



Department of Florida Americanism Cover sheet
2018-2019

Unit Name: Winter Park Memorial Unit 112
Unit # 112 District: 6

Chairman or Person Reporting:

MARGE BERRIOS

Email: MBERR3@yahoo.com Phone # 407-3768962

Please use this cover sheet for your "Year-End Narrative Report". The deadline for all Narratives to Department Chairman is **April 15, 2019**. You may attach/ include as many additional pages and pictures as you wish.



Unit Year-End Report 2018-2019

I am a member of Unit # 112 Unit Name: Winter Park Memorial
District # 6 My Name: MARGE BERRIOS

Here is what we did in the twelve months from April 1 2018 to April 1 2019

1. **Service for active duty military** (Examples include pocket flags and support of the amendment to protect the United States Flag from desecration (HJ Res 8))

Hours volunteered N/A
Brief description of service _____
Dollars Spent _____

2. **Service for military families** (Examples include American Essay Contest, Flag etiquette)

Hours volunteered 10 hours
Brief description of service Essay Contest to 3 elementary + S.H.S.
Dollars Spent 0

Promote the ALA's value of Americanism through community education about flag etiquette, respect in support of our country and our military.

Hours volunteered N/A
Brief description of service _____
Dollars Spent _____

3. **Promote patriotism through Unit involvement in community events.**

Hours volunteered 6
Brief description of service Distributed flags at school event
Dollars Spent \$20

4. **Promote Auxiliary participation in The American Legion Americanism programs.**

Hours volunteered 6 Hours
Brief description of service Helped Four Chaplains Event
Dollars Spent 0

*** Unit Reports Due to District Chairman by April 1, 2019***

Veterans School event



AMERICANISM YEAR END REPORT 2018-2019 Unit112

Unit112 is a small unit but with the 5 active members worked the program as follows: One member placed flags on Veterans graves at the local cemetery. A couple of member helped with

the Four Chaplains event at our Post. We promoted the essay contest in 3 elementary and 5 high schools. This year we

received 70 essays from 2 elementary schools. We sent the winning essay to department for further judging. We are a small unit but very proud of our team efforts in working the

Americanism program. Respectfully submitted Marge

Berrios President Unit112

IN Addition we distriboted Flags at an elementary Veterans Day event to Veterans and also gave them each a poppy.



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March 15, 2019

Marilyn Hench
1082 Condor Place
Winter Springs, FL 32807

Unit 112 Year-End AEF Report

Unit 112 collects loose change from Unit members at every monthly meeting. Throughout the year, our amount collected usually averages about \$35 - \$40. Since our 2018 year-end report, we have used our AEF monies to pay the National and Department 2019 dues for a member whose husband underwent a kidney transplant and the family is still struggling with medical bills since he is not yet able to work. Monies collected above what we need to support our own members will be sent to Department by the end of March 2019.

Yours in service to God and Country

Nell Colbert
Secretary-Treasurer
Winter Park Memorial Unit 112

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CHAPLAIN END OF YEAR NARRATIVE REPORT FOR ALA UNIT 112 2018-2019

As I say every year, we are a very small unit so all of the active members pitch in to help in every way possible. We thank God for giving us the endurance to keep on trucking and trying.

We do start our meetings with a beginning prayer and an ending prayer. Sometimes we use an inspirational message at the end of our meetings. We sent 2 sympathy cards this year for Legionnaire family members, and one get well card to our own member, Amy Martin. A thinking of you card was sent to our member, Cathy Diehl. A draping of the charter was held for our deceased member, Thelma Smith.

Some of the members our ALA attended a Memorial Day services in their respective communities. Our Post conducted a Four Chaplains service and 2 of our members attended this beautiful service.

