

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"

As we move into one of the last months of this calendar year, how about a few reminders for reflection? Up first: Taxes. Yep, the local government doesn't wait until April to start asking for their share of your dollars. For home owners, property taxes are due and you probably put aside that second notice for attention later. The first notice was that one where they told you what your 'proposed' taxes would be and gave you the option for an input (rebuttals). The second one offers you the opportunity to save money by paying early. Pay later and pay more!

Same thing with your American legion dues. Those of you who have not renewed your Legion Membership already lost that savings. Yes, there was one. By paying before October 31st, you could have saved the cost of a very good dinner. Early bird dinner of Prime Rib will be provided free to the Early Birds on 6th of November. Of course all can come in and enjoy....but.... there will be a cost to those who have not already renewed.

Next up: Have you been keeping all that troublesome paperwork for filing your Federal Taxes? Still time to get them together and there are many ways for savings there before December 31st. How about charitable donations. The American Legion (and your Post 137) are among those organizations whose donations are deductible from gross income. Any amount that you contribute to American Legion, Sons of American Legion, Auxiliary, Legion Riders. Darts. Rod & Pole, Bingo, etc. can be a deductible if documented correctly. (Sorry, but your dues are not) AND these dollars go to support the programs for Vets and families which we support.

Another way that we can show support for veterans will be the celebration of Veterans Day this month on the 11th. Your post will be participating in this years Jacksonville Veterans Day Parade downtown, entering our Float and other festivities at the Post. Set aside some of your free time on this national holiday and join in the fun.

Another national holiday this month, the First 'official' National holiday is Thanksgiving Day on the 24th. The day in which Americans profess thanks for all that we have. Both material and otherwise. Please do not forget those who have sacrificed so much for so many in this great land we call The United States of America. I will be hosting the Commander's Thanksgiving Dinner on the 24th from 12-2PM. Look for a sign up sheet at the Post for side dishes and desserts.

For God and Country
It's All About the Veterans
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

November is the time that the United States celebrates Veterans' Day and Thanksgiving. Let's all give thanks for what we all have and enjoy because of the sacrifice of the past and present veterans in harm's way, defending our freedom. This is to include all of the members of the Veteran's family that are at home taking care of business while the Service member is doing what they do. Thank you to everyone involved.

One thing we have to be thankful for is that we are the "The most outstanding Post in the state of Florida". The best way to prove that is to have your dues paid as soon as possible. Let's all get together and continue to be the best Post, not only in the state of Florida, but in the Nation. I will be attending the Department of Florida Fall Conference during the weekend of 18 November, 2016 to obtain updated information on what is going on from the Department and National. I will be glad to pass on the information to all the Legion Family of Post 137 once I return from the Conference.

For God and Country,
Ron Reaves

1ST VICE COMMANDER

Happy Thanksgiving to all our Family and Friend of this great Post. As of October 15th our membership is at 726 54.7%. I will begin calling unpaid members this week. I still need your help to bring in new members. Please help your Legion Post grow.

Yours In Service
Eddie Dykes

2ND VICE COMMANDER

"VETERAN'S DAY IS THIS MONTH! Friday November 11th we will participate in the Veteran's Day Parade in Downtown Jacksonville. Please come out. We are having a trailer and American Legion Riders will have a lot of their bikes in the parade. If you would like to participate, we are meeting at the Post at 8 AM. Miss Jacksonville will be riding with us during the parade.

"THANKSGIVING IS HERE" Lots of activities this month also are going on. Our Early Bird Dinner Sunday November 6th for all those who renewed

their membership ahead of time from 4-6pm. Also having Commander Hank Morris's Thanksgiving Dinner Thursday November 24th from 12 to 2pm for members and their families who would like to attend (Homemade Dishes Welcome).

"MY MONTHLY SHOUTOUT" I would like to thank Robert "Bob" Reeseman (I think he deserves the Golden Chisel Award for tearing down the Block Wall By Hand) for all his efforts in constructing & opening up the new serving area for our meals. when they order meals. Also I've designed some larger menu signs they will be hanging up by where you order food that are easily readable. If any of the organizations would like these made also for these events or meals please see me or let me know.

