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Calendar of Events

August 28, 2010—NADHAL Dinner (noon meal) and Meeting at National Convention at Milwaukee, WI

September 15, 2010—History books or certification forms must be at National Headquarters.

October 11-12, 2010—Judging of History Books in Indianapolis, IN.

October 12, 2010 at 10 am—NADHAL meeting at the American Legion Library in Indianapolis, IN.

October 12, 2010 at 6 pm—NADHAL dinner at Sheridan Hotel top floor.

Greeting from National Historian James T. Higuera



Greetings fellow Historians.

I'm sure most all of us remember this: Your office is an important one. "To you is given the responsibility of preserving and compiling the records of this Post. The future can only be judged by the past. Be mindful the lamp of recorded experience may do much in guiding the footsteps of those who follow. Ever remember that without the recorded history of this Post, it policies and accomplishments will be a blank to the ones who come after we are gone."

I can honestly say that this charge rings true in our hearts; it's the embodiment of our being. Case in point was our October 2009 meeting in Indianapolis. This having been the very first time I participated in such an event, I was so proud to see and be a part of such dedication by present and past Historians. You are all to be commended for your sterling efforts. My personal thanks goes out to all that attended. Our outgoing president Dunham and incoming president Copher are equally to be congratulated for an outstanding year of service and for the year that is now underway. Our leadership past and present is in very good hands.

I'll also take this opportunity to thank Chuck Zelensky (IL) immediate Past National Historian for his guidance and support, during my transition into office. I've made new and lasting friendships with the membership of NADHAL. In short "You're the Greatest."

By press time, Commander Hill should have already visited my home state of California, so I know each and everyone of you know that I did have a very busy week. Which reminds me, for those of you who have already had a visit and those who will have a visit by Commander Hill; it would be greatly appreciated if you can send us a few photographs or news clippings. We would like to arrange something special, to commemorate his year as our National Commander, and you can all be a part of it. A CD mailed or e-mailed to Howard Trace at HQ. Will be appreciated.

In closing 2009, I wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Thank You for all that we do and will continue to do for The American Legion. My God Bless you, Our troops, our organization and may God Bless The United States of America.

Jim T. Higuera (CA)
National Historian

**Greeting from
NADHAL President
Jim Copher**



To start I hope everyone had a great Thanksgivings holiday with all the

trimmings and warmth of family and friends. With the start of the 2009 holiday season lets us remember to bring a smile to everyone we meet and not forget our comrade Veterans who are in hospitals and nursing homes. Please make an extra effort to visit them for they may not have any family and we should do all we can to bring everyone a great holiday season. We should also do what ever we can as Veterans to see that everyone of our comrade Veterans serving our country in our armed services are remembered during the Holidays. For this a special time of year for us all and I know from experience it can make one a little extra homesick for family and friends. Also don't forget about their families many are young families and this could be the first holiday season with out Dad or Mom being at home.

- Our congratulations go out to our National Historian James T. Higuera from the Department of California on his appointment as our national Historian. As Department Historians past and present we should do every thing we can to help make his year as our National Historian a very successful one.

To the National Library staff, I would like to extend a grateful thank you and the best of the holiday season from the members of NADHAL. They do so much for NADHAL and all Historians within the American Legion and others, THANK YOU.

I would like to thank everyone who help out with the judging of the History books during the Fall Meetings. I would also like thank all of the new Department Historians for their dedication to their department and welcome to NADHAL. I would like to thank everyone for their confidence in me by electing me as NADHAL president, and congratulations to all of the officers of NADHAL.

As I close I would ask everyone to keep on working on membership by asking all of the past Department Historians within your Department who are not members to join

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NADHAL. Please keep our Veterans and active duty Service men and woman in your prayers.

And from my wife, Joyce, and I we wish all of you the best of the holiday season and a happy New Year.

Keep The Faith
President NADHAL
Jim Copher

Diane Adair, Eleanor L. Allen, Duane Alexander, Randy Bain, Del Barabani, Frazier Brinley, Fae Casper, Jim Copher, Charemon Dunham, Jim Fratolillo, Robert Gilmore, Jim Higuera, Joe Johnston, Johnny Keel, Donald Kinniburgh, Jim Mariner, Sue Mason, Cindi Miller, Denise Rohan, Mike Rohan, Lynne Rollins, Larry Rozier, Lyle Schaffer, George Sheehy, Ray St John, Roney J. Steele, J.R. Stillwell, Edwin R. Strain, Norma Walker, Steve Weber, Carl Wipperman, and Chuck Zelinsky

Seasons Greetings from the following NADHAL members

NADHAL Newsletter input

If anyone has any anything they would like to have included in the next newsletter contact Charemon Dunham at dunhamc1@santel.net or call 605-546-2235.

Historians attending the NADHAL meeting 13 October 2009 in Indianapolis, IN.
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