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CAROL'S WORDS OF WISDOM



Greetings to the Awesome District 6 Members

As of the end of August, my team and I have installed the officers of 13 Auxiliary units. I would like to thank my installation team consisting of Penny Kanbara, Patsy Sewell, Wendy Lavery, Bob Suelter, Susan Duncan, and Charlotte Bass, as well as others who have stepped in when needed, including Department Commander Jessica Moore who will tell you she was an Auxiliary member before she became a Legionnaire.

Our 6th District theme is #HeartsAsOne, #PassionForVets, #SpeakOut and #AreYouReddy? This year each District has a Theme Song and ours is "WE ARE FAMILY". I believe we should all work together as a Legion Family on events.

Please encourage your members to attend meetings held by the district. No matter how long you have been a member there is always something to learn.

Our Membership challenge this year is with District 13 which is about the same size as our District. Let's win this challenge and push for new members as well as getting our current members to renew. Membership totals will be posted each week on the Department website in the Friday report.

Nell Colbert has been doing an excellent job with our 6th District newsletter, and we encourage the units to submit articles of what you have done each month along with pictures. We will have a page for each unit, and this will give units ideas of projects that they may be interested in. We will also keep you up to date events going on in the district as well as meeting dates. It's a wealth of information at your fingertips. Send the articles to Nell at necolbert@usa.net by the 20th of the month to be included in the next month newsletter.

As I said before I am available to you if needed for any issues or questions. I will also start my unit visits and will be doing them on your meeting night. I will let you know ahead of time so you can have the necessary documents available.

For God and Country, Carol Pirone-Udell, District 6 President Nycarol2u@aol.com 914-373-9947



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ORLANDO UNIT 19

As part of Operation Homefront, Unit 19 collected school supplies from 5 Dollar Trees. We made multiple pickups and delivered to the Army National Guard, 164th Air Defense Artillery 3 times.

I have been adopted by Operation Homefront and assisted at their Back-to-School Backpack Brigade August 9 at the armory filling backpacks.

Kathy DeRouin, Unit 19





WHAT DID YOUR UNIT DO LAST MONTH?

Send your articles to necolbert @ usa.net
BY the 20th of every month
To be included in next month's newsletter

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MOUNT DORA UNIT 35



I just need to brag on this group of Auxiliary members.

They did an awesome job of collecting so many items needed for Lake County school children this year. I see so many posts from many groups who are donating classroom items, backpacks, and so forth.

When we reached out to a place in Howey in the Hills, that distributes items needed for all schools in Lake County, they gave us a different list.

This group is called Lake County Student Service Closet, and they supply items for some of our less unfortunate children in our school system. Many of these children live in hotels, cars and tents. Some do not even have access to running water.

So, some of the items that we supplied were personal hygiene

items, small food items such processed tuna, and chicken, feminine hygiene products as well as school uniform clothing.

The list this year is definitely different than last year. It is sad that there are so many of our children living off the grid. We will be collecting other items in the next few months as well. I hope anybody that read this can help us out. Our children are our future

Pictured are: Kristin McCall, (Lake County Schools), Ute Galloway (<u>Sgt. at Arms)</u>, Pat Potter, Joan Lombardi (Secretary), Tony Lombardi (Son's Chaplain).



Last Thursday during the Auxiliary's monthly meeting we had the pleasure of meeting the two young ladies that we sponsored to go to Girls State which is held in Tallahassee.

The first young lady, Elena Lopez, is a Jr at Mt Dora High School and her goal in life is to be a prosecutor. This was a perfect opportunity for her to go to Girls State. Her favorite thing they did in Tallahassee was participating in the Legislative session.

The second young lady that came into our meeting was Isabella Weaver who is also a Jr at Mt Dora High School. Isabella is the daughter of Legionnaires Dr

Bruce and Rachel Weaver. Law is also Isabella's career goal when she graduates. She talked about her role as the Chief of Police of her city at Girls State.

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Both of the girls were so delighted that they got to experience Girls State. Go Girls!

