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COMMANDER'S REPORT



Have you ever asked yourself, "How do you run a Post?" Doesn't it take money to do the many Legion and local programs, pay for the utilities, provide a clean and well stocked Club Room at low prices, and continually strive to make new Post improvements?

You bet it does! But, did you know that "NOT ONE DIME" of the Club Room profits goes to the Legion Account? All Club Room profits go to the Building Fund. The Building Fund is where we use the money to do new projects and Post improvements, I will not have my member's club money spent on anything but our own Post Home and its improvements.

So where does the Legion get it's money? The monies that go to the Legion Account are from membership dues, donations from events (dinners, breakfast, and selling emblem sales) that are worked by our member volunteers. Personal donations, Post group donations, and special selling of items like the shamrocks that are ear marked for one of the many Legion programs.

I hope I've got you thinking. When was the last time you supported both the Post and the Legion? Your post and fellow members are working hard to provide our Post Home with something for all members to enjoy almost everyday of the week. So come on out and enjoy your Post Club Room, enjoy a quick dinner and a good game of BINGO on Mondays, Darts on Tuesdays, Karaoke on Wednesday, the last Thursday of the month is Card Night, Fridays we have Legion Dinner and Live Entertainment, Saturday we have Live Entertainment, and on Sunday enjoy our morning breakfast and game day. We have special events going on for the whole family on all the major holidays. Our member's families can enjoy the pool, boat slip, RV parking or just have a picnic down by the water at our new memorial park area. Come on out and support both the Post and the Legion.

Put on your calendar Saturday June 3rd this is the date to cast your vote for the post officers that will lead your post in the next year. The only thing I request is that you think seriously about your selections and vote for the officers that have proven they will do the job and keep our Lake Shore Post 137 growing and improving.

We will perform the POW/MIA open chair ceremony at the next general assembly meeting.

This issue of the bugler has a center insert with a general breakdown on what we have achieved this pass Legion year. I hope you are surprised and pleased with the efforts and results that you contributed to. We are the best American Legion Post in the State of Florida.

For God and Country

Greg Lovejoy, Commander, Lakeshore Post 137, The American Legion

ADJUTANT'S REPORT:

-----MEMBERSHIP-----MEMBERSHIP-----MEMBERSHIP-----MEMBERSHIP-----

Renewals are of the utmost importance to Post 137 and I urge all those who haven't renewed to do so before time runs out. Membership is at approximately 90 % and we still have a ways to go. All of us must realize the importance of retaining our membership from the past year and just what it means to the many Legion Programs supported by Post 137. 100 % membership is a plus anyway you look at it. So please, don't delay, send your renewal in or come by the office and sign-up. To those members who have renewed, I urge you to continue your efforts to bring in new members. All of us know Veterans who are eligible to join us at Post 137. I am asking that we all re-double our efforts by inviting potential members as guest who will see what this fine organization is all about. If you are in doubt, please introduce them to me and I will "show them the way."

My compliments to the volunteers who gave their time and effort in repairing the kitchen back wall, repairs to the boat dock area and the mounting of the new flagpole on the riverfront. These volunteers are a tremendous asset to Post 137 and they are to be congratulated for a job well done. They should be thanked by each and every member of this post. You only have to look around to see the progress being made here at our Post Home. More volunteers are always needed, so join in the fun and don't hesitate to get in touch and we will find you a job. I also would like to thank our 3rd Vice, Barry Congressi and his crew, for the very successful Children's Easter Party, which took place on April 9th. It had to be one of the largest and best Easter Parties ever held with the special appearance of "Bill" the Easter Bunny. .

Legionnaires, the Post 137 Executive Committee has authorized me to select a Committee and conduct a "Contest", with the purpose of naming the new riverfront area on the rear of the property where the new flagpole has been placed. This will be done with the intent of raising funds for the reconstruction of the post boat dock. Further details will be forthcoming here at the post as soon as possible.

The nomination of Officers for the year 2006-2007 is underway, with final nominations to be made this coming May 13th at the General Assembly. The future of Post 137 is in the hands of the Officers to be elected. Therefore, your participation and vote at the election on June 3rd is important., so get out and vote.

