

# City of Fort Lauderdale

Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights  
Community Redevelopment Agency  
(NWPF CRA)



## APPLICATION FOR CRA FUNDING ASSISTANCE

Name of Principal Owner in Charge		Tel. No.		E-Mail Address	
Primary Contact for this CRA Request <b>Curtis Hodge Jr.</b>		Tel. No. <b>954-583-0191</b>		E-Mail Address <b>Chodge2557@aol.com</b>	
Name of Business <b>Robert Bethel American Legion Post 220</b>		Tax I.D. No. <b>80-0528559</b>		Company Website	
Business Address <b>1455 NW 6th Street</b>		Tel. No. <b>754-200-4273</b>		Fax No.	
City <b>Fort Lauderdale</b>		State <b>FL</b>		Zip Code <b>33311</b>	
Commencement Date to Begin Project: _____				<b>JOB INFORMATION</b> Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Jobs to be created _____ Existing Jobs _____ Total FTE Jobs _____	
Completion Date for Project: _____					
Check Appropriate Description <input type="checkbox"/> Existing Business <input type="checkbox"/> New Business		Project Type <input type="checkbox"/> Expansion <input type="checkbox"/> Relocation		Facility Description Existing Space <b>960</b> sq. ft. New Space _____ sq. ft.	
NAICS Code / Industry Type		Date of Incorporation <b>5/2/1947</b>		State where the business was incorporated <b>Florida</b>	
Proposed Project Location/City <b>1455 NW 6th Street/Ft. Laud.</b>		Proposed Address <b>1455 NW 6th Street/Ft. Laud.</b>			
Property Control Number(s)		Property Owner <b>Robert Bethel American Legion Post 220</b>			
Owner Tel. No. (include Area Code) <b>754-200-4273</b>		Is there a lien on the property? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
Bank(s) Where Business Accounts for Projects Are Held 1. _____		2. <b>Wells Fargo</b>			
Name of Participating Bank/Lender					
Amount \$ <b>80,000</b>		Contact Person <b>Willie Ford</b>		Tel. No. (include Area Code) <b>954-805-9141</b>	
Fax No. (include Area Code)					
Name of Other Financial Source					
Amount \$		Contact Person		Tel. No. (include Area Code)	
Fax No. (include Area Code)					
Name of Other Financial Source					
Amount \$		Contact Person		Tel. No. (include Area Code)	
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Amount \$		Contact Person		Tel. No. (include Area Code)	
Fax No. (include Area Code)					
Name of Other Financial Source					
Project Purpose and Economic Impact					

**NOTE 1:** If the project receives funds via another City, County, Federal or State program which also requires job creation/retention, the jobs created/retained for those programs must be in addition to the jobs required under this program.

**NOTE 2:** If project includes the purchase of equipment using CRA funds, then there must not be another UCC filing for the equipment.

**Management:** Owners, partners, officers, all holders of outstanding stock — 100% of ownership must be shown (*use separate sheet if necessary*).

Name	Complete Address	% Owned	From	To
Curtis Hodge, Jr	3430 NW 5th Court	33311		
Name	Complete Address	% Owned	From	To
Larry Roberts	1790 NW 36 Avenue	33311		
Name	Complete Address	% Owned	From	To
Theotis Taylor	3001 NW 48 Place	33311		
Name	Complete Address	% Owned	From	To
Willie Lee Ford, Jr.	3309 NW 8 Street	33311		
Name	Complete Address	% Owned	From	To

PROJECT/ACTIVITY COST SUMMARY	
1. Please state the overall project cost:	\$ <u>420,000</u>
2. Please state the overall project costs related to the CRA's assisted activity?	\$ <u>350,000</u>
3. Please indicate the sources and uses of funds for the project on the following table.	

Project Source(s) of Funding	Amount	Rate	Term
Bank Loan (specify)			
City funds			
CRA funds	350,000.00		
Company's current cash assets	80,000.00		
Owner equity (specify)			
Other (specify)			
Other (specify)			
Other (specify)			
<b>Total Sources</b>	<b>420,000.00</b>		
Select the Use(s) of Funds and the Amount Need for Each	Sources of Funds ( Yes or No)	Amount	
Land Acquisition	N.A		
Real Property Acquisition	N.A.		
Utility and road infrastructure improvements	N.A.		
New construction of commercial and industrial buildings	N.A.		
Rehabilitation of commercial and industrial buildings		301,796.00	
Purchase and installation of equipment and fixtures	Included		
Other (specify)	ARCHITECT	71,900.00	
Other (specify)	Contin/Operating	46,304.00	
Other (specify)			
<b>Total Uses</b>		<b>420,000.00</b>	

**NOTE 3: Other "uses" include Architectural/Engineering Fees, Application Fees, Permit Fees Impact Fees**

**BUSINESS INDEBTEDNESS:** Furnish the following information on all outstanding installment debts, code and other liens, notes and mortgages payable that relate to this project. The present balances should agree with the latest balance sheet submitted (*use a separate sheet if necessary*).

To Whom Payable	Original Amount	Original Date	Present Balance	Rate of Interest	Maturity Date	Monthly Payment
Name: N.A.	\$		\$	%		\$
Name: _____	\$		\$	%		\$
Name: _____	\$		\$	%		\$
Name: _____	\$		\$	%		\$
Name: _____	\$		\$	%		\$

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED WITH YOUR APPLICATION**

1. A business plan which describes the company mission, market analysis, applicant capacity, economic analysis and project feasibility, a brief history and description of the company (*including the founding of the company*), overview of operations, product information, customer base, method and areas of distribution, primary competitors and suppliers within the County.
2. A list of general and limited partners, officers, directors and shareholders of the company. Please provide a resume for all the principals and key management.
3. Corporate income tax returns for the last three years (*personal returns may also be requested*).
4. Two separate lists that detail the existing jobs on your payroll and the new jobs to be created (*within the list please provide the job title of each position, a brief description of each position, annual salary for existing and new positions and the industry average salary for those positions*).
5. If machinery and equipment are being purchased with CRA funds, provide a list of all the items to be purchased, with quotes on vendor's letterhead. Include a statement from the manufacturer, attesting to the economic life of the equipment.
6. If business is a franchise, include a copy of the franchise agreement;
7. Bank Commitment Letter detailing the conditions of the loan approval.
8. Copy of IRS determination letter as a non-profit organization (*required for all non-profit organizations only*).
9. Signed copy of resolution or minutes from the meeting of the governing body authorizing submission of the application (*required for all non-profit organizations only*).
10. Articles of Incorporation or Division of Corporations information identifying authorized signatories
11. Copy of the Property Deed (*if the applicant is the owner*)
12. Copy of By-Laws (*required for all non-profit organizations only*).
13. Please sign and submit *Statement of Personal History and Credit Check Release* (as attached).
14. If project involves construction, please provide a minimum of two (2) detailed cost estimates prepared by Architect/Engineer and/or General Contractor, preliminary plans and specifications, Architectural Illustration and photos of existing conditions.
15. Attach a street map showing the location of the proposed project, Property Folio number and Legal Description.
16. Preliminary Project Schedule.

**The following items are also needed, if your funding request is \$500,000 or more**  
(*not applicable for Commercial Façade, Streetscape Enhancement and Property and Business Improvement Incentive requests*)

17. CPA audited corporate financial statements for the last three years (*Profit and Loss Statement and a Balance Sheet*).
18. If the most recent business return and/or financial statement is more sixty (60) days old, please submit a current Interim Financial Statement.
19. Three year financial pro formas which include operating statements, balance sheets, funding sources, and use details.
20. Ten year revenue and expense projection for the project
21. Copy of sales/purchase agreement when purchasing land or a building (*or an executed lease if applicable*).
22. Provide details regarding any credit issues, bankruptcies and lawsuits by any principal, owning 20% or more of the business.
23. The names of all affiliates and/or subsidiary companies, and their previous three (3) years financial statements and Interim Financial Statements if the financial statements are more than sixty (60) days old.
24. Letter from the Department of Sustainable Development (DSD) approving the proposed project with zoning and land use designations, and Plan Development Review number and comments.
25. Identification and qualifications of project development team (*i.e., attorney, engineer, architect, general contractor, etc.*).



26. Current Broward County Assessed Value, new capital investment dollars and total estimated new assessment when completed and placed into service.
27. Existing Leases, Lease commitments and tenant makeup (*if applicable*).
28. Copy of Environmental Report showing there are no Environmental issues (*if applicable*).
29. Copy of Appraisal Report (*if applicable*).

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE REQUIRED AFTER CRA BOARD APPROVAL AND PRIOR TO EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT AND RELEASE OF FUNDS**

30. Evidence that all funds are in-place to fully fund the project.
31. A copy of the City approved project plans, contract with General Contractor and permits (Prior to Release of Funds)
32. Scope of work and all project costs
33. Copies of Insurance Certificates (Builders Risk/All Risk Policy, Commercial General Liability, Workers Compensation with the City of Fort Lauderdale and the Fort Lauderdale CRA listed as Additional Insured.

**APPLICANTS CERTIFICATION**

By my signature, I certify that I have read and understand the application, criteria, loan fees and program requirements. I further certify that all the information I (we) supplied is correct and accurate. All of the owners of the company/organization (*regardless of ownership percentage*) are aware of this loan and are in full agreement with the business securing financing for this project. My (our) signature(s) represent my (our) agreement to comply with City of Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency, as it relates to this CRA funding request.

Each Proprietor, General Partner, Limited Partner and Business Owner, owning 20% or more must sign below. For all Non-Profit Organizations, all guarantors must be approved by City of Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency.

Business Name: Robert Bethal American Legion Post 220, Inc

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature and Title Date

**Guarantors:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature and Title Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature and Title Date

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Signature and Title Date

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Signature and Title Date

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Signature and Title Date

## Application for CRA Funding Assistance- Robert Bethal American Legion Post 220, Inc. – Answers to Questions

1. N.A. – Existing Post since 1947
2. N.A.
3. Provided
4. No Employees on Payroll
5. See Architect's estimates for kitchen equipment
6. N.A.
7. No bank loan required for this project
8. Provided
9. Provided
10. Provided
11. Provided
12. Provided
13. N.A.
14. Architect Estimate and CRA Project Manager (State Certified General Contractor) review.  
CRA will bid and manager project. Illustrations and photos of existing conditions provided.
15. Provided
16. Schedule to be determined by CRA Project Manager



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### APPLICATION REQUEST SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

#### **CRA Incentive Programs**

Please select the incentive(s) you are applying for and insert the amount of funding assistance you are seeking:

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>COMMERCIAL FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM</b>	\$ <u>125,000.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>PROPERTY AND BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM</b>	\$ <u>225,000.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>STREETSCAPE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM</b>	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM</b>	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>PROPERTY TAX REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM</b>	\$ _____

**Please provide a supplement sheet responding to the following numbered questions:**

1. Please describe your project.
2. What is the address, folio number and legal description of the property.
3. What is the existing and proposed use of the property? Please note that certain uses are not eligible for CRA assistance. This includes convenience stores, pawn shops, check cashing stores, tattoo parlors, massage parlors, liquor stores and other uses as may be determined by the CRA that are inconsistent with the CRA Community Redevelopment Plan. Please note that there will be restrictive covenants placed on the property for minimum of 5 years restricting use of the property to only those uses for which CRA funding was provided.
4. Are the proposed improvements to the property being made on behalf of a proposed tenant for the property. If so, please provide a copy of the lease agreement.
5. What is the zoning of the property?
6. Are you the property owner? Please provide a copy of the deed of the property. You must be the owner of the property to apply.
7. Is your project new construction or is it renovation?
8. What is the total capital investment of your project and what is your hard construction and soft cost? (While property acquisition cost is not an eligible CRA expense, it may be included in your total capital investment)
9. What is the current Broward County Assessed Value of the property?
10. Is there a mortgage on the property? Please provide OR Book and Page. Please note that CRA funding is in the form of a 0% interest forgivable loan, forgiven after 5 year of project completion secured by a first

mortgage or subordinate mortgage on the property. Projects receiving over \$225,000 in CRA assistance will be secured by a forgivable loan forgiven after 7 years to 10 years depending on the level of CRA funding. Other forms of security in lieu of a forgivable mortgage will be considered on a case by case basis.

11. Are there any other liens or pending liens on the property? Please provide OR Book and Page.
12. Are there any code violations on the property? Identify.
13. Is the property listed "For Sale." Please note that properties listed for sale may not apply for CRA program funding.
14. How many new permanent jobs will be created by the project? Please describe the jobs to be created and projected salaries.
15. What is the estimated construction commencement date of the project? Please note that no work is to commence on the project unless a Program Agreement is approved and fully executed between the CRA and the property owner and that work must commence within 90 days of CRA funding approval.
16. What is the estimated completion date of the project? Please note that all approved projects must be completed within a maximum of three (3) years.
17. Please provide proof of your matching funds (i.e. bank statement, line of credit, etc.) and identify other proposed forms of financing for your project.
18. Do you have general liability and fire and casualty insurance on the property? You will be required to demonstrate proof of insurance and may include bonding requirements as required by the City/CRA prior to commencement of work. The cost of insurance may be included as part of your total project cost funded by the program.
19. Have you previously received funding from the CRA? Explain.

