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"A Message From The Commander"

January: The beginning of a new calendar year. Many of you will be reading this before 1 January so here is your first reminder for the Year 2017. Your key card for access to the post will expire at 0800 (8:00 AM) on 1 January 2017. Your replacement card is free, however, you MUST have a 2017 membership card in order to get one. The entrance to the Post will be staffed to expedite the process for the first few days. Come on by and get 'em while they're hot. As always, the access cards will be available in the lounge/bar.

Our current membership drive is going well but we have a way to go to get to that magical 100% mark. We are currently at 977 members, 73.68% thanks to our leadership/member's efforts thus far. Well done!

December was a good month around the Post with all the seasonal parties for adults and youth in addition to our usual fare of meals, music, dances and general socializing. Mixed in along with all that fun, we continued in our efforts towards our America's Veterans programs with fund raising and other activities by members of our Legion Family. Due to these efforts in the spirit of the season, many veterans had a much more joyful experience for the holidays. Thanks to all for sharing your time, money and joy.

Now, let us all get on with 2017, all those New Years Resolutions completed in a timely manner, and make this world a better place for ourselves and others. Especially for those less fortunate who are in so much need of help. "All have given some and some have given all". May God bless you all and The United States of America.

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
J.J. O'Brien



President
Ray Runyan



Chef de Gare
Jeff Fazan



La Presidente
Donna Runyan

"IN GOD WE TRUST"

ADJUTANT

January 2017 is here and I hope everyone had a great 2016. I hopefully we will be able to enjoy the years to come. Let's all get together and welcome in the New Year as one family.

Just remember, dues are currently \$50 if you haven't paid by 31 December. New key cards will start being issued on 1 January, 2017. However, if you don't have a 2017 membership card, you will need to renew first before you are able to get a key card. As a reminder, if you are in the arrears, you will not be able to even 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

Hello Legion Family hope all had a happy New Year. I have been out for some time, but this is the latest report. Membership 977 at 73.68%. Please remember that you need a 2017 membership card to be able to receive a 2017 key card.

Yours In Service
Eddie Dykes

2ND VICE COMMANDER

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL ! All of us here at Post 137 have lots of events planned this coming year. Next month in February we'll have our Valentine's Dinner & Dance. We will be having some new entertainers through the year and as always we are open to suggestions on Band's or Entertainers anytime.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Steak & Lobster Valentine's Day Dinner & Dance on February 11th by our Auxiliary! Buy your tickets for this event which will be available at Lounge! One of our Favorite Bands "Contraband" has changed their name to "The Top shelf Band" who are a mixture of two bands and will be playing at our Valentine's Dinner & Dance.

For God and Country
Richard Lane

3RD VICE COMMANDER

Hope everyone had a wonderful New year. I would like to thank all of the volunteers that helped with the Christmas party. It was a huge success.

For God and Country
Emory Austin

4TH VICE COMMANDER

Another year has gone by and now it's 2017! Happy New Year to all our Legion family. I hope all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. We are back to our regular schedule of visits to the VAVS Hospital in Lake City, which for January will be on Friday the 20th. We will meet at the post around 4:15 pm and leave about 4:30 pm. All who are interested in joining us are welcome to do so. We have a possible volunteer for the Jefferson St. Clinic, and I will confirm this as soon as I can. Hopefully, we can resume this service to our veterans on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

For God and Country,
Lee Jones

CHAPLAIN

Respect is recognizing someone else's worth, honoring them for what they have done and for who they are. In a very real sense, It is a gift you confer on someone, a gift of valuing them highly. To honor and respect others requires humility on our part, because we are making others look good without trying to make ourselves look good at the same time. We gain respect in much the same way that we show it. - - building our lives on God's Word, treating others the same way we would like to be treated, not compromising our character, and standing up for truth no matter what. Respect involves showing more concern for people than agendas, thinking highly of others, building them up in love, and treating everyone with fairness and integrity. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. May God be with us each day in our relationships with others, show our respect and love for one another. 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. Donald Richard ANDERSON (Andy), Albert Florino SCIAR-RATTA (Al), John GORDON. Keep these Legionnaires And their families in your thoughts and prayers. Remember our sick and shut-ins, let them know you care, May God watch over our Active duty troops wherever they may be. To our Legion Family, may this new year be happy and productive. I wish you all a blessed and happy New Year.

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

CLUB MANAGERS REPORT

Hey everybody, we've had a great

Holiday Season with a fantastic New Year's Celebrations. January brings back many of our events, Taco Tuesday's and our Thursday Wing Night. Come out and enjoy our Karaoke events Wednesday evening and Sunday afternoon. The Boy Scouts are continuing the Wednesday Night Spaghetti Dinners. On the first of Jan, we will have the traditional Black Eye Peas & Greens. It should improve our luck and prosperity

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.

