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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 Office: 904-387-3373/Lounge: 904-387-1581

"A Message From The Commander"

Got a minute or three? Let's talk time management for a bit. With 24 hours in a day, minus 8 hours for sleep or rest, that leaves 16 for production and play. The production hours are determined by tasks one needs (or wants) to do. The remainder for enjoyment or play. Everyone has tasks, either work for pay or odd jobs around the home for a more comfortable lifestyle. The former is totally controlled by the Boss. The latter by us. The harder we work, the sooner the task is done. The more people on the task, the sooner it's done. Getting a team/crew together for the task shortens the time required, lessons the effort by individuals and completes the task more efficiently. Easy to see which path is better – more time for play!

What's my point? We have a great post home with many amenities enjoyed by the membership and guest from all over. Maintenance of these facilities requires lots of effort by the team/crew. Likewise, we have many legion programs that we would like to support. The less we spend on our Post home and grounds, the more we have for these programs. Volunteer work saves money on maintenance and raises more money for legion programs. Our legion family includes over 2200 members, yet we never seem to have enough time to complete the necessary work required without extreme efforts by the current number of dedicated volunteers. I am very proud of these volunteers who do a fantastic job but they could use more help.

Check your free time (time management) and you might find a few hours per week/month to offer to our team in a very rewarding effort on behalf of Post 137 and our programs for veterans and their families. You just might find that these hours would be adding to your pleasure (play) time. Everyone has some kind of talent that could be put to use. Just ask any Post officer and join the team for the Family Friendly Post.

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

ADJUTANT

Welcome to October and the fall season! There are still a lot of good things going on at the Post! Come on out and enjoy everything we have to offer. That includes Halloween coming up on the 31! Watch out for the kids (young and old) Trick or Treating!

Along with everyone else, I want to emphasize membership! The end of the year will be soon upon us, so please pay your dues as soon as you can. Along with membership, you have to be a valid member of the Legion to use any of the facilities on the Post grounds unless you are signed in by a valid member.

For God and Country, Ron Reaves

1ST VICE COMMANDER

The 1st Vice is out of the office on vacation. Our current membership is 656 renewals that at 49.472%. If you haven't renewed yet please do so. If you have any question about membership call the office. The office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1:30 to 5:00 PM.

Yours In Service Eddie Dykes

2ND VICE COMMANDER

"HALLOWEEN IS UPON US"! On October 29th we are having our Halloween Costume Party which will be hosted by Sally Langwah's Spooktacular Show & Dance with her partner Roy. They both have appeared here over the last 6-7 years several times but we have not booked them for over 3 years now. "Sally Langwah is a singer celebrity impressionist (impersonating Cher, Marilyn Monroe and many more famous people) and entertainer who comes to you from the theater, where she was voted "Favorite Female Vocalist" for her portraval as Maria in "The Sound of Music", then after the show she sings some great songs we all love to dance to. Please come out and enjoy their hour impersonation Show & Dance afterwards. Look for Posters in the Hall. Here is a link to their website. (http:// www.sallylangwah.com/).

The cooler days of fall are on us now and hopefully this will be a great time of year to visit our Tiki Bar on Friday and Saturday & Sunday for our Karaoke entertainment in the afternoons to early evening as well as every Wednesday at 7:30pm. We again still have bands all month on Friday & Saturday and have some great entertainment lined up for all our Post 137 members. Also we are having great food all month and I would love all of you to say *Thanks* to everyone of our *Volunteers* that make this happen month after month.

Band Bio's:

"THE BACKTRACKS" is a 5-piece band that's been together since early 2014. They play a variety of musical styles and genres for listening and dancing. Take a look at our song list. You'll see fun songs from the 50's and 60's, classic rock from the 60's, 70's and 80's, kick butt blues, and country ranging from traditional to new country. All of the guys in The Backtracks have many years of musical experience. A lot of what they play is music we all grew up with, and they play because they love doing it! Band members include: Chad Deetz on Drums and Vocals Matt Green on Lead Guitar and Vocals Roger Feingold on Keyboard and Vocal Mike Besecker on Sax and Percussion Jerry Buckingham on Bass and Vocals

UPCOMING EVENTS: Saturday Oct. 22nd the Riders are having their Leukemia Poker Run with a band on the Pool Deck Bandstand from 6.10pm. Also on Friday Oct. 28th we are having The Sally Langwah Show & Dance on Friday 10/28 and the Sally Langwah Spooktacular Show & Dance and the Legion Halloween Costume Party on Sat. 10/29 both nights start at 7:30pm.

