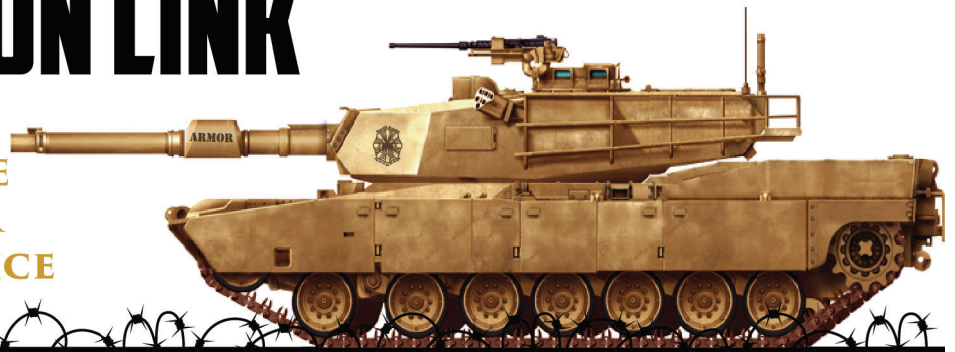




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### From your Department Commander Rick Johnson

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#### Recruiting from DMS & Curls for COTA

Hello family members and Happy Halloween to everyone. Let's get those coloring books out to the kids in school and make it a safe and fun Halloween. You can

purchase them online or download the mail order form at [www.floridalegionstore.org](http://www.floridalegionstore.org).

I'm so happy that we made it through the hurricane with little or no damage at all. We dodged a big bullet. Thanks Bill Hopper for keeping us updated and ready in case the need exists again. Prayers go out to the Bahamas for their losses and destruction.

I need to talk about this DMS system that National has put into place. For the 2019-2020 membership year, National has decided that each Department will be responsible for recruiting the "New 2019 DMS Members" into local posts. Department of Florida was not provided this information until mid-August 2019, almost six weeks after their first renewal notices were mailed out. I did not feel Posts should bear the burden of this

requirement. We realize that some posts already do an excellent job of recruiting these members; however we also know that others do not recruit from the DMS. As a result, the decision was made at Department to take on the task of putting together a direct mail and email campaign to renew many of the 15,000 plus members in the New 2019 DMS file.

This initiative began with putting together a package to reach out to each post asking for their assistance in the recruiting efforts. Out of 275 posts, about 134 responded. We need(ed) all posts to respond and there is no reason not to have responded to this request. The goal was to build a list of posts that would allow auto-transfers, but the option was on there to simply allow them to request transfer and be voted in at a post meeting after verifying eligibility. If your post has not responded, please still send them into Department as we will be doing additional mailings.

The next step was to reach out to our target member list. With a second direct mail renewal notice being sent by National on September 11, it was important for Department to move quickly. We assembled personalized letters for the members that need to renew for 2020

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from the list and included a listing of all posts in their district complete with post amenities (smoking/non-smoking, post home, canteen, Auxiliary, Sons, Riders, etc) and directions about how to transfer depending on how the posts wanted to handle it (based on their responses).

At the same time, our Creative Services Manager designed the back end of website specifically for this recruiting effort to be used as part of the email campaign. Due to Hurricane Dorian, our mailing was delayed a day, but still mailed 12,443 letters on September 5 for an estimated \$6,500. The email campaign was delayed until September 10 due to a few technical difficulties, but it went out to 8,075 of the members. The only cost to the email campaign is in employee time invested.

We have seen some attention to both the mailers and the emails; however, it is hard to gauge how successful this initial campaign will be. We need to stress that this was only the beginning. This campaign needs to be continuous and will eventually focus on previous year expired members as well as new joins. We will continually strive to build this organization and ask that you do the same. Please let's all focus on the fact that we do this for

those that dug in next to us. It's about them, not us.

District Commanders, I see in some of the reports that we are not recognizing the posts that are doing a great job. Well we need to start doing that. The 17th Dist. Commander has a real good letter he sends out every week that identifies those post that have exceeded their goals by a certain date. The THANK YOUS go a long way.

For the Adopt a highway program, please get in touch with your local county office and sign up for it. It brings awareness and eventually get the community involved in what you are doing. We are getting numerous charges being filed to us on theft. WE will NOT put up with anyone stealing from their organization and stealing from the veterans and kids. We will use everything within our Constitution and By Laws to get rid of and prosecute any involved in these acts. Everyone's Constitution and By Laws need to be updated with the recent changes that happened at National Convention. We have the team in place to assist you in that.

Thank you Warren Post for what you are doing and continue to do for this organization. I hope to see everyone at the Fall Conference and continue to learn

and watch myself and Gambler get our haircuts. Please send the money in for COTA now before the 2nd of November and I'm also enclosing a pledge list for COTA to make it easier.

Surround yourself by positive people and great things will happen soon.

**SERVICE HONOR SACRIFICE**

September will be a very busy month also as the Legion Family Cruise will be sailing on the 16th of September for five days. There are numerous District meetings going on and numerous events. I hope everyone saw the flyer for Curls for COTA. I'm sure myself and the 3rd Vice will be shaven on November 2nd at the fall conference on stage. I know you all are looking forward to that.

This has been such a great first two months and 10 more to go with a lot to do and very little time. Please have FUN out there and let me know if you have any special events going on as I would love to attend them.

Keep up the great work out there and will see you out there very soon. This was brought to you by the way of the National Convention in Indianapolis, IN.

**Tank Out**

*What the American Does for You in One Year*

**Jerry Brandt, 1st Vice Commander**

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Comrades, I hope this article finds everyone safe and sound after Hurricane Dorian. As these articles are being put together, our prayers are out to everyone in Florida.

As for membership, we are starting out as a good year so far. Zone 1, which consists of 6th, 12th, 9th, 11th and 14th District is currently going strong. As of August 30th, we are up over 2500 renewals from last year. But we still have a long way to

go to make this Department 100%. One of the ways to do this is by DMS. We have over 12,000 members in our regular Post 400 and an additional 15,000 will be added as this year proceeds. A letter was sent to each Post. Commanders, read this letter, it give you options if you want these members.

As you know, many of our Legionnaires returned from the American Legion National Convention, with great news. We all have heard about the Legion Act, in which our Brothers and Sisters served but was not consider a war era, even though 1,600 of those non-war era comrades died in combat. The Legion Act allows all Veterans who honorable served since 1941,

to have access to the VA system. This gives us approximately 4 million veterans, eligible for the American Legion.

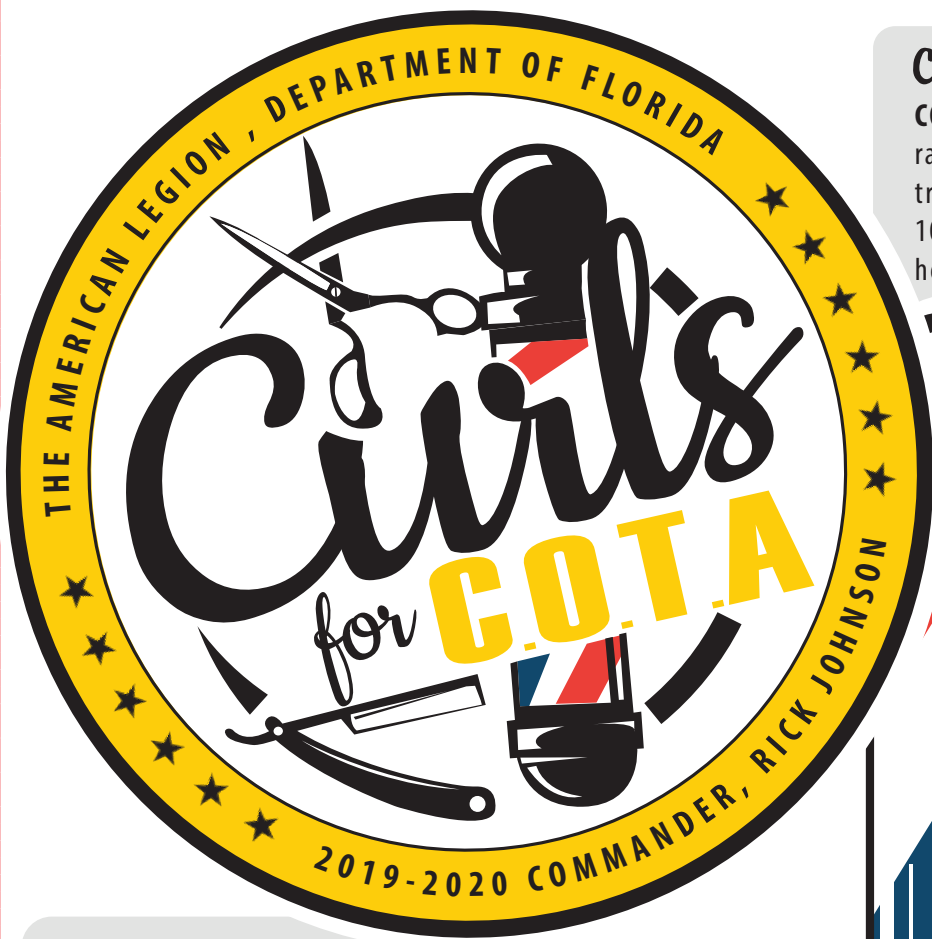
You may have heard about the Blue Water Act, which gave our Vietnam Veterans, who served outside the coastal waters of Vietnam, that may have been exposed to Agent Orange, access to treatment in the VA System.

