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## A Message from the Department Commander

### Jerry Brandt, Commander

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Comrades, it has been a long month with visits to Districts 4, 6, and 16, as well as a trip to Milwaukee to arrange the National Convention visit. We managed to visit nearly forty Posts, spent hours driving and flying, meetings with members, sharing experiences, seeing the real American legion at work with their programs. It was well worth it. Programs such as Boy State, Scouting, Law & Order, Firefighter, Color and Honor Guard, Veterans Outreach, Posts were involved. I witnessed awards ceremonies for EMTs, Firefighters, and Police. I was able to visit with the mayor and city counselors at many of these locations. All I can say is thank you. Thank you for making me proud of the service you do, every day. Thank you.

Thank you for stepping up on membership. As of the middle of February we were at 82.9% of our goal, in the middle of March, we are at 87.85%. A 5% increase within a month! Please keep up the good work. Department has 6,000 new Legionnaires, these Legionnaires are not transfers from a different department, previous members returning, or DMS, but first-time members within the Legion. Well done! Please keep reaching out to those who have not

renewed. Do your Buddy Checks, by far the best way to keep in touch with your members. Please, let us ensure that they are safe and cared for.

The Constitution and By-Laws, are in the hands of the DEC. The DEC has received a memorandum from National on what is expected within the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, they now have a copy of the proposed Constitution and By-Laws. The next step is to wait for the DEC Meeting on April 2nd to ensure the DEC is in agreement with the proposed changes, so that we can forward the Constitution and By-Laws to our Posts for final approval at the Convention.

The DEC meeting will be the first Spring meeting of the DEC in years, in fact, I have never attended one. However, just as with the Zoom calls this year, we are doing our best to re-establish communication within the Department of Florida.

Are you running for office? If you are, please plan ahead. Who is there to support you? Line up your Chairs now. As a Post Commander, you should have a list a mile long on those who will be assisting you with Boys State, Oratorical, and Children & Youth, just to name a few. As a District Commander, look outside of your Post for Chairs. Why? To bring the District Posts together for a great year.

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I am glad that many of the District Commanders are stepping up in their responsibilities. Some Districts are holding training on the End-Of-Year Reports, ensuring that Posts are reporting all that they do. Others are training their Post's incoming Officers, to help ensure that the Posts will have a better start next year with their new Officers. If your District Commander is not encouraging training, as them why not. Running a Post is not easy, and doing it correctly is even harder. Ask for the training.


I'd like to thank Districts 4, 5, and 16 for allowing me to visit with you. A special thanks to Commanders: John Bennet, Troy Horsley, Joe Marcheggiani, Daryl Bass, Bob Matheson, Bruce Carl, Chris Hamrick, Michael Raymond, and Eunice Butts for escorting me to the Posts in the Districts. The visits are always hospitable and informational.

With the Round Table discussions, as I earlier indicated, along with Vice Commanders,

Eunice Butts, Michael Raymond, and Chris Hamrick, we learned a lot, heard a lot, and were inspired by what you, at the Post Level are doing. Please, keep up the good work you do within the Community, for our Veterans and Children.


Awards, Awards, Awards, Now is the time to speak out and receive the Awards you deserve. Over the years Department receives fewer and fewer requests for Department Awards. Look under [Floridalegion.org/resources/Legion-Post-documents/programs](http://Floridalegion.org/resources/Legion-Post-documents/programs) for the listing of awards. Seventeen Awards, not counting, Post of the Year, Commander of the Year, Legionnaire of the Year, etc are up for grabs. Apply for them, You, Your Post, has EARNED them, put in the paperwork so you can receive them, you should have received an example package with this information available.

I hope to see all of you in my travels. After all, we are brothers and sisters, in War and in Peace.



## COMMANDER'S CHARITIES

PROJECT: VetRelief



5K

10K

15K

20K

25K

30K

35K

40K

45K

50K

Commander's Goal: \$50,000 (Current funds raised \$26,134.59)

### Prepare your Posts and Districts for Elections

**Eunice Butts, 1st Vice Commander**  
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Greetings Legionnaires. I'd like to extend a special thanks to District 6 Posts that were visited by our Department Commander and Vice Commanders. Your greetings to our

Department Commander were superb. Most of your Posts are over 100%. Thank you! Joe Marcheggiani, thank you for a well-organized visitation to Posts. I commend your knowledge of all your Posts. Let us continue to do our Buddy Checks and

check on the welfare of our members. Also, remember that April is Children & Youth Month.

It is time for nominations and preparations for your Posts and District elections. Remember, it is the membership that elects the officers for their individual Posts. Mentor the new officers and give them a helping hand when necessary. The membership controls the Posts, but if the membership does not help the new officers, the officer's hands are tied. Let us do our part to have the best Department there is. Don't forget to put in for end-of-year awards. Have a wonderful month.

