

Post Commander:
Hank Morris
Auxiliary President:
Barbara Reyna

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"A Message From The Commander"

As we move into the 2016-2017 Legion year it is natural that we reflect on the past year. Many of our Legion Family have worked diligently to improve our post and in support of Legion programs, but there is always room for improvements. Let us all concentrate on those areas that we can move forward and get back to the top echelon of Posts in The Department of Florida.

Think "**communications, communications, communications**". There is a need to **communicate** better among ourselves as well as district and department. We can do this thru our electronic and social media, The Bugler, local print media, and simple word of mouth. All of these are in place now and only need to be utilized more effectively.

One key factor is the timely presentation of the **communication**, especially among ourselves. Remember that what you do or plan to do as member, family group or organization will have an impact on others and could require coordination.

Let's do this together and remain the 'Family Friendly Post' and be better at it.

It's All About Veterans
For God and Country
Hank Morris



S. A. L. CMDR
Walter Rasco



ALR Director
Jim Steele



Color Guard CMDR
J.J. O'Brien



President
Bin Williams



Chef de Gare
Jeff Fazan



La Presidente
Donna Runyan

"IN GOD WE TRUST"

ADJUTANT

Hello Legion Family,

Summer is here and in full swing! Welcome to Florida and the heat. You can always jump in to our pool to cool off and enjoy the camaraderie with the Legion family, whether it is outside or inside. There is always something going on here at Post 137. Let's keep the excitement going at the Post and make it work for the better. I would like to thank our 5th District Commander Fred Matthews for installing our New Elected officers

For God and Country,
Ron Reaves

1ST VICE COMMANDER

Thanks to everyone for their support in electing me to be your 1st Vice Commander. We are busy right now processing renewals and I hope to have a bigger article next month. Please renew as soon as possible so we can meet our membership goals and have the funds needed to support all of our Legions programs.

For God and Country,
Eddie Dykes

2ND VICE COMMANDER

CONGRATULATIONS to all of the new Officers of Post 137 who were elected and all the Officers who were reelected. These Post 137 Volunteers are here to support "YOU" so if you have a question or have a problem please bring it to our attention so we can either answer your question or solve your problem. I can't stress enough that this is what we are here for. Let's remain the Friendliest Post in North Florida!

Entertainment and events will continue all summer with Karaoke Wednesday night as well as Saturday & Sunday afternoons out at the Tiki Bar. We are also serving Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Fries, etc. from our Screen Room on Weekends. Come out and join the crowd and wear or bring your swim suit so you can take advantage of one of the few Posts in Florida that have a pool! So jump in and cool down in your Post 137 pool in this heat than purchase your meals from the screen room & refreshments from the

Tiki Bar.

Our entertainers are again booked all summer long on Friday & Saturday Nights. Bring a few friends to watch some of the best Bands playing in any American Legion Hall anywhere. Please come out and support Post 137 by letting other people know about the best bands in North Florida and the most reasonable Lounge Prices just about anywhere. Don't forget if you hear a Band that we might use here at Post 137 bring me a Business Card so I can check them out!

MY MONTHLY SHOUTOUT! This is for our Commander Hank Morris. I would like to thank him for all the time he devotes to this Post! I rarely come in this Post and not see him here. He has been one of the hardest working CMDR's we have had and will continue to do so since he was unanimously reelected by our Veterans for the next year. Please say Thanks to him for all he does every day of the year!

UPCOMING EVENTS: Scheduled Monday Sept. 5th is "Rockin' Machine" on the Pool Deck Bandstand for Labor Day from 2-6pm , Karaoke/Open Mike in Lounge to follow 4 to 8pm. Also look forward to us having the District Picnic here shortly as we were again elected to host this important American Legion Event here in the North Florida Area.

