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Dept. of FL - 6th District

The REDDY 6th News

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November, 2025

CAROL'S WORDS OF WISDOM



Greetings Mighty 6th District

Time is sure moving quickly. We are coming into our busy months with the holidays just around the corner.

Please remember to keep track of all your event hours and monies spent on things like collecting food for the needy, for Thanksgiving food, toy drives for Christmas, Trunk or Treats, etc. for your reporting.

Don't forget to send in articles and pictures of what your unit has done or if you are having an event. Send in a flyer. You never know if other units would like to attend.

The 6th District is doing great with membership. Keep up the good work.

The following units have reached over 50 % as of 10-18-25

0112 Winter Park 85.7%

0286 Orlando 55.50%

0330 Leesburg 53.33%

0347 Lady Lake 62.91%

0412 Orlando 54.55%

The 6th district is at 53.89 percent.... Our Challenge is with District 13. They are at 50.47 percent. We can beat them.

Fall Conference will be held November 21-23 at Caribe Royale Hotel in Orlando. Friday will be full of Breakout Sessions. There is TONS of good information being presented by our Department Chairmen, so this is an excellent opportunity to meet them and ask the questions you always wanted to know the answer to. Saturday will be the General Session. The schedule can be located on alaf1.org under Fall Conference. You can also purchase tickets to the Commander's and President's Banquet there as well.

Mark Your Calendars

November 21-23, 2025

Department of Florida Fall Conference

Caribe Royale,

8101 World Center Drive, Orlando, FL 32821

Information is on the website for Department of Florida. Click on <https://alaf1.org/>

December 6, 2025

District Meeting Saturday,

Post 35, Mount Dora

Wreaths Across America

Saturday December 13th

If you need anything that I can help you with, I am available. Just let me know. Thank you for all you do.

For God and Country, Carol Pirone Udell

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★ HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
UNITED STATES
MARINE CORPS

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ORLANDO UNIT 19

Unit members from 183 and 19 worked together to wrap 150 toys.

Unit 183: TK, Marilyn, and Heidi.

Unit 19: Cathy, Lori B., Kathy, Renee, and Jr. Lily.

We also had 3 members from Waterstone Church and a neighbor.



WHAT DID YOUR UNIT DO LAST MONTH?

Send your articles to [necolbert @ usa.net](mailto: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



Mount Dora Unit 35 put on a Purse Auction and a Boutique Shop (slightly used donated items) to raise money for Camp Boggy Creek - a children's camp in Lake County for children with serious medical illnesses and the Auxiliary Emergency Fund.



But first things first...we had 9 Legionnaires & SONS that were brave enough to show off their sexy legs! The crowd voted by clapping, yelling, and whistling for their favorite. Each guy was behind the curtain showing off their legs (I mean how sexy can men's legs be??) well pretty sexy because the crowd went crazy not knowing who was behind the curtain with them sexy legs. Funny how the curtain just kept creeping up to show off more leg. These guys ROCKED it! The winner was Lucious Red aka Donnie Williams.

The purse auction was an absolute hit too!!! All the men came out one at a time modeling a beautiful purse to the audience. Frank, our Auctioneer talked about each purse and started the bidding. WOW!!! Some of those purses were auctioned up to \$260. Now that is someone that loves purses and loves to support Camp Boggy Creek. All in all, it was a really fun night and if you missed this one, the Auxiliary is already planning for another one in the spring 2026. We raised a total of \$2053 for our charities. A BIG Thank you to all the ladies that donated clothing, jewelry, shoes and more to the Boutique and for all the lovely purses. Thank you to everyone that came out to have a fun night to support the American Legion Auxiliary. Congratulations to all the purse winners!



On Oct. 8, Post 35 held a "PINK" breast cancer awareness BellyFit Class. Our inspirational instructor, Lynda, led the class of ladies through an hour of fun, prizes, exercise



and dance. What a great night!

Stay tuned for the Glitz, Glam and Girl's Night Out, on Monday, Nov. 3rd at 5pm. The Sons will be hosting this fund raiser with multiple vendors. Some of these will have hats, clothing, massage, tarot card reading, cookies, and candles to name just a few. Everyone is welcome to attend this evening of shopping and camaraderie.