### APRIL 2022

- 1-30 Children & Youth Month
- 1-30 Month of the Military Child
- 1-30 Military Saves Month
- 1-30 American Legion Riders Round Robin
- 1 Scholarships: Medical/Nursing Due
- 1 JSSP: 2nd Round Targets Due to CMP
- 1 April Fool's Day
- 2 District 13: Picnic
- 2 Post 152: Central Area Ride-In
- 2 Area Commander's Visit: Post 4
- 2 Post 316: The Military Child Table Setting
- 2 Area Commander's Visit: Post 4
- 4 Post 148: ALR Monthly Meeting
- 5 Gold Star Spouse's Day
- 6 Membership 95% Goal
- 6 Area Commander's Visit: Post 389
- 6 Area Commander's Visit: Post 389
- 7-9 Department Commander's Visit: District 8 ★
- 7 Area Commander's Visit: Post 335
- 7 Post 88: Bike Night
- 9 Northern Area Ball ★
- 9 Special Olympics Poke Run
- 9 Children & Youth Golf Tournament and Picnic ★
- 9 Hometown Heroes Ride
- 9 District 12: Meeting and Candidates Call
- 9 District 17: Meeting
- 10 District 5: Meeting
- 12 National Library Workers' Day
- 13 Baseball: Recruiting Maps Due
- 13 Thomas Jefferson Birthday
- 13 Membership Renewal Cut-Off
- 14 Air Force Reserve Birthday
- 15 Legion Link: Articles Due
- 15 Purple Up! For Military Kids Day
- 15 Tax Day
- 15 Department Headquarters Closed
- 15 Good Friday
- 16 Commander's & President's Homecoming ★
- 16 ALR Chapter 382: Fallen Warrior Ride
- 17 Easter
- 17 Post 81: ALR Monthly Meeting
- 17 ALR Chapter 27: Monthly Meeting
- 18 Department Commander's Visit: District 2 ★
- 20 End of Year Nominations Due
- 21 Area Commander's Visit: Post 152
- 21 Central Area Visit: Post 152
- 22 Scholarship Winners Announced
- 22 Earth Day
- 22-24 National: Oratorical Competition Finals ★
- 23 District 13: Challenge 22 Event
- 23 District 11: Meeting
- 24-30 Meet & Greet/ALR In-State Unity Ride/Rally
- 24 District 11: Meeting
- 27 Administrative Professionals Day
- 29 Arbor Day
- 30 Membership Renewal Date
- 30 Military Brats Day
- 30 District 14: DCC
- 30 District 9: DCC
- 30-4 National Spring Meetings ★

★ Commander Jerry Brandt'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.



THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA

# COMMANDER JERRY & PRESIDENT WANDA

Please join us as we celebrate the Homecoming

## SAT. APRIL 16, 2022

American Legion Post 57  
2602 SW Main Blvd  
Lake City, FL 32025

*Attire: Elegant Dress*

**COCKTAILS • 5PM**

**DINNER • 6PM**

Hotel: Legion Homecoming  
cutoff date April 1.

•Holiday Inn & Suites, Lake City \$129  
1-800-465-4329

•TRU by Hilton \$ 155  
1-386-259-6640

**PROCEEDS: MY WARRIOR PLACE &  
PROJECT:VET RELIEF**

### Chef Terry Menu

Roasted Prime Rib with au jus  
Tenderized & Hand Rolled Chicken Cordon  
Bleu

Entertainment by A1A

Name:

**Tickets: \$40.00 or 2/for  
\$75.00, cutoff date April 6.**

Number of Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail: Mary Ellen Bolin

10 Marsh Dr

Prime Rib \_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_

Jacksonville Beach, Fl 32250-2637

**We Cannot Take These Changes Lightly**

**Michael Raymond, 2nd Vice Commander**  
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This is the time of year when we should stop and think about how we want to shape our American Legion. So many changes can and probably will be happening in our Department this coming year regarding elections, rule changes, and the actual make-up of our operations. We cannot take these changes lightly. We must

diligently research the information and make educated decisions about our future. Believe me, these decisions will have far-reaching ramifications.

Your elections, for example, from Post level to Department, will not only affect this year but could, in effect last several years or more. My answer has and always will be . . . experience. We need individuals who can lead us into the future, who have experience, leadership, and people skills, and who respect their peers to ensure our success in the future.

The changes to our Constitution and Bylaws are now out for review. Again, we cannot take these changes lightly. Review and critique them carefully. The body must approve all changes. That is you and me. Once approved I'm sure they will be around for a long time.

Finally, what can I say? It's membership crunch time. Let's all make those calls and get these folks in to renew. It's up to us to achieve success. We can do it, one member at a time.

**Keeping It Real**

**Chris Hamrick, 3rd Vice Commander**  
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Hello Legionnaires, I want to start off by thanking those of you who offered your prayers and support to my family and me due to the loss of a loved one in our house. We're making our adjustments and moving forward. This kept me at home somewhat.

