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My Fellow Legionnaires:

You have given me a great honor by electing me to be your Department Commander. I will do my best to fulfill the confidence you have placed in me.

Congratulations to Fletcher Williams, Jr. Department Vice-Commander; Sue Mason, Department Historian; Robert Vick, Department Chaplain; Mike Addis, Department Sgt.-at-Arms and all of the newly elected Area and District Commanders. Also, congratulations to NECA Dennis Boland and NEC Robert Proctor. We will all have a great year serving the Department of Florida. We are committed to you, the members, and will serve to the best of our ability.

Congratulations to Irma Wehrli on her election as Auxiliary Department President, to Michael Dooley Detachment Commander, Sons of the American Legion, and to Mike Amig, Coordinator for the American Legion Riders. What a great team this will be to work with. We are committed to supporting a strong working family relationship between The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, the Sons of the American Legion and the Legion Riders. "Leading by example to make our Legion Family a dynamic force"

My theme this year is "Steering Forward for Veterans". I believe one of the most important things is the moral and welfare of

the Post members. Make a commitment to connect with the members of your post. It will give them a sense of purpose and understanding of our programs. Provide opportunities for your members to work on the programs of The American Legion. Let them know you are focused on them.

As the year began, I attended many installations and participated in the installation of officers for Mulberry Post #72.

The Forth of July was a day of enjoyment as I participated in the parade at Safety Harbor. Even the rain could not put a damper on this wonderful day. The Legion Family of Post #238 was all involved along with other veteran organizations.

My week at Boys State could not be put into words. I would like to thank all of the volunteers that go to Tallahassee each year and work so hard to make the Boys State program such a success. This would not be possible without the enthusiasm of the Posts and their dedication to the program. It was a great honor to be with the 525 Boys who attended. (Although I am really tired of Pizza!)

Again, thank you very much for allowing me to serve as your Department Commander. Please let me know about all of your events in the coming months. If possible I will try to attend.

ORATORICAL Contest Dates

Must be completed by:

Posts - January 9, 2011

Districts - January 30, 2011

Areas - February 20, 2011

Department - March 12, 2011

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Dept. Sergeant-at-Arms

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Here we are starting another new year in the American Legion. I'm anxious to serve you for another year as your Dept. Sergeant-at-Arms. Thank you for your vote and confidence in me. I'm asking any past Sergeant-at-Arms, to contact me as we want to update some of the forms and information pertaining to my office.

My schedule is starting to fill up with classes for newly elected Sergeant-at-Arms in the Post and District level. I will be happy to come to your district and work with your Sergeant-at-Arms on the procedures and policies of ceremonies and flag etiquette. Just drop me a line. Until next month, Anchors Aweigh

UPDATE!

With the new year comes new information.
We have updated all of our guides and manuals.

Throw out all old materials. Communication is the key to keeping our programs active.

Make sure your program chairmen have all the material they need. Send in the Packet Request forms;

**Administrative Manual
pages 12-14.**

To All Post Commanders

This year the District Commander's have been requested to obtain a copy of the forms below for each post in their District. Neither the District nor Department wishes to become involved in the running of any post. The forms below are the basics for a post to run properly and several are required by National or Department Constitution and By Laws.

Department is asking each of you to cooperate with your District Commander and make ready each of these items:

Post Constitution & By Laws

Sales Tax Certificate

Florida Incorporation Certificate

Local Health Certificate

IRS 501C (19) Letter

Finance Report

Minutes of previous meeting

William C Hoppner III

Department Disaster Preparedness Chairman

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I would like to thank Department Commander Porter for the opportunity to serve as your Disaster Preparedness Chairman for 2010-2011.

As we all know that any disaster is a crisis may it be floods, tornadoes, or hurricanes among others. Each year between June 1 and November 30 is designated as hurricane season.