Come on out and have some fun at the many functions here at the Post Home. Everyone is welcome at Bingo Night on Mondays, Darts Night on Tuesdays, Karaoke Night on Wednesdays, Cards Night on Thursdays, Dinner Night on Fridays, with live entertainment on Friday and Saturday's. We hope to see you there.

For GOD and Country,
Dennis Thompson

1ST VICE REPORT:

Hello Legionnaires & Family. We are continually working on our renewals for the post. We are presently at 90.3% with a total membership of 1496. To reach the Post goal of 100% a total of 1612 members is needed. We would like to ask for your help in the push for these additional members. On April 8TH I read in 10 new members and 2 transfers. They are: David L. Page, Sandra J. Young, Lambert G. Johnson, John D. Jordan, Richard D. Quintana, Timothy R. Novota, Louie E. Harden, Roger G. Maio, William E. Wiggins, Roger A. Bailey and Douglas W. Sapp. **Thanks to all & Welcome to Post 137.** Remember to be with us on Memorial Day Week-end. You, your family & friends will enjoy it.

From time to time you will see Post Officers checking cards at the door, don't get up-set, this is for the good of the Post. Please always have your card on you if you come to the Post.

Remember -- No Card, No Service.

For God and Country,

Eddie Dykes, 1st Vice Commander

2ND VICE REPORT:

Thank you to everyone who has come to our Dinners and supported the Legion Programs. We are having great turn-outs and many sell-outs. A variety of Musical Entertainment is scheduled for your Friday and Saturday Night Dancing Pleasure.

This month, come and enjoy the Opening of the TIKI HUT on May 6th, and a Fish Fry. Then the BIG MEMORIAL DAY POOL PARTY, BURGERS HOT DOGS & B.B.Q. CHICKEN with the KELLY BURK BAND. FUN, FOOD & FROLIC in the SUN.

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY to

ALL OUR MOTHERS

For God and Country, Dan Grant, 2nd Vice

3RD VICE REPORT:

We held our Children's Easter Party on April 9th. What a success. 51 children and 46 adults attended. We served hot dogs, cakes, cookies and, of course, Easter candy. The egg hunt went well as did the sack races. Awards were given to the winners and there were prize eggs. Thanks to all who attended and a huge thanks to my helpers. In May, plans are being made to open the Tiki on the 6th. The Rod and Pole will have a fish fry for

donations. Memorial day is coming. We will do the usual hamburgers and hot dogs by the pool. Please try to attend. Let's all have fun. For God and Country,
Barry Congressi, 3rd Vice

4TH VICE REPORT:

On March 24th we made our way to the Lake City Hospital. The following members of Post & Unit 137, Voiture-304, 40/8 participated; Lewis & Ann Gray, John & Jo Ann Kelley, Carl & Myra Jowers, Norman & Sandy Gentry, Dale Prewitt, & Joe Kohten. Thanks to these Volunteers for their very dedicated service, month after month. We departed Post 137 on time, 4:30 pm and arrived in Lake City at 5:30 pm & tried a new local restaurant. It turned out to be pretty good.

Upon arrival at the V.A. Hospital we discovered there was no Volunteer Services Rep. to report to, to assist us, i.e. unlock the kitchen, sell us coupon books, make coffee or turn on the P.A.system for the Bingo games. So, we took it on our own and got things going. The V.A. Rep. did show up 30 min's late. All things considered, everything turned out fine. Thanks to John Kelley for having a strong voice. The following list is credit given to Post & Unit 137 and 40/8 Voiture-304, Cabane-304.

Patients served	60
Books & Magazines	\$500.00
Cash for prizes	\$75.00
V.H.S. Tapes	\$1,800.00

Thanks to Bob Shupe for donating 75 Tapes.

Hours--50, Miles--1,300

Refresh'ts \$70.00. Unit 137 \$45. &

Cabane 304 \$25. Total credit given \$2,445.

Taking everything into consideration and the problems we encountered, we still had a good time. I know the Veterans enjoyed BINGO Games and the refreshments. It's always a pleasure to visit with them and serve them month after month.

Our next visit will be Friday May 26th, 06. If you would like to make the trip with us, let me, my wife, Ann Gray or any of the regular volunteers know. We try to depart the Post at 4:30 pm and always get back about 9 pm. Remember as Veterans our #1 goal should be taking care of Veterans.

