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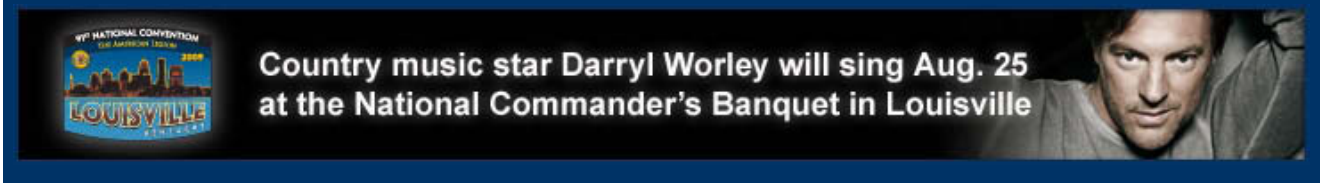

Rising from Katrina's ruins

When Hurricane Katrina smashed into Waveland, Miss., it destroyed most of the town – including American Legion Post 77.

:: Post 77 rebuilds

Photo by James V. Carroll

Legion gets ready for Blue Star Salute

May 16 is Armed Forces Day, but it's also the 2009 edition of the Indiana Blue Star Salute at O'Reilly Raceway Park in Clermont, Ind. Mark your calendars and come join the crowd for this great event!.

:: Blue Star Salute

FOR THE RECORD

" Afghanistan was the training ground for the Sept. 11 attacks. We can never again permit the regime that allowed that to happen to take power."

National Commander David K. Rehbein

:: The full record

ON SCREEN

The Americans on D-Day

A new documentary about the Allied landings at Normandy will be shown at American Legion Post 43 in Hollywood, Calif., on April 27. Legionnaire Mort Schecter, who witnessed the D-Day events, attended the film's premiere in Los Angeles.

THE BIG Q

Q: Are federal contractors fulfilling their requirement to use businesses owned by service-disabled veterans for 3 percent of their total contracting budget?

:: The answer

HEADS UP

Homeowners Assistance Program
DoD has announced an update on the Homeowner's Assistance Program (HAP) for servicemembers.
:: Get help with HAP

Support builds for Community Covenant
More cities are signing up for the nationwide Community Covenant program.
:: List of cities

Class-action suit gets $20M from VA
Computer equipment stolen from a VA employee has resulted in a $20 million class-action payout.
:: Find out more

Los Angeles.

:: More on Schecter and the film

:: Find out more

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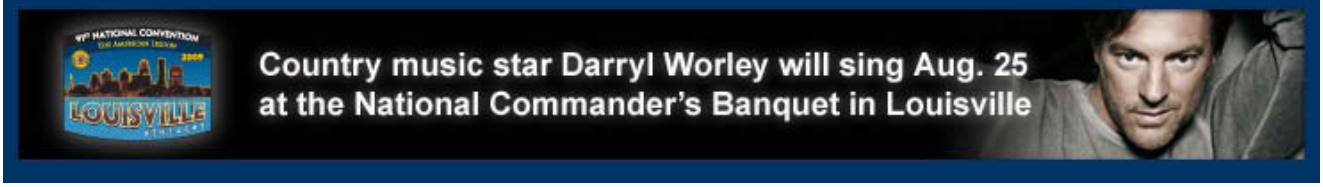

Chippewa veterans give commander a memorable welcome

Rehbein first national commander to make trip to Bagley, Minn., post.

:: Meet the White Earth Honor Guard

Chippewa veterans from northern Minnesota stand at attention for the arrival of National Commander David K. Rehbein at Post 16. Photo by Jeff R. Stoffer

USA TODAY wins Legion journalism award

The American Legion will give its Fourth Estate Award to *USA TODAY* for a series on toxic air near schools.

:: The power of good reporting

FOR THE RECORD

" ... there is a very small percentage of people who are sacrificing an awful lot in what is soon to be the longest war in our nation's history."

- Retired Army Maj. Gen. Craig Whelden, head of Community Covenant Program

:: The full record

ON SCREEN

National Oratorical Contest to air live on

THE BIG Q

Q: How, and when, did American Legion College begin?

:: What's the answer?

HEADS UP

Post 28 to host Rolling Thunder event
Once again, Virginia Legionnaires will host an event for the Rolling Thunder Ride for Freedom.
:: Four days in May

'Coming Home' sneak peak a success
Plenty of folks tuned in to the preview screening of a Sesame Workshop program about military families.
:: Watch the Channel 7 story

Conventioneers: Louisville is a smoke-free city
The smoking lamp will NOT be lit in public buildings and work sites throughout Louisville.
:: Don't light up here

LegionTV

For the first time in American Legion history, the National Oratorical Contest can be watched live on the Web. Tune in April 17-18!

:: Last year's winners

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Honor Air takes WW II vets to see their memorial in D.C.

World War II veterans return to Shreveport after an 18-hour round trip to visit the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. Photo by James V. Carroll

More than 100 veterans of World War II got a free ride to our nation's capital, so they could see the memorial built for them with their own eyes.

:: See video and slideshow

Hoosier Legionnaires get ready for 2009 Blue Star Salute

Several Indiana Legion posts are gearing up for another Blue Star Salute. They hope to honor at least 1,000 families.

