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The Bugler



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"

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. The American Legion, with the volunteer men and women who take the time to perform them, makes a difference in hundreds of thousands of lives each year on the local, state and national levels. A complete list of the numerous programs can be found at the National Website www.legion.org.

Due to both financial constraints and volunteer manpower limitations local posts cannot participate in all programs. However, in order to maintain "chartered" status, every local post is required to maintain a minimum of four recognized programs. We, Post 137, meet those requirements, and more, by participation in Veterans Affairs programs, support for our troops, Americanism programs, and many children and youth programs.

Finances for these program efforts come from membership dues (From all four of our affiliated Family Member groups, Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of Legion, and Legion Riders), a proportion of which is provided to Department of Florida and National Headquarters. Additional funds are received through donations and numerous fund raisers throughout the legion year.

Manpower to accomplish and/or oversee these programs is provided by Volunteers, some elected from the membership rolls and others appointed by elected officers. Additionally, volunteers are necessary periodically to supplement the core group of leadership. (i.e. Functions for children & youth by Chairman - 3rd Vice; Veterans services - 4th Vice).

IT'S WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO!

We are allowed to operate, independent from Florida American Legion Post 137, a Post lounge for members and guests. Maintenance and expenses of our Post Home, including building and grounds and the Post lounge (canteen), is accomplished by volunteers and some paid employees. All expenses for these efforts are fully paid for from proceeds for services of the lounge or other fundraisers specifically for that purpose. No Legion funds mentioned above are used for this purpose.

Every Day Is Veterans Day At Post 137
For God And Country
Hank Morris

"IN GOD WE TRUST"

New opening Lounge Hours with bartender
weekday 9AM (3 month trial)

ADJUTANT

There are a lot of things going on within the Legion family happening here at the Post this month. The Tiki Bar will be open on the weekends with Karaoke on Sundays as well as Friday and Saturday night dinners with entertainment and Sunday breakfasts.

Just remember that membership is the key to keeping the Post functioning. If you haven't, or know someone who haven't 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. April General Assembly is the first round nominations and May General Assembly will be second round nominations. The Legion elections will be on 10 June, 2017.

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

Hello Legion Family, hope you have a happy Easter. We still need help for membership. Please try to help. Our numbers as of March 10th is 1162 members at 87.63%.

For God and Country
Eddie Dykes

2ND VICE COMMANDER

Easter is Upon Us! We are having a Good Friday Fish Dinner by the Rod & Pole Benders Club on April 14th from 5:30 till sold out and then come Celebrate with your children, grand children, & relatives at our Children's Easter Party on Saturday April 15th from 1 to 3pm with the Auxiliary doing Crafts and Snacks as well as the children's Easter Egg Hunt. Bring them out to find that Valuable Golden Egg!

We Need You! Please come out and enjoy our bands we have every Friday & Saturday. Bring a few guests, with you, have a few refreshments and have a good time. Most of the bands we hire are bands that

we know you will like as they play the music for all generations with a mix of some of the newer songs that are very popular today. Spread the word about bands you like that your friends will like and tell them to let others know they are playing on that date. If you know of a Band or DJ that you like and would love to see here at Post 137 get me a business card or name & number so I can call them. I love to check out your referrals.

As always, we have a good mixture of Bands such as Country, Rock, & Contemporary music every month. April Fool's Day on that Saturday we start the month with "**Jackhammer**" that play great contemporary & rock music. Followed on Friday the 7th by "**Double Shot**" who really rocks and Saturday the 8th with "**Almost Kin**" who wail that Country Music mixed with old time rock & roll. The next week which is Easter weekend we have two of our favorites with the great dancing music of the "**Backtracks**" on Friday the 14th and the 15th with "**Black Creek Rizin**". The rest of the month we again have a great mix of Bands such as Lisa Dardis' Band "**Top Shelf**" then "**Southern Breeze**" with our old friend Jim Craft. Please check our calendar for all bands, events, meals and happenings around Post 137.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Luau May 6th, Band on pool deck, Veterans Car Show on May 20th from 8am to 3pm.

