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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"

March, the windy month is upon us. Whew! This year seems to be flying by at a supersonic pace. The best part of this pace, however, has been the way that membership has kept pace with our programs and upgrades around the post. We always seem to meet the 'deadlines' and get ready for the next ones. Those of you who are not part of the 'active' volunteers at the post are missing out on a great opportunity to be a part of a successful team with one of the outstanding Post of the Department of Florida.

It is about time for the next round of leadership elections (nominations will begin at next April general assembly meeting). Interested in being part of this team check out the requirements in our newly revised Rules and Regulations and Constitution and Bylaws for the post. The requirements for all positions are included therein. Review these position requirements and see if one would be of interest to you.

This month's kudos go out to Lisa York and her fantastic Team who put on one of the VERY BEST night of entertainment we have had here this year. The valentine's dinner & dance was absolutely wonderful and (I believe) a total success!

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

**"IN GOD WE TRUST"**

## ADJUTANT

As I have mentioned before, the end of the Legion year is fast upon us. All of the units and organizations please submit your End of the Year reports into the office or myself by 15 April so that all of the information can be compiled and sent to the Department of Florida. I would love to keep the title of Most Outstanding Post in Florida here at Post 137.

Just a reminder to all Legionnaires that first round of nominations will be held during the Legion General Assembly on 15 April, 2017. Second round of nominations will be held on 20 May, 2017. If you are interested in obtaining a position within the Post, read up on the job description and come out to become nominated. Your voice and volunteerism is for all of the Legion family programs that we support. Without you, there is no us. Let's continue on a good path and be the best we can be.

For God and Country,  
Ron Reaves

## 1ST VICE COMMANDER

Hello, Legion family. Renewals are slow but as of February 10th our membership is 1124 renewed members at 84.77%. We are in the process of making call to members who haven't renewed. You can come to the office to renew your membership. Office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1:30 to 5:00 PM.

Yours In Service  
Eddie Dykes



## 2ND VICE COMMANDER

Looks like Spring is Coming Up Quick! I would really like to thank all of our members who helped last month for our Valentine Dinner & Dance that made this the most successful event so far this year. Also would love to thank those who raised money at the Polar Plunge.

Lots of great music and bands coming up this month. I have the Band "Backtracks" with their great dance music playing the first Friday of the month and followed by the ever popular "Southern Breeze" Band with Jim Craft. Of course, we have the weekends filled by other bands all month such as "Top Shelf" with Lisa & Kent, "Almost Kin", "Jackhammer", "Broke till Friday", "Black Creek Rizin". On Friday, the 17th come wear your Green and be Irish for the Day for our St. Patty's Day Celebration and Dance with the Band "Complicated" with Jeffrey James playing some of your favorite tunes. Look forward to some changes to our music venue on Fridays that is coming soon.

I am trying to get together a few people (4) to do our VA Clinic Free Brunch, in downtown Jax, once a month so if you are willing to give up one morning a month call me and we would like to have your help down there even if you can just do it every other month would be great. Post 137 pays for this and all supplies so any help or donations are always greatly appreciated. This has been one of the most rewarding things I have ever done for our Vets who are either ill, sick, homeless, or in need of just your help and basically appreciate anything you do for them.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** First Responders, Police and Fireman's Dinner is Sat. April 2nd from 1pm to 7pm in our Moon Building with a Menu of Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Corn on the Cobb, with other fixin's. Please come out and volunteer for our local officers and Rescue people that put their lives on the line every day!

Also, we have the Veterans Car Show on May 20th with tee shirts already on sale in the lounge at Post 137. This is an all-day event starting at 8am and ending with awards at 3pm along with Music, Food, Fun and Fine Cars.

For God and Country  
Richard Lane

### 3RD VICE COMMANDER

Next Event for Children and Youth will be Easter. I've received word that the Easter Bunny will be at our post for the Egg hunt and would love to have pictures with our kids, so Mom, Dad bring the camera for some great pictures. Date at this time will be April 15 from 1:00 till 3:00 bring the kids for a great time.

February is Americanism Month so don't forget to support programs such as Boy State and Girl State, Boy Scouts, Flag Education, Oratorical Contest. These are just a few of the programs your Legion supports.