For God and
Country,
Richard Lane



4TH VICE COMMANDER

It is hard to believe a year has gone by, and I am now starting my 2nd year as your 4th Vice Commander. I learned a lot this past year but none of it would have been possible without the helping hands of Lewis Gray, Norman and Sandy Gentry and Debra Geisinger . A big thank you to all of them for their help, and I know they will be there again this year. Also a big thank you to my wife Thelma who was with us on each monthly trip to the VAVS hospital. Another thanks to all the others who helped us and made some of the visits with us.

We are still in need of an individual or a group to step up and continue the monthly visits to the Jefferson St. VA Clinic. Richard Lane had to give up this responsibility due to being our 2nd

Vice Commander and the responsibilities that go with that position. If interested, please contact Richard or the Commander.

Our August visit to the VAHS Hospital in Lake City will be on August 26th. We will meet at the post at 415 pm and either have supper there or en route to Lake City. All are welcome to come and go with us and help serve our hospitalized veterans.

For God and Country,
Lee Jones

CHAPLAIN

The Bible Book of Judges and how it relates to today's world. Have you ever noticed that the pinnacle of success is Often the doorway to failure? You've seen it before. Someone becomes prosperous or famous, and at that point where He or she could be a great influence for God, falls deep in sin. How many sports heroes who could be role models have Instead boasted of their immoral lifestyles? How many prosperous people have used their prosperity to do an about-face and walk away from God? We have seen this in others. We see it again in Judges. But are we perceptive enough to see it in ourselves and catch ourselves before it is too late? The story of Judges is a story of conquest and victory, followed by Pride and related sin, followed by defeat, followed by repentance, begging God for help. Then the cycle starts over - -victory, Then pride and sin, and so on. It is a never-ending story. Too often, this is the cycle of life for each of us. In our nothingness, We beg God for help. He gives us the victory. At the pinnacle of celebration, we allow personal pride to take over. "I did it." Pride brings sin and sin brings defeat. In our nothingness, once more we cry out to God - - and once more delivers us. The Period of the judges was a time of national darkness, the early dark ages of Israel. But stars shone in the dark skies, names That remind us of heroic deeds, names such as Ehud, Gideon, Samson, and Deborah. These were imperfect people like us, People with flaws. But they recognized that God alone could offer deliverance from sin's consequences. And they got their Personal lives straight with God and then, in most cases, got the rest of the nation to do the same. There are great similarities Between the culture of Israel during the time of the judges and our culture today. IN victory

and prosperity a nation forgets God. But stars shine in the darkness, and God uses them. The never-ending cycle of defeat to victory, victory to defeat, continues into our day. In a very real way, this cycle continues in our personal lives also. As we read the book of Judges, we may well ask where we are today in this cycle, in the depths of personal defeat, crying to God for help, or at the pinnacle of success, possibly forgetting that it was God who brought you there. Or are we somewhere in between, on our way up or down? The message of Judges is simple. Remember acknowledge, and honor God, whether in defeat or victory. He will rescue you from defeat. But he expects you to honor him in your hour of victory. That will lead to greater victory, not a regression into another defeat. Thank you Lord for helping us through each day and being a part of our life.

It is my sad duty to report to you the names of the following Legionnaires who have transferred to Post Everlasting of the American Legion.

George Christopher (Chris) BLOCKER Eugene LaVerne NELSON. Keep these Legionnaires and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Remember our sick and shut-ins, let them know you care.

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

CLUB MANAGERS REPORT

Tiki and Pool attendance is doing well this summer. The Tiki is open every Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Come join the Karaoke events on Saturday and Sunday. Bring your friends and enjoy the music. Members please remember it is your obligation to sign in your guest. We want them to feel welcome and become members too. Please introduce them to the bartender so that she may welcome them to Post 137. Our goal is to increase our membership and encourage guests to join Post 137. Your support of the Tiki is what affords us the ability to provide this service to you.

We have added to our weekly entrainment. Taco Tuesdays! Some of you may have already guested that it will be every Tuesday night. The Tacos have been a great addition our regular weekly events. As Usual we have Bingo on Mondays, Darts and Tacos Tuesday, Karaoke on Wednesday, Wing Night on Thursday, with Friday & Saturday Bands and Dinners.

