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# Merry Christmas

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## Commander's Column

Detachment Commander Michael Dooley (flcmdr@gmail.com)



Hats off to Western Area Ramrod (area commander), Roy Smith for corralling his cowpokes and doggies into first place with 54.98%. Congratulations to District 3 Commander, Jay Billinger, of the "Bar 3 Ranch" with 66.82%. Winter Garden Squadron 63 has rounded up members for an amaz-

ing 126.32%. Good Work Gentlemen.

We had a wonderful visit with District Commander, Kurt Miller's "Mighty 16th Posse"! The Posse chauffeured us to visit with 9 squadrons in the 3 days that we were there. Friday we had dinner at New Port Richey and then a nice visit in Safety Harbor. Saturday morning breakfast with squadron 119 and visit to Pinellas Park then lunch at Seminole and a visit with Madera Beach. Dinner in Long Key with Paul Micieli and the SAL Blues Jam Band. Paulie is quite the

cook. Sunday morning the 16th District put on their monthly breakfast. It was amazing to watch them. A well oiled machine.

Sadly our next week end was spent in Crystal River at the memorial for Robert "Bubba" Perkins. He was a good friend and will be greatly missed. Please keep his wife, Mary in your prayers as she goes through this painful and difficult time in her life.

We were invited to ride in the Veteran's Day Parade in Orlando. They put us in

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## Adjutant's Corner

Detachment Adjutant Ed Sheubrooks (fladjutant@gmail.com)



As we turn our sights and sounds to the holiday season, let us remember those who are less fortunate than

us. In these troubled times, more than ever the people of our Communities need our help and support. Let us not forget our families, friends, and neighbors that still have a loved one serving in the Middle East or elsewhere protecting the American way of life. Keep them in your prayers. Please remember the Veterans that are either in

Nursing Homes or other facilities. Get your Squadron together for a visit to these facilities and take some Christmas gifts with you. For most of these Veterans, this will be their only Christmas that they have.

I know of several Squadrons that are hosting Children's Christmas Parties,

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### Dates of interest:

- December 7 - Pearl Harbor Day
- December 8 - Detachment 60% Membership Target
- December 25 - Christmas Day
- January 1 - New Years Day
- January 8 - Jim Roberts Campaign Fundraiser - Post 139 Tampa
- January 10 - Detachment 65% Membership Target
- January 18 - Martin Luther King Jr Day

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a 1930 Model A. It was a really good time. The community turn out for our Veterans was wonderful. Afterwards we went to Fern Park for Lobster fest. Have not had a better dinner anywhere. Great visit with Bernie Wildrick, his wife, TK and the squadron. The Jimmy Roberts' family was able to join us making a really nice day.

Just back from another successful Fall Conference. Thanks to Ed Sheubrooks for pulling it all together for us. Chaplin, Herb Swoope, was unable to attend due to his wife's surgery. Special thanks to Jim Love and Jimmy Roberts for standing in for the week end. Sgt-at-Arms, Doc Bowen presented the color guard for the first time. Good job. Thanks to all that attended.

We will be heading to Seminole for Thanksgiving with the Veteran's from Bay Pines. The potato peeling starts on Wednesday. Hard work but being able to spend time with the Vets and listen to them reminisce during dinner is well worth the effort.

We still do not have a schedule for our 14th District visit but hope to hear from someone soon to get that into the calendar.

Until next time....remember .....membership, membership, membership!



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and are involved with gifts for the veterans in the VA Centers. This is what we are about. Christmas should be a time of joy for all, but for some it is a burden, especially if the parents are out of work. Contact the local Salvation Army or Red Cross to see if there are any Families that need any special assistance. Let's try to make this the best possible Christmas for all!

The Fall Conference is behind us and was well attended. The Workshop went very well and from the comments that I heard, we defiantly hit our marks. The questions and answers were well received and the information will go back to the Squadrons. I want to personally thank each and everyone that attended for their time and input. It was very worthwhile. I know it takes time and money to attend a Fall Conference or a Convention. However, the money is well spent with the information that is presented to the members present.

We had several donations presented at the Fall Conference for our various programs. They are as follows, NEF - \$300.00, Child Welfare Foundation - \$1,550.00, Florida Children & Youth Fund - \$1,350.00, Children's Miracle Network - \$950.00, and Florida Special Olympics - \$7,431.00. This is the most donations that we have received at the Fall Conference. I thank you on behalf of our Programs.

In closing, I want to take this opportunity to wish each and everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from my family to yours. Here's to a safe and happy holiday season for ALL!

# Jim Roberts National Commander Campaign

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



The Campaign Raffle was drawn at the Fall Conference. I wish to thank everyone that supported the Campaign by buying a ticket. We had total sales of \$5,845.00. After paying the Winners, we ended up with a profit of \$3,595.00.