The expert's predictions for this year are with the 70% chance of the following. There will be between 14 to 23 named storms. 8 to 14 being hurricanes, and 3 to 4 being major hurricanes (category 2, 3, 4, 5) with winds of 110 mph or higher

The questions we should ask ourselves, are we prepared and do I have everything in place before, during, and after a storm. The answer should be yes if not this is the time to prepare. It's never too late to prepare. There's that word again PREPARE it is vital to have everything in place to make the transition thru the 3 stages of a storm (Pre, During, Post) as easy and comfortable as possible.

I am sending out emails to all Area and District Commanders in the hopes of compiling a rooster of addresses and telephone numbers of all so if and when the time arises we will have a network of people so a smooth transition may be possible. Remember the key word PREPAREDNESS.

The telephone numbers I may be reached at are home 305-944-8518 cell phone 305-968-7979. Please feel free to contact me on any issues concerning Disaster Preparedness.

55% Goal

September 1, 2010

District/Area Membership Report as of July 30 2010

District/ Area	Commander	Goal	Rec'd	% Goal
16	Charlie Wing	12,208	3,251	26.63
17	James Baker	4,256	1,126	26.46
9	George Rafajko	4,513	952	21.09
13	Steven Slachta	8,895	1,808	20.33
4	Jay Conti	3,983	761	19.11
15	James Zipler	5,508	1,021	18.54
1	Lawrence Carpen-	6,197	1,118	18.04
7	Nancy Thomas	4,221	752	17.82
3	Ira Westbrook	1,660	292	17.59
14	Angela Glover	3,170	546	17.22
14	Ulises Ruiz	3,170	546	17.22
12	Wayne Smith	8,471	1,423	16.80
8	Gregory Putman	8,621	1,419	16.46
11	Paul Bosco	4,447	692	15.56
6	William Walsh	9,430	1,353	14.35
2	Ralph Camp	1,373	143	10.41
5	Jerry Brandt	7,894	809	10.25
Central	George Paradise	21,937	5,024	22.90
SW	John Ebling	17,516	3,227	18.42
Southern	John Farrington	15,300	2,736	17.88
Northern	James Troupe	17,793	2,988	16.79
Western	Stephen Shuga	7,570	1,261	16.66
Eastern	Carl Schneider	17,901	2,776	15.51
Depart-			18,012	
Post 400		17,306	3,285	18.98
Post 208		1,682	586	34.84
Totals		144,079	21,352	14.82

Art Schwabe
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As membership chairman my theme is "AIM HIGH IN MEMBERSHIP" Imagine you are shooting from a long ways off. You have to Aim High, in order to hit the target. For membership aim higher than the goal. Many times there are bumps in the road that prevent us from hitting the goals we set. However, if we Aim High, the bumps will not affect us or our goals. Bumps in the road like, Post members moving out of the area, transferring, not renewing their membership and members passing to the Post Everlasting. On an average a Post will lose 10% of its membership due to members moving, transferring, not renewing or passing on. That's why Aiming High in membership is so important. Membership is where Post officers, volunteers, chairmen's new ideas and revenue come from. Without Aiming High many Posts would not be able to operate. Every Post needs new members with new ideas as well as new volunteers.

This year the plan is to work with the District Membership Chairmen to develop a Plan for all Posts in their district. Membership should not be a one person operation. Membership should be every member's responsibility. It has to be a TEAM effort. If we work on renewals and recruiting new members as a team we will be successful. Who is the top recruiter in your Post? How many new members have been voted on in the last year? Where are the transfers coming from? Post 400's, DMS, or a Post near by? Why are some of the members not renewing there dues? These are all good questions hopefully we will have answers in the near future. Better yet, go to the next Post meeting and ask the above questions. Find out who is your Posts top recruiter? AIM HIGH IN MEMBERSHIP



Future Goal Dates
October 6, 2010 - 65%
November 3, 2010 - 75%
December 1, 2010 - 80%
January 5, 2011 - 85%



Ride Safe
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I have been appointed by Florida Department Commander, Al Porter, as your Department of Florida American Legion Rider Chairman for 2010 – 2011 and look forward to another great year.

