

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"

April was an exciting and busy month around the post. Lots of exciting activities, excitement and fun. The annual Police and Fireman's dinner was held with loads of food and fun for the membership. We had a great turnout and the weather cooperated all day. A special thanks to Scout Troop 169 and R. E Lee JROTC for their help with the lunch preps and cleanup.

Our post clean up, spruce up day went well in spite of threatening weather. Robert and his helpers have it all ready for the summer season. With the RV park upgrade and permit in place we are ready for some of you to take your Stacation right here at the post.

The annual Luau on the 16 to set the stage for the summer season, as of this posting, is ready. Pool, Tiki, Lounge, etc ready to go. I am sure all of those on the Event Staff have made it a fun time with games, food, music, and lots of fun.

A second round of nominations for the post officers and executive committee was completed at the general assembly meeting and nominees posted on the bulletin board and elsewhere in this bugler. A third round of nominations will be held on May 21 at the General Assembly. In addition to these elected positions, there will be numerous volunteer committee positions available by appointment. Anyone looking for a rewarding experience as a leader at the "Best Family Post in Florida" are invited to step forward and let their desires be known to the Newly Elect.

Thanks to ALL who have stepped forward and supported our post during the past several months of transition. We have 'turned the corner' and can see the light ahead in the tunnel.

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

The Legion year is coming to a close very soon. Third round nominations will be held at the General Assembly on 21 May, 2016. Please come out and make sure that your voice and volunteerism is for the good of the Legion and all of the programs we support. Be good and be good at it.

As with it being the end of the Legion year, we are in the process of completing all of our end of the year reports. All the information is beneficial to the Post to let everyone know how great this Post really is. Let's continue on a good path and have the distinction of ALWAYS being "The Most Outstanding Post in Florida"!

May also brings Mother's Day and Memorial Day! Please support all the mothers and veterans because of their sacrifice to all of us to continue their work in life. Thank you for your service to all mothers and veterans.

For God and Country,
Ron Reaves

1ST VICE COMMANDER

Happy Memorial Day can you believe it's May already. Our many summer events are coming up, hope everyone comes out and enjoys what all is planned around the Post. The pool has been a very popular place already this year. Which is a reminder for all who have not renewed your membership now is the time to do so. Post elections will be the first Saturday in June. We need a large turnout.

To all our new members, it is good to join the American Legion but it is far better to be an active member of Post 137. As of April 8 2016 our membership is at 1,271 Putting us at 88.39% of our goal of 1,438. That is 167 members short. We had members pass away which has cut back our membership. Everyone have a great and safe summer.

Yours In Service
Jerry Kiel

2ND VICE COMMANDER

Summer is upon us already! Memorial Day (which celebrates all Veterans who died in service to our country) will be kicking off summer with our Me-

morial Day Celebration on the last Monday in May. We are having our Party that day on the pool deck with one of our favorite bands "Contraband" playing from 2-6pm. The screen room will be open for Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and Fish Sandwiches and a variety of food by Rod & Pole Club as well as Chicken Dinners in the kitchen will be sold by the Color Guard later in the afternoon. Make your plans as the pool deck & Tiki Bar are usually packed for this event every year.

We have a great list of entertainers this month (one of our new bands) "Almost Kin" will be back with us, that I heard everyone really enjoyed as well as "Double Shot", "Rockin' Machine", "Jackhammer", and a new group that has played at other Veteran Organizations "Lucidity". Some of our favorites will also be back "Contraband", "The Backtracks", and "Complicated". Also don't forget Rod & Poles "Youth Fishing Tournament" on Sat. June 4th starting at 9:00 am at Stockton Park on the St. John's River. Entries due back by Mon. 5/30. This is a great time to bring your children out to fish, with free entry, food, fun, and awards.

Just Out! We are going to start having Open Mike (Karaoke) at the Tiki Bar on Saturday afternoon every week during the summer, come out and enjoy Saturday and Sunday now! Don't forget to let me know if you find any entertainers around Jacksonville that our veterans will enjoy hearing. Many of the bands we have had at Post 137, the last 8 months, were due to suggestions from our members.

For God and Country,
Richard Lane

4TH VICE COMMANDER

May 27th will be the day we next go to the Veterans Hospital in Lake City for our monthly visit. Please mark your calendar and try to go with us to serve our Veterans in this small way. One of our regulars will be out for medical reasons, and we could use a replacement to help us.

We will meet at the post about 415pm and either eat supper at the post or leave about 430 pm and eat on the way to Lake City. We usually are back at the post by 9pm at the latest. We still need good used clothing and any books you have read and would like to donate to the hospital or domiciliary.