For God and Country
Richard Lane



3RD VICE COMMANDER

This month is American Legion National Children and Youth month. Children and Youth programs are a very big part of the American Legion, Boy State, Girl State, and Oratorical contest are just three programs that give our youth the chance to see how our state, local and Federal government works. These are just a few of the programs your post supports there are many.

Without your membership many of the programs would fall by the wayside we must not let that happen. **SUPPORT YOUR POST.**

Now for the younger kids. The Easter Party will be held April 15, 2017 here at the post from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. The Easter Bunny will be here for pic-

tures and to help with the egg hunt. There will be crafts and refreshments for the kids a fun filled afternoon for all. From your Children and Youth committee have a safe and blessed Easter.

For God and Country
Emory Austin

4TH VICE COMMANDER

Here we are in April already! Can you believe how fast the time is flying by? Our visit to the VAVS Hospital for March will be behind us by the time this is published. Hopefully all went well and we had a good visit.

Our April visit will be on the 28th. We will meet at the post at 4:15 pm and depart around 4:30 pm unless we eat supper at the post. We should be back at the post around 9pm. Remember, we can use your old books and good used clothing for the patients of the hospital or domiciliary each month. As always, we certainly could use some additional volunteers to make these monthly visits. Please consider coming out and joining this team and help brighten a hospitalized veteran's day with your visit.

For God and Country,
Lee Jones

CHAPLAIN

MARRIAGE - - - - GENESIS 2:18-25 And the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a companion who will help him." Marriage was God's idea from the very beginning. It is as old as Eden yet as fresh as the last wedding. Marriage is ordained by God, a sacred relationship, one not to be entered into lightly. "I now pronounce you man and wife," the minister says. The bride and groom look lovingly into to each other's eyes. Family, friends, and even casual acquaintances feel like cheering. Two people have found each other, pledged to each other a lifetime of commitment, vowed to be devoted and loving, and promised never to leave or forsake each other. Vows of faithfulness are the bedrock of marriage. Through those vows two people, in a miraculous way, become one. Then begins a lifetime of working together, worshipping together, playing together, raising children together, building a home together, solving problems together. God's loving relationship with his people is

so similar to the marriage relationship that he uses human marriage to illustrate his covenant with his people in the Old Testament and Christ's love for the church in the New Testament. Thank you Legion Family for our time together. Thank you for being committed to this great veteran organization, The American Legion. God Bless you all. It is my duty to report to you the name of a Legionnaire who has transferred to Post Everlasting of the American Legion. T J PARKER. Remember TJ and his family in your thoughts and prayers. May God bless and watch over our active duty troops wherever they may be. As I close, Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful. 1 Corinthians 13:4-5 . So long for now.

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

CLUB MANAGERS REPORT

Monday Bingo is back up and running with much enthusiasm! Thank You, Brenda. Taco Tuesday's, Darts and our Thursday Wing Night are doing great. Come out and enjoy these events and also for our Karaoke events Wednesday evening and Sunday afternoon. We will be opening the Tiki on Friday evenings and Saturday afternoon in Mid-April.

We will have our annual Luau on May 6th this year. Check your bugler for the events calendar. The Bugler is available online at post137.com.

Members, please remember it is your responsibility to sign your guest. Let's make them feel welcome and encourage each of them to join our family.

For God, Country
As I serve our Legion Family
Ted Boutwell

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hello legion family, our squadron membership is progressing good, even though we didn't make the march 9th target. We read in 5 members at our last meeting which put us at 219. We are 58 cards short of making 100% so lets work on getting anybody you know who has not renewed yet and put a bug in their ear. Nominations for 2017-2018 officers will be opening at the meeting on

April 13th I would like to see some new faces get involved with the squadron. Have a Happy Easter or Passover whichever is your faith.

