"Giving Back to One of Their Own," a highlight of the auto-motivation graduation ceremonies, was the presentation of a 2010 Chevrolet Cobalt. Changing Lanes participants repaired and refurbished the Cobalt for a military veteran. The vehicle donation is part of Caliber's Recycled Rides program.



From Unit 291

KAREN TIDWELL

Unit 291 Steinhatchee delivered needed supplies to the Ronald McDonald House in Gainesville. We were able to deliver some of everything on their wish list. From left to right Karen Tidwell, President Unit 291 and Teresa Drews Administration with Ronald McDonald House.



On Saturday October 13th the American Legion Post 291 Steinhatchee along with the American Legion Auxiliary and the Son's of the American Legion teamed up with Crabbie Dads to organize and deliver supplies to hard hit areas after hurricane Michael. In less than 24 hours over \$3,000.00 was collected from residents and businesses in Steinhatchee. Sunday the supplies were purchased and the trailers were loaded so that the trucks could head out on Monday morning. From left to right is Mike Hill, Captain Scott Peters (owner Crabbie Dads), Mark Gamble, Marcie Cantrell, Karen Tidwell Auxiliary President, Steve Hedgepath, and American Legion Post 291 Commander Butch Cantrell. Special thanks to Mike Hill who started this project and to all those that gave so graciously.

Membership Reports

OCTOBER 19, 2018

DISTRICT 1

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0075	Crestview	131	0	43	43	32.82%
0078	Milton	21	0	4	4	19.05%
0193	Pensacola	100	1	14	15	15.00%
0221	Niceville	71	0	6	6	8.45%
0235	Ft Walton Beach	176	5	79	84	47.73%
0240	Pensacola	230	0	88	88	38.26%
0296	Destin	35	0	10	10	28.57%
0340	Pensacola	303	4	62	66	21.78%
0356	Lynn Haven	192	0	34	34	17.71%
0375	Southport	70	0	14	14	20.00%
0378	Gulf Breeze	23	0	18	18	78.26%
0382	Navarre	119	0	35	35	29.41%
0392	Panama City	161	1	34	35	21.74%
0402	Panama City Beach	41	1	19	20	48.78%
TOTALS		1673	12	460	472	28.21%

DISTRICT 3

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0049	Monticello	22	0	6	6	27.27%
0057	Lake City	230	0	78	78	33.91%
0107	Live Oak	48	1	17	18	37.50%
0131	Greenville	30	0	0	0	0.00%
0215	Jasper	39	2	11	13	33.33%
0224	Madison	34	0	14	14	41.18%
0291	Steinhatchee	150	2	96	98	65.33%
0383	Old Town	152	0	51	51	33.55%
TOTALS		705	5	273	278	39.43%

DISTRICT 2

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0013	Tallahassee	97	4	55	59	60.82%
0082	Lanark	92	2	24	26	28.26%
0084	Havana	33	2	8	10	30.30%
0100	Marianna	49	0	11	11	22.45%
0217	Quincy	55	5	18	23	41.82%
0241	Sneads	56	24	29	53	94.64%
TOTALS		382	37	145	182	47.64%

DISTRICT 4

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0016	Gainesville	60	0	4	4	6.67%
0027	Ocala	33	2	12	14	42.42%
0058	Dunnellon	44	0	21	21	47.73%
0077	Inverness	46	0	23	23	50.00%
0149	Newberry	26	0	9	9	34.62%
0155	Crystal River	306	1	135	136	44.44%
0166	Homosassa Springs	40	0	11	11	27.50%
0230	Hawthorne	52	2	30	32	61.54%
0236	Bronson	54	0	20	20	37.04%
0237	Beverly Hills	146	0	57	57	39.04%
0284	Belleview	76	0	25	25	32.89%
0314	Starke	12	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTALS		895	5	347	352	39.33%

DISTRICT 5

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0009	Jacksonville	29	1	15	16	55.17%
0037	Saint Augustine	83	0	6	6	7.23%
0054	Fernandina Beach	174	2	41	43	24.71%
0088	Jacksonville	89	2	30	32	35.96%
0129	Jacksonville Beach	338	8	118	126	37.28%
0137	Jacksonville	504	12	189	201	39.88%
0194	St Augustine	66	9	26	35	53.03%
0197	Jacksonville	73	18	22	40	54.79%
0202	Keystone Heights	50	0	6	6	12.00%
0233	Ponte Vedra Beach	217	35	26	61	28.11%
0244	Jacksonville	24	3	16	19	79.17%
0250	Middleburg	347	31	131	162	46.69%
0283	Jacksonville	431	13	148	161	37.35%
0316	Atlantic Beach	323	49	97	146	45.20%
0372	Mandarin	15	3	9	12	80.00%
0373	Orange Park	42	0	15	15	35.71%
0401	Hilliard	28	0	19	19	67.86%
TOTALS		2833	186	914	1100	38.83%