Football finals are just about over leaving the Super Bowl to be played on February 5th in Huston Texas. Come down and cheer on your team. Again, we will have our annual Chili Cook Off before the game. Enter your Receipt to win and enjoy the tasting that follows.

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.

I would like to thank the Legion family in their support to the club for helping with the walk-in cooler.

Serving our Members Daily,
Ted Boutwell

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Happy New Year Legion family. I trust everyone had a joyous holiday season. I say it that way do to the different religions celebrating their respective events. Now that the new year is upon us I look forward to the coming years activities. I would also like to ask that we get more participation at our meetings. Without the squadron members we can't accomplish the goals of Sons of The American Legion. Our membership is moving right along we have read in 30 new members since July and we are

right at 49 %. With the January goal of 70%. Let's get those family members and friends that have not renewed to get them in.

For God and Country
Walter Rasco, Commander

AUXILIARY

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I know that the holidays are a busy time and can often be stressful, however we should all be thankful that we have the freedom to celebrate these times. Let us not forget those who fought for this freedom!!

We adopted a Military family for Christmas. Thanks to Debbie Jennings for finding them and shopping for their gifts. I'm sure that our donation and your thoughtfulness made a difference and helped them to enjoy the holiday.

We are selling "Cancer Awareness" bracelets for \$5.00. Please see an Auxiliary member to purchase one and help us donate to cancer research. Almost everyone I know has been touched in some way by this horrible disease and I believe that it is a worthy cause to help find treatments and ultimately a cure.

February will be a busy month for our unit. On the 4th from 11:00 till 1:00 there will be a craft party for the kids. Bring your kids and grandkids. They always have fun making Valentine cards and presents for their loved ones.

On February 5th (Super Bowl Sunday) we will have our annual "Polar Plunge" at 12:00 noon. Please sign up to join in and have people donate or donate to one of our "plungers". The money raised will go to Fisher House. Afterward there will be the annual post chili cook-

off. Bring in some of your special recipe and win a prize. Lisa and her crew will once again be cooking and serving the Valentine's Dinner on February 11th. It will be steak (cooked to order) and lobster. Tickets will be \$20.00 in advance and \$25.00 at the door. Please get your tickets early to help with planning and to make sure that you don't miss out.

Thanks to all who have donated coupons for our "Troopon" campaign. So far we have sent over \$100,000 worth of coupons to help our veterans and their families that are deployed. Please keep them coming.

Hoping everyone has a peaceful, happy and successful year!

For God and Country,
Barbara Reyna, President

40 & 8

I hope everyone has had a very happy holiday season and looking forward to a very good and prosperous New Year. I want to take this time to thank everyone of our Voyager and Cabane members for all your efforts last year and let's make 2017 a Great Year for all. There will be a 40&8 meatloaf dinner served at Post 137 on Saturday January 14, 2017. Come on out and get some of Ray Runyan's famous meatloaf and grab something to drink from the bar. If you are planning to attend Grand du Florida's Petite Promenade and Mid- Winter Cheminot in Panama City Beach, FL. the date is January 19 - 22 , 2017. Our next Promenade at V-304 will be on January 5th 2017 at 7:00 P.M. Also a reminder if you have not renewed your 40&8 membership for 2017 please make an effort to do so now. Let's all focus on recruiting some new members this year and work on letting our community know who and what the La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux is and what we do.

Merci,
Jeff Fazan, Chef de Gare

CABANE

Hope everyone had a wonderful New Year. Cabane will have a rib dinner on the 27th. Our monthly meeting is on 24th. Also, the Voyagers have a meat loaf dinner on 14th. We have a 40&8 Promenade/ Cheminot in Panama City the 20th, 21st, and 22nd.

For God and Country
Donna Runyan, La Presidente

ROD AND POLE BENDERS

Rod and Pole meeting will be on 9th at 7PM. We have a breakfast on the 29th. Also a fishing tournament either the 14th or the 28th depending on the weather. Fisherman of the year went to Ray Runyan.

Seen you on the Water,
Ray and Donna

BLOOD DRIVE CHAIRMAN

The Legion National holiday donor blood drive has ended(12-31-16). While we are waiting for the numbers to be added, it is not too late for those who have not donated to do so now because it is never too late to donate.

For God & Country/Friendly Vampire
Bazile Bacino.

RIDERS

Hello Riders, Legion Family, and friends! Happy New Year, I trust everyone enjoyed a healthy and happy Holiday Season winding down 2016... and of course also trust

that we were all good boys and girls and were treated accordingly by good Saint Nick! The riders once again put on a tasty Breakfast on Dec. 4th which fueled us up for a productive monthly riders meeting afterward. December events included a ride out to the FANG 125th FW for their Family Day and a group photo with an F15-C;



A run to the Robert H. Jenkins Veterans Domiciliary in Lake City on Dec. 10th to spread some Holiday joy and donations. While there, we ran into a former Post 137 Color Guard Member, Joe Haire; and participating in the Wreaths Across America motorcycle escort to JNC on Dec. 17th.

