

# LIBERTY NEWS

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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

It's hard to believe that it is the year 2010 already, where has the time gone. I am hoping for a successful upcoming year. I want to thank the membership in endorsing me for the

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15th District Commander for the upcoming year.

I want to thank all those that assisted in putting together and distributing the Christmas Baskets over the Holidays, they were greatly appreciated by those on the receiving end. This what the Legion, Aux and SAL are about coming together as a Family and getting things done for our Post and our neighbors.

Due to the newsletters being composed early in the month, some items are completed or discussed after the publishing of the newsletter. During the December E-Board meeting it was discussed the possibility of going to a bi-monthly newsletter. We are looking for ways to cut cost at the Post and going to a Bi-monthly newsletter could save the post approximately \$500 Bi-monthly. I am open to other suggestions to either increase revenue or cut cost at the Post. Please bring these suggestions to a meeting, not at the lounge.

I hear a lot of complaints from members being discussed in the lounge. The lounge is not a venue where Post business is to be discussed. If you have a complaint or suggestion bring the issue up at a meeting.

We need more volunteers to step up and get involved in meals. Every member knows the day's meals are served and your help would be greatly appreciated. If we don't start getting some assistance there may not be meals served on certain days.

I hope that the year 2010 will be a good year for the Post. See you at the Post.....

Yours in Service

James E Zipler, Commander

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AMERICAN LEGION POST 152 LOUNGE HOURS Phone (813) 920-3282

MON-THURS 10:00AM-11:00PM SUN 11:00AM-10:00PM FRI-SAT 10:00AM-1:30AM HAPPY HOUR M-F 4:00PM-7:00PM

\*EXCEPTIONS: HOURS WILL BE EXTENDED FOR SPECIAL EVENTS (I.E. SUNDAY NITE FOOTBALL, ETC.)

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Chaplain	Bill Scott
Historian	Open
Sgt. at Arms	Todd Hardy
Judge Advocate	Debbie Lair
Service Officer	Charmaine Zimmerer

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2nd Vice Commander	Open
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Adjutant	Open
Chaplain	Ed Stickell
Historian	Open
Sgt. at Arms	Fred Herrick, Jr.

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## ALA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By now we have all made it through the Holidays and hopefully we all enjoyed them to the best of our ability. Economy being the way it is, it has been difficult to do everything that we wanted to do for all of those that need help. We do the best we can with what we have. Please for anyone that was left out, accept our apology and hopefully we can always do better next year. For those of you who helped out with the work and the donations, a special thanks to all. January is

going to be a little slow and then February we are planning a Valentine Dinner. This dinner is for you, and please be sure to buy your ticket early so we can get a count and plan for a special evening.

Elections will be coming up shortly and many of you have a lot of opinions of how the ALA should run and there are going to be several openings that will need to be filled. Be sure that all of you take a minute to think about whether you can make a difference and want to try. You are all welcome to run for an Office and are needed for sure.

We need a couple more cooks that will volunteer for ALA break-

fast. One is to work every other month on the third Sunday. Please call me if you are interested in taking this on. You don't have to buy the food, just help prepare and serve. All of you are welcome to step up and assist us with any of the meals as we are all getting very tired of doing them each month. We need some new bodies, ours are getting worn out.

Thank you again for your time and energy with all that you do for our Post and Unit.

**Yours in Service,  
Marie Taylor  
ALA President**



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

I was walking down life's highway a long time ago.  
One day I saw a sign that read:  
"HEAVEN'S GROCERY STORE".  
As I got a little closer, the door came open wide,  
And when I came to myself I was standing inside.  
I saw a host of angels, they were standing everywhere.  
One handed me a basket and said, "My child, shop with care!"  
Everything a Christian needed was in that grocery store,  
And all you couldn't carry, you could come back for more.  
First, I got some PATIENCE; LOVE was in the same row.  
Further down was UNDERSTOOD, you

need that wherever you go.  
I got a box or two of WISDOM, a bag or two of FAITH,  
I just couldn't miss the HOLY GHOST, for it was all over the place.  
I stopped to get some STRENGTH and COURAGE to help me run this race.  
By then my basket was getting full, but I remembered I needed some GRACE.  
I didn't forget SALVATION, for salvation – that was free,  
So, I tried to get enough of that to save both you and me.  
Then I started up to the counter to pay my grocery bill,  
For I thought I had everything to do my Master's will.  
As I went up the aisle I saw PRAYER and I just had to put that in,  
For when I stepped outside I would run right into sin.  
PEACE and JOY were plentiful- they were on the last shelf;  
SONG and PRAISES were hanging near, so I just helped myself  
Then I said to the Angel," now, how much do I owe?"

He just smiled and said, "Just take them everywhere you go".  
Again I smiled at him and said, "how much do I owe?"  
He smiled again and said, "My child, Jesus paid your bill a long time ago".