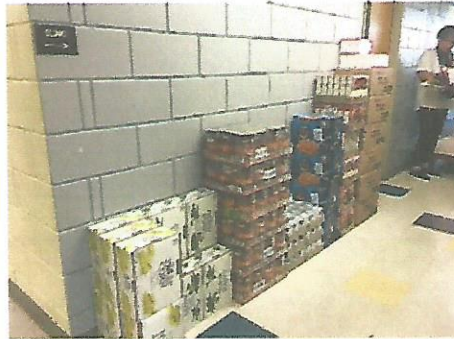
Debi Shannon
Unit 112 Chaplain

CHILDREN & YOUTH YEAR END REPORT 2018-2019

Unit 112 is a small unit so the following is the only activity we were able to work for the children & youth program. One of our local elementary school has a large population of low income families as a result they have a food pantry on site. Every Friday they fill a back pack with food items donated by various groups for these families. They use a backpack instead of plastic bags so that no one is aware of what they are carrying and the children are not embarrassed. This year for Thanksgiving our unit bought all the nonperishable needs for a dinner for 70 children. We included mashed potatoes, jams, gravy, vegetables just to name a few of the items. We spent \$700 on the food.

Needless to say the school officials were very happy to receive this donation for Thanksgiving. Our small unit with 4 active members tried to help our children as much as we were able. Respectfully submitted Marge Berrios President unit112.

November, as the goal was to provide all the dry goods needed for a complete Thanksgiving dinner for these families. Unit 112



American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Florida

2018-2019

Unit Year-End Report

Due to your District Community Service Chairman by April 1, 2019

What was the number of volunteers completing Community Service activities and/or projects? 5

What was the number of volunteer hours completed by members for Community Service activities and/or projects? 300 hours

How much money was spent on Community Service activities and/or projects during the administrative year? n/a

Value of in-kind donations received for Community Service activities and/or projects during the administrative year? \$100

Did members volunteer for or organize service projects for any of the ALA suggested National Days of Service? NO

If so, which days were most successful for offering service projects and did you face any challenges? _____

What types of Community Service activities and/or projects were done in your Unit? Helping Boy Scouts, SAL, NURSING home, Church, Sponsor Cub Pack, Sponsor Girl Through Church, Minister Church

Please add another sheet of paper if needed.

COMMUNITY SERVICE END YEAR REPORT UNIT 112

Unit 112 is a small unit but is very involved in the community. We have only 5 active members, the following are some of our activities. A member does entertaining in a local nursing home every month for a few hours she also does public entertaining for a local church. Another member sews patches on SAL uniforms and helps with a Boy Scout troop. One member is on the Board of BSA and does over 80 hours of paperwork for SAL and Boy Scouts. She also sponsors a Cub Pack. Another member sponsors a girl through her church. One member donated books to a local nursing home. So we may be small in size but are big in effort to help our community. Respectfully submitted Marge Berrios Unit 112

Constitution & Bylaws
2018-2019
Unit Year-End Reporting

Unit _____

District _____

C&B Unit Chairman _____

C&B Chairman Phone # _____

Year-End Reports

Each **Unit** Constitution & Bylaws Chairman is required to submit a written report to the **District** Constitution & Bylaws Chairman on the status of that Unit's Constitution & Bylaws by April 1, 2019.

As part of your Unit Narrative Report, please include answers to the following questions:

1. Have you done an annual review of your Constitution & Bylaws? _____

2. When did your Unit last revise the Unit Constitution & Bylaws? _____

3. How was your Unit inspired to review their governing documents? _____

4. Has your Unit sponsored any Constitution & Bylaws activities? If so, what were those activities? _____

5. Did your Unit participate in a web based Constitutional & Bylaws activity? If so, was it helpful? _____



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Unit 112 Year-End C & B Report

Unit 112 began our most recent review of our governing documents in 2017. We discovered that the information that we had given by a former Department C & B Chair was inaccurate when the revised documents that were submitted to the new Chair were returned with a totally different template. We worked diligently to reformat our documents to make them compliant. In the new documents, we updated our dues to accommodate the increases by National and Department. These documents were submitted in early 2018 so that our dues for 2019 would be correct; these documents were approved. Later in 2018, our Unit members decided to change our meeting night, so our Standing Rules were modified, and this modification was approved in late December 2018.

