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

"A Message From The Commander"

Our schools are back in session for the 2016-2017 school year. Please be careful on the streets especially in the areas of school zones. Allow a few extra minutes of drive time during school starting and closing times and observe posted speed limits. Remember all traffic must stop (both directions unless streets are divided by a center median) when school busses are loading or unloading.

September looks to be an active month around our post. Lots of happenings for your entertainment and relaxation. All of the events are to raise funds in support of our Post Home and Legion Programs for Veterans and Youths. Check the monthly calendar elsewhere in this Bugler, on the Website (post137.com) and our facebook page. Flyers are posted regularly around the post to keep members more informed.

All of our events are planned, organized, and presented by some very dedicated member volunteers. If you see something or have a function you would like to see here, JOIN THE TEAM! We are family. Together, it can be done.

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

#### **ADJUTANT**

Here it is September already! Summer is still going strong and the pool is still cool! So, Jump in and enjoy!

As you can tell, Labor Day is here which means that school is in session. Please watch out for the young ones when you are traveling on the road.

As well as anything else, enthusiasm is contagious and so is volunteerism. There is always something that every member can contribute to around the Post. We all would love to see your smiling face around here to be a positive influence on all the programs we support as <u>ONE VETERAN FAMILY</u>!

For God and Country, Ron Reaves

#### **1ST VICE COMMANDER**

Hello Legion family, I would like to thank all of you who voted for me for the 1st Vice position of this great Post. I am starting my 1st term as your 1st Vice and do well all I can to increase our membership.

As of August 15th our membership is at 472. A total of 35.61% of our goal of 100%. I would like to ask all of you to please help out Post by asking everyone you can to come join our family. Please tell them about our pool, camp grounds, boat dock, tiki bar, moon bldg, all the things we have for families and friends to enjoy, but mostly all of our Legion programs.

We must have members to operate our large Post. Please help if you can.

For God and Country, Eddie Dykes

#### 2ND VICE COMMANDER

Summer is almost over and the children are back in school and we still have a lot going on this fall. Don't forget The Tiki Bar will continue to be open most of the year with Karaoke on Saturday & Sunday and of course it will be hot enough outside to swim for several months yet. We also have our Karaoke scheduled in the hall every Wednesday and of course we will still have bands every Friday & Saturday night.

I recently talked to our Riders Chapter and they said Taco Tuesday has been a great success and is growing every week. Come out and try their full plate of Mexican Food for just a few dollars. Also don't forget the Legion's Wing Night on Thursday every week. I have never seen anything take off like Wing Night has and I am sure it is because of Bob & his crew. Please come out and support everyone of our outstanding groups who make the many meals all of us enjoy. Don't miss out on Post 137's Labor Day Celebration with the band "Rockin' Machine" on Monday September 5th from 1pm to 5pm on our Pool Deck & Bandstand. We are having lots of events for the kids to compete in and receive prizes as well as several drawings and 50-50 drawings for the adults. The Tiki will be open all day and the screen room will be serving food by the Rod & Pole Club till late afternoon and our Color Guard is doing their famous Roasted Chicken Dinner after 3pm. We also will have Karaoke in the hall from 4pm till 8pm. Please come out and enjoy our END OF SUMMER CELEBRATION!

MY MONTHLY SHOUTOUT! I really want to take the time to thank our Auxiliary Chaplain Kathleen (Kathy) Norris. If I wanted to describe the word Volunteer her name would be in the explanation! I don't think she knows the word "NO" as it is not in her vocabulary to turn down anyone here at Post 137 that needs help. When you see her say Thanks to her for all she does every day of the year!

UPCOMING EVENTS: Post 137 is looking forward to having the 5th District Picnic on October 8th, as we were again elected to host this important American Legion Event here in the North Florida Area. Also on Saturday Oct. 22nd the Riders are having their Leukemia Poker Run with a band on the Pool Deck Bandstand from 4-8pm. Look for Band Bio's next month!

For God and Country, Richard Lane

#### **4TH VICE COMMANDER**

Our next monthly visit to the VAVS will be on Friday, September 23rd. We meet at the Post at 4:15PM and either have supper at the Post or leave at 4:30PM and eat en route to Lake City. We still need used books and good used clothing to donate to the patients at the hospital or domiciliary. If you have some items to donate, they can be left at the office or with either Lewis Gray or Sandy Gentry. We always have a good time together and enjoy serving our hospitalized veterans. We hope you will consider joining us on this worthwhile visit.

