

Post Commander:

Hank Morris

Auxiliary President:

Barbara Reyna

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Before General Meeting, 3rd Saturday 10:00 AM
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"A Message From The Commander"

May was an excellent month around the Post. Cinco De Mayo, luau, 5th District DCC, Mother's Day Breakfast, Armed Forces Day Auto show, and finishing off with our annual Memorial Day celebration. Squeezed in among all that was our regularly weekly events throughout the month. Lots of fun for all, and much work for many of our loyal volunteers. Thanks to all.

At our regular Monthly General Assembly, the final round of nominations was held for the upcoming elections (10 June.) The list of nominees is published elsewhere in this Bugler as well as on the Post bulletin boards and website/social media. Absentee ballots are available at the office. There are several vacancies on the ballot but remember that 'write-in' candidates will be counted along with those nominees. Anyone interested in filling these vacancies just pass the word around the Post and have your name included as a write-in.

Now it is up to you, the membership, to exercise your rite to VOTE and place in office those to serve the 2017-2018 year. The voting booth will be open in the office from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM. on 10 June with installation scheduled for July General Assembly Meeting, Third Saturday, 15 July at 10:00 AM.

The call for supplies to be sent to the First Responders (Firefighters) on the line at the West Mims fire in Georgia/Florida has had excellent results. Volunteer donations in materials as well as funds has been absolutely amazing. Kudos all around and especially to those who are delivering them to the drop off points near the fire. We will continue this program as long as they will receive our offers. If you haven't contributed yet and want to, just drop your donations off at the post and our drivers will get them to the Firemen. Again, thanks to ALL!

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
Ray Runyan



Chef de Gare
Jeff Fazan



La Presidente
Donna Runyan

"IN GOD WE TRUST"

ADJUTANT

June brings a lot of things for the Post. Summer is in full swing. So, bring you and your family out to enjoy the pool and other happenings around the Post.

Post elections will be held on 10 June, 8am to 5pm. Please come out a vote on the Officers for the 2017-2018 Legion year. Good luck to all of the nominated personnel.

There will be a Flag Retirement Ceremony held in the pit area by the boat ramp on 17 June, 2017. This ceremony corresponds with Flag Day that is on 14 June at 2 PM. Please come out and witness how a proper way on handling frayed and unusable Flags. If you have never seen one done, come out and understand the way it is done. All are welcome to witness the ceremony

For God and Country,
Ron Reaves

1ST VICE COMMANDER

Hello Legion family, we are still off on our membership of about 95 members. We are still trying, so please help if you can. Also, we will be going to department convention at the end of June and when we get back we will have the 2018 membership cards.

Yours In Service
Eddie Dykes

2ND VICE COMMANDER

Summer is here now and we have lots of Events at Post 137. Don't Forget all our weekly activities we have for our members as well as special events all summer. Starting on **Sunday** we have **Karaoke from 2 to 6pm in our Tiki Bar** every weekend, **Monday** we have **Bingo with Brenda at 7pm**, **Tuesday** we have **Taco Tuesday at 6pm** by the Riders and also **Darts with Walter at 7pm**, **Wednesday** we have a **Free Lunch by Legion at 12 to 1pm** and also **Karaoke with Kent Mitchell at 7pm**, **Thursday** we have our Famous **Wing Night at 5pm** and **Cricket & Blind 501 Darts** the last two Thursdays of the Month, and most **Fridays** we have the **Tiki Bar Open** from **5 to 10pm** and a **Band Playing in the Hall**. **Saturday**, rounding out our week, we have **The Tiki Bar Open** with **Karaoke** starting at 2 and early evening with a

Feature Band in our Legion Hall on Saturday Night. Please come out and enjoy all these *exclusive* things we bring to our *members* including a Pool & Boat Launching Ramp every day of the week!

