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"The Power of Commitment" must be applied in solving problems within the Posts and between members of The Legion Family. What happens in our Posts when there is continuing conflict? Members complain between themselves but offer little or no effort to fix the problem. Members give up on the problems being addressed or resolved and they leave the Post.

Post leaders must be open and receptive to ideas and input from the general membership. How Post leadership defines and uses their positions can influence how a conflict is managed. If you are having conflicts in your Post or Legion Family assemble the parties involved, have all parties agree to some "ground rules" and try and come to a conclusion that would best serve the membership of the Post.

If you feel you need assistance from your District, call your District Commander. When we are trying to resolve conflicts, remember that the commitment of Legion members and Post leader's needs to be focused on what is in the best interest of the Legion, not on rivalries and personality differences.

Now that I have covered some problems I have observed on my travels, I would like to discuss the best part of visiting Districts and Posts. On my visit to 2nd District one of the Posts I visited was Post 106 in Apalachicola. Members of Post 106 were the driving force in raising the funds to have a replica of the Vietnam Memorial brought to the Veterans Park



in Apalachicola. Congratulations to the members of Post 106 for your dedication to our veterans and your community.

Panama City Post 392 in 1st District has really demonstrated "The Power of Commitment". Post 392 received their permanent charter last year. They started the year with 16 members, they now have 166 members, and the Post is over 1000% in membership. They are in the process of renovating an old gas station for a Post home. You can feel the enthusiasm and dedication of these Legionnaires.



Thank you to all the Posts I visited in 1st and 2nd Districts. District Commanders Steve Shuga and George Segrest did a great job in setting up visits to 18 Posts in the Western Area. In 1st District the Legion riders provided me with an escort as I traveled to each Post.

Western Area Commander Martha Harris held a Western Area Ball, the first Western Area Ball to be held in about 20 years. Martha you did a great job!

The Legion Riders in the 17th District also provided me with an escort as I traveled the District. The riders from Post 120 Holly Hills gave me an Honorary Life Membership in their Chapter; you are a great asset to our Legion Family.

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Post 45, Palatka assists Korean War and Vietnam veterans who while serving their country were unable to receive their high school diploma. This is done through The Florida Department of Education. I had the privilege of witnessing two of these "young" men receive their diplomas.



While visiting Post 187 in Deland I was told by the Post Adjutant, Thomas Henri that he had been a member of Post 187 for 26 years and that I was the first Department Commander to visit Post 187. He said "I did miss one meeting in 26 years; I don't think it could have happen that day." Thank you for your hospitality Post 187.

Thank you to 17th District Commander, Art Schwabe and the members of the 17th District for a great visit.

Americanism
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As stated last month, this article is about the Americanism End of Year Award Instructions which can be found in the Post Administrators Guide on page 77. This is a reminder that the year is passing quickly. I hope you have been keeping track of your money and time spent on the various activities of your post.

First of all, a copy of your Consolidated Post Report and Addendum MUST be on file with Department Headquarters to be eligible for these awards.

Include narrative containing information or comments concerning Americanism activities of your post. Remember Americanism includes many programs such as School Medals, Baseball, Boys State, Boy Scouts, Oratorical, Shooting Sports, Patriotic Holidays, Flag Education, Get Out the Vote, Community Service, and Service to God and Country. This can be a single page (typed or printed clearly). Review the Americanism Manual for an explanation of all programs and activities under Americanism.

Neatness and clarity are necessary for judging consideration. There will be a First Place and Runner-up selected. The signature of the Post Americanism Chairman and Post Commander MUST be at the end of the report. Please mail to the Department Headquarters. It MUST be received by no later than May 17, 2010. For God & Country

March Fun Facts

March 1 - Ohio became the 17th state, 1803

March 2 - Birthday of Dr. Suess, 1904

March 3 - Florida became the 27th state, 1845

March 4 - Vermont became the 14th state, 1791

March 15-17 - Birthday of The American Legion

March is:

Peanut Month

Music in our Schools Month

Mirth Month

Noodle Month

Women's History Month

Youth Science and Art Month

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Have you every heard "Money is the root of all evil?" I have heard this numerous times. I have heard it said, "Well, it must be true because it's in the Bible." Let's set the record straight. Money is not the root of all evil. The misconception comes from misquoting the first letter from Timothy, chapter 6, verse 10, "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil for which some have strayed from the truth in their greediness and pierced themselves through with many sorrows"

The actual intent here is to convey that the lust for money is evil. When you put the lust for money ahead of God's will for your life, that's evil. When you put the lust for money ahead of a brother's need, that's evil.

