



# The Ribbiting News Communiq  

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## Presidents Message



My special project this year is Homeless Veterans. I did not choose a specific homeless veterans organization because I want everyone to feel like you can assist any homeless veterans in your own areas. When you do, please let me know what you're doing, and invite me to events. Based on information received from you, the Units and the Districts, I will highlight activities in The Ribbiting News Communiq   throughout the year so everyone knows the great assistance that is being done for our homeless heroes. Hopefully every month I'll have a "Helping Our Homeless Veterans" section. If you can't do hands on assistance, donate through Headquarters for my special project – thanks! That being said, here is the 1<sup>st</sup> section:

"Helping Our Homeless Veterans!" 17<sup>th</sup> District President Eleanor Amato reported that at the installation of Units 293 (Interlachen) and 45 (Palatka), she was given 18 cases of shampoos and conditioners each containing 288 items = total of 5,184 items. Prior to that, she had received

100 bottles of similar items from a member of Unit 285 (Edgewater). All of these items are going to our homeless heroes. Way to go! Keep up the great work.

National Convention was a great success. I thoroughly enjoyed the 'Chaplains Breakfast' where The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary Youth Champions were recognized. Your Department of Florida delegates were excited that "our own" Girls Nation President Jennifer Berrian was present and addressed the attendees. FYI, I stayed there right until the end of Convention so I could be part of the National Installation of Officers where newly installed National President Kris Nelson formally installed all of the Department Presidents who were present. I was proud to be there representing the great Department of Florida!

In the monthly Communiq  , I don't want to give too many details of my travels because you'll hear all of that in my year-end report. Let me just say that September has kept me busy. Here is a synopsis: I traveled to Kissimmee to attend the memorial service of National SAL Commander Jim Roberts' father, stopped and visited at Kissimmee Post 10 while I was in the area, initiated new members of Unit 219 (Fruitland Park – yes, the Unit that I belong to!), attended Unit 112's meeting (Winter Park) where the girls stater (Tracy Nelson who also went to Girls

Nation!) and the boys stater spoke of their adventures in Tallahassee. After typing this, I'm headed out on a trip to the 14<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Schools of Instruction to deliver Unit packets and then will be attending the roast of Past National Commander Clarence Hill. Later in the month I'll be attending the pre-dedication and tour of the new bed tower at the VAMC in Gainesville ... then helping at the Orlando Stand Down ... and who knows what else.

OH ... and I have volunteered at Department Headquarters – yes, I am a “hands on” Department President ... & am enjoying it. ☺ I now know 1<sup>st</sup> hand the frustrations of trying to do so many things at once to keep the Department of Florida as great as it is. Your 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Peggy has also been to HQ helping key membership, etc. Thanks Peggy! If you want to help, call Robin to see if there's a project you can help with.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: National President Kris Nelson will be visiting the Department of Florida from October 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>. She'll be here for the 1<sup>st</sup> part of the R2R Florida Challenge as it travels along the east coast. When plans are finalized, I will email information to everyone on the Department Executive Committee asking them to spread the word. Let's show the National President how great we are by supporting her on her visit here!

Plans are being made for Fall Conference. It's going to be fun and informative. Districts ... do you have your own District cheer ready? Membership Chairman Sandy, and everyone else, is counting on lots of cheers and lots of spirit. Celebrate good times ... come on ... it's membership!! ☺

Diane Rousseau  
Department President

## Membership Coach's Corner



“Are you ready for some Frog Ball?”

Great because the game is on the players are set and the action has started. Thanks to all District Presidents and District Membership chairmen for helping the “Celebration” for the Membership presentation at Department School of Instruction. I can feel the excitement--the challenges are in place --game is on! Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> we HOP fully will be at the 55 yard line or further down the field-so you can have something to croak about.

Fall conference “Pep Rally” is fast approaching. We are going to have District cheers happening during Fall conference. Show your team pride and colors. Make sure you have your song as part of the festivities for

conference. Remember to get new members involved and show pictures of the Vet you came in under. Please thank all those membership chairmen for their hard work –hugs are good.

“There's a party going on right here-it's membership-it lasts throughout the year –so bring a good pen and a good attitude-we'll be 100% when the year is through. Come on now. Mem-ber-ship.”

Leap to Success through scoring a touchdown !

Sandy Beasley  
Chairman

# Chaplain's Report



Hello from the Chaplain's corner, Pray you have had a good summer. We are getting ready for all the activities that come with fall, there will be Dinners, dances, meetings, etc..... Just remember why we are doing all this. For God and Country.. Our veterans and their families. Psalms 41: 1 & 2 says; "Blessed is he who has regard for the weak, the Lord delivers him in times of trouble. The Lord will protect him and preserve his life; he will bless him in he land and not surrender him to the desire of his foes."

Our Deceased Members list follows.

## District #1

Unit 340 Hynes, Elizabeth Jane R

Unit 189

Napier, Dorcas H.  
Wilder, Barbara  
Watt, Sherlee

## District #2

Unit 84 Fulton, Mary J.

## District #13

Unit 303

Lowe, Rita  
Prentki, Susan J.

## District #3

Unit 383 Kendall, Mary K.

