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I hope this article finds everyone in good health and spirits. I just came back from 10 days in Israel learning about the history of how the Jewish people have survived, how they persevered and how they are still fighting their enemies. I also learned about the history of Jesus, the why, where and how that He lived. I want to thank the Jewish War Veterans Alliance for giving me the opportunity to experience this trip of a lifetime.

Now I would like to offer my apology to all the places I was supposed to be and how I had to change dates and visits. I do hope you can understand and I will be back on track as soon as I come back from Washington. The first activity we have is our Department golf Tournament at Post 159 in Venice. I hope to see a lot of you there! I will be in the 11th District with Commander Dave Knapp from the 12th-14th. I will be at the State Oratorical Contest, March 14th at Department Headquarters. Once again, please be at the contest. These young men and women need and deserve our support. After the contest I will drive back for the 11th District picnic that afternoon.

I will be in the 10th District on March 16th with Commander Larrío Walden and the 14th District at Post 31 for a fundraiser on the 17th. March 20th - 22nd I will be in the 7th District with Commander Keith Holz. This is what I love, having the chance to speak to you, the membership,

helping in any way Department can to make our state the best.

Keep doing your best with membership and use your Department Membership Chairman, Dianne Thibodeau, she is there for you in any way possible. She has the tools that you may need to get new members and keep our old ones. Department has spent a lot of money to make your job easier with new ideas, new concepts and new tri-fold brochures. It would be a shame if we did not take advantage of these tools. Just call Dianne, she will help you.

If I may share one thing with all of you: as I travel this State the most common problem I find is Post personalities. Remember, it is not about individuals. It is about our Legion and what we were organized for: TO HELP OUR VETERANS, OUR YOUTH AND THE FOUR PILLARS.

Convention Hotel Rate Break!

Anyone who makes a reservation under the "American Legion" room block on or before **March 31, 2009** will receive an "early booking" rate of \$119.00 (that is a \$15.00 savings per night). This will include all reservations made to date that are in the "American Legion" room block. Please note that on April 1, 2009, that rate will no longer be available and all reservations made from April 1, 2009 to the cut off date will be at the contracted rate of \$135.00.

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Thank you to everyone who called, sent cards and e-mails after my recent surgery. Your concern is appreciated. I should be having my next surgery the third week in February.

In the period between surgeries I had the opportunity to attend the Northern Area and the Southwestern Area Membership Rally's. I had the opportunity to observe the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion coming together to support and encourage each other in obtaining their membership goals. When the Legion Family works together, be it membership or collaborating on other programs, the sum results are much stronger than when we work individually.

With the weak economy and gas prices it is difficult to promote District and Area meetings and events to our membership. Post Commanders I encourage you to publicize these meetings and events to your membership, come up with innovating ways to assist with costs such as car pooling. You have the opportunity to share your Posts successes and hear ideas and results from others. Attending these meetings can be informative and motivating. "Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success." Henry Ford



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I am going to start out this month asking for help. Yes, we need your help at the Department Convention, also at the Fall Meeting. The number of assistant Sgt-at-Arms is very small. If any Post, District Sgt-at-Arms or anyone would like to help us out we need you to join our ranks and help us out. Email me or call me and I will get you the application and more info regarding the duties, what you can expect, when to be there and what to wear. Please if you would like to help out call me.

Florida Children and Youth Fund

I attended the Central Area Ball on Feb 7th and they had the candidate call, between the Legion Auxiliary and the Sons. We raised Four Hundred Dollar for the fund. I am still asking all posts to donated 25 cents to per member to the fund.

The Application for the grant has to be back to me by the first of May, You can go on the Legion web site click on Children and Youth fund to download all the info that you need. Please don't forget to tell your loved ones that you love them everyday; time is short. For God and Country

March and goes
comes out like
in like a lion...
a Lion... a lamb.

A cartoon illustration of a brown lion and a white lamb sitting together.

