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## Commander's Column

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The membership races have begun. First out of the chute comes Western Area Commander, Roy Smith with 29%, District 2 with 33.33% and Squadron 63 Winter Garden with 126.32%. We also want to welcome our new rodeo riders Monticello Squadron 49.

We had the opportunity to

attend National Convention in Milwaukee and the installation of our new National Commander, David Dew. Texas kept the excitement high but needless to say the biggest excitement for us came with the announcement of our own Florida Son, Jim Roberts, as 1st leading candidate. I also had the honor of being appointed National Assistant Sgt at Arms.

The next two years will be a busy and exciting time for Florida. This year we need to keep up our fund raising efforts so that we can realize our goal of having Jim

Roberts as our next National Commander. There is a fund raising dinner scheduled in Punta Gorda on October 2nd. Lots of activities are planned and it should be a fun day. Hope to see you there.

This month I attended the 13th District meeting at Fort Myers Beach. The Legion family is really working together in this district and the SAL has their full support. Wish you could have all been there to hear all the wonderful things that were said about

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## Adjutant's Corner

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The 7th Annual Fall Conference will take place on Saturday, November 20th at the Wyndham Resort in

Orlando. Our schedule is posted elsewhere in this issue, but I just wanted to go over a few items. Again, we will have our Detachment Executive Committee meeting at 7:30 am, followed by the Committee and Commission meetings. We will then start with the General Session at 8:45 a.m. By having the Committee's and Commission's

meet prior to the start of the General session, we should get more accomplished by the Committee's and Commission's.

The afternoon session will start with the Past Commanders Club meeting, followed by a Membership Rally, Workshop, Training Program and a Question

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### Dates of interest:

- September 30 - Detachment 40% Membership Target
- October 2 - 13th District Jim Roberts Campaign Dinner - Squadron 103 Punta Gorda
- October 8-10 - Fall NEC Meeting - Indianapolis, IN
- October 31 - Halloween
- November 2 - Election Day
- November 11 - Veterans Day

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the Sons of the American Legion and the work that we do.

I was invited to attend a membership meeting at Legion headquarters. Department is giving out membership polo shirts to any member of the Legion family that signs up at least 10 Legionnaires this year.

By the time you receive this we will have been to Okeechobee to Past Department Commander, Larry White's roast. This is always a good time and a great fund raiser



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and Answer Session. I know that the Question and Answer session went over very well last year and everyone seemed to get a lot out of it. The input we had from the members was invaluable. That is why we will continue it. Dress code for the workshop will be casual. We may have a few surprise speakers during the day as well. After the Conference concludes, we will have time and space for any Area Commander who wishes to have an Area Caucus.

Our National guest will be National Commander David Dew from the Detachment of Texas.

If any Squadron has a donation for any of our various Charities, we will be accepting them at the Fall Conference. This includes the NEF, Child Welfare, CMN, Special Olympics, and the Florida Children and Youth Fund. Until next month!!

## National Convention Update



The 39th Annual National Convention of the Sons of The American Legion was held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on August 27th – 29th , 2010. The Detachment was represented by, Detachment Commander Michael Dooley, National Executive Committeeman John Jennings, Detachment Adjutant Ed Sheubrooks, Northern Area Commander Bill Kelly, Detachment Assistant Adjutant Jim Roberts, and Squadron members Jim Corner and James Brennan.

The Convention concluded on Sunday, August 29th with the election of David Dew from the Detachment of Texas as National Commander. Camille LeJune from the Detachment of Louisiana was elected National Vice Commander South. Ed Sheubrooks was reappointed as National Assistant Adjutant. Michael Dooley

was appointed National Assistant Sgt-at-Arms.

The Detachment of Florida presented checks for the Child Welfare, Children's Miracle Network, The Legacy Run, and NEF.

And of course, the BIGGEST NEWS from the National Convention is that Jim Roberts is now the Leading Candidate for National Commander. Congratulations Jim!

# 7th Annual Fall Conference Schedule

The 7th Annual Fall Conference of the Detachment of Florida will be held on Saturday, November 20th at the Wyndham Resort, International Drive in Orlando. All sessions for the SAL will be completed on Saturday. All meetings for the SAL will be held in rooms Oleander A-B. The following is the Agenda for the Conference.

- 7:30 am – 8:00 am Detachment Executive Committee Meeting
- 8:00 am – 8:30am Committee and Commission Meetings
- 8:45 am – 11:30 am General Session, Committee and Commission Reports, Awards
- 11:30am – 1:00pm Lunch Break
- 1:00pm – 1:30pm Past Commanders Club Meeting
- 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm Leadership Workshop

## Pizza Party



The annual Junior Auxiliary and SAL Pizza Party is in the planning stages. As soon as we have confirmation that it will take place, we will let you know. We hope to have it scheduled for Saturday evening at the Fall Conference. This party is open to all 18 years and younger.