## District #15

Unit 148

Bigelow, Shirley

## District #4

Unit 16 McQuesten, Lou E.

Unit 152

Galern, Betty

Walden, Goldie C.

Unit 186

Bianchi, Nancy L.

Unit 155 Reinhard, Lillian T.

Unit 334

Santangelo, Suzanne

Rowe, Dorothy

## District #5

Unit 137 Broadway, Jane A.

## District #16

Unit 7

Curry, Eleanore

Bubb, Penny L.

Unit 119

Dermody, Jacqueline

Dierker, Barbara L.

Unit 158

Sullivan, Karen

## District #7

Unit 8 Epperson, Nita L.

Unit 252

Frost, Irene

List, Morer

Unit 273

Crews, Judy M.

Unit 339 Newman, Hazel

Bannon, Patricia A.

Burton, Beverly J.

## District #9

Unit 180 Reid, Katie A.

## District #17

Unit 115

Courtney, Marie F.

Rice, Opal G.

## District #12

Unit 163 Bissell, Billie

May their Souls rest in peace

Our Prayers go out to Past Department President Jan Croft, she is (as of this writing) resting at home, also Past Department President Linda McKeon. Linda in the West Palm Beach VA hospital.

May the Lord bless and keep you until we meet again.

Marion Vick

Department Chaplain

# From the Secretary's Pad...



**Unit mail** is being sent to the address that has been established; either the PO Box or Post Home. There are very few exceptions that we will mail Unit mail to a member's address. It is important that you check your Unit mail on a regular basis. Renewal notices will be going to this address. Communiqués, if the unit subscribed to the mailings will also be going to the Unit address of record.

**Invoices** . . . have been mailed to all Units to the Unit's address of record. They are payable upon receipt. The Bonding fee was omitted in error from the 1<sup>st</sup> invoice so a 2<sup>nd</sup> invoice will be issued. You can either wait on the 2<sup>nd</sup> invoice or simply add \$5.50 to the 1<sup>st</sup> invoice when remitting it.

**Membership** . . . all Units must be using the new recap forms that require the names to be listed in alpha order on the sheet. You are not to send the roster sheets marked in to our office for processing. Any rosters received will be returned.

Each year must be on a separate recap sheet with separate payment. Please throw all back dues payment forms and all old transmittal forms away. We will not accept membership submitted on these forms.

You can submit address, name changes and report a deceased member using a copy of a member data form or simply typed in an email to [membership@alafi.org](mailto:membership@alafi.org). We need the member's name, ID #, Unit # and the change you are making. If marking deceased, please provide date of death if you know it.

If a member is transferring into your Unit YOU MUST use a member data form. It MUST be signed by the member and a Unit officer. If it is an out of state

transfer, please understand it will be removed from your recap and processed once we are able to verify it through National. We have to do this through email and it sometimes takes days before we can get confirmation and authorization to proceed with processing. In an effort to not hold the entire recap, we remove it and process it alone. If you want to speed up the process, submit all out of state transfers by themselves.

Please, please, please list the members you paying in alpha order on the recap sheet. Once you are processing membership you will understand the importance of this request!

**Fall Conference** . . . the Call to Conference will be mailed to all Units within the next few weeks. We are waiting for confirmation on a few details. The dates were put out last year and this is the last year for the Wyndham so you all should have everything you need to make your reservations. Remember the cut-off for the rate is Oct 18<sup>th</sup>.

I would like to thank the volunteers that have come into Department to help with the enormous task of processing membership and getting out the Plans of Action. We had a few challenges and a lot of laughs but I really appreciate their taking the time to pitch in. Hats off to the following:

**Diane Rousseau, Department President –  
Plans of Action & Membership**  
**Peggy Hearlson, Department Vice President -  
Membership**  
**Nell Colbert, Unit 112 -  
Membership**  
**TK Wildrick, Unit 183 –  
Plans of Action & Membership**  
**Sandra Foust, Unit 183 –  
Membership**

To the many others that offered and were willing to come in, please understand, we have limited room here and sign-on codes for membership so we were limited in how many helpers we could use at one time. For the President and Vice President, they both have a good understanding of how things work here in the office now, having spent so much time here. I have enjoyed working with both of them.

We continue to make progress on the website. We are hoping to go live very soon.. One of the first things

you will notice is the ability to set up an account, which will enable us to capture your email address and then once we have all these emails we can do email blasts with important information. Eventually we want to send the Communiqué out to as many members as possible, not just the ones that attend meetings. The more members we reach with our messages and program information the more involvement we can inspire.

There continues to be a lot of confusion on what tax exemptions Units are entitled to. **Units are NOT sales tax exempt!** Unless . . . You registered your Unit to be so with the State of Florida. You had to apply for it by completing an application and along with the application you had to submit a copy of your charter, the IRS determination letter showing you are a 501 c (19) under the National 0964 umbrella. Once that is accepted by the State of Florida, they will issue you a Certificate of Exemption that you must present a copy of to each company you purchase from. This certificate of exemption DOES NOT exempt you from collection and remitting sales tax to the State. No unit is or can be exempt from that. If you do more than 2 events that raise money where attendees receive something for their money, the money received is taxable. Dinner, dance, yard sale, selling food at bingos, Friday night suppers . . . you get the idea. If the people attending get something for their money (food, entertainment, etc.) it is taxable. NO Unit is exempt from collecting and remitting sales tax to the State of Florida.

