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## Commander's Column

Detachment Commander Michael Dooley (flcmdr@gmail.com)



**Crew Chief** (Central Area Commander) Butch Jackson maintains his early lead with 94.93%. 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 109.09%. Congratulations, John. Yours is the first 100% District.

**Drivers** (Squadrons) 237 Beverly Hills has lapped all the

squadrons with 290%. Eyes on the rear view because Squadron 7 Clearwater in on your bumper with 204.09%.

Steve Gordon, Detachment Historian was able to join me for the 7th District visit. District Commander, Ricky Bridges took us on a sightseeing tour of the local industry and history of the area. "The Posse" (Doc and the boys) from 16th District joined us on our visit to Bartow, Lakeland, Winter Haven, Mulberry and Haines City. Commander George and Vice Commander Leon from Squadron 4 Lakeland are on fire. I promised them that I would let everyone know they have met and exceeded their 100% goal. I

appreciated their hard work and loved their excitement. NEC John Jennings, his wife Martha, Area Commander Butch Jackson and his wife Patricia were able to join us in Bartow. It is always great to spend time with them.

Department Commander Phil invited me to join him for the Oratorical contest at Department headquarters. I had never been before but will try not to miss it again. It was very impressive. A young lady from Jacksonville 137 won the contest. I am so glad that I did not have to make the decision. It is amazing how bright these kids are and what a good job they do.

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## Adjutant's Corner

Detachment Adjutant Ed Sheubrooks (fladjutant@gmail.com)



In just two short months, we will meet in Orlando for our 38th Annual Detachment Convention. Between

now and then, it is the busiest time within the Detachment. We elect new Squadron Officers, hold District Constitutional Conferences and elect new District Officers. In addition, we must complete all of our projects for the year. This includes, The Child Welfare Foundation, Children's Miracle Network, and Special Olympics.

This month we will be mailing all Year-End reports to the Squadron Adjutants. Also included in this mailing will be the National Consolidated Squadron Report or CSR for short. All forms must be completed and sent back to the Detachment Adjutant. The Detachments Year End Reports are used to deter-

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### Dates of interest:

- April 3 - Detachment Commander's Homecoming - Squadron 25 Lake Placid
- April 4 - Easter Sunday
- April 8 - 90% Membership Target
- April 10 - 6th District Picnic - Squadron 183 Fern Park
- April 10 - Northern Area Ball - Post 17 New Smyrna Beach
- April 10 - Seafood Festival - Post 138 Port Tampa
- April 17 - Department President's Homecoming - Tampa
- April 24 - Central Area Ball - Post 111 Tampa
- April 30 to May 2 - Spring NEC Meeting - Indianapolis, IN

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We made our visit to the 3rd and 4th District. I am disappointed that I was unable to reach anyone from 3rd district but did have a nice visit to the 4th. We attended the Legion birthday celebration at 155 Crystal River. We had a nice day with John Rose, District Commander. Easy to spot him in the crowd with his head bigger than usual over being first 100% district. Congratulations John!

We will be meeting Department President Mary at 274 Fort Myers Beach this weekend and then off to the 16th District meeting and picnic and the Eastern Area ball. The next weekend we will be leaving for our visit to Miami and the Keys. I will tell you all about it next time.

Thanks to all of you for all that you do. My wife and I appreciate you taking your time to show us around your areas and letting us join in your activities.

**REINSTATE !!!!!**



**RECRUIT !!!!!**



**RENEW !!!!!**



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mine several Detachment Awards. By not completing them, you omit your Squadrons chance of winning the Awards. The CSR is required by National Headquarters. This is the only report form that will be accepted by the National Organization. Again, by not completing the CSR, it eliminates your Squadron from any National Awards. Please remember that even if your Squadron had "NO ACTIVITY" last year you must return the reports with NO ACTIVITY written on them.

Please take a moment to make your reservations for the upcoming Detachment Convention in June if you have not yet done so. Special prices end very soon. The hotel will sell out. All meetings will be at the Caribe Royale Resort. Please take a moment to look at the attached Convention Agenda as it has changed from the previous years. We will be starting our DEC meeting at 12:30 pm and will have the opening session at 1:30 pm. The Committee and Commission will meet on Friday after the opening of the General session. With having the opening session on Friday, this will let us have all of our members attend the Committee meetings. This will allow for a smoother time schedule on Saturday. We look forward to seeing you there!

By now, all District Commanders should have their meeting dates and times scheduled for their District Constitutional Conferences. To date, I have received only a few of these dates and meeting times. Please forward them to me as soon as possible and we will get them posted on the Website. All District Commanders MUST hold a meeting and election of new District Officers for the coming year. We want to go into Convention with a full slate of Elected District Commanders. Please remember that you do not have to hold your Conference in conjunction with The American Legions. Sometimes there is not enough space or time to fit all meetings into one. I would encourage that you try and hold it at the same time and place if possible. If you wish to have a representative from the Detachment at your Conference, please let me know. We have the tools and knowledge, and we are ready to pass this information on to all of our members. Until next month!!!

# Special Olympics

Detachment Special Olympics Chairman Stan Viergutz (Bonstan1jags@aol.com)



Just a couple of notes on Special Olympics. First, the spring games are coming up May 14 & 15. All of the events are taking place on Disney property, so we will not be needed to handle security. If you live in the Orlando area and would like to volunteer in other areas at the games go to [sofl.org](http://sofl.org) and fill out the volunteer form. Also, because our convention has been moved up to June the cutoff date for donations to receive your awards at convention has also been moved up to May 15, 2010. Any donations made at the convention last year and those made up until May 15th will count for this year.

