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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"

April has quietly moved past and now we are into May which should be an exciting month for us at the Post. Our first round of nominations for Officers of the post 2018 Legion year occurred on April 15. The list of nominees has been posted on the bulletin board in the lounge and elsewhere in this Bugler. The next round is scheduled for May 13th. (Please note the change in the date of our May General Assembly Meeting). Since our annual Veteran's Auto Show is scheduled on the 20th, it was necessary to move this meeting up one week to the 13th as well as the Executive Committee Meeting to the 8th.

Please notice that several positions have yet to receive nominations. Get with your comrades and encourage them to step forward and become a part of the democratic process of electing our leadership for the future. Interested in being part of the team but not sure if you qualify? There are many 'ole timers' around who can provide excellent guidance for each office. (the only minimums are - be a legionnaire of Post 137 in good standing and - a desire to serve our post Legion Family and Veterans everywhere). Additionally, training manuals as well direct instructions are available from Department and National Headquarters. Come on out and join the team of the Family Friendly Post. Your Post 137.

May 2017 other significant dates in May include Mothers Day on the 14th where we all honor all mothers as well as our own. Expect a celebratory breakfast at the Post. As mentioned earlier, 20th brings our Veteran's Auto Show that always provides excellent entertainment, food and many fine old cars for the auto buffs. We have already begun the Summer Season with the Tiki, Pool and boating underway. Memorial Day this year will be a bit early since everyone expects in to be on a long weekend. Our celebrations to kickoff the season will be Monday 29th. See our monthly calendar here and on the web for events throughout the Post grounds.

Thanks to all who have made this past year one of the best in recent years here at the Post. Space constraints prevent me from mentioning all here plus I would probably omit someone who really deserves mentioning. So, here's thanks to The Membership, one and all.

Every Day Is Veterans Day At Post 137
For God And Country
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

The Legion year is coming to a close very soon. Second round nominations will be held at the General Assembly on 13 May, 2017. Please come out and make sure that your voice and volunteerism is for the Legion and all of the programs we support. Be good and be good at it. Let's continue on a good path and have the distinction of ALWAYS being "The Most Outstanding Post in Florida"!

This is a reminder that the General Assembly is on the second Saturday this month because of the Post 137 Car Show will be held on the third Saturday in conjunction with Armed Forces Day. We should all support all of our Veterans in all of the Armed Forces, both past and present because "Every day is Veterans Day"! Please come out and support this event because all of the monies raised will go towards many of our Legion programs. Plus, you will get to see several vintage cars in the process.

The month of May also brings Mother's Day and Memorial Day! Please support all the mothers and veterans because of their sacrifice to all of us to continue their work in life. Thank you for your service to all mothers and veterans.

For God and Country,
Ron Reaves

1ST VICE COMMANDER

Hello Legion family, Happy Mother's Day. As of April 12th, our membership is 1198 90.38% of our goal. Help your Post bring in a friend or family member to join. Remember to come out and support the Car show on May 20th.

For God and Country
Eddie Dykes

2ND VICE COMMANDER

Spring has Sprung & Summer on the Way! Post 137 is having lots of events going on this month of May! The Luau will be celebrated on the Pool Deck with a Band and Karaoke on May 6th. One of our largest events will be held on May 20th with The Veterans Car Show that will be held on the boat parking area on the River behind Post 137 with Vintage & Antique Cars. We have not held this event for 3 years now so we expect it will be quite a large show with music, food, fun, and lots of people since Post 137 will be open to the Public that day. Please come out and see some of the finest restored cars in North Florida.

Memorial Day! Celebrates a federal holiday in the United States for remembering the people who died while serving in the country's armed forces. The holiday, which is observed every year on the last Monday of May, originated as Decoration Day. We Need You! Please come out and

celebrate this important day with us here at Post 137 as we will have a Band on the Pool Deck with one of our favorite Bands the Top Shelf Band with Lisa Dardis & Kent Mitchell that we all know. We will have the Screen Room open for hamburgers, hot dogs, fish sandwiches, chips or french fries + more as well as our Tiki Bar will be open for your enjoyment with drink refreshments all day.

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 Face book under American Legion Post 137 and you can observe all the events every week by following us at this page.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Independence Day Celebration on Tuesday July 4th on the Pool Deck Band Stand at Post 137 the Black Creek Rizin' Band with Clint McFarland. Food at Screen Room, Fun for the kids , Contests & Tiki Bar Open all day.

