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Hank Morris

Auxiliary President:

Lisa York

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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
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"A Message From The Commander"

October has gone away taking the height of the hurricane season with it. And a devastating season it has been for many. We were fortunate not to have had a direct hit, but Irma was bad enough with her huge size encompassing the length of Florida. Many in our area had severe damage to property and material goods, fortunately no loss of lives here. There was minimal damage to our Post Home and grounds. We are thankful that it wasn't worse.

That brings us to November, the month of thanksgiving. We at the Post begin the month by thanking our membership for an excellent first quarter of the Legion year. Not only have we paid the bills but increases in revenue will enable us to continue the much needed assistance to our veterans and community. Membership is above the set goals for the four months and hopefully will continue. Early Bird cutoff has past and dinner of Prime Rib on the 5th (Sunday, 4:00 PM) for all those who have the stamp on their 2018 cards is set. Be sure to have your membership cards with you or be prepared to pay a nominal fee for your dinner.

Next up is Veteran's day (11th November) in which we will be participating again this year. We are permitted for the float, two other vehicles plus up to 6 motorcycles. Come on by the post at 8:00 AM to sign up and join in. Following the parade we will gather at the Post for lunch by Rod & Pole Benders at the Screen Room. Your ticket for the lunch will be your 2018 membership card, others will need to have some cash with them. Finish off the day with a dinner of roasted chicken by the Auxiliary from the kitchen. Same fee/ticket arrangement as the lunch.

The canteen/post will be closed on Thanksgiving day for our usual Veteran's Thanksgiving Dinner. It will be opening at 11:00 AM - 2:PM for the dinner. Come on by and join with us for Turkey, ham and the fixins.

Nominations to fill the vacant positions of First Vice and Third Vice Commanders were held at the September and October General Assemblies. Elections will be held following the General Assembly Meeting this month (iaw Article V, Section 12, CBL) A list of nominees can be found elsewhere in this Bugler, on the Social Media Page and posted on the bulletin board at the post. Exercise your rite to Vote for Your Post Officers.



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
Ellen Gilliland

"IN GOD WE TRUST"

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

OFFICE

Hello Members, I want to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving. Our membership is currently at 717 members which is 57.45%. Come on members we need 100% this year. Also note that the early bird dinner is on the 5th @ 4PM. Don't forget to come celebrate Veteran's Day with us.

If you want to receive your bugler through email please let me know so I can add your email address to our list. You can either call me at the office at 904-387-3373, email me at secretary@post137.com or post137bugler@gmail.com.

For God and Country,
Candice Baylor
Post Secretary



2ND VICE COMMANDER

HAPPY THANKSGIVING: Lots of Activities this month with Early Bird Dinner, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Dinner coming around this month. The Early Bird Prime Rib Dinner is on Sunday November 5th at 5pm for all those who have the Early Bird Stamp on their renewal Membership Card. Next we have the Marine Corp Birthday on Friday November 10th & Veterans Day on November 11th in which we will participate in the parade going through Downtown Jax that morning. Also our Screen Room will be open around 11am to 3pm for Hamburgers and Hot Dogs by the Rod & Pole Club as well as Chicken Dinners will be served by the Auxiliary starting at 5:30pm. Of course we have Thanksgiving Day Dinner on Thursday November 23rd from 11am to 2pm with dinner at 12 noon.

I have a couple of newer Bands that will playing for us over the next couple of months. One of these is a group that donated their time and played for us on Labor Day the "**Full Moon Over Band**" and I know you will enjoy their great mix of dance music. We also have a lot of your favorite bands including "**TopShelf**" the

"**ByeStanders**" & "**Doubleshot**" playing for us in November as well as have many other bands Friday & Saturday night all month long. Don't forget our Tiki Bar has Karaoke every Sunday Afternoon & Karaoke every Wednesday Night is in the Hall. Please come out and enjoy all these great events every month at Post 137.

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 day by following us at this page. **Don't Forget to click "Like" then "Follow"** at the Top of our Facebook Page.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

We have lots of Events in December including Children & Youth & Adult Christmas Parties on the 16th of December as well as our Christmas Eve get together on the 23rd & Christmas Day Dinner from 12 noon to 2pm Christmas Day. A lot of our members have other Christmas Parties all month long in December. Please check our Calendar & Bugler for all these events.
" Veterans Day is Every Day at American Legion Post 137 "

For God and Country
Richard Lane

4TH VICE COMMANDER

November is the month for giving thanks for all types of things. We may not have a visit to the Lake city hospital this month, but that doesn't mean they shouldn't be in our hearts and minds. While you are giving thanks for all they have given and for the time we have enjoying our families over the holidays coming up, pencil in our annual Christmas visit on December 1st and join us. We will bring Santa to the hospital and visit as many of the patients that we are allowed to. While we visit we will bring them a goodie bag full of hospital approved items that they can enjoy, trade and share with one another.

