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Witnessing the young men and women who participated in the RIDE TO RECOVERY, I was overwhelmed by the courage, strength and ability they had to move on and do incredible things despite their circumstances. These brave men and women, who bear the scars of war, some with missing limbs, and some with burns, participated in this ride that started at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa and ended at Mayport Naval Air Station.



The young man pictured with Department Vice Commander Al Porter and I has a special meaning to the Legion Family members of The Department of Florida. In December 2008 we saw this young man come into the Orlando Airport with other wounded warriors. He was in a wheelchair and his burns were extensive. One year later we are seeing him participate in The Ride to Recovery. What a testimony to the courage of these young people.

National Commander Clarence Hill and National President Rita Navarrete joined the ride in Gainesville. I had the privilege of joining the



ride in Belleview and continuing to the finish at Mayport. So everyone is clear on this, I was driving my car not riding a bike.

Thank you to all the Posts and Units who provided lunches and dinners to the approximately 200 riders. Thank you to The Legion Riders who accompanied this ride providing protection at intersections and heavy traffic areas. Thank you to the American Legion Auxiliary who organized the Legion Family participation. Besides the meals, the Legion Family was generous with donations. President Mary Kelly Perkins and I presented The Ride to Recovery Organization with a check for \$6500.

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Commander's column, continued from page 1....

On January 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, nine Past Department Commanders attended the first "Think Tank" held at Department Headquarters in Orlando. These uniquely qualified Legionnaires were in attendance to evaluate the growth and future of The American Legion Department of Florida. The goal was to share knowledge and advance the aims and purposes of The American Legion. I had the honor of chairing this meeting and was extremely pleased with the outcome. Thank you to Department Adjutant Mike McDaniel for organizing this meeting.

Think Tank - From left to right; Larry Sheets, George Wehrli, Ken Powell, Reggie Beverly, Phil Hearlson, Paul Martell, Gene Smith, Frank Reese, Larry White and Bill Seemann.



It was cold in Tallahassee, but spirits were warm as representatives from ten Legion Districts were present as Governor Charlie Crist presented National Commander Clarence Hill and I a resolution from the State of Florida recognizing The American Legion for their support and steadfast dedication to Florida Veterans and their families.



Thank you to all members of The American Legion Department of Florida for all you accomplish for our organization.



**Al Porter**  
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Hi Everyone:

Please remember to continue working on our Legion Programs. I visited the Campus of Florida State University where the Boys State Program will be held as usual. I understand we have been going there for the last 70 years. As we all know this is one of our premier programs. It will be an experience these young men will never forget. Make sure you contact Carol Polk for any information regarding Boys State.

A deployment was held this month for another group of Florida National Guardsmen leaving for the war zones. The governor was in attendance along with a large group of American Legion members.

Our oratorical contests should be well underway as you read this article, please plan to attend the contest this year at Department Headquarters if at all possible. It is a very worthwhile experience for all Legionnaires.

I was also very proud to be present at the capital in Tallahassee, where our National Commander Clarence Hill and our Department Commander Phil Hearlson received a proclamation from Governor Charlie Christ. (It was extremely c-o-l-d at 19 degrees)

Please keep our Haitian neighbors in your prayers as they suffer through this terrible tragedy. For God and Country

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According to John's gospel:

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this; than to lay down ones life for his friends."

This coming February will be the time for posts to do their "Four Chaplain's service". This service honors the sacrifice of four U.S. military chaplains who gave up their life jackets so four others had the possibility of being saved when their ship was torpedoed. These four men of God exhibited just what the apostle John was referring to in his gospel. When they gave their lives for others they gave their possibility of survival to others, probably men they had never met personally.

The Four Chaplain's service is a very moving service if done correctly. It gives a post the opportunity to let the public see just what the American Legion is about. Be sure you take photographs and let your local news media know about the service. Invite the public to attend. If you need help in planning your service, please call me and I will endeavor to assist you.

Let this year be the year your post excels in programs. Chaplains, you are an integral part of the success of your post, be an active participant in post functions and set an example of Christian love and service.

God bless you - God Bless our Veterans - God Bless America

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Now let's plan for February. In the month of February we have President's Day. Schools love to do things for President Lincoln and Washington Birthdays. See how your Post can help. In addition Valentine's Day is an event to plan a party for your Post and maybe invite the Community. Always communicate with Legion, Auxiliary, SAL and Legion Riders for help with planning. Also a good time to plan what to do for your local children and youth, or plan for a "Children and Youth Bash" like the 8<sup>th</sup> District did on Jan 9, 2010. Plan to have children from the community and from the membership of the Legion Families to attend. With games, prizes, and something for the families to do together it would be a very good time for all. Furthermore the first Sunday in February is a day of remembrance for the Four Chaplains.

