

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"

December 31, 2015 is long gone and we made 81% of our goal of 100%. Our membership team has been working hard we came close and we are still pushing towards our 100%. Unfortunately for those who missed the date, it will be a little more expensive. As reported, the new dues will be \$50 per year effective on 1 January 2016.

There was a great turnout for the New Years Eve dinner and party. Thanks for all who helped pull it off, especially those of you who came by and made it successful. That goes for Rod & Pole for the sausage & egg biscuits cooked up for those who stayed for them to go after the ball dropped. There was also a good turnout for the black-eyed peas, ham, greens, and cornbread on New Years Day. I hope good luck shines on all of you during 2016.

January has started our new year very well at the lounge. Many new faces around and all are most welcomed. Maybe the new sound system installed is helping along with some of the changes that have been made around the Post. Check the calendar and other articles in this bugler for further details during February. Like Super Bowl Sunday, Valentine Day, etc.

A reminder that our Website (Post 137.com) is operational with improvements occurring periodically. Sandy Gentry along with others are updating the Facebook Page on a regular and timely basis. If you miss some of the happenings at the Post, you can read about many of them there. Your comments and 'likes' are always welcome.

This months Kudos go to your staff Officers, Executive Committee and especially our Office Secretary, Candy Baylor who have put in hours of hard work and dedication in support of our Post and thus to Veterans in and around North Florida and beyond. My hardest Thank You to all.

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 happening here at the Post this month. Come out and enjoy all the festivities. However, if you haven't renewed, please come into the office and do so because your membership is the key to keeping the Post functioning. If you haven't, or know someone who hasn'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 soon. So that means the first of nominations of Post Officers and Executive Committee will be starting in March. Let's continue on a good path and have the distinction of **ALWAYS** being "The Most Outstanding Post in Florida"!

As with the end of the Legion year, end of the year reports from all the units and organizations within the Post will need to be submitted to the Post by 15 April, 2016. This will help in continuing a good culture and pride that you are part of the Post 137 American Legion Family.

For God and Country,
Ron Reaves

1ST VICE COMMANDER

Happy Valentine's Day

One month of the New Year is gone already. I guess that means Post elections will be here soon. Time to start thinking about who you would like to have in the elected positions of Post Officers. 1st Vice Commander position will be open. By now everyone knows the Post dues has gone up to \$50.00. A big thank you to Ron Reaves, George Cowan, Jimmie Stewart, Walter Rasco. You were a big help to me with issuing the new key cards, again thanks.

As of Jan. 7, 2016 our membership is at 1,165 that puts us at 81.02% of our goal, that goal of 1,438. Office hours are 1:30 to 5:00 Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Office phone number is 387-3373.

Yours In Service
Jerry Kiel

2ND VICE COMMANDER

" SUPER BOWL SUNDAY PARTY" Sunday the 7th bring your best Chili to be judged in our "Annual Chili Cook Off" during the game. Come out and encourage our volunteers who will jump into the

pool for our Post and do the "Polar Plunge" all starting at 2pm BrrrrrrrBrrrrrrr!

We have planned a Great Weekend Out for Valentines with Great Entertainment by the "Southern Breeze" Band with Jim Craft on Friday the 12th and capping the weekend off

Saturday February 13th with a Valentines Steak & Lobster Dinner from 5:30pm to 7:00pm with Entertainment again by the "Southern Breeze" Band following dinner. There will be tickets on sale early so we can accommodate everyone. There will be dinner tickets sold that evening also. Come out and enjoy one of the best times out all year here at Post 137.

We also have every weekend planned with a variety of bands and entertainers all month. Come out and listen to Jeffrey James and "Complicated" the first Saturday of the month the 6th and the day before on the 5th he is also entertaining us with Karaoke that Friday evening. We also have our great friend "Vicki Lee" singing all her great music Friday & Saturday the 19th & 20th. Also to cap the month off we have "Tish" singing her favorite Dance Tunes on Friday the 26th and Saturday the 27th we are having our past New year's Eve Band "The Backtracks" with the best of Classic Rock, Oldies, R&B and Country finishing out the month.

By the way there is still such a thing as a "FREE LUNCH" by the grace of our Commander, and he always needs volunteers to help with this every Wednesday. We usually have a great turnout for this every week Also don't forget all the Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday Meals our Legion Family members put on for the good of Post 137 every week. Please come out and support them!

For God and Country,
Richard Lane

3RD VICE COMMANDER

February is here and that means Valentine is not far away. We will be getting the kids together for that. In need of construction paper, old cards, markers and glue for the kids to make cards. Anyone who wants to make cupcakes please let me know. Let's also pray that 2016 is better for the Post.