For God and Country, Richard Lane

<u>3RD VICE COMMANDER</u>

Labor Day things started out a little slow but as the weather got better so did the crowd. Kids between the cool pops, balloon's and best of all was the Hula Hoop contest they had a great time. Some managed to get Mom and Dad to give the Hula Hoops a try so guess who got to laugh the loudest. During the festivities a 50/50 raffle was held and \$177.00 was raised to help support our children and youth program here at your post. The Legion and the Auxiliary work together throughout the year to have events just for the kids, outdoor games by the pool, crafts, Easter egg hunt, Halloween party and of course Christmas party with Santa and plenty of gifts. Our Halloween party will be October 29, from 11:00 till 2:00 in the hall bring the kids for lots of fun. More information will be available as we get closer to the above date. I want to thank all the volunteers who worked hard to make not just Labor Day a fun day but for all events we have at our post.

For God and Country Emory Austin

<u>4TH VICE COMMANDER</u>

Our October visit will be made on the 28th and will be our last regular visit this year. Our November and December visits are combined for our annual Christmas visit in early December. We will meet at the Post October 28th at 4:15 pm and leave about 4:30 pm depending on whether we have supper on the road or at the Post. Please consider joining us in serving our hospitalized veterans.

In order for us to make our Christmas visit, we need donations of items for the ditty bags such as toothpaste, toothbrushes (individually wrapped), chap sticks, sugar free candy, sugar free chewing gum, combs, word puzzle books, pocket calendars, Kleenex packets (purse size), emery boards, writing pads, pens etc. and of course money. Please consider helping us to make this another successful Christmas visit to the VAVS Hospital. Donations can be left at the Post 137 office or given to any officer. Monetary gifts should be given to Jerry Lepore, our finance officer.

We are still in need of someone or a couple to make the monthly visits to the Jefferson St. clinic and serve snacks to the veterans. For more information on this project contact me or Richard Lane.

For God and Country, Lee Jones



CHAPLAIN

There are words that we all say and feel that are important to how we live together as God's people; love, kindness, success, honesty, purpose, happiness, goodness, generosity, relationship. Each word is loaded with different meanings to each of us. Yet each is a part of the chain that binds us together as a community. This is how one Christian thinks they should be applied to a life well lived. The following was written by Mother Teresa and is engraved in the wall of her home for children in Calcutta, India. People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered - love them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives.- be kind anyway. If you are successful, you may win some false friends and some true enemies; - succeed anyway. If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you; - be honest and frank anyway. What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight; - build anyway. If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous; - be happy anyway. The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; - do good anyway. Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough; - give to the world the best

you've got anyway. You see in the final analysis, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them – anyway. Yes my Legion Family it's between you and God. 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. Armando R. CICCONE, John William "Bill" BROWN. Keep these Legionnaires and their families 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, Lord keep them safe and in your loving care. GOD BLESS OUR LEGION FAMILY

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

CLUB MANAGERS REPORT

Hey I bet you all come here for the cheap drinks. Right? Well I hope it's to meet with nice people and have good time with friends. I've asked in recent news letters that you call me with your concern about inappropriate behavior. Several people have asked about Bar/canteen policies and procedures but no has called about behavioral issues. Gossiping around the bar about anything will only make the subject of the gossip angry. So when the gossiping does come to my attention you will be asked to leave. then everyone else will have a good time. Now i ask all of you again to call me 904-716-4547, when you feel there is a bartender or a customer that has been rude or unpleasant. I want to know that our Bartenders are providing you the member/ customer the service that you deserve.

The 4th annual 5th District Picnic will be on Oct. 8th from 11AM-till?? We will have a band outside in the afternoon and karaoke inside in the evening. Our riders have a Poker run on Oct 22nd starting at 10AM. We will have a band outside and karaoke that evening.