I was very surprised on my first visit at Christmas time how much all of the vets wanted to see Santa. They shined bright with joy when Santa stepped through the door and delivered personally their goodie bags. It is a wonderful experience to share with them, so come out with us and carry bags for Santa and meet this wonderful people in the Lake City hospital. We will meet at the

legion at 4:30pm and car pool to the hospital together. Chances are we will stop and eat somewhere along the way and that is guaranteed to be a good time! You can perhaps watch Lewis Gray devour his burger in true Army fashion! Ha ha.

One last plug from me. If you find you can't make it or even if you can, the office of the 4th Vice and the VAVS crew are looking for and accepting donations to be able to provide the goodies to fill the bags for the vets at the hospital. I know all of our organizations are pulled in a lot of directions for donations this time of year, but please, please let us not forget those that are spending their holidays in a hospital room, often alone after all they have done for us. My warmest regards for you all. Have a happy and healthy holiday season.

For God and Country
Daryl Seabridge,

CHAPLAIN

From my scrapbook to yours. A miscelany of thoughts to think and things to remember when you need a lift, a chuckle or a bit of comfort. I found his article that I had cut out from a newspaper many years ago. JUST FOR FUN. How do I know that my youth is all spent? Well, my get-up-and-go has got up and went. But I really don't mind when I think with a grin of all the grand places my get-up has been. Old age is golden, so I've heard it said, but sometimes I wonder when I get into bed. With my ears in a drawer, my teeth in a cup, and my eyes on the table until I wake up. Ere sleep dims my eyes I say to myself, is there anything more I should lay on the shelf? And I'm happy to say, as I close my door, my friends are the same - - - perhaps even more. I get up each morning, dust off my wits, pick up the paper and read the "obits", and if my name is missing I know I'm not dead. So I eat a good breakfast and go back to bed. Let us all remember to love each other and help each other. The American Legion is a great organization and our Legion Family helps it to be that way. I love my Legion Family, God bless you all. A former member of our post away on 6

September, Thomas K. Sullivan Jr. (Sully) God bless our active duty troops where ever they may be, keep them in you care. Lord let my actions - - - big and small - - - reflect your love. May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you. Psalm 33:22

For God And Country,
Tony Romano

CLUB MANAGERS REPORT

Hello Legion Family!

Our riders had a great Poker Run on Oct. 14nd. The party went on till late in the evening. There was many gifted items put on the auction block to fund the riders charity.

The Tiki will be open every Sunday afternoons. Come join the Karaoke on 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. As Usual we have Bingo on Mondays, Darts and Tacos Tuesday, Karaoke on Wednesday, Wing Night on Thursday, with Friday & Saturday Bands and Dinners.

Department Fall Conference will be November 3-5, 2017. Many of the post officers will be attending this annual meeting. There many training sessions to attend and leadership programs to attend. These organizational meeting help organize our Department programs encouraging each post in meeting their charity and membership goals. I look forward to seeing you attend.

I am proud of our staff here at post 137. Our team of bartenders and managers do a great job in making the canteen both pleasant and profitable. On the profit side I want you all to know that this year we have passed on to legion building fund over \$45,000.00. In 2015 the Post annual statement reported a \$42,000.00 loss. On the pleasant side, I think you all can tell the attendance is up and complaints down. I look forward to both these trends to continue. If in doubt go to the suggestion box please.

Serving our Members Daily,
Ted Boutwell

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

If you haven't noticed there are is a donation box for the Toys For Tots program in the hall, lets fill it up with any new un-wrapped toy. Our squadron membership is steadily progressing. We are currently at 31.27 %. We reached the Oct. of 25% last month and are only 4% short of Nov. goal which is about 5 more members. We will have a dinner on the 25th serving spaghetti with Topshelf playing after. The holidays are fast approaching, If you plan on traveling for Thanksgiving be safe and pay attention to the road and other drivers. Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

For God and Country
Walter Rasco, Commander

AUXILIARY

Happy Fall Ya'll, hope the weather will catch up to the time of year and we start cooling down soon. This is a busy time of year for everyone with the Holidays soon upon us.