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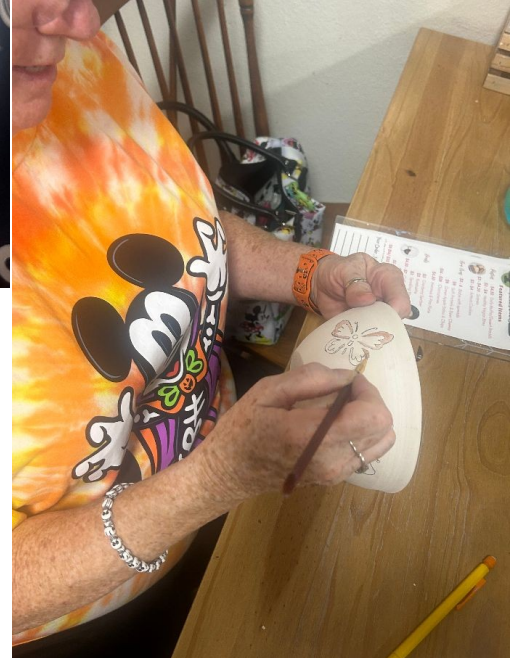
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Post 35 Auxiliary gathered a group and went to YadaYada Pottery where we painted bowls for The Empty Bowls Benefit.

In November these bowls, and many others, will be filled with soups from local restaurants and then sold to benefit the Lake Cares Food Pantry. All nine ladies did an excellent job!



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WINTER PARK UNIT 112

Our Unit welcomed a new member, Candace Fish, in mid-October. Candace makes our 30th paid member for 2026, bringing our Unit to 86% of our membership goal.



We concluded our very successful *Tushies and Toes* Children and Youth service project in mid-October and delivered our collection of socks and underwear to the

clinic at Eastbrook Elementary. Thanks to the NJROTC Unit at Winter Park High School for donating more than 50 pairs of socks and our Junior member, Karen, for spear-heading the sock drive at the school. In total, we provided more than 300 items for the school.



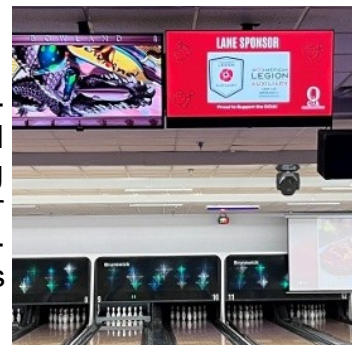
October saw our Unit deliver our annual Give Ten to Education project to one of our teachers who uses Scholastic Books in her classroom. For \$10 per student, Scholastic Books provides one book per month for the school year. Pictured to the right is our class with their books for October. Happy Halloween to these kiddos.



And, of course, it wouldn't be a Post 112 meeting without a birthday cake to celebrate the birthday of our military branches. In September and October we enjoyed marking the birthdays of the Air Force and the US Navy. November will feature the Marine Corps and December we will honor the US National Guard and the US Space Force.



The Oviedo Citizens in Action recently held a bowling tournament to raise funds for their many projects. Unit 112 had the opportunity to be a lane sponsor at their event, helping us to promote the American Legion Auxiliary. One of our members who is also a member of the OCIA, graciously donated the funds so that we could be a lane sponsor—thanks Laure!



We have contacted our schools for the Americanism Essay contest and have gotten great responses from each one. We should see a lot more entries this year that in years past. We're looking forward to reading the essays in February.

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Our Junior member and Girls State delegate, Karen, has, once again, made a Girls State presentation! This time for the PTA at Ocoee High School, at the request of Ocoee Post 109. Karen's presentation was very well received and several people at the school expressed interest in participating. **Ocoee is quite a ways from Winter Park, so if your Unit currently recruits girls from Ocoee or you would like to have anyone from the school who contacts us be referred to your Unit, please email wpfl.ala112@gmail.com.**

For Veterans Day, we will have our meet and greet table at Eastbrook Elementary's Veterans Day breakfast and program where we will distribute Poppies and American flags to all the Veterans in attendance. We will also be delivering the Thanksgiving food items for the school's Food Pantry's Friday Backpack project at the conclusion of their program. We provide all the non-perishables for a nice Thanksgiving dinner to the school's students who take home a backpack full of food every Friday during the school year.