**If you are applying for funding from the Commercial Façade Improvement Program, Property & Business Improvement Program and/or Streetscape Enhancement Program, please also complete the following:**

20. Do you have a detailed scope of work? If so, please include for CRA review and approval.
21. Do you have completed architectural drawings for the scope of work to be performed? Please include along with architectural illustration(s) of the proposed work, material specifications, color selections, etc. Please note that architectural cost may be included as part of your total project cost.
22. Have your project plans been submitted for City Development Review and/or permitting and if so what are the status of the plans and the plan review number? All work must be permitted and approved by the Building Official.
23. Do you have detailed, written contractor cost estimates? If so, please provide.
24. Have you selected a contractor from the attached City/CRA Approved Contractor List? Please note if your contractor is not on the City/CRA approved list, it may be possible to have your contractor become an approved CRA Contractor. He/She will need to complete the attached Contractor Application for consideration.
25. If you are applying for the Facade Program or Property and Business investment Program, and if you are not using a City /CRA Approved Contractor, you must secure two detailed licensed and insured contractor cost estimates and CRA funding is limited to 60% of the lowest cost estimate not to exceed \$50,000 which can only be funded on a reimbursement basis, rather than a direct payment to the contractor. In addition, all

projects over \$50,000 may be assigned a CRA Construction Review Specialist who will determine the scope of work to be funded and will secure contractor pricing for the project, manage funding request and provide general project oversight.

26. For Streetscape Enhancement Program projects, see additional requirements for projects in excess of \$300,000 as required by Florida Statute 255.20.

I \_\_\_\_\_ attest that the information is correct to the best of my knowledge. I further understand that the CRA program benefits are contingent upon funding availability and CRA approval and are not to be construed as an entitlement or right of a property owner/applicant. I further understand that I am responsible for providing all documentation required by The CRA.

**Robert Bethal American Legion Post 220, Inc.**

Signature of

Property Owner or Business Owner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

## Application for CRA Funding Assistance- Robert Bethal American Legion Post 220, Inc. – Supplemental Information

1. Expansion and renovation of the Robert Bethal American Legion Post 220
2. 1455 Sistrunk Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale Florida 33311  
Legal Description: LINCOLN PARK CORR PLAT, Block 4, Lot 5 Less Road Right-of-Way , as recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 2, Broward County records. ID 5042 04 11 0850
3. American Legion Post
4. No
5. NW RAC MUw
6. Owner is the American Legion
7. Both
8. Between \$373,696 and \$420,000 with approx.. \$301,796 in Hard construction cost.
9. \$80,444.00
10. No
11. No
12. No
13. No
14. N.A. - no paid employees
15. Per Schedule established by CRA Project Manager who is bidding work and managing construction.
16. Same
17. Provided
18. Yes
19. No
20. Yes
21. Conceptual Architectural Plans and Illustrations
22. Not yet
23. Yes -Provided
24. No. CRA Project Manager who is bidding work and managing construction.
25. Agree
26. N.A.

# Ownership and Encumbrance Property Information Report

**Issuer: Attorneys' Title Fund Services, LLC**  
**Recipient: City of Ft. Lauderdale Attorney**

**Broward**  
**1201 West Cypress Creek Road, Suite 200**  
**Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309**  
**(800)929-5791**  
**(800) 783-1943**

***Fund File Number:*** 744980

***Agent's File Reference:*** 1455 NW 6th Street

***Effective Dates:***      ***From*** June 4, 1941 at 11:00 AM

***To*** June 11, 2019 at 11:00 PM

***This title search commences from the date of the last outstanding institutional first mortgage on the property. If there is no outstanding mortgage, the search commences with the date record title vested in the current record owner.***

***Description of Real Property Situated in Broward County, Florida.***

***Apparent Title Vested in:***

Robert Bethel Post No. 220, American Legion by Warranty Deed recorded in O.R. Book 1204,  
Page 464, Public Records of Broward County, Florida.

***This search does not cover matters other than those recorded in the Official Records Book of the county and does not assure the legality or validity of the referenced instruments.***

***Ad Valorem tax information is not provided.***

***Prepared Date:*** June 14, 2019

***Prepared by:*** Renee Dudley

***Phone Number:*** (800) 929-5791 x6235

***Email Address:*** RDudley@TheFund.com

# Ownership and Encumbrance Property Information Report

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## ENCUMBRANCES

1. Deed to City of Fort Lauderdale recorded in O.R. Book [4045, Page 52](#), Public Records of Broward County, Florida.

*A 20-year name search has been performed on parties acquiring an interest within the time period covered by this search.*

*This Title Search is prepared and furnished for information only. It is not an opinion of title and may not be used as a title base for the issuance of a title insurance commitment and/or policy, nor should it be used for the preparation of foreclosure proceedings or other litigation.*

*This report is not title insurance. Pursuant to s. 627.7843, Florida Statutes, the maximum liability of the issuer of this property information report for errors or omissions in this property information report is limited to the amount paid for this property information report, and is further limited to the person(s) expressly identified by name in the property information report as the recipient(s) of the property information report.*





**MARTY KIAR**  
**BROWARD**  
COUNTY  
PROPERTY APPRAISER

<b>Site Address</b>	<b>1455 NW 6 STREET, FORT LAUDERDALE FL 33311</b>	<b>ID #</b>	5042 04 11 0850
<b>Property Owner</b>	ROBERT BETHEL POST 220 AMERICAN LEGION INC	<b>Millage</b>	0312
<b>Mailing Address</b>	1455 NW 6 ST FORT LAUDERDALE FL 33311	<b>Use</b>	77
<b>Abbr Legal Description</b>	LINCOLN PARK CORR PLAT 5-2 B LOT 5 LESS RD R/W,6 LESS RD R/W BLK 4		

**The just values displayed below were set in compliance with [Sec. 193.011](#), Fla. Stat., and include a reduction for costs of sale and other adjustments required by [Sec. 193.011\(8\)](#).**

Property Assessment Values					
Year	Land	Building / Improvement	Just / Market Value	Assessed / SOH Value	Tax
2019	\$34,250	\$46,190	\$80,440	\$80,440	
2018	\$34,250	\$46,190	\$80,440	\$80,440	
2017	\$34,250	\$46,190	\$80,440	\$80,440	

2019 Exemptions and Taxable Values by Taxing Authority				
	County	School Board	Municipal	Independent
Just Value	\$80,440	\$80,440	\$80,440	\$80,440
Portability	0	0	0	0
Assessed/SOH	\$80,440	\$80,440	\$80,440	\$80,440
Homestead	0	0	0	0
Add. Homestead	0	0	0	0
Wid/Vet/Dis	0	0	0	0
Senior	0	0	0	0
Exempt Type 33-09	\$80,440	\$80,440	\$80,440	\$80,440
Taxable	0	0	0	0

Sales History				Land Calculations		
Date	Type	Price	Book/Page or CIN	Price	Factor	Type
				\$11.00	3,114	SF
				Adj. Bldg. S.F. (Card, Sketch)		960
				Eff./Act. Year Built: 1952/1951		

Special Assessments								
Fire	Garb	Light	Drain	Impr	Safe	Storm	Clean	Misc
03								
Y								
960								

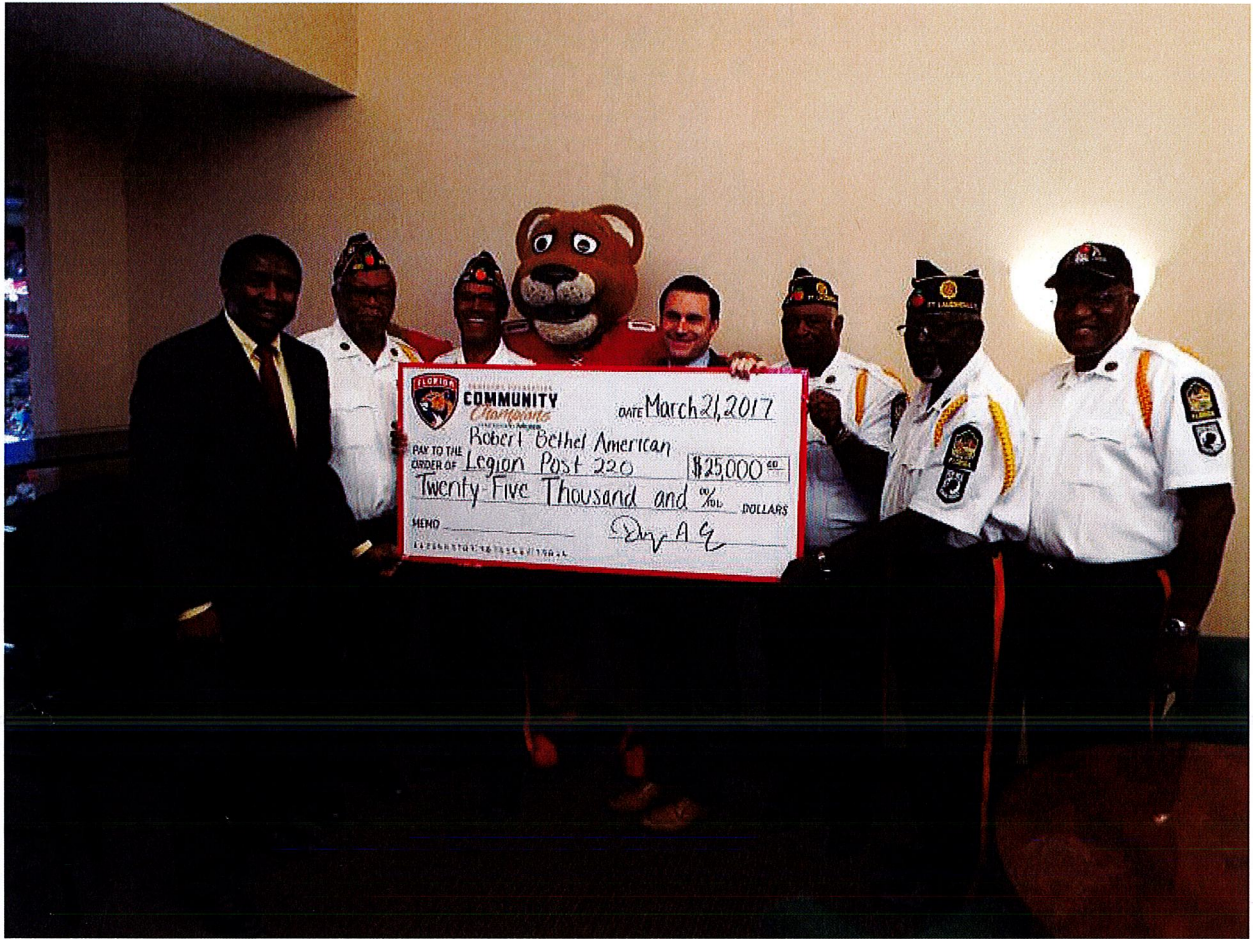




Robert Bethal American Legion Post 220 Existing Facility







## Robert Bethel American Legion receives \$25,000 donation

Apr 24, 2017Apr 24, 2017

Tuesday, March 21, 2017, At the BB&T Center, Sunrise, Fla.

The Florida Panthers Foundation, a philanthropic foundation owned and operated by the Florida Panthers Hockey Organization, presented Robert Bethel American Legion Post 220 a donation of \$25,000 to be used to help the post build and/or acquire different facilities. Post 220 has outgrown its present location and is presently seeking donated funds to move to a more convenient location to better serve the community. Broward County Commissioner Dale V. C. Holness has been very active in assisting Post 220 in this effort. He was personally responsible for coordinating the gift with our post commander Lawrence Roberts and Vincent Viola, chairman and governor, Florida Panthers.





## AMERICAN LEGION

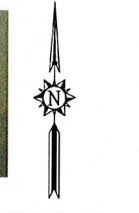
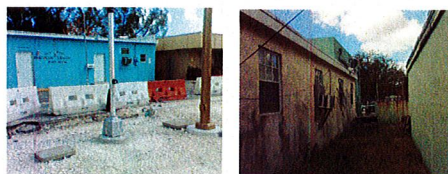
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On November 23, 2015, the members of the Robert Bethel American Legion Post 220 and Auxiliary Unit distributed approximately 80 turkeys to veterans and needy families just in time for Thanksgiving. Families picked up the turkeys, and turkeys were also delivered. "The American Legion has four pillars that we focus on, and this is one of them. We do this every year to address the needs of veterans and our community," said Stanley Stubbs, Adjutant at Robert Bethel American Legion Post 220. Chartered in 1947, the Robert Bethel American Legion Post 220 has been providing services and programming for veterans who served in the military during various eras, as well as their families in Broward County. The Legion provides services to veterans, scholarships to students, community programs and donations to families in need. The Auxiliary Unit, which was re-chartered last year, consists of 21 members and are actively focused on recruiting female veterans to continue to serve and provide programming to the community. Among the many programs and services performed by the post, the members are currently conducting a program to educate students at the Dr.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Montessori Academy on the meaning and importance of the Pledge of Allegiance and American Flag. The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow servicemembers and veterans. The American Legion's success depends entirely on active membership, participation and volunteerism. To contact the Robert Bethel American Legion Post 220, call 754-200-4273 or email [Robbethel1220@comcast.net](mailto:Robbethel1220@comcast.net). For the Auxiliary Unit, call 954-397-3520. The Robert Bethel American Legion Post 220 is located at 1455 Sistrunk Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, FL, 33311.