Yours in service to God and Country

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DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA
EDUCATION **UNIT REPORTING 2018-2019**

Year- End Reports

Reporting Important Due Dates:

Unit Reports—to District Chairman: April 1, 2019.

All reports require a narrative. Your stories, pictures, and other ALA mission-related activities are important. As a part of your Narrative Report, please include answers to the following questions:

1. How was Give 10 participation recognized in your Unit? _____

2. Describe how Veterans in the Community Schools were presented. _____

3. Did your unit actively support Veterans associations on campus, describe their activities. _____

4. Total number of “Veterans in Community Schools” presentations were facilitated. _____

5. Number of Scholarships presented. _____

6. Total dollar amount of Unit Scholarships. _____

7. Total dollar amount sent to Department Scholarships. _____

8. You may also include # of volunteer hours and money/in-kind donations. _____



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Unit 112 Education Narrative

One of Winter Park Unit 112's major program focus' is Education. In addition to supporting our educators during National Teacher Appreciation Week, we also present school medals at eight elementary schools for Scholastic Achievement.



Each year we actively support the food pantry at one of our local elementary schools. The school has 75-90 families who are homeless or on free/reduced breakfast and lunch programs. Unlike other schools who send food home only for their impoverished student(s,) this school sends food home every weekend for the entire family. To support

this effort, our unit members shopped for the food pantry, spending about \$600 in early November, as the goal was to provide all the dry goods needed for a complete Thanksgiving dinner for these families.



While our activities do not necessarily “fit” in the areas noted on the Year End report form, we are impacting probably 150+/- students through our education programs, many of which are veteran children.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Nell", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Nell Colbert
Secretary-Treasurer
Winter Park Memorial Unit 112

ALA Department of Florida Girls State - Unit Year-End Report

District # 6

Address Winter Park Memorial Unit 112

Chairman MARGE BERRIOS

Phone # 407 376-8962

e-mail MBERR3@YAHOO.COM

1. How many Girls State delegates did your Unit send to Girls State? /
2. How did your Unit raise funds for your Girls State Program? (Bingo, Picnic, Bake Sale etc.)
N/A
3. How do you select your Girls State citizen? Guidance Office, Former members
4. Does your Unit invite your Girls State delegate back to the Unit to speak to their experience at Girls State? yes
5. Girls State delegates who have eligibility to join the American Legion Auxiliary, does your Unit encourage the Girls Stater to join your Unit? yes
6. Does your Unit ask your Girls State delegate to assist your unit with Poppies, Americanism, Children and Youth Programs? NO
7. Total number of volunteer hours spent on and at ALA Girls State? 30 hours
Total number of volunteers? 3
Total expenditures? N/A

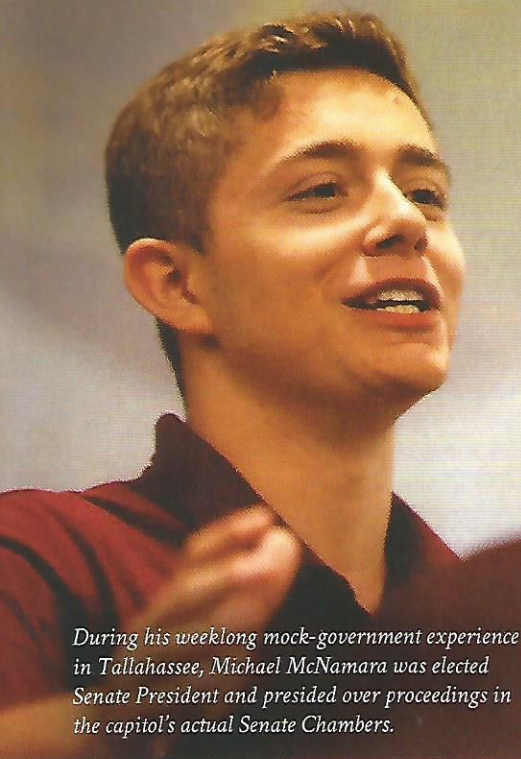
Please submit this year-end report to your District Chairman by April 1, 2019. District Chairman please submit Units combined reports to me by April 15, 2019. Marge Reed, 210 Hemingway Dr., Oldsmar, FL 34677.