The Kids will be going back to school later this month and Labor Day kicks off the coming of the Fall Season. Post 137 will again host the 5th District Picnic in early October. Watch your Bugler Calendar for the dates and times of upcoming events.

If you feel there is a bartender or a customer that has been rude or unpleasant, or has provided exceptional service please call me at (904) 716-4547. I want to know that our Bartenders are providing you the member/customer the service that you deserve. I may not answer every call but I will return every call. I thank you for your help in making Post 137 the Friendliest Post in Florida.

Serving our Members Daily,
Ted Boutwell

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

I am looking forward to serving as your SAL Commander this year. Thank you for your confidence me for this position. One thing that I would like is for all of us work on is getting the squadron our membership to 100% this year, we fell a little short last year. Our goal for this year is 277 + 1. I would also like to have more participation from the members in attendance at the meetings and the events our the post. I would also ask what can we do as the officers of the squadron to get you to attend the meetings ? Changing the day ? the time ? All suggestions will be considered. I know that we can be the best squadron in the Detachment but we need your involvement to do it. Lastly a big thank you to last years officers. Joining me this are the following members:

Ron "Scooby " Reeves 1st Vice/ Adjutant
Bill Kelly Finance
Kenny " Reboot " Campbell Sgt at Arms
Corey Glasner Chaplain

For God and Country
Walter Rasco, Commander

AUXILIARY

Here we go for another year! I am hopeful that it will be a fun and productive one. We have had our installation of new officers and I look forward to working with all of them. We have a lot of projects that we are going to be working on and I know that I can depend on all of you to help us. I will try to keep you informed so that we can

make things happen together.

Girls State was great this year. I went out to Post #129 to see them off to Tallahassee and was there to meet them when they returned. I received several letters from the girls that were written while they were there. One in particular was extremely heartfelt. She articulated what the program is all about and why we do it. It gave me more incentive to stay involved with the program. There is a copy on the bulletin board. Please take a few moments to read it.

New 2017 membership cards are available now. Please keep in mind that we went up on our dues this year. Senior dues are now \$30.00 yearly and Junior dues are now \$5.00. This is due to our per capita that we have to pay the Department of Florida and the National American Auxiliary Department.

School is starting once again and we will be collecting supplies. If you wish to donate, you may drop them off at the post. Please make sure to tell the person that you leave them with that they are for the Auxiliary. This will assure that they end up where they are intended.

We are still collecting newspapers for "No More Homeless Pets" and empty prescription bottles for the Humane Society. We also are still collecting and mailing manufacturer coupons to "Support Our Troops."

Fourth of July celebration was a tremendous success. Labor Day will be upon us soon (September 5th). There will be the usual holiday routine and fare. Hope to see you all there!

For God and Country,
Barbara Reyna, President

40 & 8

On 2 July, 2016, we held our annual V304 40 & 8 Installation Banquet with great success. I thank everyone who attended and helped with the event, especially the Grand Chef de Gare, D. R. Richards, and the Grand Correspondant, John Kaiserian.

Several Voiture 304 Voyagers attended the Wreck held at Post 155 in Crystal River July 28-30 to initiate new members into the 40 & 8. It is always a pleasure to attend different Wrecks and Voitures in Grand du Florida, as well as Nationale.

Voiture 304 is looking forward to an exciting year ahead with several things to plan for the future and beyond. As with anything, planning and volunteering for the future helps and benefits all organizations in moving forward with contributions to all the programs we support.

Voiture 304 will be serving a Meatloaf Dinner on 5 August, 2016. Please come out and enjoy a great dinner and

have an outstanding time with family and friends.

Merci,
Chef de Gare, Jeff Fazan

CABANE

Merci to all that came to the installation of officers. This month Cabane has a Rib dinner on the 19th. Please come out to support us and our home Post, but most of all let's make this a very successful year.