**Please note all are suggestions.**

Next plan for March The American Legion Birthday. Make it BIG and PLAN BIG! We will be 91 years old or young. Let's get the Community and our local Veterans in who may not be members of the Post. Plan an open house with a dinner and a guest speaker. Have a table with all the programs that your Post has done each year.

Temporary Financial Assistance is a program that is always a big help for a family in need to provide with the basic necessities like shelter, utilities, food and clothing. Especially in this economy, to help any family would be an added bonus. TFA in the Department has done an exceptionally good job. Assisting all veterans and their families in Florida with about \$22,000 of aid given so far. Also your local Post has been doing a superb job with helping veterans in your community.

Note from National HQ:

Start to make a plan for April. It is designated Children & Youth Month. Whether you are planning a community project, sponsoring a carnival, or featuring a youth panel at a local school to address student's concerns, now is the time to begin planning for your April activities for Children & Youth. If you need ideas for fundraising activities, please contact Bob Caudell at [rcaudell@legion.org](mailto:rcaudell@legion.org) for "101 Brainstorming Ideas to Raise Funds." or myself (look above for my E-mail address.)

My program push for this year is for the Child Welfare Foundation. If you or your Post can give just \$25.00 it will help our Children and Youth Program.

Start writing down all activities of your Children and Youth programs so you will be ready. The time will fly and May is Consolidated Post Report and Addendum month. *If you need help with any Children and Youth program just e-mail me.* More information and suggestion will follow next month.



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**National Health Care Reform - Impact on America's Veterans and Their Families'**

On August 24, 2009 The American Legion National Executive Committee Adopted Resolution 1, <http://www.legion.org/documents/resolutions/2009p001.pdf> and Resolution 2, The American Legion Policy on DOD's Medical Health System and National Health Care Reform, <http://www.legion.org/documents/resolutions/2009p002.pdf>. The goal of these resolutions was to make sure that neither the Department of Defense's or the Department of Veterans Affairs' health care delivery systems were adversely impacted by legislation introduced and passed in each chamber.

Very early in the process, The American Legion received assurances from key congressional leaders and the President of the United States that nothing in the national health care reform legislation would adversely impact either the DoD or VA health care systems. Both the House and the Senate have passed their versions of national health care reform legislation. Both bills are literally over 2,000 pages of legislative language. In a review of each bill, it appears neither DoD or VA health care systems will be adversely impacted; however, the current on-going negotiations between House, Senate and the White House are being conducted in "closed sessions" with little to no detailed information being officially released.

The American Legion will continue to closely monitor developments and keep The American Legion family informed as specifics are revealed. Clearly, changes to Medicare's reimbursement rates to participating health care providers could possibly have an impact on TRICARE and TRICARE for Life beneficiaries. This is just one of the many provisions The American Legion has publicly expressed concerns over.

Another concern deals with requirement for mandatory public or private health care insurance. Neither TRICARE nor VA health care is an insurance provider, but rather a health care provider. So, The American Legion has publicly expressed its concerns with "cookie cutter" approaches in mandating health care insurance coverage with the threat of fines or penalties for noncompliance. Both DoD and VA health care are earned benefits for honorable military service and the thanks of a grateful nation.

In keeping with the constitutional intent of the democratic process, the voice of We, the people remains absolutely critical in the representative form of government we enjoy; therefore, you are encouraged to ask your two Senators and your Representative specific questions you may have on the issue of national health care reform as it relates to veterans, service members and their families.

Please feel free to share any responses you may receive from your elected officials with me. I can follow up as necessary.