But did you know:

1. About the return of the 55 MIA's caskets from North Korea, which contain body parts from over 200 service members!
2. Did you know we (The American

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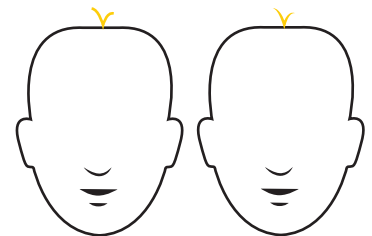


### Commander's Charity

COTA is an organization solely dedicated to raising life-saving dollars for transplant-needy children and young adults. 100% of each contribution made to COTA helps meet transplant-related expenses.

COTA's services are free to families, and gifts to COTA are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

**\$35,000**



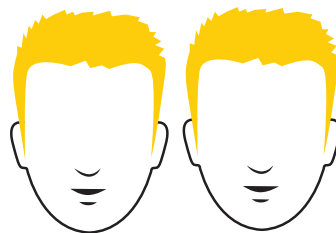
TANK AND GAMBLER  
GO BALD

**\$25,000**



GAMBLER  
CUTS THE PONY

**\$30,000**



TANK AND GAMBLER  
GET CREW CUTS

Department Commander Rick "Tank" Johnson and 3rd Vice Commander Michael "Gambler" Raymond are committed to raising a minimum of \$35,000 for COTA by November 2, 2019.

Gambler has pledged to **cut off his pony-tail** if the goal of \$25,000 is met.

Tank and Gambler, will get **crew cuts** if a goal of \$30,000 is met.

Tank and Gambler, will **shave it all off** if a goal of \$35,000 or more is met.

**BONUS:** COTA kids will be their barbers!

It all goes down at Department Fall Conference, General Session, Saturday November 2, 2019 at the SeaWorld Renaissance in Orlando.

**MEET THE  
GOAL BY  
NOVEMBER 2ND**



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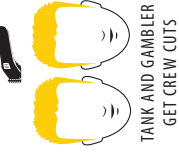
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### CURLS FOR C.O.T.A. PLEDGE

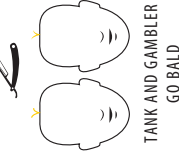
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**BONUS: COTA kids will be their barbers!**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

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**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING COTA!**

Checks made payable to **The American Legion, Dept of Florida**, with **COTA** in the memo, be sure to **include form**. Deliver in person at Dept Headquarters or Fall Conference or mail to PO Box 547859; Orlando, FL 32810. **All sheets and pledges must be in hand by Friday, November 1, 2019.**

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Legion) is working with Vietnam to find our MIA's from Vietnam?

3. Did you know that The American Legion, petitioned Congress to NOT CHANGE the POW/MIA flag, a flag created by a POW/MIA wife, here in Florida?
4. Did you know about the Bladensburg Memorial Cross, a cross built in 1924

to honor the WWI Veterans who lost their lives in WWI from Orange County Maryland, but was being petitioned by a civil-liberty group to be torn down?

- This when to the Supreme Court and the court ruled 7 to 2, IN FLAVOR of the American Legion, to keep the Cross up?
5. Did you know about the VA Mission Act, passed by Congress? This act, sponsored by the American Legion, is designed

to make our VA accountable for our Veterans, since this bill passed, 7,000 VA employees have been fired for negligence.

When asked, what does the American Legion do for me? Now you have a reply, this is only 1 year's worth of "What We Have Done".

*Go Get that Membership!*

**Eunice Butts, 2nd Vice Commander**  
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Greetings. I hope that this article finds you doing well. Special thanks to all posts that made their 50% or better in membership in September. Now we hope that you can make the October goal of

55% or better.

I attended and participated in Post 5's Boys State Ceremony. It was outstanding with several dignitaries and congressmen in attendance. I also attended 15th and 13th district meetings, and the committal and memorial service for Comrade Addis. His wife thanks everyone for all of your prayers and well wishes.

I encourage everyone to do the membership rally and take advantage of the 400's. You have been given a wide-open season to get membership. Why not take advantage of it. You have help

from The Department, Area Commanders, District Commanders and officers of your post. I will even help because I have no problem helping others. I will only ask you to do what I can or will do. That is called teamwork.

Remember, keep the community aware of your accomplishments and your upcoming activities.

Wishing everyone a great Halloween. Get those books to the children.

*Let's get it out there!*

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Another very busy month with the 2019 National Legacy run in the books, my 6th! We collected close to one million dollars and hope to surpass that amount in the coming weeks. Commander Rick, his

tank and our Historian, Ed Lewis joined us on the ride, and he is sharing a lot of the great memories with his awesome photographic skills. A lot of great

information was given to us at the National Convention in Indianapolis.

All the positive changes from the Legion Act and changes with the Auxiliary rules will give us that added push we need to achieve our membership goals set by National this year. Normally this is the time we slow down a bit especially down in the south until the snowbirds return. But now is not the time to slow down. We must stay active, use the DMS system and stay on the phones. Utilize our programs to get the word out to the thousands of Veterans who don't know what we do and what we stand for.

Our "Curls for COTA" challenge is picking up speed and I'm pretty sure there will

be haircuts coming for myself and Commander Rick. Big thanks to Squadron 103 for their \$500.00 donation and challenge. Sonny and the Riders chapters in the 1st District will be doing their best to see chopped off hair on the stage in November. Something that seems to be slowly catching on is the Commanders "Adopt A Highway" program. Post 402 has already signed up and their sign has been planted in their area. Kudos to Jim Bowers and the folks up there. We are about to embark on our annual Florida Legion cruise in a few days, so we'll be out of touch for about a week. But we will be back, and we definitely will not slow down. You have my word on it!

**GET NOTIFIED OF CHANGES AND NEWS WHILE ATTENDING FALL CONFERENCE**

**Sign up** for **TEXT ALERTS.**



**TEXT FLCONF**  
 to **662-200-4303**



*Veteran Suicide*

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In 2017, the VA reported that the suicide rate among 18 to 24-year-old male Iraq and Afghanistan veterans has risen nearly fivefold, to an all-time high of 124 per 100,000 – 10 times the national average. The suicide rate of 18 to 29 – year-old female veterans has doubled.

In the past, bias and stigma against mental injury prevented accurate data collection, research and treatment. Accurate numbers may also have been hard to determine after previous wars due to classifications of suicide as deaths by motor vehicles, poisoning, drowning or other accidents. High suicide rates among veterans are

not a recent phenomenon. In 1922, The American Legion declared the “worst casualties of the world war are just appearing” as high rates of veteran suicide were gaining national notice four years after the armistice that ended World War I. Similarly, high rates of suicide emerged after later U.S. wars.

Multiple factors feed into four primary causes of veteran suicides:

- Post-traumatic stress disorder;
- Traumatic brain injury;
- Loss of a sense of purpose; and
- Loss of a sense of belonging

In 2018, The American Legion published a white-paper report on veteran suicide that examines recent trends and their potential causes, recommending steps to address the crisis.

The American Legion continues to be deeply concerned with high numbers of veterans who die by suicide and those who

return from war suffering from TBI and PTSD.

**WHAT CAN CONGRESS DO?**

- Urge the DoD and VA to implement an automatic flagging system to alert providers of potentially fatal prescription drug combinations.
- Provide VA the necessary funding for complementary and alternative therapies for treating TBI, PTSD and other mental health conditions.
- Improve VA’s hiring process for mental health providers.
- Increase Funding for DoD and VA suicide-prevention programs.

**HOW CAN I HELP?**

Contact you congressmen or congresswoman and let them know your concerns on what Congress should do for our fellow brothers and sisters.

*Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA)*

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The American Legion’s Temporary Financial Assistance Program (TFA) continues to provide for the basic needs

of minor children of eligible veterans through cash grants. As of September 4th, TFA has assisted 1,771 minor children of 3,247 veterans throughout the United States maintain shelter, utilities, food, and clothing with over \$1,110,388 in cash grants during 2019. TFA grants are made

possible by the support and financial generosity of Legion Family contributions and the American Legion Veterans and Children Foundation - a new name for the timeless, life-changing assistance of the American Legion Endowment Fund.

*Sergeant-at-Arms of the Year Nominations*

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I hope this finds all in good health and spirits. Now that most if not all Posts are installed, we can get back to supporting our posts and communities. At the Department Convention, there were only 4 nominations for Sergeant-at-Arms of

the year and 1 for District Sergeant-at-Arms of the year. I know that we have some outstanding post and district Sergeant-at-Arms in the state of Florida. You, Commanders, need to recognize your staff for the great jobs that they do for you and your post or district. It does not cost any money, just a few minutes of your time. They deserve to be recognized for their time and hard work. I will post the

nomination forms at a later date. Please acknowledge them. There will be a training class at the Fall Conference on Friday afternoon, so please check out the agenda on the Department website for time and place. Fall Conference will be November 1-3 in Orlando. Hope to see you there. If you have any question or comments email me at [jagucane@aol.com](mailto:jagucane@aol.com).