However, I'm back and was able to visit

District 4 with the Commander and attend the Department Oratorical Competition. Big Congrats to all candidates!

I'm noticing that issues are popping up internally at some Posts. A LOT of these issues are personality conflicts. This seems to happen every year around elections and nominations time. I refer to this as "Silly Season."

Remember . . . what our mission is. Remember . . . there's NO rank among us. Remember . . . our Preamble and maybe sit down and read it point by point and

understand it better.

And finally, Remember . . . that it is our members that we serve at our Post. Follow your Constitution and By-Laws and reach out to your District for assistance. Many things can be addressed at the Post and District levels instead of bypassing and contacting the Department first.

As always, I am here to serve. Let's use our channels. Let's finish our year strong and have FUN in the meantime. As I always say, "Keep it Real!"

**Operation Comfort Warriors**

**Dennis Boland, NEC**  
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Operation Comfort Warriors (OCW) is a program dedicated to meeting the needs of wounded, injured or ill men and women in military and veterans' hospitals, wounded warrior battalions and transition units, and individuals' transitioning back to their communities from these medical facilities. OCW provides comfort items and recreational experiences not usually supplied by the government, and helps assist wounded, injured, or ill veterans

transition from military to civilian life.

Operation Comfort Warriors donations have included loose-fitting sweatsuits for those suffering from burns, recreational outings to amusement parks, and sports equipment for adaptive therapy programs. OCW also provides larger items, such as ping pong tables, electronic dartboards, kayaks, and other items for use by wounded warriors.

Since 9/11, tens of thousands of U.S. troops have been injured, sickened, and hospitalized. From fitness equipment for troops recovering at Fort Jackson, S.C., to electronics for Marines at Camp Pendleton, Calif., and every place in between. OCW is

the American legion's way of thanking those who have defended our nation. The program is a major sponsor of the Cleveland Freedom Rows rowing team.

OCW is successful because of the many individuals, American Legion posts, American Legion Auxiliary units, and Sons of The American Legion Squadrons that have raised funds and donated to the program. Visit [Legion.org/ocw](http://Legion.org/ocw) for the latest OCW news.

You can donate online or by mailing a check to OCW, The American Legion, P.O. Box 361626, Indianapolis, IN 46236



**Let's be Proactive Together**

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Legionnaires,  
We have many challenges going on in our world today. Gas prices, food prices... wars, and rumors of wars. Yet God is still on the throne, and we have much to thank Him for! Continue to pray for

our leaders and those in harm's way. There is always power in prayer. The Bible says our prayers are so important to God that they are recorded..... That is very encouraging

and inspiring! Our end-of-year time for awards is approaching, so remember to acknowledge your Chaplain's service to your Post and community by submitting them for an award.

As part of our Challenge 22 efforts, I have been in contact with the American Association of Christian Counselors, and we are being offered a faith-based Mental Health Life Coach Certificate through Legion Church. It is about 45 hours of online training and the \$2,400 tuition has been waived, so the only cost is a \$54.00 admin fee. I already have several people from around the state enrolled in the program. If

you would like to know more please email me at [bwroberts@rocketmail.com](mailto:bwroberts@rocketmail.com) or call me at 863-661-9999.

Let's be proactive together in preserving "For God and Country" and let's be proactive together in reaching out to our communities and serving our veterans and their families. Let's be proactive together and go help somebody....

I am here for you, feel free to join and participate on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/floridalegionchaplains](http://www.facebook.com/floridalegionchaplains)

**Western Area**

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The Western Area has been very busy this past month. Districts 1 and 2 had their third District Meetings, the Department Commander visited District 1, and District, Area, and Department Oratorical competitions were held. All went very well. There was also, a large fire in Bay County, thankfully none of our Posts or Post

members received damage or were hurt. Thank you to those that helped.

The Western Area staff would like to thank Post 392 of District 1 for encouraging a student to participate in our District/Area/Department Oratorical competitions. Unfortunately, he did not win at Department, but we were very proud of him for making a patriotic effort. Next year, we need to work harder in both Districts to encourage more students to participate in this great program.

Lastly, MEMBERSHIP is still coming along in

both Districts. However, we need to keep recruiting renewals and new members. We are still striving for the 100% goal by April 30th in both Districts. As we have said many times if any Posts need extra help in callouts – just ask, and the District and Area staff will be there.

Thanks again for everyone's hard work and dedication to Legion's causes. Continue to stay safe and healthy. Remember that your and your family's health is always the first priority. For God and Country.

**Busy Month Ahead**

**Jim Wineland, American Legion Riders**  
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Sometimes, as hard as we may try to keep things on schedule, it will slip through your fingers. Well, that is what happened to the March Article. After the Summit, we began working on the Jacksonville Beach

/ Ocean Beaches Post 129's Challenge 22 event, and the article just didn't happen. So moving on to April's....

on the Summit. After reviewing your remarks on Survey Monkey, Beverly and I are pleased with your overall response. We have taken note of your suggestions and will try to make curriculum changes for next year. Thanks again for taking the time to fill out the survey.