For God and Country
Donna Runyan, La Presidente

ROD AND POLE BENDERS

Congratulations to all our new elected officers. May they have a great year. We will have a breakfast on August 21st. You can have your eggs anyway you want them cook 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. 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

The blood drive on Monday, July 4th, was not as successful as we had hope for. We have a new District blood chairman. I also have a new contact at One Blood, I'm waiting for both of them to contact me. My donation on Monday, August 1st will make me a 32 gallon donor.

For God & Country/Friendly Vampire
Bazile Bacino.

RIDERS

Our July meeting was busy and productive with our new officers cutting their teeth and learning the ropes. We are looking forward to an active year with plans for four major poker runs, lots of fun runs, our signature Leather and Lace event, supporting the 2017 In-State Legacy ride and Rally, and of course providing support to rides supporting the JDRF and Leukemia Society. On Saturday, July 16th our incoming officers were installed.



The newly installed 2016 - 2017 Chapter officers are as follows:

- Director: Jim Steele
- Assistant Director: Billy Hackett
- Secretary/Treasurer: Lisa York
- Road Captain: Kenny Campbell
- Stg. At Arms: Brian Arbogast
- Chaplain/Membership: Zane Koonce
- Historian: Sandra Gentry

In other news, the Riders hosted another successful breakfast on Sunday, June 12th. We served 71 breakfasts and are grateful for the many compliments received from our well-fed, satisfied guests. We also kicked off a test run of Taco Tuesday on dart nights and were pleasantly surprised by and positive and hungry response. A big Thank You goes out to our hard-working volunteers cooking, serving, and cleaning whose energetic efforts made it all happen. That said, the work is lighter and easier when many hands are involved... so we would love to see more members helping out. Thanks to the warm reception, we are going forward with Taco Tuesdays at the Post on a regular basis.

Upcoming dates/events to remember:
9/10/16 - 5th District Memorial Dedication at JNC. Tentative time is 9am. Stay tuned for more information.
9/17/16 - JDRF Poker Run Ride. Post 137 is a stop. Riders please ride to support this cause if you can.

9/17/16 – 5th District AL/SAL/Auxiliary training.
9/24/16 – ALR 283 Poker Run for 5-Star Veterans
10/8/16 – 5th District Picnic at Post 137. Come out
and represent our Chapter and the Post
10/22/16 – Sidney's ride to Support the Leukemia
Society. Post 137 is a stop. Please ride to support the
cause! January 2017 – First-ever ALR-only Conven-
tion in Orlando. Open to all riders, start planning
now to attend! Ride Lastly, Congratulations to all of
the newly-installed incoming Legion, Auxiliary, and
SAL officers.

Ride Proud, Ride Safe

Jim Steele

BOY SCOUT CHAIRMAN

Troop and Pack 169 have been enjoying summer camps and will soon be getting ready for back to school. Now is the time to get new scouts signed up. Cub scouts meet on Monday at 7:00pm, and Boy Scouts Tuesday at 7:00pm.

For God and Country,

Tim Pratt



Remember that if you have email we would like to send the bugler through email. Contact the business office for more information. We also have a website with the most up to date information.

www.post137.com



THE OLD LEGION HALL

By Jerry Lepore

What a wondrous thing
to walk into a Legion hall.

To see flags and plaques
Oh, yes and pictures on the wall

Countless veterans from every war
Have passed through these doors,
Had a few beers
and danced on her floors.

The friendship, the smiles.
The sense of coming home.
When they walk in the door
They know they are not alone.

Blue hats on their heads
That are worn so proudly.
They fought our nation's wars,
But do not boast loudly.

For God and Country
They associate together
To help those in need
To make things much better.

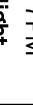
They go about their business
with a strong determination
To help veterans, widows and children
For they are proud of this nation

Baskets at Christmas and
Socks for the Vets,
With Honor and Glory they
Give all their Best

Legionnaires and Sons,
Juniors and Auxiliary
Together they know
that they are all family

And that is the way it is
In the old Legion Hall.