First I want to thank all the Chapters for your hard work last year. We started 7 new Chapters bringing the total to 63 ALR Chapters in Florida, plus you raised over \$325,000, rode over 513,000 miles, in support for various community charities and Legion programs. GREAT JOB!!!!

The Area ALR Chairman will start canvassing their areas and identify which Districts have Riders and solicit volunteers for District ALR Chairman.

Here is the list of the Legion Rider Area Chairman for 2010-2011:

- Eastern – Bill Yarber, Chapter 80, why1325@gmail.com
- Northern – Terry Wallace, Chapter 283, twace@live.com
- Central - Jaebird Plancard Chapter 275, jaebird@yahoo.com
- Southern - Ken Soule, Chapter 268, webmaster@alr268.org
- Western – Mike Kirchoff Chapter 392 mikekirchoff@knology.net
- Southwestern – OPEN

I recommend ALR District Chairmen work with the ALR Chapters in your district. Have quarterly meetings to share schedules so Chapters don't set up events on the same day. This will allow Riders to support each others events and make bigger impacts. Our success depends on communications between Chapter, District, Area and Department.

We are going to recommend changes to the ALR guidelines and give them to the Department Executive board later this month. We are recommending a Posts top 4 Officers own a motorcycle: Director, Asst. Director, Road Captain and Safety Officer. This is not a requirement just a suggestion. Florida Guidelines do not require a member to own a motorcycle and that will remain the same. If your Chapter membership wants its members to own a motorcycle to be a full member, then put it in your By Laws. Whether or not your Chapter requires you to own a motorcycle to be a Legion Rider or not is up to your members.

The Ride to the National Convention in Milwaukee, WI will be leaving Lake City Post 57 August 19th, stopping in Chattanooga, TN, NC, then to Indianapolis, IN, This is the Legacy Scholarship Run ending in Milwaukee. We'll spend the weekend in Milwaukee and start heading home on Sunday the 29th. If you are interested in participating please contact me ASAP.

If your Post or Chapter has funds to be donated to the Legacy Scholarship Fund, please send them to me so we can present the Florida money to the National Commander in Milwaukee. So far we have \$21,650 donated from various Chapters and Posts.

In closing, I look forward to serving as your ALR Department Chairman and with everyone's help and "Steering Forward For Veterans" we'll make Florida ALR stand above them all. Remember you are a Legionnaire, Auxiliary, or Sons of the Legion first.



District 17 Annual Special Olympics Poker Run
August 14th, 2010

Sign Up Is At Post 267 Ormond Beach - First Bike Out At 8:30; Last Bike Out 10:00
 This Poker Run Is To Raise Money For The Local Special Olympics
 The Donation is \$10.00 Bike, \$5.00 per passenger, \$5.00 Extra Hand
 Door Prizes after The Run

You Don't Need To Have A Bike to Go
ALL ARE WELCOME

Post 267 SAL will also be putting on a Luau to benefit Special Olympics from 3:00 to 6:00PM
 Complete hog roast dinner is \$10 per plate.
 (Only \$6.50 if you show your ride ticket)

The AUX will be serving a breakfast for a nominal fee from 8:00 am to 9:30 am

(Right Behind The Chamber Of Commerce, 1 Block Off Granada)
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Legislative Report
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Thanks to Al Porter for appointing me for another year as Legislative Chairman! August and September will keep me busy and out of trouble. In August, we have the National Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. As members of the National Legislative Commission, we will attempt to pick priorities out of hundreds of Congressional resolutions that will affect veterans. We will choose about a dozen or so that we will really push hard on and in September our new National Commander, Jimmy Foster, will speak to the Joint House-Senate Veteran's Affairs Committee.