(Rev. 2018-2019)

GIRLS STATE UNIT 112 YEAR END REPORT

Girls State is one of Unit112 most active programs,the following is our 2019 report. We obtain our candidates through different means.We visit five local high schools and either visit with the Guidance counselors or leave the information.This year a girl was referred by last years alternate and another girl had a family member who went to Girls State. This year we interviewed four very qualified candidates but because of our unit size chose one delegate and one alternate. The girls were all very enthusiastic about the program.

In conclusion,my local magazine Oviedo Life,interviewed Post243 about Boys State and Unit112 about Girls State,our alternate and myself were interviewed.I made coopies of the article and left at the high schools as well.This was one way to get the word out about Girls State.



Heads of State



by Kevin Fritz

These budding local leaders represented our community in the American Legion's Boys and Girls State programs

During his weeklong mock-government experience in Tallahassee, Michael McNamara was elected Senate President and presided over proceedings in the capitol's actual Senate Chambers.

The American Legion's mission may be to provide service to veterans, but one of its oldest, most heralded programs is all about our youth. Boys State and Girls State, immersion programs into the world of state politics for high-school students, have been Legion mainstays since the 1930s, and two local kids recently had a blast putting together a mock state government in Tallahassee.

Nationwide, local American Legion Posts annually select the finest young minds to spend more than a week in their respective state capitals. There are no fees associated with participating.

"It costs the kids nothing but their time," says Ralph Cain, director of Boys State for American Legion Post 243 in Oviedo, who is charged with sending two rising seniors to Tallahassee every summer. He estimates the cost for each student to be about \$450, paid for by members of the local post. That includes transportation and room and board at Florida State University.

On average, Ralph receives eight applications a year from students at area high schools. Sending a female from the area to Girls State, however, can be a challenge.

"There are just not as many girls interested as there are boys," says Marge Berrios, president of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112, who is responsible for vetting the female applicants.

However, last summer, Marge found a keeper – Hagerty High School senior Serenity Anderson.

"I had heard about Boys State," says Serenity. "Then, someone on my speech and debate team mentioned a girls' program, so I applied."

Upon arrival in Tallahassee, students are assigned a mock political party – Federalist or Nationalist – and they spend the week campaigning for office, networking with other delegates, and passing legislation. The idea is to mirror the operation of the Florida state government with hands-on training, all while developing leadership skills.

I think I got the most out of the program because I did my job as Senate president. Sometimes I disappointed people, but it was my job to run things."

– Michael McNamara

"I knew I didn't have a full understanding of how it all runs," says Michael McNamara, a Hagerty High School senior who attended Boys State last summer. "Being civically active is where I want to go with my life. I will actively pursue running for any position with enough sway to make a difference."

During his tenure at Boys State, Michael had the thrill of running for and being elected Senate president. Because the actual state legislators were not in town, the boys were able to set up shop in the capitol's legislative chambers to conduct their mock business. That put Michael high atop the Senate floor in the president's seat, an experience he says was surreal.

"Running the show atop the Senate chambers was exciting," says Michael, who is also a member of Hagerty's speech and debate team. "I think I got the most out of the program because I did my job as Senate president. Sometimes I disappointed people, but it was my job to run things."



The Boys State Class of 2018. Each representative is chosen and sponsored by local American Legion Posts throughout Florida.



