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Commander's Column

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With **106.15%**. 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 119.32%. Congratulations, John. Watch your rear view Doc Bowen in the 16th is on your bumper with 115.88%

Drivers (Squadrons) 237 Beverly Hills has lapped all the squadrons with 330%. Running in second is Squadron 7 Clearwater with 212. %.

I am very proud to report to you that the Detachment of Florida is at 100.50% and has reached another all time high with 12734 members. We are still racing for 13000 by June 14th. Sincere thanks to all of you that have worked so hard to make this happen.

Since we last talked Donna and I made our visit to the 15th District. While we were there we met John

Jennings and Jimmy and Anita Roberts and their girls for the Crew Chief (Central Area Commander) Butch Jackson maintains his early lead with Central Area Ball. We also had the opportunity to be with Commander Phil and President Mary when her home post put up a sign on the outside of the building in honor of her year as President.

I was also able to attend the 16th District Constitutional Conference. I can not thank the 16th District

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Adjutant's Corner

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As I sit down and write the last article in this Administrative year, I can hardly believe how fast the year

has gone by and what we have accomplished. We hit our 100% in Membership on May 20th, and another "ALL TIME HIGH". Our programs continue to grow in every aspect, and our relationship with The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary is the best it has been in years. Commander Phil, Commander Mike, and President Mary

have traveled and visited several of the Area's and Districts together. They have also attended several functions together! It has truly been a "Family Affair" this year!

In just one short month, we will gather for our annual Detachment Convention. It is during this time

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Dates of interest:

- May 31 - Memorial Day
- June 1 - Hurricane Season Begins
- June 5 - 13th District Constitutional Conference - Squadron 103 Punta Gorda
- June 14 - Flag Day
- June 20 - Father's Day
- June 25-27 - 38th Annual Detachment Convention - Orlando
- July 4 - Independence Day

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enough. 13 of the 14 squadrons are at 100% or more and 4 of those have signed up 30 or more new members and are eligible for the Blue Brigade Award. Outstanding! Al Porter, Department Vice Commander addressed the Sons and thanked them for all that they do. He said that he is looking forward to working with the SAL next year when he is Department Commander. I received an email from Al saying that he has supported the Legion working together as family this year and wants to continue this. He has given a blanket invitation to the Sons of the American Legion to any and all functions held by the Legion.

This week end we are headed to the Department Commander's homecoming week-end. It has been a pleasure working with him and the Department President this year. They have great appreciation for the Sons and what we do and have supported us in all the ways that they could.

Please get you year end reports into Ed as soon as you can. If you need help please contact your District Commanders. There is no reason why every squadron should not submit a report. I know that you are doing the work. I have seen you. You just need to get it on paper.

I am asking each squadron to hold some kind of fund raiser for Jim Roberts campaign fund. I know that many of you are small squadrons with few "workers" but any effort will be greatly appreciated. It is a great honor to have a National Commander from the Detachment of Florida. Please work together to help make this happen.

This year is coming to a close and I want to tell you what an honor it has been for my wife, Donna and I to have represented you as we traveled throughout the state. I have been very proud to be part of the work that you are doing to help our veterans, children and communities.

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RECRUIT !!!!!



RENEW !!!!!



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that we will conduct year-end business, make donations to our various programs, and elect new Detachment Officers to lead us in the upcoming year. With the success that we have enjoyed over the past years, we must continue to elect qualified and dedicated members to prominent positions. If we do not succeed in doing this, then our membership and programs will be impeded. The success of next years programs is dependent on the election of competent Officers, not just on the District and Detachment, but in the Squadrons as well.

We are changing the format again for this years Convention. I hope that everyone has been reading their Source the past few months. We will our opening session on Friday afternoon. This will take place right after the Pre Detachment Executive Committee meeting. The Committees and Commissions will meet on Friday afternoon as well. With the opening on Friday, we should have a larger audience of members for the Committees and Commissions. This should also allow us enough time to actually work the Committees and Commissions without being under a time table. The Chairmen will still give their reports and collect donations on Saturday morning.

I have started receiving year- end reports in the mail from several Squadrons. My many thanks to all that have submitted so far. For those of you that have not yet completed your reports, please do so today! It only takes a few minutes of your time. From these reports, we compile our figures for The American Legion on what we have accomplished during the year. In addition, there are several Awards that your Squadron could win. The winners are chosen from the year-end reports. Please remember that even if there was "NO ACTIVITY" at your Squadron last year, note this on the reports and submit them. Please do not forget the National Consolidated Squadron Report form as well.

We will be accepting donations for our various programs on the Convention floor. If your Squadron has a donation and will not be able to attend the Convention, please send the checks to me prior to the Convention and I will present them on your behalf. Florida Special Olympics is dependent on our donations, as is the Children's Miracle Network, and The Florida Children and Youth Fund. Florida Special Olympics is looking for \$5,000.00 to help with the cost of a new van. Any Squadron wishing to donate to the van should earmark their donation that way. Otherwise it will go to the state Headquarters. You have always answered the call, and I am sure you will not let us down this year. Have a safe trip to the Convention, and I will see you in Orlando!

Special Olympics

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



Thank you to all the Squadrons that donated to Special Olympics this past year. I don't have the final figures yet, but I will have them at the Convention. I think it was another record year. It is now time to kick off our 2010-2011 year. As like the past few years charitable contributions are down considerably everywhere. Let's continue our streak of record years for Special Olympics Florida. Please bring your donations to the convention in June. Thanks in advance and I'll see you in a few weeks.

