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Commander's Column

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Crew Chief (Central Area Commander) Butch Jackson maintains his early lead with 88.19%. Butch has lead all of the laps this year.

4th District Spotter (District Commander) John Rose remains in the lead over the other spotters with 105.11%. Congratulations, John. Yours is the first 100% District.

Drivers (Squadrons) 237 Beverly Hills has lapped all the

squadrons with 290% Great Job, Gentlemen!

Donna and I started February in the Western Area. Great trip! We were able to visit most of the posts in the area and attend the Western Area Ball. Legion Area Commander, Martha Davis surprised us with a donation for Jimmy Robert's Campaign fund from the ball proceeds. The posts at Apalachicola and Milton have plans for new squadrons. Please reach out to post commanders that do not have squadrons. These two wanted squadrons but just didn't know how to get started.

Next was the 17th District visit. We were able to visit each post in the district. Dis-

trict Commander, Joe Eckenrode traveled with us and was a wonderful host. Special thanks to The Legion Riders in that district that braved the cold and rain and escorted us everywhere that we went. We were able to attend a graduation ceremony for two Korean War vets. They received the diplomas that they were unable to get years ago when they left school to serve our country. We attended the 17th District picnic where Commander Phil and I were soundly beaten in a golf ball tossing game by the home team. Think they could have been "ringers."

The next weekend we were

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Adjutant's Corner

Detachment Adjutant Ed Sheubrooks (fladjutant@gmail.com)



The third renewal notice has been mailed from National Headquarters. WE are really starting to gain

on our Membership. Lets keep the pedal to the floor and our engines running fast as we start heading into the last three months of our Race. We have two 100%+ Districts. Congratulations to 4th District Commander John Rose, and 16th District Commander Mike (Doc) Bowen. Great Job guys!

The National Consolidated Report Form has been printed and mailed to the Detachments and Departments. This will be mailed to all Squadrons in April, along with the other Forms required by the Detachment. These forms are in the Administrative Manual that you received with the membership cards at Con-

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Dates of Interest:

- March 11 - 85% Membership Target
- March 13 - Squadron 275 Golf Tournament for Jim Roberts National Commander Campaign
- March 13-15 - The American Legion Birthday
- March 20 - 16th District Meeting & Picnic - Squadron 252 Seminole
- March 20 - Eastern Area Ball - Post 19 Orlando
- April 3 - Detachment Commander's Homecoming

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invited to the Southern Area Ball in Fort Lauderdale. Great hospitality, food and music. We enjoyed spending time with the squadron from 222. Even though they were extremely busy with activities and fund raisers at their post home, Ryan Hiott and his wife came to join us for dinner.

We will be in the 7th District next with Butch Jackson and Ricky Bridges. Tell you all about it next time.

Please guys have a look at the spreadsheets that I gave you at mid winter. All the information that you need to contact posts with no squadrons is there. You may be surprised at how many want squadrons and will be happy to hear from you.

REINSTATE !!!!!



RECRUIT !!!!!



RENEW !!!!!



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vention. Please take the time to complete the forms and mail them to me as soon as possible. There is no need to send them registered. Regular mail is fine. The main Post Office is about twenty minutes from my house, so it's a forty minute round trip to pick up these packets.

The District Constitutional Conferences are in the planning stages. All SAL District Commanders must hold and are responsible for setting up their Constitutional Conference meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to elect a new District Commander and District Vice Commander, and conduct business of the District that has been properly presented. You do not have to schedule your meeting at the same time as the Legion's, however it is a good idea to set it up this way. For a list of the scheduled Legion District Conferences, you can go to the Florida Legion Website.

The 38th annual Detachment Convention will be held on June 25th - June 27th, 2010 . We will be meeting at the Caribe Royale in Orlando. We are going to change things up again this year. Registration will start on Thursday afternoon. Our DEC meeting, and the OPENING SESSION will start on Friday afternoon. The Committee and Commissions will meet after the opening of the General Session. This will allow us to have more members present at the Committee and Commission meetings. The workshop and membership rally will be held on Saturday afternoon, after elections and installation of Officers. A complete schedule is included in this Source. Until next month!

National Commander Campaign Update

Campaign Committee Chairman, Ed Sheubrooks (fishermn9@aol.com)



I just wanted to let everyone know that we really appreciate the hard work that is being done to raise funds for our National Commander Candidate, Jim Roberts. We have a long road ahead of us, and still need to raise Campaign Funds.

There are several projects and Fund Raisers in the works at the present time. We will soon have Shirts for sale to raise money and show our support of Jim as well. If anyone has a fund raising event that they would like to host or schedule, please let me or one of the Committee members know. We have Area and District Representatives set up in all the Area's and Districts. The list is published on our website.