For God and Country, Lee Jones

#### **CHAPLAIN**

LONELINESS - - - Webster says - - the quality or state of being lonely. In the lonely hours of the night you wrestle with God and with your feelings, for you feel desperately alone, rejected. Perhaps a best friend deserted you. The one you hoped to marry wants another. Or the one you did marry wants another. Your child has turned against you, or your parents don't seem to care. Ironically; you can feel equally lonely on a crowded city street or train terminal, in a busy airport or in the middle of crowds anywhere. Recognize that you are not unlovable or deficient just because you are lonely. You have value because God made you, loves you, and promises never to leave you. Thank you Lord for loving us and helping us through each day and each time of loneliness.

Thank you Legion Family for all your support and making Post 137 a great place to enjoy good friends and fellowship. I am proud of our to be a Legionnaire and may God be always in your light. 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. Hager Allen PORTER Jr. "Al", James Joseph CARRYL, keep these Legionnaires and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Remember our sick and shut-ins, let them know you care. Come and enjoy our Labor Day activities. You are all a great Legion Family and may God bless you all.

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

#### **CLUB MANAGERS REPORT**

The Tiki is 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 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 guests to join Post 137. Your support of the Tiki is what affords us the ability to provide this service to you.

The Tacos Tuesdays have been a great addition 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.

The Kids are back to school and Labor Day kicks off the coming of the Fall Season. We have lots of entertainment for the Labor Day celebration. Bring your friends as we will have membership applications available.

Also, Post 137 will again host the 5<sup>th</sup> District Picnic on October 8th.

If you feel there is a bartender or a customer that has been rude or unpleasant, or has provided exceptional service please call me at (904) 716-4547. I want to know that our Bartenders are providing you the member/ customer the service that you deserve. I may not answer every call but I will return every call. I thank you for your help in making Post 137 the Friendliest Post in Florida.

Serving our Members Daily, Ted Boutwell

#### SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hello Legion family. Squadron membership renewals are coming in at a brisk pace. We just missed the Aug. goal of 25%, but we are on track for the Sept. goal. Remember the following events that are coming up for this month, The dedication of the 5th District monument at the National cemetery on the 10th at 10 am,. Legion training on the 17th at post 283 at 8:30 am.

For God and Country Walter Rasco, Commander

#### AUXILIARY

I hope everyone had a great time at the Labor Day Celebration. I was unable to attend as I was at National Convention in Cincinnati. It is always fun to explore a city that I've never visited before. I was proud to be able to watch as Bill Kelly was installed as National Vice Commander, SAL, for the Southern Area. It is going to be an exciting year.

Summer vacation is over and the kids are back in school. We will be 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. 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. Our membership is off to a good start for the 2017 year. Please renew 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 dinner in November. Cut-off for the early bird stamp is October 31. Senior dues are \$30.00 yearly and Junior dues are \$5.00.

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 over \$11,000 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 gearing up once again to participate in the "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" walk in downtown Jacksonville on October 22nd. It was a lot of fun last year and we are looking forward to it. All are welcome to join us.

I am organizing a trip on the Victory Casino Cruise on September 29<sup>th</sup>. This is not an Auxiliary function and everyone is welcome. Nonmembers may come also. It is always a great day and the more the merrier. There is information in this issue and there will be flyers up around the post.

There will be a Monument Dedication Ceremony at the Jacksonville National Cemetery on September 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. It will have all of the Legion Family logos on it and is from money raised by the 5<sup>th</sup> District. I have seen the artist's rendering and it looks to be quite impressive. There will be a reception after at Post #283. Let's have a great showing of members from Post #137.

Our Post will once again be hosting the District Picnic. It will be on October 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 show your pride in our Post. Watch for details in the coming month. Hope to see you there!

For God and Country, Barbara Reyna, President

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Hopefully everyone can come out and enjoy what we have to offer at our facilities. Our last Promenade was unfortunately cut short due to issues with the A/C unit. That has now been fixed and we will be ready for the next Promenade on 1 September, 2016. I am looking forward to seeing all the members there .

We will have our annual 97 Nationale Promenade and 53 Nationale Rendevous in Perrysburg, Ohio from 13-18 September, 2016. Several members from our Voiture will be attending and bringing back great information to the Voiture and Cabane.

I will also like to thank all of the Voyageurs who have helped in all of our programs this month. Keep up the good work

Merci, Chef de Gare, Jeff Fazan

#### **CABANE**

We have a rib dinner on the 23rd of September. Please come out and support us and our home Post. We have a meeting the 4th Tuesday of the month. Please try and attend the meetings.

For God and Country Donna Runyan, La Presidente

#### ROD AND POLE BENDERS

. Happy Labor Day to everyone. For July's local water fishing. Donna Runyan got big fish and Ray got aggregate. We will have the screen room on Monday September 5th (Labor Day). So come on our and enjoy a hamburger, hot dog or a fish sandwich with French fries or chips. And watch the children with the watermelon contest. All children will receive a surprise. We will have a breakfast on Sunday, September 18th. 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.