*Columbus Day & History of the Pledge of Allegiance*

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October 14th we will celebrate Columbus Day. Some interesting history to consider;

Christopher Columbus (31 October 1451 – 20 May 1506) was an Italian explorer, navigator, and colonist who completed four voyages across the Atlantic Ocean under the auspices of the Catholic Monarchs of Castile and Aragon. He led

the first European expeditions to the Caribbean, Central America, and South America, initiating the permanent European colonization of the Americas. Columbus discovered a viable sailing

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route to the Americas, opening of the Americas for conquest and settlement by Europeans.

The first Columbus Day celebration took place in 1792, when New York to commemorate the historic landing's 300th anniversary. Taking pride in Columbus' birthplace and faith, Italian and Catholic communities in various parts of the country began organizing annual religious ceremonies and parades in his honor.

In 1892, President Benjamin Harrison issued a proclamation encouraging Americans to mark the 400th anniversary of Columbus' voyage with patriotic festivities, to honor the discoverer and their appreciation of the great achievements of the four completed

centuries of American life."

In 1937, President Franklin D. Roosevelt proclaimed Columbus Day a national holiday, largely as a result of intense lobbying by the Knights of Columbus, an influential Catholic fraternal organization. The Pledge of Allegiance is not a verse composed by the Founding Fathers of our republic. It was written especially for children; in the summer of 1892 to commemorate that year's celebration of Columbus Day in public schools throughout the country. The pledge first appeared in print on September 8, 1892, in *The Youth's Companion*, an educational publication. In its original form, it read: "I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands -- one nation indivisible-- with liberty and justice for all."

Its author was Francis Bellamy, an assistant

editor of *The Youth's Companion*, who intended it for a one-time recitation. But its immediate popularity transformed it first into an annual Columbus Day tradition and then into a daily classroom ritual. It became one of the earliest verses memorized by students. Since its debut, Bellamy's pledge has undergone two major alterations. In 1923, the National Flag Conference of The American Legion replaced the somewhat ambiguously personal "my Flag" wording with the more explicitly patriotic "the Flag of the United States of America." And in 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill that added the words "Under God."

It is important that we remember and share our history, For God and Country! God Bless!

*Post Audits - Keeping Your Post Finances Secure*

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*The American Legion, Internal Affairs Division makes the following recommendations and I felt this was an important area to cover based on the many questions we receive and the larger than usual number of charges of a*

*financial nature from many Florida Posts and Districts.*

The financial viability of your American Legion Post is an important platform underlying our ability to serve our American Legion Family members, our communities and our Veterans with the many programs our posts are known for, and a key factor in maintaining the financial health of the post is the periodic audit.

The bylaws and constitutions of most posts require that the books and related records

be subject to periodic audits; and that an audit take place whenever responsibility for the post's finances is handed off to a new team. The post Executive Committee has a fiduciary responsibility and duty to the membership to manage the post finances appropriately, and regular audits are part of that responsibility.

When hearing the word "audit," some often think that "something must be wrong," or "someone suspects wrongdoing," when in reality, an audit is simply good practice to make sure that some basic rules and procedures are in place, and that the post's finances are being handled according to those rules and procedures. An audit is a key safeguard of the post's finances, and also can serve as a planning and budgeting tool for the future. The audit report provides transparency and helps the Post ensure that proper controls are in place to protect the members, the responsible officers and the Post.

Rather than view an audit as an arduous and unwelcome procedure, post officers should look at it as a yearly check-up of the post's financial health. In thinking about

audits, there are a few important points your post leadership should consider: The audit is a tool to give both post leadership and members confidence that the financial "house is in order."

The post audit is a **detailed review of the financial records**; it is NOT a formal, legal certification of the finances that major corporations are required to prepare and publish. This type of audit is not necessary and is not relevant for Post finances.

Posts may choose to appoint an Audit Committee to conduct the annual audit. This committee should be made up of three to five members who have had no involvement in the financial matters of the post, and who do not have access to the post checkbook or bank account. If an audit committee is appointed, its duties and responsibilities should be clearly set out, and those appointed should ensure that they have the time and capability to serve on the Committee. It is the responsibility of the post judge advocate to chair the audit committee and give a final report to the executive committee.

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Posts may also choose to hire an individual C.P.A. or local C.P.A. firm to conduct the audit review. Although fees will be charged when hiring an outside professional, the C.P.A. is likely to have insights and ideas that may help the Post to enhance financial controls and make future record-keeping easier.

Know where your financial records are; who has them, and whether they are kept electronically and/or in hard copy, or both. Make sure there is always a way to obtain copies, if necessary, through the financial institution or through backup copies. The

documents typically needed for the audit review include:

- Bank statements,
- Reconciliations to bank statements,
- Check register,
- Any list of transactions (manual or from a system such as QuickBooks) that supports checks written,
- Reimbursement requests and check requests, with back-up receipts/invoices,
- Monthly financial reports published to members and Post leadership,
- Approved minutes of meetings approving expenditures, and
- Any IRS filings

Establish a standard time period for the audit each year; for posts this could be the calendar year or the operating year that encompasses the annual term of the Post officers.

In summary, audits are nothing to fear and are a tool for sound financial management of your post and its programs. As officers, we owe it to our members to ensure the Post monies are secure!



*Northern Area Membership Rally & Training*

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Congratulations to Post 166 for being the First Post in the Northern Area to reach 100%, and to all the Posts of the Northern Area that have reached or exceeded their 55% goal. The next membership goal is 65% before 06 Nov 2019.

On 19 October, there will be a Northern Area Meeting & Membership Rally at Post 57, Lake City. Registration is at

0900. Enjoy coffee and donuts, courtesy of Post 57. Commanders ensure you bring your Adjutants, Membership Teams of 2-5 Legionnaires, plus any other Legionnaires that want to learn.

The 3rd, 4th, 5th & 17th District Officers will be in attendance for the Training with the Post Commanders and their Membership Teams of the Northern Area. By joining together for this Membership Rally, we can support and learn from each other and we can have a Unified Northern Area once again! PLEASE ATTEND!

Training will be on MyLegion, DMS, Posts 400 & 208, and how to transfer these Legionnaires into your Post, so they can count towards your new (higher)

membership goals. This will also include how to process those members who did not renew in 2019, yet who want to renew for 2020. Bring your cell phones & chargers!!

SAL Squadron 57 is having an Octoberfest the same day, so lunch will be available for a nominal fee.

As this is October, please remember the Halloween Safety Coloring Books and watch out for those who are trick-or-treating.

Remember to make your reservations for Fall Conference, at Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld.

*News from the Southern Area*

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After a great and informative time at the National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana we flew back home. We were greeted by Dorian a category 5 hurricane heading straight for the Southern Area. Districts 11th, 9th and most of the 14th District Posts had battened down and readied for a direct hit. Thank God

the storm stopped its forward movement west, and shifted north just skirting the Southern Areas coastline. All the posts in the Southern Area were spared damage and flooding. There are posts collecting goods to aid and assist in the recovery efforts here in the States, and in the Bahamas.

We are in the season of tropical waves developing in the Gulf, Lesser Antilles, and with regularity, off the coast of Africa. Stay vigilant, stay prepared, and keep your escape plan intact. Here in South Florida the temperature in the summer months are in the upper 90's. Do not leave your

groceries in the car they will melt, or spoil. Do not take a nap in the car, even if it is in the shade. Do not leave your pets and for God sakes do not leave your children or grandchildren in the car. There are too many deaths attributed to this. Always check your car's front and back seats to insure this does not happen.

We still have a hand full of posts that are scheduled for installations. New post commanders, adjutants, and other post officers are now in charge. Congratulation, it's time to roll up your sleeves and get

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*The American Legion*



# NORTHERN AREA MEMBERSHIP RALLY

**Saturday, October 19, 2019**

**9AM Registration - 10AM Start**

**Where: American Legion Post #57**

**Lake City**

**GENERAL  
QUARTERS!**

**MAN YOUR  
BATTLE  
STATIONS!**

**AM - Coffee - Donuts**

**Lunch by SAL Squadron #57 for a nominal fee**

**What:** Consists of detailed Membership training in

## **RECRUIT-RENEWAL-RETENTION**

**Each Post Commander Bring your Membership Team and other Legionnaires. Bring your Cell Phones, Chargers, pen & paper**

**More INFO: Contact your District CDR**

**“SERVICE—HONOR—SACRIFICE”**

*Southern Area Commander - Continued from page 8*

to work. If any post officer needs help or is not sure of what to do in your new positions, call your District Commanders and ask for training.

I want to congratulate Post 142 for a stellar 100 birthday celebration. They had an

opening ceremony with dignitaries of the county, town, fire and police departments. There were many games and activities. The post had a dinner with great food and entertainment.

