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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

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My term as your Commander is coming to an end. This has been a long, however eventful year. I hope I have met your expectations.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Post Officers and E-Board for their assistance and support during my tenure. Thanks to the Auxiliary for the mutual support of the Post and the Family, it was great working with you. Finally thanks to the membership for their confidence in my ability and support throughout the year.

I would like the Post to offer the incoming Officers the same support you gave me this past year. I believe Don Patz and his Officers will do a fine job in the coming year.

Watch your calendar for upcoming events, Memorial Day weekend, You cook-em steak dinner, 4th of July weekend. See you there.

**Yours in Service,  
James E. Zipler  
Commander**

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## A.L.A. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We were all sorry to learn of Marie Taylor's resignation as President of the Auxiliary. She is a great leader and has accomplished so much. I will do my best to carry on for the rest of the year. I welcome your support and would gladly receive any assistance you may provide.

April 17th found your Auxiliary hosting the Homecoming Celebration for the Florida Department President – our own Mary Kelly – Perkins. Over 100 people honored Mary with gifts and well wishes. Unit 152 presented Mary with her life membership card, which

was a real surprise to her. The decorations were fantastic and the food was delicious. If you didn't go, you missed a good time.

When I look at the number of women in the Auxiliary, I cannot understand why there is such a small group (same persons) at every meeting. If you need a reminder, your Auxiliary meets for about an hour every third Monday every month. Surely, you can find a way to include this in your busy schedule. We need and want your attendance, your new ideas and your valued support for all of the Unit's activities. Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Yours in Service,

**Joyce Dudley – England  
President**



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

### AGING WELL

What does it mean to age well?

Is it to be mentally sharp or to look years younger than your age?

God, I believe you intend that aging well is not about appearance or quick recall.

To age well is to bend my will to yours.

Only then can you use every situation to make me more like Jesus.

Lord, I am old, but I want to be a vessel of humility and grace that can be poured out onto the lives of others.

That, I believe, is the secret of aging well.

#### Psalm 40:8

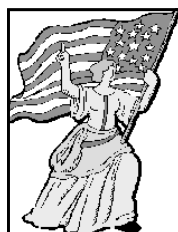
I desire to do your will, Oh God;  
your law is within my heart."

#### Colossians 3:12

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Yours in service,

**Bill Scott  
Chaplain**



## Service Officer Message

We have always had an abundance of these items to sign out to folks in need of them.

Currently, we have one transfer chair. Please check out your garage, your in-laws garage,

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**Charmaine Zimmerer,  
Service Officer**

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Romaine Taylor  
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### 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, leave a note with the bartender addressed to "Liberty News".

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# June 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> Draft beer 75 cents 25 cents off drinks 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Pool tournament 7:15 PM	<b>2</b> Member Dinner 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Bingo 7:15 PM	<b>3</b> Draft beer 75 cents 25 cents off drinks 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM TEXAS HOLD'EM 7:00 PM	<b>4</b> Commander's Fish Fry 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Music & dancing with Maurice	<b>5</b> Steak shoot John Karaoke - Patty 8:00PM – 12:00P
<b>6</b> Commander's Breakfast 8:30-10:30 Dart tournament 3:30 PM	<b>7</b> Free pool all day TEXAS HOLD'EM 7:00 PM	<b>8</b> Draft beer 75 cents 25 cents off drinks 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Pool tournament 7:15 PM	<b>9</b> Commander Dinner 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Bingo 7:15 PM	<b>10</b> Draft beer 75 cents 25 cents off drinks 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM Legion E-board Mtg 7:00 PM	<b>11</b> Fish Fry 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Music & dancing with	<b>12</b> Steak shoot Jim Karaoke - Patty 8:00PM – 12:00P
<b>13</b> Legion Breakfast 8:30-10:30 Dart tournament 3:30 PM	<b>14</b> Free pool all day Flag Disp 7:00 PM - AUX E-board Mtg 7:00 PM	<b>15</b> Draft beer 75 cents 25 cents off drinks 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Pool tournament 7:15 PM	<b>16</b> Aux Dinner George & Jeanie Spaghetti Dinner 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Bingo 7:15 PM	<b>17</b> Draft beer 75 cents 25 cents off drinks 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM Legion General Mtg 7:00 PM	<b>18</b> Past Commanders Fish Fry 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Music & dancing with Double density	<b>19</b> Steak shoot Bill Karaoke - Patty 8:00PM – 12:00P
<b>20</b> Aux Breakfast 8:30-10:30 Dart tournament 3:30 PM	<b>21</b> Free pool all day AUX General Mtg 7:00 PM	<b>22</b> Draft beer 75 cents 25 cents off drinks 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Pool tournament 7:15 PM	<b>23</b> Legion Dinner Mac & Cheese w/ Green bean casserole 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Bingo 7:15 PM	<b>24</b> Draft beer 75 cents 25 cents off drinks 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM Dept Conv TEXAS HOLD'EM 7:00 PM	<b>25</b> Boy Scouts Fish Fry Dept Conv 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Music & dancing with Maurice	<b>26</b> Steak shoot John June B' day party Drink Specials See Bar Karaoke - Patty 8:00PM – 12:00P
<b>27</b> Legion Breakfast 8:30-10:30 Dept Conv Dart tournament 3:30 PM	<b>28</b> Free pool all day TEXAS HOLD'EM 7:00 PM	<b>29</b> Draft beer 75 cents 25 cents off drinks 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Pool tournament 7:15 PM	<b>30</b> Kathy's Dinner Lasagna 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Bingo 7:15 PM			