The tiki will be open every Friday evening, 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. We want them to feel welcome and become a members too. Please introduce them to the bartender so that she may welcome them to Post 137. Our goal is to increase our membership and encourage guest to join post 137. Your support of the tiki is what affords us the ability to provide this service to you.

The Taco Tuesdays have been a great addition to our regular weekly events. As usual we have Bingo Mondays, Darts and Tacos Tuesday, Karaoke Wednesday, Wings Thursday, with Friday & Saturday's Dinners and Bands. A new addition to Wednesday night is a AYCE spaghetti dinner starting October 12th @ 6PM

Serving our Members Daily, Ted Boutwell

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hello Legion family. Our membership is currently at 29.6% and climbing. Lets keep on getting the renewals and some new members. Last month we read in 4 new members.

Halloween is fast approaching, my, where has the time gone. Please be on the lookout for the little ghosts, goblins, and ghouls. Our next will be on the 13th at 7 pm in the Spencer room.

For God and Country Walter Rasco, Commander

AUXILIARY

October already?!! The next few months will be very busy with all of the holidays that are coming up.. The Auxiliary is having a kid's craft/pizza party on Saturday, October 1st. We will be making cutout ghosts and our unit will be selling them as a fundraiser. Look for them hanging up around the post and please purchase one to help with our efforts.

The kid's annual Halloween Costume party will be Saturday, October 29th from 11AM till 2PM. Bring your kids and grandkids. They always have a great time. Any donations of goodies will also be greatly appreciated.

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. One of our members, Nancy Rasco, recently made 11 plastic bibs for them and they love them. You may bring your donations to the post. Please make sure to say that they are for the Auxiliary or contact JoAnn Kelley. JoAnn keeps us aware of their needs and makes sure that they receive all donations.

At last District meeting I was regretfully informed that our unit was lowest in membership percentage. I was therefore awarded a yellow hat with a green Army tank on top of it. I wore it for a few days and received enough renewals to be able to pass the hat on to someone else. Thanks to everyone who helped me. For those of you who have not renewed, please do so as soon as possible. You will get an early bird stamp and it helps our unit reach our monthly goals. The stamp entitles you to a free prime rib dinner on November 6th. Cut-off for the early bird stamp is October 31. Due to a mix up, our dues are not going up this year. Senior dues are still \$26.00 yearly and Junior dues are \$4.00. Donna Runyan is busy trying to contact those who have already paid. If you need a refund please contact her or leave a note at the post. I am sorry for the inconvenience.

We are still collecting newspapers for "No More Homeless Pets" and empty prescription bottles for the Humane Society. We also are still collecting and mailing manufacturer coupons to "Support Our Troops. We mailed almost \$10,000 worth last month. Thanks to everyone who brought coupons and the wonderful ladies who cut, sorted, and counted them. A lot of time goes into this project and your help is greatly appreciated!

We are once again going to participate in the "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" walk in downtown Jacksonville on October 22nd. One of our members, Nancy Conley, has been collecting pink feather boas for us and has made a few pink tutus. We should be quite a sight! It was a lot of fun last year and we are looking forward to it. All are welcome to join us. We will once again be painting men's fingernails pink for a \$5.00 donation at the picnic. This will help us raise money to donate to the American Cancer Society when we participate in their walk for breast cancer research. So "man up" and get a "Mani for the cure".

Our Post will once again be hosting the District Picnic. It will be on Saturday, October 8th from 11AM till 4PM. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be served for free. There will be people here from around the District and the state. They love to come to the "Country Club Post". Please come out and greet them to show your pride in our Post. Hope to see you there!

For God and Country, Barbara Reyna, President

<u>40 & 8</u>

I would like to first thank all voyageurs that helped in getting the word out in regards to the September promenade date being moved due to the Hurricane warnings. We are very lucky again that the storm turned out to be a non-event for Jacksonville, better safe than sorry. The October Promenade will be held back on the normal schedule first Thursday of the month which will be October 6, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. We are having a 40&8 clean up day on October 1, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. Voyagers make plans to help with cleaning up around the Chateau, parking area and fence lines. On Friday October 14,2016 V-304 is serving meat loaf diners at Post 137, come on out and grab some grub and support the cause. Grand du Florida is holding a training session and picnic in Orlando FL. on October 22, 2016. Time & place will be announced at the October Promenade.