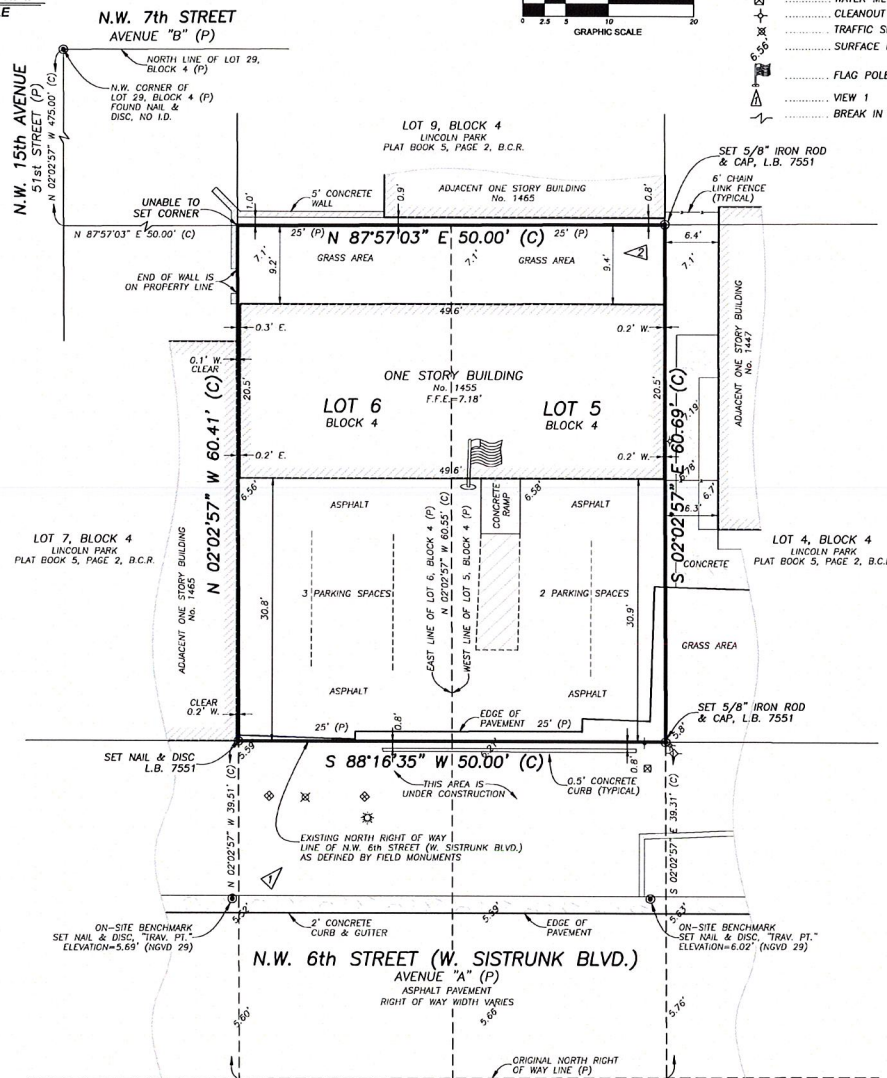
# SKETCH OF BOUNDARY & TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY OF: 1455 N.W. 6th ST., FORT LAUDERDALE, FL.



LEGEND:

L.B.	LICENSED BUSINESS
B.C.R.	BROWARD COUNTY RECORDS
ID.	IDENTIFICATION
(C)	CALCULATED
(P)	DENOTES BEARING AND DISTANCE BASED ON PLATS OF RECORD
BLVD.	BOULEVARD
NGVD 29	NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929
TRAV. PT.	TRAVERSE POINT
F.F.E.	FINISHED FLOOR ELEVATION
⊙	METAL LIGHT POLE
⊙	WIRE PULL BOX
⊙	CONCRETE LIGHT POLE
⊙	WATER METER
⊙	CLEANOUT
⊙	TRAFFIC SIGNAL POLE
⊙	SURFACE ELEVATION
⊙	FLAG POLE
⊙	VIEW 1
⊙	BREAK IN SCALE

## LOCATION MAP NOT TO SCALE



### LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

LOTS 5 AND 6, BLOCK 4, OF LINCOLN PARK, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 2, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, LESS ROAD RIGHT OF WAY.

### SURVEY NOTES:

1. THIS SURVEY REPRESENTS A BOUNDARY AND TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY AS DEFINED BY MINIMUM TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR SURVEYING AND MAPPING, CHAPTER 5J-17, FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODES. THIS SURVEY IS NOT VALID WITHOUT THE SIGNATURE AND THE ORIGINAL RAISED SEAL OF A FLORIDA LICENSED SURVEYOR AND MAPPER.
2. THE PROPERTY SHOWN HEREON CONTAINS 0.07 ACRES (3,028 SQUARE FEET), MORE OR LESS.
3. THE SYMBOLS REFLECTED IN THE LEGEND AND ON THIS SURVEY MAY HAVE BEEN ENLARGED FOR CLARITY. THE SYMBOLS HAVE BEEN PLOTTED AT THE CENTER OF THE FIELD LOCATION AND MAY NOT REPRESENT THE ACTUAL SHAPE OR SIZE OF THE FEATURE.
4. THE INFORMATION DEPICTED ON THIS SURVEY REPRESENTS THE RESULTS OF A FIELD SURVEY ON THE DATE INDICATED AND CAN ONLY BE CONSIDERED AS A REPRESENTATION OF THE GENERAL CONDITIONS EXISTING AT THAT TIME.
5. THE BEARINGS SHOWN HEREON ARE BASED ON A BEARING OF S.88°16'35"W, ALONG THE EXISTING NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE N.W. 6th STREET (W. SISTRUNK BOULEVARD) AND REFER TO THE FLORIDA STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM, EAST ZONE, 1983 (1990) ADJUSTMENT.
6. THE SURVEYOR DID NOT INSPECT THE PROPERTY SHOWN HEREON FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS, IRRIGATION EQUIPMENT, TREES AND LANDSCAPING NOT LOCATED OR SHOWN HEREON/FENCES AND WALLS. DIMENSIONS ARE APPROXIMATE. THE SURVEYOR DID NOT DETERMINE OWNERSHIP OF FENCES AND WALLS.
7. SUBSURFACE UTILITIES, FOUNDATIONS AND ENCROACHMENTS WERE NOT LOCATED AND ARE NOT SHOWN HEREON. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO SURVEY MAPS OR REPORTS BY OTHER THAN THE SIGNING PARTY OR PARTIES ARE PROHIBITED WITHOUT WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE SIGNING PARTY OR PARTIES.
8. EXACTA COMMERCIAL SURVEYORS, INC., DID NOT SEARCH THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA FOR OWNERSHIP, RIGHTS-OF-WAY, EASEMENTS OR OTHER MATTERS AFFECTING THE PROPERTY BEING SURVEYED. THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS NOT SHOWN ON THIS SURVEY THAT MAY BE FOUND IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA.

### SURVEY NOTES (CONT.):

9. THE PROPERTY SHOWN HEREON LIES WITHIN FLOOD ZONE AE, ELEVATION 7' (NGVD 29), AS SHOWN IN FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP 12011C 0216 F, COMMUNITY NUMBR 125105, CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA. MAP EFFECTIVE DATE: AUGUST 18, 1992.
10. THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS DOCUMENT WAS PREPARED BY EXACTA COMMERCIAL SURVEYORS, INC. EXACTA HAS TAKEN ALL REASONABLE STEPS TO ENSURE THE ACCURACY OF THIS DOCUMENT. WE CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT ALTERATIONS AND/OR MODIFICATIONS WILL NOT BE MADE BY OTHERS AFTER IT LEAVES OUR POSSESSION. THIS DOCUMENT MUST BE COMPARED TO THE ORIGINAL HARD COPY (WHICH BEARS THE RAISED SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATION SEAL IF APPLICABLE) TO ENSURE THE ACCURACY OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREON AND TO FURTHER ENSURE THAT ALTERATIONS AND/OR MODIFICATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN MADE. EXACTA MAKES NO WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, CONCERNING THE ACCURACY OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS OR ANY DOCUMENT TRANSMITTED OR REVIEWED BY COMPUTER OR OTHER ELECTRONIC MEANS. CONTACT EXACTA DIRECTLY FOR VERIFICATION OF ACCURACY.
11. THE ELEVATIONS SHOWN HEREON ARE BASED ON A CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE BENCHMARK "NW 127" AND REFER TO THE NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929 (NGVD 29). THE MARK IS A PK NAIL IN BRASS DISC STAMPED CITY OF FT. LAUD. BM NW 127 IN THE CENTERLINE OF A 5 FOOT SIDEWALK ON THE EAST SIDE OF N.W. 15th AVENUE AND 32 FEET NORTH OF THE CENTERLINE OF N.W. 8th STREET. ELEVATION=6.86'.

### THIS SURVEY IS CERTIFIED TO:

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, CRA.

### CERTIFICATE:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THIS BOUNDARY AND TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY WAS MADE UNDER MY RESPONSIBLE CHARGE AND IS ACCURATE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

JAVIER DE LA ROCHA  
PROFESSIONAL SURVEYOR AND MAPPER NO. 6080  
STATE OF FLORIDA  
EXACTA COMMERCIAL SURVEYORS, INC. L.B. 7551

TELEPHONE NO. 561-314-0769 FAX NO. 561-314-0770

**EXACTA**  
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SEAL  
NOT VALID UNLESS  
SEALED HERE WITH  
AN EMBOSSED  
SURVEYOR'S SEAL

SKETCH OF BOUNDARY  
AND TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY

**LOTS 5 AND 6, BLOCK 4  
LESS ROAD RIGHT OF WAY  
LINCOLN PARK  
PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 2, B.C.R.  
1455 N.W. 6th ST., FORT LAUDERDALE, FL. 33311**

CITY OF FORT  
LAUDERDALE, CRA

DATE: 04/02/12

DRAWN BY: J.E.C.

CHECKED BY: JDLR

LAST FIELD DATE: 03/22/12

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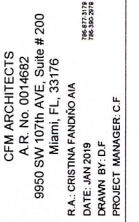
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MANUFACTURERS, SUPPLIERS OR INSTALLERS OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS SHALL SUBMIT DETAILED FABRICATION/INSTALLATION DRAWINGS AND/OR PRODUCT LITERATURE TO THE ARCHITECT FOR HIS RECORDS PRIOR TO FABRICATION OF INSTALLATION. DRAWINGS FOR ENGINEERED PRODUCTS OR PRODUCTS OF A STRUCTURAL/LIFE SAFETY NATURE SHALL BEAR THE SEAL & SIGNATURE OF A FLORIDA REGISTERED ENGINEER OR SHOW REFERENCE TO PRODUCT APPROVAL BY THE APPLICABLE AUTHORITY. IF THE ARCHITECT'S REVIEW OF THE DATA SUBMITTED REVEALS A NEED FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A (MYLAR) FORM. SUCH REVIEW IS SOLELY FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE INFORMATION GIVEN IN THE BIDDING DOCUMENTS AND WITH THE INTENT OF THE DESIGN CONCEPT OF THE PROJECT, WHILE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ACCURACY AND COORDINATION WITH OTHER TRADES OF THE DATA SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW, AS WELL AS FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PRODUCTS DEPICTED THEREON, REMAINS SOLELY WITH THE CONTRACTOR. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR AS APPLICABLE. REFER TO PERFORMANCE STANDARDS NOTE FOR PRODUCT APPROVAL/COMPLIANCE.

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|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. REINFORCING STEEL          | 8. CABINETS                  |
| 2. STRUCTURAL COLUMNS & ACES. | 9. AIR CONDITIONING EQUIP.   |
| 3. WATERPROOFING MEMBRANES    | 10. WINDOWS, DOORS, HARDWARE |
| 4. INSULATION                 | 11. FIRE PLACE               |
| 5. RAILINGS & HANDRAILS       | 12. PLUMBING FIXTURES        |
| 6. BATHROOM ACCESSORIES       | 13. ELECT. EQUIP. & FIXTURES |
| 7. FLOOR & WALL FINISHES      | 14. APPLIANCES               |

ALL PRODUCTS AND THEIR INSTALLATION SPECIFIED IN THESE DOCUMENTS SHALL HAVE PRODUCT APPROVAL BY AND BE ACCORDING WITH THE STANDARDS OF QUALITY, PROTECTION AND PERFORMANCE OF AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES AS APPLICABLE

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|------|--|------|---|
| ASTM | - AMERICAN SOCIETY TESTING MATERIALS       | CA   | - CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION                              |
| ACI  | - AMERICAN CONCRETE INSTITUTE              | CS   | - LIFE SAFETY CODE                                    |
| AFPA | - AMERICAN FOREST & PAPER ASSOCIATION      | NRP  | - NATIONAL EVALUATION SERVICE INC.                    |
| ASCE | - AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF STEEL CONSTRUCTION | NIA  | - NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION                |
| AWMA | - AMERICAN WOOD MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION       | NIAA | - NATIONAL DESIGN SPECIFICATION FOR WOOD CONSTRUCTION |
| AWPB | - AMERICAN WOOD PRESERVATIVES BUREAU       | OSHA | - OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT                  |
| ANSI | - AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARDS INSTITUTE    | SI   | - SIEST JOINT INSTITUTE                               |
| AWMA | - AMERICAN WOOD MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION       | SPCA | - SOCIETY OF PESTICIDE APPLICATION                    |
| BCPA | - BROWNWOOD COUNTY PRODUCT APPROVAL        | UL   | - UNDERWRITERS LABORATORIES                           |
| CD   | - CLASS COUNTY PRODUCT APPROVAL            | WRI  | - WARRICK HERSET INTERNATIONAL                        |
| FLA  | - FLORIDA BUILDING CODE                    |      |   |