## Vice Commanders Revue

This space is open for any and all Detachment Vice Commanders to submit an article for THE SOURCE. Please let us know what is happening within your Area's and we will share that with the Detachment.

## Area Conferences

If any Area Commander is scheduling an Area Conference, please let us know. This would be the perfect time to conduct that TRAINING SEMINAR.

## District Happenings

Please let us know what is happening within your Districts so that we can share it with everyone!

# Jim Roberts National Commander Campaign

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



The Campaign Committee to elect Jim Roberts National Commander is in full gear. At the past National Convention in Milwaukee, Jim assumed the position of Leading Candidate for National Commander. In just one short year in Minneapolis he will be elected by his peers to the high office of National Commander.

I say one short year because between now and then there is still a lot of work to be finished and more Fund Raisers to be held. Our expenses will start mounting as Jim starts traveling to the various Departments for their meetings this year.

We currently have several Fund Raisers that are going on or are scheduled. The first is a Raffle for a \$1,000.00 Top Prize with a total of four spots being awarded prizes. The cost is a \$5.00 donation. This drawing will be held at the Fall Conference. We also have "TEAM ROBERTS" Tee Shirts for sale. The cost per shirt is \$15.00.

On October 2nd the 13th District will be holding a Fund Raiser at Post #103. The following is the information for the event:

District 13 Roberts Campaign Fundraiser - Steak Dinner - District 13 will be holding a steak dinner fundraiser for Jim Roberts Campaign. Tickets are being sold in advance. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Dinner will include: 8oz Sirloin steak, baked potato, baked beans and a roll. Hotel reservations can be made by contacting Rebecca Williams at the Best Western Waterfront in Punta Gorda. The number is (800) 525-1022 or (941) 639-3928. Cost of the rooms are \$59.99 per night plus tax. Please use the tracking code – SAL when making your reservations. For tickets and more information contact 13th District Commander Steve Gordon by email or by phone at (941) 629-4035.

On behalf of the Campaign Committee, I would like to thank everyone that has contributed to the campaign for their support. We cannot do it without your support!

# RENEW

# RECRUIT



# REINSTATE

# "Dont Get Bucked Off"

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September 8, 2010

To my Florida American Legion Family,

I just wanted to pass this note to give all of you my sincere appreciation for your support of me to become National Commander of the Sons of The American Legion and your contributions to my campaign fund at the Department Convention in June. I pride myself in saying "Thank You" in a personal letter to those who contributed, but there were so many contributions made at the convention. However, after a 38-day deployment to the Florida Panhandle to work on the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Incident, I have not been successful in sending letters to everyone. So, I hope that you will accept this letter as my personal thanks.

I am so honored to have served all of these years and make it to this level in my life. Your support of me and my family has been unwavering and I am grateful and also better off because of it. I am very humbled to now be the Leading Candidate for National SAL Commander and it is because of you all, members of the Florida American Legion Family, that I have this opportunity. I firmly believe in The American Legion Family and the good things we do locally, within our state and across this great country.

I can only say "THANK YOU...THANK YOU...THANK YOU!!!" I know that I will say it a bunch more times before it is all said and done. I am looking forward to the opportunity and I hope that I do you, My Florida American Legion Family, proud.

Thank you again from the bottom of my heart for everything.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jim Roberts', is positioned above the typed name.

Jim Roberts  
Candidate for National Commander  
Sons of The American Legion 2011-2012

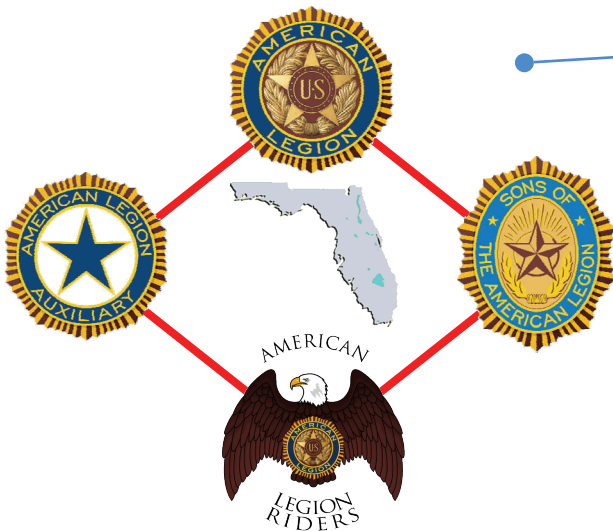
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## Source Articles

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