★ Dear American Legion Family, ★
★ I would like to use this space to give my sincere thanks ★
★ to everyone that has made Bob's passing easier for ★
★ me. The kindness and love that everyone showed to me, ★
★ my family and Bob's family, was exceptional. The ★
★ prayers, cards, monetary gifts to Post 303, and especially ★
★ your love have done a lot for us. And another thank you ★
★ to all of you that traveled so far to attend the visitation ★
★ and/or funeral mass. I am only sorry I did not get to ★
★ thank each of you personally, but please know I really ★
★ appreciated it. ★
★ Bob's ashes will be interred in the "Field of Honor" at ★
★ Naples Memorial Cemetery on 111th Avenue N. in ★
★ Naples, a day or two following the Post Everlasting at ★
★ Post 303, on March 1st. Thank you again, you certainly ★
★ are all "family" to me, and please know Bob loved his ★
★ position as Chaplain and truly loved all his American Le- ★
★ gion Family. ★
★ Sincerely and with love, ★
★ Kay Pirucki, Wife of Bob Pirucki, Department Chaplain ★

Membership Round-Up Golf Tournament

The Florida American Legion is again sponsoring a Golf Tournament hosted by No-Vel Post 159, Venice, Florida on March 7th, 2009. The tournament is in conjunction with the Department's 90% Membership Round-Up at the Lake Venice Golf Club. This is one of the few opportunities for the Department of Florida to raise money for the Legion sponsored programs. In order for this endeavor to be successful it is requested that all American Legion Posts, Officers and Candidates sponsor a hole in the golf tournament. Hole sponsorship is \$50.00. Two of the programs actively sponsored are the National Emergency Fund and Clarence Hill's National Commander Fund. Please send your sponsorship money to Dave Griffiths Jr. 18834 McGrath Circle, Port Charlotte FL 33948. Please make your check payable to: 90% Membership Golf Tournament. The 13th District is handling all monies involved in the tournament. Money for all Hole Sponsors must be in by February 21st 2009. Please provide this information to your Post. Thank you. For God and Country: Arnold Makovsky Golf Committee Chairman, 941.456.8571 or amakovsky@embarqmail.com

95% Goal

March 28, 2009

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District/Area Membership Report as of Feb. 26, 2009

District/ Area	Commander	Goal	Rec'd	% Goal
4	Jim Ramos	3,813	3,763	98.69
6	Earl Friedeborn	9,237	8,974	97.15
2	George Segrest	1,323	1,267	95.77
12	Carl Schneider	8,657	8,154	94.19
16	Raymond Maya	12,033	11,294	93.86
17	James Baker	4,343	4,058	93.44
15	Kathryn Ferrin	5,784	5,392	93.22
7	Keith Holz	4,582	4,221	92.12
9	Joseph Motes	4,890	4,489	91.80
8	Richard Francis	9,281	8,480	91.37
10	Larrio Walden	1,155	1,048	90.74
11	David Knapp	4,867	4,396	90.32
1	Martha Harris	6,518	5,880	90.21
5	Robert Brewster	7,915	7,037	88.91
3	James Troupe	1,705	1,505	88.27
13	Frank Ward	9,796	8,527	87.05
14	Louis Woodward	2,606	2,128	81.66
Eastern	Arthur Dudley	17,894	17,128	95.72
Central	Mike Addis	22,399	20,907	93.34
Northern	Joseph Nolan	17,776	16,363	92.05
Western	Fletcher Williams	7,841	7,147	91.15
Southern	William Hoppner	13,518	12,061	89.22
SSouth-western	Dennis Bruland	19,077	17,007	89.15
Department			90,613	
Post 400			0	0.00
Post 208		1,538	1,766	114.82
Totals		135,500	92,379	68.18

Wow! What a year. Here we are in March already. That doesn't leave us much time since the Department Convention will take place the end of June. February 4th was our 85% goal. District 4 (Jim Ramos) and Eastern Area (Art Dudley) led us once again. However, we still only came in at 80.38%. All the Areas reached their goal; all but two Districts reached their goal (one of those was only .32% away); and over 200 posts reached their goal. Great job!