Author Unknown.  
**Yours in Service,  
Bill Scott  
Chaplain**



# SUPER BOOSTERS

TJ & Shirley Ramsey	03/10
Robert Springston	03/10
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Bill & Pat Seemann	04/10
Arsenio Trivin	04/10
Harry & Lilo Bryant	04/10
Marlyn Yeager	04/10
Bob & Debbie Lair	04/10
Bill & Marie Taylor	04/10
Tommy and Theresa Carson	04/10
Buzz & Linda Bullock	05/10
George & Jeannie	06/10
John & Freida Hopkins	06/10
Cliff & Charmaine Zimmerer	06/10
Jim and Theresa Zipler	07/10
R. Desort	09/10
Barbara Moritz	09/10
Cliff Anderson	10/10
Bobby & Linda O'Harold	11/10
Annette Hughey	01/11
Mr & Mrs Claus	04/11
George & Joyce England	10/11
Rick & Jean Montemayor	10/11
Fred & Margaret Holtz	04/12
Duck Green	03/13
D.W. Green	04/13
Phyllis Veihmeyer	12/16
Jack & Geraldine Billett, Sr	07/18

*If your would like to be a Super Booster, please pay your \$10.00 dues to the Post Finance Officer. The Post appreciates the support of all the Boosters.*

*A special thanks to the SAL & Auxiliary for then monthly donation towards our printing costs.*

# Thank You

We would like to thank the Springston family for the \$500 donation to the sewer fund in Remembrance of Past Commander Robert Springston.

# January Events

## January 8th

Music and dancing with Del & Gary

## January 15th

Music and dancing with Happy Days

## January 29th

Music and dancing with Double Density



### Members Helping Members

While we do not endorse any of the services listed, we are providing this service to match those members who provide a service to those who are in need of help. If you would like to be added to the list, fill out the form below or leave a note with the bartender addressed to "Liberty News".

Service Provided	Name	Phone
Automobile Repair	Lenny Quartararo	813-885-3522
Contractor	Homer Claytor	813-886-2563
Handyman	Thomas Schmidt	813-241-5884
Handyman	Steve Barger	813-435-5468
Pre-Paid Legal Service	Armond LaFramboise	727-251-9294
Reverse Mortgage and Home Loans	Armond LaFramboise	727-251-9294

# January 2010

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					<b>1</b> Commander's Fish Fry 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM Music & dancing with No band	<b>2</b> Steak shoot John  Karaoke - Patty 8:00PM – 12:00P
<b>3</b> Commander's Breakfast 8:30-10:30  Dart tournament 3:30 PM	<b>4</b> Free pool all day  TEXAS HOLD'EM 7:00 PM	<b>5</b> Draft beer 75 cents 25 cents off drinks 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Pool tournament 7:15 PM	<b>6</b> Member Dinner ??? Need cooks 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM  Bingo 7:15 PM	<b>7</b> Draft beer 75 cents 25 cents off drinks 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM TEXAS HOLD'EM 7:00 PM	<b>8</b> Fish Fry 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM Music & dancing with Del and Gary	<b>9</b> Steak shoot Bill  Karaoke - Patty 8:00PM – 12:00P
<b>10</b> Legion Breakfast 8:30-10:30  Dart tournament 3:30 PM	<b>11</b> Free pool all day  AUX E-board Mtg 7:00 PM	<b>12</b> Draft beer 75 cents 25 cents off drinks 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Pool tournament 7:15 PM	<b>13</b> Commander's Dinner Chili Mac, Salad, rolls 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Bingo 7:15 PM	<b>14</b> Draft beer 75 cents 25 cents off drinks 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM Legion E-board Mtg 7:00 PM	<b>15</b> Past Commander's Dinner Xmas Bskts 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM Music & dancing with Happy Days	<b>16</b> Steak shoot Jim  Karaoke - Patty 8:00PM – 12:00P
<b>17</b> Aux Breakfast 8:30-10:30  Dart tournament 3:30 PM	<b>18</b> Free pool all day Aux Party  AUX General Mtg 7:00 PM	<b>19</b> Draft beer 75 cents 25 cents off drinks 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Pool tournament 7:15 PM	<b>20</b> Aux Dinner  6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Bingo 7:15 PM	<b>21</b> Draft beer 75 cents 25 cents off drinks 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM Legion General Mtg 7:00 PM	<b>22</b> Boy Scouts Fish Fry 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM Music & dancing with No Band	<b>23</b> Steak shoot John  Karaoke - Patty 8:00PM – 12:00P
<b>24</b> Legion Breakfast 8:30-10:30  Dart tournament 3:30 PM	<b>25</b> Free pool all day  TEXAS HOLD'EM 7:00 PM	<b>26</b> Draft beer 75 cents 25 cents off drinks 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Pool tournament 7:15 PM	<b>27</b> SAL Legion Dinner Tater Tot Caserole  6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Bingo 7:15 PM	<b>28</b> Draft beer 75 cents 25 cents off drinks 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM TEXAS HOLD'EM 7:00 PM	<b>29</b> Entertainment Fish Fry 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM Music & dancing with Double Density	<b>30</b> Steak shoot Bill  Karaoke - Patty 8:00PM – 12:00P
<b>31</b> Past Presidents Breakfast 8:30-10:30  Dart tournament 3:30 PM						