For God and Country
Walter Rasco, Commander

AUXILIARY

Finally, Daylight Savings Time! I don't know about everyone else, but I enjoy the extra daylight in the evening. April will be a busy month around the Post. Sunday, April 2nd is our annual Police & Firemen's dinner. This year we are calling it the "First Responders Dinner". A lot of work goes into this event. Please contact the Post or the Commander to see how you can help. Also If anyone could donate desserts for this event, it would be greatly appreciated. Let us all remember Vera Stevens on this day. She is the one who started the event in honor of her brother who was killed in the line of duty as a policeman. She worked very hard for many years to make this event a success.

Saturday, April 15th from 1:00 till 3:00 PM is the kid's Easter party. There will be an Easter egg hunt, lots of goodies and once again the Easter Bunny himself will be there. If you would like to bring some cookies or other goodies, they would be appreciated. Please bring your children and grandchildren. They always have a wonderful time.

I want to encourage everyone to come out and support our Legion family during Friday and Saturday night dinners and Sunday breakfast. A lot of time and energy goes into planning and preparing the meals. It is very discouraging to make only a little or to lose money. These meals help us to raise money to contribute to the different programs and do all that we do. Please keep this in mind as you are making your meal plans.

We are sending 4 girls to Girls State this summer. We were very impressed by the young ladies that were sent to us to interview. It was difficult to choose the delegates and alternates, but we are very proud to be sending the ones who were chosen and the girls were very excited to have the opportunity. Thanks to Debbie Jennings, Debbie Geisinger, and Lisa York for being the judges and to Sandy Gentry for being our photographer.

As of this time we have sent over \$135,000 worth of coupons to Support Our Troops. Thanks

once again for all of your donations and to the ladies who are helping with this project.

We are no longer collecting newspapers and pill bottles. However, K & C Pet Rescue and Adoption would like old sheets, blankets, and towels for the pets to sleep on in their kennels. Our unit recently donated \$500 to them and also to the Animal Rescue Movement. Debbie Jennings and Vicky Tomasello spend a lot of time volunteering at these centers.

Ladies, if you have not renewed your membership for 2017, please do so soon. Our membership stands at 90.11% as of March 10th. Please help us reach 100%. It would make me very proud.

We have decided to hold our monthly meetings in the Moon Building due to the large crowd for "Wing Night". It is difficult to hold a meeting with the noise and frivolity in the lounge. However we do not want to interrupt the fun or discourage anyone from coming and having a good time. April's meeting will be Thursday the 6th in the Moon Building. We will be having nominations for next year's officers. Please plan to attend. I hope everyone has a very Happy Easter!!

For God and Country,
Barbara Reyna, President

40 & 8

Greetings Voyager's and Legion Family. I want to thank all of the Voyager's and Dame's of V-304 that helped and assisted V-1604 with the North East Florida Wreck held on March 10th and 11th, 2017 Merci beaucoup. A reminder our next Promenade is Thursday April 6th, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at V-304. Also a reminder to come on out and support the Police & Fireman's Dinner at Post 137 Moon Building on Sunday April 2nd, 2017. If anyone knows of a youngster involved in an organized sports program in need of some funding please relay that information to any member of V-304 or Cabane V-304 our Youth Sports Program is ready to respond. Although the 40&8 Breakfast was held the last Sunday in Feb. I want to report it was a large success. We sold 74 breakfast meals, had a great turn out and I really want to thank all of the Voyager's and Dame's that put this breakfast on. What a great group of cooks!!! Have a safe and Happy Easter.

Merci,
Jeff Fazan,
Chef de Gare

CABANE

Hope everyone has a great Easter. We had a wonderful time at the Northeast Florida wreck last month. There will be no dinner in April. This month's Rendezvous on the 25th, we will have elections.