WOW, April already and it is "Round Robin" month! It's going to be an exciting one. With everything going on, besides the Unity Ride and Rally, there are Area Balls, Poker Runs, Picnics, and other charity events all month long. This will give us plenty of opportunities to ride all month. Please ride safe, perform the proper safety briefings, and be your brother's keeper, so we can spend time with

both our families, Legion and our own.

Joe Marcheggiani, Bobby Greer, and Wayne Parrott will be out riding and double-checking all the routes of the Unity Ride. I understand he has had a lot of help from some of the local folks as well.

Sorry about all the hotel issues, but it is the sign of the times after Covid. When we were checking the hotels, they would not let us reserve a block of rooms and their flexibility on any kind of price breaks was gone. It was a real pain working with the hotels.

Thank you to those who submitted feedback

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Orange County Chopper, and Barracuda Harley, here we come. They have been great to work with and may have a big surprise on the ride in. Again, I cannot thank them enough, they have really bent over backward to make this a big event

Must give Joe Marcheggiani, our Road Captain, Assistant Chair, and Jeff Hawk our Event Coordinator a big "Hand" for all the dedication and work they have completed!

If you have any ideas, please share! Again, Thank You for all your Efforts!

Here is our tentative schedule for the balance of the year.

- **Round Robin**  
April 2022
- **Children & Youth Picnic**  
April 9, 2022, Post 1
- **Meet & Greet**  
April 24, 2022, Post 57

- **In-State Unity Ride**  
April 25 – 29, 2022
- **Rally**  
April 30, 2022

Beverly and I would like to thank each of you for the support we received! Thank You for what you do, and we are proud to be part of your Leadership Team for such an excellent group!

*"For the Clause. Not the Applause"*

**Coming Soon**

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A new Florida American Legion College application will be out soon. In the meantime, there is something you can do to prepare:

1. Complete Basic Training online through [Legion.org](http://Legion.org)
2. Read the Officers' Guide 2021, Adjutant Manual, and Membership Manual
3. Attend training at the Department Convention in June 2022
4. Read up on Resolutions
5. Watch training videos

Basic Training online, through Legion.org, is required before applying to attend Florida American Legion College. You must have completed Basic Training within two years of attending Florida American Legion College.

Be read you work hard for long hours; your day won't be finished until the homework and group assignments are done.

Topics will include: leadership and mentoring, critical thinking and problem solving, team building to set and accomplish goals developing, instructing, and supporting your District and Department level training platform, salesmanship and marketing, community network strategies, and more.

The fee is \$200 to apply to Florida American Legion College, and every application is checked and verified before you are eligible to attend. Make sure you include a valid mailing address, phone number, and email, so that we may contact you regarding your application. If you have not received an email from us within two weeks after your submission to the Department of Florida, please call me at (352) 226-4370 or email me at [deptlegioncollege@legionmail.org](mailto:deptlegioncollege@legionmail.org). I'll also gladly answer any questions you may have.



**Year-End Ceremonies**

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Final JSSP Team Round 1 Results are now in and posted on the National Website under results, which are linked to the CMP website. There were 4 Sporter Postal Team entries in Florida which

included: Sarasota Military Academy, Atlantic HS Rifle, Vanguard NJROTC, and Lake Howell HS.

There was only one entry from Florida for the Postal Precision Category, Sarasota

Military Academy. The State Team Champion was Sarasota Military Academy for both Sporter and Precision Categories. The overall Individual winner for the State of Florida in the Sporter Category was Emrie Fast-Clark, and the overall Individual winner for the Precision Category was Kendall Goebel.

Both winners are from Sarasota Military Academy, and National has presented them with the State Winner Certificates, which were to be presented by the sponsoring Post 266 in Sarasota. I want to thank all the posts that have sponsored the teams. May they have continued success as they proceed to the second-round qualifications, which will be completed by April 1st.



*Coral Glades Flag Retirement Ceremony*

The JROTC Program events have still not increased to the level before the school closures and hybrid operations during the past two years; however, they continue to move forward and increase in activities. I had

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the pleasure to attend the Flag Retirement Ceremony held by the cadets at the Coral Glades JROTC Program. Due to rain, it was held inside the school cafeteria and was very well attended by the students, families, and guests. The program was superbly organized and conducted by the cadets, and as their first time running the ceremony, it was outstanding. After the ceremony, we had the honor of being their guests for dinner, served by the cadets. Kudos to all the Cadet Staff and the students for doing an outstanding tribute that demonstrates our country's flag's

proper disposal.