# July 2010

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## Health Insurance Reform Will Not Harm Military or Veterans' Health Care

March 21st, 2010 by Karina (Excerpt from "The Gavel" <http://www.speaker.gov/blog>)

**We have an obligation to care for and honor America's servicemen and women, their families, and our veterans for their bravery and sacrifice. Some health insurance reform opponents continue to spread myths, including saying that reform will undermine the health care that veterans and military families have now. The health reform legislation the House is considering today fulfills Democrats' commitment to ensure choice for veterans, service members, and their families. Here are the facts about health reform and veterans and military families:**

TRICARE, TRICARE for Life, and Veterans' Health Care all meet the requirements of the health reform legislation that calls for every American to be insured with at least a minimum quality of coverage. Enrollees in these programs can rest assured that this reform has no negative impacts for them.

Indeed, the legislation being considered today actually explicitly states that the TRICARE for Life is not affected by the individual responsibility requirement.

While TRICARE also meets the individual responsibility requirement, this was not explicitly stated in the legislation. Out of an abundance of caution, the House yesterday passed the TRICARE Affirmation Act to further clarify that all those serving in the military and their families, and military retirees and their families under age 65, have health care that meets the minimum benefit standard in the reform bill.

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**The Vietnam Veterans of America issued a press release applauding yesterday's passage of the TRICARE Affirmation Act and encourages the rejection of "fear-mongering":**

"We thank and applaud passage of H.R. 4887 yesterday in the House of Representative, by a vote of 403-0. Passage of this bill ensures that health care programs for veterans, active duty military, retired military, and their families/survivors will not be affected negatively by the pending health care reform legislation." said John Rowan, National President of Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA).

"It is unfortunate that some continue to raise what is now is even more clearly a false alarm that is apparently meant to frighten veterans and their families in order to prompt them to oppose the pending legislation. While there is legitimate debate as to whether or not the pending health care measures should become law, VVA does not appreciate spreading rumors that are not accurate by any political partisan from any point of the political spectrum" continued Rowan.

"Last summer there was a similar incident, also involving partisans in the health care reform debate, that VVA soundly condemned. We said then: "It is our hope that sane minds reject fear-mongering, and that veterans recognize these scare tactics for what they are," Rowan said. Rowan concluded by saying: "VVA has always worked hard for justice for veterans of all generations, and their families. We have always, and will continue to, work with public officials representing all political parties and points of view. Issues affecting veterans and their families are not, should not, and must not become partisan footballs to bat around. VVA decries any effort, by anyone, that would do just that."

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**The Obama Administration has also been very clear that the health care programs for both the military and our veterans will not be undermined or compromised in any way by this health care reform legislation. Earlier in the week Tammy Duckworth, the Assistant Secretary of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs for the Department of Veterans Affairs, addressed concerns:**

As Assistant Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, a constant concern for me is having our Veterans dragged into partisan politics. Unfortunately the debate over health reform has seen that happen far too many times, and at the VA we often have to correct misinformation and assure Veterans that the care they rely on will not be taken away from them.

One of the concerns we are hearing the most now is whether health reform will affect the care Veterans receive under the VA system.

Let me be unambiguous: The healthcare that Veterans receive through the VA system, including dependents of certain veterans enrolled in the CHAMPVA program, will be safe and sound under health reform. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs would continue to maintain sole authority over the system and for enhancing the quality and access for all eligible Veterans.

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**Matt Flavin, who completed deployments to Bosnia, Afghanistan and Iraq and serves as Director of Veterans and Wounded Warrior Policy, blogged on WhiteHouse.gov today:**

As a proud VFW member, I want to underscore that the health reform legislation being voted on today will not adversely impact our nation's veterans. In fact, during his time in office, President Obama has provided an historic increase in benefits for our veterans and has upheld every pledge to protect the benefits our veterans have earned in service to our nation. He will continue to stand firm in his commitment to veterans.

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**This afternoon, VA Secretary Eric Shinseki issued a statement further clarifying:**

As Secretary of Veterans Affairs, I accepted the solemn responsibility to uphold our sacred trust with our nation's Veterans. Fears that Veterans health care and TRICARE will be undermined by the health reform legislation are unfounded. I am confident that the legislation being voted on today will provide the protections afforded our nation's Veterans and the health care they have earned through their service. The President and I stand firm in our commitment to those who serve and have served in our armed forces. We pledge to continue to provide the men and women in uniform and our Veterans the high quality health care they have earned.

President Obama has strongly supported Veterans and their needs, specifically health care needs, on every major issue for these past 14 months – advance appropriations, new GI Bill implementation, new Agent Orange presumptions for three additional diseases, new Gulf War Illness presumptions for nine additional diseases, and a 16% budget increase in 2010 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, that is the largest in over 30 years, and which has been followed by a 2011 VA budget request that increases that record budget by an additional 7.6%.

To give our Veterans further assurance that health reform legislation will not affect their health care systems, the Chairmen of five House committees, including Veterans Affairs Chairman Bob Filner and Armed Services Chairman Ike Skelton, have just issued a joint letter reaffirming that the health reform legislation as written would protect those receiving care through all TRICARE and Department of Veterans Affairs programs.

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