Don't forget these important United States Celebration of **D Day of WWII is celebrated this month on June 6th as well as Flag Day on June 14th**. I know we will have all our flags out around Post 137 so come help Curt our Flag Chairman get those flags out on Flag Day that Wednesday at 6:30am. Also, this month we celebrate **Fathers Day** on Sunday June 18th so don't forget those Dads.

Every weekend we will have bands all this month just check out the calendar and print it out every month and put it on the side of your fridge. Follow us at <http://www.post137.com/> to Download your calendar or if you are on **Facebook** click this link: [Post 137 Facebook Page](#) and you can observe all the events every week by following us at this page.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

We are having Bands & Events that whole weekend before Independence Day. Come Celebrate with us Tuesday July 4th Independence Day on the Pool Deck Band Stand at Post 137 the Black Creek Rizin' Band with Clint McFarland will be playing all afternoon. Food at Screen Room, Fun for the kids, Contests & Tiki Bar Open all day. The Fun Starts at 10am and goes all day on Independence Day!

For God and Country
Richard Lane

3RD VICE COMMANDER

This year is flying by, kids will be getting out of school for the summer. Safety should be a top priority to make sure our kids have a great summer vacation. The pool is ready for all our Legion family to enjoy so support your Post and all have a super summer. June is a slow month for Children and Youth our next big event will be the 4 of July a fun filled day is planned, Food, music by the pool and games for the kids. Be sure and check your calendar for upcoming events this summer

For God and Country
Emory Austin

4TH VICE COMMANDER

As my 2nd year as 4th vice draws to a close, I would like to thank those who have been faithful to serving our Veterans in the VA Hospital in Lake City. A really big thank you to Lewis Gray, who has been

making these visits for at least 27 years. Also thanks to the Gentry family Norman, Sandy, Cheryl, Debra, Cindy for their faithfulness and help. I have to say thanks to my wife, Thelma, who keeps me straight and is a really big help. We have one fairly new member to the team and that is Daryl Seabridge; thanks so much joining this volunteer effort!

I believe our hospitalized veterans really look forward to our visits. We had 44 playing bingo on our April visit. We can always use new volunteers. We will make our June visit on the 23rd and hope you will consider going with us. We meet at the post at 415PM and leave about 430PM unless we have supper at the post. We are always back by 900PM.

We can always use your used books and clothing for the hospital or domiciliary. Donations can be left in the office when open or left in the hall.

At the present time, plans are for visiting Jefferson St clinic on June 22nd. Please contact Richard Lane for more information on this project and let him know if you can help.

For God and Country,
Lee Jones

CHAPLAIN

WHY AM I HERE? - - - "Why me Lord", I believe that sometime over the years we have asked this question regarding our being in a situation we couldn't understand. God planned it that way - that is why. This poem by Russell Kelfer sums it up. You are who you are for a reason. You're part of an intricate plan. You're precious and perfect unique in design, called God's special woman or man. You look like you for a reason, our God made no mistake. He knit you together within the womb, you're just what He wanted to make. The parents you had was the one he chose, and no matter how you may feel, they were custom designed with God's plan in mind, and they bear the Master's seal. No, that trauma you faced was not easy. And God wept that it hurt you so; but it was allowed to shape your heart so that into his likeness you'd grow. You are who you are for a reason, you've been formed by the Master's rod. You are who you are, beloved, because there is a God. Thank you, Lord for our Legion Family.

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. Curtis Leroy BROWNING, Kenneth O. WARREN, Charles Frank ROBERT Jr. Keep these Legionnaires and their families in your thoughts and

prayers. Remember our sick and incapacitated, let them know you care. God Bless our active duty troops wherever they may be, keep them safe and in your protective care. May God be with you each and every day.

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

CLUB MANAGERS REPORT

June has brought on the summer heat and increased the Tiki and Pool attendance. With greater use it is important that our member sign all guests in at the guest log. This is not intended to restrict access or limit guest attendance it helps us maintain order and an opportunity to introduce your guest to the Bartender on duty and welcome them to Post 137. Our goal is to increase our membership and encourage guests to join Post 137.