## Secretary Shinseki Details Plan to End Homelessness for Veterans Five-Year Plan Unveiled at Homeless Summit

WASHINGTON – Today, at the “VA National Summit Ending Homelessness Among Veterans,” Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki unveiled the department’s comprehensive plan to end homelessness among Veterans by marshalling the resources of government, business and the private sector.

“President Obama and I are personally committed to ending homelessness among Veterans within the next five years,” said Shinseki. “Those who have served this nation as Veterans should never find themselves on the streets, living without care and without hope.”

Shinseki’s comprehensive plan to end homelessness includes preventive measures like discharge planning for incarcerated Veterans re-entering society, supportive services for low-income Veterans and their families and a national referral center to link Veterans to local service providers. Additionally, the plan calls for expanded efforts for education, jobs, health care and housing.

“Our plan enlarges the scope of VA’s efforts to combat homelessness,” said Shinseki. “In the past, VA focused largely on getting homeless Veterans off the streets. Our five-year plan aims also at preventing them from ever ending up homeless.”

Other features of the plan outlined by Shinseki include:

- The new Post-9/11 GI Bill provides a powerful option for qualified Veterans to pursue a fully funded degree program at a state college or university. It is a major component of the fight against Veteran homelessness.
- VA is collaborating with the Small Business Administration and the General Services Administration to certify Veteran-owned small businesses and service-disabled Veteran-owned small businesses for listing on the Federal Supply Register, which enhances their

visibility and competitiveness – creating jobs for Veterans.

- VA will spend \$3.2 billion next year to prevent and reduce homelessness among Veterans. That includes \$2.7 billion on medical services and more than \$500 million on specific homeless programs.
- VA aggressively diagnoses and treats the unseen wounds of war that often lead to homelessness – severe isolation, dysfunctional behaviors, depression and substance abuse. Last week, VA and the Defense Department cosponsored a national summit on mental health that will help both agencies better coordinate mental health efforts.
- VA partners with more than 600 community organizations to provide transitional housing to 20,000 Veterans. It also works with 240 public housing authorities to provide permanent housing to homeless Veterans and their families under a partnership with the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The VA/HUD partnership will provide permanent housing to more than 20,000 Veterans and their families.

Over the duration of the conference it is expected that over 1,200 homeless service providers from federal and state agencies, the business community, and faith-based and community providers will attend and participate in the summit.

“This is not a summit on homelessness among Veterans,” added Shinseki “It’s a summit on ending homelessness among Veterans.”

**Great information from the Secretary of the VA. Hopefully a very good beginning to 2010.**

**Yours in Service,**

**Charmaine Zimmerer**  
Service Officer



## Service Officer Message

### LET'S SAY THANKS

Let's Say Thanks is a website that was started by the Chairman of Xerox. This service provides a way to do just that . . . Say Thanks to our service men and women. [www.letsaythanks.com](http://www.letsaythanks.com).

Yours in Service,  
Charmaine Zimmerer, Service Officer

## Ride 2 Recovery Florida Challenge

More than 180 injured veterans set off across Florida on December 12, starting the six-day, 350-mile Ride 2 Recovery Florida Challenge. The event is presented by UnitedHealthcare. Ride 2 Recovery Florida Challenge will raise funds to support indoor Spinning® Recovery Labs and outdoor cycling programs at Military and VA locations around the U.S., aiding the rehabilitation and recovery efforts of the injured veterans.

"We are very, very proud to be a part of this Ride 2 Recovery Florida Challenge," said David Lewis, CEO of UnitedHealthcare of Central/North Florida. "The sacrifices made by the men and women in our military are enormous, and when injury occurs, they need the full measure of our support. We want those brave individuals to enjoy a return to the health and wellbeing they richly deserve."

The bicycle ride began Saturday, December 12 from MacDill AFB and ended on Thursday, December 17 at the Jacksonville Jag's game vs. the Colts after a stop at Naval Station, Mayport. The USO will again provide support for the daily rest stops with the USO Canteen being present each day. The American Legion Riders will provide a motorcycle escort during the event and several American Legion Posts will sponsor dinners and community events.

[www.ride2recovery.com](http://www.ride2recovery.com)

### About R2R

Ride 2 Recovery improves the health and wellness of injured veterans through cycling. Cycling is an important part of the recovery process because it is an activity that almost all patients with mental and physical disabilities can participate in and it helps to speed up the rehabilitation process.

American Legion Post 152 Auxiliary members Tampa, FL provided the participants with lunch.



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