# 85% Goal

## February 3, 2010

*District/Area Membership Report as of Dec. 30, 2009*

District/ Area	Commander	Goal	Rec'd	% Goal
4	Gerald	4,044	3,690	91.25
16	George Paradise	12,147	10,701	88.10
17	Arthur Schwabe	4,368	3,799	86.97
3	James Troupe	1,655	1,409	85.14
2	George Segrest	1,376	1,169	84.96
6	William Walsh	9,570	8,119	84.84
8	Gregory Putman	9,042	7,664	84.76
12	Carl Schneider	8,772	7,386	84.20
13	Frank Ward	9,365	7,836	83.67
7	Keith Holz	4,440	3,709	83.54
11	Paul Bosco	4,757	3,970	83.46
9	Joseph Motes	4,818	4,016	83.35
15	Larry Faulkner	5,794	4,827	83.31
1	Stephen Shuga	6,473	5,330	82.34
5	Gregory Lovejoy	8,154	6,589	80.81
10	Larrio Walden	1,095	866	79.09
14	Angela Glover	2,314	1,810	78.22
Central	Kathryn Ferrin	22,381	19,237	85.95
Northern	James Corner	18,221	15,487	85.00
Eastern	Earl Friedeborn	18,342	15,505	84.53
SW	Richard Francis	18,407	15,500	84.21
Western	Martha Harris	7,849	6,499	82.80
Southern	David Knapp	12,984	10,662	82.12
<b>Dept</b>			<b>82,890</b>	
<b>Post 400</b>		<b>22,248</b>	<b>15,005</b>	<b>67.44</b>
<b>Post 208</b>		<b>1,942</b>	<b>1,453</b>	<b>74.82</b>
<b>Totals</b>		<b>132,000</b>	<b>99,348</b>	<b>75.26</b>

*Robert Brewster, Membership  
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Just returned from the state capitol where Governor Crist and Attorney General Bill McCollum and the rest of the cabinet honored Clarence Hill with a Proclamation for being the first Legion member in 90 plus years to be elected National Commander. Also at this meeting, all of the veteran organizations in the state of Florida were recognized. Our own Department Commander Phil Hearlson also received a Proclamation. This meeting was well attended by our American Legion family. After the meeting, Post 13 in Tallahassee provided a brunch. This also was well attended, and it brought to my attention the many good people we have representing us in the American Legion. Post 13 with 524 members last year is currently at 464 paid members this year, which translates to 88.550%. Great job!

I am writing this letter on Thursday, 1/14/2010. We now have approximately 5-1/2 months to hit our goals. Far too many Posts in the state of Florida have their membership on a back burner, meaning they feel they have ample time to get to their 100%+ membership goals. This is wrong. The sooner we get it in, the sooner we can work on other programs. It will fall on me and only me to apologize to Commander Hill if we are not successful this year. I have driven thousands of miles crisscrossing the state of Florida attending District meetings and other functions, including membership drives, to help us reach our goals. I will continue doing this. In fact, I will be leaving tomorrow for Ft. Pierce, and then on the Avon Park before returning to the Jacksonville area Sunday afternoon.

Our motto this year is "One More." Please get in touch with all members who have not paid their 2010 dues and explain to them how important their membership is to our national causes. Don't do it for me. Do it because it is the right thing to do to keep the American Legion the best and the biggest veteran organization in the world.

Last, but not least. These are just not words to fill a page. If you need any type of help to grow your membership, I am a phone call away. I will not come to you and explain to you how you should do it. I will come to you and work along side you to get the job done. (904) 272-1619. That is the number you need to call. For God and Country



### Future Goal Dates

**February 3 - 85%**

**March 3 - 90%**

**April 7 - 95%**

**May 5 - 100%**

**May 19 - 100% plus 1**

### *New Internal Affairs Award*

The American Legion posts have gone above and beyond the call of duty by helping not only The American Legion Family, but entire communities that were devastated by natural disasters.

Following tornados, floods and hurricanes of recent years, several posts truly have stepped up to the plate and, even though their post home may have sustained damage, extended a helping hand to those in need around them.

Posts that have handled logistics, became the emergency action center, provided shelter and extended support to their communities in times of natural disasters are shining examples of The American Legion at its best, and each and every one of them deserves to be recognized for that. Therefore, the National Emergency Fund Post Excellence Award was established in 2009 for those posts that have gone above and beyond in service to their communities during a disaster. It will once again be offered to those posts that helped their community impacted by a natural disaster during the period August 2009 and April 2010.

There are three tiers of the National Emergency Fund Post Excellence Award: Gold, Silver and Bronze levels for the three posts that, nationwide, have provided the most outstanding service to their community during a natural disaster. Departments may submit to the National Internal Affairs Division the names of posts that should be considered for these prestigious awards. You must submit a written narrative (no more than 500 words), along with documentation to include newspaper clippings, photos or videos on CD or DVD, to: The American Legion, P. O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206, Attention: Internal Affairs. Please have your input to Internal Affairs no later than April 22, 2010.