So why didn't we, the Department, reach our goal? "Post 400", that's the answer. We all need to buckle down and get to work. Post 400 is going to make us or break us. Get your committees together. Make the calls. Make the visits. Retention is important as well as recruiting new members. I understand that and you need to keep working on that at your post. Keep in mind also that Post 400 has 19,258 members who paid their dues last year but did not renew their 2009 dues. Even if we only get half of them to renew, that's a lot of members.

Our next goal is 90% by March 4th, and then March 28th brings us our 95% goal at the 29th Annual Mulberry Gathering. There will be a golf tournament on Saturday before getting together to hear our Department Commander and me, the Department Membership Chairman, speak on membership. Bring whatever membership cards you have available to turn in. Bring your ideas. Bring your enthusiasm. It would be real nice to see all Post, District and Area Commanders from the general area show up as well as some from the remote areas. Why not bring your Membership Chairman along? Let's all get together and cheer for the "Family". Remember; don't forget to bring those cards.

Got ideas? Need help? Call or write. Just ask! I will do everything in my power to help us reach the top and then some. I want to meet all of you Shining Stars out there. For God & Country



UPDATE

Helen is currently on the 6th floor Rehabilitation Unit at Holy Cross Hospital. She is still paralyzed on the left side leg, arm and hand but has some movement of her toes. She is able to eat with her right hand with assistance. She is able to have visitors and her conversation mostly of course consists of her past experiences with the Legion and her friends. She has therapy throughout the day however it appears to be long term at the present. Thanks again for all the many prayers and inquires from our Legion Family.

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February was very busy for Legionnaires as well as Scouts across the state. The birth date of Scouting has passed (Feb. 8 – 99 years old) and Scout Sabbath, Blue & Gold celebrations and Courts of Honor. Legion activities included Americanism programs emphasis, Four Chaplains Memorial, and President's Day. As we near the birthday of our American Legion, here is another opportunity to reinforce the association of your Scout units by having them participate in a special ceremony marking our annual milestone.

March 2nd is the receipt deadline for the Eagle Scout of the Year candidate packages at Department Headquarters. A selection board will convene shortly to choose the scholarship winners and our Eagle Scout of the Year for Florida's candidate package will be sent to National to be reviewed by the National selection committee for the title of American Legion National Eagle Scout of the Year.

Now is the time to review your compiled Boy Scout data for your Consolidated Post Reports. Also there are the various awards that posts can submit for and if selected will receive recognition at the annual convention in Orlando.

Posts that have provided support as Charter Organizations or Sponsored Scout units over the past year must ensure that your Post CPR is turned on-time to be considered for any Scouting recognition or awards that may be warranted.

I am searching for a vice chairman to assist me over the next year of Scouting activities and to prepare to take the lead in 2010. This Legionnaire should be someone that has the desire to take this chairmanship to the next level. Those interested in filling the Boy Scout Vice Chairman position, please contact Carol Polk.

The Department Boy Scout Program link will undergo some minor changes/updates soon. Please be patient as we improve the link. For God and Country – Yours in Scouting

National Emergency Fund Post Excellence Award

Historically, 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. There are many American Legion posts that have handled logistics, provided shelter and extended support to their communities in times of natural disasters and are shining examples of The American Legion at its best. National believes each and every one of these posts deserves to be recognized for that. Therefore, the National Emergency Fund Post Excellence Award has been established to award those posts who went above and beyond in service to their communities during National Commander David Rehbein's year.

There will be 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. A post that wishes to be considered for these awards 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 Department Headquarters no later than April 15, 2009. The National Gold, Silver and Bronze awards will be presented on stage at the National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky in August 2009. We look forward to seeing many entries submitted during some of the most challenging times in the history of our nation.