It is each Unit's responsibility to contact the Department of Revenue to determine their obligation to the State.

If your Unit does Bingo you need to be very familiar with the Bingo rules in the State of Florida. The most common mistake we see when doing audits is you cannot use Bingo money to help an individual. The recipient of Bingo funds MUST be able to provide the Unit with an IRS determination letter much like the one we have showing they are classed as a 501 c. Without being able to provide that paperwork to you, they would not be entitled to receive revenue from Bingo in the State of Florida.

Remember you must keep all Bingo funds and expenses separate from all other unit income and expenses. Some units have a separate bank account for bingo, It is not necessary to have a separate account, but the records must reflect separate ledger balances for both income and expenses pertaining to bingo.

Frequently asked question . . . Do all employees of a Post have to be members of our Organization? The answer is NO, however, due to the Smoking/ Employment laws in Florida, for a post to remain a smoking Post, all employees must belong to our organization. Do not be pressured into accepting a membership application from someone that works in the Post lounge that is not eligible for membership just because the post demands you do so!

Robin Briere  
Secretary- Treasurer

## Legislative

Welcome to the Legislative program. We need every Unit member to read and email their representatives to support the American Legion initiatives.

On the home page of the American Legion website, <http://www.legion.org>, there is a Legislative Action link near the bottom right-hand corner. Click the link and you can read all the bills that the American Legion supports. On the left side of this page you can click on the Legislative Weekly Update for the latest information. You can also sign up for American Legion Legislative Action alerts that will be sent to you in an email.

One bill that is being considered is The Civilian Service Recognition Act of 2011 (H.R. 2061) introduced May 31 by Rep. Bill Hanna of New York. The bill seeks to authorize the

presentation of a United States flag at the funeral of Federal civilian employees who are killed while performing official duties or because of their status as a Federal employee.

The American Legion does not support this legislation. National Commander Fang Wong said, "Civil service workers do not sign a pledge to defend America with their lives, they are not forced to serve in combat zones, and their work routines do not include engaging enemy forces overseas." The American flag should be reserved for our military to show our honor and respect for their sacrifice.

Kathy DeRouin  
Chairman

# VA&R

Now that all or most Schools of Instructions are over, we can get to the business of assisting our Veterans. The Homeless Veterans are out there, so we need to make a special effort to find them and care for them.

Remember the red & white VA&R button? Please wear it with pride letting all know that "We will not forget, it's all about the Vets" our slogan for this year. I will have more buttons at Fall Conference.

The newly revised VA&R 2011 "Guide for Volunteers" has a wealth of information that will help all better understand the obligations of the organization at all levels. It does not contain the Field Service Orientation, but has valuable information, recommendations, etc. If your Unit or District needs A Field Service Orientation, contact an Instructor in your District, a list of certified instructors is in the Plan of Action. I was asked where can you get the blue Orientation cards, order from Department Headquarters.

AWARDS: Please note that there will not be entries for The Charlotte Lane Trophy in the Plan of Action this award is no longer available, it expired in 2011. I apologize for the error.

The Month of October has three events that promote objectives # 2 & 3 of the VA&R Program. First is Ride 2

Recovery Seminole Cycle Fest , Sunday October 2, 2011 in Lake Mary, FL; second is Florida's Challenge October 24-30, 2011 from Jacksonville to Tampa (I will be attending the start). And the third event is the Creative Arts Festival in Fayetteville, ARK, October 17-23, 2011.

Activities your Unit can have to promote the VA&R Program by Honoring their Service: September- I am sure your Unit along with the Post observed Patriot Day (9/11) and Constitution/September 17. October- Honor Service through education; donate to or start a food pantry; make your local elected officials aware of the plight of the Homeless Veterans; November- Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving Day.

LADIES THERE IS A GREAT NEED FOR DITTY BAGS AT THE LAKE CITY V.A.M.C., MORE THAN A DOZEN

ARE DISTRIBUTED EVERY WEEK. ELAINE WERNER IS THE REPRESENTATIVE. PLEASE LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN, REMEMBER "I WON'T FORGET, IT'S ALL ABOUT THE VETS" DON'T FORGET, IT'S ALL ABOUT THE VETS!

Gerrie Bailey  
Chairman

## Children & Youth

Our game of Leap Frog has begun. By now, most of the District Schools of Instruction have been held. The District Chairman took the first leap when they presented their Plans of Action. It is now up to the Unit Chairman to take their leap.

Read the Plan of Action and the Year-end Report form so you know what the priorities are. That way you can decide what leap for the children you want to work on first. Check out the Resources so you can plan your leap.

Will it be to Adopt a Military Child or making Hero Packs? How about giving You're My Hero awards? Whatever you decide to do first, make your plan and then work your plan so you have a successful leap!

