

Post Commander:

Hank Morris

Auxiliary President:

Barbara Reyna

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Monthly Executive Meeting Wednesday 6:30 PM
Before General Meeting, 2nd Saturday 10:00 AM
Off. Hours Monday, Wednesday, Friday 1:30-5 PM
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"A Message From The Commander"

WOW! It's November already. The Legion year is almost half over, but it's not too late for you to get involved. Have a talent that you could use to help out and improve your post and services around the post? Bring it to the leadership and we will steer you in the right direction. For your convenience, a suggestion box is located near the lounge entrance. (Red, white, and blue lockbox). Communications is a key in any well run organization; however, only accurate information can have a positive effect. False rumors and innuendoes can only generate confusion and thus, cause harm to a positive environment.

The Executive Committee recommended, and the membership has approved an increase in post membership dues effective 1 January 2016. The increase was required to offset an increase in National and Department dues and the increase in cost of doing business at the post. This new fee of \$50.00 will not affect ANY renewals or new members who sign up/renew prior to 31 December 2015. Save yourself \$10.00 and renew/sign up early.

The orders for new barstools is going well. Remember you can purchase one in memory of a family member, friend and yourself. We will install a commemorative plate on the back for you. Pictures of the perspective stools are posted in the lounge. See me, club manager or house committee to place an order.

Kudos this month go to Robert Reismann and his House Committee of volunteers for the outstanding work with maintaining our post and grounds in fine order. It is a huge task for these old facilities, ever changing regulations and minimum budget. Priorities are the watchword and they are managing to keep their heads afloat. Job well done folks!

Some important dates in November to remember are: Early bird dinner on the 8th, Executive Committee meeting on the 16th, General Assembly on the 21st, Commanders Thanksgiving luncheon on the 26th, check the monthly calendar for times and other fantastic happenings at your Post. Have a safe and Thankful Thanksgiving weekend.

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
Ray Runyan



Chef de Gare
Jim Porterfield



La Presidente
Diane Congressi

"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.

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. I have mentioned before that National and Department have passed a resolution that will raise membership dues by \$8. This will go into effect 1 January, 2016. This will affect Post 137 and our dues by \$10. The post Commander has mentioned his goal is to get 100% plus 1 by that date to avoid possibly having to pay more.

For God and Country,
Ron Reaves

1ST VICE COMMANDER

In checking the calendar there are two upcoming holidays. Veterans day and Thanksgiving. Come and join us in celebrating these holidays. Also we have the early bird dinner scheduled for November 8th @ 5PM.

End of the year is near. Renewals have slowed down and that's not good. With our dues going up the first of the year. I would think members would renew now. I know the holidays are coming up and I know it is a costly time of the year for everyone. I have started making phone calls to non renewed members. If I can't get in touch by phone, I will try E-mail. That is very good reason to keep the office up to date when you change address, phone numbers, or E-mail address. If you have not received your renewal notices and/or membership card, that could be the reason. We have got mail back to us for bad addresses. This costs us postage, envelopes. Your dues help pay for this. As of 10-8-15 our membership is at 843 that is 58.62% of goal 1438 Members.

Yours In Service
Jerry Kiel



2ND VICE COMMANDER

Don't forget Veterans Day this month!" **Veterans Day** is an official United States federal holiday that is observed annually on November 11, honoring people who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, also known as veterans. It coincides with other holidays including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, which are celebrated in other parts of the world and also mark the anniversary of the end of World War I...". We will have people in the Jacksonville Veteran's Day Parade on that Wednesday. Come out and support them.

I really want to say Many, Many Thanks to Robert Reisman & Curtis Doty for the installation and repair of the sign in the front of Post 137 by the street. Now if you want to see what entertainment we are having every week just look up and left as you enter the parking lot to see our entertainers. The backside of the sign facing the bridge will be also used for advertising Post 137. Also thank Rudy Hensley as he has taken on the job of changing the sign every week for all of us. Come enjoy Post 137 and all the Great Entertainers we have!

Wing Night is every Thursday evening right now through Football Season till half-time. It is becoming a real success and the reason why is the Chicken Wings are GREAT>T>T>T! Come and Enjoy. Also don't forget the Commander's Thanksgiving Day Dinner this month. Bring a Covered Dish!

Again I want to Thank all of you who have given me help with this new position I took on this year and look forward to talking with anyone that has suggestions or ideas to make our Post the NUMBER ONE POST in North Florida. Have a Great Turkey Day.

For God and Country,
Richard Lane

3RD VICE COMMANDER

Fun was had by all at the Fall Festival. Thanks to all that volunteered for the Festival. The kids loved all the candy that was given out.