The following two months of April and May will be when the Year-End Ceremonies will be conducted. All posts should be ordering the Year-End Medals for Military and Scholastic Excellence Awards, which are presented to the top graduating cadets of the Senior Instructors' choice. For the High School JROTC Program, a reminder that the only acceptable medal is the bronze to be worn on the uniform. The description and the regulations are stated on the website if there are any questions. Don't hesitate to

get in touch with your schools and do not wait for them to contact you, which might be until the last minute when National is backlogged with orders. Please also make an effort to attend these Award Ceremonies and make a personal presentation to the recipients. I'm always looking for participation from our Legionnaires, so please forward me any articles or photos of events that you may attend. Thanking you all in advance for your continued support of our youth programs and much success for the Year-End.

**Honor Your Law Enforcement**

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With everything going on in the World, I thought I would tell one of my funny war stories. Cops have millions of them. In 1982 I was a Deputy Sheriff of Flagler County. Flagler County

is located between St. Johns County (St. Augustine) and Volusia County (Daytona Beach). I was on Patrol during the day shift. Communications (like much of the shifts) was giving out multiple BOLOs (Be on the lookout), one being about a stolen white van from a Daytona Beach Nursing Home. I happened to be driving south on I-95 and saw a White Van headed Northbound at a high rate of speed. I drove through the median going North now on I-95, attempting to overtake the white van. As I pulled behind the white van, I notified

Radio Dispatch that I had the stolen White Van and would be making a traffic stop near the exit to Bunnell on I-95. Back in those days, backup was always far away, and we're all known for taking chances. During the day shift, none of us wore a bulletproof vest and at the time (by ourselves) went hands-on with suspects even when they were a lot bigger than us.

An interesting note: A survey was once made saying that Florida Law Enforcement Officers held the most Officers Killed in the line of duty because they were many times alone and too friendly.

Back to my story, I turned on my emergency light, and to my surprise, the van immediately pulled over. When our vehicles came to a stop, I jumped out of my patrol car like Adam-12 with my 357 unholstered and aimed at the van's driver's side door. I yelled, "Show me your hand and throw the keys out the window." I said, "Now open your door and step out of the van." At this time,

the driver and perpetrator of the stolen van yells out the window, "I can't!". I yelled back, "What in the hell do you mean you can't." He yelled back, "I don't have any legs."

It turns out that he was a patient living in a secure nursing home in Daytona Beach, and he in fact was a double amputee and had been having some mental issues. No charges were made.

Note: You know that turkey was driving that van using a cane to push the pedals and brake. Ha!

As many dangerous calls that dispatch your Police, Fire, Paramedic, many are so funny sometimes it's hard to hold it in. Honor them. Remember the last date to submit your Officers of the year to Bekki Tibbs is April 20, 2022

Thank you once again, Legionnaires.



**Continue Buddy Checks**

**Bruce Thurber, Eastern Membership**  
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Department Convention is fast approaching, so let's ensure that you have all your Membership Award information together and sent to Department as soon as possible. We want to ensure that you get the proper recognition, that you have earned.

The following National Awards applications are on the Department websites ([floridalegion.org](http://floridalegion.org)):

- Gold Brigade Recruiter
- Silver Brigade Recruiter
- Department Recruiter of the Year
- National Recruiter of the Year
- Pioneer Award
- 100% District Commander Pin

The Post and District Awards applications are also available at [floridalegion.org](http://floridalegion.org), under Resources, the Forms & Documents.

It's also time for one last revitalization effort in every District. The lists can be downloaded from [mylegion.org](http://mylegion.org) with phone numbers and emails to contact the members.

Although National Buddy Check week has come and gone, it's not too late to do your own. Do it as a Post, District, or Area.

1. Gather a team to call or personally visit current and former members of the American Legion. If each member of a team of 10, makes just ten calls to ten current/former Legionnaires, that is 100 veterans that can be reached in one sitting.
2. If you don't have a list of current/former members, visit [mylegion.org](http://mylegion.org) and download the names of current/expired members.
3. Save the file of current/expired members on a spreadsheet or copy and paste into a Word file to distribute among your team members.

4. Divide the call list among team members. Some may have personal connections with a current/former member and should make that buddy check.
5. Start calling from a quiet place inside the Post or from your home. Ask how the members are doing, if they need anything, and invite them to an event or activity.
6. Use the spreadsheet to record your calls and identify those who haven't been members since 2019 and renewed for 2021, so that you can give them the lost year if they had five years in 2019. For each former member who rejoins from those years, your Post may receive a \$5 reward.
7. If you are making it a group effort, where many team members are calling on a particular night or time, invite the local media to show The American Legion checking in on their buddies in the community.
8. Make sure you thank the member or former member at the beginning and at the end of your call.
9. If the former member wishes to renew, be sure to have your Post's payment procedure at your fingertips, the address to send a check, or offer to stop by in person to pick it up (another opportunity to connect).
10. Leave contact information if the member can't take the call or needs anything in the future.

More details at: <https://www.legion.org/membership/buddycheck>

Each of our Zone Commanders are highly experienced recruiters, pick their brains, they have been there. You also have your Department Revitalization Chair, Past Department Commanders, and Area/District Commanders to help. Another great resource we have is the American Legion Department of Florida Auxiliary, Detachment of Florida, and the American Legion Riders. Remember to get your posts out there in the community, especially involve younger veterans and their families.