Ted Boutwell and I went to Tallahassee on February 7, 2017 to represent post 137 and assist the Department of Florida with lobbying on issues that affect our Veterans and our programs.

Legislative Priorities. Boy State and Girl state funding. Ad-Valorem Tax break for Vet's. Gaming in our post. Grants for Veteran owned business. These are just a few of our concerns. We met with House Representatives Tracie Davis District 13. Travis Cummings District 18 and Senator Audrey Gibson 6<sup>th</sup> District. Should any member have any questions concerning the above trip to Tallahassee you can contact Ted or me at the post.

For God and Country  
Emory Austin

### 4TH VICE COMMANDER

Our monthly visit to the Lake City VAVS Hospital during the month of March will be on the 24<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the Post on March 24<sup>th</sup> at 415pm and depending on whether we eat at the Post or on the road determines what time we leave. Usually about 445pm and return by 9pm. Hope you will consider going with us and help serve our hospitalized veterans. In February we had 7 volunteers to make the monthly visit, we could always use additional help. It is really a joy serving our veterans. We are always in need of donations ( like books and clothes). You can drop them off at the Post business office.

For God and Country,  
Lee Jones

### CHAPLAIN

Punishment - - the act of punishing. Punishment come in at least three forms. First, there is the punishment a parent doles out to a child, which is intended for discipline and correction. Then there is the punishment of natural consequences. If a child touches a hot stove, the experience of being burned generally is sufficient punishment. Finally, there is punishment that is vengeful. When a nation responds to a perceived injustice by sending an army to wipe out a village of the offending state, it is punishment with a vengeance. All three are represented in the pages of the Bible, and all are in response to a human sin and rebellion. Thankfully, Scripture teaches a fourth approach to punishment. He Lord Jesus Christ, through his atoning death on the cross, has absorbed the punishment we deserve. God disciplines us as a loving Father, by both consequences and rebuke. His desire is always to bring us back to him, not to humiliate or hurt us. God gives sinners over to the consequences of their own behavior, especially when their sin is intentional and deliberate. Judgment and punishment for all sin. Thank you Lord for this day and every day you help us to be the kind of people you desire us to be. I pray this message will help our Legion FAMILY In their daily life. It is my sad duty to report to you the names of the following Legionnaire who have transferred to Post Everlasting of the American Legion. Lawrence H MCFARLIN, (Jimmy) Rudolph LAURO, Charles LEGARE. Keep these Legionnaires and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Remember our sick and shut-ins, let them know you care. I pray that God will watch over our active duty troops and keep his protecting and loving arm around them. Thank you again Legion Family, I pray that God will always be with you.

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

### CLUB MANAGERS REPORT

Thanks to Brenda, Craig and Joe!! Monday night is back going strong. Come join the fun and bring a dish as everyone enjoys the snacks during the intermission. 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. As the weather changes we will extend the Tiki hours to include Friday and Saturday afternoon and evenings.

Last month's events; The Chili Cook Off, the SUPER BOWL, the Polar Plunge and The Axillary Valentine's Dinner Dance were all successful fundraisers for our charities. Thanks to all our members and volunteers for making this happen. The American Legion Riders are hosting a state-wide Ride here in the 5<sup>th</sup> District. Check your bugler for the events calendar. The Bugler is available online at [post137.com](http://post137.com).

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.

For God, Country  
As I serve our Legion Family  
Ted Boutwell

### SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Our membership renewals have slowed up a bit, if you haven't renewed please do so. We are at 69% and the March target is 85 %. We will be doing a steak dinner on the 25th so come out and support your SAL squadron.

For God and Country  
Walter Rasco, Commander

### AUXILIARY

I hope everyone had a Happy Valentine's Day! Our annual Valentines Dinner was a tremendous success. Thanks to all of the volunteers from the Auxiliary and the whole Legion family who helped. A lot of hard work went into the event but, everyone had a great time. I would also like to thank everyone who bought tickets and attended.

The polar plunge was also a success. Thanks to Charlene Halsey, Kathie Norris, Nancy Conley, Bob Ziobert and Bryan Arbogast for braving the cold water and helping us raise money for the Gainesville VAMC Fisher House.