The next event is the Christmas party. Look for flyers around the Post for the date and time. Once again thanks for all the help and volunteers for the Fall Festival to me it was a success. We couldn't have done it without you.

See you around the Post and hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving.

Serving our Veterans, children and grandchildren
For God and Country
Trent Bosley

4TH VICE COMMANDER

Can't believe Christmas is almost upon us, but it is. We have made our last regular visit to the VA Hospital in Lake City for 2015. I have really enjoyed those visits and I am sure our Veterans did as well. Thanks to those who have been faithful each month to not only make these visits but do so much behind the scenes to make our visits possible. We will not be making a visit in November but have begun planning for our Christmas visit on (tentatively set for) Friday December 4th. Have to confirm with the Hospital in Lake City. We are looking for donations to go in the ditty bags for the patients such as toothbrushes, combs, small calendars, pocket-size tissues, sugar-free gum, etc. To find out what is needed and acceptable with the VA. Please contact our office, Lewis Gray, Sandra Gentry or myself. Thanks.

For God and Country,
Lee Jones

CHAPLAIN

Prayer -- -Prayer is asking God for guidance and waiting for his direction and leading. The most universally practiced yet least understood of human experiences, prayer is one of the great mysteries of the Christian faith. Its simplest definition is communication with God. Yet so often we approach prayer like a one-way telephone conversation, forgetting that God also wants to speak to us. And how do we prayer -- on our knees or standing, silently or at loud; alone or with others; by rote or spontaneously? And does prayer really induce God to manipulate events or otherwise act on our behalf? Although the Bible does not take up these and other questions directly, prayer appears on nearly every as the very essence of a faith relationship with the living God. Simple enough for a child to understand and yet so profound we spend a lifetime plumbing its depths, prayer assumes that it is possible for us to have an intimate relationship with a God who hears, cares, and is able to act. Thank you Lord for helping me through each day and communicating with you through prayer. Thank you Legion Family for helping to make the American Legion, the number one veteran organization that we can be proud of. 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. Jesse RHODEN, James K. SCHAGE "Jimmy" Keep these Legionnaires and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Remember our sick and shut-ins, let them

know you care. May God bless our active troops wherever they may be, keep them in his protective care.

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

COLOR GUARD

On October 6th we lost a dear friend and member of Post 137's Color Guard. Jim Schage was a dedicated member of Post 137 for 49 years and also a member of V-304. He will be in our hearts and memories for a very long time.

The Color Guard meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, come check us out. We are always looking for new members.

For God and Country,
J.J. O'Brien
Color Guard Captain

CLUB MANAGERS REPORT

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November is the month where we all give thanks for all we have received and this year is no exception. It is also the month we wind down the TIKI with the winter closing in. Once again this year we will continue to keep the Tiki Open Every Sunday throughout the winter months Weather Permitting and with your continued support. You can come on out and enjoy the Tiki and sing Karaoke Every Sunday with afternoon kitchen menu selections.

The new Bar Stool Project is moving right along, if you would like to purchase a bar stool for the club with your name on it please contact Commander Hank and he'll get you all set up. Thank you.

Lakeshore Post 137 will be hosting the 5th District on Sunday November 8th at 2PM followed by our Legion Family Early Bird Dinner of BBQ Pork at 5PM till it's gone. Commander Hank and 1st Vice Jerry Kiel will be looking for volunteers to help out with 5th District and Early Bird that day, Please Volunteer some time. A Big Thanks to all our volunteers who helped out with our October Events and everyday choirs. Thank You.

Commander Hank will be doing his Commanders Thanksgiving Day Dinner for our Veterans on Thursday November 26th from 12 Noon to 2PM with all the fixings. The Lounge will be available for drinks from 11AM to 1:45PM for everyone to enjoy a little cheer. The Lounge will be Closed other than those hours on Thanksgiving

Day.

Remember there is always something going on at your Post Home. Monday is Bingo, Tuesday is Darts, Wednesday is Karaoke, Thursday is Football Wing Night, Friday is Dinner (Except Thanksgiving Weekend) Friday and Saturday is Entertainment (Except Thanksgiving Weekend) Sunday is Breakfast and Tiki Karaoke. Come on out, Support your Club and enjoy all the Fun back again at Post 137. Suggestions and Comments Are Always Welcome.

Serving Veterans and our Legion Family

Daily,

Bill Kelly



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Here we are going into November and there are always things happening here at the Post. First of all, Veteran's Day is on 11 November. I want to thank all of our Veteran's; past, present and future for their service to our country! Also, Thanksgiving is on the 26th. The Post will be having a special Commander's Dinner from 12-2pm that day.