For God and Country
Trent Bosley

4TH VICE COMMANDER

2016 is well underway for your team visiting the VAVS Hospital in Lake City. We visited on January 21st and our next visit is planned for February 26th. We need more volunteers to help with this worthwhile endeavor and hope that you will at least go on one visit.

We will either eat at the post around 4:30 pm and leave around 5:15 pm, or we leave at 4:30 pm and will eat in Lake City. Please consider going with us. As always, we need books and good used clothing to donate to the hospital or domiciliary.

Rich Lane's team will be visiting the VA Clinic on Jefferson St. on Thursday February 18th and volunteers are needed to help with this endeavor. Contact Richard Lane if you are interested in helping out.

For God and Country,
Lee Jones

CHAPLAIN

Accomplishments. - - "He's missing the forest for the trees" is a well-known saying meaning that a person can get so caught up in the details at hand that he misses the main point. Most of us fall into this trap when it comes to planning our daily life. What is our purpose here on earth? To honor and obey God, working diligently to follow the principles set forth in his Word. But what do we do instead? We focus on the details at hand--climbing the corporate ladder, accumulating material things, running children to every conceivable sporting event, participating in this or that committee. We've lost the big picture. Take a hard look at your to-do list. Is there anything on it that is going to develop your relationship with God? Is there something on it that might not be pleasing to him? What can you cross off and exchange for something of real and lasting significance. Here is my final conclusion: Fear God and obey his commands for this is the duty of every person. God will judge us for everything we do, including every secret thing, whether good or bad. Thank you Lord for being a part of our life and helping us through each day. Thank you Legion Family for being a force in this community. Our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom has transferred the following Legionnaire to the jurisdiction of the Post Everlasting of the American Legion. Lay his soul rest in peace. Russell Charles RAINER Keep this Legionnaire and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Remember our sick and shut-ins, let them know you care. God bless our active duty troops wherever they may be.

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



CLUB MANAGERS REPORT

Thank you all for your participation in all activities during January. 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.

February has a lot of happenings here in the club especially if you like Football. Super Bowl 50 will be on February 7th this year so make plans to be here for all the FUN! We start the day early with the Riders Breakfast. At 11:00 am we have the Auxiliary POLAR PLUNGE/Freezin for a Reason. Please sign up as a Plungee or support a Plungee with a sponsoring donation. Forms are at the Bar. At 2:00 pm we have our Annual Chili Cook Off. This year's event will have a First Prize of \$40.00, Second Prize of \$20.00 and Third Prize of \$10.00.

Super Bowl 50 will start shortly after 3:00 pm. The Post will be providing a Ham and other snacks during the game. Covered Dishes are request. So please come on out and enjoy the festivities of the day.

Saturday Night February 13th will be our Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance. We start the evening at 5:30 pm with Steak and Lobster including soup/salad and sides. Our entertainment will start at 7:30 pm with Southern Breeze (Jim Craft's Band). Advance Tickets are \$15.00 and \$20.00 at the door.). We plan to pack the house for both the dinner and dance purchase your tickets early. See your Bartender.

We regularly have many activities here at Post

137. Weekend entertainment will include dinners on Fridays live music Friday and Saturdays and karaoke in the Tiki on Sunday. During the week we will have Bingo starting Jan 25th, Darts every week on Tuesday & Thursday Free Member Appreciation Lunch on Wednesdays and Thursdays we have \$0.50 wings. Come on out, meet your fellow members and enjoy the Best American Legion Post in Florida.

Serving Veterans and our Legion Family
Daily,
Ted Boutwell

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Greetings to the Legion Family of Post 137!

First of all, thanks to all the volunteers that helps around the Post. Your dedication is outstanding and is worth recognizing! Thanks for everything you do! Valentine's Day is upon us and I hope you and your love ones enjoy all the happenings scheduled at the Post.

Membership is always a key to the Squadron and Post. In case you haven't noticed, key cards have been changed to gain access to the building. You will need to renew if you haven't already to get a 2016 key card. 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. 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.

In March, we will start the nomination process to elect new officers for the 2016-2017 Legion Family year. Let's get involved and do the right thing.

For God and Country
Ron Reaves, Commander

AUXILIARY

February is going to be a busy month. Saturday the 6th we will be holding a kids craft day at 2:00 in the hall. They will be making cards and gifts for Valentines Day. There will be food

and fun. Bring your kids and grandkids. They always have a great time.

