

Post Commander:
Hank Morris
Auxiliary President:
Barbara Reyna

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Monthly Executive Meeting Monday 6:30 PM
Before General Meeting, 3rd Saturday 10:00 AM
Off. Hours Monday, Wednesday, Friday 1:30-5 PM
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"A Message From The Commander"

March has blown on thru and we had a very busy month around the post. Thanks to all who supplied the food for each of our Friday and Saturday dinner and dance events. I'm sure everyone had a good time.

The upgrades are completed and approved by the City for our RV parking area and these are being utilized extensively by Legion Members from far and wide.

New Bar stools have arrived thanks to the generosity of Rudy Hensley. These are not the ones we are taking orders for (Your Memorial Stools). We hope to have them in short order.

Approval for use of the American Legion Logo on the polo shirts has been received from National and your shirts should be available at the Post when you read this. Thanks to all who have remained patient during the delay. Yes, we did order extra shirts of various sizes.

This months kudos goes to all our City's First Responders, Police and Firemen, Active and retired. These Heroes are on call 24/7 for which we are all very appreciative. To show our appreciation, Post 137 will provide a free dinner on 10 April 2016. Volunteers are needed for the preparation and serving of the meal from 11:00 AM-7:00 PM. No need to volunteer for the entire time, the more helpers we get the shorter times each will have to work. Come on around and meet some of our finest.

It's all about the Veterans
For God and Country
Hank Morris



S. A. L. CMDR
Ron Reaves



ALR Director
Keith Shea



Color Guard CMDR
J.J. O'Brien



President
Bin Williams



Chef de Gare
Jim Porterfield



La Presidente
Diane Congressi

"IN GOD WE TRUST"

ADJUTANT

There are a lot of things going on within the Legion family. Please look to calendar for details.

Just remember that membership is the key to keeping the Post functioning. If you or someone you know have not renewed, please come in to renew and enjoy the activities that the Post has to offer.

The end of the Legion year is coming up very soon. That means it's that time for nominations of Post Officers and Executive Committee. Second round nominations will be at the next General Assembly Meeting on 16 April, 2016. Let's continue on a good path and have the distinction of ALWAYS being "The Most Outstanding Post in Florida"!

For God and Country,
Ron Reaves

1ST VICE COMMANDER

This is going to be a short report due to computer problems. To all who have not renewed, please do so. We need your renewal to make our goal of 100%. About 200 have not renewed their membership. Our membership is at 1,251 or 86.995% of our goal.

Remember nominations for Post Officers in April at our General Assembly and June is Post Elections. With date to be posted later. Information on the duties of Post Officers are around the bar and posted on the board, as well as in the office. Let's have a good response for the nominations and Post election.

Yours In Service
Jerry Kiel

2ND VICE COMMANDER

We were just donated a **Million Dollars !!! April Fools!** I wish Post 137 had that type of money, but sad to say we need to keep working for that never earned small fortune. We do have lots of events scheduled this month so come out and join the fun during the week and

on the weekends.

Spring is Here! We have a lot of entertainment, meals, and great bands scheduled all month long such as "**Were Not Serious**" with their fantastic harmony and "**Jackhammer**" who put on a great show last month but are new to us. "**Almost Kin**" who are new to our Post also will put on a variety of Classic Rock & Country Hits, and their lead is a member of Post 137. We also welcome back a lot of our favorite Bands "**Complicated**", "**Rockin' Machine**", "**Vicki Lee**" and last of all our official opening of the Pool & Tiki Bar "**Luau**" with lots of food and entertainment for all family members is going to be on "**April 16th**" with "**Double Shot**" playing music from 2pm to 6pm on the pool deck that Saturday and "**Contraband**" playing music in the Post 137 Hall from 7:30 to 11:30pm that night. Again Many, Many Thanks to all those who make Post 137 a Great Place!

For God and Country,
Richard Lane

4TH VICE COMMANDER

Thursday April 22nd will be our next visit to the VA Hospital in Lake City. We will meet at the post at 430pm and either have supper here or en route to the hospital. We still need books for the patients at the hospital and good used clothing for the domiciliary. We need some new volunteers so please consider making this visit with us.

Richard Lane and his helpers will be visiting the Jefferson Street clinic on April 21st and could also use some help. They serve sandwiches and snacks to the patients and employees at the clinic. If you are interested in helping please contact Richard Lane.

