

Post Commander:
Hank Morris
Auxiliary President:
Barbara Reyna

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The Bugler



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"

July is here and begins the 2016-2017 Legion year. You have elected a new slate of Officers and Executive Committee to carry us forward. Thanks to all who worked with the election committee for a smooth election. Congratulations to the newly elect. I look forward with enthusiasm to working with each of you in the coming year.

We begin with the celebration of our Nation's Birthday on the fourth. A great party has been planned and if our past Memorial Day celebration is an example of what the 137 team can do, it should be one for the record books. Come on out and celebrate with the friendliest family post in The Mighty Fifth. Food (lots), games (kids and adults), music (pool side) and much more. Hope to see you there.

Next up will be our Executive Committee on the 11th. All members be sure and bring your Book Binders to transfer to the newly elect if you are not returning for another year. Although not "official" on that date, the new officers are encouraged to attend this meeting to 'get your feet wet' and ready to go. Installation of all officers will be at the General Assembly on the 16th. The meeting will start at 10:00 sharp. Roster photos will be taken that day, so wear your Legion Uniforms and smile. As in the past, a light lunch will be available following the meeting.

A sincere Thank You to all the staff of this past year. It has been a banner year and you did it. WELL DONE!

It's all about the 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

First of all, I want to wish an outstanding Happy Birthday to the United States of America! 240 years strong and still going!

Along with July being here and the birthday of America, a new Legion family year has begun. Congratulations to the newly elected officers of Post 137 for 2016-2017 Legion year. The installation of the Legion Family Officers will be held on 16 July, 2016. Please continue to help and support the American Legion Family, the Post and the incoming Officers to continue to make this the most outstanding Post in the state of Florida!

An interesting quote from Aristotle brings across a message of what being part of the Legion Family means – "There is only one way to avoid criticism: do nothing, say nothing, and be nothing". In other words, let's all get involved and do the right thing.

It has been a pleasure to serve as the Post Adjutant for the past year. I want to thank everyone that has helped me and the Post during the year. Let's keep it going and make it work for the better.

For God and Country,
Ron Reaves

1ST VICE COMMANDER

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY

This is the last bugler article from the outgoing 1st Vice. With that said I do have a few people in the office to thank for all their support and for putting up with me in the office for the past two years. Our secretary Candice Baylor, without her and her computer skills our records would not be up to date as they are now. Thank you Candy. A big thanks to Jerry Lepore, our finance officer for maintaining the finance records and his records has provided the most up to date membership reports. Thank you Jerry. Hank Morris our Commander. You all have made the job of 1st vice a lot more enjoyable and It was great to work with all of you.

One more thanks goes out to those that helped check membership cards on Memorial day. Debra Geisinger, Cindy Taylor, Binon Williams and Ralph Wicklund THANK YOU. Membership is not just one persons responsibility. All members are to help maintain members in the Post It has been an honor to serve the Post as 1st Vice for 2 years. May your incoming 1st Vice have a great membership year. Best of luck Eddy Dykes. Welcome to all our newly elected officer.

Yours In Service
Jerry Kiel

2ND VICE COMMANDER

MANY THANKS to all of you who have come out this summer and supported our Open Mic/Karaoke every Saturday and Sunday. This has been a very large Boon to our Post. **Please come out and support Monday July 4th on the Pool Deck with our Band "Black Creek Rizin" from 2 to 6pm food in the screen room most of day and Chicken Dinners available from 3pm till sold out t also, Karaoke/Open Mic entertainment inside our Lounge/Hall from 4 to 8pm.**

Entertainment is booked solid though the end of August already. I'm pleased to welcome two new bands, One is "**The MayBees**" that will be with us and one other is "**Band on the Run**". Both of these groups play a good mix of Rock & Roll, Country, and 60's, 70's, and 80's Music. We of course have all our regular bands that will be with us all summer long to entertain you. PLEASE COME OUT AND SUPPORT OUR GREAT BANDS every Friday & Saturday from 7:30 to 11:30pm! Look at BandMix.com under this hyperlink: <http://www.bandmix.com/rich1109768/>. I post all our bands up there every month to let everyone know all the bands, and events scheduled.