"PLEASE COME OUT AND SEE OUR BANDS" We try to have some of the best bands for the money we can hire for your entertainment so please make it a point to come out and see them and support our Post. I do listen to everything you say and encourage all of you to let me know when you like or dislike certain entertainers as this lets me know what groups to hire! So again let me know if you see a band you like or hear so I have time to go see them perform and I can have time to put them in the schedule as we book bands 3 or 4 months in advance. We welcome back this month "Southern Breeze" with Jim Craft who has entertained us for years. I also have a new group "Supernatural Duo" that will be performing on the 11th.

"UPCOMING EVENTS": Christmas Santa Visit is on First Friday the 9th of December in Lake City. Please donate to this VAVS visit to the Veterans home in Lake City that we support at Post 137 and pass out Gift Cards & Bags to these deserving Veterans. Also we have our New Years Eve Celebration, Dinner & Dance on Saturday December 31st with the Band "ALMOST KIN". More info and flyers, banners and Tickets will be seen around Post 137 & available soon.

HAPPY TURKEY DAY !!!

For God and Country,
Richard Lane

3RD VICE COMMANDER

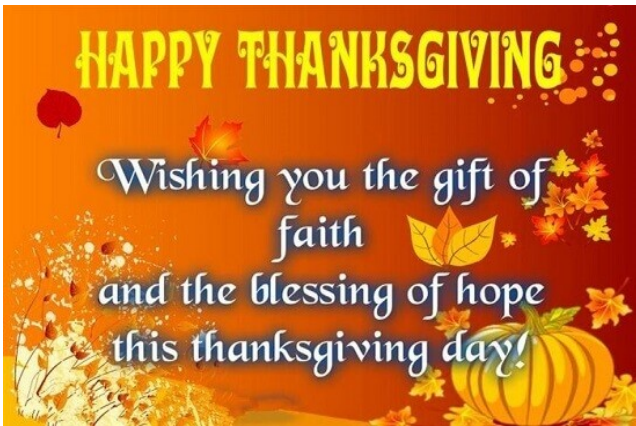
Saturday October 29th will be the Halloween party for Legion 137 kids. Dress up the kids in their favorite costume and come to the Legion Hall from 11:00 til 2:00 and join the fun. We have pumpkins for the kids to decorate, clowns to entertain making balloon animals and plenty of food and snacks. Legion members bring a friend with their kids. We are a family friendly post just having fun.

The next big event for our kids will be the Christmas party December 17th from 11:00 til 2:00 and

will be held in the moon building. As it is still 2 months away we start getting ready early. Anyone who would like to donate a toy either for a girl or boy or both please drop them off at the Legion office. Nothing puts a smile on a child's face any faster than a present at Christmas. Santa Clause will be there to make sure every kid gets a present and plenty of snacks to go along with the presents.

The Children and Youth program here at American Legion Post 137 is a very important part of the Legion family, Our kids are the future. Hopefully as adults they will keep this program strong.

For God and Country
Emory Austin



4TH VICE COMMANDER

Greetings to all of our Legion family. Time seems to be just flying by! Here it is already November, and Thanksgiving and Christmas season is almost upon us. Our October visit to the Lake City Hospital was made on October 28th and was the last regular monthly visit for this year. Our next one will be the annual Christmas visit which is scheduled for Friday, December 9th. We are planning on assembling our Christmas bags on Sunday, November 27th at 1 PM if you would like to help.

We still need donations of items for our Christmas bags. Items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes (individually wrapped), chapstick, sugar free candy, sugar free chewing gum, combs, word puzzle books, pocket calendars, Kleenex packets (pocket size) emery boards, writing pads, pens etc. Also, you or a group from our Legion family can choose to donate cash, and we will make the purchases. Additionally, we will need a volunteer Santa Claus to make this Christmas visit with us.

Donated items can be dropped off at the office or given to me, Sandy Gentry, or Lewis Gray. If

you can go dressed as our Santa, please let us know as soon as possible. Hopefully, this will make Christmas a little cheerier for our hospitalized veterans and will be a blessing to us all. Thanks in advance for your participation in this annual project. I wish you and your family a very Blessed Thanksgiving Day.