For God and Country,
Lee Jones

CHILD/YOUTH PROGRAM

Auxiliary Unit 137 hosted the Children and Youth Easter EGGstravaganza on Saturday March 26, 2016. We had a visit from Peter Cottontail, he entertained the kids and took pictures with the kids, we made crafts, hunted eggs and had hamburgers and hotdogs for lunch. The Easter egg hunt was fun for all, and a

few lucky hunters found golden eggs with cash prizes !! Thanks to all that helped put this EGGstrvaganza together and to all that attended

For God and Country,
Lisa York

CHAPLAIN

FAMILY - Families were God's unique idea from the beginning. There is no greater institution. No better group of people to effect positive change in the world than the family. Here is no better place to learn the essential principles of life than the family. And nowhere can the truths of God's Word be more effectively taught and modeled. Conversely, there is no institution, no group of people with more power and ability to destroy a person than the family. Physical and verbal abuse, as well as Neglect can damage the emotional well-being of a child well into adulthood, and often for a lifetime. The failure of parents to teach spiritual truths to their children directly impacts their relationship with God and how they treat others. Family is the environment that shapes a child's lifetime direction. Nowhere can truth be effectively taught and modeled than in the family. Thank you Lord for helping to keep the family together. I thank our Legion Family for helping to keep our Post together. It is my sad duty to report to you the name of one Legionnaire who has reported to Post Everlasting. Eric Allen WUELLNWEBER, Billy HINEMAN, Keep this Legionnaire and his family in your thoughts and prayers. Remember our sick and shut-ins, let them know you care. May God bless our troops wherever they may be. Have a great day

God Bless you all,
For God And Country,
Tony Romano

CLUB MANAGERS REPORT

Thank you all for your participation in all activities during March. We had a busy

month with many improvements to the atmosphere here in the Post Social Quarters. Come on out and enjoy the fun that we all bring to the Post.

Saturday April 16th we will have our Tiki Luau Party which marks this year's GRAND OPENING of the POOL. The Legion Family is sponsoring eats Poolside in the screen room. Double Shot will be providing your afternoon entertainment. Come join the FUN.

Starting in early April we will we will host the Queen of Diamonds Raffle with a winner every week. We regularly have many activities here at Post 137. Daily we have hot soup and weekend entertainment will include dinners and live music on Fridays and Saturdays and karaoke in the Tiki on Sunday. During the week we will have Bingo on Monday, Darts every week on Tuesday & Thursday Free Member Appreciation Lunch on Wednesdays and Thursdays we have \$0.50 wings. Come on and check out the changes at the American Legion Post 137.

Serving our Members Daily,
Ted Boutwell

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

I want to thank all the volunteers that help around the Post. Your dedication is outstanding and is worth recognizing! I would like to say many thanks to Byron Fredrick for her continued support with SAL. Thanks for everything you do! Membership is always a key to the Squadron and Post. Please stop by and see myself or the bartender on duty to renew your membership.

Along with membership, the Squadron holds its meeting on the second Thursday of the month at 1900 in the Spencer Room. We are in the nomination process to elect new officers for the 2016-2017 Legion Family year. Let's get involved and do the right thing. I would love to see you there. You can learn more about the Squadron and what goes on around the Post, District and Department. The only way to know is to be there.

Let's Build Bridges together and have fun!

For God and Country
Ron Reaves, Commander

AUXILIARY

Once again the Auxiliary had a busy month. Due to our hard work and your kind donations, we were able to send \$1,500 to Department for Fisher House. Job well done!!

The Kid's Easter party was it's usual success. Thanks to everyone who worked hard to make it happen and to everyone who donated their time and brought goodies.

April 10th is our annual Police & Firemen's Dinner. Our unit has donated \$500 to the Legion to help with costs. The Girl Scouts will be there once again handing out Girl Scout cookies. They all love seeing the girls in their uniforms and vice versa. The girls love greeting them as they come in.

We are collecting recipes to put together a cookbook as a fund- raiser. Please bring us your favorites. We want to have recipes from appetizers to desserts. You can leave them at the bar or give them to me or Lisa York. We hope to make this a big success. The plan is to have them ready to sell Memorial Day in May so please get your recipes to us in a timely manner.

Thanks to all who bought shamrocks that were hanging up in the hall. We raised over \$300. The money raised will be going to Special Olympics as will the money raised from the cookbooks. Every year we donate \$1,000 to them. Please help us meet our goal.

As of this time we have sent over \$75,000 worth of coupons to Support Our Troops. We are now giving our pet product coupons to K & C Pet Rescue. So far we have given them over \$650 worth. They greatly appreciate it. Alley is still collecting newspapers for "No More Homeless Pets" and empty pill bottles to give to the Humane Society. Please bring yours in and give them to the bartender.