In mid-November, we will be supporting the Lake Baldwin Giving Tree program by delivering three huge baskets of Christmas dinner non-perishables plus some much needed staples for our Veteran families participating. We will also be assisting Post 112 with the shopping for their Giving Tree family.

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone!



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FERN PARK/ALTAMONTE UNIT 183

This is for American Legion Auxiliary Unit 183. Help us raise some money. Basket is loaded with lots of liquor and scratch off tickets. Take a chance; it's for a great cause!

We are having an online Basket Raffle to benefit our ALA Missions with a wide variety of your favorite alcohol and scratch off tickets valued up to \$425! You can use the link below to purchase tickets at \$5.00 each. The drawing will be on New Year's Eve @ 7:00 PM. You can pass this link on to all your family and friends.

https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/american-legion-auxiliary-unit-183s-liquorscratch-off-raffle--2025?fbclid=IwY2xjawNLrAZleHRuA2FlbQIxMABicmlkETeYzOVkc3I4WnNFaW9ESjhrAR5KqM6bLXJrQ2jfbgLT3oaT6g-JQIJc7IpZSW9cjS92Li6GRhyTpStQEiYF6w_aem_Zhcp3llwueVs1T6pPnf4ng



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FRUITLAND PARK UNIT 219

History is meant to be shared and our organization thrives on ideas that are "shared." Unit 219 in Fruitland Park decided to host a scrapbook crop retreat to help raise funds as well as get the community involved in the ALA.



October 19 - 21st the Post was opened from 7:30 AM - 7:30 PM so crafters could work on their scrapbooks, cards, jewelry or diamond dot artwork. Each participant received a free gift of a charm necklace with their favorite crafty charm and they could come and go as they pleased.

The Unit used that opportunity to explain what the Auxiliary does, who we are and why we matter. They recruited a Female Veteran to join the Legion and she and her husband also joined the Auxiliary Unit together. The Unit is also working on a few transfers and a new member from one of the other participants.



On Monday, Sheryle Hackman explained what some of the activities were that the Unit and District has participated in recently. She had photos, paper and embellishments for each event separated, so that each crafter could complete a page or double page spread for the Unit's History book. It was a great and fun creative way to get others involved. Sheryle said when completing a Pictorial History book if others help and participate like this you can't use these for submission in the Department award submission but it really makes your book look amazing.

If your Unit would be interested in learning how you can also do this fun event contact Sheryle or Dara Oliver for more information.



Unit 219 has been collecting jars of Peanut Butter for many years as a Community Service Project which finishes on "Make a difference Day – October 28th." Originally initiated by a local youth and Girls Stater, the project was adopted by the Auxiliary Unit to ensure its continuation after the young lady left for College.

The Unit was about 100 jars shy of reaching goal this year, until the Unit meeting on Monday, October 13th. Female Veteran, Legionnaire & Unit member; Lois Halliday made an announcement and showed her and her co-workers' generosity in a photo on her phone that had over 340 jars to add to the collection. The Unit has successfully received a total of 566 jars to be delivered to Beyond The Walls Food Pantry in Fruitland Park. THANK YOU ALL FOR DONATING!



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On the evening of Saturday October 18th - 3 Unit 219 members took the drive over to Sanford Airport to Welcome Home, Honor Flight Central Florida Hub Mission 35. Lois and Patty Halliday and Dara Oliver made some great signs and said it was a humbling experience, (it was Patty & Lois's first Welcome Home Ceremony.) The Veterans were very happy with the support and all the love that was shown to them. They said the trip was amazing and they all appreciated everyone coming to the Airport to say, "Welcome Home!" There are 11 Honor Flight hubs in Florida and these Ladies suggest that everyone get the opportunity to go to one of these. It was defiantly worth the 3-hour Round Trip!