Yes, I am my brother's keeper. This cries out from the question Cain asked in the Garden of Eden, "Am I my brother's keeper?" God replied that the very ground cried out due to the evil Cain had done to his brother Abel.

I have read that 75% of the people on this planet live with an income of less than \$1500.00 per year. That's fifteen hundred, not thousand.

Americans are so blessed we sometimes become jaded when it comes to our brothers needs. If God has blessed you with what you need and you do not help others; that is a sin. The oldest book in the Bible, Job, tells of a man who was very rich and lost it all; his money, his cattle, his home and his family. It got so bad that his wife cried out for him to curse God and die. He refused and worshipped God. The end result was that he ended up with much more than he lost. He put God and His will first in his life.

God blesses us commensurate with our generosity to others. Read Malachi 3:8-10 and Matthew 6:21. Remember when you take the "L" (lust) out of GOLD you have GOD.

How do I help others? Tithe on your income to your local church. One of the greatest needs today is the cataclysmic tragedy in Haiti. These precious people need the help of God's people more than ever today. Choose a charity that will guarantee your donation will reach these, your brothers and sisters, and donate.

God Bless you in my prayer for the Legion Family.

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I Hope you and your Post make some good plans in February because NOW we have to plan for March. Remember this is just some suggestions for you and your Post to plan in March. The American Legion Birthday - Make it BIG and PLAN BIG! We will be 91 years old or young. Let's get the Community and our local Veterans in who may not be members of the Post. Plan an open house with a dinner and a guest speaker. Have a table with all the programs that your Post has done each year.

Note from National HQ:

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.

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 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.

April Is...Children & Youth Month: In 1938, April was formally designated as the Child Welfare Month (now called Children & Youth Month) and has continued on an annual basis. Now is the time to begin planning for your April Is...Children & Youth Month activities.

Whether you are planning a community project, forming a Community Committee on Children & Youth, sponsoring a carnival, or featuring a youth panel at a local school to address students' concerns now is the time to begin planning.

April would be a great month to conduct a fundraising activity to benefit your local Children's Miracle Network Hospital.

If you need ideas for fundraising activities contact Bob Caudell at rcaudell@legion.org for "101 Brainstorming Ideas to Raise Funds."

My program push for this year is for the Child Welfare Foundation if you or your Post can give just \$25.00 it will help our Children and Youth Program. Start writing and reporting all activities of your Children and Youth programs. So you will be ready. Because the time will fly and May is Consolidated Post Report and Addendum month. If you need help with any Children and Youth program just e-mail me. More information and suggestion will follow next month.

April is Children & Youth Month

What a 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.

ROSTER CHANGES

Post #	Title-Name	New Info
20	Commander- Bobby Mills	36 Lakeside Cir., Pahokee, 33476, 561.924.2259(h), 561.996.6444(w)
20	Adjutant- John Pender	2310 Bacom Point Rd, Pahokee, 33476, 561.914.0490, penderjw@comcast.net
29	Adjutant- Ted Guevara	20005 SW 122ND Ave #202, Miami, 33177, 305.710.1199(h), 305.757-5773(w) fax-305.757.5774, adjutant_post29@bellsouth.net
104	Meetings	2nd Thursday, 7:00pm
149	Commander- Wright Terry, Jr.	3320 NW 245TH Terr., Newberry, 32669, 352-472-9362
186	Adjutant- Richard Slajchert	8465 Highpoint Blvd, Brooksville, 34613, 352.597.1570(h) 352.597.9995(w) fax-201.952.7520, rslajchert@tampabar.rr.com
217	Adjutant- Bobby Ellison	1405 Fairbanks Ferry Rd., Havana, 32333, 850.539.6889(h) 850.694.6794(w)
231	Commander- Michael Mitchell	236 15th Ave SW, St. Petersburg, 33701, 727.822.3099, pifnick00@aol.com
270	Commander- Lynn English	1224 Harbour Pt.Dr, Port Orange, 32127, 386.763.0915.
335	Adjutant- Donald Zimmerman	16317 Buccaneer St, Hudson, 34667, 727.378.4116
389	Adjutant- Terry Graham	1710 7th St. SW Lot 2, Rusin, 33570, 813.516.8910
389	Commander- Janet Taylor	1818 Adrean PL, Sun City Center, 33573, 813.600.7616
	Central Area Security Commission Chairman Nancy Thomas,	863.618.6738(cell)