We are sending 4 girls to Girls State this summer. Once again we were wowed by their poise and intelligence. We do not understand how they do everything they do or when they find the time to sleep.

Ladies, if you have not renewed your membership for 2016, please do so soon. I did get the monkey off my back, but we have not met our goal set by the Department of Flor-

ida.

Don't forget that the Auxiliary meeting is the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM. Please plan to attend.

For God and Country,
Barbara Reyna, President

40 & 8

V304's Wreck (New Member Initiations) has just passed and we took in many new members into the 40&8 this past month. Voyageurs please come out and join us for nominations this month for new officers of our Voyeur and please remind your new Voyageurs to come to our Cheminot & Promenade to participate and be actively involved in these decisions.

HISTORY OF THE 40&8 Continued from March Bugler: From the 40&8 website..... "The first statewide Forty & Eight Promenade (meeting) was held in June, 1920, following the 2nd Annual Convention of the American Legion's Department of Pennsylvania. Several prominent Legionnaires were wrecked (initiated) and Joseph W. Breen was unanimously elected Chef de Chemin de Fer (President of the Railroad)." to be continued next month.

Don't forget this month on April 15th & 16th is our Grand Chef De Gare, Tom Smith & The Dames Madame La Presidente, Jacque Gore's Homecoming in Crystal River sponsored by V-1219. If you have never been to Crystal River (where the Manatee's winter over) it is really a beautiful part of Florida and only a few hours from Jax. Many of our V304 members are planning on attending. Please contact our Correspondant Rich Lane for details if you wish to attend.

Merci,
Chef de Gare, Jim Porterfield

CABANE

Thanks again to all bought a rib dinner in March. All proceeds go to support our programs as well as help with the monthly bills and maintenance of the Chateau.

A million thanks to the Legion for the wonderful lunch the Dames enjoyed on March 19th, during the 40&8 Wreck. The prices were reasonable and we

all were pleased. Thank you again Commander and your kitchen crew. The Wreck went well for the Voyagers and the Dames.

We will be serving another rib dinner on April 15th. Come in and enjoy Barry's ribs and stay over for the entertainment at 7:30. The music is always good.

For God and Country
Diane Congressi, La Presidente

ROD AND POLE BENDERS

Now that March is gone, daylight savings time is in effect and Easter is over with. Let's look ahead for the summer months. For March our local water fishing tournament; Ray Runyan got big fish with a yellow mouth trout and Tom Tercha go aggregate with several smaller yellow mouth trout. Yellow mouth trout has to be at least 10 inches long for them to count. We want to thank everyone for their support on our Good Friday Catfish Dinner. It was a success!! Thank you, Thank you. We will have our local water fish tournament on April 9th. We will have a breakfast on April 10th. You can have your eggs anyway you want them cooked and on the bar you need to try our succulent grits. So come on out and support the post for the breakfasts, dinners and all the activities that is happening at the legion. As always we are still looking for new members. We have our meeting every first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.. We are always looking for new members who likes to fish and be on the water. Be on the lookout for our Flyer that will be coming in April for the "Kids Fishing Tournament" in June. Remember the Post upcoming elections for Commander and for all Officers and Executive Committee. Remember your vote does count. Please remember our sick and our shut-ins. Sometimes they need our help but are afraid to ask.

See you on the water,
Bin and Debbie

BLOOD DRIVE CHAIRMAN

I take full responsibility for the failure of the blood drive of February 13th. I made a large error in judgment which resulted in the failure.

Nevertheless, I want to give credit to those who laid the groundwork for the drive. A thank you to Hank Morris Jr. (our information technology officer) who posted the drive on both our website and on our facebook page. Also, a thank you to Jerry Kiel who placed posters of the drive throughout the Post.

For God & Country/Friendly Vampire
Bazile Bacino.

RIDERS

We kick April off with Sunday breakfast and our monthly meeting April 3rd. We will start nominations for new officers during this meeting. Saturday the 9th is the benefit for Ryan Lebaron with "Rock'n Machine" playing 2-6, food being served from 3-5. There will be raffles throughout the event.

In state Legacy ride comes through the 5th district on Sunday the 10. They will be riding up the coast starting at post 233 and riding up to Fernandina at post 54. Riders will be leaving the area Monday morning through post 250.