For God and Country,
Lee Jones

CHAPLAIN

Life sometimes causes us to feel a rubber band stretched tight. Pressure builds up and pulls us in different directions or pulls us against our sense of well-being. Trying to do too much work with little time or too few resources stretches us beyond our capacity. Trying to live in today's society with its many demands may put excessive pressure on us. Trying to cope with the financial demands of life without adequate income is a stretching experience. Marital difficulties or difficulties in parent-child relationships, or any relational difficulties can bring stress into life. What is the answer? God can bring peace in the mist of stress. Don't get discouraged and give up, for we will reap a harvest of blessings at the appropriate time. For when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow. Character is built from the positive building blocks of life. But it is also built from conquering the stress and problems of life. What you do with stress not only reveals your character but also helps develop your character. We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they are good for us - - they help us to learn to endure. I thank God each day for helping me to cope with the stressful times I encounter each day. I pray that our Legion Family will trust in God to help them through each day.

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. Carlton B. SUMNER, Thomas GRAY, Tommy SMITH, 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 and protect our active duty troops wherever they may be. November is here and Christmas is right around the corner. Be safe, have a great time, I love our Legion Family

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

CLUB MANAGERS REPORT

The Tiki is no longer open on Friday afternoons. The Tiki will continue to be open every Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Come join the Karaoke events on Saturday and Sunday. Bring your friends and enjoy the music. Members please remember it is your obligation to sign in your guest. Your support of the Tiki is what affords us the ability to provide this service to you.

The Tacos Tuesdays and Thursday Wing Night have been great additions to our regular weekly events. As Usual we have Bingo on Mondays, Darts and Tacos Tuesday, Karaoke on Wednesday, Wing Night on Thursday, with Friday & Saturday Bands and Dinners. We now have "All You Can Eat Spaghetti" every Wednesday Evening. Supporting Legion Functions.

The main events to look for are: Veterans Day Parade, Department Fall Conference, and Thanksgiving Day Dinner. There are many other Entertainment Events and Dinners throughout the month of November. Check the online Events Calendar for details

Serving our Members Daily,
Ted Boutwell

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Our squadron membership renewals are coming in steady. We are also signing up new members as well. Lets keep up the good work. Dual members please renew. Our membership right now is at 32.85%, The Nov 17th target is 50% lets get a push going to see if we can make that. I'll be going to Orlando on the 18th & 19th for the SAL fall conference. I hope to bring back some relevant information for you all. Most of all have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

For God and Country
Walter Rasco, Commander

AUXILIARY

I hope everyone fared well during the hurricane. Our area dodged a bullet and we were truly blessed. The Halloween parties were a success. It's always great to see the kids enjoying themselves. The big ones, too! Our ghost cam-

paign to raise money for breast cancer research was very successful. Thanks to everyone who bought a ghost and to those who helped cut out and decorate them. We had 7 adults and 5 juniors at our craft party. This included two Cub Scouts and a Girl Scout.

Don't forget the early bird dinner on November 6th at 4:00 PM. We will be serving prime rib. The Auxiliary will be holding our annual bake sale/auction during the dinner. Please come out and support us. There are always lots of delicious cakes, pies, cookies, etc. Any donations of baked goods will be greatly appreciated.

Since May, we have sent over \$53,000 dollars worth of "trooppons". Please keep them coming. The collection box is on top of the ATM machine.

We are still collecting school supplies for Westview K-8 special needs program. They are in need of all types of learning tools and items for the kids such as baby wipes, diapers, paper towels, and laundry soap. When they have a special request I will try to let you know.

The Auxiliary will be serving a pork roast dinner on Saturday night, November 12th. Please come out and support us. Lisa and her crew do a fabulous job.

The Commander's Thanksgiving dinner will be held again this year. Turkey, dressing and ham will be provided. Please come out and join us and bring your favorite side dish or dessert. If you are bringing a dish, please have it there by 11:00AM. Dinner will be served from 12 till 2 and the bar will be open for your convenience. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help with set-up and clean up please contact the Commander.

I hope everyone has a happy and safe Thanksgiving!