For God and Country
Richard Lane

3RD VICE COMMANDER

It has been a very busy the past few months for children and youth programs here at your Post. Oratorical contest, Boy State, Girl State, Boy Scouts, Base Ball, ROTC and junior shooters programs, along with Arts and Crafts events sponsored by the Auxiliary and this is just the first five months of 2017.

This is what the American Legion Children and Youth Programs are all about supporting our kids with positive leadership, understanding how our Government State, Local and Federal works. The ability to work with others building a future through education, sports, military, politics. Whatever they choose it is hoped that American Legion Post 137 programs have contributed to their success.

Upcoming event for May. Memorial Day celebration. Mom Dad brings the kids out for a fun day of games, contest with prizes and hopefully watermelons will be in season and we will have our famous watermelon eating contest for the kids. The fun is not over yet the kids get to watch Mom or Dad or both compete eating watermelon. Support your Post come out enjoy the weather, our kids and Your Legion family.

For God and Country
Emory Austin

4TH VICE COMMANDER

Mark your calendars... May 26th will be our next visit to the Lake City VA Hospital. Please consider going and helping us serve our hospitalized veterans. We need some new volunteers to help with this worthwhile project of our post.

We will meet at the post about 415 pm and either enjoy supper at the post and leave afterwards or leave about 430 pm and eat on the way to Lake City. We usually are back at the post by 900 pm. Come join us as we serve our hospitalized veterans and enjoy fellowship with some fellow Legion-

naires.

Current plans are to visit the Jefferson St. Clinic on Thursday May 25th. If interested in helping with this well received project, please contact Richard Lane or our Post 137's office for more information.

We continue to need used books and clothing in good condition to deliver to our veterans in Lake City at the hospital or domiciliary. They can be left at the office at any time. Thanks for your help.

For God and Country,
Lee Jones

CHAPLAIN

Webster says - - - Integrity - adherence to a code of moral, artistic, or other values Integrity is about determining to walk the right path. Integrity is about asking for God's help. Integrity is about saying no - - about refusing to pursue low and vulgar things. Integrity is about what happens in my own home, where no one else sees but my own heart certainly knows. When we think of low and vulgar things, we immediately think of pornography on the Internet or on cable TV, which is having a devastating on Christian families. Integrity means saying no to pornography. Other low and vulgar things make their way into our homes as well. Speaking cruel and profane words, letting our anger burn out of control, and gossiping around the table are low and vulgar things. God made us to look to him for so much more than this. The psalmist tells us, "The Lord on high is mighty" (Psalm 93:4). Integrity is choosing to ask for God's help to say no. Integrity is recognizing that without God's help we don't have the power to say no, but with his help we have a new power to say yes to high and mighty things. Prayer: Our Heavenly Father, thank You for filling each one of us with the joy of life and with enthusiasm for it! And if this joy and this enthusiasm have evaporated, forgive us and help us. Put a fire in us again. Help us to walk out into this world and know that it is filled with all kinds of opportunities and challenges, that it is full of beauty and excitement. Help us to rejoice with unutterable and exalted joy. In His name we pray. AMEN

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. **Sanford S. ROOKS Sr. Robert C. Tice (Bob)** 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 and watch over our active duty troops wherever they may be. To our Legion Family, God bless you all.

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

CLUB MANAGERS REPORT

Thanks to everyone, our events are doing well. Your participation makes our family events successful. Thank You!

We will be having our annual Luau on May 6th. Followed by the Veterans Car Show on May 20th. At the end of the month with Memorial Day on May 29th. All these events are great fundraisers for Veteran Charities. There will be lots going on at these events and we could use some volunteers. Please leave your name and number with the Bartender so I may have the event coordinator contact you.

Our Weekly Events start with Monday Bingo, Darts on Taco Tuesday, Kent's Karaoke on Wednesday, Wings on Thursday with DJ Kevin & Carol, Friday & Saturday Meals with evening entertainment.

Tiki Hours; Friday 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm; Saturday & Sunday 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm with Karaoke starting at 2:00 pm. Check your bugler for the events calendar. The Bugler is available online at post137.com.

It has been many months since the canteen has made a profit. I'm excited to report this is the **Second Month in a row that the Canteen has been able to contribute a profit of \$5,000.00 to the Post Building Fund.** The Building Fund maintains the Post Facilities. There have been major expenses this year, replacing/repairing, ice machines, walk in cooler equipment, and other refrigeration. We have the above profit margin mostly by buying in bulk for discounts. Additionally, we have negotiated better contracts for services such as, Janitorial Services, Garbage Service, and Propane Gas Service. Now, we are all seeking funding of parking lot lighting systems that are in disrepair.