On the 14th of Sept. Post 268 of Riviera Beach hosted the District 11 meeting and training, and in the afternoon Post 268 had

their 100th birthday party and benefit for one of their own, Rider Pepe. They also had great food and entertainment.

I want to thank Post 92 of Hollywood for hosting the District 9 meeting and training.

We are working on scheduling District 14 training in the Keys and in the Miami area.

**Western Area Membership**

**John Edens, Western Area Commander**  
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I attended Western Area's 1st and 2nd District's first DISTRICT Meetings in the past 30 days. Both Districts had a record attendance at these meetings. I was extremely impressed with the professional manner in which these meetings were conducted and the

important critical information that was passed on to their Post Commanders and staff. I look forward to the District training sessions this fall.

Most of our 33 Posts reached their 50% membership goal this month. If you remember though, I said these temporary goals are nice but we need to go well beyond those goals this year and work on our personal goals of 120 – 150% goals this year. The American Legion is getting smaller every year and we need to show the other states that we intend on doing

our part to get membership back up like they did it 100 years ago....get every member to try to recruit at least one new member...it can be done with a little effort and dedication!

I look forward to visiting all the Western Area Posts again in October and November, and I will have my Area Membership Chairman (Tony Hammerling) with me most of the time to help each Post with ways to drastically increase our membership numbers this year. Thanks for everyone's hard work.

**ALR in your Community & Upcoming Rides**

**Jim Wineland, American Legion Riders**  
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As Riders we will do just about anything to keep those wheels rolling for the "Cause, not the Applause," here are a couple of examples.

Loran Lasseter, Southwestern Chair, sent me a flier containing information on the "13th Annual Manasota 9/11 Remembrance Run". The Ride was sponsored by First Responders and went from Bradenton to Sarasota Fl. which is about 13 miles.

First glance doesn't look like a big deal, but he had riders from Chapters 24, 312 and 325 out of his districts. The total number of bikes was approximately 300. Granted, they started at open restaurant and ended up at another, but the camaraderie and the exposure the Legion

receives is more than worth the trip. Job well done Loran.

In another part of Florida, the Riders in the Panhandle are joining a three-state MIA/POW unity ride. Not only are our members from the 1st & 2nd Districts participating, Wayne Schorr, the ALR Southern Chair, is traveling from the Homestead area to join in the three-state Unity Ride. Once again, this is what we do.

Another reason why this is so important is, guess what, that's right, membership. With the new Legion Act, it is so simple, yes even a Rider can do it. I say that because they also taught me the new member form. Now I must remember it.

Remember, if we want others to experience being part of the Legion Family, we must grow our membership. Please take a minute and sit down with your First Vice and have them show you how to use the new form, it's just a few entries and a DD-214, and you're done. I know when I wear a Legion or Rider shirt in public, and I'm by myself, I always get asked about

the Legion. Don't forget; there is another whole group to draw from that the new Act effects and they don't know about it. Get out there and have some fun, talk about your organization every chance you get.

Some dates to save for 2020: Summit will be at the same location from February 6th -8th. Here is the link to book your room, American Legion Riders - Book Your Discounted Rate Here! We are reviewing the agenda now and modifying it to include your ideas, as noted in the Summit Survey.

We are trying something new with the Unity Ride next year. We will have two rides scheduled at the same time, one coming out of the Panhandle and the other starting at Post 154 in Marathon. The meet and greet will be on April 26th at Post 154 in Marathon, and the Panhandle M&G is yet to be determined.

The actual Unity Ride will start on Monday,

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*American Legion Riders - Continued from page 10*

April 27th and end on May 1st followed by our Rally on Saturday in the Kissimmee area. Net proceeds will go to PVR as always, and the "Round Robin" will be extended to include May 2.

Don't miss it, "Coral-Head Music-Festival and their new concert this year in England Bros, Pinellas Park, November 2-3. Their events support Project Vet Relief. Make sure you get it on your calendar.

If you want to volunteer, call Rich at 305-942-9862.

Once again, Thank You for what you do, and I am proud to be the Chairman of such a great group!

*Pompeo: Americanism means recognizing America as 'an exceptional nation'*

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"To foster and perpetuate a 100-percent Americanism" is one of the missions stated in the Preamble to The American Legion Constitution. It also was the subject of

much of U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo's address to the organization's 101st National Convention on Aug. 27 in Indianapolis.

Pompeo – a U.S. Army veteran, former Central Intelligence Agency director and a member of Thomas Hopkins Post 4 in Wichita, Kan. – said Americanism starts internally and expands worldwide. "Americanism means recognizing that America is an exceptional nation," he said. "We're the first nation founded on an idea that government's proper purpose is to protect unalienable rights for each and every human being. And Americanism means our love of individual liberty and human dignity sets us apart. It's not that these principles are unique to us, but we've shown a singular determination and courage in realizing them.

"Americanism, in your founding and our founding, means pride in our recipe to create human flourishing – the rule of law, representative government, property rights. Things that we sometimes take for granted; as I travel around the world, I know that we should not. Americanism, too, means confidence in America's unique role in the world. I see that as

America's most senior diplomat. It's guided by our founders' vision. So I'm honored to come before an audience that isn't going to get squeamish when I tell you that Americanism is something we must be proud of each and every day."

Pompeo said Americanism is at the center of U.S. foreign policy. "At its core, it means honoring principles and returning to a foreign policy that had the vision of our founders at its very center," he said. "George Washington had it right. He counseled us against 'inveterate antipathies against particular nations, and passionate attachments' to 'others.' He wanted us to look at the world dispassionately, for us to see it as it is, for what it really is."

Pompeo noted that the U.S. has helped mobilize 54 other countries to support the Venezuelan people as they seek to restore democracy and prosperity to their country, as well as supporting the Iranian people in their struggle under a "brutal" regime. "Americanism too means believing the right of people to choose their own leaders," Pompeo said. "Americanism means getting leadership right around the world."

Pompeo said the United States also has been successful in stopping international courts from prosecuting U.S. service members and bringing home dozens of Americans held hostage overseas. Pompeo referred to those actions as "taking care of our own," which he said also includes the administration securing the return of 55 boxes of the remains of U.S. service members from North Korea.

"I know the significance of this to you," Pompeo said. "And the Trump Administration is committed to making

sure every last American soldier buried on Korean soil comes home."

Turning his focus to Afghanistan, Pompeo said the U.S.'s longest war ever – 18-plus years – has helped transform Afghan society. "And we crushed Al-Qaeda," he said. "That was our mission. That we shall do, and that we shall continue to do. But the truth is, America has never sought a permanent military presence in Afghanistan, and all sides recognize that time moves on.

"So for a year, and continuing today, we continue work to a clear-eyed engagement with all Afghans. We don't know how these efforts towards peace and reconciliation will end. But President Trump is committed to make sure that we get it right. His clear guidance to me and to my military colleagues is this: We want to get our folks home as fast and in as large numbers as we can, and we want to make sure that never again is terror struck on the United States from that soil."

Pompeo also praised the Legion for its help in starting and then continuing to support the Boys Scouts, for lobbying for creating of what become the Department of Veterans Affairs, for helping draft the original GI Bill and then pushing for updates to it, and for its advocacy on behalf of veterans.

"It's very simple: you have contributed mightily to proud American achievements. By doing so you, your organization, each of you as individuals, is a proud American achievement unto itself," Pompeo said.

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"In fact, America itself – the idea of America and her promise – is at the core of everything that you do. Keep supporting our veterans who come home – helping them with their career, their family, their education or health needs, and so much more in the ways that you always have, and I know you will. There

is, as we say in Kansas, 'no place like home.' Help them make sure they return properly ...

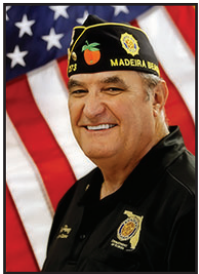
"And finally, and I suggested this early, every society, especially ours ... filled with so much greatness, it needs heroes. Tell young people your stories, and the stories of others who served alongside of you.

Because the only way ... that the next generation will be proud of Americanism is if we proudly teach it to them and we pass it along."

Reprint of Article  
By Steven B. Brooks  
AUG 27, 2019

*Starting a Blood Donor Program is Easy*

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My plan to enhance the Department Blood Donor Program is coming into place with OneBlood's cooperation and assistance. They will soon be reaching out to our Posts so that Commanders may

see how easy the Blood Donor Program is to start. I have not had much success with getting the information on who the chairpersons are at Post and District level so to make it easier please contact me with that information at [blooddonor@legionmail.org](mailto:blooddonor@legionmail.org) you can also call 727-412-5356 directly.

The other problem we have is reporting. If Posts use the monthly tally sheet to report what they do, the CPR becomes a much easier report to complete. The thing about the Blood Donor Program is the Blood

Drive list is exactly that. Those sheets are a direct input to the CPRs. It's just another thing about this program that makes it so easy. Monthly reports are due to me each month and can be sent directly or through your chain of command depending on what your District Commanders choose.