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PINECASTLE UNIT 286

Unit 286 would like to thank the members of Old Glory Unit 183 for their donations of bake goods for the Post 286 Family Cancer fundraiser. We would also like to thank Unit 219 members Patty and Lois Halliday for the donation of cookies from Patty's Sweet Pantry. Without the help of many the bake sale would not have been such a hit. There was a great turnout for the Post 286 Family Cancer Fundraiser. Thank you to everyone that came.

Unit 286 is currently working on the Children & Youth Breakfast with Santa event. The post family will be hosting this event. Santa will be arriving on December 7th to have breakfast with the children that get registered for this event. (flyer will be posted once we have it ready). The unit has adopted four veterans from the VA Giving Tree for Christmas. The unit will also be working with the post 286 family with the annual Christmas food baskets and angel tree for families that are in need.

Unit members will be distributing poppy's at two locations on November 7th and 8th. On November 11th unit members along with the rest of the post 286 family will be handing out poppy's to veterans at Texas Roadhouse. They have also given us permission to hold a post family membership drive as well.

Unit 286 would like to wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving.

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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MID FLORIDA LAKES UNIT 330



We held our annual Auxiliary card party on 20 October. We only had 65 residents attend this year but we were able to attain \$1079 in donations. We have a very generous community that love their veterans.

Thank you

Susan K. Sanborn
President
Ladies Auxiliary post 330



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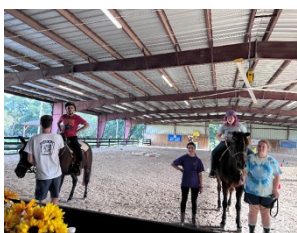
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LADY LAKE UNIT 347



Unit 347 Support Recognized at MTRA Donor Appreciation Party (Marian Therapeutic Riding Association)

It is only fitting that the MTRA is located in Ocala – the horse capital of the world. MTRA hosted a Donor Appreciation Party on October 9th as a way of thanking all those that have made a difference in the equine therapy program that serves Veterans, children and adults with disabilities. MTRA is also a PATH (Premier Accredited Center) which is a designation that recognizes their dedication to providing the highest standard of therapeutic equestrian activities.



Staff members gave testimonials, which were quite moving, to those in attendance on how this program has made a significant difference in their life. Guests were also able to observe an entire class session so we could see the interaction of the client and horse. Several of the volunteers and staff members were once clients of the program and shared how this program has made a difference in their life, and they are now able to also give back.

Pat Morrow, ALA First Vice President, is a volunteer at MTRA and took several of the guests on a walking tour of the facility that allowed volunteers to speak to us personally and the guests could see how much more work goes on at the end of the day.

The American Legion Auxiliary is proud to be a supporter of this extraordinary organization who are now in their 40th year! For more information, contact Catherine, Executive Director, at cathe-rine@mtraocala.org.



Oktoberfest



Oktoberfest, an annual dinner dance held by Unit 347 for the past 10+ years was again a huge success under the leadership of Barbara Kyle, Second Vice President, and her team.

Barbara and team put forth a great deal of effort in the weeks and days prior to the dinner dance. The food was extraordinarily delicious and consisted of bratwurst, jagerschnitzel, German potato salad, red cabbage, cabbage (delete), spaetzle, cucumber salad, applesauce, rye bread, and apple pie/ice cream all prepared and served by members of the Auxiliary. The majority of the guests are repeat attendees and have commented that this is one of their favorite events to attend.

Jonnell and the G-Man again graciously donated their music to the event much to the delight of the attendees who danced the night away.

The money raised from the evening will go towards the various charities that the Auxiliary supports.



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Unit 347 Supports the 9/11 Remembrance Dinner



The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 347 in Lady Lake had the pleasure of being the “Dinner” sponsor at the United Neighborhoods Alliance, Inc., 12th Annual 9/11 Remembrance Dinner. This group grew out of a very small 9-hole tournament in 2014. The purpose of the tournament was to honor the memory of the fallen on 9/11/2001.

With the help of several large local social groups, this group grew significantly over the last decade and now organizes and produces the largest 9/11 remembrance event in the Villages. It is a 501C3 organization. The ultimate goal of this group is to provide aid to veterans, first responders, low-income schools and other local charities to assist in improving the financial, moral, educational and social conditions of its

beneficiaries. They help those who want to be helped or aren't capable of helping themselves.