Thanks to all that purchased ghosts to hang up in the lounge. The proceeds from the sale of the ghosts will go towards the Auxiliary Emergency Fund. This fund is available to eligible members to assist with food, shelter and utilities, and was really brought to light after the devastation of hurricane Irma. This program has assisted many members locally and throughout the State .

Halloween has come and gone. Fun was had by all at the Children and Youth Halloween party. Thanks to all that helped decorate, coordinate and provided goodies for the kiddos.

The Auxiliary will hold our annual "bake sale auction" on Sunday November 5, 2017. The auction will begin after the Early

Bird Dinner. Come for dinner and stay and bid on your dessert, this is a fun event and all proceeds raised go towards veterans and community programs.

The Auxiliary will be serving chicken dinners on Veterans Day starting at 3:30. Hope to see everyone at the Post after the Parade.

For God and Country,
Lisa York. President

40 & 8

Greetings fellow Voyagers! I hope everyone that attended the 40&8 Oktoberfest last month had a great time. We will be looking forward to the Christmas party in December date to be announced at the Promenade November 2nd. I want to thank all the Voyagers that attended the 40&8 Picnic in Crystal River on October 7th. It was very informative and our committees picked up their 2018 pins, so I hope to see everyone purchasing any of the 2018 pins you are missing. I would like to announce that the Northeast Florida First Coast Wrecking Association won the bid to host the 2019 Southlands Dixie Promenade. We will have all the information for the Wreck and will make sure every voyager from V-304 gets a copy. Veterans day is coming up Saturday November 11th make plans to stop by Post 137 and grab a bite to eat and enjoy the day with your fellow veterans. Remember to come on out and support the Cabane Rib dinners the first Friday of each month. As a last item let us ALL work on getting our membership current and invite NEW veterans to join our 40 & 8 organization! Let folks know who we are and what we do! Show your COLORS!!!!

Merci,
Jeff Fazan, Chef de Gare

CABANE

Merci to everyone for your continued support of Cabane by purchasing the rib dinners. Mark your calendar Friday, Nov 3rd for our next dinner.

I would like to Congratulate Patsy Kohten for receiving the Nationale Dame of the Year award. Patsy has donated countless hours to Cabane at the local, state and national level and has volunteered for over 50 years at St. Vincent's hospital. Don't forget Rendez-

vous on November 28th. Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

Merci,
Ellen Gilliland
La Presidente

ROD AND POLE BENDERS

Fall is in the air, Well sort of. Local waters fishing tourney for October was on the 28th. Let you know at the meeting who participated in the tournament. Our deep sea fishing trip is still up in the air due to so much going on at this time. So looking forward to this month or early next year. It's time for nominations for next year's officers. If you want things to change you got to show up for the meetings and put your votes in. We have breakfast on 19th. Look forward to seeing everyone on Veterans Day..We will be cooking in the screen room. Come on out and join us. Also take the time to send a pray for Tom Tercha and Larea Scofield as they recover from the hurricane and Larea's broken leg. Happy thanksgiving. Be safe and we will see you on the water.

See you on the Water,
Nancy Conley

BLOOD BANK CHAIRMAN

I am a 35 gallon donor. I also have a medical issue which prevents me from donating. Who will be the next man or woman up to donate? It is never too late to donate. (Account# 1044)

For God and Country,
Bazile Bacino

BOY SCOUT

Hope this finds you all in high spirits and

good health. We had to cancel our Jekyll Island Camp out for September and instead go to Carry State Forrest. It turned out to be a great camp out but a lot of rain. This is the first time we have had to pack up in the rain since we came to the Legion a year and a half ago. That's a good omen. It used to rain on us all the time while at Lake Shore United Methodist Church. Last month we did the Multiple Sclerosis Bicycle Ride. This was our 21st straight year competing. We plan to have the annual Scout Yard Sale that we had to postpone due to Irma, on November 4th we'll be performing our Road Clean-up duties and on November 17,18 and 19 we will be camping at Florida Caverns and on November 28 we'll be having our quarterly Court of Honor. During the Month of December we plan on camping at Providence Canyon in Alabama and of course having the Annual Christmas Party. Unfortunately we will not be selling Christmas Trees this year due to problems with our distributor. Remember you are always welcome to accompany us on most any event. Just let one of us know you are interested and we'll take it from there. So until next time may God Bless and Keep you all.

Respectfully,
William A. Eigenbauer
BSA Troop 169

LEGION GIRLS

We will have a dinner this month, only one. We truly hope you enjoy the dinners. Hope all of our Legion family has a Wonderful Thanksgiving and be safe if you are traveling.