So here's how it works: 1) Agree to conduct Blood Drives at your Post when OneBlood contacts you. 2) Establish when you want to start the drives and they will have to be every other month after that because of the frequency allowed by OneBlood and your donors. 3) Distribute throughout your Post the material One Blood provides you prior to the blood draw. HINT: You do not have to have a breakfast or dinner to start a blood drive, simply a location for the Big Red Bus to park and receive your donors. 4) Give the person in charge of the bus the roster OneBlood provides for you when they send you the advertisement material. They fill it out with the names of the donors and the amount they donated and they will give it back to you at the end of the drive. That's it!! Tell me of another

program on the list for Post to have that is easier!!

We did a phenomenal job last year, we just got word that Florida won the National Blood Donor Award for Category I – Department with 100,000 or more members Post & Individual Participation. This is an amazing accomplishment! I want to thank everyone who did their part to contribute to last year's success and ask that you be just as diligent this year and get this easy to start and maintain and life-giving program the opportunity to save even more lives.

I thank you for your cooperation and look forward to seeing you at the Fall Conference in November. My number and email again are 727-412-5356 [blooddonor@legionmail.org](mailto:blooddonor@legionmail.org).



*Attention Post Judge Advocates*

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It has become evident that because of several changes in Judge Advocates the submittal of Constitution and By-Law changes has not occurred smoothly.

If your Post has submitted a revised Constitution and By-Laws and not had a response concerning your revisions, please e-mail a copy to Rachel Castleberry so we can get a handle on those that need to be worked on. Also, any Post that has not updated their Constitution and By-Laws in 3 years, needs to review the current documents for changes particularly to the use of Rules Governing Trials and the use of Roberts Rules of Order. If you find there are no changes needed, and your

membership agrees please send a letter to Department ATT: Rachel Castleberry stating your Constitution and By-Laws are ok as agreed by the Membership and please attached the Meeting minutes where they were approved and a copy of the current Posts Constitution and By-Laws . Thank you for your assistance.





# Department Baseball Chairman 2019-2020 Interest Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Post: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_ Area: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain your qualifications for Department Baseball Chairman (use separate sheet if necessary):

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Number of years as Post Baseball Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years as District Baseball Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years as Area Baseball Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years as Department Baseball Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Baseball experience outside of The American Legion: \_\_\_\_\_

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Other positions held at Post, District, Area, or Department level: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Finance Committee Reminders*

**John Dollinger, Finance**  
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1. Department will only reimburse those who are required to attend a meeting, provide a report during General Session and/or teach a class,

- and will only be reimbursed for 1/2 of the room expense for Fall Conferences and Annual Conventions for a maximum of three (3) days.
2. For those who are eligible to turn in expense reports, you must send them to Department in a timely manner,

they are due at Department on the 10th of the month after the expense is incurred. If they are not turned in by the 10th of the following month they (example: July expenses being turned after September 10) will not be paid.

*Florida American Legion College (FALC)*

**Tom Gora, Florida American Legion College**  
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**Calling all interested in becoming a GRADUATE OF THE FLORIDA AMERICAN LEGION COLLEGE!**

Commander Rick Johnson has scheduled **January**

**23-25, 2020** as the dates for the next college session. Any member of The American Legion Family wanting to learn are welcome to attend as long as they meet certain pre-application requirements, such as completing The

American Legion Basic Training course.

There will be announcements sent to all districts and posts, and applications will soon be on-line for completion. A couple of reminders: (1) applicants to FALC MUST first complete "The American Legion Basic Training Course: which is offered by The American Legion at no cost to you; and (2) there is a \$200 fee to attend FALC to offset lodging and dining expenses. The fee can be paid by a sponsoring post or the individual. Each graduate receives a diploma, an FALC Graduate challenge coin, and an FALC polo shirt. The Department also "keeps tabs" on this training by adding your name as an FALC graduate to a department training roster. Many FALC

graduates to go on to higher offices of responsibility at their post, district or the department based at least in part on what they learn through continuing education opportunities such as the FALC. Of course, along with all the learning we have some fun as well with after class socials and a nice graduation dinner and ceremony.

The FALC Committee is currently planning the session, watch for more information in next month's Legion Link. For now, mark the dates off on your calendar, January 23-25, 2020, make sure you have completed the Basic Training Course (in past 3 years), and get ready to go to college!

*Aftermath of September 11th*

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I hope you had a good September seeing that we all dodged the fury of Hurricane Dorian. I am sure the eighteenth anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attack on the World Trade Center in New York City was on the

minds and the hearts of our Legion Family. As I reflected on that horrific Terrorist Attack on our Nation the fact hit me that it has been eighteen years ago. Eighteen years that those victims have been gone. This past week All over social media was the question, "Do you remember where you were on September 11, 2001"? Do you remember where you were? I remember where I was. I was a County Deputy Sheriff assigned to the Courthouse. My partner

came in (while Court was in session) and whispered to the Judge that an Airplane had hit the World Trade Center. Me thinking it was a small plane (which sometimes happens) gave a little chuckle. Then when the 2nd plane struck we realized that we were under attack. Court was dismissed and the decision was made to evacuate. Because I was on the Department rifle squad I was stationed on the top of the Courthouse. We took it very seriously that we were under attack as I am sure all Americans did. The next several days were very stressful. This past week I did some research and found this information.

**As a result of the attack on the WTC:**

- 2977 persons perished
- Over 6000 were injured.
- 265 perished on the four planes.
- Most of those who perished were civilians
- There were 343 Firefighter and Paramedics
- 72 Law Enforcement Officers

- 55 Military personnel (at the Pentagon)
- 2605 were U.S. Citizens
- 372 were non-U.S. citizens
- Over 90 Countries lost people in the attack

In August 2013 the New York Medical Examiner's office added 1400 subsequent deaths of 1st responders to the list of Victims of the 9/11 attack due to health issues from toxic exposure.

All these first responders (LEOs, Firefighters, paramedics, Doctors, and Nurses) are an example to all of us. In times of disaster and peril we as Americans run to the danger not away from it.



*Better Today and Keep Growing for Tomorrow*

**Jim Ramos, Post Development**  
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How Can we (the Post members) Develop our Post to be Better today and **keep growing?**

- A. Develop ideas to increase membership
- B. Develop ideas and activities focused on the retention of the member
- C. Develop ideas to make teamwork within the Post members

**How to get the community involved with the Post?**

- A. Support and Develop a Public Relations campaigns
- B. Newsletters cash for ads from local business that support Veterans
- C. Welcome the community to your Post events
- D. Have a Welcoming committees all the time that your Post for members and other people and the Community

**How-to do-good Programs within your Post to keep members engage?**

- A. Develop Post activities to get members to come to the Post
- B. Develop Programs to get members to

volunteer and help out

- C. Create good Programs to your Post and the Community
- D. Remain open to ideas as they are presented from your Post members also ask them to help (volunteer)

District Commanders and Post Commanders please let me know if you have any questions. If you or your Post need some help, or you would like more information on something above you ready and would like some training on just let me know. Contact me at e-mail [PostDevelopment@legionmail.org](mailto:PostDevelopment@legionmail.org) or call me at 352-226-4370 I'm here to help you and your Post. Thanks, and Let's have a Great Year 2019-2020!

*The Good Old Post Newsletter*

**Tom Gora, Public Relations**  
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In last month's article we talked about some of the duties of a post public relations person, of which there are plenty, but obviously, none more important than basic communication. Don't forget that in public relations we communicate with different groups and sometimes the type of information you provide to groups may be different in presentation and explanation. The first group of people you want to communicate with are YOUR LEGION FAMILY POST MEMBERS, these are your post's internal customers. When addressing your members, they have interest in Legion programs, results of meetings and decisions made, social events, those types of things. Other groups such as the public are probably most interested in the monthly calendar of events; they may be interested in some of your dinners or things like bingo. With the rise of mass media and all these electronic devices, everyone seems to be straining their eyes looking at some type of screen now a days. **Don't forget the**

**good old-fashioned Post Newsletter!**

I remember my young days when possession of the church bulletin, bringing it home on Sunday for all to read was a big deal, almost the same as the Sunday news edition. The same is true for your Post Newsletter, people will take it home and they will share it with friends, neighbors, etc. It is a more effective way of drawing attention to your Post events and activities, much easier than giving someone a web or Facebook page to do their research. Grab their attention with an informative newsletter first, then they can do their on-line research and learn more about your post and The American Legion if interested.

What should a Post Newsletter contain? Your readers are the best source to identify what they need to know. Informative articles form all elements of The Legion Family talking about their meetings, program events and membership. Stories about what you're doing in the community such as your trips to the local VA or nursing home, etc. A good one-page activity calendar listing meetings, dinners, dances, bingo,

etc. Photos take room, so although you may have to limit the number, a good photo or two can say a lot! Try to keep the bottles and cans of beer out of the photos especially if wearing American Legion clothing. Provide contact information, and make sure that when you do that callers actually speak with a live person and not just leave a message on a machine. Check those messages, return those calls! Those calls may be from someone interested in membership.