At the 2010 Spring Meetings of the National Executive Committee, the Internal Affairs Commission will judge the posts being considered to determine which awards a post will receive. The Gold, Silver and Bronze awards will be presented on stage at the National Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in August 2010. Those posts not receiving one of the top three awards will receive a Meritorious Service to Community Citation signed by the National Commander and sent to their Department Headquarters for presentation purposes.

Questions can be directed to National Internal Affairs Division at 317.630.1330 or IA@legion.org.

### *Americanism*

*Dianne Thibodeau*

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Most posts will have an Americanism Chairman. All Americanism Chairmen should have received their Post Americanism Guide where a lot of good information can be found. I am sure that any Chairman would be willing to share this information with anyone who asks.

One type of information found here, in more detail, is the goals of a good project. (Be realistic. Make them measurable. Listen. Formulate a plan of action. Promote a special project.) One way to communicate on your project is to attend Post, District and Area meetings. Another is to publish or perish. Does your post have a newsletter? Does your district?

Here are listed the goals for a good Post Chairman. (Be practical. Be available. Be cooperative. Be knowledgeable. Be energetic. Be dedicated.) Once again, the Guide will go into more detail.

The job is not done till the paperwork is filed! How often have we heard that? Are you keeping track of your time spent, your miles, and your costs? One reason why is that The William Hearst Americanism Trophy is awarded annually to a Department at the National Convention. The winner is determined by the compiled information taken from the Department's total number of Consolidated Post Report forms. We want to ensure proper credit to the Department's overall Americanism program as well as the other activities we participate in.

There is an Americanism End of Year Award. The information on this can be found in the Post Administrators Guide on page 77. I will go over this next month. For God & Country



# February is Black History Month



*Wells-Barnett*



*Carver*



*Homeless Vets*  
*Dick Mondro, Chairman*

They go off to war and leave loved ones behind, putting their lives at risk to protect our country, freedoms and way of life. When they return home, they deserve the nation's support in making the transition back to civilian life, and getting the medical and education benefits they have bravely earned.

Instead, a rising number of veterans are homeless, their ranks swelling with those returning from Iraq and Afghanistan to an economy without jobs and a public that often turns its eyes away from their plight. The numbers tell the story:

The Department of Veterans Affairs estimates 131,000 veterans are homeless every night and about double that number — 260,000 — experience homelessness over the course of a year. "Conservatively, one out of every three homeless men who is sleeping in a doorway, alley or box in our cities and rural communities has put on a uniform and served this country," says the National Coalition of Homeless Veterans.

One out of every 10 homeless veterans under age 45 is now a woman, reflecting their growing role on the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan, according to the VA. Unlike their male counterparts, many have the additional burden of being a single mom, casting them adrift on the dangerous streets with their kids.

A severe recession that makes jobs scarce if not impossible to find, and the soul-scorching effects of repeated combat tours that are causing a plague of post-traumatic stress disorder, and with it the crippling effects, alcohol and drug abuse, depression, and failed relationships and marriages. The situation demands more attention nationally and locally.

With another 30,000 troops heading to Afghanistan — bringing the total there to 100,000 — and 120,000 troops still in Iraq, it's certain more veterans will come home to homelessness. They deserve better, and a concentrated effort should be made to help them back on their feet and move forward into productive civilian lives.

According to recent studies, Florida ranks third in the nation in the number of homeless people, yet has one of the highest numbers of homeless veterans.

I would like to hear from anyone willing to put together a plan for a stand down, to at least get some of our veterans some primary care that they deserve. I can be reached at [dickmondro@comcast.net](mailto:dickmondro@comcast.net).

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** – Boy Scouts of America (BSA). Millions of America's youth are preparing for a special birthday on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010. On that day, the Boy Scouts of America will celebrate 100 years as an organization. Founded as an outlet to help every eligible youth in America become a participating citizen and leader, the Boy Scouts of America has more than fulfilled its mission. To jump start its celebration, the Boy Scouts and Scouting enthusiasts nationwide kicked off the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a rally on Dec. 10, 2009. The live audio cast united more than a quarter million scouting enthusiasts. The gathering was the single largest of its kind in organization history.

The Boy Scouts of America is no stranger to Legionnaires. The American Legion is the oldest and largest supporter of Scouting among veterans organizations. The Boy Scouts of America became the first national youth activity officially recognized by The American Legion at its first national convention in 1919. Today, the Legion charters more than 2,700 Boy Scouts units, serving more than 72,000 youths.