Hagerty High School seniors Michael McNamara and Serenity Anderson, our community's representatives at last summer's Boys State and Girls State programs, respectively

Serenity also reveled in the realism. Girls State is held on a different week than Boys State, but the capitol's chambers are still empty and available for the girls to use.

"I worked in the Senate and voted on bills," Serenity says. "It was similar to debating as far as parliamentary procedures, but debating on the actual Senate floor was different and interesting. It was a little nerve-wracking. Everyone was so smart. You need to plan out what you are going to say so no one tears your argument apart."

Serenity and Michael, who are both headed to Harvard in February for a debate competition, have similar aspirations, which were influenced by their experiences with Boys State and Girls State.

Serenity plans on attending the University of Central Florida, majoring in behavioral sciences with a minor in political science. From there, it's on to law school, followed by setting up shop as a family lawyer, then politics.

"I have always wanted to get into politics, so it solidified what I really want to do," Serenity says of her Girls State adventure. "I also got a taste of it on Representative Stephanie Murphy's campaign. I want to make an impact on people's lives."

With plans to attend either Rollins College or Yale, Michael credits his involvement in theater with his yearn for government leadership.

"Theater and politics go hand-in-hand," he explains. "You put yourself out there. It's showmanship with conviction."

And after Michael finishes school, he has his sights set on the ultimate political prize.

"I want to be president of the United States," he declares.

With Michael's conviction and a new knowledge of how the world of politics truly operates, he may well be on his way.



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Leadership Narrative End of Year Report for ALA Unit 112 2018-2019

We are a very small unit and try to recruit new members by talking to the Post Legionnaires about eligible family members that might be interested. One of our members is also a member of the local Chamber of Commerce and she actively discusses the value of joining the ALA. We inform the Girls State candidates and their parents about the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary on the day we select our Girls State Delegate. We highly encourage them to join the ALA if they are eligible and we provide them with the written application. We talk to school staff about the American Legion and ALA when we take the Girls State information and the Americanism Essay information to the local schools.

Members are encouraged to attend the District School of Instruction, the ABC School, and the Fall Conference and State Convention.

A presentation was made to the unit about the meaning of a Flag-Draped Coffin. It helped us understand the symbolism behind how the flag (that is laid upon the coffin) is folded and presented to family members. Did you know that at military funerals, the 21-gun salute stands for the sum of the numbers in the year 1776?

I am currently reading the Senior Auxiliary Basics, a Course on our History and Legacy. All members are encouraged to read the Auxiliary magazine. Pertinent leadership articles are shared with our members at the monthly meetings.

Debi Shannon
Legislative Chairperson for Unit #112

NATIONAL SECURITY PROGRAMS
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY-DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA

UNIT YEAR-END REPORT 2018 – 2019

Unit Name: Winter Park Memorial Unit 112

Unit Number: 112 District: 6

Unit Chairman Name: Marge Berrios

Unit President Name: Marge Berrios

Unit Chairman Email: Mberri3@yahoo.com

What did your Unit do for the National Security Program from
April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019

Hours volunteered helping active duty military families: 0

Number of families served: _____

Dollars spent or donated: \$ _____, Value of In-Kind donations: \$ _____

Donations made to the USO: \$ 0 Value of In-Kind donations: \$ _____

Hours volunteered collecting, cutting and mailing coupons: 40,

Dollar Value of Coupons: \$ 3000

Hours volunteered sending care packages to deployed service members: 0

Dollars Spent: \$ _____, Number of Packages Sent: _____

Hours volunteering for CERT: _____, Number of volunteers certified: _____

Did you include the ROTC/JROTC in your activities for this year? 0

Number of medals presented: _____ Name of medals: _____

Did members organize "Welcome To Our Hometown" events? If so, what was most successful?

Did you have any challenges? 0

What types of National Security activities and/or projects were done at your unit that wasn't near
a military installation? 0

Describe all other National Security activities not listed above on a separate sheet of paper.
Include volunteer hours, dollars spent and number of service members served.

