

# The Source

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sep 30 - Detachment 40% Membership Target
- Oct 7-9 - Fall National Executive Committee Meetings - Indianapolis, IN
- Oct 31 - Halloween
- Nov 11 - Veteran's Day
- Nov 13 - 13th District Meeting & Training Session - Port Charlotte
- Nov 18-20 - Detachment Fall Conference - Orlando
- Nov 19 - Detachment 55% Membership Target

## Commander's Column

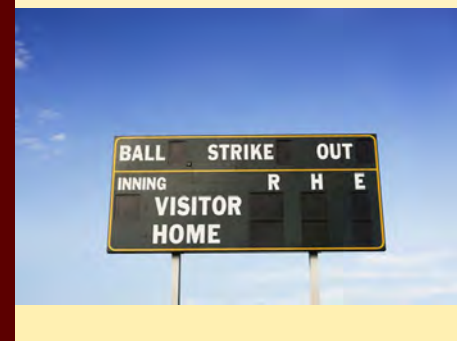
Bill Kelly, Detachment Commander ([clubmanager@post137.com](mailto:clubmanager@post137.com))



August 28th 2011 in Minneapolis Minnesota the end of a two-year Campaign cumulated with the Election and Installation of our own James K Roberts III as National Commander of the Sons of the American Legion. Now the real work begins. As the home Detachment of the National Commander I know every one of our Detachment Officers, Vice

Commanders, District Commanders, Squadron Commanders and Every Blue Cap in the Detachment of Florida will work as hard as possible to make sure we exceed the Goals of our own National Commander. Enough Said.

Membership started off to a strong start, the 1st national reports showed us in 7th place in the nation, Let's keep up the hard work. Congratulations go out to Squadrons 392, 236, 63, 65, & 81 for already hitting the ball out of the park with 100%. Western Area Manager John Wilson is off to a fast start with North Area Manager Joe Eckenrode right behind. The 17th District Coach Paul Alexander and his team got out of the box quickly followed by 3rd Dis-



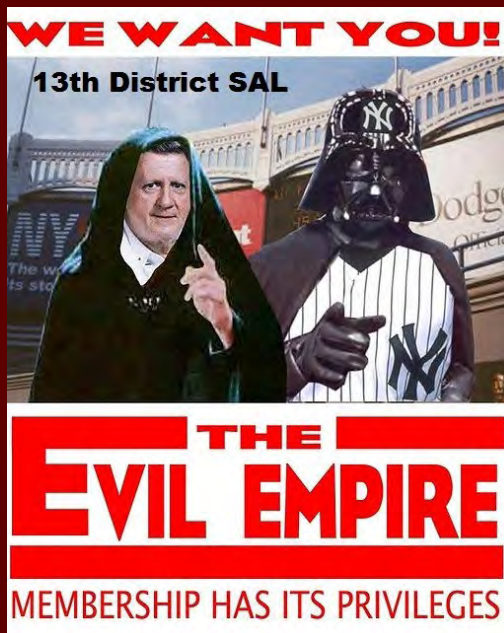
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trict Coach John Spisiak who switched places with Paul from the 1st couple reports. Question: Does every District Commander have a Name for their Team yet?

Now for the Problems, We Still Have Too Many Goose Eggs. District Commanders if you installed a Squadron's Officers there is now reason for a Goose Egg and if you didn't install the Squadron it's time to call and make arrangements to meet with Squadron Commander or Post Commander and FIND OUT WHY?

We are trying something new this year our (Managers) Vice Commander's, our (Hitting Coaches) Membership Team & Adjutant and the (Commissioner) Commander, had their first Detachment Conference Call on Sunday August 21st with most of the Team in attendance. Future calls will include all Detachment officers and District Commanders. These calls are a way of sharing information appraising progress so we can meet and exceed our goals. I want to thank everyone who took time out of their busy schedule to attend and look forward to everyone attending in the near future.

Start a Squadron recording log to keep track of your accomplishments, so when May 2012 comes it will be easier to do your Squadron Consulate Reports. Lets keep working towards getting a S.A.L. Veterans Affairs Volunteer Services (VAVS) Representative in every VA Hospital and Clinic in the state of Florida. Keep following me on my Face Book for up to date whereabouts. How about that Central Area Lets Play Baseball Team! Didn't see it? Check the Photos on my Face Book Page. Keep that Membership Coming! RENEW, RECRUIT and REINSTATE!



"Membership Has It's Priviliges"

The 13th District Sons of The American Legion submitted their photo of for membership recruitment. The Silver Sluggers are working hard to keep their membership up.



## Adjutant's Corner

Ed Sheubrooks, Detachment Adjutant (fishermn9@aol.com)



The 8th Annual Fall Conference will take place on Saturday, November 19th 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, Proper Paperwork Completion Program and a Question 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.

