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The 50th Annual American Legion Washington Conference was informative although it was raining, windy and cold. Retired Army General Eric K. Shinseki, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, spoke at our meetings. He acknowledged the working relationship between his office and the leaders of The American Legion Family. He thanked the American Legion for their support of a two year budget plan for the Veterans Administration. Secretary Shinseki addressed the situation of homeless veterans.



The Veterans Administration is allocating \$39 million to fund about 2,200 new transitional housing beds through grants to local providers. There are about 107,000 Veterans who are homeless on a typical night. He has committed The Department of Veterans Affairs to ending homelessness among Veterans within five years. There is still a lot of work to do and we as an American Legion Family need to be active in working with our homeless veterans.

At the Commanders Call, "Anchors Away" played as our very own Clarence Hill was brought to the podium. We then proceeded to Capitol Hill for the Legislative Luncheon. We had several of our representatives speak includ-

ing Cliff Sterns who represents my area of Florida. Cliff Sterns served in the Air Force.

Congratulations to Ted Costello for winning the VA Volunteer Services Award. This award was presented to Ted while we were at the Washington Conference.



Vice Commander Al Porter, Legislative Chairman Stanley Gold and I invited Fang A Wong, candidate for National Commander, to have lunch with us at The National Press Club. At the conclusion of The Washington Conference National Commander Clarence Hill spoke with President Obama about the key issues that were brought up at our conference.

April Fun Facts

4 - Easter

9 - Name Yourself Day

11 - Holocaust Remembrance Day

18-24 - National Volunteer Week

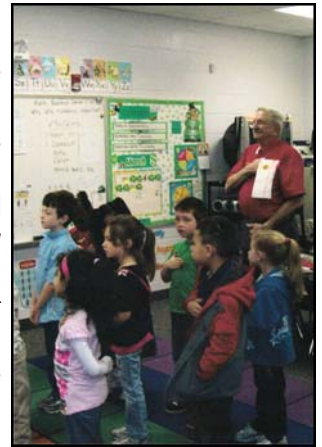
21 - Earth Day

25 - 1st use of the name America

27 - Tell me a story day

Commander's column, continued from page 1....

On March 11th I began my visit to 4th District with a visit to Hammett Bowen Jr. Elementary School in Ocala. This school was named for a Medal of Honor winner. While serving in Vietnam Hammett Bowen Jr. smothered the blast of an enemy hand grenade sacrificing himself to protect those around him. I had the opportunity to meet with a kindergarten and first grade class. We were entertained with patriotic songs and I spoke on the American Legion with a question and answer period. You would be amazed at the questions these kids asked.



I visited with the Legionnaires at Post 237 Beverley Hills and Post 236 in Williston. Congratulations to Post 236 on the new addition of your Bingo Hall. I also visited a homeless shelter in Citrus County that serves Veterans. Thank you to Post 155 for supporting that shelter. On Saturday we were at Post 155 Legion's Birthday celebration, I had the opportunity to present the Legion Riders Chapter 155 with their charter. Thank you 4th District Commander Jerry Montgomery and 4th District Vice Commander Jay Conti for a great visit.

Thank you all for your service to The American Legion.

Al Porter
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First let me wish you all a Happy Easter, hope the bunny brings you lots of goodies.

Now that Daylight Savings Time is here, we have more daylight to visit with our members.

Spring is a very busy time for the Legion. You should be thinking about your reports that need to be in to Department by their scheduled dates. All of them are very important for the Department of Florida and our National Headquarters. One of the most important is the C.P.R. report. A lot of things depend on them, so please make plans to have them in on time.

April also brings the Area Balls and the beginning of some of the Constitutional Conferences. It is my pleasure to visit as many Balls and Conferences as my schedule permits. Membership is still on the horizon, keep up the good work.