**Public Relations Event Suggestion –** Conduct an American Legion Family open house event at your post this month. With the recent passing of The Legion Act, opening membership to more veterans, what better way to get the word out in your community other than an open house? The American Legion has many materials to make such an open house a successful information event, and I know you will make this a FUN event for those whom come as well! Make it informative and fun and you will pick up new members! Invite the local media to your open house!



# American Legion Department of Florida 11th District Annual Roast



**OCTOBER 26, 2019**

6:30p : Reception

7:00P: Dinner

7:45P: Program

Royal Palm Beach  
Cultural Center

151 Civic Center Way

Royal Palm Beach, FL.

33411

**RSVP NLT**

**October 21, 2019**



**Guest Of Honor— Past Department Commander**

**Jim Ramos 2015-2016**

**Current Position Post Development Chairman**

Dinner choice of Salmon or Chicken with Field of Green Salad, Roasted Potatoes, Sautéed Green Beans/Cherry Tomatoes

Dessert Commemorating our Guest Of Honor

*Music by D.J Veteran Matt CC.*

*Colors Presented by the Royal Palm Beach High School Color Guard*

**Tickets: \$25.00**

**Payment by Cash or Check or Credit Card**

**Make Checks Payable to: SAL SQ 47 (in notes put District Roast)**

**Mail to: 1309 Crestwood Blvd. Lake Worth, FL 33460**

**Credit Card Payments by phone to Johnny Castro:**

**561-290-9980**





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## PROJECT: VETRELIEF

### UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS

All of our financial support comes from the generosity of individuals and corporations who believe in what we do. Join us at one of our next events, or hold your own fundraiser. Please contact 407-295-2631 or [jcooper@floridalegion.org](mailto:jcooper@floridalegion.org) for more information.

**OCT 19**

Coral Head Blues Fest  
Marathon, FL

**NOV 2**

PVR Advocate Training  
Orlando, FL

**NOV 2**

Coral Head Music Fest  
Pinellas Park, FL

**NOV 16**

Post 63's 3rd Annual  
Challenge 22 Ruck Walk  
Winter Garden, FL

### YOUR EVENT HERE

Planning a fundraising event?  
We want to promote it! Tell us  
all about it.



## 2019 FALL CONFERENCE DETAILS

The American Legion, Department of Florida Fall Conference is just around the corner. The event will be held next month from November 1-3, 2019 at the Renaissance at Sea World in Orlando, FL.

**There will only be one training** opportunity again this year. Be sure to visit the link below to reserve your seat today!

### VETRELIEF ADVOCATE TRAINING:

**Saturday, November 2nd**

**Time: 2:15 – 4:00 PM\***

**Room: Palini**

**Registration link:** <https://www.projectvetrelief.org/classregistration/>

The PROJECT: VetRelief Team will also have a table in the vendor area. Please stop by to see Michael Beaven and introduce yourself to our new PVR Team Member, Cristina Hakim-Rosario. You can collect any materials to take back with you to your Post or ask any questions you might have.

**Calling all trained Advocates** - We will be holding a special event for all trained VetRelief Advocates. If you are interested in learning more information on this event, and have already taken our training course, please contact Jennifer Cooper, by emailing [jcooper@floridalegion.org](mailto:jcooper@floridalegion.org), for the details.

We are looking forward to seeing each and every one of you there!

*\*Times and room locations are subject to change.*

## THE RESULTS ARE IN...

The **6th Annual PROJECT: VetRelief Golf Tournament** was held on Monday, September 23rd at the beautiful Bella Collina Golf Course in Monteverde, FL. At approximately 8:30AM, after attendees stood at attention for the Pledge of Allegiance, the shotgun went off sending approximately 124 golfers on their way.

PVR Board Vice-President, Bob James, hosted corporate partners, vendors and friends to a fun filled day of golf. He set a lofty goal to work towards for this year's event. He was able to meet his goal, and provide a donation of a **record setting \$57,100** to PROJECT: VetRelief!

The following Legionnaires came to show their support by either playing golf or volunteering: Commander, Rick Johnson; Adjutant, Michael McDaniel; Americanism Chairman, Kurt Gies; VA Entitlement Chairman, Larry Roberts; and Michael Beaven.

Our appreciation goes out to all of the sponsors, players, and volunteers for their **continued** support of Florida's veterans!



**\$57,100 RAISED!!!**



**SUPPORT CASES**

*\*Numbers reflect PVR Cases ONLY*

JULY - AUG 2019

**23** families helped

**\$23,635.31** amount distributed

*ROTC/JROTC/SHOOTING SPORTS*

**Loretta Young, ROTC/JROTC/Shooting Sports**  
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Schools have been back in session for over a month and programs and events are underway.

One of the many avenues for our young cadets to pursue

is to enter one of the Military Service Academies. I have the pleasure of being on the Board for the 23rd Congressional District for over ten years and have seen many of our outstanding cadets admitted to one of the Academies. The Review Board meets for the interview process during the month of November for the following fall appointments.

The class of 2020 Appointments had 10 young people across the District get the opportunity to enter one of the Academies for this fall semester. The Academy Reception was held at the American Legion Cooper City Post 321 in May for the

Appointees and their families.

The process begins again in September with the Academy Day which was held at Western HS for all interested young people to get a chance to see a video of the life at the Air Force Academy, Coast Guard Academy, Merchant Marine, Naval Academy and West Point.

There are representatives from the Academy to ask questions and visiting Academy Cadets to get first hand accounts of "Academy life". The program was hosted at Western HS and the JROTC Color Guard lead the kickoff for the event. The Academy Day was very well attended and many thanks all who help make this a very interesting and informative experience for our youth.

For the 2018-2019 year the Department of Florida was one of three winning departments for ROTC. Let's keep up the great work!



*Academy Appointees*



*Western High School Color Guard Academy*

*SAL Anniversary & Halloween*

**Richard Smith, SAL Advisory**  
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I forgot to wish all of our Sons a happy 87th Anniversary last month. It was

during the convention September 12-15, 1932 that this great organization was formed. Now on to October. This begins the holiday season. Does your post get Halloween coloring books? Your squadron can assist in the paying and delivery of

the books during Halloween. Set up a haunted house and invite the community to enjoy a safe place for the little ghosts and goblins to play and get their candy. Fall conference will be upon us soon as well.

*Your Post's Involvement in Scouting*  
*Chartering vs. Supporting*

**Chuck Weber, Scouting**  
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There are two ways your Post can involve itself in Scouting. Which way you go will depend on the resources that your Post has to offer. You may decide to charter a Scout unit and that is a formal arrangement. You may decide to support a Scout unit, or local Scout Council or just local Scouts and that is an informal arrangement.

**Chartering**

When a Post charts a Scout Unit it engages with the local Scout Council in a formal, written agreement to provide and do certain things for the unit like giving a meeting place. On the other side of the agreement, the Scout Council agrees to provide leader training and admin support for units, background checks for leaders, camping opportunities, and support for the leaders of the unit.

**Supporting**

Posts that are unable to make the commitments required for chartering may still be involved by supporting Scouting. This is an informal arrangement and is always case by case for each involvement. There is no long term commitment necessary. A Post may:

- arrange for a Scout unit to use its facilities for meetings
- adopt a Scout unit and march with it in a Veterans Day parade
- involve a unit in a Flag Retirement ceremony
- contribute to the local Scout Council's

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NOTES

There will be a **Legion Scouting Roundtable at the Fall Conference**. It will be at 1 pm on Friday, Nov.1. Email [programs@floridalegion.org](mailto:programs@floridalegion.org) or [scouting@legoinmail.org](mailto:scouting@legoinmail.org) to sign up. Orientation for new Scouting Chairs, Q&A session, open discussion etc.

NOTE - There is a one-time opportunity to make it easier for your Post to start a Scout unit. Contact Scouting ([scouting@legionmail.org](mailto:scouting@legionmail.org)) or attend the Roundtable for more info.

- annual fund drive, Friends of Scouting (FOS)
- issue a Certificate of Accomplishment to all youth in the area attaining Eagle rank

Whichever direction the Post wishes to pursue, a simple telephone call to your local Scout Council will get you the information needed, your questions answered and on your way to your Scouting adventure.

Upcoming Events

**Fred Matthews - Special Events**  
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The 2019-2020 Legion is now in high gear! Events that were planned, in many cases months ago, are now about to or are taking place.

Take a look at the Department Calendar and make plans to support your fellow Legionnaires in their efforts at fundraising and raising awareness of Legion programs in support of Veterans, their families and the communities they serve.

If you have an event that you would like others around the Department to be aware of and attend, submit your event to the Department Adjutant for inclusion on the calendar.

Upcoming events to take note of are:

**The ALR Merry-Go-Round** Starting in October 1st.

**The Coral Head Music Festival** in Marathon, Florida in the 14th District, October 19th, November 2 and February 15th. Posts 104, 252,125, and 14 are listed as Affiliate Sponsors of this Super fun Fundraiser.

October 14th, the **Annual 5th District Picnic** at Post 137 in Jacksonville is always a great opportunity to network, relax and enjoy the pool at the Post.

Do you have an Open House planned after the parade on **Veterans Day**? You should. Take plenty of photos and submit them to your website and Social Media pages and let the community you serve know of your activities.