2017 Membership renewals are now passed due and new door keys are available to all that have their 2017 membership cards. Member Not in Good Standing, expired cards, can no longer be signed as a guest. Please note that it is the members' obligation to sign in their guest. We welcome your guest and want to encourage them to join Post 137.

For God, Country
As I serve our Legion Family
Ted Boutwell

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Our membership renewal has slowed down quite a bit. We are at 51 cards short of 100%. Lets keep working on getting our members to renew. On the 13th we will be having a steak dinner and on the 29th we will give the color guard a break and serve rotisserie chicken starting at 4. Our first round nominations were held at the April meeting. the 2nd round will be done on May 11th meeting.

Nominations :Commander	Walter Rasco
1st Vice/Chaplain	Jim Steele
Sgt @ Arms	Kenny Campbell

For God and Country
Walter Rasco, Commander



AUXILIARY

I hope everyone had a Happy Easter. What beautiful weather we had! The kid's Easter party at the post was once again a great success. Thanks to all Legion family volunteers who helped with the event. As usual, the Easter Bunny was a big hit with the kids. Our own Easter Bunny was kind enough to help out Virginia Halsey's Girl Scout troop by showing up at their Easter egg hunt at Sacred Heart Catholic School. The kids there enjoyed having their pictures taken with him. Thank you, Bill Kelly, for volunteering your time.

We also had another successful "First Responders Dinner". A lot of hard work and preparation goes into this event and as usual our entire Legion family stepped up and volunteered. Job well done!!

Once again, I am surprised at how fast this year has gone by. It is time for our annual elections, which will be held at our next meeting on May 4th. We will also be hosting the District Constitutional Conference on May 14th in the Chateau. Sign-in starts at 8:30 AM. There will be a continental breakfast and a light lunch provided. This is the time when we elect District officers, give our unit year-end reports, and hold a memorial for all of our District members whom we have lost this past year. All Auxiliary members are invited to attend.

We surpassed our goal of \$150,000 by sending over \$151,000 worth of coupons to Support Our Troops. Thanks once again for all of your donations and to the ladies who are helping with this project. A special thanks to Leslie Pendarvis and to Debbie Geisinger for all of their hard work. I hardly ever saw Debbie without a pair of scissors in her hand.

Our membership stands at 92.12% as of April 7th. We are not very far from our goal of 100%. If you have not yet renewed for 2017, please do so soon. Just a reminder that we are now holding our monthly meetings in the Moon Building. It seemed to have worked out quite well last month. Our next meeting will be May 4th at 7:30 PM and elections will be held. Please plan to attend. I hope everyone has a very Happy Mother's Day!!

For God and Country,
Barbara Reyna, President

40 & 8

Greetings Voyageurs and Legion Family. I hope all had a wonderful Easter and or Passover holiday. Here are a few dates to mark down in your calendars for May. First is the 40&8 Promenade on Thursday May 4,2017 at 7:00 p.m. The second Nominations

for officer's positions will be held at this upcoming Promenade. Do not forget Mother's Day Sunday May 14,2017 bring MOM .The 40&8 will be serving breakfast Sunday May 28,2017. I hope to see a good turnout of Voyageurs to help with the breakfast and to support the cause and then return on Monday Memorial Day for all the scheduled activities. Remember to register and book your rooms if you are planning to attend the Grand du Florida Grand Promenade in Palm Bay FL. June 8th - 11th, 2017. Fliers are available at V-304. Last but not least ALL Voyageur, Officer and Committee reports for V-304 are due and should be submitted NO LATER than May 4th, 2017 to the correspondent or Chef de Gare.

Merci,
Jeff Fazan,
Chef de Gare

CABANE

Happy Mother's Day. We are doing dinner a little different this month, we will be serving a steak dinner on the 26th. We have a Meeting on May 23th. We will be having elections at the meeting.

For God and Country
Donna Runyan, La Presidente

ROD AND POLE BENDERS

We welcomed a new member this April...Bill Otworth Always a pleasure to have a new face in the crowd. As the weather warms we seem to have more members fishing in our local waters tournaments. March big fish goes to Tom Tercha and Aggregate goes to Daryl Seabridge April Big fish again went to Tom Tercha and Aggregate to Ray Runyan. May's tournament is on the 6th. Good luck to all. May's breakfast is on May 14th which will be Mother's Day. Looking forward to seeing all our moms, young and never to old. If you know a kid under the age of 14 don't forget to get a flyer for the kid's fishing tournament to sign up.