ATTENTION all EDUCATION CHAIRMEN

The National Committee on Education would like to recognize those individuals in a Post or District that have made efforts to promote the Education program of The American Legion. Please submit the nominee's name address and a brief statement describing his/her involvement in the education program of The American Legion and send it to Department Headquarters no later than April 8, 2009. One Post Education Chairman and one District Education Chairman will be submitted to National Headquarters for Certificate of Appreciation signed by the National Commander, Chairman of the Americanism Commission, Chairman of the National Committee on Education and the Director of the Americanism and Children & Youth Division. We look forward to seeing many entries submitted by our posts and districts to honor their Education Chairman.

S.A.L. Advisory
Troy Cox Department Chairman
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I am going to pinch hit for Mark Davis the rest of his term as the SAL Advisory. Mark and I were friends for a long time and his passing is a great loss to both the Legion and the SAL. I would like to give my condolences to his family and friends.

The current status of the SAL in Florida is that we have a total of 12,221 members with 8963 paid and it looks like we can reach another all time high if we continue the way we are. If we continue we must help and praise our Membership chairmen for their work during this depression when it is difficult for some members to pay their dues. As we have done in our squadron it may be time to help the members who are ill or out of work by paying their dues for those squadrons that have the money.

We are gaining in strength as we have 164 squadrons in Florida now that is six more than last year. We also seem to be doing well in the donation department with our donations to the Children and Youth program and other charities. In general the status of the SAL is that we are gaining strength and responding well to what ever is needed by our members.

Legislative Report
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On March 3, the Florida Legion delegates have invited all the Florida members of Congress (25 Representatives and our two Senators) for our 3rd Annual Luncheon. It will be held at the U.S. Capital. Congressman Kendrick Meek made the arrangements for the third year at no cost to the Department. We will give all the members of Congress from Florida our main Legislative update of items for which we want their support:

Legislative Division Update

TOPIC 1: Medicare Reimbursement for VA Medical Care – VA is prohibited from billing Medicare for third-party reimbursements for the treatment of enrolled, Medicare-eligible veterans' non-service-connected medical conditions. The American Legion recommends Medicare reimbursements to supplement VA annual budget. The American Legion continues to lobby lawmakers to authorize VA to collect third-party reimbursements from the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

TOPIC 2: Budget Reform for VA Medical Care – The American Legion, VFW, DAV, AMVETS, Blinded Veterans Association, JWV, Military Order of the Purple Heart, PVA and VVA have joined forces in support of changing VA medical care from discretionary to mandatory annual appropriations. The goal is to help stabilize VA medical care funding by using a formula based system similar to Social Security and Medicare. The Partnership is placing emphasis on sufficiency, timeliness, and predictability of VA's annual appropriations. On February 12, companion legislation was introduced in both the House and Senate to address this issue. Entitled the "Veterans Health Care Budget Reform and Transparency Act of 2009," the bills are: S. 423, introduced by Senator Daniel Akaka (HI) with 18 cosponsors; and H.R. 1016, introduced by Representative Bob Filner (CA) with 10 cosponsors.

TOPIC 3: Disabled Veterans' Tax in the 111th Congress – Following passage of this year's Defense Authorization Bill, Chapter 61 military retirees with less than 20 years of military service and military retirees rated 100 percent service-connected disabled due to Individual Un-employability can now qualify for concurrent receipt of their military retirement pay and their VA disability compensation without the dollar for dollar offset for Combat Related Special Compensation. On January 8, Representative Gus Bilirakis (FL) introduced H.R. 303, the "Retired Pay Restoration Act." This legislation would: a) allow the receipt of both military retired pay and veterans' disability compensation with respect to any service-connected disability, b) repeal provisions phasing in the full concurrent receipt of such pay through December 31, 2013, and c) make eligible for the full concurrent receipt of both veterans' disability compensation and either military retire pay or combat-related special pay those individuals who were retired or separated from military service due to a service-connected disability. The measure currently has 10 cosponsors. A companion measure, H.R. 333 – the "Disabled Veterans Tax Termination Act" – was introduced by Representative Jim Marshall (GA) on the same day. The American Legion supports the full repeal of the Disabled Veterans' Tax in the 111th Congress.