The Winners of the Raffle are as follows:

- 1st Place of \$1,000.00 - SAL Squadron #273
- 2nd Place of \$750.00 - Auxiliary Unit #103
- 3rd Place of \$500.00 - SAL Squadron #103
- 4th Place of \$250.00 - Department Secretary Robin Briere

Robin donated her winnings back to the Campaign. Thank you Robin!!!

We received two "BIG" donations at the Fall Conference. First we received a donation from the Detachment in the amount of \$5,000.00. This was monies left over from Nat. Commander Hill's Campaign. The money was given to the Detachment who in turn donated it to the Campaign.

The second donation came at the Commander and Presidents Banquet on Saturday evening. The Department Auxiliary received a donation from Nat. Commander Hill's account as well. It was in the amount of \$5,000.00. The Department

## 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

- William D (Bill) Kelly - Squadron 137 Jacksonville

#### Detachment Chaplain

- Stanley Weyman - Squadron 24 Bradenton
- Ron Van Wie Sr. - Squadron 252 Seminole

### DISTRICT COMMANDERS & VICE COMMANDERS

#### 8th District Commander

- John R. Dunn - Squadron 312 Oneco

#### 13th District Commander

- Steve Gordon - Squadron 103 Punta Gorda



# Membership

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



Well, I must say that this trail ride has been a good one as we continue to meet and exceed our National Membership Targets way ahead of schedule. This is absolutely fantastic, it just shows that we have a great team of members across this great state working hard on membership.

Let me take this opportunity to welcome Florida's newest Squadron - Squadron 394 in Palm Bay, FL which is located in the 12th District. Welcome aboard!!!

We still need to work on our renewals very hard, I understand that times are tight, but we must do what we can to keep our membership strong. There is much that can be done and it may be a simple gesture to help our members that have come across hard times, by paying their dues for the year in a effort to help them to keep their membership current. I bet that will go along way to retaining that member and keep him coming back.

Thank you all for everything you do to keep Florida successful in membership. From my family to yours, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and may you have a blessed new year.

**On Behalf of the  
Detachment Officers**





# Benefit for Jimmy Roberts Campaign

Squadron #139

Dale Mabry Post 139

3818 West Bay Vista

Tampa, FL 33611



## COUNTRY WESTERN NITE



### SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2011

PLEASE WEAR YOUR  
BEST COUNTRY OUTFIT



★ **A SILENT AUCTION!!**



★ **BASKET OF CHEER  
RAFFLE!!**



★ **JAIL SET UP FOR THOSE  
WHO MISBEHAVE!!**



**BAR-B-QUE  
SERVED AT 6:30PM**

MENU  
BBQ RIBS  
BAKED BEANS  
COLE SLAW  
CORN ON THE COB

TO PURCHASE TICKETS CALL OR  
WRITE PDC DAVE DeLONG AT  
POST 139 – PHONE (813) 839-6740

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO JIM  
ROBERTS' CAMPAIGN FUND

**\$10.00  
PER PERSON**





Jim Roberts Benefit - Dale Mabry  
Post 139  
Saturday, January 8, 2011

★ Hotel Accomodations

★ Howard Johnson Express Inn

★ 3314 South Dale Mabry Hwy

★ Tampa, FL 33629

★ Phone (813) 832-4656

★ Room Rate - \$59.99 per night

★ Mention American Legion Post  
139 or Dave DeLong to assure  
this rate

★ 20 rooms have been blocked for  
the event.

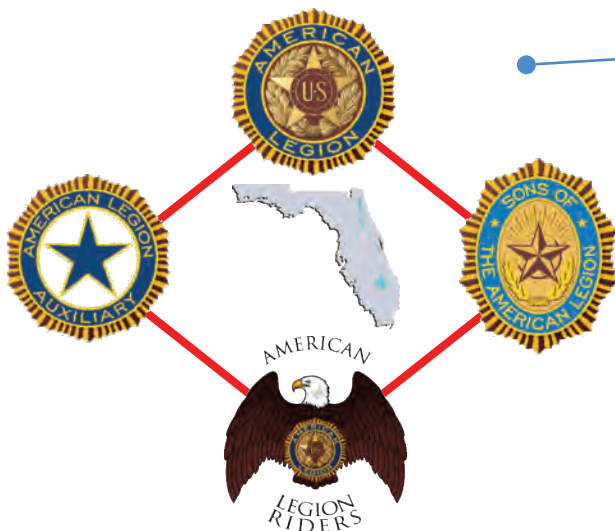
★ Must reserve room before  
December 24, 2010



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## **Source Articles**

We are looking for your input into the Detachment's News Letter. We have space available for the District Commanders and Area Commanders to submit an article. We can also publish an upcoming event happening in your Squadron. **All articles must be to the Editor by the 15th of each month. We now go to print on the 20th of each month.** Articles can be sent via e-mail to [Fishermn9@aol.com](mailto:Fishermn9@aol.com) or faxed to (772) 460-1559.

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)**