Our visit to the Jefferson Street clinic is planned for May 19th. Please contact Richard Lane if you are interested in helping with this visit, He can always use the help.

For God and Country,
Lee Jones

CHAPLAIN

I wrote this report several years ago and I believe it is important and needs to be sent again. My report is a little off beat from my usual, But in this instance I feel it necessary. I received an out of state phone call last night from a person I didn't know, but who is a relative of a friend of mine. This person told me she hadn't been able to contact my friend even after numerous tries, and for that matter I hadn't been able to either. I went to his house, pounded on the door - - no answer - - finally I called the police at the non emergency number (630 0500). Police arrived, got a key from a neighbor, entered the house you got it right he was there , passed away, probably for days. I contacted his relative, she had no idea his wishes or who to contact in case of this happening. I may have to get more involved before it's all resolved (and I did). Pay attention to what I have to say, especially those who live alone. Someone you trust needs to have all the information about you and your wishes. Contact information should be where it is easily found and who to contact. This is primarily for Those who have no family or relatives in the immediate area and are very secretive or private about their personal life. I recommend we Update all our personal information. It is my say duty to report to you one Legionnaire who has transferred to Post Everlasting of the American Legion. John ZAGORA, 31 YEARS A MEMBER. Keep this Legionnaire and his family in your thoughts and prayers. Remember our sick and shut-ins, let them know you care

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

CLUB MANAGERS REPORT

Thank you all for your participation in all activities during April. We had a Great Luau here at Post 137. We had many volunteers that made everything run smooth. Thank all of you for the help!! We have had some great Bands and Karaoke events that really improved the atmosphere here in the Post Social Quarters. Come on out and enjoy the fun that we all bring to the Post.

The GRAND OPENING of the POOL is here and we plan on opening the Tiki on Friday Evenings and Saturday Afternoons as well Sundays. Memorial Day is on May 30th this year. The Legion Family is

sponsoring eats Poolside in the screen room and Chicken dinners in the Lounge Area. Contraband will be providing your afternoon entertainment high lighting the Watermelon eating contest for the young and old. Come join the FUN.

We regularly have many activities here at Post 137. Daily we have hot soup and weekend entertainment will include dinners and live music on Fridays and Saturdays and karaoke in the Tiki on Sunday. During the week we will have Bingo on Monday, Darts every week on Tuesday & Thursday Free Member Appreciation Lunch on Wednesdays and Thursdays we have \$0.50 wings. Come on and check out the changes at the American Legion Post 137.

Serving our Members Daily,
Ted Boutwell



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

It is May, and the summer is almost upon us. There are a lot of things gearing up for the Post and in the community! School is almost out, so please watch out for the little ones.

Memorial Day is a time of remembrance of the brave soldiers, airmen and sailors who gave their lives defending this great country of ours! I also want to give blessings to all the Mothers for Mother's Day. Being a mother is a thankless job, but I wish all mothers wellness and happiness!

The Squadron will have the last round of nominations at our meeting on 12 May, 2016. The Squadron elections will be soon after. Come out, be a member and a volunteer. Let us all get involved for the future!

I want to thank all the volunteers that have helped around the Post for the different programs and

events that we do. Let everyone continue the hard work and dedication around the Legion family.

Let's Build Bridges together and have fun!

For God and Country
Ron Reaves, Commander

AUXILIARY

I can't believe this year is almost over. It is time for elections and a brand new year. I am very proud of the hard work that our unit has done this year and the good things that we were able to accomplish.

Many of our members put in a lot of time and work into helping prepare and volunteer for the Police and Firemen's dinner and the annual luau. Thanks to you all!! Next we will all be busy with the Memorial Day Celebration. Hope to see you there!

Dianne Alexander, JoAnn Spencer, Brenda Rashaw, and I spent 4½ hours cleaning and painting the ladies room last month. We still have some decorating to do, but it is a great improvement. It was hard work, but we had fun doing it, especially when the hand dryer came on over my bowl of paint and I got a face full. Always eager to add some amusement.

We sent almost \$80,000 worth of coupons to "Support Our Troops" this year. Keep them coming. We are still working at it. Alley is still collecting newspapers and empty prescription bottles for the pet shelters. All donations are appreciated.

We will be serving two dinners and a breakfast this month. The ladies work very hard and always do a great job. Please check your calendar and come out and show your support.

Mother's Day is May 8th. I wish a happy one to all. We will be having a kid's craft day on Saturday, May 7th at 1:00. Bring your kids and grandkids. They always have a great time and enjoy making the cards and gifts.

Don't forget that the Auxiliary meeting is the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM. Please plan to attend.

