

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"

The month of November is behind us. It was a month of appreciation and thank you around our Post and throughout this great land. Beginning on the 6th with our Early Bird Dinner when we said thanks to those who renewed their memberships early. A huuugge crowd showed up including members who had not renewed. The food was great and participants jubilant and a good time was enjoyed by all. An apology to those who missed out on the main course due to miscalculations in numbers. Everyone was fed, however, so no one went away hungry, hopefully.

Next up was the Veteran's Day Parade and celebration with a really good turn out. We entered our float along with a 51 Caddy in the parade with members joining in walking along and passing out flags along the parade route. We also had Miss Jacksonville, Miss Whitney Moore, escorted by SAL National Vice Commander, Bill Kelly. After the parade, many returned to the Post for lunch and socializing.

Then there was the long Thanksgiving Week-end where many members and families celebrated the traditional National holiday together locally or traveling to celebrate in far away places. For those who did not have the traditional Thanksgiving feast at home or with family and friends elsewhere, one was provided at the Post, prepared by our dedicated volunteers. I trust that everyone had a great day.

Now, on to December and the end of this calendar year. This month brings us the Holiday Seasons where everyone celebrates according to their beliefs with gifts of love and joy. We have several parties scheduled for the month including one with the VA in Lake City, Children's Party at the Post and of course we are having our Christmas Eve get together. Check the calendar in this issue for scheduled dates and time and join in with others having fun.

On the 31st, two significant events are on tap. The New Years Eve Party at the Post beginning at 6:00 PM. Tickets and table reservations are available in the lounge so get yours early to ensure seating as the number of tickets are limited. Check the calendar for club hours and specials for the Party. Hope to see you there.

Remember that all 2016 memberships expire at the end of this month and so does ALL door access cards. New cards will be available in the lounge at 8:00 AM on 1 January 2017. Have a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

For God and Country
It's All About The Veterans
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

Is it December already? Where has the year gone? I hope everyone had a great one and to enjoy the years to come. December brings us the different holidays that many people celebrate. Let's all get together and welcome in the New Year as one family.

December unfortunately reminds us of the "Day that lives in Infamy." I want to thank the "Greatest Generation" for their sacrifice on 7 December, 1941. We just celebrated Veterans' Day, but Every Day is Veterans' Day. Let us all get together and remind ourselves of the sacrifices that all veterans and their families make to create a better world.

Just remember, the Post will begin issuing 2017 key cards on 1 January, 2017. However, if you don't have a 2017 membership card, you will need to renew before you are able to get a key card. As a reminder, if you are in the arrears, you will not be able to sign in as a guest by a paid member. So, get it done as soon as possible to avoid the headache.

For God and Country,
Ron Reaves

1ST VICE COMMANDER

I would like to wish all a Very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year. On the 15th of November our membership was 856 which is 64.5% way below our goal for November. Our Legion needs your help, Please try to get anyone you come in contact with to come join our Post, Legion, SAL, Auxiliary and Riders. We need them now!!!

Yours In Service
Eddie Dykes

2ND VICE COMMANDER

"CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS IS UPON US"!
Please come out and join the crowd for New Years Eve Dinner and Dance to our Entertainment by the "ALMOST KIN" Band. I wanted everyone to have a chance to listen to this band we booked for the end of the year so we also have them booked on Sat. December 3rd from 7:30pm to 11:30pm. They have a great group & repertoire of Classic Rock, Oldies, R&B, and Country with a Keyboard, Acoustic Harmonica, Drummer, Bass & Lead Guitar Players. Rod & Pole Benders Club with help from Post 137 is making sausage, egg, & cheese biscuits for us as a Midnight Snack after the Ball Drops. DON'T FORGET AND GET THOSE NEW YEAR'S EVE TICKETS !!!
Plan on booking your table for New Years Eve Now

with us as we have limited seating!

I have also filled the whole month of December with great entertainers; "Black Creek Rizin" with Clint McFarland will be with us with his Classic Country & Southern Rock on Friday Dec. 2nd, on Friday Dec. 9th I have "Complicated " with Jeffrey James. The next evening Saturday Dec. 10th I will have you Rocking out to "Rockin' Machine" all night. I also have one of our favorites "The Backtracks" with Gerry Buckingham on Dec. 16th & the next night on Dec. 17th, one of Post 137's favorites will be playing "Contraband" with Lisa Dardis.