2017 6th-ED. FLORIDA BUILDING CODE  
2017 6th-ED. MECHANICAL CODE (FBC)  
2017 6th-ED. ELECTRICAL CODE (NEC)  
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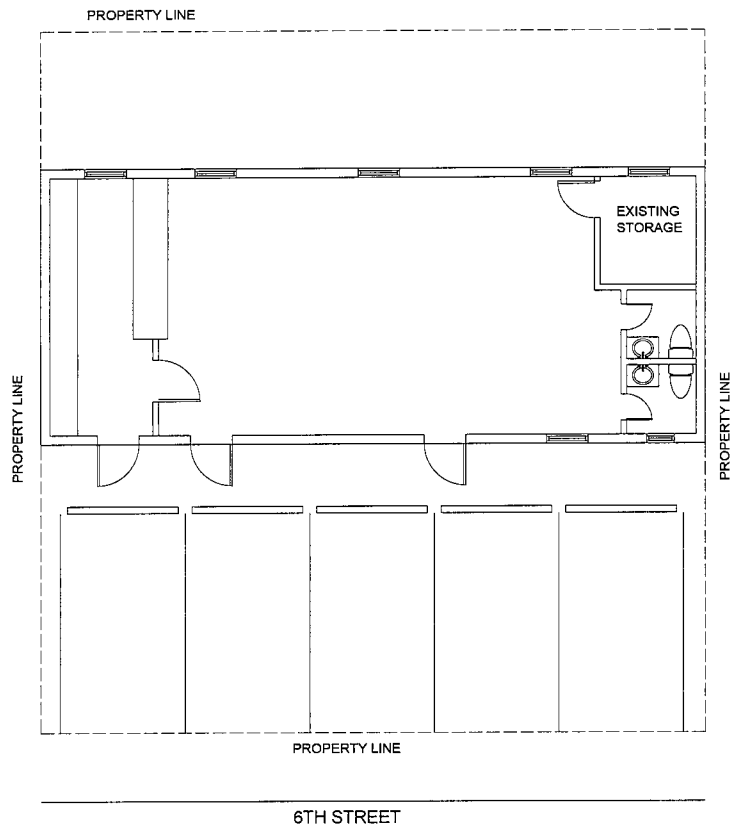
PERMIT INFORMATION:  
ELECTRICAL PERMIT APPLICATION IS FOR GENERAL WIRING ONLY. SEPARATE PERMIT APPLICATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR FIRE ALARM, BURGLAR ALARM, TELEPHONE, TV, CCTV, COMPUTER WIRING AND ANY OTHER LOW VOLTAGE SYSTEM (IF APPLIES).

ALL AREAS BELOW B.F.E. SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH A MINIMUM OF TWO (2) OPENINGS HAVING A TOTAL NET AREA OF NO LESS THAN ONE SQUARE INCH OF OPENING FOR EVERY SQUARE FOOT ENCLOSED AREA SUBJECT TO FLOODING. THE BOTTOM ON THE OPENING WILL BE NO HIGHER THAN ONE (1) FOOT ABOVE GRADE AND LOCATED ON DIFFERENT SIDES OF THE ENCLOSED AREA. OPENINGS WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH SCREENS OR LOUVERS. FLOOR RESISTANT MATERIALS WILL BE USED BELOW B.F.E.

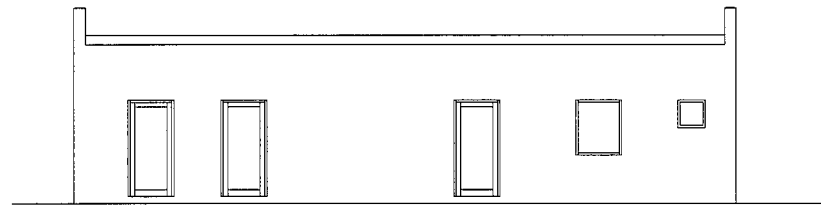
ALTERNATIVELY, SEE A CERTIFICATION BY P.E. ON THE PLAN NOTES INDICATING THAT THE DESIGN WILL ALLOWED FOR THE AUTOMATIC EQUALIZATION OF HYDROSTATIC FLOOR FORCES ON EXTERIOR WALLS.

THE SITE WILL BE GRADED IN A MANNER TO PREVENT THE FLOODING OF ADJACENT PROPERTIES. WHERE NECESSARY INTERCEPTOR SWALES WILL BE CONSTRUCTED ON-SITE WITH NO ENCROACHMENT OVER ADJACENT PROPERTIES.

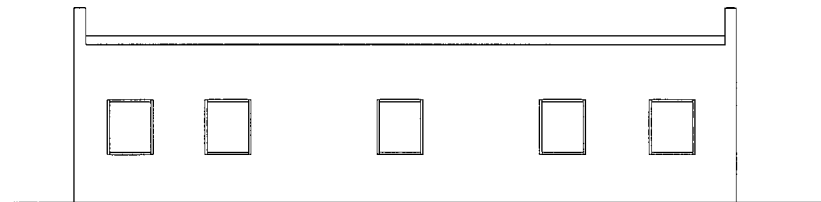




1 EXISTING FLOOR PLAN  
SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"



2 EXISTING FRONT ELEVATION  
SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"



3 EXISTING REAR ELEVATION  
SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"



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LET THESE drawings be used for the project described herein, and for no other purpose, and that the user of these drawings shall be responsible for obtaining all necessary permits and for complying with all applicable laws, codes, and regulations, and for indemnifying and holding harmless the architect from and against all claims, damages, and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, that may be asserted against or incurred by the architect in connection with the use of these drawings for any purpose other than that for which they were prepared.

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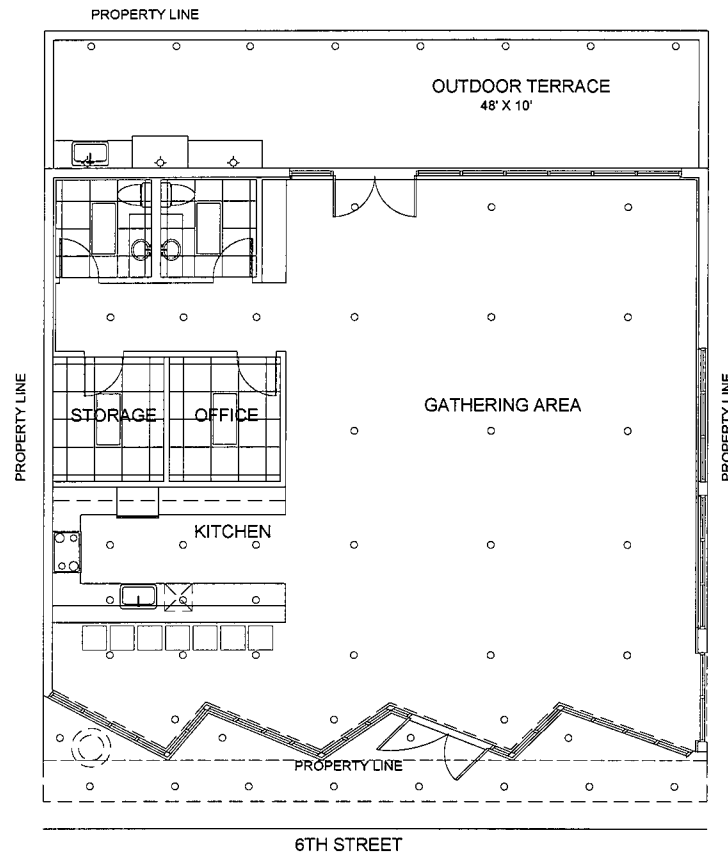

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1 PROPOSED REFLECTED CEILING PLAN  
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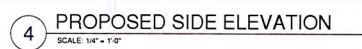
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AMERICAN LEGION POST 220 FORT LAUDERDALE	ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE CONSTRUCTION COST
<b>GENERAL CONDITIONS</b>	<b>\$ 40,196.00</b>
General Conditions (estimated 12 month duration job)	\$ 12,000.00
Mobilization	\$ 5,000.00
Temporary Fence	\$ 3,000.00
Dumpster	\$ 3,000.00
Close-out/final Cleaning/Warranty/Guaranty	\$ 1,500.00
Contractor's Mark-up (6% Direct Cost)	\$ 15,696.00
<b>DEMOLITION</b>	<b>\$ 45,000.00</b>
Cut Electrical Power (BY Owner)	\$ -
Cut Water Service (by Owner)	\$ -
Demo Building (Roof, Masonry Walls, Windows, Doors)	\$ 30,000.00
Cut & Remove Asphalt	\$ 5,000.00
Excavate footings	\$ 10,000.00
<b>NEW WORK</b>	<b>\$ 216,600.00</b>
Shell Construction (concrete footings, columns & beams, masonry walls, floor slab, roof deck)	\$ 60,000.00
Windows, exterior doors (900 sf windows, 2 double doors) (\$27,000 + \$3,000)	\$ 30,000.00
Roofing insulation and membrane (2100 SF x \$8/SF)	\$ 16,800.00
Exterior Stucco	\$ 4,000.00
Exterior Paint	\$ 2,000.00
Interior partitions and drywall	\$ 4,000.00
Interior Ceiling (2500 sf x \$5/sf)	\$ 12,500.00
Interior paint	\$ 3,500.00
Interior flooring, bathroom walls kitchen wainscot (2100 sf x \$8/sf)	\$ 16,800.00
Mechanical A/C 4-Ton roof-top unit, ductwork, diffusers, exhaust fans	\$ 8,000.00
Electrical (panel, switches, interior and exterior lights, exit signs, power outlets)	\$ 12,000.00
Plumbing (toilets, lavatories, faucets, water heater, sinks, backflow preventer, sewer lines)	\$ 10,000.00
Kitchen equipment (interior and exterior kitchen)	\$ 25,000.00
Exterior Sign	\$ 12,000.00
<b>DIRECT COST (Demo + New Work)</b>	<b>\$ 261,600.00</b>
<b>TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST (Direct + Gral. Cond.)</b>	<b>\$ 301,796.00</b>

**NOTES**

Gross Area: 48' x 53' = 2,544 SF  
 Construction Cost: \$262,576  
 Cost per Gross Area: \$103/SF  
 Cost of Furniture -Not Considered



ARCHITECTURAL FEES	AMOUNT
PHASE I - DRC PRESENTATION/ SUBMITTAL	\$ 33,230.00
PHASE II - CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS	\$ 30,670.00
PHASE III - PERMITTING OF CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS	\$ 8,000.00
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>	<b>\$ 71,900.00</b>

NOTE: PLEASE FIND ATTACHED THE CONTRACT FOR DETAILS



February 12, 2019

Project: American Legion  
1455 NW 6th Street  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

**CFM ARCHITECTS** is pleased to present this proposal to provide Architectural / Engineering as per owner's request. This letter will serve as our proposal and upon acceptance will become our agreement.

This agreement will not be valid in part or in its entirety after 90 days of the proposal date. If there are any parts of this agreement that deviates from the original Scope of Work or Scope of Services a new agreement will be executed for the portion of the work thereof.

#### **SCOPE OF WORK**

To complete architectural and engineering drawings for DRC submittal and Construction Documents for an approximately two thousand square feet building.

#### **SCOPE OF SERVICES**

##### ***PHASE I***

##### **DRC PRESENTATION/ SUBMITTAL**

- ARCHITECTURE
- LANDSCAPING
- CIVIL
- MEETING WITH CITY OFFICIALS

##### ***PHASE II***

##### **CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS**

- DEMOLITION PLAN
- ARCHITECTURE

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- MECHANICAL/ ELECTRICAL/ PLUMBING
- STRUCTURAL

### **PHASE III**

#### **PERMITTING OF CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS**

#### **THIS PROPOSAL DOES NOT INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:**

- Drawings for any permits or requirements for any other Municipality having jurisdiction other than the Municipality for which project is being designed and executed; Broward County
- Any component that is not part of this contract and is not within the Scope of Work or Scope of Services.
- Owner will be responsible for the following:
  1. All reproducible (prints)
  2. Geotechnical Studies
  3. Percolation Test
  4. Survey
  5. Tree Surveys
  6. Traveling Expenses

#### **CFM ARCHITECTS IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

- Any delays caused by the owner due to information not furnished to the architect or the permit runner on a timely manner (ex. Lease Agreement required for the commencement of the permitting process)
- **CFM ARCHITECTS** is not responsible for the time a Municipality, or any other Government Agency that will have jurisdiction over the project will take to review the project. For example: HRS, DERM.
- **CFM ARCHITECTS and its consultants will execute reasonable care and skill in preparation and execution of the documents according to this Agreement and warrants that set designs will be in compliance with all applicable building and trade codes but does not guarantee perfects documents.**

#### **PHASE I – DRC PRESENTATION/ SUBMITTAL**

The fee required for the **Architectural/ Engineering** will be (\$ 33,230.00) thirty-three thousand two hundred thirty dollars plus reimbursable, payable as follows:

• (20%) Retainer	\$ 6,646.00
• (40%) Plans and elevations have been approved	\$ 13,292.00
• (30%) All drawings signed and sealed	\$ 9,969.00
• (10%) All review comments have been completed	\$ 3,323.00

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Total	\$ 33,230.00
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## **PHASE II – CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS**

The fee required for the **Architectural/ Engineering** will be (\$ 30,670.00) thirty thousand six hundred seventy dollars plus reimbursable, payable as follows:

• (20%) Retainer	\$ 6,134.00
• (40%) Commencement of Construction Documents	\$ 12,268.00
• (30%) Issuance of Construction Documents	\$ 9,201.00
• (10%) All disciplines under this contract have been approved	\$ 3,067.00

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Total	\$ 30,670.00
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## **PHASE III – PERMITTING OF CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS**

The fee required for the **Permitting** will be (\$ 8,000.00) eight thousand dollars plus reimbursable, payable as follows:

• (60%) Retainer	\$ 4,800.00
• (40%) Last payment when all departments are approved	\$ 3,200.00

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Total	\$ 8,000.00
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**\*\* Note:** Invoices must be paid within 5 days from the date the invoice is received by Mr. Bob Wojcik. Invoice will be emailed to Mr. Bob Wojcik. The emailing date will serve as the invoiced received. Late penalty fees will be charged if invoices are not timely paid. Penalty fee is 5% of invoiced amount, and it will increase to 10% if invoice is not paid within 20 days from the Received or Emailed Date. Penalty fee will increase to 15% of invoiced amount if invoice is not paid within 30 days from Received or Emailed Date. Penalty fees must be included with the payment. If payment is not received after 30 calendar days, the Owner will be in breach of this agreement and no further work will be performed for this project. Reinstatement of the contract will be at the sole discretion of the architect.