Our "troopon" total is creeping up to \$150,000. Thanks to everyone who is helping and those who are donating the coupons. Keep them coming. There is a box on top of the ATM machine where you can leave them.

We can no longer accept empty prescription bottles unless they are blue. It seems some humans have a hard time differentiating their medications from those of pets. We are however, still collecting newspapers for No More Homeless Pets.

For God and Country,  
Barbara Reyna, President

### 40 & 8

Greetings 40&8 and Legion family. Hard to believe we are headed in to March already. February events have turned out very good. The exterior repairs around the top of V-304 Chateau have been completed and look good. We will continue to work to update some of our building repair issues this year. The next Promenade will be held on March 2, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at V-304. Do Not forget the up coming Wreck that will be held in March at V-304. The Kangaroo Court will be held evening March 10, 2017. There will be a 40&8 rib dinner served that evening at Post 137 before the Court proceedings. The Wreck will be held in the Moon Building Saturday March 11, 2017 at 9:00 A.M. Breakfast will be served on Sunday March 12, 2017 at Post 137 by the Rod & Pole Benders. I hope to see a good turn out of Voyageurs and Dames from V-304 to support the V1604 Wreck.

Merci,  
Jeff Fazan, Chef de Gare

**CABANE**

We will be having the V1604 Northeast Florida wreck on the 9th, 10th and 11th . We are having a rib dinner on the 10th at 5:30PM. Make sure you come out and support us and your Post. Don't forget our meeting on the 28th.

For God and Country  
Donna Runyan, La Presidente

**ROD AND POLE BENDERS**

Rod and Pole monthly meeting for March will be on the 6th. Come join us. Snacks are once again being served after the meetings. We will have a breakfast on March 12th. Remembering Daylight savings time as we spring forward on the 12th. Local waters tournament will be March 25th. We are starting to prepare for our annual Kids Fishing Tournament to be held in June. More info to follow in the upcoming months.

Bend them poles,  
Nancy Conley, Rod & Pole Secretary

**BLOOD DRIVE CHAIRMAN**

I was hooked up to the aphaeresis machine for 75 minutes. I donated double platelets. This earned me a second bowl of popcorn. I watched CNN and CNBC. My donatio9n is always easy.

Sickle cell is a disease common to African Americans. It is extremely painful, Years ago, I witnessed an attack on a 22 year old man. Sickle cell is treated with platelets

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**

Scouts have a big year ahead, meetings are Monday's at 7 for the Cub scouts, and Tuesday's at 7 for the Boy Scouts in the Moon building. New scouts are always welcome, so if you know any school age boys that could benefit from scouting, bring them to a meeting.

For God and Country,  
Tim Pratt  
Boy Scouts Chairman

**COLOR GUARD**

The Color Guard is looking for more new members to join us. Please check us out, we meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month. We have had many requests for our Country Fried Steak dinner, so on Friday March 31st we will be doing one.

Yours in Service,  
Color Guard Captain  
J.J. O'Brien







# CLEAN-UP DAY

We are having a Post clean up day on March 25th @ 9 AM. Come volunteer and let's clean our Post and grounds.



## Stuff the Trunk

Help us with teddy bears for the First Responders Dinner. These are given to the police officers for children in our community when there is an emergency.






















We are in need of volunteers for our annual Police and Firemen's Dinner scheduled for April 2nd.

We would like to get enough volunteers so we can have shifts because this is an all day event. Please contact the Commander/Office so we can put you on the volunteer list.

We are also in need of desserts for the first responders dinner. There is a sign up sheet at the Post..