Thanks for all you've done and let's continue to make this another record year!

## Chaplain's Message

Detachment Chaplain, Herb Swoope ([hswoope@msn.com](mailto:hswoope@msn.com))



Standing Prayer for Service Members:

O LORD God of Hosts, stretch forth, we pray thee, thine almighty arm to strengthen and protect our military forces. Support them in the day of battle, and in the time of peace keep them safe from all evil; endue them with courage and loyalty; and grant that in all things they may serve without reproach; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Call to Convention

The 38th Annual Convention of the SAL, Detachment of Florida is hereby called for in compliance with Article V of the Detachment Constitution.

**PURPOSE:** The convention is called for the electing of Officers, receiving reports and for the transaction of such business which may be properly brought before it.

**REPRESENTATION:** Representation shall be in compliance with the provisions of Article V, Section 4 of the Detachment Constitution and other sections that may be applicable. A registration fee of \$5.00 will be paid to the Detachment Convention Headquarters for each delegate and alternate registered.

**IMPORTANT INFO:** Voting strength of Squadrons shall be determined by the membership paid into Department Headquarters by the close of business on June 14th, 2010. Forms for the certification of delegates and alternates are in the administrative manual. We will keep in accordance with Article XI, Section 8 of the Department Constitution and By-Laws that reads as follows: "No post or squadron with past due accounts owing the Department of Florida and unsettled before the convening of the Annual Department Convention shall be entitled to seat their Squadron Delegations in that Convention."

## Elections of Squadron & District Officers

All Squadrons and District Officers must be elected annually and certified to the Department Adjutant not more than 60 days nor less than 10 days prior to the annual Detachment Convention. The election of Squadron and District Officers this year must be held between April 25th and June 15th, 2010.

## Delegate Cut-Off

Delegate cut-off for Squadron voting for the Convention is June 14, 2009 at the close of business at Department Headquarters. A registration fee of \$5.00 per delegate and alternate is hereby established. Squadrons will be allowed to cast votes on registered delegates only. If your squadron has four votes and only registered two, then your Squadron may only cast the two delegate votes that have been registered. Forms for registration are in your Administrative Manual. Bring this with you to the Convention. Make all checks payable to The American Legion, Department of Florida.

# 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's 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 Caucuses

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 Detachment / District Officers Orientation and Membership Kick-Off



# 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

#### **Northern Area**

- Willaim "Bill" Kelly - Squadron 137 Jacksonville

#### **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



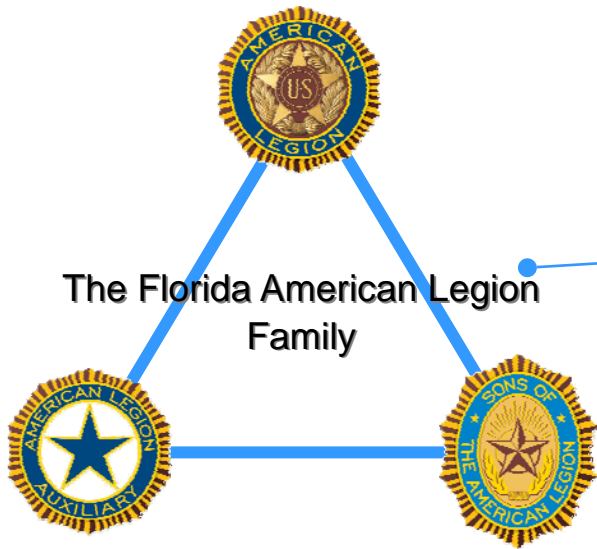
# Squadron News

**Squadron 252 Seminole** - On Saturday, March 6th, Squadron #252 in Seminole held a benefit dinner for the local High School. The band has been selected to participate in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade in New York City.

With the help of many volunteers, we raised over \$1,400.00 for the band said Squadron Commander Ron Van Wie. Van Wie also said that a car wash is in the works when the weather gets a little bit warmer.

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"In Honor of Those Who Served"



The Sons of The American Legion is a program of The American Legion created in 1932.

The Florida Sons of The American Legion with over 12,000 members this year has donated almost \$391,000 to the many programs they assist with including Florida Special Olympics and the Children's Miracle Network.

For More Information about the Florida Sons of The American Legion, visit us on the Internet at:

[www.floridalegion.org/sons](http://www.floridalegion.org/sons)

Or e-mail us at [floridasons@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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!!!!



Campaign Committee for Jim Roberts still needs help with fundraising efforts to support the campaign fund. We are asking The American Legion Family for their help with fundraising efforts. Any Squadron, Post, Unit or Chapter can hold a fundraiser, just let the Campaign Committee know so we can get Jim to attend if he is available. Contributions can be sent to Campaign Treasurer Ed Sheubrooks at 800 S Brocksmith Rd, Ft Pierce, FL 34945. Make checks payable to: **Jim Roberts for National Commander Campaign.**

For more information - please visit the Campaign website at:

[www.floridalegion.org/sons/campaign/campaign.htm](http://www.floridalegion.org/sons/campaign/campaign.htm)