Several members of the Squadron and other Post units will be attending the annual Department Fall Conference 13-15 November. I will be attending and hope to say that we met our goal of 55%. I want to stress Membership! There are still quite a few people who need to renew. Please renew as soon as you can because as of 1 January, 2016, you won't be able to use the Post facilities until you are updated with a new membership card. The sooner you do the better it is because your dues are very beneficial to post programs and what we can do to help support the Legion. On the same note, I would like to see more participation from the members at Squadron meet-

ings! Meetings are held the second Thursday at 7pm in the Spencer Room. However, the month of November, it will be the first Thursday. I would love to see you there!

Lastly, I want to thank all the supporters of the Squadron and the rest of the Legion family for what they do around the Post. Enthusiasm and volunteering is contagious!

Let's Build Bridges together and have fun!

For God and Country

Ron Reaves, Commander

AUXILIARY

I hope everyone had a great time at the district picnic. The weather cleared up and was gorgeous. Our Auxiliary Department President, Pearl McIntyre, and her husband, Bill came to visit along with the Department Historian, Gail Dupuis. Gail was busy taking pictures and all who attended seemed to be enjoying themselves at our beautiful post.

Thanks to all of the ladies that renewed their membership. I was able to get that monkey off of my back and pass it on to another unit. We need to keep it up so that we can shine. Thanks to Donna Runyan, our 1st Vice President and membership chairman for staying on top of things and getting our membership processed in a timely manner.

Don't forget the earlybird dinner on November 8th at 5:00 PM. We will be serving barbecued pork. The Auxiliary will be holding our bake sale/auction during the dinner. We are also hosting the 5th District meeting that day at 2:00. All are welcome to attend.

So far, since June, we have sent over \$42,000 dollars' worth of "troopons". Please keep them coming. The collection box is on top of the ATM machine. Alley is doing a wonderful job of clipping, sorting and mailing them. Probably time to buy her some new scissors. Anyone willing to help with the clipping would be greatly appreciated.

The Auxiliary is collecting school supplies for the special needs program at Westview K-8 School. We have a list of special requests including glue sticks, wide notebook paper, ink pens, #2 pencils composition books (no wire), markers, crayons, diapers/pull ups, and baby wipes. For a full list please see me or JoAnn Kelley. We are also still collecting buttons, stray earrings (the ones without a mate), used cell phones and laser printer cartridges for them.

We are still collecting newspapers for "No More Homeless Pets" and empty pill bottles to give to the Humane Society. Bring them in and give them to the bartender.

The Commander's Thanksgiving dinner will be held again this year. Turkey and dressing and ham will be provided. Please come out and join us and bring your fa-

favorite side dish or dessert. If you are bringing a dish, please have it there by 11:00 so that we can set up. Dinner will be served from 12 till 2 and the bar will be open for your convenience.

For God and Country,
Barbara Reyna, President

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Voitures 304 will host the First Coast Regional Wreck in March. Plans are underway for this event and will be advertised in the Grand Bulletin.

HEY...HEY....HEY....Don't forget your membership. We need everyone to support us that is a member or past member. PLEASE REMIND EVERYONE WE NEED THEM !!!

As stated in the Commander's report, the annual Commander's Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on November 24th. For more information, please contact Commander Hank Morris. Wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving with you and yours.

Merci,
Chef de Gare, Jim Porterfield

CABANE

A big "Thank You" to all who came in to buy one of our rib dinners last month and thank you to all who helped put it on. Our next rib dinner will be on November 6th. More of the same succulent Baby Back ribs. Yum!!

We will be having a social gathering, meet and greet, if you will on November 7th in the Chateau starting at 6PM until Lewis throws us out. It'll be a great time to see old friends. No business talk, no politics. Just fun. Finger food at 7PM. Guests and family of Cabane and Voyagers are invited.

For God and Country,
Diane Congressi, La Presidente

ROD AND POLE BENDERS

Happy Thanksgiving and Veteran's day to all of our family at Post 137. This month we have a breakfast on November 15th. Come out and support us and the Post with a great breakfast. We are going ready for our annual banquet and elections of new officers. Make sure to attend our meetings for more information.

For God and Country
Ray Runyan

BLOOD DRIVE CHAIRMAN

Below are the reasons why individuals do not donate: 1) Inconvenient. 2) Afraid of needles. 3) Afraid of risk of catching a disease. 4) Belief that a donation makes money for the blood alliance who sells the blood to a hospital, which then makes a profit by charging a patient. 5) I already do enough for the Legion-I am not going to donate my blood.