Children's Miracle Network

Detachment CMN Chairman, Stanley Weyman (amipirate@aol.com) 



That time of the year has returned upon us again. The annual plea for donations for the Children's Miracle Network and the All Children's Hospitals. When you come to the Convention in June, please bring your regular donations, with you. If you donate directly to the All Children's Hospital, I would also like to know what that amount is. Let's make this a banner year and support all our Charities to the utmost. If anyone has any questions about donations, please contact me at amipirate@aol.com or 941-773-3869.

Squadron Activities Committee

Detachment Squadron Activities Chairman, Tom O'Brien (sportsguru1@yahoo.com)



85! 85! 85! 85! 85!

This is the Goal that your Squadron Activities Committee has established as our goal for the 2010 Detachment Convention. Last year we had 73, so 85 is not out of reach.

You all by now have received the Consolidated Squadron Report form (or available via the Detachment website) and strongly encourage you to fill it out. Even if you have no activity, please fill it out and return it ASAP.

This report is due June 01 and must be sent to our Adjutant Ed. His address is listed at the bottom of the report. If you prefer to fax it, please feel free to fax it to me and I will send it to Ed. My fax number is 954-915-9804. However remember, in order to be eligible for the awards, the deadline is June 01.

I will accept the report after that date and even at Convention to help make our goal of 85 however remember, in order to be eligible for any awards (including the Don Halliday Memorial Best Squadron Report), that deadline is June 01.

Any questions, my cell number is 954-270-6864. Thank you and look forward to seeing you in Orlando very soon!

Membership Happenings

Detachment Membership Chairman, Jim Roberts (jim.robertsfl@gmail.com)



What can I say, but WOW!!! Gentlemen - we have done it again and it never ceases to amaze me to see the work that you all do in membership. As of the report on May 20th we had 100.50% and 12,734 members.

Our records indicate that this is another ALL-TIME-HIGH and this would be the 15th year in a row that we have achieved this milestone. We still have time to get membership in. Remember that your Squadron's delegate strength for convention is based on your membership that is turned in by the

Delegate Cut-off which is June 14th. Remember we are shooting for at least 13,000 members so get your membership in soon.

Looking forward to reporting good news at Convention, but I need your help to do that. See you all soon.

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.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF OPENING! WE WILL OPEN THE GENERAL SESSION OF FRIDAY, JUNE 25TH, 2010.

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

6:30pm - ??? Commander and President's Banquet

Saturday, June 26th, 2010

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

8:00am – Memorial Service

Committee and Commission Reports

General Business

Keynote Speaker - Clint Bolt (VA), National Vice Commander, Sons of The American Legion

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

Department Convention Banquet

The COMMANDER AND PRESIDENT'S BANQUET will be held on Friday, June 25, 2010. Cocktails are at 6:30 pm, with Dinner at 7:00pm. Entertainment is by Donna Moore's Diva Legends Show. Dress is Semi-Formal. Cost of the Banquet is \$33.00 per ticket. For more information go to our website, or contact Mary at Department Headquarters.

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

- William "Bill" Kelly - Squadron 137 Jacksonville

Central Area

- Lloyd "Butch" Jackson - Squadron 72 Mulberry

Southwestern Area

- Jim Love - Squadron 136 Pine Island

Detachment Chaplain

- Herbert Swoope - Squadron 148 Riverview

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



Jim Roberts National Commander Campaign

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



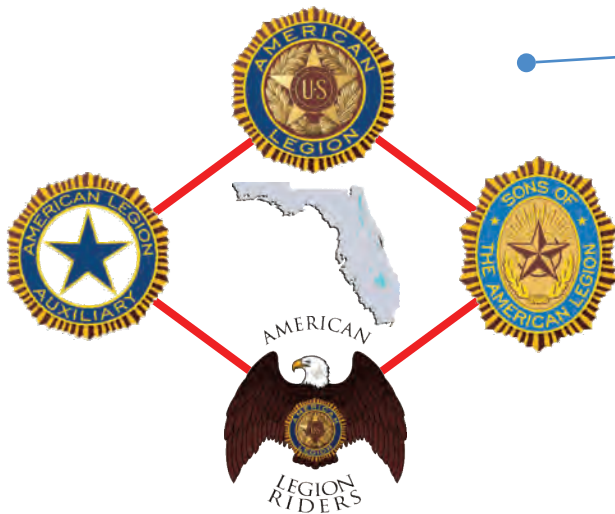
I would just like to take a minute to thank everyone that is working hard for the Campaign to elect Jim Roberts our first SAL National Commander. Donations are still coming in, and I thank everyone for those as well. We are still a long way from our Campaign Goal. We have come up with two Fund Raising drives. The first are Campaign shirts that are for sale at \$15.00 per shirt. The second is a Raffle. The first prize will be \$1,000.00, second prize - \$750.00, third prize - \$500.00, and fourth prize - \$250.00. Donation for the Raffle Tickets is \$5.00 per ticket. The drawing will be held at the Fall Conference, November 20th, 2010. Raffle Tickets and shirts will be on sale at the upcoming Department Conven-

tion.

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The Florida American Legion Family



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

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!!!!



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 SAL Squadron, Legion Post, Auxiliary Unit or Riders Chapter can hold a fundraiser, just let the Campaign Committee know so we can get Jim to attend if he is available. Email us at robertsforcommander@gmail.com. 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