PLEASE SEND TWO (2) COPIES TO YOUR DISTRICT CHAIRMAN
NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2018.

**Poppy Reporting
2018-2019
Unit Reporting Form End of Year**

Unit 112 District 6
Chairman MARGE BERRIOS Chairman Contact 409-376 8962

Year-End Reports:

Units to District is due April 1st

Annual reports reflect the program work of units. Each Unit Poppy chairman is required to submit a narrative report to the District Poppy Chairman.

1. How did your unit members promote the Poppy program? 3

2. How did your unit members increase poppy revenue? held a few Poppy
Booths,

3. How did units promote the Poppy Poster Contest? NO

4. How did units promote Little Miss Poppy? NO

5. What are the numbers of poppies or poppy items distributed? 400

6. What were the dollars raised in the unit from poppies? \$500

**Poppy Contest and Awards Deadlines and Submission Requirements:
Due at Year End Report Dates**

POPPY YEAR END REPORT 2018-2019-UNIT 112

Unit 112 is a very small unit . This year we only had 3 members working the program,the following is their activities. One member had a contact with a private corporation that conducted a Memorial Day event They donated \$200 and distributed 200 poppies to their employees at this event. Another member held a poppy booth for the Oviedo in the Park Memorial Day event ,a poppy was worn by the Oviedo mayor and a Gold star Dad. In November a poppy booth was held by 2members at Great day in the Park event in Oviedo.we received donations from Post 243 Oviedo and by Boy Scouts as well. So in total we distributed 400 poppies and collected\$500 in donations. Since we are a small unit we can not promote the part of the poppy program (little miss poppy) but we try our best with the available members. Respectfully submitted,Marge Berrios President unit112

- Also, in November, our Unit partnered with Post 243 to distribute Poppies and information about the Auxiliary at the annual Oviedo in the Park Veterans Day celebration.



**American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Florida
Public Relations Unit Mid-Year and Year-End Reports
Unit Public Relations Activities May 1st – Nov 1st
Unit Public Relations Year-end Report deadline April 1st, 2019**

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Unit Chairman Name	District #	Unit Name and No.
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Unit Chairman Address	City	Zip Code
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Unit Chairman Phone No.	Unit Chairman E-mail	

PRESS/MEDIA INFORMATION

of interviews with reporters _____

of articles published _____
(Attach copies to this report)

of letters to the Editor _____
(Attach copies to this report)

of TV aired programs/interviews/event coverage _____
(email copy to Department PR Chairman)

of television community calendar announcements _____

List times and Dates: _____

of public service announcements (PSA's) _____

of printed advertisements _____
(attach copies to this report)

of Social Media postings _____

Facebook page Name _____

of ALA Unit/TAL Family Newsletters _____
(Attach one copy)

of Event Flyers _____
(Attach copies to this report)

of Email Blasts _____

Did Unit create a media contact list? _____

Did Unit create a website or social media page? _____ If yes, give information

Date Created _____ Name of website/social media page _____

Did Unit develop a Public Relations program for 2018-2019? _____

Did Unit contribute any articles to the Department Newsletter **“The Winning Hand”**
(_____)?

How, and with whom did Unit share it with? (Posted in your Post home, made copies for Legion Family ,etc.)

What and How did Unit promote fundraising activities for
Dept. President Michele DeGennaro’s special project FinalSalute Inc.

Attach copies

Did Unit submit to the ALA National magazine? _____ (attach copies)

Did Unit members wear ALA Emblem during events? _____ (attach copies of Photos)

Did Unit share pictures or media on the Department Public Relations face book page?
_____ (Attach copies)

What makes a good Mid-Year and Year-End report? Attach a Narrative

Don’t Stress. Some People develop anxiety when they hear the word “Narrative.” A narrative is nothing more than a story of connected events. You can make your narrative chronological, as in order of events by month, or simply highlight the public relations activities and events taking place in your Unit. (See a list of questions at the end of PR Program Action Plan)

UNIT CHAIRMAN: PLEASE SUBMIT TWO COPIES REPORTs and Narratives of Unit’s Public Relations activities to the District chairman no later than Mid-Year November 1st, 2018. Year-End Reports and Narratives no later than April 1st, 2019.