As usual I have already traveled to a lot of your posts. It is great to see the affairs and events that your post's sponsor. Remember, bringing the Legion Family together makes all of us feel more like family. In the next few months a lot of traveling will be done by our candidates. Please be safe as you tour our Posts. As always keep all of our service men and women in your thoughts and prayers. For God and Country



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There are at least three kinds of love in the scriptures:

Eros....romantic love: ephesians

5:33 "nevertheless, let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself....". This is an instinctual love...it has a reciprocal quotient. You "fall in love" with someone, and you wish for love to be returned.

Philao....brotherly, friendly john 15:13 "greater love hath no man than this; that a man lay down his life for his friends." This is also an instinctual type of love. You "love" your brother, and you desire the love be returned...this is the reciprocal need. Matthew 5:44 "but i say unto you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that despitefully use you and persecute you"

Agape....pure love with no expected reward

1 john 4:16 "and we have known and believed the love that god hath for us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him" Romans 8:38-39 "for I am persuaded that neither death nor life nor angels nor principalities nor powers nor things present nor things to come. Nor heighth nor depth nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God...."

Agape....the lord commanded that we love.... You cannot command erotic or philao love because there is emotion involved. You cannot command emotion. Agape love is an act of the will. You can command an act of the will, because its just that, an act of the will: something you choose to do. Loving someone not lovable... The only way we can love our enemies, or those who spitefully use us is to choose to love them. We are commanded to love them, not necessarily approve of their actions. We are not responsible for the actions of someone else, only our own actions and feelings. If you obey God, the feeling will follow the fact.

God bless America - - God bless our Veterans - - God bless The American Legion



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April is Children & Youth Month so let's plan, First a question: What better way to show your Post support than to sponsor an event that benefits hospitalized children from your community? How can I do this? Well here are some suggestions: (from the Children & Youth Program Book stock#24-014)

Family Support Network this is to assist military families enduring hardships incurred due to military service. You can work with Reserves, activated National Guard units.

Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA)

Mercy Medical Airlift - this is to ensure that no child, family, or veteran in need is denied access and the web site is www.mercymedical.org

Operation: Military Kids - this is to contribute to the well being of children of military personnel the web site for this is www.operationmilitarykids.org/florida

Child Health - this is so every child should have access to adequate healthcare. You can ask for some one from EMS (Emergence Medical Services) to talk about CPR and First Aid

Child Safety (Play It Safe stock#24-030) "Safe children are No Accident" ask a local Firefighter to help

Missing Children (child Identification card and finger printing) this is to increase the public's awareness of child victims and to seek help to locate missing children in their communities. Also seek help from your local Law Enforcement.

Fireworks Safety to educate communities, parent, and children about fireworks safety ask a Firefighter for some help. Be ready to talk about them and have your chairman guide with you.

Note from National HQ:

On Children & Youth:

Now is the time to begin planning for your Children & Youth day. Yes just one day to be continued on an annual basis. Whether you are planning a community project, or forming a Community Committee on Children & Youth, or sponsoring a carnival, and/or featuring a youth panel at a local school to address students' concerns. Now is the time to begin planning. If you need ideas for fundraising activities contact Bob Caudell at rcaudell@legion.org for "101 Brainstorming Ideas to Raise Funds."

Family Support Network:

The American Legion's Family Support Network stands ready to assist those families affected by activation and deployments in support of the Global War on Terror. Families and military personnel can contact the Family Support Network in one of three ways: the toll-free national hotline 1-800-504-4098 or go to your local American Legion Post or by completing the electronic application located at <http://www.legion.org/fsn>. The National Headquarters of The American Legion received 2,650 requests during 2009.

Temporary Financial Assistance:

The American Legion's Temporary Financial Assistance Program (TFA) continues to provide for the basic needs of veteran's children through cash grants made possible through the American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation. TFA assisted 1,137 minor children throughout the United States maintain shelter, utilities, food, and clothing with over \$521,117 in cash grants in 2009.