DISTRICT 6

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0010	Kissimmee	213	0	77	77	36.15%
0019	Orlando	120	3	54	57	47.50%
0021	Umatilla	11	0	1	1	9.09%
0035	Mount Dora	90	0	6	6	6.67%
0041	Eustis	16	0	11	11	68.75%
0052	Lake Panasoffkee	26	0	1	1	3.85%
0053	Sanford	81	0	14	14	17.28%
0055	Clermont	76	0	27	27	35.53%
0063	Winter Garden	28	0	6	6	21.43%
0080	Saint Cloud	277	23	127	150	54.15%
0101	Bushnell	106	0	26	26	24.53%
0109	Ocoee	16	0	0	0	0.00%
0112	Winter Park	23	1	11	12	52.17%
0183	Fern Park	160	5	45	50	31.25%
0219	Fruitland Park	196	1	81	82	41.84%
0242	Orlando	134	0	20	20	14.93%
0286	Orlando	211	4	66	70	33.18%
0330	Leesburg	74	2	42	44	59.46%
0331	Orlando	37	0	14	14	37.84%
0347	Lady Lake	1961	5	960	965	49.21%
0357	Clermont	19	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTALS		3875	44	1589	1633	42.14%

DISTRICT 7

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0003	Bartow	83	0	15	15	18.07%
0004	Lakeland	73	1	24	25	34.25%
0008	Winter Haven	618	1	239	240	38.83%
0034	Haines City	68	0	25	25	36.76%
0071	Lake Wales	97	0	10	10	10.31%
0072	Mulberry	161	6	52	58	36.02%
0201	Florence Villa	37	3	22	25	67.57%
TOTALS		1137	11	387	398	35.00%

DISTRICT 8

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0011	Arcadia	97	9	19	28	28.87%
0024	Bradenton	337	14	56	70	20.77%
0025	Lake Placid	342	0	137	137	40.06%
0030	Sarasota	92	6	25	31	33.70%
0069	Avon Park	552	5	252	257	46.56%
0074	Sebring	94	0	3	3	3.19%
0113	Rotonda West	360	1	111	112	31.11%
0159	Venice	640	0	168	168	26.25%
0254	North Port	96	0	53	53	55.21%
0266	Fruitville	132	3	30	33	25.00%
0309	Palmetto	184	0	125	125	67.93%
0312	Oneco	254	3	47	50	19.69%
0325	Ellenton	137	0	47	47	34.31%
TOTALS		3317	41	1073	1114	33.58%

DISTRICT 9

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0036	Ft Lauderdale	35	0	0	0	0.00%
0092	Hollywood	127	0	52	52	40.94%
0142	Pompano Beach	258	5	87	92	35.66%
0157	Margate	262	16	42	58	22.14%
0162	Deerfield Beach	213	25	68	93	43.66%
0180	Fort Lauderdale	107	5	59	64	59.81%
0209	Dania Beach	17	0	15	15	88.24%
0220	Ft Lauderdale	28	12	15	27	96.43%
0222	Fort Lauderdale	66	0	15	15	22.73%
0287	Deerfield Beach	15	0	13	13	86.67%
0304	Dania	122	0	7	7	5.74%
0310	Hallandale	38	0	23	23	60.53%
0321	Cooper City	134	1	59	60	44.78%
0365	Sunrise	19	0	11	11	57.89%
TOTALS		1441	64	466	530	36.78%

DISTRICT 11

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0020	Belle Glade	61	2	23	25	40.98%
0047	Lake Worth	109	5	54	59	54.13%
0062	Stuart	320	1	198	199	62.19%
0064	Okeechobee	124	0	16	16	12.90%
0065	Delray Beach	47	3	24	27	57.45%
0141	West Palm Beach	93	0	42	42	45.16%
0164	Boynton Beach	143	0	19	19	13.29%
0188	Delray	13	0	6	6	46.15%
0199	W Palm Beach	52	1	21	22	42.31%
0268	Riviera Beach	70	5	22	27	38.57%
0271	Tequesta	189	4	101	105	55.56%
0277	Boca Raton	91	0	45	45	49.45%
0288	Boynton Beach	47	0	0	0	0.00%
0367	Royal Palm Beach	44	8	17	25	56.82%
TOTALS		1403	29	588	617	43.98%