For God and Country,
Barbara Reyna, President

40 & 8

The 40&8 Elections will be held next month so please come out to our Promenade Thursday May 5th to help select our future leaders.

MISSION OF THE 40&8 Continued from April Bugler: From the 40&8 website..... " The Forty & Eight is committed to charitable and patriotic aims. Our purpose is to uphold and defend the United States Constitution, to promote the well being of veterans and their widows and orphans, and to actively participate in selected charitable endeavors, which include programs that promote child welfare and nurse's training." I hope you have enjoyed knowing a little more about the 40&8 Organization and if there are any questions about membership or any other questions about us please ask any of our members!

40&8er's don't forget our Gator Wreck in Goose Creek South Carolina (where?) May 13th to 15th and also our Florida Grand Promenade on June 9th to 12th in Sebring Florida. Make plans for these events now as they will be booked solid and they do have deadlines to meet.

Merci,
Chef de Gare, Jim Porterfield

CABANE

Grand Homecoming was a lot of fun and we trust everyone had a great time. The second nomination for new Cabane Officers took place at Rendezvous in April, with installation forthcoming in June.

In closing, we apologize for the cancellation of the rib dinner in April; we will be serving Barry's Ribs again on May 13, 2016.

For God and Country
Diane Congressi, La Presidente

ROD AND POLE BENDERS

We want to say Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers. For April's local water fishing tournament; Donna Runyan got big fish and Bin Williams got aggregate. Yellow mouth trout has to be at least 10 inches long for them to count. We will have our local water fish tournament on May 7th. We will have a breakfast on May 8th Mother's Day (Mother's will get a special discount). You can have your eggs anyway you want them cook and on the bar you need to try our succulent grits. On Friday May 20th we will have a dinner (Steaks! You burn them). Then on Monday, May 30th Memorial Day from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. we will have the screen room. With Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Fish Sandwiches. Memorial Day is always a good day

at the post. 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.. We are always looking for new members who likes to fish and be on the water. The Flyer for the "Kids Fishing Tournament" which is in June, is on the table as you come into the post on the right. Please sign-up your children, grandkids or a friend's child. Remember the posts upcoming elections for Commander and for all Officers. Remember your vote does count. Please remember our sick and our shut-ins. Sometimes they need our help but are afraid to ask.

See you on water,
Bin and Debbie

BLOOD DRIVE CHAIRMAN

One Blood has changed hours. Beginning in May, donation centers will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday. On Monday-Open 11 AM to 6:30 PM. On Thursday and Friday-open 7 AM to 3 PM. On Saturday and Sunday-open 8 AM to 4 PM.

Also, One Blood will be installing a computer system. All donation canterers will be closed from May 23rd thru June 5th.

For God & Country/Friendly Vampire
Bazile Bacino.

RIDERS

As I write this, the current dollar amount raised for Ryan LeBarron is \$4,837. The credit card transactions have not come in yet. A job well done Zane Koonce, Lisa & Charlie York, Brian Arbogast, Karen Stone, Rebecca Caulfield, Judy Cowen and all for the prep, cooking of food. Christine, Billy and my ticket helper Sydney for organizing the raffle/auction items. I would also like to thank J.J & Cherrly Martin, Chris & Ally Merril, Brian & Sher Arbogast and all who donated items to the American Legion Riders Chapter 283, Auxiliary unit 283, Sons of the American Legion squadron 283 and American Legion Riders Chapter 129 for their combined donations of \$1,450. The tentative amount raised of \$4,837.00. What an awesome way to show what the Legion family can do. Round of applause for all you.

We kick May off with our monthly breakfast and meeting Sunday May 1st. Second round of nomi-

nations will be held: nominations excepted

- Director. Jim Steele
- Assistant director. Billy Hackett
- Treasure. No nomination
- Secretary. Rodney Housand
- Road captain. Cory Glassnor
- Srgt. Of Arms. Brian Arbogast
- Membership cording tor Roger Jones
- Chaplin. Zane Koonce
- Historian no nomination

Hope to see you all for the voting.

Ride Proud, Ride Safe
Keith Shea



Our member Jennifer Koonce with the rest of the 125th Security Forces Squadron. The Riders sent 3 care packages to them containing games, magazines and snacks. Thank you ALR Chapter 137.

BOY SCOUT CHAIRMAN

Post 137 is now the charter organization for Boy Scout Troop 169. Anyone with family members (school age boys) that might be interested in Scouting the Cub scout pack and Boy scout troop both have space. The Cub scouts meet at 7:00pm every Monday in the Moon building. The Boy Scouts meet every Tuesday in the Moon building.