Our Post 137 Christmas Eve get together will be held on the 24th from 6-10PM. Remember all our entertainment all month of Open Mike & Karaoke as well as all the great meals available at Post 137. Of course don't forget the Commander's Christmas Day Buffett Dinner from 12pm to 2pm. Also we are having great food all month for Sunday Breakfast, Brunch, Lunch and Dinners and I would really like to say Thanks to everyone of our Volunteers that make this happen month after month and especially say thanks to our CMDR Hank Morris and his crew leader Bob Reeseaman for making all this happen!
UPCOMING EVENTS: Valentine's Day Dance in February ! More next month about this.

For God and Country,
Richard Lane

3RD VICE COMMANDER

Halloween party was a fun filled afternoon for the kids, pumpkins to decorate and plenty of snacks. Its hard to get a count when kids are having a good time but somewhere between 35 and 40 kids had a great time. Our next event for our kids will be the annual Christmas Party. It will be held in the Moon building on December 17 from 11:00 to 2:00. Santa will be there for pictures with the kids and best of all to hand out gifts. There will be snacks for all so make plans to bring the kids out to see Santa and have a fun day. Anyone who would like to donate a gift for a girl, boy or both please drop them off at the office, the sooner the better so we can plan a day to wrap all the gifts.

As your Children and Youth chairman I want to wish all of post 137 families A Very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a SAFE and HAPPY NEW YEAR.

For God and Country
Emory Austin

4TH VICE COMMANDER

I hope everyone had a happy Thanksgiving holiday and are thankful for our many blessings. As

2016 winds down and we prepare for Christmas and 2017, may we remember the real reason for the Christmas holidays.

We did not have a November VAVS visit but instead consolidated November into our Christmas visit, which is planned for Friday, December 9th. All are welcome to join us on this visit as we bring some holiday cheer to our hospitalized veterans.

This year we are preparing ditty bags for at least 156 veterans, and with Santa's help, they will be delivered in time for Christmas. Many thanks to all who have donated in so many ways to make this possible. Special thanks go to our Ladies Auxiliary, the Post 137 Legion Riders, and our Color Guard for their financial donations and help in so many other ways. With the support of our Legion family, we believe we will make this holiday season a little cheerier for our hospitalized veterans.

I wish all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

For God and Country,
Lee Jones

CHAPLAIN

BLESSINGS-How many times I have heard that expression ??? Let's have a little more inside information on the subject. Blessings have to do with both giving and receiving. We don't talk much today about blessing others, but it was a vital part of life in Bible times. To bless someone meant many things. It meant to praise them, to pray for them, and to commit them to God's care. It also meant to dedicate and challenge them to live forever committed to God; it was a challenge to keep hold of spiritual things. It was a call for abundance and prosperity for another. And it was also a way of officially passing on the family inheritance to the oldest son. Wishes for a rich and abundant life were inherent in a blessing, although not always abundance in a material sense. God was recognized as the ultimate source of the blessing, and the person blessed would walk with the Lord and receive his benefits. To receive God's blessing meant not only to enjoy innumerable tangible gifts (life, joy, peace, abundance, children, home, reputation, health, freedom, work, food, etc.) but in a much deeper way to be welcomed into a special relationship with him, a relationship to be affirmed and practiced. Part of this, in turns, means being a blessing to others, a way of saying we have been a godly help for others. God's blessings are too many to count or even mention. His blessings come to us every day, in every conceivable

form. God has given us far more than we will ever realize. Thank him for this before you become ungrateful and lose out on all he has yet to offer. Thank you Lord for being with us each day and enjoying your many blessings. 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. James IVES, Gerald Raymond KIEL, Robert Bartell REYNOLDS. Keep these Legionnaires and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Remember our sick and shut-ins, let them know you care. May God bless and watch over our active duty troops wherever they may be. The HOLLIDAY season is here, God bless our Legion Family, wishing you all a blessed and Merry Christmas. I love our Legion Family.

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



CLUB MANAGERS REPORT

The Tiki is no longer open on Friday or Saturday afternoons but the Tiki will continue to be open every Sunday afternoon. Come join the Karaoke events on Sunday. Bring your friends and enjoy the music. Members please remember it is your obligation to sign in your guest. Your support of the Tiki is what affords us the ability to provide this service to you.

The Taco Tuesday and Thursday Wing Nights are popular events you don't want to miss. Bingo is cancelled until the second week in January, and resume on Monday nights. We have Darts and Tacos on Tuesday, Karaoke on Wednesday, Wing Night on Thursday, with Friday & Saturday Bands and Dinners.