In June, 16 Auxiliary members leaped to "man" the phones at the Children's Miracle Network, All Children's Hospital Telethon. The 5<sup>th</sup> District leaped into action by helping with an Operation Military Kids sleep over in August. Have you made a leap? Keep me informed so I know what you are doing and

who are leaping for all the children. I know that all units will do their best to support all the children's programs.

Remember to promote Halloween Safety, we must do all that we can to keep our children safe. Did you know that September 12<sup>th</sup> has been proclaimed Florida's Missing Children Day.

The only dumb question is the one that isn't asked, so don't hesitate to contact me.

If I don't know the answer I will do my best to find it for you. I am only an e-mail or phone call away.

[Childrenyouth@alaf1.org](mailto:Childrenyouth@alaf1.org) or 239-369-4399

Let's keep our leap frog game going across the Department of Florida, you could be the one to leap into first place!

Lois McFall  
Chairman



# Leadership



This is the schedule so far for ABC Schools for the 2011-2012 year:

4<sup>th</sup> District – November 12, 2011 – Shirley Fraser

5<sup>th</sup> District – October 15, 2011 – Mary Kelly-Perkins

6<sup>th</sup> District - October 1, 2011 – Shirley Fraser

8<sup>th</sup> District - October 8, 2011 – Mary Heenan

9<sup>th</sup> District - February 19, 2012 – Mary Kelly-Perkins

12 District – October 15, 2011 – Maureen Costello

And November 5, 2011 – Mary Kelly-Perkins

13<sup>th</sup> District – October 8, 2011 - Mary Kelly-Perkins

15<sup>th</sup> District – October 15, 2011 – Mary Heenan

16<sup>th</sup> District – September 24, 2011 – Shirley Fraser

17<sup>th</sup> District – Pending either December 10 or 11, 2011

Our team is ready to assist you and now is the time to be jotting down your questions that you may have. We are prepared to cover the programs, officer and member responsibilities, constitutional conferences, unit finances and any other question relating to the American Legion Auxiliary.

If your District has not yet scheduled an ABC school please contact me as soon as possible as the dates are flying by. All requests should come to the Leadership Chairman and I can be reached via email at [leadership@alaf.org](mailto:leadership@alaf.org) or you can call me at 352-428-1649

Mary Kelly-Perkins  
Chairman

## Message from Erna Schwabe

I would like to thank each and everyone of you for the cards, prayers, notes and phone calls during my recent knee surgery. I am up and at 'em and will see you all somewhere. Again it lifted my spirits and made my recovery much faster.

# NATIONAL PRESIDENT KRIS NELSON

is visiting

## THE DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA

National President Kris Nelson is making her official visit to the Department of Florida during the upcoming Ride 2 Recovery (“R2R”) Florida Challenge. She will be arriving on Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> and leaving the morning of Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. In addition to being at the start of the R2R on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, the following events have been scheduled for President Kris while she is traveling in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Districts. ☒

All members of the American Legion Family are invited and encouraged to attend any and all events and visits.

### **Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>:**

Dinner at Post 316 (located at 1127 Atlantic Blvd., Atlantic Beach)  
6:00 p.m. Social Hour  
7:00 p.m. Dinner

- If you wish to attend this gathering, reservations must be made by Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> by contacting 5<sup>th</sup> District President Robin Combs at (904) 703-9587.

### **Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>:**

12:00 p.m. Lunch at Post 37 (located at 1 Anderson Circle, St. Augustine)  
1:30 p.m. Tour of Clyde E. Lassen State Veterans Nursing Home  
4650 SR 16, St. Augustine

- If you wish to attend the lunch and/or tour, reservations must be made by Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> by contacting 5<sup>th</sup> District President Robin Combs at (904) 703-9587.

### **Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>:**

1:00 p.m. Tour of Emory Bennett Nursing Home  
1920 Mason Avenue, Daytona Beach  
2:30 p.m. Tour of William V. Chappell, Jr. V.A. Outpatient Clinic  
551 National Health Care Drive, Daytona Beach  
5:00 p.m. Meet and Greet at Post 361 (at 2648 S. Ridgewood Avenue, S. Daytona)  
6:00 p.m. Dinner at Post 361 (at 2648 S. Ridgewood Avenue, S. Daytona)

- If you wish to attend this dinner, the cost is \$15 per person (salad, shrimp cocktail, prime rib, baked potato, roll, and dessert). Reservations must be made by Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> by contacting 17<sup>th</sup> District President Eleanor Amato at (386) 427-1168, or 17<sup>th</sup> District Secretary Sherry Wingard at (386) 456-0774.
- Also, if you plan on attending either of the tours, please let either Eleanor or Sherry know so they can plan on how many will be there.

## 2011-2012 Mission Training Conferences Updated Housing Reservation Information

### Hartford, Connecticut

October 29-30, 2011 Marriott Hartford/Windsor Airport 28 Day Hill Road Windsor, Connecticut 06095 Hotel  
Phone: (860) 688-7500

Rate: \$99.00 per night plus 15% tax

Online Reservations: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/bdlap-hartford-windsor-marriott-airport/> Group Code for Online Reservation: MTCMTCA

*Make sure to type this code under the Group Code box in order to receive the American Legion Auxiliary rate.*

Reservation Information: 1-800-MARRIOTT (1-800-952-2027) Ask for Hartford/Windsor Marriott and specify are booking with the "Mission Training Conference" and your specific dates of stay.