## **REIMBURSABLE AND ADDITIONAL EXPENSE**

Additional consultants or additional services by consultants, photocopies, any type of reproducible (printing) postage, express mail and other miscellaneous costs will be reimbursable with a 10% handling fee.

## **LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

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## TIME SCHEDULE

We clearly understand the importance of time in design and construction. Submittal deadlines shall be established between owner and CFM Architects in a **reasonable** manner.

Time not accountable for in the Construction Document for Permit processing for which Architect is not liable will be any time delays occur due to the following circumstances:

1. Owner/ Architect time taken for the Architectural Design Phase.
2. Time the Municipality takes to review the plans.
3. Time required for any information required by the architect from the owner.

## REVISIONS

Client requested revisions, after signoff of Design Development (signoff of the design development will be understood at the time of second payment of this proposal) would be performed on a time and material basis. The hourly rate shall be \$140.00 per hour.

Plan review comment revisions will be done at no cost to the owner. **CFM ARCHITECTS** will not be responsible for any review fees during review process.

## TERMINATION

This agreement may be terminated by either part, for whatever reason, with five (5) days written notice. Owner will remain responsible for outstanding charges. Termination of this agreement does not release Owner from any duty to pay for work performed and he will be required to pay for all services rendered up till the termination date. Late payment penalty fees will apply. **CFM ARCHITECTS** is responsible to fulfill all work paid for up-to-date still to be completed per architect under the percentages stipulated under the Fee Proposal. However, no further work will be performed per the Architect for this project after the percentage of payment: work is fulfilled.

If the terms and conditions of this proposal are acceptable, please sign and return one original signed copy for our files two originals should be printed for your convenience. Please submit along with the original signed agreement the retainer check and we will start on your project immediately.

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## Bob Wojcik

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**From:** Corey Ritchie  
**Sent:** Friday, July 05, 2019 2:16 PM  
**To:** Bob Wojcik  
**Subject:** American Legion Post

Bob,

I have reviewed the cost estimates and believe the total cost to be between \$374,000 and \$390,00.00, which includes architectural fess.

**Corey Ritchie | Project Manager**  
**City of Fort Lauderdale | Community Redevelopment Agency**  
914 NW Sistrunk Boulevard, Suite 200 | Fort Lauderdale FL 33311  
P: (954) 828-593 E: [critchie@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:critchier@fortlauderdale.gov)





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Changed: 09/30/2005

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Willie, Ford Lee, Jr.  
3309 NW 9th St  
LAUDERHILL, FL 33311

Name Changed: 01/11/2018

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### Officer/Director Detail

#### **Name & Address**

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Taylor, Theotis  
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## Title D

YATES, GEORGE JR.  
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## **Robert Bethel Post #220 American Legion Department of Florida**

### **Post Objective**

The general nature and objects of this corporation shall be in addition to the principles enumerated in the Preamble to the constitution of the American Legion, the right to purchase, acquire, hold, improve, sell, convey, assign, release, mortgage, encumber, lease, hire and deal in both real and personal property of every nature and description, including stocks and securities of other corporations and government securities and to loan money and to take security for the payment of all sums due the corporation, and to sell, assign and to sell, assign and release such securities; to acquire by gift, purchase or otherwise both real and personal property and the right to donate to or otherwise convey any real or personal property owned by the corporation, and in all things to manage and hold both real estate and personal property in furtherance of the purpose of the corporation.

The Post was established **December 27, 1947, as a 501 (c) 19 organization**: to support veterans and their families and the community, support youth education, ROTC support programs, support Boys State Program, support various youth sports Programs and Boy Scouts in the community.





## **The American Legion**

**Robert Bethel Post # 220**  
**1455 N. W. Sistrunk Blvd**  
**Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33311**

**June 24, 2019**

### **2019-2020 American Legion Post #220**

#### **POST OFFICERS**

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>RANK and Organization</b>
<b>Commander</b>	<b>Lawrence Roberts</b>	<b>E7/Marine</b>
<b>Adjutant</b>	<b>Isaac Baker</b>	<b>E4/Marine</b>
<b>Vice Cdr</b>	<b>Nathaniel Johnson</b>	<b>E5/Army</b>
<b>Vice Cdr</b>	<b>William Garcia</b>	<b>E6/Army</b>
<b>Sgt-at-Arms</b>	<b>Flemmen Howard</b>	<b>E5/Marine</b>
<b>Chaplain</b>	<b>Daniel Boyd</b>	<b>E5/Army</b>
<b>Historian</b>	<b>Eugene Nicholson</b>	<b>Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class/Air Force</b>
<b>Finance</b>	<b>Willie Ford</b>	<b>E7/Army</b>
<b>Service Officer</b>	<b>Mark Johnson</b>	<b>E7/Army</b>

**Any questions or concerns please contact me/David Deal by cell 954 854 3106  
or email [David.Deal55@gmail.com](mailto:David.Deal55@gmail.com).**

**Post Adjutant,**

**David Deal**





# THE AMERICAN LEGION

## *Department of Florida*

January 14, 2010

American Legion Post # 220  
Attn: Curtis Hodge  
1455 NW 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311

To whom it may concern:

This is to certify that American Legion Post 220 located at 1455 NW 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Ft. Lauderdale Florida is a bonified post in good standing in The American Legion Department of Florida, Inc. and qualifies as a 501 (c) 19 organization.

Sincerely yours,

Michael McDaniel  
Department Adjutant

MRM/rmc



**2019 FLORIDA NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION ANNUAL REPORT**

DOCUMENT# N01000008072

**Entity Name:** AMERICAN LEGION POST #220, INC.

**Current Principal Place of Business:**

1455 NW 6TH ST  
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33311

**Current Mailing Address:**

1455 NW 6TH ST  
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33311

**FEI Number:** 80-0528559

**Certificate of Status Desired:** No

**Name and Address of Current Registered Agent:**

WILLIE, FORD LEE JR.  
3309 NW 9TH ST  
LAUDERHILL, FL 33311 US

*The above named entity submits this statement for the purpose of changing its registered office or registered agent, or both, in the State of Florida.*

**SIGNATURE:** WILLIE L FORD

01/28/2019

Electronic Signature of Registered Agent

Date

**Officer/Director Detail :**

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Name ROBERTS, LAWRENCE  
Address 1790 NW 36 AVE  
City-State-Zip: LAUDERHILL FL 33311

Title VD  
Name TAYLOR, THEOTIS  
Address 3001 NW 48TH PL  
City-State-Zip: LAUDERDALE LAKES FL 33311

Title D  
Name YATES, GEORGE JR.  
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*I hereby certify that the information indicated on this report or supplemental report is true and accurate and that my electronic signature shall have the same legal effect as if made under oath; that I am an officer or director of the corporation or the receiver or trustee empowered to execute this report as required by Chapter 617, Florida Statutes; and that my name appears above, or on an attachment with all other like empowered.*

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COMMANDER POST 220

01/28/2019

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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
P. O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

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SUBJECT: AMERICAN Legion Post#220, Inc.  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for :

☐ \$70.00  
Filing Fee

☐ \$78.75  
Filing Fee &  
Certificate of  
Status

☒ \$78.75  
Filing Fee  
& Certified Copy

☐ \$87.50  
Filing Fee,  
Certified Copy  
& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Paul Fields  
Name (Printed or typed)

521 Alabama Ave  
Address

Ft. Lauderdale, Fla 33312  
City, State & Zip

(954) 797-9251  
Daytime Telephone number

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

In Compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

## ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the corporation shall be: American Legion Post#220, Inc.

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## ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be:

1455 northwest 6th street--  
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla 33311

SECRETARY OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA

## ARTICLE III PURPOSE

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is: To assist veterans, youth and run community base programs to enhance the education, religious and social status of this community.

## ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed: Elected by two thirds vote of all members at a regularly scheduled meeting.

## ARTICLE V INITIAL DIRECTORS/OFFICERS

The name(s), address(es) and title(s):

Paul Fields - Commander  
521 Alabama Ave  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312

CARL E. Thornton - 1st Vice  
3565 NW 25th St  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311

George Yates, JR. - Adjutant  
1624 NW 7th St  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311

## ARTICLE VI INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is:

Paul Fields  
521 Alabama Ave  
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla 33312

## ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Paul Fields  
521 Alabama Ave  
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla 33312

\*\*\*\*\*  
Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

Signature/Registered Agent

11/8/01  
Date

Signature/Incorporator

11/8/01  
Date



**CONSTITUTION OF  
ROBERT BETHEL POST# 220  
AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT  
OF FLORIDA**

**Preamble**

For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and goodwill on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

**Article I – Name & Headquarters**

**Section 1.** The name of this organization shall be Robert Bethel American Legion Post# 220.

**Section 2.** The headquarters of this post shall be in the City of Fort Lauderdale, Broward County Florida.

**Article II – Objects**

**Section 1.** The objects and purposes of this Post shall be to promote the principles and policies as set forth in the foregoing preamble, and the National and Department Constitutions of the American Legion.

**Article III – Nature**

**Section 1.** This Post is a civilian organization and membership therein does not affect or increase liability for military or police service.

**Section 2.** The organization shall be absolutely nonpolitical and shall not be used for dissemination of partisan principles nor for promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking public office or preferment.

**Section 3.** Rank does not exist in the American Legion; no member shall be addressed by his military title or rank in any meeting of the post.

**Article IV – Membership**

**Section 1.** Eligibility to membership to this post shall be as prescribed by the National Constitution of the American Legion.

**Section 2.** Application for membership shall be made in writing under such regulations as may from time to time be prescribed by the Post Executive Committee.

Section 3. All applications for membership shall be acted upon at the next Post meeting following the making of such application, and shall at such meeting, be accepted, rejected or referred for further investigation and consideration. If the majority of the members cast their vote against the acceptance of said application, then such application will be recorded as rejected.

**Section 4.** Any member of this Post may be expelled for cause **only in accordance with Article X Paragraph 14 of the Florida Department Constitution.**

Section 5. A member who has been expelled or suspended from this Post for any cause may be reinstated to membership by a two-thirds vote of the membership present in Post meeting, and the payment of current dues for the year in which the reinstatement occurs.

Section 6. No person who has been expelled by a Post shall be admitted to membership in this Post, without the consent of the expelling Post, except that where such consent has been asked for and denied by such Post, may then appeal to the State Executive Committee of the Department of the expelling Post for permission to apply for membership in this Post, and shall be ineligible for membership until such permission is granted.

Section 7. Any member in good standing at their home Post shall be entitled to a certificate from such Post stating their membership and the duration thereof.

#### **Article V – Officers**

Section 1. The administrative affairs of this Post of The American Legion shall, except as may be otherwise provided by the By-Laws, be under the supervision of an Executive Committee which shall consist of not more than 5 members in addition to the officers of the Post. The term of office of the members of the Executive Committee shall be for one year. The Post, by its By-Laws, may provide for such other standing committees as the business of the organization may require.

Section 2. The officers of this Post shall be a commander, 2-vice-commander, an adjutant, a finance officer, a Post historian, a chaplain, a service officer, a Judge Advocate and a sergeant-at-arms, and such other officers as may be deemed necessary by this organization, who shall be nominated from the floor at a meeting preceding the annual election.

**Section 3.** All officers and the Executive Committee shall be elected annually, and they shall hold office until their successors are duly installed or as otherwise provided. Any officer or executive committeeman may be removed for inefficiency **only in accordance with Article X Paragraph 14 of the Florida Department Constitution.**

Section 4. Every member of this Post in good standing shall be eligible to hold office in this Post.

Section 5. The duties of the officers and the executive committee shall be those usually appertaining to such officers or committee and as further provided in the By-Laws.

**Section 6.** There shall be an Executive Committee **up to fifteen members**, consisting of seven elected, three appointed officers, **and up to five members elected from the membership at large.**

Section 7. The Executive Committee will have the responsibility of governing and managing the Post.



## **Article VI - Standing Committees**

Section 1. The standing committees shall be defined in the By-Laws.

## **Article VII – Finance**

Section 1. The revenue of this Post shall be derived from membership or initiation fees, from annual membership dues and from such other sources as may be approved by the Post Executive Committee.

Section 2. The amount of such membership or initiation fees and the amount of such annual Post dues shall be fixed and determined by this Post.

Section 3. The Post shall pay to Department headquarters the National and Departmental annual membership dues for every member of the Post.

## **Article VIII Charter Members**

Section 1. Members who joined this Post prior to November 11, 1919, or members who joined this Post prior to the issuance of charter shall be known as charter members.

Note – The matter of charter members for the permanent charter is left to the decision of the Post members.

## **Article IX - American Legion Auxiliary**

Section 1. The Post recognizes an auxiliary organization to be known as the Auxiliary Unit of Robert Bethel Post #220 of the American Legion

Section 2. Membership in the Auxiliary shall be as prescribed by the National Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary.