Karen Lovelace Auxiliary President, Unit 35 Mt. Dora

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WINTER PARK UNIT 112

Congratulations and a BIG THANKS to our 23 members who have already paid their 2026 dues as of 8/20.

One of our Junior Auxiliary members, Karen, has been very busy this summer. Karen is on the Winter Park Swim team and competed in a meet in Ocala in July where she took 2nd place! Congrats, Karen.

Not only did Karen compete in the swim meet, she also gave an outstanding presentation at the Orange County East Rotary in early August explaining how the ideals of Rotary and the Girls State program are very similar. The Rotary Club presented our Unit with a donation to support our programs.



Another of our Juniors, Phil, just made the bowling team at Lake Highland Prep and one of our youngest Juniors, Braelyn, started Kindergarten this year.



At the Legion's August meeting, our Girls State delegates, along with the Legion's Boys State delegates, joined us to tell about their exciting adventures in Tallahassee. All four of our delegates expressed how glad they were to have been able to attend and thanked us for selecting them for the program. One of our Junior members who was also a 2025 Girls State delegate, shared a very well received



Our Unit also provided a huge birthday cake celebrating the birthday of the US Coast Guard. We will have another birthday cake to celebrate the birthday of the Air Force in September. Our Legionnaires really appreciate the yummy treats our Unit brings in.





Our Unit has a new Children and Youth project—*Tushies and Toes.* We are collecting new socks and underwear for the students at one of the elementary schools we support. If you would like to help, please bring your donation to the 6th District Auxiliary meeting in at Post 63 in Winter Garden on September 6th and give your donations to either Nell or Marge. OR you can drop off your donation at Post 112, 4490 North Goldenrod Road, Winter Park, 32792 on Tuesday, September 9th, from 7-8pm. This is the Legion's regular meeting night and we'll have Auxiliary members there to receive your donations. See our flyer later in this newsletter.



Until next time ... #PassionForVeterans #WeAreFamily

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FRUITLAND PARK UNIT 219

Unit 219 in Fruitland Park hosted Christmas in July at Brookdale Paddock Hills Assisted Living facility. The Unit hosted a Hawaiian Luau and raised funds to host the party. Santa and Mrs. Santa handed out gifts for the Veterans and there was snacks and cake. Several members volunteered for the day and the Color Guard opened with a beautiful flag ceremony with the Pledge and National Anthem.

Brookdale honors their Veteran residents and also has a Wall of Honor that displays photos of their Service Members.









Does your Unit have a special event coming?

Please send your information to the 6th District Legion webmaster, Bob Colbert, so it can be posted on the Legion Family website. Email - bcolbert @ usa.net

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PINECASTLE UNIT 286

Happy Fall Everyone. This year sure has gone by fast. Unit 286 has been pretty busy the last two months. Post 286 Family installation of Officers was held on June 29th. The unit officers are rollovers with the exception of our Historian. Tara Harris is now the unit Historian.



The Department Workshop was held on July 26 & 27. The unit had four members in attendance. President Jennifer Summers, First Vice Laurie Mesa, Second Vice Robin Shellhammer, and member Audrey Sharp.



Post 286 family held their annual Back to School party on Saturday August 2nd. With the help of the entire Post 286 family, we were able to supply 76 children with backpacks that were stuffed with school supplies. The Post Honor Guard presented the 13 folds of the American flag. They also gave each child an American Flag pin (which we had attached to the backpacks). The unit also at-



tached a membership application, a poppy, In Flanders Field bookmark, and a note wishing them a great school year.



This past week we received a phone call that a special needs class was in need of hygiene products for the students. Once again, the entire post family came together, and we were able to purchase all ten children supplies as well as extra stuff for the classroom. The items were then stuffed into small little backpacks. They received shower gel, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, wash cloth, deodorant, wet wipes, hairbrushes, and Q-Tip's. We also put a Pop-



py coloring book and American Flag comic book in with the supplies.

The unit has also been getting ready to host the 6th District School of Instruction on Saturday, August 30th. The Cancer awareness raffle items will also be out on Saturday. Unit members are currently working on the Post family cancer awareness fundraiser.