Many of us will attend the American Legion convention in Orlando. The event will cover the accomplishments of all the Post throughout the year. Our Legion Family from Post 137 has done a good job and met the needs of many Veterans. Well done!

We are looking forward to July events starting with Independence Day. July 4th will be wild at the Pool & Tiki Bar. We will have a live band by the Pool and Burgers with fixins in the Screen Room. Later in the afternoon we have chicken dinners from the Kitchen. It will be a day to remember. We have our usual weekly entertainment. Bingo on Mondays, Darts on Tuesday, Karaoke on Wednesday, Wing Night on Thursday, with Friday & Saturday Bands.

I have been managing the canteen for eighteen months and I hope you have seen improvement. My primary goal is to have our bartenders display better hospitality skills. My purpose is to insure that you the customer/member has a pleasant visit at Post 137. We all will have a good time if we maintain pleasant attitudes. If you feel there is a bartender or a customer that has been rude or unpleasant please call me at (904) 716-4547. I may not answer every call but I will return every call. I thank you for your help in making Post 137 the Friendly Post in Florida.

Serving our Members Daily,
Ted Boutwell

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

As another Legion year is drawing to a close. I would like to say thank you to my squadron officers and

members of the SAL for making my first year as Commander a memorable one. I think we did a great job. Our membership fell a little short which means we will just have to work a little harder next year. **The officers of the squadron for 2017-2018 are as follows:**

Commander Walter Rasco

1st vice Jim Steele

Finance Bill Kelly

Sgt at Arms Kenny Campbell

Chaplain Bradley Burns

Historian Mike Melton

Lets give them a hand and wish them well for their term.

For God and Country
Walter Rasco, Commander

AUXILIARY

It's hard to believe that another year has come and gone. We had our elections on May 4th. The officers of Unit #137 for the year 2017-2018 will be:

President:	Lisa York
1st Vice President:	Donna Runyan
2nd Vice President:	Debbie Sisk
Secretary:	Vicky Tomasello
Treasurer:	Dianne Alexander
Chaplain:	Kathie Norris
Sgt. at Arms:	Virginia (Ginger) Halsey
Asst. Sgt. at Arms	Elizabeth (Beth) Prithcard
Executive Committee:	

Debbie Jennings

Debbie Geisinger

Nancy Conley

Sandy Gentry

I wish these ladies a very fun and successful year!

We hosted the 5th District Constitutional Conference on Sunday, May 14th. We provided a light breakfast and lunch. A big thank you to JoAnn Spencer, Kathie Norris and Nancy Conley for helping to make it a very enjoyable experience for everyone. Our new District President is Molly Main from Unit #54 in Fernandina Beach. I wish her a very successful year. I was elected as an Alternate Delegate to the American Legion National Convention in Reno, NV. I am looking forward to

a fantastic trip.

Summer is here and the fun has begun! Everyone had a wonderful time at the Memorial Day party. It's great to see the kids having so much fun. I look forward to our Fourth of July party as well as Labor Day. Happy Father's Day to everyone!!

For God and Country,
Barbara Reyna, President

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Hello Voyagers and Legion family. May was a busy month for all of us. I want to thank Terry Lee for conducting the White collar wreck held at the last Promenade. It went very well and we now have a new Voyager Jim Reed added to our ranks at V-304. The Voyager elections are complete and the Installation of new officers will be held on a Saturday evening in June. The date will be selected at the next Promenade which will be held on June 1, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. There will be a Flag Disposal Ceremony held on Saturday June 17, 2017 after the general meeting at Post 137, If you have any old and retired U.S. Flags please bring them to V-304 and we will make sure they are disposed of properly.

Merci,
Jeff Fazan, Chef de Gare

CABANE

The new officers will be installed in June. We did not have a date at the time of this article. I thoroughly enjoyed being La Presidente for the year. Merci. Also, I want to wish all the new officers a successful and enjoyable year.