MY MONTHLY SHOUTOUT! This is for our House Committee Chairman **Robert (Bob) Reeseman** who does so much around this post I can't keep up with him !!! Post 137 is absolutely a better place due to his efforts and the many people that help him. Not only maintenance, upkeep, and betterment of our Lounge, Kitchen, Pool, and Chicken Wing Thursdays and all the other meals he and his crew support but all over Post 137. I don't know of a more outstanding volunteer than him. Kudos to you Bob and please thank him personally for all he does when you see him!

UPCOMING EVENTS: Scheduled Monday Sept. 5th is "Rockin' Machine" on the Pool Deck Bandstand for Labor Day from 2-6pm, Karaoke/Open Mic in Lounge to follow 4 to 8pm.

For God and Country,
Richard Lane



4TH VICE COMMANDER

Thanks to all for the support I have received in the past year. I know I will be able to enjoy your continued support as we begin another year. A really big thank you goes to Lewis Gray, Norman and Sandy Gentry, Debbie Geisinger and my wife Thelma without whose help we could not have accomplished all that was done this past year.

Our next visit to Lake City VAVS hospital will be on July 22nd. We will have dinner here at the Post at 430PM or on the way to Lake City. As always, all volunteers are welcome to go with us and enjoy some time serving our hospitalized veterans. We should be back at the Post by 9PM. We always need used clothing and books for the hospital and domiciliary. Donations can be left at the Post's office or given to Lewis Gray, Sandy Gentry or myself.

There is a real need for someone or group of people to take over our monthly visits to the Jefferson Street clinic. Richard Lane had to give up this responsibility due to his other duties at the Post. If interested, please talk to Richard Lane or Commander Hank.

For God and Country,
Lee Jones

HISTORIAN

The history books have been closed for the year 2015-2016. This year I want all our groups to be recognized in our books. Please if you can, help me get pictures of different events, as I can't always be there. If you have something going on, make me aware of it and I will try to be there if possible.

Yours in Service,
Norman Gentry

CHAPLAIN

COMPLAINING-Have you ever met a complainer, a griper, a person who likes to look at the dark side of every bright cloud? A complainer has a perpetual raw deal: Someone is always getting something more than he, better than he, faster than he. The Bible compares complaining to a dripping faucet - - it gets very annoying. Complaining is expressing dissatisfaction with something or someone; but more than that, there tends to be a self-centered bent to it. We didn't get what we wanted, we got less than someone else, we didn't get what we deserve. The focus is on ourselves. Shifting blame and making a charge against others is a big part of complaining too. When we focus on ourselves and we don't get our way, we blame others. Complaining causes us to focus on what we don't have, rather than what we do have. A word

of advice - - - Taking our complaints to God often changes our perspective. Summers here and we surely can enjoy it. The Fourth of July is our next big holiday and I look forward to seeing our Legion Family enjoying it here at the Post.

It is my sad duty to report to you the name of a Legionnaire who has transferred to Post Everlasting of the American Legion. LeRoy William MOAK. 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 our Legion Family, keep them safe and in your light. Lord, help me not to lose my purpose when life is frustrating or difficult. AMEN

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

CLUB MANAGERS REPORT

June has brought on the summer heat and increased the Tiki and Pool attendance. With greater use it is important that our member sign all guests in at the guest log. This is not intended to restrict access or limit guest attendance it helps us maintain order and an opportunity to introduce your guest to the Bartender on duty and welcome them to Post 137. Our goal is to increase our membership and encourage guests to join Post 137.

Many of us attended the American Legion convention in Orlando. The event covered the accomplishments of all the Post throughout the year. Our Legion Family from Post 137 has done a good job and met the needs of many Veterans. Well done!

We are looking forward to July events starting with Independence Day. July 4th will be wild at the Pool & Tiki Bar. We will have a live band by the Pool and Burgers with fixins in the Screen Room. Later in the afternoon we have chicken dinners from the Kitchen. It will be a day to remember. We have our usual weekly entrainment. Bingo on Mondays, Darts on Tuesday, Karaoke on Wednesday, Wing Night on Thursday, with Friday & Saturday Bands.