## **Article X – Amendments**

Section 1. This Constitution is adopted subject to the provisions of the National Constitution of the American Legion and of the Department Constitution of the Department of Florida, The American Legion. Any amendment to said National Constitution or Department Constitution which is in conflict with any provisions hereof shall be regarded as automatically repealing or modifying the provisions of this Constitution to the extent of such conflict.

Section 2 This Constitution may be amended at any regular Post meeting by vote of two-thirds of the members of said Post attending such regular meeting, providing the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing and read at the next preceding regular meeting of said Post, and providing, further, written notice shall have been given to all members at least 30 days in advance of the date when such amendment is to be voted upon, notifying said members that such meeting a proposal to amend the Constitution is to be voted upon.

## **Article XI – Revision Dates**

**Section 1. Adoption date and committee:** October 31, 1952

George W. Benton: Chairperson, 220 NW 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, Ft. Laud., FL

John Lee Reasee: Secretary, 119 NW 11 Ave, Ft. Laud., FL

Alfred Harrington: Committeeman, 309 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Ft Laud., FL

**Section 2. Revision Date:** September 21, 2009



Ralph Campbell, Committeeman: 1224 NW 15th Ter, Ft. Laud., FL 33311  
Eugene Nicholson, Committeeman: 7974 Exeter Circ. East, Tamarac, FL 33321  
Stanley Stubbs, Committeeman: 3210 NW 5<sup>th</sup> court, Lauderhill, FL 33311  
Curtis Hodge, Jr., Chairman: 3430 NW 5<sup>th</sup> Court, Lauderhill, FL 33311

Section 3. **Section 2. Revision Date:** August 5, 2013

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**BY-LAWS OF THE  
ROBERT BETHEL AMERICAN LEGION POST# 220  
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA**

**Article I – Name And Objective**

**Section 1. Name:** The name of this organization shall be Robert Bethel American Legion Post# 220.

**Section 2. Objectives:**

We are a patriotic organization devoted to the mutual helpfulness of veterans and their families, service organizations, mentoring youth, sponsoring and promoting wholesome community programs. And other objectives set forth in the Preamble to the Constitution.

**Article II - Management**

**Section 1. Management:** The government and management of the Post is entrusted to an Executive Committee of up to 15 members, to be known as the “Executive Committee”.

**Section 2. Executive Committee:** The Executive Committee shall consist of 3 members at large, 7 elected officers of the Post and the Commanders 3 appointees (Adjutant, Service Officer and Judge Advocate).

**Section 3. Vacancies:** All vacancies existing in the Executive Committee, or any office from the Post from any cause other than expiration of term, shall be filled by appointment of the Commander subject to ratification by a majority vote of the members present at the next ensuing regular post meeting and a person so appointed shall hold office for the unexpired term of the member of the committee or officer who was succeeded.

**Article III – Executive Committee**

**Section 1. Organization:** The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the Commander within ten days after the installation of the new Officers to organize, to act upon the Commander’s appointments of the Adjutant, Service Officer and Judge Advocate, and to fix the amount of bond of the Finance Officer and Adjutant.

Thereafter the Post Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the commander at least bi-monthly and as often as said commander may deem necessary. The commander shall call a meeting of the Post Executive Committee upon the joint written request of 3 or more members of said Post Executive Post Committee, (6) members of said committee shall constitute a quorum thereof. The action taken at such organization meeting shall be recorded in the minutes and shall be filed among the official records of the post.

**Section 2.** Other Duties: The Post Executive Committee shall hire such employees as may be necessary. It shall have the power in emergencies arising in between meetings of the post, to authorize expenditures up to \$200. It shall require adequate bonds from all persons having custody of Post funds before any such persons are qualified or authorized to receive such funds. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to give the Executive Committee power to override any action taken or will expressed by the post at any general meeting. Shall hear reports of Post committee chairs; and generally, shall have charge of and be responsible for the management of the affairs of the Post.

#### **Article IV – Qualifications and Procedures For Election to Office**

**Section 1.** All elective positions shall be filled at the annual meeting. The officers-elect and executive committee-elect shall be installed and enter upon their duties within thirty days after adjournment of the Department Convention in the year in which they are elected.

**Section 2.** All members in good standing shall be entitled to vote in this election. All offices of the post, except the Adjutant, Service Officer and Judge Advocate, shall be elected and certified by the Department Adjutant, not more than ninety (90) days, nor less than ten (10) days prior to the Annual Department Convention, certification to be made on forms furnished or prescribed by the Department Adjutant.

**Section 3.** Post officers shall be installed by the District Commander or his/her designated representative. Post officers shall take office and enter upon their duties at a date to be fixed by the Post, which date shall be subsequent to but not later than sixty (60) days after the adjournment of the Annual Department Convention, unless waived in writing by the incoming District Commander. In the event of a vacancy caused by the death, resignation or removal from office, the name and address of the successor shall be reported to the Department Adjutant within one (1) week after such vacancy has been filled. No Post officer shall assume office prior to providing the Post Adjutant with proof of eligibility.

**Section 4.** Nominations to all elective positions shall be declared open to the floor of the meeting night prior to the annual meeting. Nominations shall remain open up to the time each position is filled by election.

**Section 5.** All nominees shall be required to accept or decline nominations in person at a regular convened meeting.

**Section 6.** All elections shall be by secret ballot.

**Section 7.** The candidates seeking election as an officer of the post receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected to the office for which he was a candidate; provided, in the event no candidate received a majority a run off shall be held between the two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes.

**Section 8.** The three nominees for the Executive Committee receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected.

**Section 9.** Delegates and Alternates: The above sections of this Article shall not apply to delegates and alternates. Delegates and alternates to conventions and conferences shall be nominated and elected by ballot at a regular meeting of the Post held at least twenty days prior to the date of the convention or conference.

**Section 10.** The Commander of the Post Honor Guard Squad shall be elected at a meeting of the squad to be held at least ten days prior to the annual meeting of the post.

## **Article V – Duties Of Officers**

**Section 1. Duties of the Post Commander:** Shall preside at all meetings of the post and of the Executive Committee. He shall have general supervision of the business and affairs of the post. He shall make an annual written report covering the business of the post for the year and recommendations for the ensuing year which shall be read at the first regular meeting following the annual meeting. He shall immediately forward a copy of this report to the Department Adjutant. He shall perform such other duties as may be directed by the post, shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, and shall require a monthly report from all committees.

**Section 2. Duties of the First Vice-Commander:** Shall assume and discharge the duties of the office of the commander in the absence or disability of, or when called upon by the post commander. He shall be chairman of the membership committee and shall generally stimulate the drive for members.

**Section 3. Duties of the Second Vice-Commander:** Shall assume and discharge the duties of the commander in the absence or disability of, or when called upon by the commander or first vice-commander. **The Second Vice is responsible for the building and programs, responsible for spicing up the meetings. He shall be in**

**charge of the social calendar and the use of the building.** He shall see that proper and adequate entertainment is provided for the post. He shall be the chairman of the entertainment, post activities and house committees.

**Section 4. Duties of the Adjutant:** Shall keep a full and accurate record of all proceedings of all records as the Department and National Organization may require. Render a report of membership annually when called upon at a meeting. He shall, under the direction of the commander, handle all correspondence of the post and at each meeting shall present such outstanding bills to the post for action as shall come to his attention. He shall make the necessary investigations of potential applicants for membership as may be required of him by the Executive Committee, including documentary evidence such as the DD214. He shall be required to record, in writing verbatim, all minutes of the post and executive committee meetings. He shall not keep in his possession for more than 5 business days any funds received by him from any source. He shall deliver to the Finance Officer all funds received by him, requiring a receipt in detail for such funds, said receipt to be part of the records of the Adjutant's office. He shall have the authority to sign checks and assume the duties of the Finance Officer in the absence or disability of the Finance Officer. He shall keep in safe custody the seal of the post. He must be bonded.

He shall be responsible for membership cards and their issuance. He shall also sign each card for members entitled to receive one, and shall place the official seal of the post on each card. He shall be the secretary of the Executive Committee and shall keep accurate and detailed minutes of the meetings. A copy of such minutes, once approved, shall be posted upon the post bulletin board prior to the next meeting of the post including the names of new members present, and shall be read at the next regular meeting of the post.

**Section 5. Duties of the Finance Officer:** Shall have charge of all post finances and see that all post funds are safely deposited in one account in some local bank designated by the Executive Committee under the name American Legion Post# 220, Inc. (DBA: Robert Bethel Post# 220 Inc., The American Legion. He shall report in writing once a month to the Executive Committee the condition of the finances of the post and post a copy of such report upon the official bulletin board for the membership. Shall also read such report at the next regular post meeting.

He shall make such recommendations as he may deem expedient or necessary for raising funds with which to carry on the activities of the post. Prior to taking office he shall furnish a surety bond in such sum as shall be fixed by the Executive Committee-Elect. He shall keep an adequate set of books in such form and detail as shall be prescribed by the Executive Committee. He shall sign all checks disbursing the funds of the post, and shall disburse such funds only upon the receipt of properly executed vouchers. He shall be Chairman of the Finance Committee.

**Section 6. Duties of the Historian:** Shall keep records of the activities and incidents of the post and post members. He shall perform such other duties as may properly pertain to his office as may be determined by the Executive Committee. He shall be a member of the Public Relations Committee.

**Section 7. Duties of the Chaplain:** Shall be charged with the spiritual welfare of the post members and shall offer divine but non-sectarian, service in the event of dedications, funerals, visitation of the sick, public functions, and ceremonial rituals as recommended by National and Department Headquarters from time to time. He shall prepare and keep a record of the graves of all comrades from this post. He shall be Chairman of the Visitation Committee.

**Section 8. Duties of the Sergeant-At-Arms:** Shall preserve order at all meetings, introduce visiting comrades, prepare the room for meetings, act as sentry, and instruct all comrades arriving after the meeting is open in the correct manner to enter, and shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to him by the Executive Committee and the Commander.

**Section 9. Duties of the Service Officer:** Shall assist veterans in all matters pertaining to service records, hospitalization and contact with the Veterans Administration and other governmental agencies. He shall offer the assistance of the post in the relief of distressed veterans and their families. He shall make a monthly report to the post of activities and expenditures. He shall be the Chairman of the Service and Rehabilitation Committee.

**Section 10. The Duties of the Judge Advocate:** Shall advise the officers and the Executive Committee on legal matters pertaining to the post, including the construction and interpretation of the National, Department and Post Constitution and By-Laws. He shall be the parliamentarian and shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to his office. He shall be the Chairman of the Legal, Constitution and By-Laws Committee.

## **Article VI – Finance**

**Section 1.** All monies of the post shall be kept in one account in a bank to be designated by the Executive Committee under the name American Legion Post# 220, Inc. (DBA: Robert Bethel Post# 220 Inc. Said funds shall be carried on the books of the Post under separate ledger accounts as follows: a) general funds, b) building funds, c) service and welfare funds, d) honor guard squad funds, e) entertainment funds, f) bar funds, g) gaming room funds, h) athletic funds and i) such other funds as may, at the discretion of the finance committee be required in the administration of prudent financial procedures and special events.

**Section 2.** Checks shall be drawn on the above funds by the Finance Officer, or in his absence the Adjutant and countersigned by the Commander or in his absence the Vice-Commander, only upon receipt by him of an approved voucher for payment

from one of the above designated funds duly signed by the Commander and the Adjutant.

**Section 3.** No voucher shall be drawn on any of said funds for the disbursement of money until such disbursements shall have been approved on the floor at a regular post meeting Except: a) as provided in article III section 2 of these by-laws; b) disbursement from the bar for merchandise may be approved by the Commander and/or Adjutant.

**Section 4.** No voucher shall be drawn against any of the above funds in excess of the amount then on deposit in such funds. No money shall be transferred from one fund to another except after reference to and reported thereon by the finance committee to the Post and approved on the floor at a regular meeting.

**Section 5.** All finance records of the Post shall be audited at least annually as prescribed by the legal committee. For this requirement a self audit maybe performed by members of the Post other than those responsible for handling Post funds. Such audit shall be read at the last regular Post meeting prior to installation of newly elected officers. Quarterly audits of all accounts shall be made by the Legal Committee.

## **Article VII – Delegates**

**Section 1. Delegates and Alternates:** Delegates and alternates to a Department Convention shall be elected by ballot, by the Post at a regular meeting of the Post to be held not more than 90 days nor less than 30 days prior to the date of the convention.

## **Article VIII – Appointments**

**Section 1. Standing Committees:** The Post Commander, immediately upon taking office each year, shall appoint the following standing committees: Agriculture, Americanism, Athletic, Boy Scout, Boys State, Building and Land, Child Welfare, Disaster Relief, Economic, Education of Veterans and Orphans, Entertainment, Finance, Honor Guard Squad, House, Junior Baseball, Legal, Law and Order and Safety, Marksmanship, Membership, Medical Advisory, Music Contest, National Defense, Oratorical, Parades, Patriotic Observances and Flag Education, Public Relations, Rehabilitation and Service, Sons of the American Legion, School Affairs, School Medal Awards, Veterans Hospital and Entertainment, and Visiting. Such standing committees shall consist of such members, and the chair thereof, as shall be designated by the Post Commander.

**Section 2. Americanism Committee:** Shall be charged with the inspiration of patriotism and good citizenship by arrangements for proper observance of patriotic occasions, encouragement of patriotic and civic phases of instruction in schools; Americanization of aliens; combating anti-American propaganda by education of the general public in American ideals through public forums, etc., and activities for community and civic betterment. To teach proper respect for the flag, impart proper customs for the display and use of the flag and acquaint students and the public with ideal for which it stands.