TOPIC 4: VA Budget for FY 2010 – National Commander Dave Rehbein addressed a Joint Session of the Veterans' Affairs committees on September 11 to present the views of The American Legion regarding matters that will come before the 111th Congress. Normally, the annual budget process for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 would be well underway. However, this year the Administration opted not to develop a budget because there will be a new Administration in January 2009. Therefore, the FY 2010 budget will not begin to be fully developed until the VA budget transition team for the new Administration begins its work after Election Day, November 4. The President's Budget Request is normally submitted to Congress on the first Monday in February. Thus, Commander Rehbein's testimony opened the VA appropriations process for FY 2010. The American Legion's legislative portfolio supports VA health care funding that is sufficient, timely and predictable; ending the ban on Priority 8 enrollment; a seamless transition from DoD to VA, including reserve component service members; long-term care of aging veterans; medical and prosthetics research; construction of state-of-the-art medical facilities; technology for electronic medical records; reduction of the outrageous disability compensation claims backlog; veterans' employment rights veterans' hiring preference by government and government contractors, and veteran owned and service disabled veteran owned small businesses.

TOPIC 5: Flag Amendment – The American Legion remains committed to protecting Old Glory from acts of physical desecration and overturning Texas v. Johnson (1989). The American Legion fully supports a proposed constitutional amendment to prohibit the physical desecration of Old Glory.

I think it was great that The Department of Florida Jewish War Veterans again chose, for the 7th time in 12 years, our Department Commander to go on a 12 day all expense tour of Israel. Paul Martel is the lucky Commander this time. By the time you read this he will be back with a good story to tell.

Dick Mondro
Chairman Veterans Employment
VETERANS EMPLOYMENT

Veterans Preference in the State of Florida: An Updated Overview

Throughout our history, America's war veterans have usually received some form of recognition for their military service. To this end, it became the policy of the Florida Legislature to provide preference and priority in the hiring practices of this state and its political subdivisions. Florida laws relating to veterans, commonly referred to as veterans' preference, were enacted to provide selected military veterans with an employment advantage in recognition of their sacrifices for the nation, and as some small compensation for having deferred their education and civilian careers.

GENERAL

Chapter 295, Florida Statutes, sets forth certain requirements for public employers to accord preferences, in appointment, retention, and promotion, to certain veterans and spouses of veterans who are Florida residents. The relevant portions of the law apply to the state and its political subdivisions. Public utilities, state universities, school districts, and special taxing districts are subject to the requirements of Chapter 295.

CATEGORIES OF PROTECTED INDIVIDUALS

Section 295.07, Florida Statutes, extends veterans preference to: A veteran with a service-connected disability who is eligible for or receiving compensation, disability retirement, or pension under public laws administered by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense.

The spouse of a veteran who cannot qualify for employment because of a total and permanent service-connected disability, or the spouse of a veteran missing in action, captured, or forcibly detained by a foreign power.

A veteran of any war who has served on active duty for one day or more during a wartime period, excluding active duty for training, and who was discharged under honorable conditions from the Armed Forces of the United States of America. A veteran who served honorably but who has not met the criteria for the award of a campaign or expeditionary medal for service in

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ROTC/SHOOTING SPORTS
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The JROTC Cadets throughout the state continue to have a very dynamic program that is constantly busy with their various events that I have had the privilege of attending. There have been the drill meets, marksmanship meets, color guard presentations and other events, too many to list. I would hope that our Legionnaires are attending some of these events to show our young men and women that we appreciate the hard work that they do on a daily basis.

The National Jr. Shooting Sports Postal Match was just completed. The state of Florida had 22 schools that ordered targets, however, not all were returned by the deadline date. These time lines are very strict and our chairmen must keep in contact with the schools to give reminders to get the targets back to National. You may see the results posted on the National website and report back to your schools.