I would be remiss if I didn't take a moment to let everyone know of the passing of James K Roberts II, father of our National Commander Jim Roberts. He passed away on August 20th, just one week prior to the National Convention. A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, September 10th in

Kissimmee. In lieu of flowers, and keeping with his National Commander program, Jim has asked that any donations be made in his father's name to the National Emergency Fund.

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!!!



September 10th in



### Vice Commander's 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.

It was my privilege and honor to be able to attend the National convention for The Sons of The American Legion. It was Great! To be there when our own Jim Roberts was elected to the office of National Commander was a wonderful experience. Jimmy, his Mother, Sister, Wife, and two Daughters led the procession through the delegates from all across our great country and from France, (yes, there are squadrons in France) was a memory I'll keep forever. I would like to thank our Commander Bill Kelly, Past Commander Mike Dooley, our Adjutant, Ed Sheubrooks and Past Area Vice Commander Jim Love for taking me under their wings and making the convention a truly great experience. Let's all work hard and together to make this year another all time high in membership for the 17th consecutive year for our Detachment Commander Bill Kelly and our National Commander Jim Roberts. Let's all turn in our year end reports and all strive for 105% in membership. We all should already be keeping track of our hours and donations. If you're not sure of how, contact your District Commander or your Area Vice Commander for help, that's what they are there for.

We may not be the largest Detachment but I truly believe we are the BEST!!!!

Also, my email is wrong in the roster it is listed below.

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## Special Olympics

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Gentlemen,  
once again I  
need your  
help! The  
Special  
Olympics

Florida Fall Classic is upon us. The Games will be held in Orlando November 4th & 5th. I need volunteers to provide Security at the bowling venues. Friday Nov. 4th from 2:00pm to 5:00pm at the Kissimmee Lanes 4140 W. Vine St. Kissimmee, and Saturday Nov. 5th from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Boardwalk Bowl 10749 E. Colonial

Orlando. If you can help please call me @ 904-704-2871. Then go to SOFL.org, print your volunteer form, fill it out & bring it with you the day of the Games. Also keep up the great work you do in fund raising. Remember the year runs From May 1, 2011 to May 1, 2012 for the awards given out at Convention by Special Olympics Florida. Thanks for all of your support!



## National Convention Update

The 40th Annual National Convention of the Sons of The American Legion was held in Minneapolis, Minnesota on August 26th – 28th , 2011. The Detachment was represented by, Detachment Commander Bill Kelly, National Executive Committeeman John Jennings, Detachment Adjutant Ed Sheubrooks, Central Area Commander Kirk Miller, Detachment Assistant Adjutant Jim Roberts, Past Detachment Commander Michael Dooley, and Squadron members Jim Love, Ray and James Brennan.

The Convention concluded on Sunday, August 28th with the election of our very own, James Roberts as National Commander. It was an honor for me, to be able to give Jim's nomination speech. Bob Fulkerson from the Detachment of Kentucky was elected National Vice Commander South. Ed Sheubrooks was reappointed as National Assistant Adjutant. Michael Dooley was appointed National Sgt-at-Arms, Bill Kelly

### Jim Roberts for National Commander Update

### Ed Sheubrooks, Campaign Chairman

This will be my last article to you as Campaign Chairman. For our candidate is no longer a candidate, Jim Roberts has been elected as National Commander of the Sons of The American Legion.

I just wanted to take a few minutes to say "THANK YOU" to everyone in the Florida American Legion Family for their support of Jim throughout the Campaign.

Thank you for your time spent on the countless Conference Calls. Thank you for your time at the Fall Conferences and Conventions where we sold Raffle tickets and shirts to raise money for the Campaign.

Thank you to The American Legion, Department of Florida for the donations to the Campaign. Thank you to The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Florida for your donations to the Campaign.

And last but not least, THANK YOU to all of the Volunteers that traveled to Indianapolis for the Luncheons that we put on. All of this could not have been accomplished without all of the help and support of our great Department.



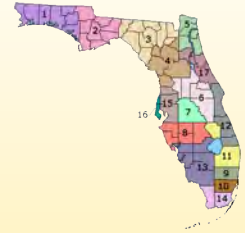
was appointed National Commanders Aide, and Jim Brennan was appointed National Historian.

Congratulations Jim on your election! It has been a long road but the journey was worth it. Congratulations to the other members on their appointments as well.



## 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 SEM-



## District Happenings

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

## Fall Conference Information

The 8th Annual Fall Conference of the Detachment of Florida will be held on Saturday, November 19th 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.

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

## 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.



# The Source

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 13,000 members this year has donated over \$408,000 & over 147,000 hours to the many programs of The American Legion Family.

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