A huge "Thank You" goes out to Rich Verne for setting up the run to the 125th FW and also to Sandra Gentry for organizing our Domiciliary run. Also a big "Thank You" to Billy Hackett for always doing a great job of communicating and getting the word out to our Riders. On a side note... at the 125th FW Family Day they had a Car and Bike Show. Somehow my bike seems to have entered the show, and thanks to the energetic recruiting efforts of Rich Verne and our riders, it managed to not only enter, but also win First Place at the Bike Show!!!

After hosting Taco Tuesday on Dec. 6th, we took a holiday break from Taco Tuesdays but will be back in full swing in January. Happy New Year - Let's start clean in '17 - Riding into the New Year bigger and better than ever before!

Upcoming events:
Riders Meeting SATURDAY 12:30PM Jan. 7th

Taco Tuesdays - Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

1ST Annual Florida ALR Summit and Expo -
Jan. 20-22.

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



BOY SCOUT

The scouts have had a very busy holiday season. The Christmas tree sales went well, thanks to all the legionnaires that purchased a tree. As always, new scouts are welcome to join us. The Cub scouts meet on Mondays and the boy scouts on Tuesdays at 7:00pm in the Moon building.

Duty, Honor, Country
Tim Pratt, Boy Scout Chairman



February-Valentine's Day Party

March-Hosting the State of Florida Legacy Run

April-Children/Youth Easter Party

Police and Firemen's Dinner

May-Annual Car Show



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

If you haven't renewed before January 1st your membership card is consider expired. You will need to renew to be able to come in to the Post.

\$50.00 Legionnaires

\$40.00 Son of the American Legion

\$8.00 SAL Minor

\$26.00 Auxiliary

\$4.00 Juniors Auxiliary

Why AM I A LEGIONNAIRE?

For God an Country, to do and dare; that's why I'm a Legionnaire.














To make my community a better place, and meet my neighbor face to face, help distressed comrades their cross to bear, that's why I'm a Legionnaire.

To face with courage the coming day, to teach my children how to pray; to make my flag a symbol rare, that's why I'm a Legionnaire.

And at last when taps are sounded, and I climbed that golden stairs, to face my Lord and Maker. Thank God I'm a Legionnaire.

Author Unknown

JANUARY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Years Day	2	3 Steering Comm. Mtg. 6:30 PM Color Guard Mtg. 7PM 	4 Legion Lunch 12-2PM Kent Mitchell Karaoke...7:30 PM	5 Auxiliary Mtg. 7:30PM Voiture 304 Chemnot & Prom 7PM Wing Night	6 Backtracks  7:30-11:30PM	7 ALR Meeting 12:30 PM Southern Breeze  7:30-11:30PM
8 ALL-Breakfast 8:30 AM-11 AM Tiki Open 1-8PM	9 Rod & Pole Meeting 7 PM Chateau No Bingo	10 Taco Tuesday  7 PM	11 Legion Lunch 12-2PM Bugler articles due Kent Mitchell Karaoke...7:30 PM	12 SAL Mtg. 7PM Wing Night	13 Rockin Machine  7:30-11:30PM	14 40/8-Meatloaf-Dinner 5:30-7PM or till sold out Contraband  7:30-11:30PM
15 Auxiliary-Breakfast 8:30 AM-11 AM Tiki Open 1-8PM	16 Legion Exec. Mtg.6:30PM No Bingo	17 Taco Tuesday Color Guard Mtg. 7PM  7 pm	18 Legion Lunch 12-2PM Kent Mitchell Karaoke...7:30 PM	19 Cricket 7PM Wing Night	20 Complicated  7:30-11:30PM	21 LEGION GEN ASSEMBLY 10-AM AUX-Chicken-Dinner 5:30- 7PM or till sold out Jackhammer  7:30-11:30PM
22 Legion Brunch- Breakfast 9AM-1PM Tiki Open 1-8PM	23 No Bingo	24 Taco Tuesday Cabane 304 Rendezvous 7PM  7 pm	25 Legion Lunch 12-2PM Work on Bugler Kent Mitchell Karaoke...7:30 PM	26 Blind 501 Darts Wing Night	27 CABANE-Ribs-Dinner 5:30-7PM or till sold out ??  7:30-11:30PM	28 Black Creek Rizin  7:30-11:30PM
29 Rod & Pole-Breakfast 8:30 AM-11 AM Tiki Open 1-8PM	30 No Bingo	31 Taco Tuesday  7 pm				

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- * **21st @ 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.**