**Section 3. Athletic Committee:** Shall promote physical and clean sports such as: a) post athletic teams, physical recreational etc., b) co-operation and support in the general recreational and athletic programs of the community.

**Section 4. Boy Scout Committee:** Shall be the building of character and training in citizenship of the boys of America by our devotion and service to the boy scouts.

**Section 5. Boys/Girls State Committee:** To educate our youth in the fundamental principles, rights and responsibilities of American citizenship.

**Section 6. Building and Land Committee:** Shall promote a program to upgrade and/or expand our current facility, including the possibility of acquiring a larger home facility.

**Section 7. Child Welfare Committee:** Shall ensure that that any child of a veteran in need of care or protection will receive that service and aid.

**Section 8. Disaster Relief Committee:** Shall organize the post and community for readiness to serve in the event of an emergency.

**Section 9. Economic Committee:** Shall serve and assist veterans in meeting and overcoming problems encountered in their economic readjustment.

**Section 10. Orphans of Veterans Education Support Committee:** Shall provide scholarships and other assistance for children of deceased veterans.

**Section 11. Entertainment/Post Activities Committee:** Shall formulate and initiate methods and policies to encourage, induce and stabilize membership in the American Legion, and to stimulate, influence and expand post activities and to ensure greater achievement in carrying out the programs of the American Legion.

**Section 12: Finance Committee:** Administer post financial policy by; 1) Advising the post in financial matters and making recommendations for budget preparation. 2) Supervision of receiving, disbursing and accounting for post funds.

**Section 13. Honor Guard Squad Committee:** Shall be the official representatives of the post on all ceremonial occasions and observances.



**Section 14. House Committee:** Shall have charge of all matters pertaining to the care of the post quarters, promotion of post activities and arrangement for social functions.

**Section 15. Junior Baseball Committee:** Shall develop qualities of fair play, citizenship, courage and clean sportsmanship. To provide the necessary physical training and coordination of mind and muscle in our youth.

**Section 16. Legal Committee:** Shall be charged with the legal supervision of post affairs and audit post financial accounts quarterly and annually.

**Section 17. Law and Order and Safety Committee:** To uphold and defend the constitution of the United States, to support law enforcement officers at all times in their just effort to enforce the law, and maintain a strict devotion in law and order in general.

**Section 18. Membership Committee:** Shall have charge of all matters pertaining to the membership of the post, including recruiting new members, reinstatement and eligibility of members.

**Section 19. Medical Advisory Committee:** Shall study and recommend and sponsor for the American Legion plans, methods and policies to ensure the maximum and most efficient treatment, and for obtaining accurate medical affidavits for veterans and their families who are entitled to receive medical benefits provided by law.

**Section 20. Music Contest Committee:** Shall promote and encourage musical training and the formation of musical organization of the youth community and sponsor musical contests.

**Section 21. National Defense Committee:** Shall work with and coordinate legion efforts with the local defense council on matters pertaining to national civilian and home defense. To assist the armed forces of the United States in recruiting efforts and in every way be active in the community activities for the defense of the nation and the security of the American Home.

**Section 22. Oratorical Contest Committee:** Shall promote and educate local youth in the art of public speaking by engaging them in and scheduling annual oratorical contests at the post. To encourage and sponsor the local winner up the Legion levels.

**Section 23. Parades Committee:** Shall conduct and make plans and be in charge of all parades approved by the post.

**Section 24. Public Relations Committee:** Shall be charged with the promotion of public support of the Legion's Programs, be the establishment of proper contact with the American Legion Magazine, Department and National News Service and by local publicity of Post programs and activities.

**Section 25. Rehabilitation and Service Committee:** Shall supervise all matters pertaining to service to the comrades in the prosecution of all just claims against the United States or state governments, employment, relief etc.

**Section 26. Sons of the American Legion Committee:** Shall have supervision over the operations of the Post's squadron of the Sons of The American Legion.

**Section 27. School Affairs Committee:** Shall promote and support education in the local public school system. Shall serve as the Post's scholarship committee. Identify and recommend prospective candidates for the annual scholarship. Also identify students eligible for citizenship awards.

**Section 28. Veterans Hospital Entertainment Committee:** Shall be charged with the entertainment of hospitalized veterans and servicemen in all veteran's and service hospitals.

**Section 29. Visitation Committee:** Shall be charged with the visiting and comforting of members and their families when sick and/or bereaved.

## **Article IX – Resolutions**

**Section 1.** All resolutions of state or national scope presented to this Post by a member or reported to this Post by a committee shall merely embody the opinion of this Post on the subject and copy of same will be forwarded to the Department headquarters for it's approval before any publicity is given or action other than mere passage by the Post is taken.

## **Article X – Meetings**

**Section 1. The Annual Meeting:** of the post shall be held not more than ninety days nor less than thirty days prior to the Department Convention. It shall convene at seven o'clock p. m., at the post. If no quorum shall be present the presiding officer shall declare the meeting adjourned for a lack of a quorum, and shall call a special meeting to be held not more than five days later.

**Section 2. Regular Meetings:** Of the post shall be held at the post home at seven o'clock p. m., on the first and third Monday of each month. At such meetings, the post may transact any and all business that may properly be brought before it.

**Section 3. Special Meeting:** The Post Commander or a majority of the Executive Committee shall have the power to call a special meeting of the Post at any time. Notice of special meetings of the Post must be given in writing and/or email to the membership and mailed at least seventy-two hours prior to the meeting.

**Section 4. Emergency Meeting:** Will be defined as impending disaster, personal tragedies, post security and commander discretion. Notification shall be by most expedient method.

### **Article XI – Dues**

**Section 1.** Annual dues of this post shall be \$45 payable in advance of the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October of each year for the succeeding calendar year.

**Section 2.** From the dues paid by the membership, the post shall pay to the Finance Officer of the Department of Florida such proportions of such dues as may be required by regulations of the Department.

### **Article XII – Honor Guard Squad**

**Section 1.** This Post shall sponsor a drill and marching organization to be known as the Robert Bethel Post #220 Honor Guard Squad composed exclusively of the members of this Post. The commander of the Honor Guard Squad shall make the report of the Honor Guard Squad at Post meetings and shall render such service of the Honor Guard Squad to the Post as may be directed by the Executive Committee or by the Post Commander.

**Section 2.** Said Honor Guard Squad shall be properly organized and shall adopt a set of by-laws for governance. Said by-laws shall be consistent with the by-laws of this Post and shall not be in conflict with any of their provisions. Said by-laws shall be subject to approval of the Post Executive Committee.

**Section 3.** The Honor Guard Squad shall be under the supervision of the Post Executive Committee which shall have the power to regulate and control the activities of the Squad. Money raising propositions or promotions of said Honor Guard Squad shall be presented to the Executive Committee for approval before any action may be taken thereon by the Squad.

**Section 4.** Disbursement of Honor Guard Squad funds shall be in accordance with Article VI of these by-laws.

### **Article XIII – American Legion Auxiliary**

**Section 1.** The Post recognizes an auxiliary organization known as the Robert Bethel American Legion Post #220 Auxiliary Unit Inc.

**Section 2. Membership in the American Legion Auxiliary shall be limited to the grandmothers, mothers, sisters, wives, and direct and adopted female descendants of members of The American Legion, and to the grandmothers, mothers, sisters, wives, and direct and adopted female descendants of all men and women who were in the Armed Forces of the United States during any of the following periods: April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918; December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946; June 25, 1950 to January 31, 1955; February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975; August 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984; December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990; August 2, 1990 to the date of cessation of hostilities as determined by the Government of the United States; all dates inclusive, or who being citizens of the United States at the time of their entry therein, served on active duty in the Armed Forces of any of the governments associated with the United States during any of said periods, and died in line of duty or after honorable discharge; and to those women who of their own right are eligible for membership in The American Legion.**

#### **Article XIV – Notices**

**Section 1.** Every member of the Post shall furnish the Post Adjutant with his or her address, emails and phone numbers for contact purposes.

**Section 2.** The Post Adjutant shall cause notice of the annual election to be given at least ten days prior thereto.

**Section 3.** All schedules of the regular meeting dates of the Post and Post Executive Committee shall be published in each issue of the Post Publication, and this notice shall be considered an official notice of such meetings.

#### **Article XV – Rules of Order**

**Section 1.** All meetings of this Post shall be conducted according to the Manual of Ceremonies of The American, and pursuant to Roberts Rules of Order except as herein otherwise provided. Post committee meetings shall be conducted by Roberts Rules of Order except as herein otherwise provided.

#### **Article XVI – Limitation and Liability**

**Section 1.** This Post shall incur or cause to be incurred no liability or obligations whatsoever which shall subject to liability of any other post, subdivision thereof, group of men, members of the American Legion, or other individuals, corporations or organizations.

**Section 2.** No member of this Post shall at any time create, incur or attempt to authorize any indebtedness or liability against this Post without first obtaining the consent of the Post or Post Executive Committee to do so.

## **Article XVII – Amendment**

**Section 1.** These by-laws may be amended at any regular Post meeting by a vote of two thirds of the members present; provided, the proposed amendment shall be submitted in writing and read at one preceding regular meeting of the Post and provided further written or published notice shall be given to the membership at least two weeks in advance of the date when the amendment is to be voted upon. Notices are to be considered official when published in the official publication of the Post or by written notice mailed to the membership.

## **Article XVIII – Publications**

**Section 1.** These revised by-laws shall be printed as soon as possible after approval and acceptance by the Post, and the Adjutant shall keep on hand in the Adjutant's office, an adequate supply of copies of the by-laws in order that a copy may be given to any member of the Post who requests it.

## **Article XIX – Seal**

**Section 1.** The official seal of the Post shall have inscribed thereon, "Robert Bethel American Legion Post Number 220, Inc., Fort Lauderdale, Florida".

## **Article XX – Original Creators and Signers**

### **The Committee:**

**George W. Benton, Chairman:** 220 NW 5<sup>th</sup> avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL

**John Lee Reasee, Secretary:** 119 NW 11<sup>th</sup> avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL

**Alfred Harrington, Committeeman:** 309 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> street, Fort Lauderdale, FL

**Eric Swain, Committeeman:** 312 NW 5<sup>th</sup> avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL

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**Timothy Williams, Committeeman:** 708 NW 15<sup>th</sup> terrace, Fort Lauderdale, FL

**Compiled November 8, 1952**

**Approved at meeting**

## **Article XXI – Revision Dates**

### **Section 1. Adoption Date: November 2, 2002, Committee:**

**Arthur L. Stone, Chairman:** 2231 SW 44<sup>th</sup> terrace, Fort Lauderdale, FL

**Johnny Currington, Secretary:** 331B NW 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL

**Carl E. Thornton, Committeeman:** 3565 NW 25<sup>th</sup> street, Fort Lauderdale, FL

**Vernon Moore, Committeeman:** 1231 NW 16<sup>th</sup> court, Fort Lauderdale, FL

**Curtis Walker, Committeeman:** 2840 NW 8<sup>th</sup> street, Fort Lauderdale, FL

**Section 2. Adoption Dates: September 21, 2009, 1/17/2011, 7/1/2013, 4/4/2016 Committee**

**Ralph Campbell, Committeeman:** 1224 NW 15th, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311

**Eugene Nicholson, Committeeman:** 7974 Exeter Circle, Tamarac, FL 33321

**Stanley Stubbs, Committeeman:** 3210 NW 5<sup>th</sup> court, Lauderhill, FL

**Curtis Hodge, Jr., Chairman:** 3430 NW 5<sup>th</sup> Court, Lauderhill, FL

**Section 3. Adoption Date: August 5, 2013, Committee**

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# The Four Pillars of Service of The American Legion

## *Still Serving: It's Who We Are*

*In 1919, The American Legion was founded on four pillars: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth. Each of these pillars encompasses a variety of programs that benefit our nation's veterans, its service members, their families, the youth of America and ordinary citizens. These programs make a difference in hundreds of thousands of lives each year.*

*Our organization's positions and programs are guided by resolutions passed by American Legion National Convention delegates, and committee and commission members who represent 2.6 million wartime veterans and their families. These programs, and the men and women who take the time to perform them, are what allow The American Legion to make a difference locally, and on the state and national levels.*

*It's who we are and what we do.*

### I. Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

- Access to VA Care
- Better Funding Formula
- Support for Veterans with
- Special Needs
- Career Opportunities
- A GI Bill for a New Century
- Employment and Business
- Heroes to Hometowns
- Volunteering
- Final Respects

### II. National Security

- Strong National Defense
- Military Quality of Life
- Homeland Security
- Foreign Relations
- Full Accounting of POW/MIAs
- Operation Comfort Warriors

### III. Americanism

- Flag Protection
- Illegal Immigration
- Voter Registration and Participation
- Boy Scouts
- The Pledge of Allegiance
- Establishment-Clause Lawsuits

#### IV. Children & Youth

- Catastrophic Illness
- Intellectual Disabilities
- Immunization
- Family Integrity
- Media Violence
- Drug Abuse
- Child Sexual Exploitation

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The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization. Focusing on service to veterans, servicemembers and communities, the Legion evolved from a group of war-weary veterans of World War I into one of the most influential nonprofit groups in the United States. Membership swiftly grew to over 1 million, and local posts sprang up across the country. Today, membership stands at over 2 million in more than 13,000 posts worldwide. The posts are organized into 55 departments: one each for the 50 states, along with the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, France, Mexico and the Philippines.



Over the years, the Legion has influenced considerable social change in America, won hundreds of benefits for veterans and produced many important programs for children and youth. Following is a chronology of significant dates in Legion history:

## 1919

### March 15-17

Members of the American Expeditionary Force convene in Paris for the first American Legion caucus.