Our next big target date is the Cadet of the Year application. You must contact your schools and make sure that they are sending in an applicant for this scholarship award that is due by March 2nd. All schools were sent an application at the beginning of the semester however sometimes they get lost in the scuffle of things. If this is the case when you contact your school, please contact Carol Polk at Dept. and have another application sent out. We would like to have a great turnout this year and help some deserving young student get some funds to help further their education. Thanks to everyone out there who supports this most worthy program.

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Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom, qualifies for preference in appointment, effective July 1, 2007. The service dates are defined as follows: Operation Enduring Freedom October 7, 2001 to date to be determined. Operation Iraqi Freedom March 19, 2003 to date to be determined. Any Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, as well as the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, is qualifying for Veterans Preference.

PROVISIONS REGARDING PREFERENCE

Veterans' preference in perpetuity: A person eligible for veterans' preference in appointment (defined by s. 295.07, FS) does not forfeit employment preference eligibility once that veteran or eligible spouse of the veteran has been employed by a state agency or any political subdivision of this state. Effective July 1, 2007, Florida law restores veterans' preference in employment for all categories of protected individuals previously employed by a state agency or any political subdivision of this state.

Preference in layoffs: Where a layoff is necessitated in a covered position, similar preferences must be given to the covered employee in the retention process.

Preference in reinstatement or reemployment: When an employee in a covered position leaves employment for the purpose of serving in the armed forces, he or she is entitled to reinstatement or reemployment upon release or discharge from active military service.

Promotion preference: Promotion preference applies only to a veterans first promotion after reinstatement or reemployment, without exception.

EXEMPT POSITIONS

Chapter 295, Florida Statutes, provides for a preference in employment for certain classes of covered positions. However, Ch. 98-33, s. 2, Laws of Fla., exempts from the law positions that are exempt from the state career service system under Section 110.205 (2), Florida Statutes.

As of the effective date of the law, city managers, county managers, and management and policymaking positions of political subdivisions of the state are now eligible for preference in appointment and retention as provided in s. 295.07(1).

ENFORCEMENT

If an applicant claiming veterans' preference for a vacant position is not selected, he/she may file a complaint with the: Florida Department of Veterans Affairs (FDVA), 11351 Ulmerton Road, Suite 311-K, Largo, FL 33778-1630.

A complaint must be filed within 21 days of the applicant receiving notice of the hiring decision made by the employing agency or within three months of the date the application is filed with the employer if no notice is given. The enforcement mechanism established by the regulations provide for an initial investigation by the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs, followed by an evidentiary proceeding before the Public Employees Relations Commission if the matter cannot be earlier resolved.

FLORIDA JOB FAIRS

Orlando Career Fest
Central Florida Expositonal Park
4603 W. Colonial Drive
April 29, 2009 - 12 Noon to 4 PM



ENDORSEMENTS

Phil Hearlson - Department Commander	Kathryn Ferrin - Central Area Commander
Al Porter - Department Vice Commander	Richard Francis - Southwestern Area Commander
Faye Skaggs - Department Vice Commander	Jim Troup - 3rd District Commander
Sonny Bywaters - Department Vice Commander	Jerry Montgomery - 4th District Commander
Fletcher Williams - Department Vice Commander	Greg Lovejoy - 5th District Commander
Robert Meyer - Department Chaplain	Keith Holz—7th District Commander
Robert Vick - Department Chaplain	Gregory Putman - 8th District Commander
Charles Haig - Department Chaplain	Joseph Motes - 9th District Commander
Sue Mason - Department Historian	Mark Johnson - 12th District Commander
Dale Lueck - Department Sergeant-At-Arms	Carl Schneider- 12th District Commander
Mike Addis - Department Sergeant-At-Arms	Thomas Northcutt—12th District Commander
Jim Corner - Northern Area Commander	Frank Ward - 13th District Commander
David Knapp - Southern Area Commander	John Ebling - 13th District Commander
Bob Koger - Eastern Area Commander	George Paradise - 16th District Commander
Earl Friedeborn - Eastern Area Commander	Art Schwabe - 17th District Commander