Bend them rods,
Nancy Conley, Rod & Pole Secretary

BLOOD DRIVE CHAIRMAN

Do you know your blood type? 7% of the population has universal type O negative blood. However, 11% of hospital orders are for O negative making it the highest in demand. It is never too late to donate.

For God & Country/Friendly Vampire
Bazile Bacino.

RIDERS

Hello Riders, Legion Family, and friends! Here it is, May already. 2017 is sure flying by. Some exciting things have transpired since the last Bugler was published. In our April meeting we had a great turnout and honored one of our own, Stewart Lee "Kiwi" Bowles with recognition of his Charter Membership and long-over addition of his name to our official Charter. We also recognized Steve "Leathers" Vie by reading a commendation and appreciation letter that was submitted by another member for going above and beyond to honor a beloved family member who had transferred to the Eternal Chapter. The April meeting also included first round nominations for our 2017-2018 Chapter Officers. Remember, this is YOUR chapter, and YOU have a say on its leadership, activities, and direction. Consider running for an office, nominating someone you think should run, vote your choices, and, at the very least, attend your chapter meetings and make your voice and opinions heard. We can't grow, change, or adjust our direction without an able crew manning the sails.

The In-state Legacy ride has come and gone, and from all reports was a great success. Zane Koonce can give you a first-hand report on the last weekend's Legacy events. On a sad note, we escorted and honored one of our own, Louise "Wild Thing" Dickson to her final resting place at JNC on March 17th. I want to give our Chaplain, Zane Koonce a huge shout-out for stepping in last-minute and delivering a beautiful, moving burial service.

Food sales from Taco Tuesdays and our meeting day Sunday breakfasts are still holding strong. Dust off your bikes and tune them up - riding season is kicking into high gear. Stay tuned to your email and our Facebook posts for upcoming events and rides. One last item: The Riders have been asked to handle parking at the Post for the Veterans Car Show. Let's step up and do our part to help make the event a success and help our Post shine bright. Hope to see you all on the road and in our next meeting.

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

BOY SCOUT

Your Cub Pack and Boy Scout Troop have had a great month of April and are looking forward to a super May. March 10, 11 and 12 the Troop participated in a Merit Badge Fair conducted by the Black Creek District and four of our Scouts earned merit badges necessary for advancement. We made a metal scrap run which netted us about \$130. Remember if you have any metal items you need to get rid of just bring them to the Legion and we'll put them in our metal pile and take them to recycling. March 28th we had our Blue and Gold / Court of Honor. The Scouts that earned awards were presented them. Two young Cubs, Bradley Burns and Tommy Koenig, received their Arrow of Light, which is the highest award in Cub Scouting, and "Crossed Over" into the Boy Scout Troop. Paul Buckhart received his Silver Eagle

Palm and his second Bronze Eagle Palm for a total of four Eagle Palms. A Boy Scout earning Four Eagle palms has never happened in the History of Boy Scout Troop 169, Paul also turned 18 on March 3 and had to leave the Ranks of Boy Scouting but immediately submitted his application to rejoin the Troop as an adult leader. We welcome Paul to his new assignment. April 2nd we assisted in the Police and Fire Luncheon which was enjoyed by all. On April 4th The Troop had Elections and Isaac Mashman was reelected to his second term as Senior Patrol Leader. On the weekend of April 28, 29 and 30 the Troop and Pack camped at Wild Adventures. This was a lot of fun. Our Chartered Organization / Legion Representative Tim Pratt just had his hip replaced successfully and our prayers go out to him for a speedy recovery. The Troop could use some new recruits so if you know of a young man between the ages of 10 to 18 who would like an adventure and maybe learn something along the way send him to us. We meet every Tuesday at 1900 in the Moon Building. Last but not least the Troop would like to thank you, from the bottom of our hearts, for sponsoring us. It's been a little over a year and the support and help you have given us is truly amazing. You've made us feel like part of your family. God Bless the USA, the American Legion, our Vets, the Boy Scouts of America and keep our Active Duty members safe.

Respectfully,
William (IKE) Eigenbauer
Committee Chairman
BSA Troop 169



Our first round of nominations were held at our April General Assembly. Our next round of nominations will be at this months General Assembly on May 13th. The elections will be held on June 10th from 8Am to 5PM.