All of the above reasons are invalid. My next donation (12/9) will make me a 32 gallon donor. So; Donate, Donate, and Donate! Post 137, Acct#1044

For God & Country/Friendly Vampire
Bazile Bacino.

RIDERS

Not a lot to report for November. We have a breakfast November 1st followed with our monthly meeting and a dinner November 14th. The state wide "round robin" ends November 8. We will be looking for a new Chaplain. Best wishes to Karl Kayser in his journey. Happy Thanksgiving and Veteran's day to all.

Ride Proud, Ride Safe
Keith Shea



A Special Election is required for the office of Sgt. At arms due to the resignation of Karl Kayser. Nominations for the position will be accepted at the November and December General Assembly. Elections will be held following the December General Assembly meeting. Polls open till 15:00(3PM)

******IMPORTANT REMINDER******

POST 137 MEMBERSHIP DUES WILL INCREASE. THIS INCREASE WILL BE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016 AND WILL INCREASE TO \$50 PER YEAR. SAVE \$10 BY RENEWING FOR THE 2016 YEAR BY DECEMBER 31, 2015

*****ATTENTION*****










THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL NOW BE THE 3RD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH...

THE AMERICAN LEGION **FAMILY**



BARTENDER APPLICATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED. SEE THE CLUB MANAGER FOR MORE INFORMATION

NOVEMBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 ALR—Breakfast 8:30 AM-11 AM ALR Meeting 12:30 PM Tiki Open-Open Mic with Debbie Jean Weather Permitting	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 7PM	4 Legion Lunch 12PM Tom \$ Nancy Open Mic.. 7:30 PM	5 Auxiliary Mtg. 7:30PM Voiture 304 Cherimot & Prom 7PM SAL Mgt. 7PM Wings & \$1 Drafts	6 Cabane-Ribs Dinner 5:30 PM-7 PM or till sold out We're not serious 7-11PM	7 We're not serious 7-11PM
8 AUX—Breakfast 8:30 AM-11 AM 5th District Meeting 2-4PM Early Bird Dinner 5PM Tiki Open-Open Mic with Debbie Jean Weather Permitting	9  Bingo with Brenda 7-9 PM	10  DARTS 7 PM	11 VETERAN'S DAY Legion Lunch 12PM John & Wanda Open Mic.. 7:30 PM	12 Cricket Tournament 7PM Wings & \$1 Drafts	13 Bugler Articles Dues Jeffrey James Open Mic... 7-11PM	14 ALR - Lisa's Cooking Dinner 5:30 PM-7 PM or till sold out Complicated 7-11PM
15 Rod & Pole—Breakfast 8:30 AM-11 AM Tiki Open-Open Mic with Debbie Jean Weather Permitting	16 Legion Exec. Mtg. 6:30 PM  Bingo with Brenda 7-9 PM	17 Color Guard Mtg. 7PM  DARTS 7 pm	18 Birthday Night Bring Covered Dish Legion Lunch 12PM Tom & Nancy Open Mic.. 7:30 PM	19 VA Clinic Visit 9 AM Darts Blind 501 7PM Wings &\$1 Drafts	20 Children & Youth— Chicken Casserole-Dinner 5:30 PM-7 PM or till sold out Vicki Lee 7-11PM	21 LEGION GEN ASSEMBLY 10 AM Vicki Lee 7-11PM
22 Legion Family—Breakfast 8:30 AM-11 AM Tiki Open-Open Mic with Debbie Jean Weather Permitting	23  Bingo with Brenda 7-9 PM	24 Cabane 304 Rendezvous 7PM  DARTS 7 PM	25 Work on Bugler 9AM Legion Lunch 12PM John & Wanda Open Mic... 7:30 PM	26 THANKSGIVING Commander's Dinner 12-2PM Club Closed	27 No Dinner No Entertainment No VAVS	28 No Dinner No Entertainment
29 No Breakfast. Tiki Open- Open Mic with Debbie Jean	30  Bingo with Brenda 7-9 PM		SANDWICHES AVAIL- ABLE EVERYDAY ASK THE BARTENDER		WEEKEND SANDWICHES AVAILABLE SEE MENU AT POST	

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- * **November 8th @ 5PM Early Bird Dinner.**
- * **November 21st @ 10 AM. Legion General Assembly.**
- * **November 26th @ 12-2PM Commander's Thanksgiving Dinner
Club Closed on Thanksgiving**
- * **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 Breakfast 8:30-11AM**