Beginning October 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 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 a member of our legion family. Please remember our sick and our shut-ins. Sometimes they need our help but are afraid to ask.

See you on the water, Bin and Debbie

#### **BLOOD DRIVE CHAIRMAN**

Once again, Post 137 is proud to host the 5th district picnic on Saturday, October 8th. The mobile blood unit will be at the Post from 11AM to 4PM. Don't let this opportunity pass you by. Donate, Donate. Donate.

For God & Country/Friendly Vampire Bazile Bacino.

#### **RIDERS**

Our August meeting was busy and productive with some good discussion after a filling Post breakfast hosted by the Riders. We are looking forward to an active year with plans for four major poker runs, plenty of fun runs, our signature Leather and Lace event, supporting the 2017 In-State Legacy ride and Rally, and of course riding in support of Veterans causes as well as providing support to local rides such as JDRF and the Leukemia Society. As the sweltering summer heat cools, it is time to get back to the business of riding and having fun our way.... Getting wind therapy riding for a cause.

August was a busy month in the kitchen, with our core group of hard-working volunteers putting 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, monthly breakfast, or our monthly/ semi-monthly dinners you don't know what you're missing. In just a few short weeks our small group of dedicated volunteers has raised in excess of \$1,820 and served over 500 meals at the Post for our Chapter. Extra hands make the work easier and faster for all - so consider volunteering a couple of hours on a Tuesday evening and/or a Saturday dinner or Sunday breakfast. 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 hard-working volunteers whose dedication and efforts are making good things happen.

Upcoming dates/events to remember:

8/20/16 – ALR 202 K9 for Warriors Ride. ALR 137 Riders meet at Post 137 at 8am, KSU at 8:30 to go to 202.

8/23/16 - ALR 137 Taco Tuesday 6 - 8pm
8/30/16 - ALR 137 Taco Tuesday 6 - 8pm
9/4/16 - ALR 137 Post Breakfast 8am - 11am; ALR 137
Monthly meeting 12:30pm in the Moon Building
9/6/16 - ALR 137 Taco Tuesday 6-8pm
9/10/16 - 5<sup>th</sup> District Memorial Dedication at JNC.
Time is 10am. Riders will be escorting and attending.
9/13/16 - ALR 137 Taco Tuesday 6-8pm
9/17/16 - ALR 137 Poker Run for Wreaths Across
America. Leaves and ends at Post 137. Stay tuned for info.
9/17/16 - 5<sup>th</sup> District AL/SAL/Auxiliary training.

9/20/16 - ALR 137 Taco Tuesday 6-8pm

9/24/16 – ALR 283 Poker Run for 5-Star Veterans 9/27/16 – ALR 137 Taco Tuesdays 6-8pm 10/8/16 – 5<sup>th</sup> 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!

January 2017 – First-ever ALR-only Convention in Orlando. Open to all riders, start planning now to attend!

Ride Proud, Ride Safe Jim Steele

#### **BOY SCOUT CHAIRMAN**

Hello legion family, school is back and the troop is recruiting new scouts. To sign up go to <u>www.beascout.org</u>. The troop will be selling Frasier fir Christmas trees from the day after Thanksgiving till the day before Christmas eve. Info on legion discount and pre-sales will be coming.

To our new Legion family I'd like to thank you for making us welcome and for all of the support you've given us. Second I would like to invite any and all who would like to ride (bicycles) join us in our 19th Annual Cycle to the Shore in support of Multiple Sclerosis. It not only supports a great cause but provides our young Scouts a significant challenge both physically and mentally. The Scouts are required to pay their own registration, motel room, shirt fee and raise \$250 each for the cause then ride an exceptionally long distance. To date your Troop, over the years, has donated in excess of \$25,000 to support MS. Please come ride with us or, if not, donate to the troop. All proceeds will be divided equally among the boys to cover their expenses. For details please see Tim Pratt or Ike Eigenbauer. Thanks, Ike

Honor and Duty, and Country

Tim Pratt



### **CHILDREN & YOUTH DINNER**

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH

DINNER SERVED FROM 5:30-7 OR UNTIL SOLD OUT

COME OUT EAT DINNER AND SUP-PORT YOUR LEGION PROGRAMS.

> STICK AROUND FOR LIVE ENTERTAINMENT BY CONTRABAND

> > \$10 DONATION

LASAGNA SERVED WITH CESAR SALAD, BREAD STICKS AND CANOLLI FOR DESSERT.

CASINO CRUISES

Date: 9/29/16

Round trip transportation, Boarding for your 5 1/2 hour cruise \$10 food voucher and 2 complimentary cocktails

\$30 qualified slot play complimentary cocktails while gaming Pickup at 9AM from Post 137 Contact Barbara for more information

Remember that if you have email we would like to send the bugler through email. Contact the business office for more information. We also have a website with the most up to date information.

