

EDITORIAL

I hate to say this, but it appears to me that the chapter is beginning to fall apart. I do not know if it is because of a lack of interest or the economy, or both. I say lack of interest because of the attendance of the last meeting. Also when the next election for President comes up, we may find ourselves without a President or Newsletter editor. (There seems to be a big lack of interest in these area's) In the area of the economy, I do not believe it's the due's, if you check some of the other organizations out there, you will discover that the due's for ours, are very reasonable. So when I say economy, I mean gas price's to get to meeting's and events and maintenance for your vehicles. I know this first hand . I've said this before and I'll say it again, a lot of members say that they " have job's, and do not have the time to do event's". I'm not buying that one, because most of the events are on the weekends. (Like the last meeting).

I have been doing a impromptu survey these last two month's and the results where a bit disheartening , let alone disgusting. I would ask five question about the history, geography and civics of this country and it's flag to people I have met and found that only about two percent knew the answers. I was taught all of this in the eighth grade and still know it today, where high school students have no clue! The kicker is, the questions are those that are asked of immigrants to become citizen's and they only have to answer six out of ten. My point is this, come the forth of July, and I see someone celebrating that day, I may ask these questions and if they can not answer just two of them, I will consider them phonies, who are taking this country for granite and the lives lost defending it. Remember there are only ten percent of WW2 vets left alive and that percentage is dropping fast. How can anyone defend something they know nothing about? I mean more people know why they celebrate Christmas (and you know how many know that) then they do the history of the country. I recently asked the Hillsborough County Superintendent of Schools about the lack of knowledge in this area and he said "It's not the local school district's but the State, but we are working on correcting that now". Good luck with that one.

See if you can give the answer's:

Who made the first Stars and Stripes and where?

What's the capital of New Jersey?

If the President and Vice president die, who becomes President?

How many judge's are on the Supreme Court?

Which battle had the most overall casualties' Normandy or Iwo Jima

I guess by now everyone knows, I will not be doing the newsletter after this year and I doubt if anyone will want to step up and do it. I made this decision based on the members interest in the club and the criticism by some members of the newsletter. It's not an easy job to do. I want to thank the members who took an interest and supported the (Award wining)newsletter. I'm saying this now, so it will give the members time to think about who (if anyone) will take it over.

New Military License Plates

You don't have to be a veteran to "Salute" our veterans and active duty military personnel.

Joining the ["Florida Salutes Veterans"](#) and the [U.S. Marine Corps](#) license plates already available are new plates for the Army, Navy, Air Force, and the Coast Guard.



These new military specialty automobile license plates, along with the "Florida Salutes Veterans" and the U.S. Marine Corps license plates, are available now at local DMV offices.



Check with your county tax collector to purchase your specialty plate. These tags are among the most affordable and patriotic specialty tags available. \$15 of the \$17 purchase price goes to the Veterans' Homes Trust Fund for maintenance and operation of Florida's five state veterans' nursing homes and one state veterans' domiciliary home.

"Salute" and proudly display your support of our military services, their service members, and all of our veterans with your choice of military or veterans' license plates.

CGJ WWII Museum Attendance surpasses 1100 for first quarter

For the period between January 1st and March 25th of 2010, over 1100 visitors have signed the register at the Franklin County Camp Gordon Johnston WWII Museum located in Carrabelle's City Complex.

This almost doubles the attendance for the same period last year, according to CGJ Curator Linda Minichiello. On Saturday, March 13th, during Camp Gordon Johnston Days, the museum had 300 visitors. This set a new one-day record. "The 'spike' in Franklin County Tourism coupled with the museum's growing national reputation is the main reason for our growth". She also mentioned that the enlarged museum space and parking area in the city complex are a big help in accommodating the increased traffic. Minichiello commented the museum's goal is to maintain this pace for the rest of the year.

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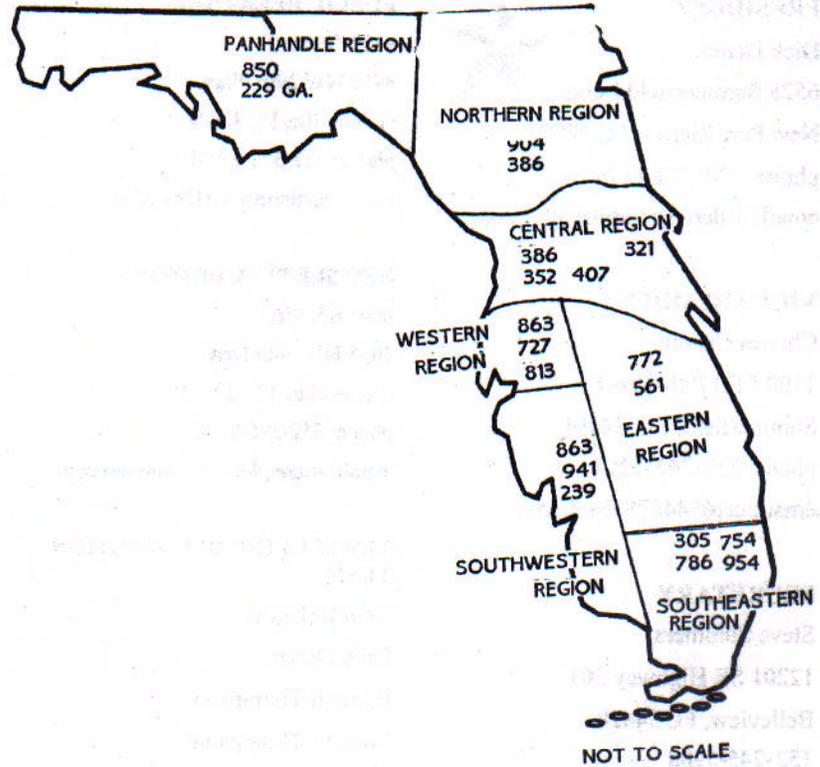
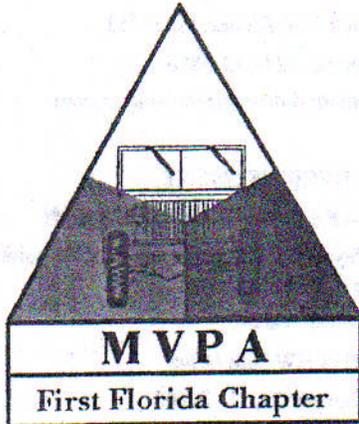
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