April is Children & Youth Month PROMOTE YOUR ACTIVITIES! You should publicize your programs and activities. Have the mayor or another local official issue a proclamation declaring April as Children & Youth Month. The post commander should issue a news release proclaiming April as Children & Youth Month and list what the Post will be doing for its annual observance. Remember, programs supporting the children and youth of your community are news! Invite the news media to your activities and keep them informed.

**FOR SPECIAL TICKET OFFERS  
DURING DEPARTMENT  
CONVENTION**



**WALT DISNEY WORLD**

Visit  
<https://www.mydisneygroup.com/aldofac>



**MyLegion Access**

**Randy Holeyfield, Western Membership**  
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**Every member of The American Legion should have MyLegion access, not just chairs or officers.**

MyLegion issues have been at the top of everyone's list. We've all received frequent

phone calls and emails regarding issues with MyLegion. Mostly this year, the issues have mainly been related to accessibility. Typically, either the Post Command and/or Adjutant email addresses do not match National's last official listing. These emails are how the members gain access. Please make sure your listings are correct, and you are providing the correct information.

Did you know that only 0.479% of Americans serve in the military, and with that only 26% of Americans are eligible to join? Yep, those are the statistics.

**Talking numbers:**

The Department Commander, as well as myself, are encouraging posts to transfer DMS (Post 400's) members to local posts across the state because we do not want

them lost to attrition or discouragement from feeling unwanted and un-serviced. These members are already in "The American Legion" but need a home, your Home Post. These members have already taken the first step, and with a good portion of posts across the state who have missed their 100% Goal, this is a superb way to create an influx to your roster and attain your 100% before the end of the year in May. Plus make them feel like part of the " Legion Family" by inviting them to transfer. Why are posts skeptical to have them in your post, they are no different than someone you meet in a parking lot or the grocery store, verification of military character must be done for both types of veterans.

It's the last stretch of the 2022 year, we have had several programs to help boost membership like the DMS or getting members who have not renewed since 2020, where they can get their continuous year unbroken. To which, through their posts membership team have their membership paid for one year and gets it counted for 2020, 2021 & 2022. Just submit their renewal through Department on an MDF, noting the program of counting all those years as 2022, and keep their continuous years. Department and National have been on your side to not only expand The American

Legion but to maintain those members who are already in the Legion. Get with your Membership Team, and let's get some more work done in the last stretch of the year.

**Notification:** Blank cards will only be available for the next two (2) years. You say what? Yes, this is exactly the reason "Every member of The American Legion needs a MyLegion account" because, after these next two years, they will have to print their own card through their MyLegion access. On top of that, any new members are now assigned their membership ID number immediately, so they'll need to set up a MyLegion account and print their cards also. Well, what about members who are not computer literate? The Adjutant will have to set them up, even if at their post's computer for future accessibility. This further creates a need for the MyLegion personnel accounts, it's the way of the future, and is more harmonious or amicable.

I have traveled across the state this year, enjoying each and every post I've visited, as well as, District Meetings, Picnics, Area Balls, events or other special gatherings of veterans. Thank you for letting me serve as a Department Membership Chair this year, it has been an honor and a pleasure. Meeting veterans across this great state and doing whatever was in my power to help or serve.

**Scouting Awards**

**Chris Ragusa, Scouting**  
[scouting@legionmail.org](mailto:scouting@legionmail.org)



**Outstanding Post Scouting Program Award Nominations**

Up to three of these awards will be bestowed upon Department of Florida posts with the most involvement in the

Scouting program. Involvement can consist of both chartering BSA units, sponsoring the activities of BSA units, or both.

The nomination forms are due by May 11, 2022, and the form can be found on the Resource tab on the Scouting page

- <https://www.floridalegion.org/programs-services/scouting/resources/>. Besides the form, a narrative containing the details, any newspaper clippings, and photographs that profile the Scouting activities that your post has supported should be included. Send me an email at [scouting@legionmail.org](mailto:scouting@legionmail.org) if you would like examples of the narrative used by posts that have been documented in the past. The three posts will receive a Department of Florida plaque that acknowledges this achievement for display at the post.

**Department of Florida 2022 Eagle Scout of the Year**

Applicant nomination packets, also located in the Resource tab, were due at the

Department of Florida headquarters by March 1, 2022. A selection committee of three of our District Scouting Chairs is reviewing the packets and will use a rating scale to determine the worthiest. The winning Eagle Scout will receive a \$2,500 scholarship, with the runner up receiving a \$1,500 scholarship, third place a \$1,000 scholarship, and fourth place a \$500 scholarship. The winning Eagle Scout's packet will be forwarded to American Legion National Headquarters for consideration at the National level for an additional \$10,000 scholarship. The Department of Florida winner will be recognized at the Department Convention on Saturday, June 18, 2022, in Orlando.