Super Bowl Sunday, February 7th, the Auxiliary is going to have the annual Polar Plunge. All monies raised will be donated to Fisher House, which is a place of comfort for the families of veterans to stay while their loved ones are being cared for in VA Medical Centers. Come plunge with us or donate to your favorite plunge. We will take our dip after breakfast at 11:30. Come join the fun. Brrrr!! 2:00 will be the annual chili cook-off. Are you hot enough to win?

We will be serving Valentines Dinner on Saturday, February 13th. It will be steak and lobster. Tickets will be on sale ahead of time for \$15.00. It will be \$20.00 the day of the dinner. This is mainly for the purpose of planning so that we will know approximately how many dinners to prepare. Please plan to join us for a delicious dinner and entertainment by Jim Craft's band "Southern Breeze".

On Saturday the 20th at 1:00 PM (after General Assembly Meeting) we will be participating in the Four Chaplains Ceremony. Please plan to attend. It is a very informative and moving experience.

We are going to be putting together a cookbook to sell as a fundraiser to help support the Legion programs. Please bring us your favorite recipes to share. We want to have recipes from appetizers to deserts.

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.

For God and Country,
Barbara Reyna, President

40 & 8

A lot of our Post 137 Members say they do not know anything about the Forty & Eight, as if we are a secret society. So I am going to publish every month a little of our History and if anyone of our Veteran's want to know more I have plenty of books to give away explaining everything about us. All you need to do is ask any of our members and we will get you one.

HISTORY OF THE 40&8: "In March of 1920, Joseph W. Breen, a member of the newly formed American Legion and an officer of Breen-McCracken Legion Post 297, met in Philadelphia with fifteen other prominent Legionnaires where they originated the idea of The Forty & Eight. They envisioned a new and different level of elite membership and camaraderie for leaders of the American Legion. The box car of the French Railways, so familiar to American ground troops of the First World War, was chosen as the symbolic heart of the new organization. The French/Railroad theme was applied to officer titles and organiza-

tional functions." From the 40&8 website.....to be continued next month.

I am happy to report that we have reached almost 90% renewals in membership this year. If you have not sent in your membership please drop it off at the Post (you can leave it at the office marked in an envelope for 40&8) or mail it to me at the post address marked for the 40&8-V304.

Next month is our Wreck (Initiation of new members) that is happening here at Post 137 in our Moon Building. If you want to get involved we are having a rehearsal soon to make sure everything goes smoothly. Please come to our Cheminot/Promenade at 7:00pm on February 4th. Please be there for the good of Grand du Florida and to make V304 look great.

Merci,
Chef de Gare, Jim Porterfield

CABANE

I would like to take the time to thank everyone who came out and bought a dinner in 2015.

We will be having the Northeast Florida Regional Wreck in March. Prayers go out to our Dames who have been sick.

Our next dinner will be on February 19th. Once again, we'll be serving Barry's ribs. We tend to sell out quickly so come early if you want to enjoy these succulent ribs!

For God and Country
Diane Congressi, La Presidente

ROD AND POLE BENDERS

Now that everyone is getting back into the rhythm of the New Year. Here we are going into February. We would like to say Happy Valentine's Day to all. Let's all get behind the legion with some of the activities that will be going on. Starting with the Chili Cook-Off on February 7th (Sunday) at 2:00 p.m.; afterwards stay for the Super Bowl get together. Rod & Pole will have breakfast Valentine's Day (February 14th). So come out and enjoy a breakfast and bring your sweetheart. We have another breakfast on February 28th. You can have your eggs anyway you want them cook and on the bar you need to try our succulent grits and all the trimmings. Our next local water fishing tournament is on February 27th. 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

A recent radio advertisement stated that only 37% of our population is eligible to donate and of those, only around 10% donate.

Our population has continued to increase mostly because we are living longer (that's the good news). however, this also means that the possibility of any one of us needing a blood transfusion has also increased.

A donation of one unit of whole blood will save a life. Therefore, Donate, Donate, Donate.

For God & Country/Friendly Vampire
Bazile Bacino.

RIDERS

We kick February off with breakfast and meeting Sunday February 7th. The Auxiliary is holding their polar plunge the same day at 11:30 for those interested. The Auxiliary are also hosting this year's Valentine's Day dinner. The ladies have always supported and helped the Riders, let's reciprocate with supporting them this month.

Post 137 will be a stop for a benefit run sponsored by Moose lodge 2134 on February 20 to help one of their members fight leukemia. Flyer is in the canteen. ALL Riders are welcome.