We have had a great summer including an exciting Halloween Costume Party and our Thanksgiving Day Dinner. We are now preparing for Holiday Festivities. Come join our Football programming as the season approaches the finals. Look forward to the Bowl Games throughout the Holiday Season. The Commander's Christmas Dinner will be on the 25th of December. The Post will be open from 11:00am - 2:00pm..... Bring a Dish, Please. The Post 137 Christmas Eve get together will be on Dec 24th at 6:00 PM. Bring A Dish, Please.

As the end of the year approaches, I would like

to thank all my Staff and Bartenders for all the hard work and dedication they have given to make our Canteen a friendly and successful business operation. THANK YOU

Serving our Members Daily,
Ted Boutwell

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hello legion family. Our squadron membership is progressing nicely, but we still have a ways to go. We are currently at 39%. Lets get those renewals in before Dec. 31st . if you know someone that has not renewed please give them a little reminder. I would also like to extend a Merry Christmas, and Happy Chanukah to all of our members. Be safe and enjoy your holidays.

For God and Country
Walter Rasco, Commander

AUXILIARY

I hope everyone had a happy Thanksgiving. It's hard to believe that this year is almost over! The Auxiliary had a busy couple of months in October and November. We raised money with our cut-out ghosts and a 50/50 drawing for breast cancer research. Six of our members and one junior member walked the 5K "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" walk in downtown Jacksonville on October 22nd. We presented them with a check for \$500 to the American Cancer Society. We wore pink tutus and boas and wore pink bras on the outside of our shirts. Everyone had a great time.

Our earlybird dinner bake sale/auction was a tremendous success. Lisa York did a fabulous job of auctioneering. We raised \$511. Thanks to everyone who brought baked goods and the ladies who helped organize and carry it off. Job WELL done!! We could not have asked for better weather for the Veterans Day Parade. Six of our members and 2 juniors participated along with many Legionnaires and SAL members. We had Miss Jacksonville, Amanda Hatcher and SAL National Vice Commander, Bill Kelly riding on the float with us. Those of us who walked handed out flags to the crowd. It was a great day!

There will be a craft party on Saturday, December 3rd from 1:00 till 3:00 to raise money for

the Legion programs that we support. We will be decorating cut-out Christmas trees to sell and hang around the Post. Please come out and join us. There were kids, Auxiliary members and a Legionnaire participating in our last one and it was a fun time.

So far, since May, we have sent almost \$63,000 dollars worth of "troopons". Please keep them coming. The collection box is on top of the ATM machine. Also we continue to take empty pill bottles to the Humane Society and newspapers to "No More Homeless Pets".

We are still collecting school supplies for Westview K-8 special needs program. They are in need of all types of learning tools and items for the kids such as baby wipes, diapers, paper towels, and laundry soap. When they have a special request I will try to let you know.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year!

For God and Country,
Barbara Reyna, President

40 & 8

I hope everyone had a Good Veterans day and a very Happy Thanksgiving Holiday. We are now getting ready for the Christmas Holiday and New Year. The 40& 8 Christmas party will be held Dec. 10th 2016 at V-304 Chateau. Happy hour will start at 6:00 P.M. and dinner at 7:00 P.M. Gifts will be exchanged so guys bring a gift for a man and girls bring a gift for a women. The gift cost should be no more than \$10.00 per person. All Voyageur's the dead line to pay your annual membership dues is fast approaching, if you have not paid your 2017 membership dues please do so before Dec. 31, 2016. If you are planning to attend the Grand du Florida Petite Promenade on January 19-22, 2017 we now have the registration information available. Have a wonderful and safe Christmas Holiday.

Merci,
Jeff Fazan, Chef de Gare

CABANE

We are having our Christmas party on December 10th at 6PM for social hours followed by dinner and gift exchange. No rendezvous in December. We will be back to regular schedule in January. Everyone have a Happy Holiday.

For God and Country
Donna Runyan, La Presidente

ROD AND POLE BENDERS

Rod & Pole wants to say Merry Christmas and Happy New Years to everyone. We will have a breakfast on December 18th. Ray will cook your eggs any way you want them and on the bar you need to try our succulent grits which are cooked by Debbie. So come on out and support the Post for the breakfasts, dinners and all the activities that is happening at the legion. Our new officers for the new year will be President - Ray Runyan, Vice President - Robert Duprey, Treasurer - Donna Runyan and Secretary Nancy Conley. On December 3rd (Saturday) we will have our Christmas Banquet at the Chateau. We will let you know who Fisherman of the year was in January's bugler report. On New Year's Eve after the party at the Legion, Rod & Pole will have a lite breakfast (scrambled eggs, sausage and biscuits) for everyone that attends. 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. You do not have to be a member of Post 137 to join Rod & Pole but you have to be a Legion family member. Please remember our sick and our shut-ins. Sometimes they need our help but are afraid to ask.