Commander Foster will emphasize the Legion position on those items and solicit support for full implementation. Our delegates who go to Washington will visit with Florida's 25 members of the House and our two Senators. We will also personally ask for their support for the selected bills. You may ask, "How does a bill get to our commission?" I will give you an example. Congressman Alcee Hastings presented a bill that he sponsored last March. HR4541, The Veteran Pensions Protective Act. He asked me if I could get co-sponsors. I read the bill and liked it. I was able to secure 5 co-sponsors immediately from the Florida delegation. He was also able to obtain 4 additional co-sponsors to sign-on. My post, Postal Post 311, endorsed this bill and sent it to the Department Convention. The Department delegates in Orlando also supported the bill. With the approval of the Department of Florida, the bill's endorsement will be sent to our National Convention for consideration. First our legislative commission will review it, then if approved the delegates will vote on it. With the full support of the American Legion we hope the bill will be passed by Congress and one day signed into law by the President. I've been in this "business" a long time. Sometimes it takes years before an initiative is finally passed. Never give up!!!!

I'd like to wish the best of luck to Steve Robertson who retired after spending 21 years as our National Legislative Director in Washington. Tim Tetz from Carson City, Nevada will take his place. Good luck to Tim in his new job as well!

As an officer in the Florida Press Association, every post that has a newsletter should belong to this group. They will give you good tips on how to improve your paper. The Department dues are only \$10.00 per year and the National dues are only \$5.00. [Call President of FALPA, Mark Johnson, 321.690.0791 and he will send you the application.](#) I am confident that this will be a great legislative year for Department and for the American Legion on the national level.



Scouting
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Allow me to introduce myself again. I am Robert "Bob" Scott, and I am no longer the assistant Boy Scout Chairman. I am now the Department Boy Scout Chairman. I have some big shoes to fill, but I know with your help we can bring the Boy Scouts back to the premier Program that it started off to be in 1919.

A little bit about myself - I started my American Legion experience in Welch, West Virginia. When I moved away from the area, and I let my membership fall by the way side. I rejoined the Legion when I moved to Florida. I joined Post 77 in Inverness, where I became the Finance Officer, and later 1st Vice Commander. Upon the commanders resignation I became the Commander. Later I moved my membership to Post 155 at Crystal River, Florida. Jim Ramos asked if I would become the Sgt. at Arms and Boy Scout Chairman for the 4th District which I accepted. Later I ran and was elected one of the Vice Commanders for the 4th District. I became Steve Shuga's assistant Dept. Boy Scout Chairman. I was also the Committee Chairman for Boy Scout Troop 370 in Crystal River, Florida. My wife Sandy is the Sgt-at-Arms for the 4th District Auxiliary.

The District Boy Scout Chairmen play a very important part in Scouting. You are the ones that meet with the Posts Boy Scout chairman in your district. I am here to help you with your Scouting Program. I will be passing information down to you that will help you and your Posts Boy Scout Chairman. If any Post Chairman needs anything please contact me at: Robert "Bob" Scott, Dept. Boy Scout Chairman, 6272 East Waverly Street, Inverness, Florida 34452. My phone number is 352-860-2090 or you may email me at wvcaller@msn.com. Please feel free to contact me at any time.

Yes we are going to have an American Legion Camporee. The dates will be January 13 through 15, 2011. We will wind down the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts. More information will follow later.

One of the things I want to accomplish this year is to get around to each District and meet with all the Commanders and Boy Scout Chairman. If you have a Court of Honor or other Scouting events that you would like me to attend, I will do my best to do so.

Please get your reports in to your District Commander and send a copy of them to me at the above address. Also have you received your Boy Scout Program Packet? Make sure that the Post Boy Scout Chairman reports their Scouting Activates along with their expenditures, man hours and miles traveled.

Well you have a nice day today and a better day tomorrow. Yours in Scouting For God and Country



Jim Ramos
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Thank you for all your hard work and now one more year of Children & Youth programs starts again. How can we do better this year? Well let's first make a PLAN for the each month and make sure you keep a log of what you and your Post do each month. PLEASE, remember we are working for our community, state, and nation. I personally saw a lot of very good programs around the state. Let's make a plan and here are some suggestions and a question - How can we continue to help our community and Post?