90% Goal

March 3, 2010

District/Area Membership Report as of Feb. 26, 2010

District/ Area	Commander	Goal	Rec'd	% Goal
4	Gerald	4,044	3,821	94.49
16	George Paradise	12,147	11,283	92.89
3	James Troupe	1,655	1,521	91.90
17	Arthur Schwabe	4,368	3,995	91.46
8	Gregory Putman	9,042	8,194	90.62
12	Carl Schneider	8,772	7,876	89.79
6	William Walsh	9,570	8,580	89.66
13	Frank Ward	9,365	8,382	89.50
2	George Segrest	1,376	1,231	89.46
11	Paul Bosco	4,757	4,222	88.75
7	Keith Holz	4,440	3,930	88.51
15	Larry Faulkner	5,794	5,117	88.31
9	Joseph Motes	4,818	4,205	87.28
1	Stephen Shuga	6,473	5,628	86.95
5	Gregory Lovejoy	8,154	7,056	86.53
14	Angela Glover	2,314	1,942	83.92
10	Larrio Walden	1,095	908	82.92
Central	Kathryn Ferrin	22,381	20,330	90.84
SW	Richard Francis	18,407	16,576	90.05
Northern	James Corner	18,221	16,393	89.97
Eastern	Earl Friedeborn	18,342	16,456	89.72
Western	Martha Harris	7,849	6,859	87.39
Southern	David Knapp	12,984	11,277	86.85
Depart-			87,891	
Post 400		22,248	16,130	72.50
Post 208		1,942	1,560	80.33
Totals		132,000	105,581	79.99

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Just recently I sent out a letter to all 295 Post Commanders in the state of Florida asking for their help in moving our membership forward. In past correspondence, I have stressed the fact that this is the first year our National Commander is from our great state. This time I am changing my message slightly.

Approximately 18-19 months ago, I transferred from a very successful large Post with 850 members and growing to a defunct Post with very few members and turning in their Charter. So with that I have gained the experience of working with a brand new building and a Post with large growing membership. They should go over 1,000 members this year. My new Post 373 had absolutely nothing, a bank account with no money, members dropping by the wayside at a huge pace, and this was caused because of a lack of programs, interest, and a "who cares" attitude. We are now meeting in a motel meeting room monthly. We are involved in 6 programs and starting our 7th, which will be donating blood. I am happy to report we hit an all time high at the end of last year, and we hit an all time high this year with 179 members and growing.

Following are ways to succeed:

Get your members in program, school medals, job fairs, town activities, blood drives, membership drives, children & youth programs. I believe you get the message. Next, get into your dead file of members who have dropped out over the years and go visit them. Explain why their membership is so important to your Post, your town, and the vets living in your town and their children. Form membership teams and make these visits, then go after the 400 members.

Now please read the next suggestion. This time of year, take a dozen of your delinquent membership cards and visit those who have not renewed. Don't use the words "trying to hit an all time high or be successful." Just explain you are a few short of your 100% goal and that you need their membership badly for the success of your Post. All of these ideas are not new. However, for the last 6 years, my Posts have been doing them, and they have been very successful. We must do these things and turn the Legion around and grow. Any questions, contact me. If you need my help, do the same. I, for one, want The American Legion to be as successful a veteran organization as we know it can be. Thank you for all that you are doing and what you will do. For God and Country



Future Goal Dates

March 3 - 90%

April 7 - 95%

May 5 - 100%

May 19 - 100% plus 1



Happy Birthday American Legion!



The Birth of The American Legion

By Orval F. Barnes

A World War I veteran and member of Argonne Post 60, Des Moines, IA.

On November eleven, nineteen eighteen,
A quiet reigned o'er No-Man's-Land.
Silent the guns that once did roar,
Bringing death to many on every hand.