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 our Children and Youth Program. Please start writing and reporting all activities of your Children and Youth programs. Because the time is here and May 17, 2010 is the time for Consolidated Post Report and Addendum. Why? Because of our charter, we are required to submit an annual report of our activities and expenditures to the Congress of the United States. Therefore, the number of Posts reporting their Children & Youth activities is very important.

If you or your Post needs help with CPR report e-mail or call me I can help. Also, think about asking your local District Commander or Past District Commander, Area Commander or Past Area Commander, and/or Past Dept Commander for help with the CPR report. You have some very good District Commander's who know how to do the CPR report. This is my job, as your Dept Children & Youth Chairman, to make the program better.

April is Children & Youth Month

What better way to show your support of our Veterans' families than to sponsor an event. A financial donation is always appreciated, but it is the time spent that means so much to a child. Visit a children's hospital and read to them, give an art class to a local day care, sponsor a 'Pizza Day' for the class of a veteran's child. You are only limited by your imagination. Plan now!! Don't let a delay disappoint a child.

95% Goal

April 7, 2010

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District/Area Membership Report as of March. 25, 2010

District/ Area	Commander	Goal	Rec'd	% Goal
4	Gerald Montgomery	4,044	3,884	96.04
16	George Paradise	12,147	11,546	95.05
3	James Troupe	1,655	1,573	95.05
17	Arthur Schwabe	4,368	4,049	92.70
2	George Segrest	1,376	1,271	92.37
8	Gregory Putman	9,042	8,331	92.14
7	Keith Holz	4,440	4,070	91.67
6	William Walsh	9,570	8,752	91.45
12	Carl Schneider	8,772	8,017	91.39
15	Larry Faulkner	5,794	5,278	91.09
13	Frank Ward	9,365	8,497	90.73
14	Angela Glover	2,314	2,089	90.28
1	Stephen Shuga	6,473	5,814	89.82
5	Gregory Lovejoy	8,154	7,268	89.13
9	Joseph Motes	4,818	4,288	89.00
11	Paul Bosco	4,757	4,226	88.84
10	Larrio Walden	1,095	931	85.02
Central	Kathryn Ferrin	22,381	20,894	93.36
Northern	James Corner	18,221	16,774	92.06
Eastern	Earl Friedeborn	18,342	16,769	91.42
SW	Richard Francis	18,407	16,828	91.42
Western	Martha Harris	7,849	7,085	90.27
Southern	David Knapp	12,984	11,534	88.83
Dept			89,884	
Post 400		22,248	16,576	74.51
Post 208		1,942	1,603	82.54
Totals		132,000	108,063	81.87

Now here we are with approximately 2 months to go to reach our goals in membership. We have 46 Posts out of 295 who have already reached the 100% plus 1 membership goal. Several Posts are at 110% and higher, one Post has over 1,000% increase. Four Areas are over 90% and ten Districts are over 90%. Several Districts are having the majority of their Posts hit their goals, while some Districts have a majority of Posts who are not hitting any of their goals. For those who are not reaching their goals, they have many excuses. But other Posts who are hitting their goals don't need excuses. The successful Posts are working hard in getting their memberships in on time. I have noticed a trend of those Posts who are not reaching their goals, do not attend their District meetings nor Department functions. You have a District that has 15-20 Posts in it, but only 2 or 3 candidates for the Oratorical Contest. We claim we are for the Children & Youth, however, I feel we are cheating the children out of scholarship money. It's easy to talk the talk, but it takes a little effort to walk the walk!

I am seeing too much apathy in the way our Posts are doing their programs. I have heard over 100 cases this year alone where Veterans walk into an existing Post with the intention of joining. They ask the members they see if there is an officer available who can help them. Quite often they are told no, but come back tomorrow and maybe they will be there. Those of you who are reading this may say, "not at my Post." You would be surprised at my answer. We are not contacting our existing members who have not renewed. We are not trying hard enough to get the 400 members transferred into our Posts. In over a dozen job fairs that I have worked only one time did I have a local Legionnaire help me. These functions are in your towns. They are a very easy place to recruit members, but you must get a breathing body in place to help.