Housing Reservation Deadline: Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Special Amenities by booking a room in the American Legion Auxiliary block: -  
Complimentary Wireless Internet -Complimentary Parking -Complimentary  
Airport Shuttle

### Branson, Missouri

November 5-6, 2011 Hilton Branson Convention Center Hotel 200 S Sycamore Street Branson, MO 65616

Hotel Phone: (417) 243-3492

Rate: \$110 per night plus 12.6% tax

Online Reservations:[www.hilton.com](http://www.hilton.com) (simply click reservations and choose the Hilton Branson)

Group/Convention Code: MTC

*Make sure to type this code under the Group/Convention Code box on the dates/preferences screen in order to receive the American Legion Auxiliary rate.*

Reservation Information: 1-866-568-0890

Reservation Code = MTC

Housing Reservation Deadline: Friday, October 7, 2011

Housing information is also located on the American Legion Auxiliary website:  
[http://www.alaforveterans.org/members/conventions\\_meetings/Pages/missiontraining.aspx](http://www.alaforveterans.org/members/conventions_meetings/Pages/missiontraining.aspx)

## 2011-2012 Mission Training Conferences

### Housing Reservation Information

*Current as of Wednesday, September 21, 2011*

#### **Omaha, Nebraska**

December 3-4, 2011 Marriott  
Omaha 10220 Regency Circle  
Omaha, Nebraska 68114

Hotel Phone: (402) 399-9000

Rate: \$99 per night plus 18.16% tax

Online Reservations: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/omawe-omaha-marriott/> Group Online Reservation Code: ALAALAA

*Make sure to type this code under the Group Code box in order to receive the American Legion Auxiliary rate.*

Reservation Information:

*Please refer to the American Legion Auxiliary block to receive the group rate.*

Housing Reservation Deadline: Friday, November 11, 2011

Special Amenities by booking a room in the American Legion Auxiliary block: -  
Complimentary Parking

#### **Mobile, Alabama – NEW DATES!!**

January 21-22, 2011 Marriott  
Mobile 3101 Airport Blvd  
Mobile, Alabama 36606

Hotel Phone: (251) 476-6400

Rate: \$105 per night plus 14% tax

Reservation Information: (800) 380-7971

*Please refer to the American Legion Auxiliary Group Rate to receive the group rate.*

Housing Reservation Deadline: Thursday, January 5

Special Amenities by booking a room in the American Legion Auxiliary block: -  
Complimentary Wireless Internet

#### **Western Division**

January 21-22, 2011

*Potential Location: Las Vegas, NV*

Information for this location is still pending. All attendees who register will be notified as soon as location is finalized. You will have the opportunity to cancel if the location does not work for you.

Reservation Deadline: Thursday, January 5, 2012

Housing information is also located on the American Legion Auxiliary website:  
[http://www.alaforveterans.org/members/conventions\\_meetings/Pages/missiontraining.aspx](http://www.alaforveterans.org/members/conventions_meetings/Pages/missiontraining.aspx)

# 2011-2012 Mission Training Conferences Registration Form

## LOCATIONS

Please select the location(s) you plan to attend by checking the box.

Hartford, Connecticut  
October 29-30, 2011

Branson, Missouri  
November 5-6, 2011

Omaha, Nebraska  
December 3-4, 2011

Mobile, Alabama  
January 21-22, 2011

Las Vegas, Nevada  
January 21-22, 2011

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please Type or Print in black ink. Each person attending a Mission training Conference must complete a Registration form.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member#: \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name for Name badge: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

How many years have you been an American Legion Auxiliary Member? \_\_\_\_\_

Food Allergies or special needs: \_\_\_\_\_

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

		<u>AMOUNT ENCLOSED</u>
_____ Registration	\$55.00	\$ _____
Registration includes continental breakfast each day and one lunch		
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

## PAYMENT INFORMATION

\_\_\_\_\_ Check      Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Check received from: \_\_\_\_\_  
Check made payable to: **National Treasurer, American Legion Auxiliary**

\_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card      Type: \_\_\_\_\_ (MasterCard or Visa ONLY)

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

*The last three numbers in the signature panel on the back of the credit card.*

Is this your Credit Card? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

*This information is for American Legion Auxiliary purposes only and will not be shared.*

Emergency Contact Name (First and Last): \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**PRE-REGISTRATION & HOUSING OPEN:** Wednesday, September 7, 2011

**PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** Friday, October 7, 2011 (Hartford, Connecticut)  
Friday, October 14, 2011 (Branson, Missouri)  
Friday, November 11, 2011 (Omaha, Nebraska)  
Friday, December 23, 2011 (Mobile, Alabama & Las Vegas, Nevada)

**MAIL TO:** American Legion Auxiliary  
ATTN: Event Planning – Mission Training  
8945 N. Meridian Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46260

**FAX/EMAIL:** (317) 569-4502 or [meetings@alaforveterans.org](mailto:meetings@alaforveterans.org)  
*Only those paying for their dinner tickets with a credit card will be accepted via fax or email. All others must be mailed with payment.*  
*Electronic Registration forms can be found:*  
[http://www.alaforveterans.org/members/conventions\\_meetings/Pages/missiontraining.aspx](http://www.alaforveterans.org/members/conventions_meetings/Pages/missiontraining.aspx)

**QUESTIONS:** [meetings@alaforveterans.org](mailto:meetings@alaforveterans.org)  
(317) 569-4500

**HOUSING:** Housing information for each confirmation can be found in the Mission Training Housing Document located on the website.

**NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED AFTER 14 DAYS PRIOR TO THE START OF EACH MEETING.**

**Membership Statistical**  
Membership Keyed as of 9/28/2011

DISTRICT 1					
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	CURRENT %	NEEDED 70%
75	CRESTVIEW	167	49	29.34%	68
78	MILTON	51	38	74.51%	-2
121	JAY	19	0	0.00%	13
193	PENSACOLA	135	61	45.19%	34
221	NICEVILLE	62	34	54.84%	9
235	FT.WALTON BCH	208	7	3.37%	139
240	PENSACOLA	308	127	41.23%	89
296	DESTIN	70	44	62.86%	5
340	PENSACOLA	287	137	47.74%	64
356	LYNN HAVEN	251	104	41.43%	72
375	SOUTHPORT	62	5	8.06%	38
378	GULF BREEZE	18	4	22.22%	9
382	NAVARRE	117	67	57.26%	15
392	PANAMA CITY	74	51	68.92%	1
District		1829	728	39.80%	278

DISTRICT 4					
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	CURRENT %	NEEDED 70%
16	GAINESVILLE	66	41	62.12%	5
27	OCALA	33	0	0.00%	23
56	STARKE	24	11	45.83%	6
58	DUNNELLON	76	28	36.84%	25
77	INVERNESS	50	35	70.00%	0
91	TRENTON	27	2	7.41%	17
149	NEWBERRY	47	14	29.79%	19
155	CRYSTAL RIVER	239	188	78.66%	-21
210	OCALA	18	6	33.33%	7
225	FLORAL CITY	30	18	60.00%	3
230	HAWTHORNE	50	17	34.00%	18
236	WILLISTON	16	17	106.25%	-6
237	BEVERLY HILLS	60	32	53.33%	10
284	BELLEVIEW	204	100	49.02%	43
314	STARKE	23	0	0.00%	16
District		963	509	52.86%	483

DISTRICT 2					
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	CURRENT %	NEEDED 70%
13	TALLAHASSEE	91	43	47.25%	21
42	GRACEVILLE	42	3	7.14%	26
51	CHATTAHOOCHEE	31	0	0.00%	22
82	LANARK VILLAGE	51	1	1.96%	35
84	HAVANA	29	7	24.14%	13
100	MARIANNA	63	48	76.19%	-4
114	CRAWFORDVILLE	30	27	90.00%	-6
172	HOSFORD	20	3	15.00%	11
217	QUINCY	48	0	0.00%	34
241	SNEADS	64	52	81.25%	-7
272	BLOUNTSTOWN	16	0	0.00%	11
District		485	184	37.94%	83

DISTRICT 5					
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	CURRENT %	NEEDED 70%
37	ST. AUGUSTINE	118	62	52.54%	21
54	FERNANDINA BCH	232	97	41.81%	65
88	JACKSONVILLE	98	68	69.39%	1
129	JACKSONVILLE BCH	350	137	39.14%	108
137	JACKSONVILLE	587	307	52.30%	104
174	FERNANDINA BEACH	14	0	0.00%	10
194	ST. AUGUSTINE	36	1	2.78%	24
197	JACKSONVILLE	55	25	45.45%	14
202	KEYSTONE HGTS	100	67	67.00%	3
233	PONTE VEDRA BCH	146	90	61.64%	12
244	SO. JACKSONVILLE	47	42	89.36%	-9
250	MIDDLEBURG	346	171	49.42%	71
283	JACKSONVILLE	286	127	44.41%	73
316	ATLANTIC BCH	470	189	40.21%	140
373	ORANGE PARK	19	0	0.00%	13
District		2904	1383	47.62%	214

DISTRICT 3					
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	CURRENT %	NEEDED 70%
49	MONTICELLO	24	14	58.33%	3
57	LAKE CITY	229	138	60.26%	22
107	LIVE OAK	31	16	51.61%	6
131	GREENVILLE	42	0	0.00%	29
215	JASPER	43	0	0.00%	30
224	MADISON	37	2	5.41%	24
291	STEINHATCHEE	138	68	49.28%	29
322	LAKE CITY	18	7	38.89%	6
383	OLD TOWN	134	73	54.48%	21
District		696	318	45.69%	65