For God and Country,
Tim Pratt



May 21st is the last of the nomination for Post officers and Executive Committee. Our elections will be held on June 4th from 8AM to 5 PM. Absentee Ballot will be available on 23rd during office hours.

Positions and names of who has been nominated below

Commander	Hank Morris
1st Vice	Eddie Dykes
2nd Vice	None
3rd Vice	None
4th Vice	Lee Jones
Finance Officer	Jerry Lepore
Chaplain	None
Historian	None
Sgt at Arms	Walter Rasco
	Tim Pratt

Executive Committee

- Bob Shupe**
- Don Schultz**
- George Cowan**
- Philip Lindros**
- Robert Reesman**
- Bob Myers**

Please consider your nomination to make sure they will have the time for the duties of the positions. If anyone is interested in these positions and would like more information on what these duties consist of, please stop by the business office.

















May 30th

Come join us for our Memorial Day celebration. The Rod and Pole Benders are serving food out of the screen room starting at 11AM. Contraband will be poolside 2 to 6 PM. The Color Guard will be serving Chicken dinners in the Post lounge starting at 3 PM.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 ALR-Breakfast 8:30 AM-11 AM ALR Meeting 12:30 PM Tiki Open 2-8PM Karaoke	2 Rod & Pole Meeting 7 PM Chateau  Bingo with Brenda 7-9 PM	3 Steering Comm. Mtg. 6:30 PM Color Guard Mtg. 7PM  DARTS 7 PM	4 Legion Lunch 12-2PM  Kent Mitchell Open Mic...7:30 PM	5 Auxiliary Mtg. 7:30PM Voiture 304 Chemnot & Prom 7PM Wing Night	6 Kitchen Crew-Shrimp- Dinner 5:30-7PM or till solid out Tiki open 5-10PM Almost Kin 7:30-11:30PM	7 AUX-Grilled Pork chops- Dinner 5:30-7PM or till solid out Tiki Open 11AM Kid's Craft Day 1PM Double Shott 7:30-11:30PM
8 MOTHERS DAY Rod & Pole-Breakfast 8:30 AM-11 AM Tiki Open 2-8PM Karaoke	9 Bugler Articles Due  Bingo with Brenda 7-9 PM	10  DARTS 7 PM	11 Legion Lunch 12-2PM  Kent Mitchell Open Mic...7:30 PM	12 SAL Mtg. 7PM Wing Night	13 Cabane-St. Louis Ribs- Dinner 5:30-7PM or till solid out Tiki open 5-10PM Rockin Machine 7:30-11:30PM	14 ALR-Grilled Chicken- Dinner 5:30-7PM or till solid out Tiki Open 2-8PM Jackhammer 7:30-11:30PM
15 Legion-Breakfast 8:30 AM-11 AM Tiki Open 2-8PM Karaoke	16 Legion Exec. Mtg. 6:30PM  Bingo with Brenda 7-9 PM	17 Color Guard Mtg. 7PM  	18 Legion Lunch 12-2PM Birthday Night Bring Covered Dish  Kent Mitchell Open Mic...7:30 PM	19 Cricket 7PM Wing Night	20 Rod & Pole-Steak Dinner 5:30-7PM or till solid out Tiki open 5-10PM Lucidity 7:30-11:30PM	21 LEGION GEN ASSEMBLY 10 AM AUX-Chicken Pot Pie-- Dinner 5:30-7PM or till solid out Tiki Open 2-8PM Contraband 7:30-11:30PM
22 AUX-Breakfast 8:30 AM-11 AM Tiki Open 2-8PM Karaoke	23  Bingo with Brenda 7-9 PM	24 Cabane 304 Rendezvous 7PM  DARTS 7 PM	25 Legion Lunch 12-2PM Work on Bugler 9AM  Kent Mitchell Open Mic...7:30 PM	26 VA Clinic Visit 9 AM Blind 501 Darts Wing Night	27 Kitchen Crew-Spaghetti- Dinner 5:30-7PM or till solid out VAVS Visit 4:30 PM Tiki open 5-10PM Backtracks 7:30-11:30PM	28 Legion-Roast Beef- Dinner 5:30-7PM or till solid out Tiki Open 11-8 Complicated 7:30-11:30PM
29 AUX-Breakfast 8:30 AM-11 AM Tiki Open 11-8 Karaoke	30 MEMORIAL DAY Tiki Open 11AM 2-6PM Contraband, Poolside Rod & Pole Screen Room Color Guard-Chicken Dinner	31  DARTS 7PM				

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- * **May 21st @ 10 AM. Legion General Assembly. Nomination for Post Officers and Executive Committee**
- * **May 30th @ 11 AM Memorial Day Celebration Food, Music and Fun..**
- * **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.**