So many Posts are doing a fabulous job, but every District has Posts that are not doing what they are supposed to be doing. It is up to the District officers and the Area Commanders to visit these Posts and work with them to bring them up to the Legion's standards. Those of you who feel offended by this article, contact me. Let's get together and work together to make this year a successful year. And I repeat, with Commander Hill as our National Commander, this is one year we should all be trying to do our best. To those of you who are doing your job, thank you, God bless you and yours, and please try to help the Posts in your area that are not succeeding.



*Welcome To
Spring!*

Americanism
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The year is starting to wind down. I hope you have been keeping track of money and time spent on the various programs. It will make filling out the Consolidated Post Report (CPR) and Addendum much easier.

By the way, National has decided to remove questions on Boys State from the CPR. It wants accurate numbers and realizes that Boys State takes place after you turn in your CPR therefore; it will get the information from the Program Director or Department Adjutant every year at the conclusion of their Boys State program. Department realizes that you still have a need to account for time and money spent on Boys State. (You may not send a boy to attend but still donate towards the traveling expense.) All questions pertaining to Boys State will now appear on the Addendum.

There has been some question about the Teacher of the Year Award. The Post Americanism Chairman should have sent the paperwork to the District Americanism Chairman no later than April 1st. The District Chairman sends their winner's paperwork to the Area Americanism Chairman no later than April 15th. The Area Chairman sends their winner's paperwork to the Department Americanism Chairman no later than May 1st.

I apologize. I recently found out that February is Americanism month. I was not aware of this or I would have let you know sooner. Nor is it publicized in many places. Now I know and so do you. For God & Country

I just got back from the Oratorical finals at Department Headquarters. Whew, what a job the judges have. We had 5 of the best the State of Florida has to offer in the way of competitors. It was hard for me to pick a winner, but the judges did a good job of picking and they should be commended. Plus the Honor Guard kept everything running smoothly. Good job to all that were involved, starting with the local posts contest.

On another subject, we are getting ready for the Department Convention in June. I have some vacancies for Asst. Sgt-at-Arms available. If you would like to help out, just send me an email and I'll get the ball rolling for you.

People all the time tell me that I'm "just the Sgt-at-Arms" and I say yes to that. However, I take this job seriously and do it with enthusiasm and pride. I love to help train your Sgt-at-Arms at your Post. I also love to visit your Post and all you need to do is shoot me an email or call me and I'll be there for your event.

I hope you like the way I'm doing my job and RE-ELECT me next year at the convention. I'm a Candidate for 2010-2011 and I would appreciate your vote.

Well, I've rambled on long enough and I hope you enjoy my dedication and loyalty to the American Legion, "The Worlds Largest Veterans Organization". One Nation Under God



ROSTER CHANGES

Post #	Title-Name	New Info
6	Adjutant- Ellen Steele	700 W. Highland Ave, Deland, 32720, 386.747.2122(h) 386.740.0977(f), msdbf1@yahoo.com
74	Commander- Harry Marsh	1550 Farm Rd, Sebring, 33876, 863-655-1982, 863.471.1448(w) legion74@embarqmail.com
74	Adjutant- Wayne Arnado	4280 N. Course Ln., Avon Park, 33825, 863.452.1679(h) 863.471.1448(w) wardado@comcast.net
159	Adjutant- Jimmie Rondello	334 Otter Creek Dr. Venice, 34292, 941.483.1050(h) 941.441.6677(c) 941.485-4748(w) 941.485.5494(f) adjutant@novel159.org
186	Adjutant- George Kennedy	4771 Bayridge Ct, Springhill, 34606, 352.685.4197(h) geomarky@tampabay.rr.com
194	Mailing Address	1029 West pearl St, Saint Augustine, 32084
219	Commander- Stanley Krajewski	5207 Treasure View Way, Leesburg, 34748, 352.728.3823, gskrajewski@wmconnect.com
219	Adjutant- Ted Pacuicrk	36100 Poinsettia Ave, Fruitland Park, 34731
268	Email Address	commander@post268.org & 2mq5m1@bellsouth.net
378	Adjutant- Robert Tyler Jr.	5711 Government Dr. Gulf Breeze, 32563
383	Commander-M.E Christians	115 NE 112 TH Ave, Old Town, 32680, 352.542.8020, chrisc@svic.net
389	Mailing Address	PO Box 944, Ruskin, 33575
392	Adjutant- Robert Shumaker	7700 Thomas Rd, Panama City, 32404
	Past Department Commander- Warren Post	797 Teague Trail/CR 25, Apt. 11-103, Lady Lake, 32519
	NECA Dennis Boland	314 Lake Ave. Lehigh Acres, 33936
	Legislative Committee- Stanly Gold-email	stanleymgold@gmail.com