**All membership, new & renewal  
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been keyed!**

DISTRICT 6					
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	CURRENT %	NEEDED 70%
10	KISSIMMEE	314	100	31.85%	120
19	ORLANDO	253	108	42.69%	69
21	UMATILLA	45	6	13.33%	26
35	MOUNT DORA	132	33	25.00%	59
52	LEESBURG	16	1	6.25%	10
53	SANFORD	238	104	43.70%	63
55	CLERMONT	144	50	34.72%	51
63	WINTER GARDEN	34	9	26.47%	15
76	TAVARES	36	1	2.78%	24
80	ST. CLOUD	257	122	47.47%	58
101	BUSHNELL	134	4	2.99%	90
109	OCOE	36	38	105.56%	-13
112	WINTER PARK	15	10	66.67%	1
183	ALTAMONTE SPR	132	56	42.42%	36
219	FRUITLAND PARK	262	144	54.96%	39
242	ORLANDO	177	2	1.13%	122
286	PINE CASTLE	332	174	52.41%	58
330	LEESBURG	48	21	43.75%	13
331	ORLANDO	71	0	0.00%	50
347	LADY LAKE	706	446	63.17%	48
District		3382	1429	42.25%	431

DISTRICT 7					
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	CURRENT %	NEEDED 70%
3	BARTOW	76	39	51.32%	14
4	LAKELAND	111	51	45.95%	27
8	WINTER HAVEN	691	195	28.22%	289
34	HAINES CITY	89	32	35.96%	30
72	MULBERRY	192	71	36.98%	63
118	ZEPHYRHILLS	46	22	47.83%	10
201	FLORENCE VILLA	46	34	73.91%	-2
339	CRESTHAVEN	72	40	55.56%	10
District		1323	484	36.58%	244

DISTRICT 8					
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	CURRENT %	NEEDED 70%
11	ARCADIA	53	10	18.87%	27
24	BRADENTON	483	227	47.00%	111
25	LAKE PLACID	396	176	44.44%	101
30	SARASOTA	58	21	36.21%	20
69	AVON PARK	279	132	47.31%	63
74	SEBRING	86	36	41.86%	24
113	ROTANDA WEST	419	228	54.42%	65
159	VENICE	856	429	50.12%	170
254	NORTH PORT	131	39	29.77%	53
266	FRUITVILLE	172	2	1.16%	118
309	PALMETTO	279	178	63.80%	17
312	ONECO	254	121	47.64%	57
District		3466	1599	46.13%	307

DISTRICT 9					
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	CURRENT %	NEEDED 70%
36	FT. LAUDERDALE	104	67	64.42%	6
92	HOLLYWOOD	166	83	50.00%	33
142	POMPANO BEACH	341	191	56.01%	48
157	MARGATE	353	170	48.16%	77
162	DEERFIELD BEACH	362	215	59.39%	38
180	PLANTATION	127	56	44.09%	33
209	DANIA	41	9	21.95%	20
222	FT. LAUDERDALE	92	44	47.83%	20
287	DEERFIELD BEACH	35	0	0.00%	25
304	DANIA	272	174	63.97%	16
310	HALLANDALE	52	0	0.00%	36
321	COOPER CITY	181	99	54.70%	28
District		2126	1108	52.12%	61

DISTRICT 11					
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	CURRENT %	NEEDED 70%
12	PALM BEACH	42	10	23.81%	19
20	BELLE GLADE	66	33	50.00%	13
47	LAKE WORTH	144	39	27.08%	62
62	STUART	71	42	59.15%	8
64	OKEECHOBEE	164	40	24.39%	75
65	DELRAY BEACH	45	42	93.33%	-11
141	WEST PALM BCH	117	59	50.43%	23
164	BOYNTON BEACH	177	104	58.76%	20
188	DELRAY BEACH	32	12	37.50%	10
199	WEST PALM BCH	66	28	42.42%	18
258	GREENACRES	29	14	48.28%	6
268	RIVIERA BEACH	166	2	1.20%	114
269	LANTANA	27	2	7.41%	17
271	JUPITER	157	58	36.94%	52
277	BOCA RATON	102	57	55.88%	14
288	BOYNTON BEACH	80	50	62.50%	6
367	ROYAL PALM BCH	53	37	69.81%	0
District		1538	629	40.90%	217

DISTRICT 12					
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	CURRENT %	NEEDED 70%
1	TITUSVILLE	288	150	52.08%	52
22	COCOA	115	47	40.87%	34
39	VERO BEACH	180	86	47.78%	40
40	FORT PIERCE	246	141	57.32%	31
81	MELBOURNE	138	70	50.72%	27
117	PALM BAY	339	41	12.09%	196
126	JENSEN BEACH	165	86	52.12%	30
163	EAU GALLIE	379	249	65.70%	16
171	FORT PIERCE	38	14	36.84%	13
189	SEBASTIAN	100	53	53.00%	17
191	MELBOURNE	155	78	50.32%	31
200	SATELLITE BEACH	87	34	39.08%	27
318	PORT ST LUCIE	347	135	38.90%	108
332	KENNEDY SPACE CT	34	4	11.76%	20
348	CAPE CANAVERAL	206	104	50.49%	40
355	W PORT ST LUCIE	110	54	49.09%	23
358	FORT PIERCE	49	26	53.06%	8
359	PORT ST JOHN	232	116	50.00%	46
366	BAREFOOT BAY	80	58	72.50%	-2
394	PALM BAY	35	1	2.86%	24
District		3323	1547	46.55%	281