The various festivities will be held across the state of Florida through every Boy Scout of America Council that serves our youth. If you have chartered a Scout unit, celebrate their success. If you have supported or never have but would like to, contact your District Boy Scout Chairman and work together to entertain Scout units in your local areas sometime throughout the year.

Eagle Scouts who are eligible to compete for the Department of Florida American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year are directed to the Department or National American Legion website under the Boy Scout or Scouting links to download or copy this year's Candidate Form. Review and follow the instructions. Submit it on-time (NLT 1 March 2010) to Department Headquarters for your package to be considered.

Remember that The American Legion, Department of Florida, Boy Scout Program has a one of a kind *Americanism/Scouting Patch* that any Cub Scout, Boy Scout, or Venturing Scout can achieve. Contact your District Boy Scout Chairman for the information so you and your Scouts can proudly wear the temporary patch on their Scout uniform.

Very soon your American Legion Department of Florida Boy Scout Program Committee will begin developing the next *American Legion, Department of Florida Boy Scout Camporee for January 14 – 17, 2011*. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend. We are seeking Legionnaires from around the State of Florida who are interested in supporting this event. Please make a commitment to provide your thoughts, ideas, during the planning phases and physical support during this special weekend as we deliver the Scouting/Legion program to our future leaders of tomorrow.

CPR input is just around the corner. Start compiling your Scouting data and submit your Post CPRs on-time. Post Scouting Narratives are also months away before they too must be submitted. Remember to deliver your story that only covers the past year (June 2009 – June 2010) and provide a well-rounded review of your Scout and Legionnaire associations that have contributed to the betterment of the youth and our veterans as they grow together during the beginning of the next decade.

For God and Country – Yours in Better Scouting



*Veterans Employment*  
*Dick Mondro, Chairman*

Veterans Employment

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone that submitted nominations for Veterans Employment Awards this year. We have reviewed all nominations and sent them to National for competition there. Announcement of Department winners coming soon and they will be honored at convention.

A free hiring event for veterans who already have civilian work experience, men and women who are transitioning from active duty to civilian life, members of the National Guard and reserves, and military spouses.

Thursday, February 11, 2010 - 11AM to 3PM

Jacksonville Municipal Stadium, Home of the Jacksonville Jaguars

1 Stadium Place - Jacksonville, FL 32202

To register for the event or for more information on Recruit Military Veteran Opportunity Expos, please visit [www.recruitmilitary.com](http://www.recruitmilitary.com)

**JOB FAIRS**

**February 2010**

**WorkNet Pinellas Professional Mixer**

February 10, 2010

Ruth Eckerd Hall

1111 N. McMullen Booth Road

Clearwater FL, 33759

**Jacksonville**, Jacksonville Municipal Stadium (see above)

Thursday, February 11, 2010 - 11AM to 3PM

**23rd Annual Bay County Job Fair**

On Friday, February 12th 2010 the 23rd Annual Bay County Job Fair will be held at Haney Technical Center from 9am – 1pm. Registration information on [www.baycountyjobfair.com](http://www.baycountyjobfair.com) or contact Jennifer Hall at [halljr@bay.k12.fl.us](mailto:halljr@bay.k12.fl.us). There will be a wide variety of employers at the Job Fair looking to fill positions from entry-level to professional. Sponsored by: Haney Technical Center, Naval Support Activity-Panama City, Tyndall Air Force Base and the Workforce Center, a service of Gulf Coast Community College. Community Partners: Bay County Chamber of Commerce, Knology and Panama City Beach Chamber of Commerce

When: Friday, February 12, 2010 - 9am – 1pm

Where: Haney Technical Center, 3016 Hwy 77 in Panama City, Florida

**Straz Center for the Performing Arts**, Thursday, February 18, 2010

Tampa, FL 33602

11 am to 3 pm

**March 2010**

**College of Arts and Sciences Career Day : Internship and Job Fair**

March 10, 2010, 1:30 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

University of North Florida Student Union Ballroom

Jacksonville

**Career Central - Special Career Fair - (Manufacturing/Construction) – NPR**

March 19, 2010

4440 Grand Blvd

New Port Richey, FL 34652

**Flag amendment Update - House, Senate**

Dick Mondro, Chairman



Citizens Flag Alliance

The amendment, which reads, "The Congress shall have power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States," currently is assigned to the House Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

H.J. Res 47's companion piece in the Senate - S.J. Res. 15, introduced by Sen. David Vitter, R-La. - has 26 Co-sponsors. The measure has been referred to the Senate's Committee on the Judiciary.



### *Roster Updates*

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