This date, this group has raised over \$225,000 and helped 23 honorees and their families. It is an honor for Unit 347 to support this group through our National Security Program.

Unit 347 Recognizes Student Participation at Annual Student Reception held prior to October General Meeting.

Girls State



Three of our five 2025 Girl State delegates were able to join us for a pizza party reception held in their honor just prior to our regular October General Meeting. The girls had a very positive week at the FSU campus in Tallahassee. The program details good citizenship and all the responsibility that comes with it.

All three of the students had an overwhelmingly enthusiastic experience. Highlights of their experience included: Taking on high profile positions within the government, creating bills and bringing them to the floor for debate, learning how lobbyists work within the government, how the supreme court works, making amendments, and the many friendships they all developed during their nine days.

Maggie Byrne from The Villages High School had her bill pass. Only 17 bills out of nearly 300 make the cut. Maggie also received a certificate for outstanding citizen and was awarded one of two scholarships to FSU.

Sophie Ross from Leesburg High School was awarded the prestigious Samsung scholarship. You must be a direct descendant of a Korean Veteran to be eligible for this scholarship.

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Franshesca Cziota from First Academy in Leesburg was originally designated an alternate to Unit 219. She was pleased to be given the opportunity to step in to fill a last-minute vacancy for Unit 347.

The students were appreciative for the opportunity and were well received by Unit 347 membership.

National Flight Academy

Each year, The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors three students to attend the prestigious week-long National Flight Academy Program sponsored by the US Navy in Pensacola, FL. The program takes place on a simulated air-craft carrier that has all the latest bells and whistles.

The students are selected by the Villages Middle School and are high performing STEM eighth graders. The three participating students this year were: Kylie Nisbet, Alexis Wood, and Zachary Benares. Kylie and Alexis were able to share their experience with Unit 347 membership.



The students were quite entertaining when describing being a co-pilot, to crashing and then being promoted to pilot – of course this was done with flying hyper realistic simulations. They were involved in airstrikes and met in the Mission Control room where they learned the extent of their mission. Being exposed to radar was a real hit from measuring angles and organizing flight shows. They also did exercises in supplying pumps and saving passengers off a cruise ship. Additional favorites were The Blue Angels who were nearby, so they were able to see the entire exercise and going to the Museum next to the ship along with speaking to military personnel. The students were extremely thankful for the experience and thanked the membership.



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Upcoming Events



Food Drive for Thanksgiving is taking place on November 17th. Please donate your non-perishables and mark your bag with “ALA” – thank you.



Poppy Drive is coming up on November 11th. Contact Deb Stanley or Verena Timm to sign up.
debstanley2@yahoo.com
vetimm@icloud.com



Child Christmas Boxes are still available. If you do not want to shop, we have a pre-filled box for purchase at \$30. Contact Tina Burgess for more details. tkrav78@gmail.com



Toys for Tots boxes have been set up. Drop off your toys, stocking stuffers, books, bikes for a child this Christmas. Contact Rob Burgess or Lois Bass for more details.

burgi3@aol.com
Lbass23608@yahoo.com

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AMERICANISM—By Wendy Lavery

Americanism: Why do I cry at the National Anthem and when I see the huge American Flag waving on Hwy 50 going towards Clermont? That answer is 2-fold. My tears are because I am so proud of our country, and I have such love for everything we stand for even with our flaws. It's also because I think that Americans today do not know or care to know what a wonderful country we have. People do not seem to remember the sacrifices that were made to create this great country. Education on all things that are the foundation of our country is severely lacking. Being part of The American Legion Auxiliary gives us the opportunity to share this knowledge with the schools and the general public as well.

What are example of Americanism?

Anything pertaining to our Flag. Every time we say the Pledge of Allegiance, we are reaffirming our loyalty to our country now and honoring those that fought to create it.

13 White Stars for the 13 Colonies in a circle with the idea all colonies are equal.

Blue field (Union) – the constellation that forms the new union of states, signifies vigilance, perseverance, and justice.

