

Legion shows mettle at convention



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Displaying honors brought home from the 93rd annual American Legion State Convention are: Henry Legros, blood donor chairman; Darlis Greene, judge advocate; Larry White, Children & Youth Programs chairman and past state commander; Garry Justice, chaplain; Jimmy White, first vice commander; Roger Boucher, second vice commander; Jay Conti Sr., commander, American Legion Post No. 155 and fourth district commander; Steve Mikulas, service officer; Dennis J. Marion, adjutant; Bill Shreve, sergeant at arms and bingo chairman; Jim Park, third vice commander; and John Hallowell, Boys State chairman.

Blanton-Thompson Post 155 of Crystal River garners top honors for membership, other programs

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During the 93rd annual State Convention in Orlando, Blanton-Thompson American Legion Post No. 155 in Crystal River came away with nearly all top awards among more than 300 American Legion posts and 140,000 legionnaires in the state.

Honors brought home by the local post were:

■ The Wilson Timmons Best All-Around Post Award for the state of

Florida, named after Past State Commander Wilson Timmons.

■ First place in every award for membership. The membership team is led by Jimmy White, Dennis Marion and John Kunzer. With other recruiters, they brought new members into the post.

■ First place on the Veterans Economic Development Council (VEDC) with the help of Tom Cooper, Jimmy White and Larry White. The post also won a National Employment Award, which

Commander Jay Conti Sr. will accept at the National Convention in Minneapolis, Minn., at the end of August.

■ First place in the Florida American Legion Press Association (FPLA) for the Best All-Around Newsletter and Post Information System. Gayle Moreland is editor of the post newsletter and J.D. Brown does the email notification system.

■ First place for its Children & Youth Programs, a combined ef-

fort of the Sons of the American Legion and Chairman and Past State Commander Larry White.

■ First place for the best Americanism Program: Chairman Steve Mikulas, Chaplain Garry Justice, The Legion Riders, Sons of the American Legion; Second Vice Commander Roger Boucher; Post 155 Honor Guard and all members of the Legion family. Ceremonies included Flag Day, two Fourth of July events, Veterans Day, two Get out and Vote campaigns, four

chaplains ceremonies, the 9/11 Freedom Walk, POW/MIA ceremony by the Legion Riders, Legion Day, American Legion birthday, welcoming home returning veterans, visiting sick members in the hospital and homes, as well as many other Americanism programs.

For more information about American Legion Post No. 155 and The American Legion, call Commander Jay Conti Sr. at (352) 795-6526 or visit www.Post155.org.