Detachment Commander's Homecoming

The Detachment Commander's Homecoming has been scheduled and the information is as follows:

April 3, 2010
at
American Legion Post 25
1490 US 27 N
Lake Placid, Florida 33852-7952
863-465-0979

Social Hour 5pm Dinner 6pm followed by Commander's Roast and Entertainment

Tickets \$20.00 Casual Dress
BBQ Chicken and Ribs

Proceeds to benefit James Robert's Campaign for National SAL Commander 2011-2012

Accommodations at Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites
606 South Lakeview Road
Lake Placid, Florida 33852
863-465-9916

Group name SAL \$75.00 king or queen double. \$95.00 suites.
Cut off date 3-26-10 rate is guaranteed until 4-3 but not availability

All rooms have refrigerators and microwaves
Hot breakfast bar and wireless internet included
Call Post 25 for RV reservations.

38th Annual Detachment Convention Schedule

The 38th Annual Detachment Convention will be held on June 25th – 27th, 2010 in Orlando, Florida. We will be meeting at the Caribe Royale Resort at 8101 World Center Drive. We are changing the schedule and format this year. The following is the Tentative Agenda. This is subject to change.

Thursday, June 24th, 2010

1:00pm – 4:00pm Registration (Department Headquarters Site)

Friday, June 25th, 2010

8:00 am – 12:00pm Registration (Department Headquarters Site)

12:30 pm – 1:15pm Pre Detachment Executive Committee Meeting

1:30pm – 4:00pm Opening Session

Officer Reports

Guest Speakers

Detachment Convention Committee and Commission Meetings

4:00pm – 5:00pm Past Commander Club Meeting

Saturday, June 26th, 2010

7:30am – 12:00pm Registration (Outside of Meeting Hall)

8:00am – Memorial Service

Committee and Commission Reports

General Business

Keynote Speakers

Area Caucus's

11:30am – 1:15pm Lunch

1:15pm – Election of Detachment Officers

Installation of Officers

2:00pm – Post Detachment Executive Committee Meeting

2:30pm – 4:00pm Leadership Workshop and Membership Rally



Endorsements for Office



The following endorsements for District and Detachment office have been submitted. Any member wishing to run for a District or Detachment Office must send a letter of endorsement to the Detachment Adjutant. This letter must be signed by the Squadron Commander and Adjutant or the Post Commander and Adjutant.

DETACHMENT OFFICERS

Detachment Commander

- Michael Dooley - Squadron 38 Ft Myers

National Executive Committeeman

- John Jennings - Squadron 72 Mulberry

National Executive Committeeman Alternate

- Dennis Clune - Squadron 110 Port Charlotte
- Larry Smith - Squadron 38 Ft Myers

Detachment Vice Commanders

Central Area

- Lloyd "Butch" Jackson - Squadron 72 Mulberry

Southwestern Area

- Jim Love - Squadron 136 Pine Island

Detachment Historian

- Paul Micieli - Squadron 305 St Petersburg
- Karl Hogan - Squadron 186 Spring Hill

Detachment Sergeant-At-Arms

- Mike Bowen - Squadron 119 Largo

DISTRICT COMMANDERS & VICE COMMANDERS

13th District Commander

- Steve Gordon - Squadron 110 Port Charlotte

15th District Commander

- John Craig - Squadron 139 Tampa

16th District Commander

- Kirk Miller - Squadron 275 Dunedin

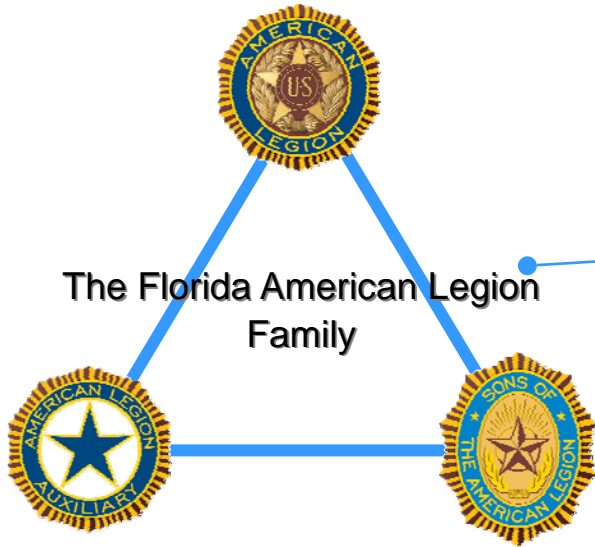
16th District Vice Commander

- Paul Micieli - Squadron 305 St Petersburg



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www.floridalegion.org/sons

Or e-mail us at floridasons@gmail.com

Source Articles

The SOURCE is your Newsletter. Send us your newsworthy articles and we will print them. Area Commanders and District Commanders should be submitting an article each month! Please send all articles to Ed Sheubrooks. You may e-mail the articles to Fishermn9@aol.com, or fax them to 772-460-1559. **All submission must be received by the 10th of the month so we can go to print by the 15th.**

We are looking for your input and help to keep this newsletter going. We are looking for articles from the Area Commanders, or District Commanders. Let us know what is happening in your Area or District and we will inform the rest of the Detachment. It could increase attendance at your functions and or meetings!!!!

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