Unit membership renewals are going a little slow right now. We are currently at 21.99%. I'm sure that will change once everyone receives the official letter from National telling them it's time to renew.

Hope everyone has a great September.

For God and Country, Robin Shellhammer

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MID FLORIDA LAKES UNIT 330

As we begin another year, July 2025-JULY 2026, Our unit calendar is filling up with many heartwarming events for our veterans and community.

Have a look and come join us as we begin this year's adventures. Our first 3 Months

- Our Children and Youth program in September is collecting much needed school supplies for a local school. Our unit donates \$250 to this program. Items are being collected in our small hall every Wednesday from 10-11 am. We will be taking items to the school September 10th-12th.
- Americanism program—In September we will be visiting Umatilla school 5th grade students and asking the teacher to have them do an essay on "What its like to them to live in the USA" The judging will be done by the teacher and our unit chair. An award will be given to student with the winning essay. Our unit donates \$150 to this program.
- We have a Memorial Ceremony held at the clubhouse on 9-11 @ 8am in honor of all who perished on that horrific day.
- In October we will be visiting a graduation program for K9s for Warriors in Ponti Verde where the K9 and their warrior demonstrate their bond of companionship. Our unit donates \$250 to this program.
- October our semi-annual Card party event tickets on sale Wednesdays from 10-11am and before bingo in September untill the 15th of October— no tickets at the door. Lots of fun; Lots of goodies; Lots of Prizes.
- November—We will be traveling to visit a veterans nursing home- Playing games of bingo which
 they love, and other trivia games and donating quilts and lap blankets donated to us from various
 groups here in the community (Thank You) Our unit donates to this event also according to how
 many veterans are attending \$ 100,-200 per visit







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LADY LAKE UNIT 347

Lady Lake Auxiliary Unit 347 participates in Operation Homefront every year for their School Supply Brigade. This program is sponsored by National with the Dollar Tree Stores. Any unit can register with Operation Homefront to participate in this program. It was started to supply Military families on bases around the US, however since our area does not have a Military presence we are allowed to supply schools in need.

This year we collected 1401 items from 4 Dollar Tree Stores in our area, with a value of \$1751.25.

Our National Security Committee Chair, Susan Duncan delivered to two local schools who were appreciative for our continued support.













You are cordially invited to
RUTHIES' (Ruth Proctor) REMEMBERANCE DAY
Sunday, September 14, 2025
12pm-3pm At

Rotonda American Legion Post 113 3436 Indiana Road, Rotonda West, FL 33947

Shrimp Cocktail
Salad/Rolls
Salisbury Steak
OR

Chicken Cordon Bleu Baby Red Potatoes Green Beans w/almonds

Dessert

Please R.S.V.P. by

September 7, 2025

with your name, choice of meal and unit/Post #, per person to:

<u>eestef_2000@yahoo.com</u> (<u>subject-RUTHIE</u>)

This is a semi-formal event and by Donation Only

Music by Risk and Romance

Ruth Proctor was a past Department
Auxiliary President,
a dedicated and lifetime supporter of
the American Legion Auxiliary, and
several National Executive
Committees. These are just a few
of which Ruth Proctor devoted herself
to, serving our veterans through
the American Legion Auxiliary for
many years.

The charity in which proceeds will be donated to is:

St. Jude's Hospital and Research.



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LEGISLATIVE—PENNY KAMBERA

Legislative is one of the most important ways we can support the bills that are being brought up to Congress. Are you aware of the Grass Roots Action Center?

You can read about such topics as: Service Dogs Assisting Veterans Act, SHIPS for America Act, GI Bill Parity Act, The Major Richard Star Act and much more.

Go to the Action Center to quickly email a letter of support to your members of Congress.

Once you go to the Action Center, you will see a template to fill in your name, address, phone number, and email. For each Act being supported by the American Legion, a pre-filled the letter is there for you. Once you hit send, your letter will go to your state representatives in Congress as well as our State Senators regarding that act. You receive a confirmation that your voice was heard.

Let us all support these valuable resources to help get more aid for our veterans and their families.