### May 8-10

St. Louis Caucus. "The American Legion" is adopted as the organization's official name. The Legion's draft preamble and constitution are approved.

### June 9

The National Executive Committee adopts the Legion emblem.

### Sept. 16

Congress charts The American Legion.

### Nov. 10-12

First Legion convention convenes in Minneapolis. The Constitution and preamble are adopted. Delegates vote 361-323 to locate the Legion's national headquarters in Indianapolis, instead of Washington. A resolution is passed in support of Boy Scouts of America. *Today, the Legion is the chartering agency for more than 1,700 Scouting units made up of approximately 64,000 youths.*

## 1920s

**Aug. 9, 1921**

The Legion's efforts result in the creation of the U.S. Veterans Bureau, forerunner of the Veterans Administration. *Today, the Legion continues to lobby for adequate funding to cover medical, disability, education and other benefits for veterans.*

**June 15, 1923**

The first "Flag Code" is drafted during a Legion conference in Washington. Congress adopts the code in 1942. *Today, the Legion is at the forefront of efforts to pass a constitutional amendment to protect the U.S. flag from physical desecration.*

**July 17, 1925**

The Legion creates the American Legion Baseball program. *Today, more than 50 percent of Major League Baseball players are graduates of the program. About 82,000 youths play on Legion-sponsored teams each year.*

**1930s****September 1932**

The Sons of The American Legion is officially recognized during the 1932 National Convention in Portland, Ore.

**June 23, 1935**

The first American Legion Boys State convenes in Springfield, Ill., to help youths gain an understanding of the structure and operation of the federal government. The first Boys Nation, bringing together youth leadership from all the Boys State programs, convenes in 1946. *Today, more than 19,500 young men participate in Boys State, and 98 in Boys Nation, from 49 of the 50 states.*

**June 1, 1938**

The final round of the Legion's first annual National High School Oratorical Contest is conducted in Norman, Okla. *Today, more than 3,400 high-school students from around the country compete annually in the contest, which promotes a greater understanding of the U.S. Constitution. Winners receive thousands of dollars in college scholarships.*

**1940s**

**Sept. 19-21, 1942:** Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion is changed for the first and only time since it was written in 1919. The word "War" is changed to "Wars."

**Dec. 15, 1943**

Past National Commander Harry W. Colmery starts to write in longhand, on Mayflower Hotel stationery in Washington, the first draft of what will later become the "GI Bill of Rights" – considered the Legion's single greatest legislative achievement.

**June 22, 1944**

President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs into law the original GI Bill, or Servicemen's Readjustment Act, ushering in monumental changes in U.S. society. Higher education becomes democratized after 8 million veterans go to school on the GI Bill, get better jobs, buy houses in the suburbs and raise families. For every dollar spent on educating veterans, the U.S. economy eventually gets \$7 back.

**May 29, 1946**

The Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary present a small, struggling organization called the American Heart Association with a \$50,000 grant. The grant inaugurates a nationwide program for the study, prevention and treatment of rheumatic heart disease.

**1950s****May 4, 1950**

The Legion votes to contribute funds to the field of mental health, thereby playing a key role in launching the National Association for Mental Health.

**July 9, 1954**

The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation is formed. *Today, more than \$11 million has been awarded to youth organizations and projects designed to help America's children.*

**1960s****Sept. 1, 1966**

The Legion voices great concern over the fate of prisoners of war in Vietnam. *Today, the Legion urges a full accounting of all POWs and troops missing in action; and has formed a special group from among the nation's major veterans organizations to continue pressing for further resolution of this issue.*

**Aug. 24, 1969**

The Legion's National Executive Committee establishes the National Emergency Fund as a result of the effects of Hurricane Camille.

## 1970s

### May 1, 1972

The Legion implements a Halloween safety program for children; *it remains the only national program of its kind.*

### April 1, 1975

The Legion-sponsored Freedom Bell goes aboard the Freedom Train during its tour of the country in celebration of the U.S. Bicentennial. Six years later, the bell is dedicated at its permanent home in Columbus Plaza, opposite Union Station in Washington.

## 1980s

### Aug. 26, 1982

The Legion presents a \$1 million check to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund for construction of the Wall in Washington, becoming the largest single contributor to the project.

### July 21, 1983

The Legion announces its sponsorship of an independent study on the effects of exposure to Agent Orange on Vietnam War veterans. Congress receives the results of the "American Legion-Columbia University Study of Vietnam-era Veterans" in 1989.

### Jan. 1, 1989

The Veterans Administration is elevated to Cabinet-level status as the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The Legion fought hard for the change, arguing that veterans deserve representation at the highest levels of government.

### Oct. 16, 1989

The long-standing objective of the Legion to improve adjudication procedures for veterans claims is achieved when the U.S. Court of Veterans Appeals becomes operational. Most of the provisions contained in the law creating the court were originally included in the Veterans Reassurance Act, written by the Legion and introduced in Congress in 1988.

## 1990s



**Aug. 2, 1990**

The Legion files suit against the federal government for failure to conduct a Congress-mandated study about the effects of Agent Orange on veterans who served in Vietnam.

**Oct. 11, 1990**

The Legion creates the Family Support Network to assist families of servicemembers deployed for operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm in the Middle East. Through local posts, the network offers a wide range of assistance, including financial assistance, mowing lawns, baby-sitting and more.

*Today, FSN continues to assist families affected by military activation and deployment.*

**June 15, 1991**

The Legion hosts its first Junior Shooting Sports National Air Rifle Championships at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo. *Today, more than 2,000 high school students a year enter the contest, which teaches gun safety and marksmanship.*

**Aug. 24, 1994**

The Legion announces the creation of the Citizens Flag Alliance, a coalition of organizations and individual citizens united to work for a constitutional amendment to protect the U.S. flag from physical desecration. Since 1995, the amendment has passed in the House by an supermajority six times: in 1995, 1997, 1999, 2001, 2003 and 2005. In 2006, the amendment fell one vote short of passage in the Senate.

**Sept. 24, 1994:** The American Legion announces partnership with the Smithsonian Institute's Air and Space Museum to develop an exhibit for the bomber Enola Gay, which dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan. Previous museum plans had drawn intense criticism from veterans, scholars and the public.

**Jan. 30, 1995:** The American Legion announces acceptance of scaled-down exhibit "without political commentary" for the Enola Gay, ending the greatest controversy in the Smithsonian Institute's 149-year history.

**Oct. 1, 1995**

The Legion forms the Persian Gulf Task Force to enhance service for the newest generation of wartime veterans, thousands of whom suffer from illnesses linked to their service in the region.

**Sept. 16, 1996**

The Legion awards a \$20,000 college scholarship to each of the 10 inaugural Samsung American Legion high school scholars.

**June 11, 1997**

The National Emergency Fund surpasses the \$1 million mark in cash grants given to flood victims who belong to the Legion family. Most grant recipients reside in the flood plains of Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Minnesota and North Dakota.

**Sept. 3, 1997**

The Legion presents its first National Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award at the 79th National Convention in Orlando, Fla.

**2000s****March 29, 2000**

Senate Joint Resolution 14, the constitutional amendment that would return the people's right to protect the U.S. flag from physical desecration, falls four votes short of the necessary 67 to override a presidential veto.

**Sept. 5, 2000:** The American Legion presents the first "Spirit of Service" Awards to active duty service members for their off-duty volunteer activities.

**Aug. 28-30, 2001:** The American Legion passes resolution to rekindle Blue Star Service Banner program.

**Sept. 12, 2001:** The American Legion reactivates the Family Support Network following terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C.

**Oct. 10-11, 2001:** The American Legion creates the American Legacy Scholarship Fund for children of military members killed on active duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001.

**Sept. 11, 2002:** The American Legion takes lead in conducting "A Day To Remember" events to mark the anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the nation.

**November 2002**

The Legion launches the national "I Am Not A Number" campaign to identify and document the delays veterans face in obtaining medical care from VA.

**Oct. 17, 2003:** American Legion efforts on Capitol Hill break the deadlock on the Disabled Veterans Tax when Congress creates a 10-year phase-in for service-connected disabled retirees to receive military retired pay and VA disability compensation without subtraction from either. Legion efforts also result in

passage of the Military Family Tax Relief Act.

**Sept. 3, 2004:** American Legion lobbying leads to more progress in elimination of the Disabled Veterans Tax with passage of PL 108-375 that eliminates the 10-year phase-in for 100 percent service-connected retirees, allowing them to immediately begin receiving both retired pay and VA disability payments.

**Sept 19, 2004:** The American Legion launches a national program, the Blue Star Salute, where posts across the country hold public events to recognize troops, their families and local businesses on Armed Forces Day.

**May 7, 2005:** The American Legion lobbied successfully to remove from VA funding legislation administration-proposed increases in VA prescription co-payments and institution of user fee for Priority Group 8 veterans using VA health facilities. Efforts focus on legislation to provide mandatory, vice discretionary, funding of VA health care.

### **August 2005**

Delegates at the 87th National Convention in Honolulu unanimously voice their support for the global war on terrorism with Resolution 169.

**Oct. 17-18, 2007:** The American Legion National Executive Committee passes Resolution 35 and adopts The American Legion Riders as a national program of The American Legion. The first American Legion Riders chapter was established by American Legion Post 396 in Garden City, Mich., in 1993.

### **June 30, 2008**

President George W. Bush signs into law the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act, a next-generation GI Bill strongly supported by the Legion. The bill renews the federal government's commitment to veterans by providing them with substantially better education benefits. The Post-9/11 GI Bill took effect Aug. 1, 2009, and sent an unprecedented number of veterans to college. *Today, as at its formation, the Legion remains at the forefront of efforts to improve education and other benefits for all veterans.*

**Oct. 22, 2009:** President Obama signs the Veterans Health Care Budget Reform Act of 2009, guaranteeing "advance funding" for VA appropriations, a formula that The American Legion has strongly supported for many years. The new law sets funding for VA one year in advance.

## **2010s**

**February 2010**

The entire Legion family bands together and wins \$250,000 for Operation Comfort Warriors (OCW) in PepsiCo's Refresh Everything Project, submitting the most votes in an online contest and beating out hundreds of other groups and charities to take first place in the contest's first month. A big part of getting the word out was the *American Legion Online Update* e-newsletter. This is an early example of the still growing power of online and social media to augment everything the Legion does.

**October 2010**

Continuing a long-standing tradition of advocating for timely and adequate medical care for veterans, the Legion forms a PTS-TBI Ad Hoc Committee to both examine current methods by VA and the Department of Defense of treating the two conditions, and investigate potential alternatives.

**December 2010**

The Legion officially begins a relationship with United Services Automobile Association (USAA), making the veteran-founded insurance company "The American Legion's preferred provider of financial services." The purchase of USAA products gains money for Legion programs. USAA representatives often give members helpful financial information and tips through Legion media.

**May 5, 2011:** The National Executive Committee authorized establishment of The American Legion Amateur Radio Club (TALARC) to promote emergency communications and disaster preparedness, engage youth in math and science and facilitate public communications with our nation's federally licensed amateur radio operators who are veterans. TALARC membership opened free for members of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion who are FCC licensed ham radio operators.

**August 2011**

The American Legion Baseball World Series is held for the first time in the tournament's new permanent home, Shelby, N.C. Prior to this, the tournament had rotated to different cities. Total paid attendance at the Shelby contests soars to an all-time high of 86,000 total.

**October 2012**

VA guarantees its 20 millionth home loan. 1936-1937 National Commander Harry Colmery and 1943-1944 National Commander Warren Atherton escorted the original GI Bill of Rights through Congress in 1944, arguing passionately for veterans educational benefits, government-assured health care and what they called "readjustment allowances." Today Colmery and Atherton are lauded as the "fathers of the GI Bill" and its successors.



**Aug. 30, 2013:** National Commander James E. Koutz announced that the American Legion family raised more than \$1.1 million for Operation Comfort Warriors during the 2012-2013 fundraising year. It easily surpassed his original goal of \$500,000.

**2014:** in the midst of a VA waiting-list scandal that reached up to the deaths of veterans waiting for care, The American Legion calls for the resignations of several top officials, including VA Secretary Eric Shinseki. The scandal would ultimately engulf multiple facilities and offices; the Legion kept the issue in front of the public and Congress via articles and testimony.

**August 2014:** National Commander Michael D. Helm announces that Legion Family members and friends donated more than \$4 million (his goal) to Legion charities and programs during his year in office.

**July 2016:** The Legacy Scholarship is expanded to children of post-9/11 veterans who have a combined VA disability rating of 50 percent or greater.

**June 2017:** Created to hold VA employees more accountable, the Department of Veterans Affairs Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act of 2017 is passed by Congress in concert with The American Legion. A longtime goal of the Legion, this legislation gives the VA secretary the authority to terminate the employment of VA employees who do not hold the standard of the VA's missions, to help veterans. The American Legion worked hard with Congress, VA and others to create and pass this much needed veteran-centric legislation.

**August 2017:** The Legion assists in the creation and eventual passage of the Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act, which modernizes the current appeals process at the Department of Veterans Affairs, forcing VA to render a decision on a veterans claim within one year.

**August 2017:** The American Legion, in concert with others, creates, advocates for and passes the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Education Assistance Act of 2017. Named after the author of the original GI Bill and Past National Commander of The American Legion, the new GI Bill improves upon the great foundation that already existed, removing the burdensome cap to use the education benefit, along with many other great additions to the legislation aimed at improving the lives of veterans and their families.

**August 2017:** Denise H. Rohan of Wisconsin is elected national commander, the first woman to hold the role in the Legion's history.