For God and Country,
Barbara Reyna, President

40 & 8

I must once again thank all of the voyageurs that helped pass the word in regards to our October promenade being cancel and moved to the following Thursday due to Hurricane Mathew. I hope everyone made it through the storm with no problems. This Hurricane season should be a lesson on why we need to be prepared for any disaster. I would also like to thank the following voyageurs for their help with the cleanup of the Post 137 grounds that was held on Oct. 1st. Voyageur - Ray Runyan, Jerry Lepore, Gary LaFrance, Norman Gentry and myself. Job well done. The 40&8 Christmas Party date has been set as December 10th 2016 so mark your calendars now. Last but a very important note - Don't Forget To Vote on November 8th, 2016.

Merci,
Jeff Fazan, Chef de Gare

CABANE

Happy Thanksgiving to all and hope you get to share it with family and friends. We are not having any dinners in November or December because of the holidays. There is till a meeting this month on the 22nd but no meeting in December. We are having our annual Christmas party on 10th of December.

For God and Country
Donna Runyan, La Presidente

COLOR GUARD

The color guard will be presenting Flags for first graders on November 10th at the Westview elementary school. If you can attend it is a great program to be involved in.

For God and Country
J.J. Obrien, Captain

ROD AND POLE BENDERS

Rod & Pole wants to say Happy Thanksgiving to everyone. For October's local water fishing tournament. Duane got big fish and Ray got aggregate. We will have two breakfasts this month, November 13th and November 27th. Ray will cook your eggs anyway you want them and on the bar you need to try our succulent grits which are cooked by Debbie. So come on out and support the post for the breakfasts, dinners and all the activities that is happening at the Legion. We will have our final nominations for new officers this month for next year (2017). On December 3rd (Saturday) we will have our Christmas Banquet at the Chateau. 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. You do not have to be a member of Post 137 to join Rod & Pole but you have to be in the Legion family. Please remember our sick and our shut-ins. Sometimes they need our help but are afraid to ask.

Seen you on the Water,
Bin and Debbie

BLOOD DRIVE CHAIRMAN

The mobile blood unit was cancelled because of Hurricane Matthew. There is no return date as of now. In the meantime, the donation centers are open every day except Wednesday. Donors are now screened for the Zika virus.

For God & Country/Friendly Vampire
Bazile Bacino.

BOY SCOUTS

Hello legion family. The scouts did well with the yard sale on October first. The scouts are, as always accepting new members. The Cub scouts meet on Mondays at 7:00, Boy scouts on Tuesdays at 7:00 in the Moon Building.

Christmas tree sales are scheduled to begin the day after Thanksgiving. Keep an eye on the Legion Facebook page and at the Post for details as the troop is still negotiating the trees.

Duty, Honor, Country
Tim Pratt

RIDERS

No Report

PROPOSED CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION AND BI-LAWS

ARTICLE VII – THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
(Old) Section 2: The government and management of the Post are entrusted to the Executive Committee. The administrative affairs of the Post shall be under the supervision of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall authorize and approve all expenditures; shall require adequate bonds from all persons having the custody of Post funds; shall hear reports of committee chairmen; and generally, shall have charge of and be responsible for the management of the affairs of this Post.

(New) Section 2: The government and management of the Post are entrusted to the Executive Committee. The administrative affairs of the Post shall be under the supervision of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall **RECOMMEND** all expendi-

tures outside normal business, **WITH APPROVAL OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**; shall require adequate bonds from all persons having custody of Post funds; shall hear reports of committee chairmen; **SHALL RECOMMEND CHANGES TO MANAGEMENT OF THE OPERATIONS OF THIS POST TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR APPROVAL.**

(Old) Section 3: The Executive Committee shall prescribe the rules of conduct for all post activities; the Headquarters and any other buildings used by the Post and provide the final approval for the **POST REGULATIONS**. The Judge Advocate will be the chair of the Post Regulation Committee.

(New) Section 3: The Executive Committee shall prescribe the rules of conduct for all post activities; the Headquarters and all buildings used by the Post, and provide these recommendations for discussion and final approval of the **POST REGULATIONS** at the General Assembly meeting. The Judge Advocate will chair the Post Regulations Committee.

ARTICLE XV - STANDING COMMITTEES

(Old) Section 16: The Post Regulation Committee will review the Post Regulations and present recommended changes to the Post Executive Committee for final approval. The Judge Advocate will be the chair of the Post Regulation Committee.

(New) Section 16: The Post Regulation Committee will review the Post Regulations and present recommended changes to the Post Executive Committee for **APPROVAL BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**. The Judge Advocate will be the chair of the Post Regulations Committee.