For God and Country
Donna Runyan, La Presidente

ROD AND POLE BENDERS

Getting HOT out there so everyone Remember your hats, sunscreen and lots of water. Very busy month as we get ready for the Kids Fishing Tournament on June 3rd. @ 9AM @ Crystal Springs Park on Crystal Springs Road. Bring out them grandbabies. Nothing better than the smile on a kids face when they catch a fish. Entry forms are in the folder by the front door or ask any of us and we will "

Hook you up.

Commander Hank spoke to everyone on the use of the docks and ramps with the wise words of COMMUNICATE it makes life easier for everyone. Thanks to all members for their donations for the kids and a special shout out to Bill Tardiff for his \$100 donation for a good hot dog. Our local waters tournament for June is on the 17th ..Good Luck to all.

See you on the Water,
Nancy Conley

BLOOD DRIVE CHAIRMAN

When platelets stick together, they form a blood clot. The chemical process that causes this is way over my head. As a platelet donor, I cannot guarantee myself that I will never have a blood clot because there are other variables that may come into play. However, I do feel that I have given myself another layer of protection. Remember, it is never too late to donate.

For God & Country/Friendly Vampire
Bazile Bacino.

RIDERS

NO REPORT

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

BOY SCOUT

Greetings to our Legion Family. Again, I want to thank you all for your support. The Troop and Pack had a wonderful time at the Wild Adventures Scout Weekend (the last weekend in April) and now we're in June. On 6 May, the Troop made a scrap metal run that netted us \$227. We had a lot of copper and aluminum plus about 1500 lbs. of bulk steel. Thank you for your donations. However, we can no longer take cyclone fence. There appears to be no market for it and the scrap yard will not take it off our hands. May 12 through 14 the Troop is camped at Princess Place State Park down by Marine Land and we went hiking and

swimming. On the 20th of May, we did our "Adopt-a-Highway" road clean-up. This covers Timuquana Blvd, both sides of the street, from Blanding Blvd. to Roosevelt Blvd. We're preparing for our June Summer Camp, from 17 June through 25 June at Camp Powhoton, Virginia (up by Pulaski). Should be a lot of fun. We still are in need of new Scouts (always). If you know a young man between the ages of 6 and 11 (Cub Scout) or 11 and 18 (Boy Scout) who still loves the outdoors and physical adventure, that requires a little more than his fingers, bring him by. We meet in the Moon building on Monday (Cubs) or Tuesday (Boy Scout) at 1900.

Respectfully,
William A. Eigenbauer
Committee Chairman
BSA Troop 169

COLOR GUARD

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...Plan to attend our next meeting. Meeting dates are the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7PM every month at the Post. Come see us, you might like it.

For God and Country,
J.J. O'Brien

OFFICE

I want to thank everyone for the donations to the fire fighters that are fighting the West Mims fire. My family had some family members that live in St. George displaced because of the fire. So, when I heard that the fire fighters were needing supplies I sent out an urgent email for donation. I knew that Post 137 Legion family would step up to the plate and oh! Boy did you all. Thank you so much. You all are amazing.

For God and Country,
Candice Baylor
Post Secretary

Our Second round of nominations were held at our May General Assembly. The elections will be held on June 10th from 8Am to 5PM.

If you would like to receive the bugler through email. Please call the business office during business hours to make this arrangement.

Nominated Officers

Commander

**Hank Morris
Emory Austin**

1st Vice

NONE

2nd Vice

Richard Lane

3rd Vice

NONE

4th vice

NONE

Finance

Jerry Lepore

Chaplain

NONE

Historian

NONE

Sgt @ Arms

**Walter Rasco
Tim Pratt**

Executive Officers

**Ray Runyan
Binion Williams
Ralph Wicklund
Phillip Lindros
Billy Hackett
Craig Rashaw**











VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteers for repairing the boat dock. Date to be determined. If you have any question please contact Ray Runyan 904-472-4579.



