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Hank Morris

Auxiliary President:

Barbara Reyna

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"A Message From The Commander"

2016 is gone and we are well into the new calendar year. Much was accomplished around the Post both for improvements and aid to our Veterans. Much thanks to all the dedicated volunteers who were instrumental in this success. Well done and let's continue the enthusiasm through 2017.

As of this writing, our membership is nearing 80% and still going strong. Let's continue the effort and obtain the 100%+1 before the new Legion year begins. The higher our membership numbers, the more we can do for Veterans who are so deserving.

Pass the word to all your friends and neighbors that we have a website <post137.com> with lots of information there including regular updates on the facebook page that can be accessed through a link there along with other helpful and informative links. Our monthly calendar of events is included and can be downloaded and printed.

"Negative" - verbal response indicating "NO"; Mathematically indicating "less than zero"; Electrical indication of "charge of neutron versus proton (positive)"; Conversation tending to "oppose or disagree with that which is constructive". A very versatile and useful adjective when used in it's proper context. When used to describe conversations which tend to provide a less than positive approach to events, actions, or opinions, it invariably leads to discord and discontent which is Not productive to good order and discipline.

What does all this mean? Simply that what WE say in our daily conversations with others will surely be passed on to others especially when negatively expressed. The truth (or not) of the statements have a major effect on the lives of what is discussed. How do we handle this? Maybe what Hamlet said to his players should be our guide: "Let Your Discretion be Your Tutor". If we don't know the whole truth, it's best to not repeat that which is heard. "Better to let others THINK you a fool than to open your mouth and remove all doubt". (Author unknown)

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



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Walter Rasco



ALR Director
Jim Steele



Color Guard CMDR
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President
Ray Runyan



Chef de Gare
Jeff Fazan



La Presidente
Donna Runyan

"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 so you can 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. Let's continue on a good path and have the distinction of ALWAYS being "The Most Outstanding Post in Florida"!

Now, we are in the new calendar year of 2017. This means we are closing in on the end of the Legion year. How does time fly? With all said and done, please keep in mind that the 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, 2017. 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

Hello Legion Family, I hope everyone has a wonderful Valentine's Day. Our numbers as of January 13th we are at 1058 members at 79.79%. I need everyone to please bring in your new members.

Yours In Service
Eddie Dykes

2ND VICE COMMANDER

Well we are into the New Year Now. Lots of Activities are starting back up for you this year. **Super Bowl Sunday** is February 5th and we have a lot going on that day. Post 137 Color Guard will be at Post 197 for the 4 Chaplains Ceremony by the American Legion 5th District. We also have The **Riders Breakfast** at

8:30am to start your day off right. At 12 noon we have our **Annual Polar Plunge** so come Jump in our Pool (or come watch them get out of the pool real fast) to get donations for the Legion. Our Annual Chili Cook Off will follow to find out who here at Post 137 makes the best Chili and bring a few bucks for donations so you can try the best Chili anywhere. I will tell you from experience we have some serious cooks at this Post. The Tiki will be open from 2-6 also with weather permitting. Also to Top off this day we have all our attention on the Super Bowl so come Cheer for your favorite team that will be on our Big Screen in the Hall and the many Flat Screens we have in the Lounge.

Also don't forget we have our Valentine's Day Dance on Saturday the 11th with the Auxiliary having their **Fantastic Valentine's Dinner of Steak & Lobster** that evening. We have one of our favorite Bands that night also. "**Top Shelf Band**" with Lisa who were formerly with the Band known as Contraband. Buy your Valentine's Dinner tickets as this will sell out faster than you think. I know they served over a 100 people last year and the meal was superb! Post 137 also has a Band playing every Friday & Saturday Evening from 7:30 to 11:30pm every week and **Karaoke** every Wednesday in the Hall & Sunday at the Tiki when weather permits this Winter. Please come out and listen to some of the Best Bands at any Legion and some of the best Singers in Jax.