Thank you for Making our Mission Known

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Unit 112 2019 Year-End Public Relations Report

Unit 112 is very active publicizing not just our Unit but also the American Legion Auxiliary organization, the Legion, and the Sons of the Legion.

While we have not sought out media coverage for any activities, we are very active on social media, having a website, and both a Facebook fan page and a Facebook Group. We always have a full-page article with pictures in our Legion family bi-monthly newsletter.

Most recently, we had three opportunities to be visible in the public:

- One of our members did a presentation for one of the local Rotary Clubs where she explained all the Auxiliary programs and how Unit 112 specifically supports every program. Also included in the presentation was information about the full Legion family and she was able to assist with recruiting new members for the Legion family. A copy of the Power Point presentation is attached.



- For Veterans Day, our unit members were invited to attend the Veterans Day program at Eastbrook Elementary School where we were able to have a membership table. We gave out full family information packets, including applications, and we made sure that every Veteran attending was given a Poppy (no donations were accepted.)



- Also, in November, our Unit partnered with Post 243 to distribute Poppies and information about the Auxiliary at the annual Oviedo in the Park Veterans Day celebration.

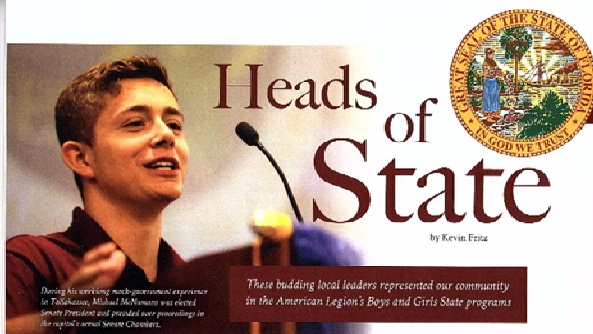


- Our Unit's Girls State alternate who was selected to represent another Unit but who lives in the Oviedo-Winter Springs area joined our Unit President, Marge Berrios, as they met with a reporter from the Oviedo-Winter Springs Life magazine to discuss Girls State. The article also featured the Boys State delegate from Oviedo Post 243. A copy of the article is attached.

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Upon arrival in Tallahassee, students are assigned a mock political party — Federalist or Nationalist — and they spend the week campaigning for office, networking with other delegates, and passing legislation. The idea is to mirror the operations of the Florida state government with hands-on training, all while developing leadership skills.

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— Michael McNamara

During his tenure at Boys State, Michael had the thrill of running for and being elected Senate president. Because the actual state legislators were not in town, the boys were able to set up shop in the capitol's legislative chambers to conduct their mock business. That put Michael high atop the Senate floor in the president's seat, an experience he says was surreal.

"Running the show atop the Senate chambers was exciting," says Michael, who is also a member of Hagerty's speech and debate team. "I think I got the most out of the program because I did my job as Senate president. Sometimes I disappointed people, but it was my job to run things."



The Boys State Class of 2018, each representative is chosen and sponsored by local American Legion Posts throughout Florida.



Hagerty High School seniors Michael McNamara and Serenity Anderson, our community's representatives at last summer's Boys State and Girls State programs, respectively.

Serenity also reveled in the realism. Girls State is held on a different week than Boys State, but the capitol's chambers are still empty and available for the girls to use.

"I worked in the Senate and voted on bills," Serenity says. "It was similar to debating as far as parliamentary procedures, but debating on the actual Senate floor was different and interesting. It was a little nerve-wracking. Everyone was so smart. You need to plan out what you are going to say so no one tears your argument apart."