For God and Country

Donna Runyan, La Presidente

ROD AND POLE BENDERS

Spring has sprung...Everyone is busy working on the Kids Fishing Tournament in June. Getting all our ducks in a row. Collecting prizes and supplies.

Tom Tercha and Binion Williams were made Lifetime members for all of their continued support for all occasions.

April's breakfast will be on the 9th. We're looking forward to the Annual Good Friday Fish Fry on April 14th. Come on out and support your Legion. Local waters fishing for April is the 1st. Let's see how many fish get caught on this fine April Fool's day.

Bend them rods,

Nancy Conley, Rod & Pole Secretary

BLOOD DRIVE CHAIRMAN

Two thousand, five hundred(2,500) is the number of daily donations needed by one blood to meet the demand of hospital patients. 38% of the population can donate blood. However, less than 10% do. Blood cannot be manufactured. It can only come from donors. It is never too late to donate.

For God & Country/Friendly Vampire

Bazile Bacino.

RIDERS

Hello Riders, Legion Family, and friends! Here it is, January, February, and March already come and gone and the year well underway. My apologies for not getting an article in last month's Bugler - I trust ya'll appreciated the break from my usual monthly ramblings. Catching up a bit, a few of us rode out to JNC in January to help with the Wreaths clean-up, Feb-

ruary saw our riders participate in the Chaplain's escort and also the participation of our own Chaplain Zane Koonce as a reader and our Director Jim Steele as the Taps Bugler in the 5th District Four Chaplains Ceremony. Our February meeting was cancelled due to conflicts with the 4 Chaplains Ceremony and our Post's Polar Plunge and Chili Cook-off. Congrats to our very own Brian Arbogast for participating in the Polar Plunge. In March, two of our Riders took part in the Florida In-State Rally, which was hosted by the 5th District ALR. In our March meeting we had a good turnout and honored one of our own, George "Itchy" Cowan with a shadowbox mounting of his ALR 137 Patch. While George may not be able to ride a bike anymore, he will always be welcome and a member of our ALR 137 family. On a sad note, we lost one of our own, Louise "Wild Thing" Dickson during the month of March. The riders will be escorting her to her final resting place at JNC on Friday, March 17th. Kickstands up at 9:30am at Post 137. We will be meeting at the Post afterward. Food sales from Taco Tuesdays and our meeting day Sunday breakfasts have been holding strong, bringing in a steady flow of income to support our causes. March saw a record 83 breakfasts served - the highest total that I have ever seen during my time! Stay tuned to your email and our Facebook posts for upcoming events and rides. Hope to see you all on the road and in our next meeting.

Ride Safe, Ride Proud -

For the Cause, Not the Applause

Jim (Cruiser) Steele

BOY SCOUT

The scouts are looking forward to helping with the police and fireman's dinner. As always new scouts are welcome, cub scouts meet on Mondays and Boy Scouts on Tuesdays in the Moon building at 7:00PM.

For God and Country,

Tim Pratt

Boy Scouts Chairman



****Reminder****

We will have our first nomination for Post officers/Executive Committee at the General Assembly this month April 15th.



Don't forget our Children/Youth Easter party on the 15th from 1-3PM in the Legion Hall. Special Guest

THE EASTER BUNNY

Upcoming Events in May

May 6th Luau

May 20th Car Show

May 29th Memorial Day

We are in need of volunteers for the First Responders Dinner on the 2nd. Please let the Commander know if you can volunteer. We try to have a couple of shifts so it's not a long day for everyone. You can call the office if you need more information.



If you would like to receive the bugler through email. Please call the business office during business hours to make this arrangement.



POST 137 SCAVENGER/TRIVIA CONTEST

April 23 at 2PM

What do you know about your Post and The American Legion?

Look around the Post to learn answers to the questions.

The person with the most correct answers in the shortest amount of time WINS.

1st place \$50 gift card

2nd place \$25 gift card

3rd place \$15 gift card

There's more information at the Post

HELP WANTED!!!!