In August you can plan for September. You can have an Open House for all or just some of your Post programs to show the community what your Post is doing in your town. You could report on what your Post did last year for the community and local Veterans here and around the world. Also we have School Medal program, Boys State, and Oratorical program. We can provide a briefing to aid the parent on these programs.

Summer children and youth programs are the following:

Family Support Network, Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA), Mercy Medical Airlift, Missing Children, and Fireworks Safety to educate communities, parent, and children about fireworks safety. You can ask a Firefighter for some help.

I have suggested some ideas. Let's see what we can plan for the next few months. Let's take a look at some ways that we can start. September is for Planning for October

We need to order the Halloween coloring books from Department Headquarter (100 books are just \$20.00). This is for the Elementary Schools, and why? The Halloween Safety Coloring Book has safety tips for the children and a message to the parents on how to keep their children from becoming one of America's "Missing Children". It also has a membership application on the back cover right next to your Post address label sticker. Don't forget the Middle School kids. A good brochure for them is "Make Halloween A Fun and Safe Night". It has more safety tips but for Big Brother and / or Big Sister and for parent too. I also encourage you to work with your local Law Enforcement Officers to provide or assist in making available child identification activities to give parents a means of providing this information to authorities should the need arise. Oh! And how about doing all of this with an Open House at the Post. Have a dinner or just some snacks for everyone.

October - Do it !

This is the time to put these plans in action for Elementary Schools. The Halloween Safety Night Brochure is a great way to do this (and it is a FREE brochure. Just call or email Department HQ). If you can, have a Halloween Party for the children and youth in your community. Also, have an Open House.

October planning for November

Start planning Veterans Day - November 11th - with a dinner or a ceremony for all our veterans who served our country. Also in November we have National Education Week. Try to get Legion members in the schools to talk about their service and patriotism. Next we have National Family Week which is the week of Thanksgiving. Plan something for Legion family members, and the veterans and their families. You can include your local community leaders for this dinner or ceremony as well.

My program push for this year is for the Child Welfare Foundation. If you or your Post, Auxiliary, or Squadron can give just \$25.00 it will help this Children and Youth Program. We are doing well but we can do just a little more. I will still be trying to get donations for CWF.

Again, thank you and please keep working on Children & Youth programs. If you or your Post needs help or if you have any questions just e-mail me.

School Medals Award

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Thank you to every Post School Medals Awards Chairman for volunteering to commit to this important and worthwhile program.

When the program is worked properly, you have the opportunity to introduce our nation's youth, starting at the elementary school level, through college, to our American Legion and to your post.

The chance of gaining exposure of your post and our commitment to Community, State and Nation, within your community depends on your commitment to this program. There is a wealth of information available to you through the pamphlets from Department or National.

It is never too early to start. If I can be of assistance, please contact me through Department's website.

NOW AVAILABLE
HALLOWEEN COLORING BOOKS

By your request, the Department has Halloween Coloring Books available for purchase and distribution to the Elementary classrooms in your area. The order form is on page 11 of the Post Administrative Manual. Supplies are limited—get them while they last! The cost remains \$20.00 per 100 books. If you have any questions, contact Bobbi at Department, 800.393.3378x233 or bobbi@floridalegion.org.

ROTC/SHOOTING SPORTS
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There is much that can be experienced by visiting the individual high schools in your area to get a better understating of the JROTC Program. There is much we can do as Legionnaires to support the programs and the cadets by getting involved especially if you are a new chairman. Contact your schools early after they reconvene to get the upcoming schedule for the semester. Everything is on a time line and moves along very quickly. Most of the Army, Navy and Marine Units have a Marksmanship Program and the cadets will be practicing shooting and have local and area meets.

The 20th Annual Junior Air rifle National Championship tournament will be held at the USA Shooting range, Olympic Training Center, Colorado Springs, Colorado from August 6th through 8th. You will be able to see the match and get the results by going on the National website for Junior Shooting Sports.