Ride Proud, Ride Safe
Keith Shea

Don't forget that we will start taking nominations for Post Officers and Executive Committee starting at the General Assembly in March.



'Auxiliary Post 137

Presents

Valentine's Day Dinner

February 13th 5:30-7PM

Tickets: \$15.00 per person in advance. \$20.00 day of. See bartender for tickets.

Steak and Lobster tail served with baked potato, vegetable, roll, salad or soup and dessert.

Bring your sweetheart out for dinner and dancing....





Entertainment to following dinner with Southern Breeze Band 7:30-11:30PM



February 7th is a busy day at the Post starting off with the Chili cook off then the Polar Plunge ending it with the Super bowl. Come out and support everyone from the best tasting chili to your favorite NFL Team.



FEBRUARY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>KARAOKE TIKI WEATHER PERMITTING</p>	<p>1 Rod & Pole Meeting 7 PM Chateau Bingo w/uri Brenda 7-9 PM</p>	<p>2 Steering Comm. Mtg. 6:30 PM Color Guard Mtg. 7 PM DARTS  7 PM</p>	<p>3 Legion Lunch 12-2PM Tom & Nancy Open Mic...7:30 PM</p>	<p>4 Auxiliary Mtg. 7:30PM Voiture 304 Cheminot & Prom 7PM Wing Night</p>	<p>5 40/8-STEAK-Dinner 5:30-7PM or till sold out JEFFREY JAMES OPEN MIC... 7:30-11:30PM</p>	<p>6 JEFFREY JAMES AND COMPLICATED 7:30-11:30PM</p>
<p>7 SUPERBOWL SUNDAY ALR-Breakfast 8:30 AM-11 AM ALR Meeting 12:30 PM CHILI COOK OFF POLAR PLUNGE 2PM KARAOKE TIKI</p>	<p>8 Bingo with Brenda 7-9 PM</p>	<p>9 DARTS  7 PM</p>	<p>10 Legion Lunch 12-2PM John & Wanda Open Mic...7:30 PM</p>	<p>11 BUGLER ARTICLES DUE SAL Mgt. 7PM Wing Night</p>	<p>12 LEGION FAMILY- MEATLOAF-Dinner 5:30- 7PM or till sold out SOUTHERN BREEZE 7:30-11:30PM</p>	<p>13 AUX-Valentine's Dinner Valentine's Dance TICKETS AVAILABLE SOUTHERN BREEZE 7:30-11:30PM</p>
<p>14 VALENTINE'S DAY Rod & Pole-Breakfast 8:30 AM-11 AM KARAOKE TIKI</p>	<p>15 Legion Exec. Mtg. 6:30PM Bingo with Brenda 7-9 PM</p>	<p>16 Color Guard Mtg. 7PM DARTS  7 pm</p>	<p>17 Legion Lunch 12-2PM Birthday Night Bring Covered Dish Tom & Nancy Open Mic...7:30 PM</p>	<p>18 VA Clinic Visit 9 AM Wing Night</p>	<p>19 Cabane-Ribs-Dinner 5:30-7PM or till sold out VICKI LEE 7:30-11:30PM</p>	<p>20 LEGION GEN ASSEMBLY 10 AM 4 CHAPLAIN & POST EVERLASTING 1PM VICKI LEE 7:30-11:30PM</p>
<p>21 Legion Family-Breakfast 8:30 AM-11 AM KARAOKE TIKI</p>	<p>22 Bingo with Brenda 7-9 PM</p>	<p>23 Cabane 304 Rendezvous 7PM DARTS  7 PM</p>	<p>24 WORK ON BUGLER Legion Lunch 12-2PM John & Wanda Open Mic...7:30 PM</p>	<p>25 Cricket 7PM Wing Night</p>	<p>26 AUX-TBA-Dinner 5:30- 7PM or till sold out VAVS Visit 4:30 PM TISH 7:30-11:30PM</p>	<p>27 ROD & POLE tournament THE BACKTRACKS 7:30-11:30PM</p>
<p>28 Rod & Pole-Breakfast 8:30 AM-11AM. KARAOKE TIKI</p>	<p>29 Bingo with Brenda 7-9 PM</p>					

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FEBRUARY

- * **February 13th @ 5:30PM Valentine's Dinner and Dance.**
- * **February 20th @ 10 AM. Legion General Assembly/4 Chaplains & Post Everlasting @ 1PM**
- * **Bingo Monday Nights, Darts Tuesday Nights, Open Mic Wednesday Nights and Wing night with \$1 Drafts 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.**