In the minds of men there came relief,
A thankful joy that war did cease.
Mixed feelings grew in every heart
From throes of war there was release.

Their fears allayed and hopes renewed,
Thankful now they were alive,
They felt a grief for those who died,
Who did their duty, with the foe did strive. .

Now there were some who felt the need
To organize those still alive
Into a group of comrades true
To relieve the stress of the Great War's drive.

Some twenty met in Paris town
To plan a course they deemed most wise
And start a scheme to include all men
In a veterans group they might organize.

A caucus was called of many units,
A form proposed, a purpose declared
A committee formed to further the cause
Of service men who fought and dared.

A similar move was made at home
To organize too with the overseas van,
And form a body of loyal soldiers,
But on disloyal ones to put a ban.

These plans took time and serious thought,
Even the choice of a suitable name,
But 'American Legion' became the one
Still held in honor with praise and fame.

In America then the plans moved fast
Committees met on many dates
A meeting in St. Louis was held
With delegates from most of the States.

From this mighty group at last did come
The organization as known today;
A national body, the same in States
With local Posts to have their say.

A national convention then was planned
Which met in Minneapolis Armistice Day
And further plans were on the way
As the Legion grew as it is today.

All praise to men who took the lead
In forming this association
And those who fought for benefits
To avoid a veteran's degradation.

The group now pleads in sincere hope
That those who in later wars have fought
Join in the fight to protect these rights
And benefits which older vets have sought.

As comrades die their graves are marked
To let the world forever know
"Here lies the men who for country fought;
Now o'er their graves may poppies grow!"



TAPS

It is with great sadness that we must share the news of the passing of Past Department Commander Johnson (Johnny) Davis. Johnson also served as the Department Judge Advocate, Department Vice Commander and NEC. He is survived by two daughters; Joy Tindall and Gaye Weisbaum. There will not be a funeral held. If you would like to send your condolences please do so through his daughter Gaye Weisbaum at 3253 NE County Road 337, Bronson, FL 32621-5967.



*The Government Wide Veterans' Recruitment and Employment
Strategic Plan for FY 2010-FY 2012
The Federal Government will become America's
Model Employer of Veterans
Dick Mondro, Chairman Veterans Employment*



The Federal Government is the Nation's leading employer of Veterans. Nearly a half million Veterans are employed today in agencies across the country and around the world. Veterans comprise more than one out of every four Federal workers. FY 2008 hiring data for agencies identified in the President's Executive Order on Veterans Employment, which represent 97.8% of all Federal workers, show these agencies employ 476,684 Veterans. Other agencies reported approximately 4,539 of their employees are Veterans. Additionally, the total Veteran new hires in the Federal Government have increased from 52,452 in FY 2007 to 65,631 in FY 2008. In comparison to the private sector, the Federal Government hires three times the percentage of Veterans, seven times the percentage of disabled Veterans, and ten times the percentage of severely injured Veterans.

The accomplishments relating to Veterans' employment are better each year, but we can and must do more. Not only is hiring Veterans the right thing to do, it also makes good business sense. The Government invests significant resources in the training and development of military service personnel. Acting aggressively to retain transitioning military service personnel within the Federal Government helps maximize our return on this investment and can fill high-demand positions in Federal agencies.

As we look closely at our Veteran employment numbers, we realize there are pockets of excellence within the Government that must be explored and shared so all agencies benefit from the talents and dedication Veterans bring to the Federal workforce. For instance, nearly 80% of Veterans are employed in three Departments – Defense, Veterans Affairs, and Homeland Security. These Departments make up approximately 58% of the workforce. Some will argue that these agencies have occupations that are more conducive to the skills sets of transitioning military service members and Veterans. There is some truth to that, but at the heart of the issue is the need for a better overall approach to recruiting, and providing career counseling to Veterans.

The Government-wide Veterans' Recruitment and Employment Strategic Plan for FY 2010 - FY 2012 was born out of the sincere belief that by leveraging the practices of successful agencies, like those mentioned, the Government, will be more effective in Veteran recruitment and employment efforts.