THE PROPOSED CHANGES ARE ALSO POSTED IN THE LOUNGE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD.



Early Bird Dinner

November 6th @ 4-6PM

This Dinner is free to all that has a early bird stamp on their membership card. Everyone is welcome to enjoy this dinner.

The dinner will be \$12.00 no early bird stamp but if you renew at the door you can get the dinner for \$5.00.

Menu

Prime Rib

Ham

Seasoned Green Beans

Mashed Potatoes/ Gravy

Salad with Roll

Auxiliary is holding their annual bake/dessert auction during the early bird dinner.



NOVEMBER 2016

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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|  <p>VETERANS DAY WE HONOR ALL WHO SERVED</p> | | | | | | |
| 6 ALR—Breakfast 8:30 AM-11 AM ALR Meeting 12:30 PM Tiki Open 1-8PM Early Bird Dinner 4-6PM Aux Baking Auction | 7 Rod & Pole Meeting 7 PM Chateau Bingo with Brenda 7-9 PM | 8 Taco Tuesday DARTS 7 PM | 9 Legion Lunch 12-2PM Spaghetti Dinner AYCE 6PM \$10 Bugler Articles Due Kent Mitchell Open Mic...7:30 PM | 10 SAL Mtg. 7PM Wing Night | 11 Veteran's Day Veteran's Day Parade 8AM @ Post Legion-Shrimp Dinner -Dinner 5:30-7PM or till sold out Supernatural Duo 7:30-11:30PM | 12 Tiki Open 1-8PM AUX-Pork Roast - Dinner 5:30-7PM or till sold out Contraband 7:30-11:30PM |
| 13 Rod & Pole—Breakfast 8:30 AM-11 AM Tiki Open 1-8PM | 14 Legion Exec. Mtg. 6:30PM No Bingo | 15 Color Guard Mtg. 7PM Taco Tuesday DARTS 7 pm | 16 Legion Lunch 12-2PM Birthday Night Spaghetti Dinner AYCE 6PM \$10 Kent Mitchell Open Mic...7:30 PM | 17 Cricket 7PM Wing Night | 18 Legion-Fish Dinner - Dinner 5:30-7PM or till sold out Complicated 7:30-11:30PM | 19 LEGION GEN ASSEMBLY 10 AM Tiki Open 1-8PM Legion-Roast Beef - Dinner 5:30-7PM or till sold out Backtracks 7:30-11:30PM |
| 20 Legion Brunch—Breakfast 8:30 AM-1 PM Tiki Open 1-8PM | 21 No Bingo | 22 Cabane 304 Rendezvous 7PM Taco Tuesday DARTS 7 PM | 23 Work on Bugler 9AM Legion Lunch 12-2PM Spaghetti Dinner AYCE 6PM \$10 Kent Mitchell Open Mic...7:30 PM | 24 Happy Thanksgiving Commander's Thanksgiving Dinner 12-2PM | 25 Legion-Left Over Sur- prise-- Dinner 5:30- 7PM or till sold out Southern Breeze 7:30-11:30PM | 26 Legion-Left over surprise -Dinner 5:30-7PM or till sold out/tiki Open 1-8PM Rockin Machine 7:30-11:30PM |
| 27 Rod & Pole—Breakfast 8:30 AM-11 AM Tiki Open 1-8PM | 28 No Bingo | 29 Taco Tuesday DARTS 7PM | 30 Legion Lunch 12-2PM Spaghetti Dinner AYCE 6PM \$10 Kent Mitchell Open Mic...7:30 PM | |  <p>Happy Thanksgiving</p> | |

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- * **11th @ 8AM Veteran's Day Parade meet at Post**
- * **19th @ 10 AM. Legion General Assembly.**
- * **24th @ 12-2PM Commander's Thanksgiving Dinner**
- * **Bingo Monday Nights, Darts and Taco Tuesday Nights, Spaghetti AYCE dinner and Open Mic Wednesday Nights and Wing night Thursday Nights.**
- * ***Friday Night Dinners 5:30-7:00 PM or until sold out.**
- * **Friday and Saturdays. Live Music & Dancing. 7PM-11PM.**
- * **Sunday Morning Breakfast 8:30-11:00 AM.**