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DISTRICT 13					
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	CURRENT %	NEEDED 70%
38	FORT MYERS	120	59	49.17%	25
90	CAPE CORAL	187	5	2.67%	126
103	PUNTA GORDA	327	137	41.90%	92
110	PORT CHARLOTTE	511	150	29.35%	208
123	SANIBEL	93	22	23.66%	43
130	LABELLE	177	86	48.59%	38
135	NAPLES	445	197	44.27%	115
136	PINE ISLAND	401	160	39.90%	121
192	FORT MYERS	34	6	17.65%	18
274	FORT MYERS BCH	617	206	33.39%	226
303	BONITA SPRINGS	371	170	45.82%	90
323	LEHIGH ACRES	419	250	59.67%	43
336	N. FORT MYERS	210	112	53.33%	35
351	FT MYERS SHORES	102	42	41.18%	29
388	BONITA SPRINGS	41	0	0.00%	29
District		4055	1602	39.51%	628

DISTRICT 16					
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	CURRENT %	NEEDED 70%
7	CLEARWATER	489	210	42.94%	132
14	ST. PETERSBURG	159	71	44.65%	40
79	NEW PORT RICHEY	327	120	36.70%	109
104	PINELLAS PARK	286	147	51.40%	53
119	LARGO	372	205	55.11%	55
125	GULFPORT	345	223	64.64%	19
158	TREASURE ISLAND	107	34	31.78%	41
173	HOLIDAY	307	135	43.97%	80
238	SAFETY HARBOR	266	120	45.11%	66
252	CROSS BAYOU	535	343	64.11%	32
273	MADEIRA BEACH	2078	1,033	49.71%	422
275	DUNNEDIN	297	150	50.51%	58
305	ST. PETE BEACH	165	94	56.97%	22
335	HUDSON	213	110	51.64%	39
District		5946	2995	50.37%	275

DISTRICT 14					
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	CURRENT %	NEEDED 70%
28	KEY WEST	82	40	48.78%	17
29	MIAMI	28	3	10.71%	17
31	MIAMI	131	85	64.89%	7
43	HOMESTEAD	67	18	26.87%	29
67	NORTH MIAMI	107	53	49.53%	22
98	CORAL GABLES	51	27	52.94%	9
133	PERRINE	104	51	49.04%	22
154	MARATHON	171	76	44.44%	44
168	KEY WEST	29	13	44.83%	7
333	KEY LARGO	97	35	36.08%	33
346	MIAMI	34	33	97.06%	-9
374	KEY BISCAWAYNE	72	37	51.39%	13
District		973	471	48.41%	64

DISTRICT 17					
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	CURRENT %	NEEDED 70%
6	DELAND	120	47	39.17%	37
17	NEW SMYRNA BCH	230	140	60.87%	21
45	PALATKA	41	14	34.15%	15
115	BUNNELL	101	62	61.39%	9
120	HOLLY HILL	235	150	63.83%	15
127	LAKE HELEN	25	16	64.00%	2
204	DAYTONA BEACH	59	39	66.10%	2
255	DELTONA	37	0	0.00%	26
259	DEBARY,ORANGE CT	35	24	68.57%	1
267	ORMOND BEACH	182	99	54.40%	28
270	PORT ORANGE	162	91	56.17%	22
285	EDGEWATER	309	158	51.13%	58
293	INTERLACHEN	167	109	65.27%	8
361	SOUTH DAYTONA	170	80	47.06%	39
District		1873	1029	54.94%	1

DISTRICT 15					
UNIT	NAME	GOAL	NOW	CURRENT %	NEEDED 70%
5	TAMPA	41	27	65.85%	2
26	PLANT CITY	39	26	66.67%	1
99	BROOKSVILLE	45	25	55.56%	7
111	TAMPA	72	30	41.67%	20
138	PORT TAMPA CITY	305	129	42.30%	85
139	TAMPA	185	98	52.97%	32
147	ODESSA	60	13	21.67%	29
148	RIVERVIEW	203	94	46.31%	48
152	TAMPA	329	170	51.67%	60
167	TAMPA	31	0	0.00%	22
186	SPRING HILL	417	189	45.32%	103
248	WEST TAMPA	26	23	88.46%	-5
334	TAMPA	60	30	50.00%	12
389	RUSKIN	30	17	56.67%	4
District		1843	871	47.26%	143

**All Renewals received by 9/27/11 have been keyed and PUFLs are keyed.**

**DISTRICT ORDER  
RENEWALS ONLY KEYED AS OF 9/29/2011**

District 17 .....	54.89%
District 4 .....	52.54%
District 9 .....	51.98%
District 16 .....	50.17%
District 14 .....	48.41%
District 5 .....	47.56%
District 12 .....	46.31%
District 15 .....	46.12%
District 8 .....	45.79%
District 3 .....	45.26%
District 6 .....	42.19%
District 11 .....	39.86%
District 1 .....	39.31%
District 13 .....	39.16%
District 2 .....	37.73%
District 7 .....	36.58%

The 2012 Department Membership Goal is 37,242.

As of 9/29/2011, **16,925** membership have been processed.

**We are currently at 45.45%**