AUGUST 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>7 ALR-Breakfast 8:30 AM-11 AM ALR Meeting 12:30 PM Tiki Open 1-8PM</p>	<p>1 Rod & Pole Mtg. 7 PM Chateau  Bingo WITH Brenda 7-9 PM</p>	<p>2 Steering Comm. Mtg. 6:30 PM Color Guard Mtg. 7PM ALR Taco Tuesday DARTS  7 PM</p>	<p>3 Legion Lunch 12-2PM Sub Combs Kent Mitchell Open Mic... 7:30 PM</p>	<p>4 Pool Tournament 9:30AM-12 PM Auxiliary Mtg. 7:30PM Voiture 304 Cheminot & Prom 7PM Wing Night</p>	<p>5 40/8-Meatloaf-Dinner 5:30-7PM or till sold out Tiki open 4-10PM Broke till Friday 7:30-11:30PM</p>	<p>6 LEGION-Streak-Dinner 5:30-7PM or till sold out Tiki Open 1-8PM</p>
<p>14 AUX-Breakfast 8:30 AM-11 AM Tiki Open 1-8PM</p>	<p>15 Legion Exec Mtg. 6:30PM  Bingo WITH Brenda 7-9 PM</p>	<p>16 Color Guard Mtg. 7PM ALR Taco Tuesday DARTS  7 pm</p>	<p>17 Legion Lunch 12-2PM Chicken Wings Birthday Night Bring Covered Dish Kent Mitchell Open Mic... 7:30 PM</p>	<p>18 Pool Tournament 9:30AM-12 PM Cricket 7PM Wing Night</p>	<p>19 CABANE-Ribs--Dinner 5:30-7PM or till sold out Tiki open 4-10PM Jackhammer 7:30-11:30PM</p>	<p>20 LEGION GEN ASSEMBLY 10 AM ALR-Baked Ziti--Dinner 5:30-7PM or till sold out Tiki Open 1-8PM Backtracks 7:30-11:30PM</p>
<p>21 Rod and Pole-- Breakfast 8:30 AM-11 AM Tiki Open 1-8PM</p>	<p>22 First day of summer  Bingo WITH Brenda 7-9 PM</p>	<p>23 Cabane 304 Rendezvous 7PM ALR Taco Tuesday DARTS  7 PM</p>	<p>24 Legion Lunch 12-2PM Chili over rice Work on Bugler 9AM Kent Mitchell Open Mic... 7:30 PM</p>	<p>25 Blind 501 Darts Wing Night</p>	<p>26 Legion-Fish-Dinner 5:30-7PM or till sold out VAVS Visit 4:30 PM Tiki open 4-10PM Lucidity 7:30-11:30PM</p>	<p>27 AUX-Pork Chops-- Dinner 5:30-7PM or till sold out Tiki Open 1-8PM Complicated 7:30-11:30PM</p>
<p>28 Legion-Breakfast Brunch 9AM-1PM Tiki Open 1-8PM</p>	<p>29  Bingo WITH Brenda 7-9 PM</p>	<p>30 ALR Taco Tuesday DARTS  7PM</p>	<p>31 Legion Lunch 12-2PM School house Lunch Kent Mitchell Open Mic... 7:30 PM</p>			

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- * **August 20th @ 10 AM. Legion General Assembly.**
- * **Bingo Monday Nights, Darts/Taco Tuesday Nights, Open Mic Wednesday Nights and Wing night Thursday Night.**
- * **Friday/Saturday Night Dinners 5:30-7:00 PM or until sold out.**
- * **Friday and Saturdays. Live Music or Open Mic & Dancing. 7PM-11PM.**
- * **Tiki open Friday, Saturday and Sunday**
- * **Sunday Morning Breakfast 8:30-11:00 AM.**