**Florida Legion College** dates are **January 23rd -25th, 2020. Check with Tom Gora for application information.**

3rd Vice Commander Raymond has been talking about it for months and its set for March 28,2020: **Welcome Home Veterans 2020**. Sponsored by Post 110 in Punta Gorda, this event will feature **Lee Greenwood** and is free to Veterans who register on the website [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org).

[WelcomeHomeVietnamVets2020.org](http://WelcomeHomeVietnamVets2020.org). Posters are available. **See Gambler at the Fall Conference.**

And keep an ear to your local news radio station and an eye on your local television station; We are working on TV and radio appearances for the Department Commander to inform the public and the veteran community about the issues facing them and the opportunities offered by the American Legion Department of Florida.

The Commander has begun his District visits. These visits are not just for Officers, but rather for the rank and file membership to get a chance to meet up close and personal with Department Leadership and relay those issues that are of concern to them. Check the Commander's Calendar for details.

And yes, the **Fall Conference** is an event. Primarily a training opportunity, book your hotel room now and plan on attending **1-3 November 2019**.

Special Olympics Volunteering & Donations

**Diane Schmidt, Special Olympics**  
[specialolympics@legionmail.org](mailto:specialolympics@legionmail.org)

What do surfing and cheerleading have in common? These events are unique because they only compete in Florida. How great is that? Competition is year-round in Florida with Special Olympics. Each County

has a schedule of competition. You just select a day that meets your schedule. Volunteering is fun and means a lot to the athletes. They need your encouragement.

Now on donations: S.A.L. #117, Palm Bay, just announced that they plan to "top" their last year's donation of \$15,000. I think they need some competition. Who wants

to take them on? We need to let Palm Bay know that they are not the only ones who care. Keep me posted. I want to hear from you. Department Special Olympics Chair, Diane Schmidt, 321-217 6699 or email me at [SpecialOlympics@legionmail.org](mailto:SpecialOlympics@legionmail.org)



*FHP / AMERICAN LEGION CADET PROGRAM*

**Bob Brewster, Youth Law Cadet**  
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We are very positive that this program will be reinstated this year and will be the best one yet. Tom Gora and I will be visiting in person with the top-ranking people in charge at

the Florida Highway Patrol. This meeting will take place during the last week of September. The dates will remain the same, the cost will remain the same, but the program will be the best ever.

We are now asking all Posts in the Department of Florida to take a hard look at this program. This is a great opportunity for the youth in your area to learn just what it takes to become a policeman. During the week that these kids are there, they

will meet some great leaders of the Florida Highway Patrol who will instruct them on what it takes to become a Highway Patrol officer.

In early October, we will see to it that every Post gets a brochure this year's program. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Gora at 904-583-4597 or myself at 904-272-1619.

*Enhanced VA Options under the MISSION Act*

**Larry Roberts - VA Entitlements**  
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Traveling the state, I have been hearing that the biggest problem is that; the veterans just are not aware of and understand their benefits that they may be entitled to. One of those benefits are:

Enhanced VA Options Under the MISSION Act:

Under the VA MISSION Act, VA will:

- Continue to provide you with an excellent health care experience
- Deliver the right care, at the right place
- Continue to offer care through telehealth in your home, in a VA facility, or in the community
- Provide more options for health care, including community care and urgent/walk-in care

**Six things you need to know about the MISSION Act**

**1. Health Care Eligibility**

VA provides a comprehensive medical benefits package to all Veterans who are enrolled through an annual patient enrollment system that categorizes Veterans based on different priority groups. Eligible Veterans can use VA health care services nationwide, including through mobile health clinics that serve rural areas and via telehealth (care through a phone or computer) in your home or on the go.

**2. Community Care Eligibility**

You may be able to receive care from a provider in your local community if you meet specific criteria. Generally, Veterans must be enrolled with VA to receive care, although some Veterans are not required to enroll to receive care. Eligibility further depends upon your individual health care needs or circumstances. It is important to remember that under the Veterans Community Care Program, in most instances VA must authorize your care before you receive it.

Under the MISSION Act, there are six different eligibility criteria for community care. Meeting any one of those criteria for the specific care you need means you are eligible to elect to receive that care either through direct VA care or a community provider in VA's network:

- The specific care you need is not provided by VA at any facility
- You reside in a U.S. state (AK, HI, or NH) or territory (Guam, American Samoa, Northern Mariana Islands, or U.S. Virgin Islands) that does not have a full-service VA medical facility
- "Grandfathered" eligibility based on residence and 40-mile eligibility criterion the Choice Program.
- The specific care you need is not available within designated access standards
- You and your referring clinician decide it is in your best medical interest to receive the specific care you need in the community

- VA has designated the VA medical service line delivering the specific care you need as not providing care that complies with VA's standards for quality

**3. Urgent/Walk-in care**

VA will offer an urgent/walk-in care benefit for minor injuries and illnesses, such as pink eye or ear infections. To be covered by this benefit, you must be enrolled in the VA health care system and have received care from VA within the 24-month prior seeking this care to be eligible for this benefit. Eligible Veterans can seek this care from an urgent care facility or walk-in retail health clinic that is part of VA's community provider network, but not all urgent care facilities or walk-in retail health clinics are in the VA's network. VA will provide additional information on this benefit.

**4. Copayments and Insurance**

Like other health care providers, VA may charge a copayment for health care. The copayment amount may be based on your enrollment priority group, the type of health care service you receive, and your financial situation. If a VA copayment applies, you are responsible for that amount whether your care is furnished directly by VA or through a community provider. VA may bill your health insurance for medical care, supplies, and prescriptions. As a result of the

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MISSION Act, VA no longer requires your permission to bill your health insurance carrier for health care related to a sensitive diagnosis. If you would like to submit a request restrict this process, please contact your local VA facility's privacy officer.

If you have other forms of health care coverage (such as Medicare, Medicaid, Tricare, Indian Health Services, and tribal health), you can use VA health care benefits along with these plans. To learn more, contact your local VA medical center or visit [www.missionact.va.gov](http://www.missionact.va.gov) and click:

VA Health Care and Other Insurance  
Indian Health Service/Tribal Health

Program (HIS/THP)

**5. Access Standards and Standards for Quality**

VA is establishing designated access standards based on the type of care you need, how long you have to wait to receive that care, and your average driving time to receive that care. We are also establishing standards for quality that focus on domains such as timely care, effective care, safe care, and Veteran – centered care. Within each of these domains are specific quality measures. VA is applying both access standards and standards for quality of care it furnishes in VA facilities and is working to ensure care in the community also meets applicable standards. As VA continues to

develop and refine these standards, we will provide additional information.

**6. Complaints and Appeals Process**

VA is committed to delivering an excellent care experience every time. We know that concerns arise, and we're here for you.

Patient advocates at your facility can assist with almost any problem you may experience. VA has different process for clinical and non-clinical appeals, and the patient advocate can ensure your concern is handled appropriately.

This information was from the Enhanced VA Options Under the MISSION Act: **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR VETERANS HAND OUT**

*VA&R News*

**Alan Cohen, VA&R**

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It is with a sense of pride that I can report that once again I had the honor to attend the American Legion National Convention as a representative of the Dept of Florida and member of the National VA&R Commission. Aside from presentations by officials from the VA, our committees put forth many resolutions aimed at the betterment of our fellow veterans. We were reminded by Dr. Paul Lawrence, Undersecretary for Veterans Benefits Administration that this is the 75th anniversary of the GI Bill, one of many signature achievements of the American Legion.

Steven Lieberman, Deputy Undersecretary for Health spoke at length about the MISSION Act, pointing out that one goal of this legislation is to optimize healthcare for veterans outside the VA system as well as within it, affording providers the ability to utilize telehealth conferencing.

With September being Suicide Prevention month, much discussion was and continues to be had. We are all in agreement that while veteran suicide is a national problem, we can address it quite effectively on our local levels. That said, I urge each of you that "if you see something, say something" is applicable here as well. While there's no one cause of veteran suicide we can all be aware of our fellow veterans and can recognize if one of us is in distress. Reach out.

With Fall Conference fast approaching I'd like to thank my counterpart in the Legion Auxiliary for her supporting project to supply comfort items to homeless women veterans. I have no doubt that units from all over the state will make substantial contributions to this cause.

In line with Fall Conference, registration is open for the 2-day Post Service Officer class, to be conducted Nov 1 and 2. You can find the registration form on the Dept website so don't wait 'til the last minute to sign up as seating is going to be somewhat limited. As a Post Service Officer, you'll play an important part in the lives of your fellow veterans.

*On the recruitment of women veterans*

**Deb Wheeler, Women Veterans**

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I sent you all prayers to all of you and best wishes from me to you. District meetings have begun and with the membership changes we all hope to increase our overall numbers. I plan to attend as many District meetings and events as possible to increase awareness of Women Veterans issues. Don't ever hesitate to call or email with anything pertaining to our sisters in

arms.