Seen you on the Water,
Bin and Debbie

BLOOD DRIVE CHAIRMAN

The holidays are here, this means that donations are down but demand remains high. Therefore, it is so important that we veterans donate. We tell ourselves that we will start donating again in the new year. January brings playoffs and taxes, then February brings the super bowl and on and on. The time is now

For God & Country/Friendly Vampire
Bazile Bacino.

RIDERS

Hello Riders, Legion family and friends! November was a quiet month for the Riders, giving us a little break after a busy October that saw a very successful 7th Annual Sydney Feagle Dice Run for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. We had a great turnout for Sydney's run and are very thankful for the tremendous amount of support, both monetary and physical attendance. October was also a bit eventful what with a hurricane that came to town and cancelled

the 5th District Picnic and ALR 129's Poker Run for Heroes on the Water.

Remember to come enjoy Taco Tuesdays at Post 137 hosted by the Riders, which is now well established with a loyal following. Many thanks to the dedicated crew of regulars who have made this event highly successful for the Riders, the Post, and the Canteen. Volunteers are always welcome in the kitchen - our dedicated 7 or so regulars would love some company and extra helping hands. Mark your calendars - the Riders will be taking a break from Taco Tuesdays on the Tuesdays of the week of Christmas, and of the week between Christmas and New Years. Remember, absence makes the heart grow fonder... so bring an extra appetite when we are back up and running!

Upcoming Riders events:

November 19th: 3rd Annual Chili Cook-off for WAA at Adamec's HD Orange Park

December 4th: Riders Breakfast 8 - 11am and Monthly Riders Meeting 12:30pm

December 10th: Riders visit to the Lake City Veteran's Domiciliary. We will be delivering donations of clothing, toiletries, books, movies, puzzles, etc. Please contact Sandra Gentry (Shutterbug) for donation needs and details.

December 17th: Wreaths Across America Escort and Wreath placement at JNC

January 20 - 22, 2016: 1st Florida ALR Summit and Expo, International Palms Resort, Cocoa Beach, FL

Ride Safe, Ride Proud -

For the Cause, Not the Applause

Jim (Cruiser) Steele

BOY SCOUT

Hello legion family, the troop have a busy December planned, Christmas trees will be on sale till the 23rd. The troop will be having the Wednesday spaghetti dinner on the 14th, 5:30- till. As always new scouts are welcome, cub scouts meet Monday at 7:00, Boy Scouts on Tuesday at 7:00. Happy holidays to all.

Duty, Honor, Country

Tim Pratt, Boy Scout Chairman

PROPOSED CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

ARTICLE VII – THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(Old) **Section 2:** The government and management of the

Post are entrusted to the Executive Committee. The administrative affairs of the Post shall be under the supervision of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall authorize and approve all expenditures; shall require adequate bonds from all persons having the custody of Post funds; shall hear reports of committee chairmen; and generally, shall have charge of and be responsible for the management of the affairs of this Post.

(New) Section 2: The government and management of the Post are entrusted to the Executive Committee. The administrative affairs of the Post shall be under the supervision of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall **RECOMMEND** all expenditures outside normal business, **WITH APPROVAL OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**; shall require adequate bonds from all persons having custody of Post funds; shall hear reports of committee chairmen; **SHALL RECOMMEND CHANGES TO MANAGEMENT OF THE OPERATIONS OF THIS POST TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR APPROVAL.**

(Old) Section 3: The Executive Committee shall prescribe the rules of conduct for all post activities; the Headquarters and any other buildings used by the Post and provide the final approval for the POST REGULATIONS. The Judge Advocate will be the chair of the Post Regulation Committee.

(New) Section 3: The Executive Committee shall prescribe the rules of conduct for all post activities; the Headquarters and all buildings used by the Post, and provide these recommendations for discussion and final approval of the **POST REGULATIONS** at the General Assembly meeting. The Judge Advocate will chair the Post Regulations Committee.

ARTICLE XV - STANDING COMMITTEES

(Old) Section 16: The Post Regulation Committee will review the Post Regulations and present recommend changes to the Post Executive Committee for final approval The Judge Advocate will be the chair of the Post Regulation Committee.