#### www.post137.com



Come Celebrate at Post 137

Monday Sept. 5th

Rod and Pole will be serving burgers and dogs in the screen room from 11AM-3PM

## Rockin Machine

Performing poolside from 1-5PM

TIKI BAR SERVING UP BEVERAGES

Color Guard will be serving chicken dinners @ 3PM

### KIDS ACTIVITIES

### Food, Fun, Friendship and Music



Department of

Florida 5th District

Dedication Ceremony American Legion Monument Jacksonville National Cemetery

September 10th @ 10AM

American Legion

	AUX-Breakfast 8:30am-11am Tiki Open 1-8PM	25		8:30 AM-11 AM <b>Tiki Open 1-8PM</b>	18 Rod and Pole– Breakfast		Tiki Open 1-8PM	<b>Legion-Brunch</b> Breakfast 9 AM-1 PM	11		ALR Meeting 12:30 PM Tiki Open 1-8PM	<b>4</b> ALR-Breakfast 8:30 AM-11 AM		Sun
Bingo WITH Brenda 7-9 PM	BLNCO	26	Bingo WITH Brenda 7-9 PM	BINGO	19	Bingo WITH Brenda 7-9 PM	BINGO	Rod & Pole Mtg. 7 PM	12	Color Guard Chicken Dinner 3 till sold out	room 11AM-3PM Rockin Machine 1-5PM	5 LABOR DAY CELEBRATION		Mon
DARTS 🛞 7PM	ALR Taco Tuesday Cabane 304 Rendezvous 7PM	27	DARTS 🛞 7 PM	ALR Taco Tuesday	20 Color Guard Mtg. 7PM	DARTS 🛞 7 pm	ALR Taco Tuesday	<b>Bugler Articles Due</b>	13	DARTS 🛞 7 PM	-	6 Steering Comm. Mtg. 6:30 PM		Tue
Open Mic7:30 PM	Legion Lunch 12-2PM Chicken Fingers Work on Bugler 9AM	28	Kent Mitchell	Sub Combo	21 Legion Lunch 12-2PM	Open Mic 7:30 PM	Birthday Night Bring Covered Dish	Legion Lunch 12-2PM Hamburgers	14	Open Mic7:30 PM	Sandwiches Legion Exec Mtg6:30PM	7 Legion Lunch 12-2PM		Wed
Wing Night	Pool Tournament 9:30AM-12PM Casino Cruises	29	Wing Night	Blind 501 Darts	22	Wing Night	Cricket 7PM	Pool Tournament 9:30AM-12 PM	15	Wing Night	SAL Mtg. 7PM Auxiliary Mtg. 7:30PM	8	1 Pool Tournament 9:30AM-12 PM Voiture 304 Cheminot & Prom 7PM Wing Night	Thu
7:30-11;30PM	AUX_TBADinner 5:30- 7PM or till sold out	30	Band on the Run 7:30-11;30PM	VAVS Visit 4:30 PM Tiki open 4-10PM	23 CABANE-RibsDinner 5:307PM or till sold	7:30-11;30PM	Tiki open 4-10PM	Rod & Pole-Meatloaf - Dinner 5:30–7PM or till sold out	16	Backtracks 7:30-11:30PM	sold out <b>Tiki open 4-10PM</b>	9 Legion-Pork Loin- Dinner 5:30–7PM or till	2 Legion-Chicken-Dinner 5:30–7PM or till sold out Tiki open 4-10PM Bo cats 7:30-11;30PM	Fri
			Jackhammer 7:30-11;30PM	sold out	24 Darts-MoJo Pulled Pork	Almost Kin 7:30-11;30PM	Legion-Streak - Uinner 5:30-7PM or till sold out Tiki Open 1-8PM	District Leadership Training Post 283 8:30AM	17	Tiki Open 1-8PM Contraband 7:30-11;30PM	<b>C/Y-Lasagna</b> -Dinner 5:30-7PM or till sold out	10 LEGION GEN ASSEMBLY 2PM	3 Legion-Beef Strogan- off-Dinner 5:30–7PM or till sold out Tiki Open 1-8PM Double Shot 7:30-11;30PM	Sat

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- \* September 5th @ 11AM-5PM LABOR DAY CELEBRATION
- \* September 10th @ 2 PM Legion General Assembly.
- \* Bingo Monday Nights, Darts/Taco Tuesday Nights, Open Mic Wednesday Nights and Wing night Thursday Night.
- \* Friday/Saturday Night Dinners 5:30-7:00 PM or until sold out.
- \* Friday and Saturdays. Live Music or Open Mic & Dancing. 7PM-11PM.



\* Tiki open Friday, Saturday and Sunday