For more informative links, please visit the program engagement plan on www.alafl.org under Legislative, then other links.

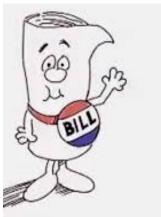


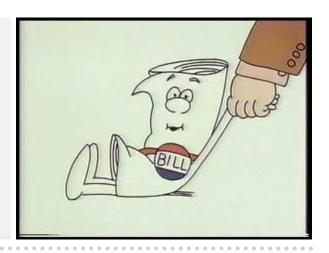


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0018	Wildwood	23	0	0	0	0.00%
0019	Orlando	74	0	1	1	1.35%
0035	Mount Dora	153	0	10	10	6.54%
0055	Clermont	299	0	16	16	5.35%
0063	Winter Garden	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
0800	Saint Cloud	310	16	27	43	13.87%
0101	Bushnell	108	0	4	4	3.70%
0112	Winter Park	35	4	18	22	62.86%
0183	Fern Park	124	0	4	4	3.23%
0219	Fruitland Park	251	0	33	33	13.15%
0239	Groveland	22	0	1	1	4.55%
0242	Orlando	134	9	15	24	17.91%
0286	Orlando	191	1	41	42	21.99%
0330	Leesburg	45	2	5	7	15.56%
0331	Orlando	27	0	0	0	0.00%
0347	Lady Lake	2823	8	753	761	26.96%
0412	Orlando	11	0	1	1	9.09%
Total		4832	40	940	980	20.28%
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FRIDAY REPORT AS OF AUGUST 22nd
As of September 1st
NEW MEMBERS
Can be Submitted

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MEMBERSHIP

How to RENEW Membership ONLINE



Go to the National website and log in to your My Aux

Account

Click pay dues on your profile

Pay with a credit or debit card

Print your membership card from your profile.

Receive an email receipt.

If you don't have an account, you can create one by clicking the Login button and selecting 'Create Account.'

You can also call ALA National Headquarters (317) 569- 4570 M-F 8 am -4:30



www.legionaux.org

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CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS—Nell Colbert

Now is the time for all good men to come to ... NO that's not right!

How about **NOW IS THE TIME FOR ALL UNITS TO BEGIN A REVIEW OF THEIR GOVERNING DOCUMENTS!**

Every Unit must have:

- Constitution
- ByLaws
- Standing Rules

The Constitution Explains the Unit Structure including the Preamble, Unit name, purpose, eligibility, officers, etc.

The ByLaws contain the information about the Unit's structure like duties of the officers, elections, etc.

Standing Rules are the Standard Operating Procedures/Administration of your Unit like how much are your annual dues, meeting days and times, who handles membership, who signs checks, and much, much, more.

- Does your Unit authorize the use of a Unit debit card to pay for memberships through ALAMIS?
 This goes in your standing rules.
- Reimburse your members for expenses like meals or parking when they attend our Department's Fall Conference or Annual Convention? **This goes in your standing rules**.
- Use Zoom or other electronic means for your Unit meetings? Do online members count towards your quorum and for voting? **This goes in your standing rules.**
- When do your new Officers take over? At the meeting immediately following their election? After the Annual Department Convention? After the Unit's Installation of Officers? As of July 1st each year? Or any other specific date? ????? This goes in your standing rules.

Your Constitution and Bylaws should be reviewed every year, but changed only as needed to ensure that they remain in compliance with the Department and National documents. especially if there were changes made at the Annual National Convention—things like membership requirements, annual dues amounts, etc. Your Constitution and ByLaws MUST be updated at least every TEN years.

Your Standing Rules should also be reviewed annually and changed whenever needed. The process for review and approval of changes should be in your governing documents.

See Dept website – C&B - Member/Org Support for Program Engagement Plans and lots of good info

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The Chaplain's Prayer—Paula Fox



District 6,

As your Chaplain, I extend my prayers and thoughts to each unit that has lost precious Auxiliary members. I do a prayer to God each night to protect all Auxiliary members in each of our units, our Veterans. and their families.