For our Veterans,
Legion Girls



Early Bird Dinner

November 5th @ 4PM

WE ♥ OUR MEMBERS

Member Appreciation Day

November 11th all day

Must have a 2018 Membership card for free food. We will have food in screen room during the day and later that evening in the hall.

(See Calendar)



Thank you to all of our Veterans.



Special Elections

1st and 3rd Vice Commander

November 18th 12-5PM

Nominations as followed:

1st Vice Harvey Finn

David Bott

3rd Vice Stewart Bowles











Commander's Thanksgiving Day Dinner

11AM-2PM

Anyone participating in the Veteran's Day Parade needs to be at the Post by 8AM.



NOVEMBER 2017

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <p>5 No Breakfast ALR Meeting 12:30 PM Early Bird Dinner 4PM Tiki Open 1-8PM Karaoke 2-6PM</p> | <p>6 Rod & Pole Meeting 7PM </p> | <p>7 Steering Comm. Mtg. 6:30 PM Color Guard Mtg. 7PM Taco Tuesday 6-8PM Taco Tuesday 6-8PM DARTS  7 pm</p> | <p>1 Legion Lunch 12-1PM Shrimp/Chicken Baskets 6-9PM Karaoke... 7:30 PM Kent Mitchell</p> | <p>2 Auxiliary Mtg. 7:30PM Voiture 304 Chemist & Prom 7PM Wing Night 5:30-8PM</p> | <p>3 Cabane-Ribs Dinner 5:30-7PM or till sold out Georgia Southern Band 7:30-11:30PM</p> | <p>4 Bystanders 7:30-11:30PM</p> |
| <p>12 Legion-Breakfast 8:30-11AM Tiki Open 1-8PM Karaoke 2-6PM</p> | <p>13 Legion Exec. Mtg. 6:30PM </p> | <p>14 Taco Tuesday 6-8PM DARTS  7 pm</p> | <p>15 Legion Lunch 12-1PM Shrimp/Chicken Baskets 6-9PM Kent Mitchell Karaoke... 7:30 PM</p> | <p>16 Wing Night 5:30-8PM Cricket 7PM</p> | <p>17 Legion Girls-Dinner 5:30-7PM or till sold out Full Moon Over Band 7:30-11:30PM</p> | <p>18 LEGION GEN ASSEMBLY 10 AM Elections 12-5PM Band on the Run 7:30-11:30PM</p> |
| <p>19 Rod & Pole-Breakfast 8:30-11AM Tiki Open 1-8PM Karaoke 2-6PM</p> | <p>20 Bingo WITH Brenda 7-9 PM </p> | <p>21 Taco Tuesday 6-8PM Color Guard Mtg. 7PM DARTS  7 pm</p> | <p>22 Work on Bugler 9AM Legion Lunch 12-1PM Shrimp/Chicken Baskets 6-9PM Kent Mitchell Karaoke... 7:30 PM</p> | <p>23 Thanksgiving Day Commander's Thanksgiving day dinner 11AM-2PM</p> | <p>24 Free Juke Box Night 7:30-11:30PM</p> | <p>25 SAL-Spaghetti-Dinner 5:30-7PM or till sold out Topshelf 7:30-11:30PM</p> |
| <p>26 Legion-Breakfast 8:30 AM-11 AM Tiki Open 1-8PM Karaoke 2-6PM</p> | <p>27 Bingo WITH Brenda 7-9 PM </p> | <p>28 Taco Tuesday 6-8PM Cabane 304 Rendezvous 7PM DARTS  7 pm</p> | <p>29 Legion Lunch 12-1PM Shrimp/Chicken Baskets 6-9PM Kent Mitchell Karaoke... 7:30 PM</p> | <p>30 Wing Night 5:30-8PM Blind 501 Darts</p> | | |

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- * **5th @ 4PM Early Bird Dinner.**
- * **11th @ All day Veteran's and Member appreciation Day**
- * **21st @ 10 AM General Assembly. Election for 1st and 3rd Vice Commander**
- * **23rd @ 11AM-2PM Commander's Thanksgiving Day Dinner Post Closed**
- * **Bingo Monday Nights, Darts/Taco Tuesday Nights, Karaoke Wednesday Nights/shrimp or chicken baskets and Wing night Thursday Nights.**
- * **Friday and/or Saturday Dinners 5:30-7:00 PM or until sold out (See Calendar)**
- * **Friday and Saturdays. Live Music or Karaoke/Free Juke Box & Dancing @ 7:30PM-11:30PM.**