(New) Section 16: The Post Regulation Committee will review the Post Regulations and present recommended changes to the Post Executive Committee for **APPROVAL BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**. The Judge Advocate will be the chair of the Post Regulations Committee.

THE PROPOSED CHANGES ARE ALSO POSTED IN THE LOUNGE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD.



Come join us for our Christmas Eve get together on the 24th from 6-10PM. Please bring a covered dish.

There is a sign up sheet in the Legion Lounge for covered dishes.



Come celebrate with your Legion friends and family

Tickets now on sale in the lounge.

Ask the bartender on duty.

\$30.00 for ticket pick your seat and table but there is limited space.

Doors open at 6PM



Dinner, Party Favors, Door prizes, Entertainment and tons of Fun.

****REMINDER****

January 1st we will be issuing 2017 key cards. If you haven't renewed for 2017 you can't receive a 2017 key card, but you will be able to renew at the door.



DECEMBER 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>4 ALR—Breakfast 8:30 AM-11 AM ALR Meeting 12:30 PM Tiki Open 1-8PM</p>	<p>5 Rod & Pole Meeting 7 PM Chateau No Bingo</p>	<p>6 Steering Comm. Mtg. 6:30 PM Color Guard Mtg. 7PM Taco Tuesday DARTS  7 PM</p>	<p>7 Legion Lunch 12-2PM AYCE Spaghetti Dinner \$10 or \$5 a plate Kent Mitchell Open Mic... 7:30 PM</p>	<p>1 Auxiliary Mtg. 7:30PM Voiture 304 Chemnot & Prom 7PM Wing Night</p>	<p>2 Legion—Pork Chops- Dinner 5:30—7PM or till sold out Black Creek Rizin 7:30-11:30PM</p>	<p>3 Aux-Kids craft day 1-3PM Legion-Chicken-Dinner 5:30—7PM or till sold out Rod & Pole Christmas Party 6PM Chateau Almost Kin 7:30-11:30PM</p>
<p>11 Auxiliary—Breakfast 8:30 AM-11 AM Tiki Open 1-8PM</p>	<p>12 Legion Exec. Mtg. 6:30PM No Bingo</p>	<p>13 Taco Tuesday Bugler articles due Dart Banquets DARTS  7 pm</p>	<p>14 Legion Lunch 12-2PM Boy Scouts Serving-AYCE Spaghetti Dinner \$10 or \$5 a plate Kent Mitchell Open Mic... 7:30 PM</p>	<p>15 Cricket 7PM Wing Night</p>	<p>16 Legion-Fish Dinner 5:30—7PM or till sold out Backtracks 7:30-11:30PM</p>	<p>17 LEGION GEN ASSEMBLY 10—AM C/Y Christmas Party 11AM- 2PM Escort wreaths across America AUX-Pot Roast-Dinner 5:30— 7PM or till sold out Contaband 7:30-11:30PM</p>
<p>18 Rod & Pole—Breakfast 8:30 AM-11 AM Tiki Open 1-8PM</p>	<p>19 No Bingo</p>	<p>20 Color Guard Mtg. 7PM No Darts</p>	<p>21 Legion Lunch 12-2PM Kent Mitchell Open Mic... 7:30 PM</p>	<p>22 Blind 501 Darts Wing Night</p>	<p>23 No Dinner or entertainment</p>	<p>24 No Dinner or entertainment Christmas Eve get together 6-10PM Bring covered dish</p>
<p>25 Christmas Day Commander's Christmas Dinner 12-2PM</p>	<p>26 No Bingo</p>	<p>27 No Darts</p>	<p>28 Legion Lunch 12-2PM Work on Bugler Kent Mitchell Open Mic... 7:30 PM</p>	<p>29 Wing Night</p>	<p>30 No Dinner or entertainment</p>	<p>31 New Years Eve Celebration Doors open Doors open @ 6PM Almost Kin R&P midnight snack</p>

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- * **December 17th @ 10 AM. Legion General Assembly. C/Y Christmas Party Moon Bldg 11AM-2PM**
- * **December 24th @ 6PM Legion family Christmas Eve get together**
- * **December 25th @ 12 PM Commander's Christmas Dinner**
- * **December 31st @ 6PM Doors open for our News Years Eve Celebration.**
- * **Bingo Monday Nights, Darts/Taco Tuesday Nights, AYCE Spaghetti Dinner/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.**
- * **Sunday Morning Breakfast 8:30-11:00 AM.**