Merci, Jeff Fazan, Chef de Gare

CABANE

Happy Halloween!!! We are having a baby back rib dinner on 23th and also the 40/8 is having a meatloaf dinner on the 14th Please come out and support all of us and your home Post.

For God and Country Donna Runyan, La Presidente

ROD AND POLE BENDERS

On behalf of Rod & Pole we want to say Happy Halloween to everyone. We had our off-shore fishing trip in August. Tom Techa got Big Fish with a Black Grouper weighting at 40 lbs. We had a total of 12 people that participated in the trip. For our September local water fishing tournament - Ray Runyan got big fish and Binion Williams got aggregate. Rod & Pole will have two breakfasts for this month. One on October 9th and the other on October 16th. So come on out and support the post with our excellent breakfast. 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. This month we will have nominations for new officers for next year (2017). As always we are still looking for new members. We have our meeting every first Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. 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 a member of our 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

Just a reminder! The mobile blood unit will be at the Post Saturday, October 8th from 11AM to 4PM. Don't pass up this opportunity to donate.

For God & Country/Friendly Vampire Bazile Bacino.

RIDERS

Our September meeting was busy and productive after another filling Post breakfast hosted by the Riders. In the meeting we discussed upcoming events such as our 9/17/16 Wreaths Across America Poker Run, Supporting other Chapters on their upcoming runs, Sydney's 10/22/16 Run, Escorting the 5th District Monument dedication on 9/10/16 as well as a future fun run. Our Northern Area and 5th District ALR leaders, Jim Wineland and Rusty Crowdus, were present to discuss next year's In-State Legacy Run and Rally, the upcoming Round Robin, and the ALR 283 and 129 Poker Runs. We are looking forward to an active year riding and having fun our way.... Getting wind therapy riding for a cause.

September 3rd we had a great Chapter turn-out riding with ALR 197 on their first Fun Run. In fact, we were in great company with excellent representation from many, if not all, of the local chapters. A good ride, great camaraderie, and excellent food was shared by all in attendance. September 10th was the dedication of the 5th District American Legion family Monument at JNC. Over 75 bikes from the 5th district participated in the escort motorcade, with 12 of those bikes coming from our Chapter. There was a great turnout for a beautiful, patriotic ceremony. The sun was brutal, the temperature scathing, and the breeze took the day off... but the bagpiper and bugler played on while the Legion Family endured and honored our Veterans with dignity, decorum, respect, and reverence. A huge Thank You to our Historian, Shutterbug, for standing up to the sweltering heat and doing what she does best - providing us with great pictures.

September was another busy month in the kitchen, with our core group of hard-working volunteers continuing to put in a lot of sweat equity to raise funds for your ALR Chapter. If you haven't come in to check out our weekly Taco Tuesdays or monthly breakfast. In just two months our small group of dedicated volunteers has raised in excess of \$2,600 and served over 675 meals at the Post for our Chapter. A huge debt of gratitude goes out to Indian and Turtle for providing the leadership and organization to keep Taco Tuesday going not only strong, but smooth and orderly as well. Extra hands make the work easier and faster for all - so I hope to see more members lending stepping up to help. At the very least, consider stopping in for some tasty food at very reasonable prices for a very noble cause - YOUR ALR. A BIG THANK YOU goes out to all of our hardworking volunteers whose dedication and efforts are making good things happen.

You may ask why we go through the hassle of working so hard in the kitchen.... Here's your answer: Supporting our causes! With the money we earn, we can reach out and donate to the Veterans, Children and Youth, and community causes that that are near and

dear to us. During our September meeting, your chapter voted to donate cash contributions to Post 137's Children and Youth, ALR 283 for the 5-Star Veteran's Center, and ALR 129 for Heroes on the Water. We will also be riding in the ALR 283 and ALR 129 Poker Runs for the above-mentioned causes. Don't forget we also rode and donated to ALR Chapter 202 last month for K9s for Warriors. All told, we have dedicated \$1,950 to the above named causes. Upcoming dates/events to remember: 10/8/16 - ALR 129 Poker Run for Heroes on the Water (Will stop at 5th District Picnic at Post 137) 10/8/16 - 5th District Picnic at Post 137. Come out and represent our Chapter and the Post 10/22/16 - Sidney's ride to Support the Leukemia Society. Post 137 is a stop. Please ride to support the cause! 10/29/16 - ALR 316 Zombie Ride January 2017 - First-ever ALR-only Convention in Orlando. Open to all riders, start planning now to attend! Stay tuned for the results of the Wreaths Across America Poker Run in next month's Bugler.