Serenity and Michael, who are both headed to Harvard in February for a debate competition, have similar aspirations, which were influenced by their experiences with Boys State and Girls State.

Serenity plans on attending the University of Central Florida, enjoying its behavioral sciences with a minor in political science. From there, it's on to law school, followed by setting up shop as a family lawyer, then politics.

"I have always wanted to get into politics, so it solidified what I really want to do," Serenity says of her Girls State adventure. "I also got a taste of it on Representative Stephanie Murphy's campaign. I want to make an impact on people's lives."

With plans to attend either Rollins College or Yale, Michael credits his involvement in theater with his years for government leadership.

"Theater and politics go hand in hand," he explains. "You put yourself out there. It's showmanship with conviction." And after Michael finishes school, he has his sights set on the ultimate political prize.

"I want to be president of the United States," he declares.

With Michael's conviction and a new knowledge of how the world of politics truly operates, he may well be on his way.



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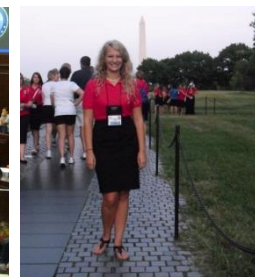
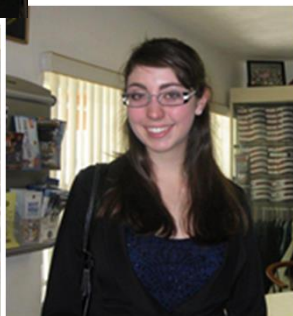


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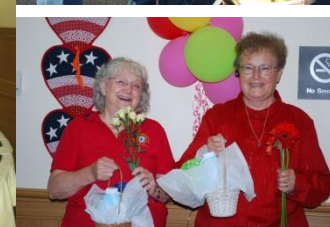
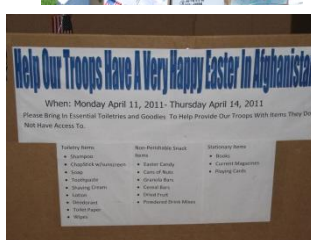
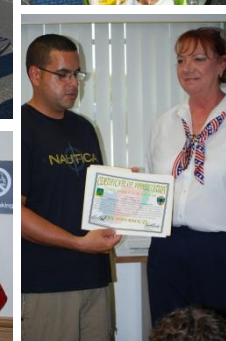


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Unit Year-End Report
2018 – 2019**

Unit # 112 Unit President's Name MARGE Berrios

Chairman's Name: MARGE Berrios Phone # 407-376-8962

1. How many members participated in Caregiver Support? 3
2. Describe any exceptional efforts members made in earning their Service to Veterans Hours. _____
3. How many members participated in or organize a Stand Down. N/A
4. What went well _____
5. What would they have done differently? _____
6. Total hours members volunteered _____
7. Total dollars spent _____
8. Total number of Veterans/military assisted _____
9. How many members Supported our Female Veteran "All in for Women Veterans"
N/A
10. How many members donated to the "VIP Women Veterans" N/A

Unit VA&R Chairman, please include a narrative with the above information to District VA&R Chairman by **April 1, 2019**.

VA&R END YEAR REPORT UNIT112 2018-2019

Since we are a small unit we try to help our veterans as much as possible. We have usually only 3 to 4 members that help in this program. The following are some of our activities.

One member prepared Income Tax returns for 10 veterans and notarized papers for 3 more. Another member helped care of a sick post member by bringing him meals, doing laundry just visiting him or taking him to a doctor visit. At Christmas the Unit members shopped and filled 3 baskets each for 4 Veteran families in addition to a \$25 Publix gift card so that they could buy fresh food. We also bought a donation of \$100 worth of baby diapers and wipes for the Lake Nona VA Women Vets baby shower. One member helps with the Post financials for over 80 hours plus the Post newsletter.

We are a few but we are proud of what we do for our Vets.

Respectfully submitted, Marge Berrios Unit 112