April 16th will be the opening of the Tiki with the Luau party we will have a live band with events. We will have dinner this month also but more to come on that.

Ride Proud, Ride Safe
Keith Shea





April 16th at our General Assembly we will accept nomination for Post Officers.

(List of positions for nominations)

Commander

1st Vice

2nd Vice

3rd Vice

4th Vice

Chaplain

Finance Officer

2 positions for

Sgt. @ Arms

5 positions for the Executive Committee

Please consider your nomination to make sure they will have the time for the duties of the positions. If anyone is interested in these positions and would like more information on what these duties consist of, please stop by the business office.



Come out and join us for our annual Luau Party Saturday April 16th at 2PM. Double Shot on bandstand, Food and games.

It's also the official opening of the pool... Come have some fun!!!



We are in need of volunteers for our annual Police and Firemen's Dinner scheduled for April 10th.

We would like to get enough volunteers so we can have shifts because this is a all day event. Please contact the Commander/ Office so we can put you on the volunteer list.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Tiki Open Sunday weather permitting						1 April Fool's Day AUX-Pork chops Casserole-Dinner 5:30-7PM or till sold out
3 ALR-Breakfast 8:30 AM-11 AM ALR Meeting 12:30 PM Tiki Open Karaoke	4 Rod & Pole Meeting 7 PM Chateau Bingo with Brenda 7-9 PM	5 Steering Comm. Mtg. 6:30 PM Color Guard Mtg. 7PM DARTS 7 PM	6 Legion Lunch 12-2PM Kent Mitchell Open Mic...7:30 PM	7 Auxiliary Mtg. 7:30PM Voiture 304 Chemnot & Prom 7PM Wing Night	8 Cooking Team-Beef Stroganoff-Dinner 5:30-7PM or till sold out We're not serious 7:30-11:30PM	2 Darts-Baked Steak in a sack-Dinner 5:30-7PM or till sold out Jackhammer 7:30-11:30PM
10 Rod & Pole-Breakfast 8:30 AM-11 AM Police & Fireman's Dinner 1-7PM Tiki Open Karaoke	11 Legion Exec. Mtg. 6:30PM Bingo with Brenda 7-9 PM	12 Bugler report due DARTS 7 pm	13 Legion Lunch 12-2PM Kent Mitchell Open Mic... 7:30 PM	14 SAL Mgt. 7PM Wing Night	15 Cabane-Ribs-Dinner 5:30-7PM or till sold out Jackhammer 7:30-11:30PM	16 LEGION GEN ASSEMBLY 10 AM, Accepting Nominations For Post Officers and Exe. Comm. Luau 2-6PM Double Shott on Bandstand Contraband 7:30-11:30PM
17 AUX-Breakfast 8:30 AM-11 AM Tiki Open Karaoke	18 Bingo with Brenda 7-9 PM	19 Color Guard Mtg. 7PM DARTS 7 PM	20 Legion Lunch 12-2PM Birthday Night Bring Covered Dish Kent Mitchell Open Mic... 7:30 PM	21 VA Clinic Visit 9 AM Cricket 7PM Wing Night	22 EARTH DAY Two Chef's Dinner-TBA-Dinner 5:30-7PM or till sold out VAVS Visit 4:30 PM Vicki Lee 7:30-11:30PM	23 ALR-Shrimp Boil-Dinner 5:30-7PM or till sold out Vicki Lee 7:30-11:30PM
24 Legion Family-Breakfast 8:30-11AM Tiki Open Karaoke	25 Bingo with Brenda 7-9 PM	26 Cabane 304 Rendezvous 7PM DARTS 7PM	27 Work on Bugler 9AM Legion Lunch 12-2PM Kent Mitchell Open Mic... 7:30 PM	28 Blind 501 Darts Wing Night	29 Jeffrey James Open Mic Night...7:30-11:30PM	30 AUX-Lasagna-Dinner 5:30-7PM or till sold out Complicated 7:30-11:30PM

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- * **April 10th @ 1-7PM Police and Firemen's Dinner**
- * **April 16th @ 10 AM. Legion General Assembly. Nominations for Post Officers and Executive Committee..**
- * **April 16th @ 2PM Luau Double Shot on Bandstand, Food, and Games**
- * **Bingo Monday Nights, Darts Tuesday Nights, Open Mic Wednesday Nights and Wing night Thursday Nights.**
- * **Friday Night Dinners 5:30-7:00 PM or until sold out.**
- * **Friday and Saturdays. Live Music or Open Mic & Dancing. 7PM-11PM.**