Nominated Officers

<u>Commander</u>	Hank Morris Emory Austin
<u>1st Vice</u>	NONE
<u>2nd Vice</u>	Richard Lane
<u>3rd Vice</u>	NONE
<u>4th vice</u>	NONE
<u>Finance</u>	Jerry Lepore
<u>Chaplain</u>	NONE
<u>Historian</u>	NONE
<u>Sgt @ Arms</u>	Walter Rasco Tim Pratt
<u>Executive Officers</u>	Ray Runyan Binion Williams Ralph Wicklund Phillip Lindros Billy Hackett

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

We have a lot going on this month



May 6th Our Annual Luau Party
Fun, Food and Live music on pool deck 1-5PM. Karaoke inside starting at 6PM



May 20th Car Show
(OPEN TO EVERYONE)



May 29th Celebrating Memorial Day
Starting at 11AM
Fun, Friends and Family, Food and Live music out side on pool deck.

*****Bartenders Needed*****










We are hiring bartenders

Bartenders have to be eligible for membership in our legion family. Please call the business office 904-387-3373.

HELP WANTED!!!!

We are in need of volunteers to help with the bugler. Its just once a month for a couple of hours. This month the date is the 26th at 9AM.

MAY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Rod & Pole Meeting  Bingo WITH Brenda 7-9 PM	2 Steering Comm. Mtg. 6:30 PM Color Guard Mtg. 7PM 	3 Legion Lunch 12PM Kent Mitchell Karaoke... 7:30 PM	4 Auxiliary Mtg. 7:30PM Voiture 304 Chemnot & Prom 7PM Wing Night	5 CINCO DE MAYO TIKI Open 4-10PM ALR-Tacos-Dinner 5:30 till sold out David Pitman Loaded & Loaded 7:30-11:30PM	6 LUAU Food in Screen room Double Shot on pool deck 1-5PM Karaoke inside 6-10PM
7 ALR-Breakfast 8:30 AM-11 AM ALR Meeting 12:30 PM TIKI Open 1-8PM	8 Legion Exec. Mtg. 6:30PM  Bingo WITH Brenda 7-9 PM	9 Taco Tuesday 6-8PM  DARTS 7 PM	10 Legion Lunch 12PM Kent Mitchell Karaoke... 7:30 PM <i>Bugler articles due</i>	11 SAL Mtg. 7PM Wing Night	12 Tiki Open 4-10PM Band on the run 7:30-11:30PM	13 LEGION GEN ASSEMBLY 10 AM 2nd round of nominations TIKI Open 1-8PM SAL-Steak-Dinner 5:30- 7PM or till sold out Jackhammer 7:30-11:30PM
14 Mother's Day Rod & Pole-Breakfast 8:30 AM-11 AM TIKI Open 1-8PM	15  Bingo WITH Brenda 7-9 PM	16 Taco Tuesday 6-8PM Color Guard Mtg. 7PM 	17 Legion Lunch 12PM Kent Mitchell Karaoke... 7:30 PM	18 Cricket 7PM Wing Night	19 Tiki Open 4-10PM Rockin Machine 7:30-11:30PM	20 Armed Forces Day Car Show ALL DAY EVENT Broke till Friday 7:30-11:30PM
21 Legion-Breakfast 8:30AM-11AM TIKI Open 1-8PM	22  Bingo WITH Brenda 7-9 PM	23 Taco Tuesday 6-8PM Cabane 304 Rendezvous 7PM 	24 Legion Lunch 12PM Kent Mitchell Karaoke... 7:30 PM <i>Work on Bugler</i>	25 VA Clinic Visit 9AM Blind 501 Darts Wing Night	26 Tiki Open 4-10PM Vavs Visit 4:30PM CABANE-Steak-Dinner 5:30-7PM or till sold out Almost Kin 7:30-11:30PM	27 Tiki Open 1-8PM Southern Breeze 7:30-11:30PM
28 40/8-Breakfast 8:30 AM-11 AM TIKI Open 1-8PM	29 MEMORIAL DAY R & P screen room 11AM-3PM SAL Chicken Dinner 3PM Top Shelf Band Poolside 1-5PM Karaoke 2-till	30 Taco Tuesday 6-8PM  DARTS 7 pm	31 Legion Lunch 12PM Kent Mitchell Karaoke... 7:30 PM			

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- * **6th @ 12 PM til ??? Luau Double Shot on pool deck**
- * **13th @ 10 AM General Assembly with second round of officer nominations**
- * **20th @ All day event CAR SHOW Open to the Public**
- * **28th @ 11 AM–6PM Memorial Day Celebration FUN, FOOD AND MUSIC**
- * **Bingo Monday Nights, Darts/Taco Tuesday Nights, Karaoke Wednesday Nights and Wing night Thursday Nights.**
- * **Friday and/or 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.**