I have been managing the canteen for Six months and I hope you have seen improvement. My primary goal is to have our bartenders display better hospitality skills. My purpose is to insure that you the customer/member has a pleasant visit at Post 137. We all will have a good time if we maintain pleasant attitudes. If you feel there is a bartender or a customer that has been rude or unpleasant please call me at (904) 716-4547. I may not answer every call but I will return every call. I thank you for your help in making Post 137 the Friendly Post in Florida.

Serving our Members Daily,
Ted Boutwell

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Here it is July and I want to proudly say "Happy Birthday America!" which also means that the new Legion year is here and upon us. Congratulations to all the newly elected Officers of Post 137 Legion Family. The Squadron, along with the rest of the Legion Family, will be installing our new Officers on 16 July, 2016.

As the year begins, my first thing I want to bring up is Membership! The Detachment of Florida reached its 20th straight all time high with almost 18,000 members. Let's keep up the progress.

I want to thank all of the organizations within the Post who have helped and supported the Squadron and myself through the last two years I was Commander. Please give Walter the same support as the new Squadron Commander. Thanks to all of you and let's have a great Legion year!

Let's Build Bridges together and have fun!

For God and Country
Ron Reaves, Commander

AUXILIARY

I hope everyone had a happy Father's Day! I was able to spend time with mine and my family on the way back from Orlando. I represented our Unit at the Department of Florida Convention. I picked up the 2017 membership cards and they will be available for renewals soon. Our 5th District was #1 in membership this year and the Department of Florida was #1 in the nation. Unfortunately our unit was not at the top. Ladies please renew as soon as possible. You will be getting a notice soon. Let's make our unit shine next year.

I'm looking forward to a fun and productive year. Don't forget that our meetings are the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM. Hope to see you there!

For God and Country,
Barbara Reyna, President

40 & 8

July 2nd V304's 40&8 Installation Banquet will be held at V304's Chateau with Refreshments at 6:00pm & Dinner to follow at 7:00pm. The Installing Grand Officer will be our newly elected Grand Chef De Gare D.R. Richards with assistance by our Grand Correspondant John Kaiserian. Jeff Fazan was elected as V304's Chef De Gare & Donna Runyan was elected Madame

La Presidente of C304.

Grand Promenade was just held in Sebring, FL for our State of Florida. This is our annual meeting where new business and newly elected officers are elected and also newly appointed officers take over many positions in the Grand 40&8. V304 has many Grand & National Officers as well as serving many positions in Grand Du Florida. These are important positions that benefit all the organizations we donate our time to such as the VA, VA Hospitals, & VAVS Homes, Nurses Training Scholarships, many Children & Youth Programs, Boxcar Association (which contributes to all our causes), and the 40&8 is one of the few contributors to Hansen's Disease (Leprosy) through a program we have called Carville Star.

We also just restored the Boxcar that was donated to the State of Florida in 1949 and is located in Holly Hill, FL right next to Daytona Beach. We had a rededication ceremony on June 14th, 2016 and below is a photo of the Boxcar & many of our local & Grand Officers as well as the mayor of Holly Hill were present. Many Holly Hill Dignitaries were also present as well as American Legion Officers and a few ALR Chapter Riders from Post 150 in Holly Hill. This Boxcar is the main symbol of our organization and was originally built in the 1880's. This Boxcar was used to hold 40 men or 8 horses to go to the front in WWI (can you imagine)!
Photo below:



Merci,
Chef de Gare, Jim Porterfield

CABANE

I would like to introduce myself, I will be the new La Presidente of Cabane this year. We are having our installation of officers on July 2 at 6pm. We are also having a Rib dinner July 15 at 5.30PM. Hope to see you there.