:: Blue Star Salute

FOR THE RECORD

"I think it is important for all of us to remember that Americans are not the enemy. The terrorists are."
National Commander David K. Rehbein, in letter to DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano

:: Read his letter

ON SCREEN

THE BIG Q

Q: What do you do with old wedding rings?

:: One man's solution

HEADS UP

National WWII Museum plans June 6 event
In New Orleans, the National World War II Museum will mark the 65th anniversary of the Normandy invasion.
:: "Greatest Generation" gathering

Tours offered during Louisville convention
For all you Legion conventioneers, some great tours are waiting in Louisville.
:: Sign up for tours

Legion "very pleased" by new VA initiatives
President Obama pledges to modernize VA and make it more efficient.
:: A 21st-century VA

Norwich University: Birthplace of ROTC

Take a slideshow tour of the university campus where the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) was born.

:: Watch the slideshow

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Road 2 Recovery rolls across Texas

Earlier this month, the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Texas supported a bike ride for wounded warriors.

:: On the road again

The Road 2 Recovery ride covered seven days and 360 miles, from San Antonio to the Texas Rangers Stadium in Arlington.

Makeover on Cypress Street

Housing for homeless vets gets boost from Wyatt, Inc.

:: A group effort

FOR THE RECORD

"Whether or not this government succeeds is dependent upon our conduct as citizens."
Andrew Dykstal, high-school senior from Lafayette, Ind.

:: A More Perfect Union

ON SCREEN

GI Film Festival opens next month

GI Film Festival to screen movies and documentaries May 12-17.

THE BIG Q

Q: If you're a veteran going to college in the fall, which version of the GI Bill is better for you?

:: Time to decide

HEADS UP

New Jersey post donates $46,000 to local groups
American Legion Post 307 in Medford, N.J., gives money to military, community and police organizations.
:: Giving back

Play Ball! Legion Day in Tampa
The Tampa Bay Rays take on the Boston Red Sox on "American Legion Day"
:: Ticket sales benefit wounded troops

Indiana Blue Star Salute adds 500 more families
The Indiana Blue Star Salute nears its goal of registering 1,000 families for the May 16 event.
:: Event keeps growing

:: Who will be there?

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Crossing America in a wheelchair

Disabled and homeless, David Whittaker is on a nationwide crusade.

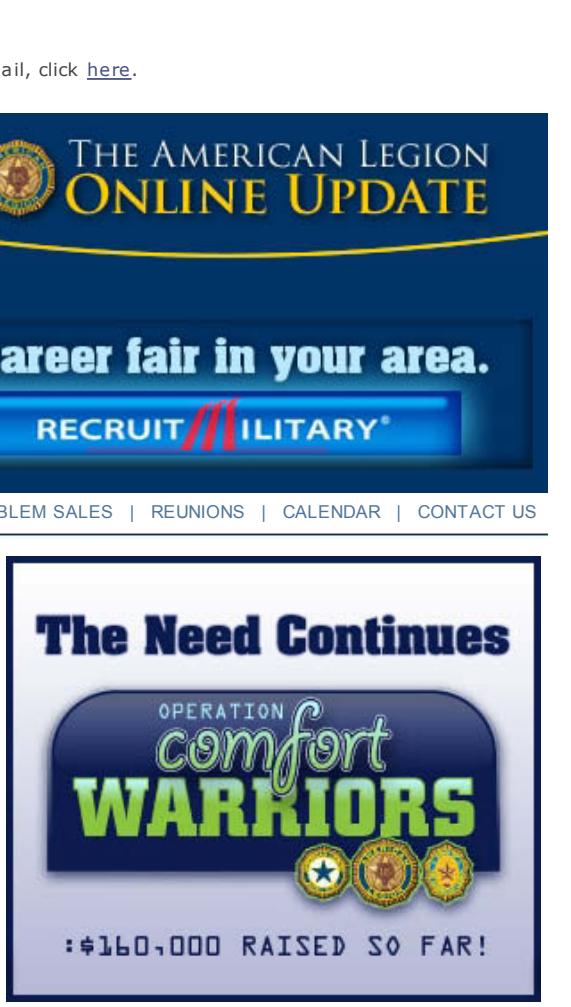
David Whittaker, a 53-year-old Marine Corps veteran, is raising awareness about the plight of homeless veterans.

:: Man on a mission

Rendezvous in Shanksville

Pennsylvania memorial ride to meet Legacy Run in field where Flight 93 crashed.

:: Riding for scholarships



FOR THE RECORD

"The flag was treated as a symbol not of the nation, but of the government and its policy, and that's a terribly mistaken view of the American flag."
Richard Parker, Harvard University law professor.

:: Supporting a flag amendment

photo by Jon Chase

ON SCREEN

"Six Degrees from Legislation"

Bill sponsored by Reps. Buyer and Brown-Waite aims to help homeless female veterans

:: Watch the online feature

THE BIG Q

Q: If you're a Vietnam veteran, can you apply for medical benefits if you suffer from a disease caused by Agent Orange?

:: Apply for benefits

HEADS UP

Honors at Arlington
Old Guard Riders escort veterans' remains to national cemetery.
:: Three heroes

Georgia post to train legal immigrants
Legionnaires in Marietta take part in pilot program
:: Citizenship 101

Birmingham to host Golden Age Games
About 700 "golden age" veterans will head to Birmingham, Ala., in June to compete in sports events.
:: Never too old to excel

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