Bingo will be starting up this month every Monday also with Brenda & Craig giving out lots of money to their Bingo Players. Darts has also started back strong this year. Come give it a try as Walter can always use more players for these events every Tuesday & several Thursdays a month. Also we have our **Taco Tuesday Night** by the Riders and **Thursday Night Chicken Wings** by the American Legion. You cannot beat this price of \$5 to have a great meal.

I also will be advertising on Post 137's Facebook page a lot of the events we are having every month. Please follow us at our sites for most happenings at Post 137 and info on different Bands, Events, & Meals. Also check your Bugler Calendar for dates & time of all events.

For God and Country
Richard Lane

3RD VICE COMMANDER

Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. On behalf of the Children and Youth committee a big Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make a fun time for our Legion Kids they are our future. We had around 40 kids at the Christmas party with gifts for all and of course Santa was the man of the hour. Many thanks to Tim he is a real Santa Clause our kids love him. The next big event for our youth will be Easter, another fun day is in the works and as we get closer to April more information will be posted in the bugler and on the web site.

Be sure to read your bugler and web site many events are planned for our youth in the coming months by the Auxiliary as well as the Legion.

For God and Country
Emory Austin

4TH VICE COMMANDER

2017! still haven't gotten used to that! Time just seems to fly by. We will be making our February visit to the VAVS hospital on the 24th. We meet at the Post around 415 pm and will either eat at the Post or en route to Lake City. We will leave the Post by 430 pm if eating en route and should return by 9 pm.

Please consider going with us and helping us serve our Veterans in the VA Hospital. We always need donations of books and used clothing which can be left in the office whenever it is open.

We have a couple of volunteers who want to return to the Jefferson St. Clinic. Hopefully, we can get this going by the 3rd Thursday in February. If interested in helping with this, please let me or Richard Lane know.

For God and Country,
Lee Jones

CHAPLAIN

On the one hand is neither good nor bad, but simply a neutral medium of exchange. Throughout the Bible we read matter-of-factly about money being earned, borrowed, and spent. On the other hand, money represents wealth, power, and status; as such, it has a tendency to wield extraordinary power over our lives. The Bible also has much to say about the love of money. This is not neutral, but sinful, Jesus goes so far as to identify money as a potential rival to God. The Bible consistently teaches that money, like natural resources, material goods, or time itself, is ours to be used for the glory of God, not to take the place of God. The love of money can get our priorities out of line. We must keep reminding ourselves that God must be first in our lives and that money cannot satisfy our deepest needs. The Bible promises that God will supply all our needs. The problem comes from our definition of "need" is different from God's. The first thing we must do is study God's word to discover what he says we need for a fulfilling life. We have worked wearily with our own hands to earn our living. And you will not need to depend on others to meet your financial needs. God urges us to be good stewards in earning, spending and saving our money. He understands the importance of providing for the needs of our family and the future. But he also expects us to use our money generously and help others. Don't be greedy for what you don't have. Real life is not measured by how much we own. If we depend on our wealth to bring security, there will never be enough. Thank you Lord for helping us to be good stewards of what we have and watching over us each day. May God bless our Legion Family always. It is my sad duty to report the name of a Legionnaire who has transferred to Post Everlasting of the American Legion. Edward A. BRENNAN Jr. Keep this Legionnaire and his family in your thoughts and prayers. God bless our active duty troops wherever they may be.

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



CLUB MANAGERS REPORT

Let's look forward to the return of Monday Bingo, starting this Monday! Thank You, Brenda, and Craig. Taco Tuesday's and Darts and our Thursday Wing Night are doing great. Come out and enjoy these events and our Karaoke events Wednesday evening and Sunday afternoon.

Some of our big events this month are the Chili Cook Off before the SUPER BOWL on February 5th. Let's not forget the Polar Plunge. Check your bugler for the events calendar. The Bugler is available online at post137.com.

The Auxiliary Valentine's Dinner Dance will be on Saturday February 11th. The entertainment for the evening will be The Top Shelf Band, (aka Contraband). Dinner will be from 5:30pm -7:00 pm. The menu prepared by Lisa York will be; Steak & Lobster Tail, with vegetable, potatoes, soup or salad and a desert. Advanced Ticket Sales are \$20...at the door \$25.