Stephen Shuga - Boy Scout Program – shugaste@knology.net
Robert "Bob" Scott – Boy Scout Program - wvcaller@msn.com

March essentially begins preparations for many Webelos II Scouts who have either crossed over or are about to graduate into the Boy Scout ranks. This is a very important transitional phase that young boys who have been learning the knowledge, skills and abilities under parental guidance cross into being a young man with added responsibilities, increased decision making skills and learn to become more independent as they grow wiser through their Scouting development of Merit Badges and activities designed to bring the best out of a young man.

All other Scouts Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers and Explorers are about to be promoted or have moved up to their next rank and will begin working the achievements, activities, electives, merit badges and launch into learning new skills valuable to their advancement along the Scouting Trail.

Legionnaires have a golden opportunity to explore and support activities with local Scout units as they endure their Centennial Celebration through February 2011. Be a part of their celebration and stay involved with your local Scout units.

Department received candidate packages for the 2010 Department of Florida - Eagle Scout of the Year. The packages are being reviewed and an announcement will be made in April who our selected Eagle Scout scholarship winners are.

Again I remind all Posts to complete their CPRs and submit them on-time. If your post supported Scouting during the past year, please ensure that the information is entered on the form. This data is used to assist the Department Boy Scout Chairman, complete the necessary reports and award submittals in a timely fashion. Late CPRs mean no awards and limits the information I can use to submit the Scouting footprint of The American Legion Department of Florida.

Those Posts that have Scout Narratives are asked to carefully prepare them only covering the past year June 2009 – present, and provide as much detail, newspaper clips and pictures that describe your annual support with the Scout units either chartered (own) or sponsored (support). Make sure that they are submitted and received to Department prior to the due date. To be considered for an award, timely submissions are necessary.

During the summer convention, the Boy Scout Program will undergo a change of leadership. Along with new leadership brings new ideas, program incentives, and re-establishes communication channels through the Areas, Districts and Posts. The Boy Scouts of America's program is undergoing numerous changes that will impact future Scouting programs. We will overcome the obstacles and prepare for the next generation of Scouts as we continue to serve veterans worldwide.

For God and Country – Yours in Better Scouting

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Legislative Report
Stanley Gold, Chairman
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This year's Department Oratorical Finals was a big success. We had (5) contestants this year. First of all, I want to say "Thank You" to all the Oratorical Staff. Everyone did a great job. I especially want to say a big "Thank you" to Carol Polk at Department Headquarters. Without her help we would not have been able to have the success that we had. She does a remarkable job for ALL the programs.