13 Stripes for the 13 Colonies

7 Red Stripes for hardiness and valor

6 White Stripes for purity and innocence

The National Anthem - Our Flag was still there after the battle - now the land of the Free and home of the Brave.

The Declaration of Independence - Proclaimed our independence from England's rule.

Constitution of the United States of America. The United States Constitution is the world's longest surviving written charter of government affirming the government of the United States exists to serve the people.

Great American Patriots

Patriotic Holidays - It's not just about cookouts. Participate in a community event such as a parade.

Informed Voting. It is every American's right and duty to know their candidates and vote!

America the Beautiful - 250 years and still going strong!



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PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLEY—By Dara Oliver

The 6th District Past President Parley is looking for a little help —
Do you know of a Past District President and the years that they served?

Keeping our History is an important job and sharing it helps everyone.

If you could share who served as our Past District Presidents and the Years that that served please contact Dara Oliver alamemberdoliver@gmail.com so that she can compile a list for any upcoming events. Who can you add to the list below?

Speaking of which - Is your Unit doing anything to Honor your Past Leaders? Share your ideas and we will be sure to honor them in upcoming issues and on social media.

THANK YOU -

Jill Lux – 2008-2010
Diane Anderson (Koger) - 2010-2012
TK Wildrick - 2012-2013
Marie Eatman – 2013-2014
Charlotte Bass – 2014-2016
Carol Pirone-Udell – 2016-2018
Mary LaNoce – 2018-2021
Paula Fox – 2021-2023
Penny Kanbara – 2023-2025
Carol Pirone-Udell – 2025-2026



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MEMBERSHIP

Congratulations to our 6th District Units on their membership achievements as of 10/31/2025:

★ Membership 75% ★

10/31/2025



District 1	Unit 78	76.92%
District 2	Unit 13	81.69%
	Unit 84	86.36%
	Unit 100	89.19%
	Unit 116	89.29%
	Unit 241	92.06%
District 3	Unit 49	80.00%
District 4	Unit 230	85.42%
District 5	Unit 194	97.73%
District 6	Unit 18	82.61%
	Unit 112	85.71%
District 9	Unit 365	81.25%
District 11	Unit 164	102.28%
	Unit 268	86.49%
District 13	Unit 415	112.50%
District 14	Unit 43	84.48%
District 15	Unit 5	76.00%
	Unit 99	79.17%
	Unit 418	76.32%
District 17	Unit 293	77.78%

★ Membership 50% ★

10/31/2025



District 6	19 Orlando	51.35%
	35 Mount Dora	61.44%
	80 Saint Cloud	54.52%
	219 Fruitland Park	54.58%
	286 Orlando	60.21%
	330 Leesburg	66.67%
	347 Lady Lake	70.49%
	412 Orlando	54.55%

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Government Shutdown Resources

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AMERICAN LEGION RESOURCES

The American Legion Temporary Financial Assistance Program provides emergency grants to military families with young children. legion.org/tfa

Need assistance filing your benefits claims?

Find an accredited service officer near you: legion.org/serviceofficer



RESOURCES FOR SERVICEMEMBERS

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society: nmcrs.org

Army Emergency Relief: armyemergencyrelief.org/assistance

Air Force Aid Society: afas.org

Coast Guard Mutual Assistance: mycgma.org/programs/shutdown-loan

Military OneSource: militaryonesource.mil/government-shutdown

Armed Services YMCA (ASYMCA): asymca.org

United Service Organizations (USO): uso.org

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Navy Federal Credit Union: navyfederal.org/about/government-shutdown

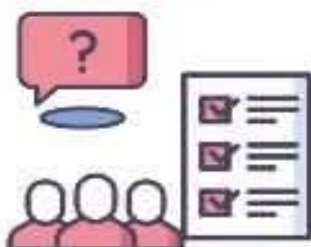
USAA: usaa.com/support/government-shutdown-program