# MARCH 2017

| Sun                                                                                                          | Mon                                                                                                                                                                                | Tue                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Wed                                                                                                                                                                                                | Thu                                                                                                     | Fri                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Sat                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| <p><b>5</b><br/>ALR—Breakfast<br/>8:30 AM-11 AM<br/>ALR Meeting 12:30 PM<br/>TIKI Open 2-8PM</p>             | <p><b>6</b><br/>Rod &amp; Pole Meeting<br/>7 PM Chateau<br/><br/>Bingo WITH Brenda<br/>7-9 PM</p> | <p><b>7</b><br/>Steering Comm. Mtg.<br/>6:30 PM<br/>Color Guard Mtg.<br/>7PM<br/>Taco Tuesday<br/><br/>DARTS 7 PM</p> | <p><b>1</b><br/>Legion Lunch 12-2PM<br/><br/>Kent Mitchell<br/>Karaoke...7:30 PM</p>                           | <p><b>2</b><br/>Auxiliary Mtg. 7:30PM<br/>Voiture 304<br/>Chemnot &amp; Prom<br/>7PM<br/>Wing Night</p> | <p><b>3</b><br/>ALR State Rally<br/>Legion-Spaghetti-<br/>Dinner 5:30—7PM or<br/>till sold out<br/><br/>Backtracks<br/>7:30-11:30PM</p>              | <p><b>4</b><br/>ALR State Rally<br/>Legion-Chicken Cutlets-<br/>Dinner 5:30—7PM or till<br/>sold out<br/><br/>Southern Breeze<br/>7:30-11:30PM</p> |
| <p><b>12</b><br/>Daylight Saving time<br/>Rod &amp; Pole—Breakfast<br/>8:30 AM-11 AM<br/>TIKI Open 2-8PM</p> | <p><b>13</b><br/>Legion Exec.<br/>Mtg. 6:30PM<br/><br/>Bingo WITH Brenda<br/>7-9 PM</p>           | <p><b>14</b><br/>Taco Tuesday<br/><br/>DARTS 7 pm</p>                                                                 | <p><b>15</b><br/>Legion Lunch 12-2PM<br/><br/>Kent Mitchell<br/>Karaoke... 7:30 PM</p>                           | <p><b>16</b><br/>Cricket 7PM<br/>Wing Night</p>                                                         | <p><b>17</b><br/>St. Patrick's Day<br/>Legion-Corn Beef<br/>Cabbage—Dinner<br/>5:30—7PM or till sold<br/>out<br/><br/>Complicated<br/>7:30-11:30PM</p> | <p><b>18</b><br/>LEGION GEN ASSEMBLY<br/>10-AM<br/>-Dinner 5:30—7PM or till<br/>sold out<br/><br/>Almost Kin<br/>7:30-11:30PM</p>                    |
| <p><b>19</b><br/>Legion Brunch—<br/>Breakfast<br/>9AM-1PM<br/>TIKI Open 2-8PM</p>                            | <p><b>20</b><br/>First day of Spring<br/><br/>Bingo WITH Brenda<br/>7-9 PM</p>                    | <p><b>21</b><br/>Taco Tuesday<br/>Color Guard Mtg.<br/>7PM<br/>DARTS<br/><br/>DARTS 7 pm</p>                          | <p><b>22</b><br/>Legion Lunch 12-2PM<br/><br/>Kent Mitchell<br/>Karaoke... 7:30 PM</p>                           | <p><b>23</b><br/>Blind 501 Darts<br/>Wing Night</p>                                                     | <p><b>24</b><br/>Vavs Visit 4:30PM<br/>Jackhammer<br/>7:30-11:30PM<br/></p>                                                                            | <p><b>25</b><br/>Post Clean Up 9AM<br/>SAL-Steak-Dinner 5:30—<br/>7PM or till sold out<br/><br/>Black Creek Rizin</p>                                |
| <p><b>26</b><br/>AUX—Breakfast<br/>8:30 AM-11 AM<br/>TIKI Open 2-8PM</p>                                     | <p><b>27</b><br/><br/>Bingo WITH Brenda<br/>7-9 PM</p>                                            | <p><b>28</b><br/>Taco Tuesday<br/>Cabane 304<br/>Rendezvous 7PM<br/>DARTS<br/><br/>DARTS 7 pm</p>                      | <p><b>29</b><br/>Legion Lunch 12-2PM<br/><br/>Kent Mitchell<br/>Karaoke... 7:30 PM<br/><i>Work on Bugler</i></p> | <p><b>30</b></p>                                                                                        | <p><b>31</b><br/>Color Guard-Country<br/>Fried Steak-Dinner<br/>5:30—7PM or till sold<br/>out<br/><br/>DJ<br/>7:30-11:30PM</p>                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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- \* **18th @ 10 AM General Assembly**
- \* **25th @ 9 AM Post clean up**
- \* **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.**

