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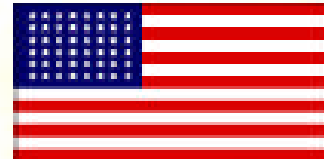
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# **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

## **HEADQUARTERS REPORTING**

Although it is only April, it is not too early to start thinking about December's elections. In the past elections have always been an afterthought and forgotten for the most part up until the last minute. We cannot afford to go this route this time around. The positions up for re-election are President, Secretary and Newsletter Editor. It is hoped that the newsletter editor and secretary incumbents will choose to run again. The President's position must be filled by someone else other than the present President. Our by-laws do not allow for a person to hold the office of President for more than two consecutive terms. My time is up. All Members need to start thinking about candidates for these offices. At the next meeting on 5 June, I will ask for nominations for these positions. I would like everyone to consider running. Each Region should be getting together to come up with a candidates from their Region. Let's make the elections interesting for a change! Remember, any Member can run for any office. There are no qualifications or constraints. Even if you are a snow bird or live out of the state of Florida, you qualify to run for any office. Don't let your Club down. Get involved!

An item that was discussed at the last meeting was the realignment of the regions into smaller more manageable units. One possible arrangement might be to setup the Regions by county or counties. Bubba LaGrua from Silver Hill, FL. has agreed to look into the possibilities for us. Keep in mind that the main purpose of having Regions is to provide the Coordinator an area of responsibility. His primary job is to coordinate activities in his area of control. It by no means limits any Member from attending any activity in any Region. Another suggestion is to have the Regional Coordinators elected by the Members living within their designated Region. This would put the responsibility of the success or failure of a Region on its Members, not just on someone appointed by the President.

Till we meet again  
Dick Deren, President

PS – It has been brought to my attention that I forgot to mention several other key players at the Rally. My apologies to Theresa Temes who worked the 50/50, Lola Wilson and Marie Hardy who provided relief in the hospitality tent and the front gate when needed. Many thanks, Dick

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