Lately I have noticed a larger number of female veterans requiring the Legion services especially the younger ones. Their issues are complicated - from claims, Vocational Rehab, divorce, child support, ptsd, mst, homelessness with or without family and or with children. All these situations are sensitive, and it takes a lot for any of our sisters to ask for help. Please have someone at each of your posts to

be somewhat available to listen and understand their problems. Women speak more comfortable talking to other women, that is just a fact. Some may not be too keen on meeting at your post, an alternative location maybe required.

Some may need money for utilities, gas, food, etc. each post should have some sort of policy in place because these issues cannot wait for a post meeting. If

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you like a few suggestions pulse email or call me. This will be addressed at my visits to your District meeting.

I am here to assist you at the post and District level for all veterans, but my field is Women Veterans!

*Programs Bulletin*

**Bekki Tibbs, Programs Director**

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Hello Area, District, and Post Program Chairmen. This October you can look forward to seeing the following program packets in your mailbox:

- Religious Emphasis
- Public Relations
- Social Media
- Special Olympics

The majority of the other program packets were sent out in September to those chairmen whose names were reported on the Post Chairman form. If your Post has not turned in that form and you'd like to participate in one of The American Legion's great programs, ask your Commander to complete it and send it in to Headquarters.

October is also Employment Awareness Month. Employment Chairman, please keep an eye out for those businesses in your local area that would fit the bill for the Employer of Older Worker, Employer of Veterans, and Employment Services Awards as the deadline to submit nominations to Department Headquarters

in December 19th. Florida's American Legion Riders chapters will be participating in 2019's Annual Merry-Go-Round throughout the month. Have a great ride ladies and gents and may your roads be smooth and traffic free.

Boys State Chairman can begin sending in their Post's Delegate Registration form and fees on October 1st. Registration for each Delegate is \$450.00 and the registration period ends January 8, 2020.

The Halloween coloring book is still on sale until October 15, but supplies are limited! If your Post is holding an event for the kids or looking for a nice hand out to trick or treaters head over to our Emblem Sales website (<https://www.floridalegionstore.org/>) or call Emily to place an order over the phone.

Finally, registration for Post Service Officer is still open. The registration form is on the Department website (<https://www.floridalegion.org/news-events/fall-conference/class-registration/>) and also in this month's edition of the Legion Link. Once completed send it in to the Programs Director by email, fax, or mail.

*Southern Membership Agenda*

**Ray Perez, Southern Membership**

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I am looking forward to working with the 6th, 7th, 9th, 11th, 12th, 15th and 16th Districts the rest of the year. I attended the 15th District Meeting on September 7th and discussed the Department Commander's priorities. I have also reached out by phone to the other District Commanders and have

offered assistance and training with Membership, the new transmittal system, DMS System and Adopt-a- Highway. Our priorities are the Posts that were at 85% and lower in June of 2019.

The rest of September is booked but we'll be starting right back up with meeting in October through December. Here's the key; don't wait until it's too late to ask for help. I have been asked by some District Commanders to target specific Posts. That's what we need to do and that's what we're here for, TRAINING AND ASSISTANCE.

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OCTOBER 2019	
1-31	Breast Cancer Awareness Month
1-31	National Disability Awareness Month
1-31	Employment Awareness Month
1-31	ALR Merry-Go-round
1	District 15 Visit - Post 389 ★
3	District 15 Visit - Post 99/186 ★
5	SO -Bowling - Orange
5	SO -Bowling - Polk
5	District 12 Picnic
5	SO -Special Event - Celebration
7	Operation Enduring Freedom
9	National Membership 55% Goal ★
12-13	Youth Education Committee ★
12	SO -Scarecrow Festival Fundraiser
12	District 7 Meeting
12	SO -Designer Bag Bingo
13	District 15/Post 111 Membership Rally
13	Veteran America Pageant
14	Columbus Day
14 - 17	Fall Meetings ★
15	Legion Link Articles Due
16	District 15 Visit - Post 167 ★
16	Boss's Day
16	Fall NEC Meetings ★
18	Halloween Coloring Book Deadline
18	SO -A Night of Champions
18	SO-Manatee Co. Halloween Dance
19	District 15 PDC & PDP Dinner
22-29	Medal of Honor Convention - Tampa
23	Beirut Bombing
25	Grenada Invasion
26	Day of the Deployed
26	11th District Annual Roast - Ramos
27	Navy Day
28	District 15 Visit - Post 148 ★
31	Halloween
1-3	Dept Fall Conference ★

★ - Commander Rick Johnson's Attendance Tentative.

★ - National Event

Events are subject to change. Additional details can be found at [www.floridalegion.org](http://www.floridalegion.org). We share the information we are provided, please contact Program, Area, District and Posts for additional details and events.

**ATTENTION 2019-2020 LEADERSHIP**  
We will take portraits at Fall Conference. Don't forget your 2019-2020 commander's polo. In the meantime, you can send in an unofficial photo in your commander's polo, if you would like to.



September 27, 2019 50% Target Report (Currently 53.22%)		
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4	Cherie Korn	56.64%
1	Lamar Carroll	55.51%
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11	Johnny Castro	54.15%
17	Hank Mangels	53.6%
15	Bruce Carl	53.25%
8	Skip Felicita	52.75%
16	Randall McNabb	52.40%
12	Chris Hamrick	52.39%
5	Troy Horsley	52.49%
7	Rick Orzechewski	51.40%
2	Roger Hewitt	51.25%
14	Gary Decker	47.07%
13	Brian Gehling	47.05%
3	Stuart Scott	45.98%
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To my fellow Legionnaires in Florida,

This is an exciting time for our American Legion. This year, we passed a milestone that very few organizations ever get to accomplish: a centennial. Although we have a truly remarkable history that no organization can match, I like to remember the title of an old song, “You Ain’t Seen Nothing Yet!”

Our first century demonstrated the power that a large group of veterans can have in shaping national policy and communities from coast-to-coast and even regions overseas. In the early years, these endeavors succeeded without the use of widespread air travel, universal telephones or even national highways.

As we enter our second century, think of what we can accomplish through the use of social media, telecommunications and technologies in store for us that we cannot even begin to fathom. The theme for my year is a foundation for the future. And the main ingredient in the foundation is our membership.

We fought for passage of the LEGION Act not as a membership tool but because of the millions of veterans who served honorably during periods not recognized by Congress. Approximately 1,600 brave men and women were killed or wounded during hostile operations that occurred during those periods from the end of World War II to the beginning of the Gulf War. They too earned the right to be called “Legionnaires.” We would be foolish not to welcome the estimated 4.2 million living veterans from those periods into our ranks. When you consider all of their relatives, our American Legion Family can grow exponentially.

Even as we build a foundation for the future, our founding pillars and values remain the same. In my own shorthand, I like to refer to these pillars as V-DAY – that’s Veterans, Defense, Americanism and Youth.

V-DAY is what you all do every day when members of your department volunteer at the local VA, advocate for the needs of our military, retire an unserviceable American flag, or sponsor a teenager in one of our great youth programs.

I know that your department will continue to explore ways in which The American Legion will continue to serve America by combining our traditional values with a foundation for the future. Have a great conference.

For God & Country,

James W. “Bill” Oxford  
National Commander





**The Village of Royal Palm Beach, the American Legion Department of Florida District 11, Post 367 and the Unit 367 Auxiliary Presents:**

# **Veterans Day 2019**

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- ◆ **Royal Pam Beach Community Band to perform**

## **Ceremony Begins 9:00am.**

Guests led by Uniformed Military Personnel from Cultural Center to Veterans Park for Dedication of Our Military Personnel.

- ◆ **Veterans Support organizations available at the event to assist our Veterans.**
- ◆ **Event held to help the American Legion continue their support of Veterans, their Families and the Community.**



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**Dept. Conference Registration Form 2019**

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**\*\* A post cannot send more than 3 Service Officers to attend the course due to the limited seating! \*\***

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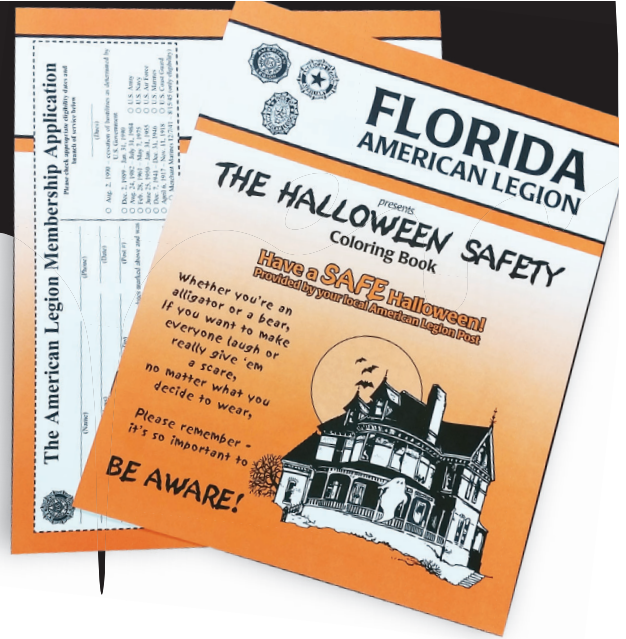
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