JUNE 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>4 ALR—Breakfast 8:30 AM-11 AM ALR Meeting 12:30 PM Tiki Open 1-8PM</p>	<p>5 Rod & Pole Meeting 7 PM Chateau  Bingo WITH Brenda 7-9 PM</p>	<p>6 Steering Comm. Mtg. 6:30 PM Color Guard Mtg. 7PM Taco Tuesday  DARTS 7 PM</p>	<p>7 Legion Lunch 12-1PM Kent Mitchell Karaoke... 7:30 PM</p>	<p>1 Auxiliary Mtg. 7:30PM Voiture 304 Chemnot & Prom 7PM Wing Night</p>	<p>2 Tiki Open 5-10PM Locked & Loaded Band with David Pittman 7:30-11:30PM</p>	<p>3 Rod & Pole Kid's Fishing Tourney 9AM-1PM Tiki Open 1-8PM Backtracks 7:30-11:30PM</p>
<p>11 Legion—Breakfast 8:30 AM-11 AM Tiki Open 1-8PM</p>	<p>12 Legion Exec. Mtg. 6:30PM  Bingo WITH Brenda 7-9 PM</p>	<p>13 Taco Tuesday  DARTS 7 pm</p>	<p>14 Flag Day Legion Lunch 12-1PM Bugler articles due Kent Mitchell Karaoke... 7:30 PM</p>	<p>8 SAL Mtg. 7PM Wing Night</p>	<p>9 Tiki Open 5-10PM Juke Box Night</p>	<p>10 Legion Elections 8AM-5PM Auxiliary-Dinner 5:30— 7PM or till sold out Tiki Open 1-8PM Double Shot 7:30-11:30PM</p>
<p>18 FATHERS DAY Rod & Pole—Breakfast 8:30-11AM Tiki Open 1-8PM</p>	<p>19  Bingo WITH Brenda 7-9 PM</p>	<p>20 Taco Tuesday Color Guard Mtg. 7PM DARTS  7 pm</p>	<p>21 Legion Lunch 12-1PM Kent Mitchell Karaoke... 7:30 PM</p>	<p>15 Wing Night</p>	<p>16 Tiki Open 5-10PM Band on the Run 7:30-11:30PM</p>	<p>17 LEGION GEN ASSEMBLY 10 -AM Rod & Pole Local Tourney Flag Retirement ceremony 2PM SAL-Steak-Dinner 5:30— 7PM or till sold out Tiki Open 1-8PM Top Shelf 7:30-11:30PM</p>
<p>25 Rod & Pole—Breakfast 8:30 AM-11 AM Tiki Open 1-8PM</p>	<p>26  Bingo WITH Brenda 7-9 PM</p>	<p>27 Taco Tuesday Cabane 304 Rendezvous 7PM DARTS  7 pm</p>	<p>28 Legion Lunch 12-1PM Work on Bugler Kent Mitchell Karaoke... 7:30 PM</p>	<p>29 Blind 501 Darts Wing Night</p>	<p>30 Tiki Open 5-10PM Almost Kin 7:30-11:30PM</p>	<p>July 1 Tiki Open 1-8PM The B.D.W. Band 7:30-11:30PM</p>

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JUNE

- * **3rd @ 9AM Rod & Pole kids fishing tournament @ Crystal Springs Lake**
- * **10th @ 8AM-5PM Elections for Post Officers & Executive Committee**
- * **17th @ 10 AM General Assembly and @ 2PM Flag retirement Ceremony**
- * **Bingo Monday Nights, Darts/Taco Tuesday Nights, Karaoke Wednesday Nights and Wing night Thursday Nights.**
- * **Dinners 5:30-7:00 PM or until sold out. See Calendar**
- * **Friday and Saturdays. Live Music or Karaoke & Dancing. 7PM-11PM.**
- * **Sunday Morning Breakfast 8:30-11:00 AM.**