Unfortunately, so far this year District 6 Units have lost six precious Auxiliary members. I keep everyone in my prayers and thoughts. Please let me know if you need me for anything and I will be there.

For God and Country

Paula Fox District 6 Chaplain (407)747-0725



Moments

My heart is full of moments, that have made me who I am. Every mile I've walked, every late night talk, every time I took a stand.

I have suffered through some heartaches; I have laughed when times were good. Every promise made, every debt repaid, as I did the best I could.

My life is filled with moments, and I treasure every one. Every path I've paved, every new friend made, built the person I've become.

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If your Unit has suffered the loss of one of your members, please remember to notify both our District Chaplain, Paula Fox, and the Department Chaplain, Karen Marks.

Email Karen at chaplain@alafl.org and Paula at foxinails1282@aol.com The Member Data Form should be completed for each member who has passed and included with your emails.

The Member Data Form should also be emailed to Department Membership at membership@alafl.org so that National's records can be updated.

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Compliance Reminder for ALL POSTS

The Florida DBPR and Gaming Control Commission are cracking down on illegal gaming or gambling on licensed premises. Violations can result in fines, license loss, and criminal charges.

☑ Check your Post now — remove any unlawful gaming machines or activities.

Questions? Call FGCC at (850) 880-3433 or email ContactUs@flgaming.gov.

Full details: https://ow.ly/CION50WFvUA





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Tushies & Toes



Winter Park Unit 112

SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

PLEASE DONATE STUDENT SIZED
SOCKS & UNDERWARE FOR BOYS & GIRLS
BRING DONATIONS TO:

6TH DISTRICT AUXILIARY MEETING ON 9/6

(Give to Nell or Marge)

OR

POST 112 ON 9/9 BETWEEN 6:30PM—8PM



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to benefit our local food bank Beyond The Walls.

This is held in conjunction with National Make-A-Difference Day being held October 25, 2025.

Let's show our community that the 219 Family

CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Donate PEANUT BUTTER by October 25th!

NOTE: If you want to donate but don't want to do the shopping, donate cash or make checks payable to "Unit 219" & leave in the lounge for Diane Rousseau, Community Service Chairman!

Last year we collected over 300 jars! Can we do it again this year?

Coordinated by John Gella Memorial Unit 219, American Legion Auxiliary AND MORE IMPORTANTLY supported by the whole 219 Family

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Join the nationwide movement to celebrate America's 250th birthday with purpose and pride.

The **USA 250 Challenge** invites individuals and teams to achieve the goals in some or all three categories — fitness activities, mental wellness and community service. You can choose how to achieve these goals while having fun and support-

ing our disabled veterans and military families. To register, use the link below:

https://www.legion.org/get-involved/community-programs/usa250/ challenge?utm_campaign=Source+Code+Here&utm_content=USA% 20250&utm_term=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Adestra



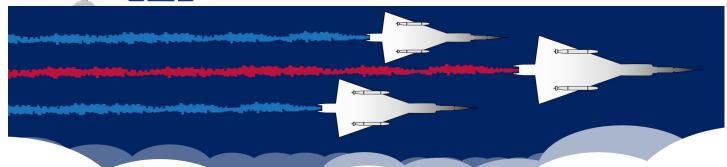
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK

SEPTEMBER 11: PATRIOT DAY





U.S. AIR FORCE BIRTHDAY

SEPTEMBER 18

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2025-2026 District Calendar

6th District Meeting Saturday, September 6th Post 63, Winter Garden

Department of Florida Fall Conference November 21-23, 2025 Caribe Royale, 8101 World Center Drive, Orlando, FL 32821

6th District Meeting Saturday, December 6th Post 35, Mount Dora

6th District Meeting Saturday, March 7, 2026 Post 347, Lady lake

6th District Meeting Saturday, May 9, 2026 Post 80, St. Cloud

June 4- 12, 2026 Tallahassee, FL

Department of Florida Girls State



Department of Florida Convention June 11-14, 2026 Orlando Hilton Lake Buena Vista, 1751 Hotel Plaza Blvd, Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830

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