## FLORIDA LEGION RIDERS... LOOKING TO SURPASS LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OF \$113,532 TO END VETERAN SUICIDE!

The Florida Legion Riders kicked off their month-long efforts to raise funds and awareness for PROJECT: VetRelief's Suicide Prevention Initiative. During this month, Chapters host rides, dinners, and other activities to earn points for the coveted District Trophy. The In-State Unity Ride and State Rally also take place: all of which the proceeds benefit PVR/SPI.

Each year, they set the bar higher and higher on the amount of support they provide our SPI program. However, the Legion Riders know their veteran community is counting on them and are always up for the challenge! **They brought in nearly \$115,000 last year, and want to raise more this year.**

### WAYS TO SUPPORT THE FLORIDA LEGION RIDERS:

► **Join the In-State Unity Ride** - The Ride will be split into two routes: Atlantic and Gulf. Both routes will start from Lake City, FL which will include a Meet & Greet on Sunday, April 24th, and officially begin the next day (April 25th). Riders will stop at American Legion Posts along the way collecting donations. During the last day, both routes will team up to ride together and end in Tampa, FL.

We hope everyone will sign up and we encourage you to create your fundraising page. **The more funds you raise to end veteran suicide the more COOL PRIZES you'll earn.**

► **Ride Virtually** - If you are unable to attend the actual ride, we have the Virtual Rider (\$5) option. You can ride at least 22 miles and post a photo on your social media account using #iRideforthe22. Virtual Riders will be eligible for the COOL PRIZES, too.

► **Make a Donation** - Can't join the event, but still want to contribute? You can make your donation in a variety of ways: on an individual's page, to an ALR Chapter that has created a Team page, or donate directly to the entire event efforts. However you choose to support, your generosity will be applied towards the joint cause of ending veteran suicide!

► **Visit a Post Stop** - Our riders would love to see your smiling faces as they pull into their next pit-stop along their journey. Check out the Route agendas and plan to welcome them in from the road!

► **Attend the State Rally** - Upon completion of the In-State Unity Ride, April 30th, a Rally will be held in celebration at the OCC Road House & Museum in Clearwater. There will be live music, vendors, and raffles. The Rally is open to the public at no cost!

**JOIN FL LEGION RIDERS:**  
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When we think of Spring, we love the time change, but Spring Forward allows everyone to reset and finish this year with a sense of a job well done.

We have had several male and female veterans transitioning to becoming independent and no longer homeless. This is a massive right of passage, This is why I believe in touching base with your local veteran homeless shelters, especially those that house our sisters. Check to see if they have a thrift store to help with expenses and allow veterans an opportunity to shop upon their exit. A starter kit is a wonderful project for a Legion Family to take on. Cleaning

supplies, toiletries, shower rod and curtain, small appliances, flatware, dishes, lamps, small tables, tool starter kit with a hammer, nails, screwdrivers, wrench, pot and pans, and more. They do not have the extra cash to purchase these necessities. We need to help them with their transition.

**Memo to Post Commanders and Post Adjutants Regarding Department Finance Committee**

**Bruce E. Comer, Department Adjutant**  
[bcomer@floridalegion.org](mailto:bcomer@floridalegion.org)

Please notify your members that there is a position open for a member to serve on The American Legion, Department of Florida Finance Committee, for a full five (5) year term or until removed by a majority vote of the Department Executive Committee.

In accordance with Article XI, Section 12 of the Department Constitution, all newly appointed members of the Finance Committee are required to be screened by a three-person panel consisting of

the Department Adjutant, Department Comptroller, and the current Department Finance Committee Chairperson. This panel will identify Legionnaires best suited for this appointment and submit selected candidates to the Department Commander for final approval.


**Criteria requested:**

Should have professional experience and qualifications commensurate with the appointment to this important committee, such as Corporate Chief Executive Officer, or Chief Finance Officer, Accounting or Finance, Entrepreneur or Senior Management.

Experience in fundraising and membership would be a plus.

Please have anyone interested in this position submit their resume to Department Headquarters, P.O. Box 547859, Orlando, FL 32810, Attn: Department Adjutant or email [rcastleberry@floridalegion.org](mailto:rcastleberry@floridalegion.org) by May 1, 2022. Interviews will be held the week of May 16, 2022. Applicants will be contacted by phone to schedule interviews.