Stranahan High School MCJROTC located in Fort Lauderdale will be hosting the 1st Annual Stranahan Air Rifle Postal Match to be conducted from August 23rd through December 24th. It is open to any school with a JROTC Unit. This Unit is sponsored by Post 304 in Dania and I encourage you to attend some of the meets and support these cadets. Please let me know the schedule. I would like to promote the programs and I must hear from you, the Legionnaires, to get the word out.

I would like to thank Commander Al Porter for giving me the opportunity to once again serve the Department of Florida for a program that I thoroughly enjoy and see all the positive results in our young men and women who will be our leaders for tomorrow. Let's keep up the good work and if you have any questions, please contact me. For God and Country

American Legion Post 392
LONG-DISTANCED WALKER VISITING LEGION POST,
GRANTING WISH

Mark Klodzinski started a 5,000 mile walking trek across the United States in March to raise veteran awareness and funds for the Warrior's Wish Foundation. Saturday 26 June 2010 he stopped at the new Paul W. Airey American Legion Post 392 in Panama City to grant a wish to a disabled local veteran. Members from the Legion Family and guest, along with members of the Vietnam Veterans and Legacy Veterans M/C welcomed Mark with flags and cheers as he walked towards the Post.

Mark arrived at Post 392 at 1130 AM and made the wish presentation to Panama City disabled U.S. Navy veteran John Beard at 1 PM. He presented John a certificate, courtesy of the Warrior's Wish Foundation for a three day, all expense paid vacation to Disney World.

Mark's walk is called Patriot Walk USA, with his website detailing the journey at www.patriotwalkusa.org. He started in Ellicottville, N. Y. and has attracted attention from the media across the US, including radio and television talk show host Sean Hannity. Warriors Wish Foundation enhances the lives of US military veterans and their families who are battling a life-limiting illness. The foundation's granted wish is meant to improve the veteran's life spiritually and usually is given to service members with 12 months or less to live. Post 392 was chose for the presentation because it is the newest Legion Post in Florida.



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In my visits to some of the District Conferences, I talked about the importance of a Post updating their Constitution and By-Laws. There are some Posts in Florida that have not done this in years. One post, for instance, has not updated their Constitution and By-Laws since 1935.

Posts need to update their Constitution and By-Laws at least every 3 years, or whenever there is a change to the Department, or National Constitution and By-Laws that requires a change in a Post's. Remember to check and see what the procedures are to accomplish this, and notify your membership accordingly for their consideration, and approval. In most cases a 2/3 majority vote is required for a change in your Constitution and By-Laws. After you have completed the updates, and they have been approved by the Post membership, they must be sent to Department Headquarters for the approval of the Department Judge Advocate. Should you have any questions as to how to update your Post's Constitution and By-Laws, please contact your respective District Commander or District Judge Advocate. In most cases they should be able to assist you.

August Fun Facts

- 2, 1909 - Lincoln head penny is first issued
- 5, 1914 - 1st electric stop light; Cleveland, OH
- 7, 1782 - Purple Heart was created
- 9, 1988 - First night game at Wrigley Field
- 11, 1981 - IBM introduces the personal computer
- 16, 1954 - First issue of Sports Illustrated
- 24, 1869 - Waffle Iron is patented
- 25, 1916 - National Park Service established
- 31, 1895 - First professional football game

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TAPS

It is with great sadness that we must share the news of the passing of Rear Admiral LeRoy Collins, Jr., USMR (Ret.), 75 died Thursday, July 29, 2010. A native of Tallahassee, Collins was born September 3, 1934 to Mary Call Darby Collins and former Florida Governor LeRoy Collins. He graduated from Leon High school where he was an Eagle Scout and served as president of the student body. He accepted an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy and embarked upon a 34-year military career and retiring as a two-star Rear Admiral in 1990. Rather than remaining retired, he was appointed by Governor Charlie Crist as the executive director of the Florida Department of Veteran's Affairs. He continued his support of the military community. He recently founded the Florida Veterans Foundation. Admiral Collins is survived by his wife, their four children and eight grandchildren. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to the Florida Veterans Foundation or a charity of your choice.

If everybody's thinking alike, somebody isn't thinking