For God and Country
Donna Runyan, La Presidente

ROD AND POLE BENDERS

Happy 4th of July to everyone. If you did not come out and support the Kid's Fishing Tournament at Stockton Park you missed a fun time. The kids really enjoyed themselves. Some of the fish caught were mango snappers, catfish, crab, eel by a seven

year old girl and believe it or not a grouper. All fish were under-size and had to be thrown back. Thank you to Lisa York and her helpers who provided crafts for the kids. The boys enjoyed the crafts more than the girls. And a big thanks to all of our Rod & Pole helpers and our sponsors. Also want to say thank you to the Florida Wildlife Game Warden for his assistance. The Rode and Pole will be serving out of the screen-room on the 4th of July with hamburgers, hot dogs, fish sandwiches etc.. We will have a breakfast on July 17th. 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. Our local water fishing tournament will be July 23rd. We are always looking for new members who likes to fish and be on the water. Speaking on being on the water as of the first of July, no size limit on black bass. 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

On Monday, 6-6-16, One blood reopened all donation centers and displayed state of the art equipment. No longer is a lancet needed to prick your finger to test your blood for hemoglobin (Iron). A machine now reads your iron through your skin-no blood, no pain, no fuss.

I felt honored to be a donor on the 72nd anniversary of D-Day. On Monday, July 4th, you also can feel proud by donating. The mobile blood unit will be at the Post from 10AM to 2PM. Our account is still the same(#1044).

For God & Country/Friendly Vampire
Bazile Bacino.

RIDERS

Our June meeting was busy and productive with the election of officers and also the reading in of three new members. Please welcome Maurice Kirk (Capt. Kirk); William Eigenbauer (Ike); and Kevin Mott who have now joined the ranks of ALR Chapter 137.

I am honored and thankful to have been chosen to lead the Riders with the incoming leadership team through the coming year and am looking forward to an active and productive year for our Chapter. Also, I want to extend a hearty thank-you and job well done to our outgoing officers for all of their hard work and efforts during the past year. The incoming Chapter officers are as follows:

- Director: Jim Steele
- Assistant Director: Billy Hackett

- Treasurer: Lisa York
- Secretary: Lisa York
- Road Captain: Kenny Campbell
- Stg. At Arms: Brian Arbogast
- Chaplain: Zane Koonce
- Membership Coordinator: Zane Koonce
- Historian: * TBD - Stay tuned

In other news, the Riders hosted breakfast for the 5th District DCC on Sunday, June 5th. We served 82 breakfasts and are grateful for the many compliments received from our well-fed, satisfied guests. During the breakfast, the Riders presented a check to Tim Morris of Post 117 to assist with his stay in Jax for post-organ transplant treatment at Mayo Clinic. A big Thank You goes out to Billy, Russ, Jim, Alice, Kenny, Zane, Brian, Gary, and George for all your hard work and dedication putting on breakfast... and of course also to Lisa for her expert food shopping list advice. The work is lighter and easier when many hands are involved.

Lastly, Congratulations to all of the incoming Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, Rod and Pole, 40&8, and Cabane officers. Happy Birthday to Dan Arbow, Russ (Tink) Beechly, Kenny (Reboot) Campbell, Lonnie (Sir Lupo) Odom, and Deveron (Scooby) Reeves, who are all celebrating another year of life this month.

**Ride Safe, Ride Proud
Honoring our Veterans
Jim (Cruiser) Steele**



Photo is a check presentation by the Riders to Tim Morris of Post 117 to assist with his long-term stay in Jax for post-organ transplant treatment at the Mayo Clinic.



Congratulation to all the elected officers.

Here they are..

Commander	Hank Morris
1st Vice	Eddie Dykes
2nd Vice	Richard Lane
3rd Vice	None
4th Vice	Lee Jones
Chaplain	Tony Romano
Finance Officers	Jerry Lepore
Historian	Norman Gentry
Sgt at Arms	Walter Rasco
	Tim Pratt

Executive Committee Officers

- Ralph Wicklund
- George Cowan
- Phil Lindros
- Robert Reisman
- Ray Runyan



Come Celebrate the 4th of July with us here at the Post. We will be serving food out of the screen room starting at 11AM. Black Creek Rizin will be poolside from 2-6PM. The Color Guard will serve Chicken dinner in the lounge starting at 3PM. Open mic in hall 4-8PM






















- Kids Games
- 50/50 Raffle

If you have any question Contact our Temporary Child and Youth Chairman Emory Austin..