The Department winner is Caroline Schechinger. She is a sophomore at Bishop Kenny High School in Jacksonville. She is representing Lakeshore Post #137. Her winning speech is titled "Our Constitutional Door". Caroline will receive a \$2,500.00 Scholarship. The Runner-Up is Eric Winningham, a sophomore at Winter Park High School. Eric will receive a \$1,500.00 Scholarship. The third place is Garrett Bruno, a senior at The Benjamin High School. Garrett will receive a \$1,000.00 Scholarship. The two \$500.00 Scholarship winners are Shonda Richardson, a senior at LeHigh Senior High School and Tasneem Amina, a senior at Lakewood High School. We need to start now and talk to the local schools about all of our programs for the coming year. Let's don't forget about the Home Schooled students. We need to wish Caroline "Good Luck" at the National Finals in Indy on April 10th and 11th. For God and Country

Last summer, our Post started to write our South Area members of Congress and our own Post member Senator Bill Nelson to support the members of the Armed Forces by stopping the closure of the Food Commissary at Homestead Air Base. Many families of the Armed Forces as well as retirees utilize this much needed service. On January 12, 2010, the Post received a letter from Deputy Under Secretary of Defense stating The Department of Army is planning to construct a new larger commissary in Fiscal Year 2011. The Air Force Exchange Service will continue to support the Homestead Community. It is good to have good members in Congress helping us. Congressman Kendrick Meek informed us that a new post exchange store will be built in Miami for the Southern Command in the beginning of 2011.

March 1st-3rd I was up in Washington for the National Legislative Committee and it was the honor to give the pledge at the opening session and the commanders call session. On March 2nd, the Florida held its 4th annual congressional luncheon at the Rayburn building. Thank you to Congressman Kendrick Meek for securing a meeting room for the fourth time in a row at no cost to the legion. We invited 24 members of congress from Florida to attend. 15 officers attended. The reason why it was a poor attendance this year was because of the House session was at seven and their planes came in late in the afternoon.

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The Legislative Priority Sheet listed 9 items that we wanted Congress to pass this year. They are listed as the following:

- VA Appropriations for FY 2011
- VA Claims and Adjudication Process
- Medicare Reimbursement for VA
- Enhancements for the Post-911 GI Bill Educational Benefits
- Repeal of the Disabled Veterans' Tax (Concurrent Reciept)
- Repeal of the Military Widows' Tax (Survivors Benefit Program Offset)
- VETS Appropriations for FYI 2011
- Fully Fund and Increase the Size of the Armed Forces
- Quality of Life for Service Members, Military Retirees and their Military Families.



After the luncheon, I visited all members of Congress that did not show up and also presented them with the priority sheet. While at Congressman Hasting office, he presented me with a new bill that he presented to congress: HR 4541, "The Veterans Pensions Protection Act." The Bill had over 30 cosigners. According to Congressman Hastings, this legislation will fix a loophole under existing law to ensure that pensions are issued to veterans who legitimately meet the income criteria and rely on such benefits to survive. Later that day when I visited the other 9 House members I was able to get more to cosign and other will look over the bill more closely and then make a decision. Of the 35 cosigners of this bill so far, 10 of which are from Florida. They are: Congressman Hastings, Cong. Tom Rooney, Cong. Kendrick Meek, Cong. Ron Klein, Cong. Debbie Wasserman-Shultz, Cong Vern Buchanan, Cong Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Cong. Corrine Brown, Cong. Lincoln Diaz-Balart and Cong. Mario Diaz-Balart. If your member of Congress is not on this list, please ask them to be a co-signer and thank the members that did sign.

As Legislative Chairmen, an email has been sent to all House members thanking them for cosigning the bill or asking them to cosign the bill. It is strange that that the Republicans and Democrats cannot work together, but thank goodness that they do on the veterans bills. I would like to thank all who went to Washington DC, including the Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion who attended the conference.

District Constitutional Conferences

DISTRICT COMMANDERS - If your Constitutional Conference is not listed below, please call Mary at Department Headquarters as soon as possible with the information.