2017 Membership renewals are now passed due and new door keys are available to all that have their 2017 membership cards. Please be patient during the process of getting your new door key. Please note that is the members' obligation to sign in their guest. We welcome your guest and want to encourage them to join our post.

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

Serving our Members Daily,
Ted Boutwell

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hello Legion family. Our squadron membership continues to grow. Looking forward to the new members to step up and getting involved around the Post. Our membership goal for Feb is 75% by the 2nd and we are about 60% so lets work on the friends and

family that haven't renewed yet. Also keep working on getting some new members as well.

For God and Country
Walter Rasco, Commander

AUXILIARY

Happy Valentine's Day everyone. I hope you all come out for our annual Valentines Dinner on February 11th. Once again we will be serving lobster tail and steaks cooked to order. Tickets will be \$20.00 in advance and \$25.00 the day of the meal. Please get your tickets early to help us plan and make sure that everyone will be served. Those of you who have attended in the past know what a wonderful meal this is. Please pass the word and help us make this a successful event.

We have been selling Valentine hearts to hang up around the post. Thanks to all who have purchased one. The money raised will help us to donate to the Legion programs that we support. We have also been selling cancer awareness bracelets to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

On Super Bowl Sunday, February 5th we will be having our annual "Polar Plunge" at 12 noon. Please come out and participate or support your favorite "plungee". All funds raised will be donated to the Gainesville Fisher House. Hang around afterward for the chili cook-off and the football game.

February 21st we will be having a rosemary chicken dinner. Lisa and her crew do a great job of preparing this meal and I am sure you will not be disappointed. Come hungry!

Debbie Geisinger stayed busy last month clipping, sorting, and counting coupons. She turned in about \$23,000 worth. This brings us to about \$125,000 total since June. Thank you Debbie!! and thanks to Mary Craft for bringing us two brown paper bags full!!

Until next month...

For God and Country,
Barbara Reyna, President

40 & 8

Greetings Voyageurs, La Femmes and Legion-

naires. We have started off the New Year with a Bang, if you missed the January Promenade I would like to take this time to thank Walh Clipper Corporation and Tom Nehl Truck Company for their most gracious donations to The La Societe Des Quarante Hommes Et Huit Chevaux V-304. I am hoping we can continue to keep getting the word out about what the 40&8 and Legion are all about and grow our membership. Speaking of membership if you have not paid your dues and updated your 2017 membership please do so now. Our next Promenade will be February 2nd at 7:00 P.M. There will be a Four Chaplains ceremony on Feb. 5th 14:00 (2:00 PM) at Post 197. we will be holding a wreck practice for the upcoming wreck in March on Feb. 15th at 6:00PM at V-304. Come on out to Post -137 Friday Feb. 24th for that great Cabane Rib dinner and then on Feb. 26th the 40&8 will be serving breakfast at post 137. Let's do great things for the organization and our veterans this year.

Merci,
Jeff Fazan, Chef de Gare

CABANE

Cabane has a rib dinner on the 24th. Our meeting will be on the 28th.

For God and Country
Donna Runyan, La Presidente

ROD AND POLE BENDERS

Hope all have a Happy Valentine's Day, Rod and Pole meeting will be on the 6th. Breakfast on the 12th make sure to come out and support us and our home Post. Local water tournament will be on the 25th. We had a member pass Rod Appleby please keep his family in your prayers.

Seen you on the Water,
Ray and Donna

BLOOD DRIVE CHAIRMAN

If you donate whole blood, I ask that you

consider becoming a platelet donor. It will take about two hours of your time to prep both you and the machine, The cancer patients will certainly thank you. You will enjoy popcorn and cable TV.

For God & Country/Friendly Vampire
Bazile Bacino.