To develop this Strategic Plan, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) convened interagency representatives from across Government for a two-day strategic planning session on July 7-8, 2009. Senior leaders from the Departments of Defense, Labor, Veterans Affairs, Commerce, Homeland Security, Treasury, and Transportation, as well as OPM, attended the session. During the session, five key barriers to increasing the number of Veterans employed in the Federal Government were identified:

- Lack of clear leadership regarding the value and importance of hiring Veterans
- Infrastructure that does not support advocacy of Veterans' employment within Federal agencies
- Insufficient understanding of Veterans' Preference and utilization of special hiring authorities by HR professionals and hiring officials
- Inadequate understanding of Veterans' Preference and the Federal hiring process by Veterans and transitioning service members
- Absence of systems to match Veterans' skills and education to positions within the Federal Government

This Strategic Plan aggressively breaks through these barriers using a number of strategies centered on four areas. These areas of focus were outlined in the Executive Order for the Employment of Veterans in the Federal Government: 1) Leadership Commitment; 2) Skills Development and Employment; 3) Marketing Veterans' Employment; and 4) an Information Gateway.

- Leadership Commitment – establishes a governance structure and infrastructure dedicated solely to the employment of Veterans in the Federal Government;
- Skills Development and Employment – focuses on providing employment counseling and aligning the talents and aspirations of Veterans and transitioning service members with civil service career opportunities;
- Marketing Veterans' Employment – creates a marketing campaign targeted to Veterans and transitioning service members on the benefits of continuing their careers with the Federal civil service as well as targeted to hiring officials on how Veterans can meet skills demands in their organizations; and
- Information Gateway – creates a single-source website for disseminating accurate and consistent Veteran employment information and resources for Veterans, human resources (HR) professionals, and hiring officials.

An initiative of this magnitude is a great challenge. It requires a strategic approach and a shared vision. But, most important, it requires our commitment to make it happen.

For more information, visit: www.FedsHireVets.gov http://www.fedshirevets.gov/pdf/Vets_Initiative_Strategic_Plan.pdf

Imagination is more important than knowledge – Albert Einstein

Everything you can imagine is real – Pablo Picasso

Florida National Officers

We, the members of the Florida American Legion, want to thank the Legionnaires listed below for their extra effort. In accepting your National Office you not only serve our National Headquarters you also honor the Department of Florida. It is with pride and respect that we honor you here.

Clarence Hill – National Commander, Citizen’s Flag Alliance, Policy Coordination and Action Group, Veterans’ Planning & Coordinating Committee, Overseas Graves Decoration Trust
 Chuck Rousseau – Chairman Foreign Relations Council
 Mike Addis – Vice Chairman Foreign Relations Council
 D.Daniel DiSantis - Vice Chairman Foreign Relations Council
 Ernest Fairley - Vice Chairman Foreign Relations Council
 Al Porter - Vice Chairman Foreign Relations Council
 John Rose - Vice Chairman Foreign Relations Council
 Dianne Thibodeau - Vice Chairman Foreign Relations Council
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 Kelton Sweet, Jr. – VA&R Commission
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 Lawrence Strainge - National and Homeland Security Council
 Kathryn Ferrin – Counter-Subversive Activities Committee
 Earl Friedeborn – Economic Commission
 Stanley Gold – Legislative Commission
 Allen Kelley – National Cemetery Commission
 Sue Mason – Public Relations Commission
 Chuck Moreland – Merchant Marine Committee
 David Pleasanton – Resolutions Assignment Committee
 Ken Powell – Vice Chr American Legion Insurance Committee
 Robert Proctor – Vice Chairman NEC Subcommittees (Resolutions), Citizens’ Flag Alliance, Chairman Legislative Commission Liaison Committee
 Larry Sheets – Internal Affairs Commission
 George Wehrli – Chairman Law & Order Committee

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	9:30a
2 nd					
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					
6 th	May 15 th	53	Sanford	1:00p	1:45p
7 th					
8 th	June 5 th	159	Venice	12:00p	1:00p
9 th	June 6 th	180	Ft.Lauderdale	-----	9:00a
10 th	May 29 th	29	Miami	9:30a	10:00a
11 th					
12 th					
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					
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
Inverness, FL 34452
**Make Check (s) payable to:
American Legion Post #155
Email: Jconti3547@aol.com**



DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA

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