407.295.2631x 232 OR mricci@floridalegion.org

<u>District</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Post</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Registration</u>	<u>Start Time</u>
1 st	June 12 th	193	Pensacola	9:00a CST	9:30a CST
2 nd	June 12 th	100	Marianna		1:00p CST
3 rd	June 5 th	57	Lake City	9:00a	10:00a
4 th	May 29 th	149	Newberry	9:00a	10:00a
5 th	June 6 th	283	Arlington	10:00a	11:00a
6 th	May 15 th	53	Sanford	1:00p	1:45p
7 th	May 16 th	4	Lakeland	2:00p	3:00p
8 th	June 5 th	159	Venice	12:00p	1:00p
9 th	June 6 th	180	Ft.Lauderdale	8:00 a	9:00a
10 th	June 12 th	29	Miami	9:30a	10:00a
11 th	May 23 rd	268	Riviera Beach	9:00a	10:00a
12 th	May 15 th	39	Vero Beach	9:00a	10:00a
13 th	June 5 th	103	Punta Gorda	8:00a	9:00a
14 th	May 8 th	43	Homestead	10:00a	11:00a
15 th	May 22 nd	111	Tampa	9:00a	10:00a
16 th	May 16 th	7	Clearwater	10:00a	11:00a
17 th	June 6 th	6	Deland	12:00p	1:00p



The American Legion



DEPARTMENT COMMANDER PHIL HEARLSON'S HOMECOMING!

Saturday, May 22, 2010

1940's THEME

American Legion Post #155 Crystal River

Tickets: \$17.50 per person (Limited Seating)

Dinner: Pork Loin, Scalloped Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Dinner Roll, Salad and Desert. **Appetizer:** Shrimp cocktail. Plus Entertainment

DRESS: Semi-Formal

Social hour 4:30-5:30, 5:30 Appetizers, 5:45 salad, 6pm Dinner.

Hotel is less than 5 minutes from the Post at a very reasonable rate of \$58.50 per night Rooms can be reserved through Hotel (Please call Day's Inn @ 352-795-2111 for Reservations, mention The American Legion).

**Friday Night Pre-Homecoming Dinner & Party
Sunday, going away Breakfast & Bloody Mary's**



The American Legion



DEPARTMENT COMMANDER PHIL HEARLSON HOMECOMING!

Where:

American Legion Post #155
6585 W. Gulf To Lake HWY
Crystal River, FL 34429
POST NUMBER: 352-795-6526

FRIDAY:

Friday Night Pre-Homecoming AUCE Fish Fry
Dinner (Dinner 5-7PM)
& Lounge Party.
_____ \$10 per person
(includes 2 free drinks)

SATURDAY: HOMECOMING

_____ \$17.50 per person (Limited Seating)
Dinner: Pork Loin, Scalloped Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Dinner Roll, Salad and Desert. Appetizer: Shrimp cocktail.
Entertainment:
Social hour 4:30-5:30, 5:30
Appetizer, 5:45 salad, 6pm Dinner.

DRESS: Simi-Formal

SUNDAY:

Going away Breakfast (8:30-11am)
Breakfast & FREE Bloody Mary's
_____ \$6 per person

Hotel is less than 5 minutes from the Post at a very reasonable rate of \$58.50 per night CALL 352-795-2111 and mention The American Legion.

Hotel:

Day's INN HWY 19
2380 N.W. US 19
Crystal River, FL 34428
ROOMS (\$58.50 per night)

All Rooms are either One King Bed or 2 Double Beds and come equipped with a Microwave, MINI Fridge, Coffee and FREE Wireless Internet and the Hotel has a very nice Pool!

Call Hotel directly for Reservations at [352-795-2111](tel:352-795-2111) **PRESS "0"** for Hotel Operator and mention The American Legion for the discounted rate. If calling the toll free number the rates will be in the \$80 range.

Homecoming Program

_____ \$40 Full Page _____ \$25 Half Page
_____ \$20 QTR Page _____ \$10 Boosters

Event Coordinator

Please contact 4th District Vice Commander Jay Conti Sr. (H) 352-344-4122. (C) 352-287-1400 or mail payment (s) with attached form to **(Sorry NO Credit Cards):**

Jay Conti Sr.
6064 East Joyce Lane
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