We are in need of volunteers to help with the bugler. Its just once a month for a couple of hours. This month the date is the 26th at 9AM.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						¹ April Fool's Day Tiki Open 1-8PM
2 ALL-Breakfast 8:30 AM-11 AM ALR Meeting 12:30 PM Tiki Open 1-8PM	3 Rod & Pole Meeting  Bingo WITH Brenda 7-9 PM	4 Steering Comm. Mtg. 6:30 PM Color Guard Mtg. 7PM Taco Tuesday 6-8PM DARTS  7 PM	5 Legion Lunch 12-2PM Kent Mitchell Karaoke... 7:30 PM	6 Auxiliary Mtg. 7:30PM Voiture 304 Chemnot & Prom 7PM Wing Night	7 Bugler articles due Tiki Open 4-10PM	 Legion-Staffed Pork Chops-Dinner 5:30- 7PM or till sold out Jackhammer 7:30-11:30PM
9 Rod & Pole-Breakfast 8:30 AM-11 AM Tiki Open 1-8PM	10 Legion Exec. Mtg. 6:30PM  Bingo WITH Brenda 7-9 PM	11 Taco Tuesday 6-8PM DARTS  7 pm	12 Legion Lunch 12-2PM Kent Mitchell Karaoke... 7:30 PM	13 SAL Mtg. 7PM Wing Night	14 Good Friday Tiki Open 4-10PM Rod & Pole-Fish- Dinner 5:30-7PM or till sold out Backtracks 7:30-11:30PM	¹⁵ LEGION GEN ASSEMBLY 10 AM 1st round of nomination C/Y Easter Party 1-3PM Tiki Open 1-8PM Legion-Chicken Cutlets-Dinner 5:30-7PM or till sold out Black Creek Rizin 7:30-11:30PM
16 Easter Legion-Brunch 9AM-1PM Tiki Open 1-8PM	17 First day of Spring  Bingo WITH Brenda 7-9 PM	18 Taco Tuesday 6-8PM Color Guard Mtg. 7PM DARTS  7 pm	19 Legion Lunch 12-2PM Kent Mitchell Karaoke... 7:30 PM	20 Cricket 7PM Wing Night	21 Tiki Open 4-10PM Broke til Friday 7:30-11:30PM	²² Tiki Open 1-8PM AUX-Lasagna-Dinner 5:30-7PM or till sold out The Top shelf Band 7:30-11:30PM
23 Legion-Breakfast 8:30 AM-11 AM Rod & Pole Trivia 2PM Breakfast 8:30-11AM Tiki Open 1-8PM	24  Bingo WITH Brenda 7-9 PM	25 Taco Tuesday 6-8PM Cabane 304 Rendezvous 7PM DARTS  7 pm	26 Legion Lunch 12-2PM Work on Bugler Kent Mitchell Karaoke... 7:30 PM	27 Blind 501 Darts Wing Night	28 Tiki Open 4-10PM Vavs Visit 4:30PM Band on the Run 7:30-11:30PM	²⁹ Tiki Open 1-8PM Dats-Ribs-Dinner 5:30- 7PM or till sold out Southern Breeze 7:30-11:30PM
30 Rod & Pole Breakfast 8:30-11AM Tiki Open 1-8PM						

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- * **2nd @ 8 AM Police and Fireman's Dinner an a all day event.**
- * **15th @ 10 AM General Assembly with first round of officer nomination**
- * **15th @ 1-3 PM Child/Youth Easter Party**
- * **Bingo Monday Nights, Darts/Taco Tuesday Nights, Karaoke Wednesday Nights and Wing night Thursday Nights.**
- * **Friday and/or Saturday Night Dinners 5:30-7:00 PM or until sold out.**
- * **Friday and Saturdays. Live Music & Dancing. 7PM-11PM.**
- * **Sunday Morning Breakfast 8:30-11:00 AM. Easter Sunday is brunch 9AM-1PM**