Ride Safe, Ride Proud – For the Cause, Not the Applause. Jim (Cruiser) Steele

BOY SCOUT

Hello legion family, the scouts are back to school and that means new members are being signed up. Cub scouts meet Monday at 7:00, Boy Scouts on Tuesday at 7:00. The troop will be holding a yard sale at the post on Saturday October 1st.

Keep looking in the Bugler for information about the Christmas tree sales coming up after Thanksgiving.

Duty, Honor, Country Tim Pratt





IT'S A PARTY IT'S A HALLOWEEN PARTY

CHILDREN AND YOUTH HALLOWEEN PARTY

OCTOBER 29TH FROM 11AM-2PM

IN THE LEGION HALL...

ALSO

THE ADULT HALLOWEEN PARTY

OCTOBER 29TH @ 7:30PM

WEAR YOUR BEST COSTUME!!!

ENTERTAINMENT

SALLY LANGWAN

HAM RADIO FCC LICENSE TRAINING MOON BUILDING WEDNESDAY 5 OCT 2017 6 PM - 9 PM CLASSES WILL RUN WEDNESDAY NIGHT FOR 7 WEEKS INSTRUCTION BOOKLETS \$30 (NOT RE-QUIRED) WILL BE ORDERED AT FIRST CLASS License exam fee at end of instructions \$15 RSVP ADVANCE REGISTRATION (APPRECIATED) K41FG@ARRL.NET (PREFERRED) MR. RICHARD MILLER 904-771-0101

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25 Cabane 304 Rendezvous 7PM ALR Taco Tuesday DARTS N 7PM	18 Color Guard Mtg. ALR Taco Tuesday DARTS	11 ALR Taco Tuesday DARTS 🎇 7 pm	4 Steering Comm. Mtg. 6:30 PM Color Guard Mtg. 7PM ALR Taco Tuesday DARTS S 7 PM		Tue
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28 Cabane-Ribs-Dinner 5:30-7PM or till sold out VAVS Visit 4:30 PM Tiki open 4-10PM Sally Langwah 7:30-11;30PM	21 Tiki open 4-10PM Southern Breeze 7:30-11;30PM	14 40/8-Meatloaf-Dinner 5:30–7PM or till sold out Tiki open 4-10PM Complicated 7:30-11;30PM	7 Commander's Steak- Dinner 5:30–7PM or till sold out Tiki open 4-10PM Rockin Machine 7:30-11;30PM		Fri
29 Tiki Open 1-8PM C/Y Halloween party 11AM-2PN party Adult Halloween Party 7:30PM 7:30-11;30PM	22 Darts-Pulled Pork–Dinner 5:30–7PM or till sold out Tiki Open 1-8PM ALR Poker Run Rockin Machine Poolside <u>6</u> -10PM & Karaoke inside	15 LEGION GEN ASSEMBLY 10 AM AUX-Stuffed peppers- Dinner 5:30-7 PM or till sold out Tiki Open 1-8PM Backtracks 7:30-11;30PM	8 5th District Picnic 11AM-4PM Hamburger and dogs Almost Kin Poolside Karaoke inside 4-8PM	1 Boy Scout Garage Sale Tiki Open 1-8PM Aux-C/Y Craft Day 2PM Contraband 7:30-11;30PM	Sat

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- * 8th @ 11Am 5th District Picnic. Music, Food and lots of Fun...
- * 15th @ 10 AM. Legion General Assembly.
- * Bingo Monday Nights, Darts and Taco Tuesday Nights, Spaghetti AYCE dinner and Open Mic Wednesday Nights and Thursday Wing night .
- * Friday/Saturday 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.