Federal Employee Education and Assistance Fund: feea.org/emergency-loans

PenFed: penfed.org/furlough

United States Senate Federal Credit Union:

ussfcu.org/federal-government-shutdown-assistance.html



CONTINGENCY PLAN PER DEPARTMENT

Department of Veterans Affairs:

department.va.gov/contingency-planning/human-capital-contingency-plan

Department of Defense: war.gov/Lapse-In-Appropriations

Department of Homeland Security:

dhs.gov/employee-resources/lapse-appropriations

Department of Health and Human Services:

hhs.gov/about/budget/fy-2026-hhs-contingency-staffing-plan

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The Chaplain's Prayer—Nell Colbert



In September and October, Unit 347 lost three members:

- Linda J. Cacia
- Janet Bucknell
- Barbara Rosinski

Please keep Unit 347 and the families and friends of these amazing Auxiliary members in your prayers as they deal with the loss of their loved ones.



The Dash Poem

By Linda Ellis

I read of a man who stood to speak
at the funeral of a friend.
He referred to the dates on the tombstone
from the beginning...to the end.

He noted that first came the date of birth
and spoke the following date with tears,
but he said what mattered most of all
was **the dash** between those years.

For **that dash** represents all the time
that they spent alive on earth.
And now only those who loved them
know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own,
the cars...the house...the cash.
What matters is how we live and love
and how we spend our **dash**.

***Special thanks to
Patsy Sewell and
Karen Marks for
Providing the names and
Unit numbers of the
members who passed
these past two months.***

There's no storm that
God won't carry you through.
No bridge that
God won't help you cross.
No battle that
God won't help you win.
No heartache that
God won't help you let go of.
He is so much bigger than anything
you will ever face.
Leave everything in His hands.
Embrace each day confidently,
knowing that
He will take care of you.
Amen



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

Email Karen at chaplain@al afl.org and Paula at foxnails1282@aol.com

The Deceased Member Form should be completed for each member who has passed and included with your emails to Paula and Karen.

The Member Data Form should be completed and emailed to Department Membership at membership@al afl.org so that National's records can be updated.



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*President &
Commander's*
Dinner Buffet

SATURDAY

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NOVEMBER

Cocktail Hour 6pm

Dinner & DJ 7pm-9pm Palms

Tickets \$65 Per Person

pay.alaf1.org/fallconference-banquet

Menu: Deconstructed Ceasar
Salad, Baked Ziti, Chicken
Parmesean, Angel Hair Pasta
with Red Sauce, Veggies, Rolls,
Dessert



FOUR CHAPLAINS SERVICE

Winter Park Memorial American Legion Post 112

Is pleased to host the 2026

Four Chaplains Service

Sunday, February 1, 2026

First Baptist Church of Winter Park

1021 North New York Avenue

Winter Park, FL 32789

2pm

Please join us to honor these brave men!

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WHO GETS WHAT AT DEPARTMENT

Patsy Sewell, Membership Coordinator

membership@alafl.org

- Patsy is your point of contact for membership (processing, ALAMIS access, etc.)
- Poppy orders and proceeds
- Officer Lists
- Store and Supply orders

Treva Kay (TK) Wildrick, Department Secretary

secretary@alafl.org

- TK is your point of contact for units that are experiencing issues
- New units forming
- Branding approval

Brandi Seeber, Finance Director/Department Treasurer

treasurer@alafl.org

- Brandi is your point of contact for finance—invoices and statements sent
- Reimbursements
- Donations, etc.

Office Headquarters

alaflhq@alafl.org

- This is your point of contact for all units to send their compliance reports (IRS form 990, FDACS aka Solicitors Permit, and SunBiz Annual Corporate Report, Tax Exemption Certificate.
- District Presidents will send their Unit visits to this email.

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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

Department of Florida Girls State
June 4- 12, 2026
Tallahassee, FL

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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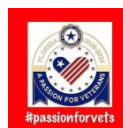
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2025—2026 District Officers and Chairmen

Position	Name	Email	Phone
President	Carol Pirone-Udell	district6president@alafl.org	914-373-9947
Secretary	Patsy Sewell	patsysewell13@gmail.com	407-670-8905
Treasurer	Treva Kay Wildrick	tkwildrick612@gmail.com	407-462-0173
Chaplin	Paula Fox	foxinails1282@aol.com	407-747-0725
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