DISTRICT 12

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0001	Titusville	318	10	120	130	40.88%
0022	Cocoa	100	1	31	32	32.00%
0039	Vero Beach	169	0	37	37	21.89%
0040	Fort Pierce	165	1	48	49	29.70%
0081	Melbourne	110	0	2	2	1.82%
0117	Palm Bay	474	5	119	124	26.16%
0126	Jensen Beach	234	1	64	65	27.78%
0163	Melbourne	284	8	113	121	42.61%
0171	Fort Pierce	11	0	9	9	81.82%
0189	Sebastian	113	0	54	54	47.79%
0191	Melbourne	110	0	19	19	17.27%
0200	Satellite Beach	138	0	67	67	48.55%
0318	Port St Lucie	723	1	162	163	22.54%
0348	Cape Canaveral	156	0	79	79	50.64%
0358	White City	45	0	11	11	24.44%
0359	Port St John	272	0	85	85	31.25%
0366	Barefoot Bay	74	14	12	26	35.14%
0394	Palm Bay	133	6	54	60	45.11%
0410	Viera	15	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTALS		3644	47	1086	1133	31.09%

DISTRICT 13

UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0038	Fort Myers	54	0	29	29	53.70%
0090	Cape Coral	216	0	68	68	31.48%
0103	Punta Gorda	401	1	164	165	41.15%
0110	Port Charlotte	571	6	213	219	38.35%
0123	Sanibel	84	0	0	0	0.00%
0130	Labelle	134	0	26	26	19.40%
0135	Naples	264	0	92	92	34.85%
0136	Saint James City	452	0	132	132	29.20%
0192	Fort Myers	22	1	11	12	54.55%
0274	Fort Myers Beach	627	0	193	193	30.78%
0299	Moore Haven	16	0	3	3	18.75%
0303	Bonita Springs	409	2	161	163	39.85%
0323	Lehigh Acres	450	22	161	183	40.67%
0336	N Ft Myers	339	1	118	119	35.10%
0351	Fort Myers	80	0	29	29	36.25%
TOTALS		4119	33	1400	1433	34.79%

DISTRICT 14						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0028	Key West	80	0	1	1	1.25%
0031	South Miami	174	3	86	89	51.15%
0043	Homestead	59	0	4	4	6.78%
0067	North Miami	61	0	16	16	26.23%
0098	Coral Gables	16	0	4	4	25.00%
0133	Miami	70	0	16	16	22.86%
0154	Marathon	196	0	69	69	35.20%
0168	Key West	25	0	1	1	4.00%
0333	Key Largo	76	0	18	18	23.68%
0346	Miami	11	0	2	2	18.18%
0374	Key Biscayne	52	0	28	28	53.85%
TOTALS		820	3	245	248	30.24%

DISTRICT 16						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0007	Clearwater	353	0	104	104	29.46%
0014	St Petersburg	130	2	27	29	22.31%
0079	New Port Richey	438	14	125	139	31.74%
0104	Pinellas Park	214	8	116	124	57.94%
0119	Largo	396	6	184	190	47.98%
0125	St Petersburg	372	5	148	153	41.13%
0158	Treasure Island	266	0	81	81	30.45%
0173	Holiday	264	4	117	121	45.83%
0238	Safety Harbor	288	11	105	116	40.28%
0252	Seminole	945	8	540	548	57.99%
0273	Madeira Beach	2987	1	350	351	11.75%
0275	Dunedin	657	5	293	298	45.36%
0305	St Pete Beach	89	0	29	29	32.58%
0335	Hudson	224	4	33	37	16.52%
TOTALS		7623	68	2252	2320	30.43%

DISTRICT 15						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0005	Tampa	39	1	21	22	56.41%
0026	Plant City	35	0	4	4	11.43%
0111	Tampa	44	1	25	26	59.09%
0138	Tampa	411	9	200	209	50.85%
0139	Tampa	118	0	21	21	17.80%
0147	Odessa	28	0	18	18	64.29%
0148	Riverview	151	5	65	70	46.36%
0152	Tampa	292	7	115	122	41.78%
0167	Tampa	16	0	0	0	0.00%
0186	Brooksville	360	1	139	140	38.89%
0246	Sun City Center	38	0	4	4	10.53%
0248	West Tampa	26	0	0	0	0.00%
0334	Tampa	32	1	20	21	65.63%
0389	Ruskin	24	0	2	2	8.33%
TOTALS		1614	25	634	659	40.83%

DISTRICT 17						
UNIT	CITY	GOAL	JR	SR	TOTAL	PERCENT
0006	Deland	122	0	46	46	37.70%
0017	New Smyrna Beach	195	1	70	71	36.41%
0045	Palatka	45	0	16	16	35.56%
0115	Palm Coast	39	0	16	16	41.03%
0120	Holly Hill	221	2	112	114	51.58%
0127	Lake Helen	26	0	0	0	0.00%
0204	Daytona Beach	23	10	10	20	86.96%
0255	Deltona	22	4	8	12	54.55%
0259	Debarry	30	0	2	2	6.67%
0267	Ormond Beach	166	3	79	82	49.40%
0270	Port Orange	160	0	70	70	43.75%
0285	Edgewater	140	2	53	55	39.29%
0293	Interlachen	44	2	18	20	45.45%
0361	S Daytona	163	0	41	41	25.15%
TOTALS		1396	24	541	565	40.47%



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