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16	Robert Matheson	93.86%
13	Harold Boyer	93.06%
9	George Bograkos	93.02%
8	Skip Felicita	92.66%
1	Sonny Decker	92.66%
7	Burl Thomas	91.59%
12	Dennis Mallon	90.40%
5	Lena Heredia-Perez	90.01%
3	Stuart Scott	89.23%
14	Thomas Frank	88.94%
4	John Bennett	88.61%
17	Jim Bowers	87.85%
2	Steve Mears	85.08%
11	Harry Malecki	82.74%
15	Stephen Tyler	82.49%
Eastern	Daryl Bass	93.44%
Southwestern	Jessica Moore	92.88%
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Northern Area, Post 27

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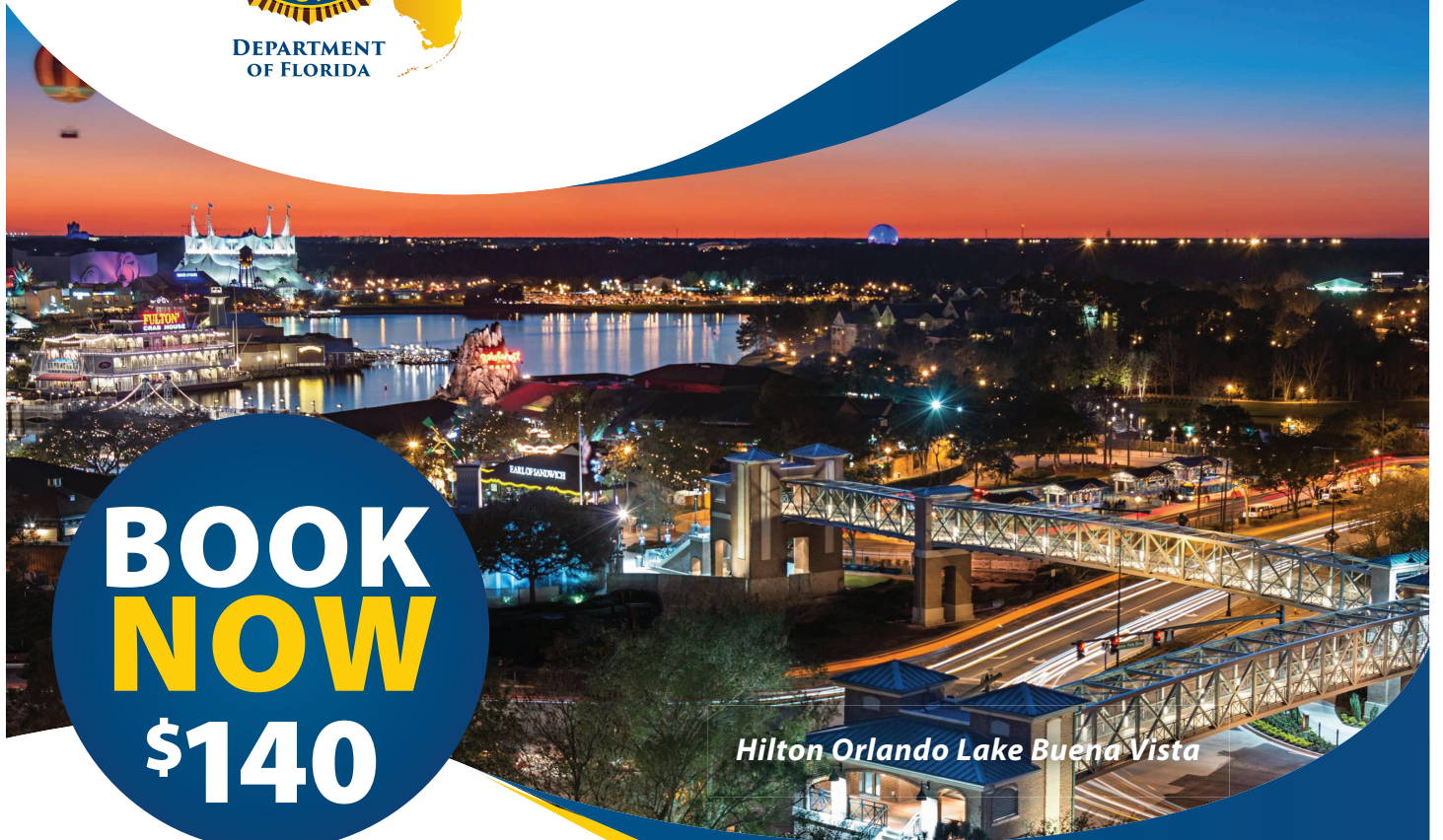
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THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA  
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SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2022  
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American Legion Department of Florida

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## Commander

## Troy Horsley

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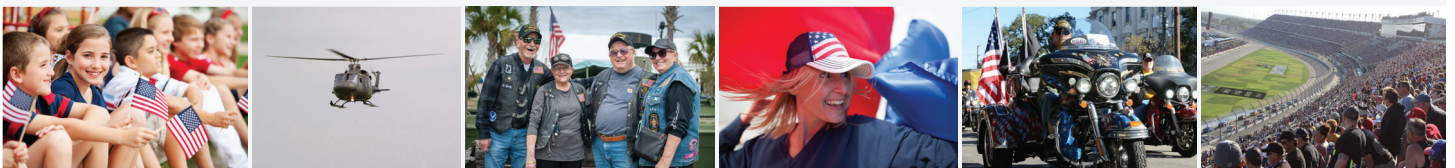
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