RIDERS

NO REPORT

Ride Safe, Ride Proud -
For the Cause, Not the Applause
Jim (Cruiser) Steele

BOY SCOUT

From the Scout Troop; On February 2, 2017 we celebrate our first year of association with American Legion Lakeshore Post 137. We would like to thank you for the positive support and the warm welcome you provided. We have completed many successful and profitable events this year, i.e., 2 Scouts advanced to the rank of Eagle Scout, Summer camp at Camp Shands (two of our Scouts placed Nationally with the NRA in Rifle Shooting), yard sale (28th year), Christmas tree sale (28th year), spaghetti dinner (1st), MS Society Cycle to the shore (21st year), and numerous camp-outs, hikes, and water events. None of this would have been possible without you and your support. Thank you again. If I see a weak spot on the horizon it is in the area of new Scouts or new Recruits. If you have a son, Grandson, Great grandson, Nephew or friend that you would like to have experience Nature as it is and should be, experience Patriotism and Teamwork, Learn confidence and leadership and get away from cell-phones, computers, Facebook, tweets, and video games for a weekend each month, bring him here..... we need him and in the end he'll thank us. to contact the Troop call Ike at 904-695-1188 leave a message and I'll get back with you.

Thank You,
William (IKE) Eigenbauer
Committee Chair. BSA Troop 169



Valentine's Dinner/Dance

Surf and Turf with all the sides

Tickets available

Come select your seat at the
lounge.

Entertainment Top Shelf

\$20.00 Advance tickets

\$25.00 at door

THE
AMERICAN
LEGION **FAMILY**



February 5th Events



We are having the Polar Plunge 12PM




















Judging will start at 3PM for our
annual Chili Cook-off



Come watch the SUPERBOWL with
us starting @ 6:30PM

FEBRUARY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 SUPER BOWL ALR-Breakfast 8:30 AM-11 AM ALR Meeting 12:30 PM Tiki Open 2-8PM Polar Plunge 12PM Chili Cook-off 3PM Super Bowl Party	6 Rod & Pole Meeting 7 PM Chateau  Bingo WITH Brenda 7-9 PM	7 Steering Comm. Mtg. 6:30 PM Color Guard Mtg. 7PM Taco Tuesday  DARTS 7 PM	1 Legion Lunch 12-2PM  Kent Mitchell Karaoke...7:30 PM	2 Auxiliary Mtg. 7:30PM Voiture 304 Chemnot & Prom 7PM Wing Night	3 Backtracks 7:30-11:30PM 	4 Almost Kin 7:30-11:30PM 
12 Rod & Pole-Breakfast 8:30 AM-11 AM Tiki Open 2-8PM	13 Legion Exec. Mtg.6:30PM  Bingo WITH Brenda 7-9 PM	14 Taco Tuesday DARTS  7 pm	15 Legion Lunch 12-2PM  Kent Mitchell Karaoke... 7:30 PM	16 Cricket 7PM Wing Night	17 Rockin Machine 7:30-11:30PM 	18 LEGION GEN ASSEMBLY 10-AM Darts-Smoked Chicken or Pulled Pork-Dinner 5:30- 7PM or till sold out  Complicated 7:30-11:30PM
19 Legion Brunch- Breakfast 9AM-1PM Tiki Open 2-8PM	20  Bingo WITH Brenda 7-9 PM	21 Taco Tuesday Color Guard Mtg. 7PM DARTS  7 pm	22 Legion Lunch 12-2PM Work on Bugler  Kent Mitchell Karaoke... 7:30 PM	23 Blind 501 Darts Wing Night	24 CABANE-Ribs-Dinner 5:30-7PM or till sold out Vavs Visit 4:30PM Jackhammer 7:30-11:30PM 	25 Double Shott 7:30-11:30PM 
26 40/8-Breakfast 8:30 AM-11 AM Tiki Open 2-8PM	27  Bingo WITH Brenda 7-9 PM	28 Taco Tuesday Cabane 304 Rendezvous 7PM DARTS  7 pm				

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- * 5th starting @ Noon. Polar Plunge, @ 3PM judging for Chili Cook Off, followed by the Super Bowl.
- * 11th @ 5:30 PM Fabulous Valentine's Dinner.
- * 18th @ 10 AM General Assembly
- * Bingo Monday Nights, Darts/Taco Tuesday Nights, Karaoke 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.