JULY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3 ALR—Breakfast 8:30 AM-11 AM ALR Meeting 12:30 PM Tiki Open 1-8PM Food served out of screen room</p>	<p>4 July 4th 4TH OF July Celebration Rod & Pole Screen Room Black Creek Rizin Poolside 2-6PM Color Guard Chicken Dinner 3PM Lounge</p>	<p>5 Steering Comm. Mtg. 6:30 PM Color Guard Mtg. 7PM DARTS  7 PM</p>	<p>6 Legion Lunch 12-2PM Chicken & Dumplings  Open Mic... 7:30 PM</p>	<p>7 Auxiliary Mtg. 7:30PM Voiture 304 Chemnot & Prom 7PM Wing Night</p>	<p>8 Legion-Beef Tip & Gray-Dinner 5:30-7PM or till sold out Tiki open 4-10PM WERE NOT SERIOUS  7:30-11:30PM</p>	<p>9 Legion-Pork Chops-Dinner 5:30-7PM or till sold out Tiki Open 1-8PM GROUP THERAPY  7:30-11:30PM</p>
<p>10 Legion—Breakfast Brunch 9AM-1PM Tiki Open 1-8PM Food served out of screen room</p>	<p>11 Legion Exec. Mtg. 6:30PM Rod & Pole Meeting 7 PM Bingo with Brenda </p>	<p>12 DARTS  7 pm</p>	<p>13 Bugler Articles due Legion Lunch 12-2PM Liver & Onions  Open Mic... 7:30 PM</p>	<p>14 SAL Mtg. 7PM Wing Night</p>	<p>15 Cabane-Ribs-Dinner 5:30-7PM or till sold out Tiki open 4-10PM CONTRABAND  7:30-11:30PM</p>	<p>16 LEGION GEN/ASSEMBLY 10 AM INSTALLATION OF POST OFFICERS AUX-ROSEMARY CHICKEN-Dinner 5:30-7PM or till sold out Tiki Open 1-8PM ALMOST KIN  7:30-11:30PM</p>
<p>17 Rod & Pole—Breakfast 8:30 AM-11 AM Tiki Open 1-8PM Food served out of screen room</p>	<p>18 Bingo with Brenda 7-9 PM </p>	<p>19 Color Guard Mtg. 7PM DARTS  7 PM</p>	<p>20 Legion Lunch 12-2PM Chicken Ala King Birthday Night Bring Covered Dish  Open Mic... 7:30 PM</p>	<p>21 Cricket 7PM Wing Night</p>	<p>22 Legion-Turkey-Dinner 5:30-7PM or till sold out Tiki open 4-10PM VAVS Visit 4:30 PM COMPLICATED </p>	<p>23 DARTS-SMOKED CHICKEN-Dinner 5:30-7PM or till sold out Tiki Open 1-8PM BACKTRACKS  7:30-11:30PM</p>
<p>24 Legion Breakfast-Brunch 9AM-1PM Food served out of screen room Tiki Open 1-8PM</p>	<p>25 Bingo with Brenda 7-9 PM </p>	<p>26 Cabane 304 Rendezvous 7PM DARTS  7PM</p>	<p>27 Work on Bugler 9AM Legion Lunch 12-2PM Salisbury Steaks  Open Mic... 7:30 PM</p>	<p>28 Blind 501 Darts Wing Night</p>	<p>29 Legion-Ham-Dinner 5:30-7PM or till sold out Tiki open 4-10PM JACKHAMMER  7:30-11:30PM</p>	<p>30 RIDERS-STEAK-Dinner 5:30-7PM or till sold out Tiki Open 1-8PM POCKIN MACHINE  7:30-11:30PM</p>
<p>31 AUX-Breakfast 8:30-11AM Food served out of screen room Tiki Open 1-8PM</p>						

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- * **July 4th @ 11 AM 4th of July Celebration Food, Music and lots of fun.**
- * **July 16th @ 10 AM. Legion General Assembly.**
- * **Bingo Monday Nights, Darts Tuesday Nights, Open Mic Wednesday Nights and Wing night.**
- * **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.**