Yours in Service, Lewis Gray, 4th Vice

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT:

Legionnaires, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the necessity for securing a personal file with information to allow your loved ones to handle your affairs in the event of your passing. Time and time again I find myself in the position of having to assist a spouse or other family loved ones of a deceased Legionnaire in the closing of personal business. This can include notifying the Veterans Administration, Military Retirement Authorities, Social Security Administration, Insurance Companies and a host of Creditors. In many instances the surviving spouse and/or family members do not have the resources needed to follow through with the process needed. I urge everyone to get this information in order. I can provide you with an outline of what is needed to assist your loved ones in the event of your passing, which could and should lighten the burden thrust upon them.

If I can be of assistance, please come by and see me here at the office on any Monday, Wednesday or Friday between the hours of 3:00 and 5:00 pm. You can always call me at 387-3373 or E-mail Me at: Serviceofficer@americanlegion137.com.

For GOD and Country,
Dennis Thompson, Service Officer

BLOOD DONATIONS:

Blood donation update: There will be a blood drive at the Post May 6, 2006, in conjunction with the dedication of the Tiki building. Many members are unsure if they are eligible to donate blood. The below conditions are OK for donating blood but you must also be in generally good health, and feeling well on the day of the donation. The following conditions do not generally prevent you from being a donor. If you have concerns about your health, check with your personal physician first. If you have any further questions call your American Legion Post 137 Blood Donor Chairman, Fred Bergman at (904) 505-4260.

Oral antibiotics - 24 hours after last dose, and recovered. No wait if antibiotics are for skin conditions (acne) or vaginal yeast.

Arthritis - OK for most types if controlled by medications.

Asthma - OK if symptoms controlled.

Cold or allergies - OK if no fever, cough, or sore throat.

Cancer - OK one year after surgery; 5 years if treatment involved radiation, chemotherapy. No donations if cancer was leukemia or lymphoma.

Diabetes, on oral medication or insulin - OK, have something to eat after your insulin dose. (Bovine insulin not acceptable) High blood pressure - OK if controlled by medication.

Heart disease/ heart attack - OK one year after recovery, if your activities are not restricted and not on medications for heart failure or angina.

Surgery - OK after recovery and release from doctor's care; wait one year if transfused with blood.

REMEMBER, when you donate blood, make sure you designate American Legion Post 137.

Fred Bergman (904) 505-4260

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
to all Legion Family Members
born in the month of May.
Best Wishes for a wonderful year.

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
LAKESHORE SQUADRON 137 – Sonsoftheal137@aol.com**

Meeting: Saturday, May 14th -- 12 Noon

Sons membership is at 107% and climbing. There is still time to get in and renew your 2006 membership to get your continuous years of membership. Thanks to all Legion family members for your continued support.

Your Sons partnered with the Legion and Aux. on Legion Charities. We will be providing funds to the National Child Welfare Fund, Florida Children & Youth Fund, Special Olympics, Boys State, and Children's Miracle Network. Thanks to all our members for their support allowing us to support these charities. Last month your Sons donated \$500.00 to our own American Legion Baseball Team. Coach Jim Yoe, was very grateful for the support to help his team out, to another winning season. Don't forget to support our team at their home games at Ed White High School Field. We also provided our Legion with refreshments at the Boys State Interview on Sun. March 12th. Thanks to all who helped. Good Luck to our boys at Boys State in Tallahassee. We donated \$75.00 to the National Order of Tunnel Rats, they will be holding a Poker Run Ride on May 6th. Get out and support them if you can. Funds raised go to our Veterans at V.A. Hospitals. Your Sons assisted the Aux. in another Community Service. The Annual Police & Firemen's Dinner. This supports our local Heros. To the Aux. and all who helped. **JOB WELL DONE.**

Your Sons noticed several months ago that our heritage, the Legion, Aux, and Sons Charters looked a little worn with age. The Sons Cmdr. approached all three groups at their meetings and asked if they would allocate funds for the restorations and they did. The Charters are now back from Barnett's Gallery. They did a magnificent job of revitalization and framing our Charters. They are on display in the Legion Hall near the stage. Special thanks to Aux. 1st Vice Pres. Joanne Kelly, the Legion and Aux. Exe. Committees for their assistance. The next time your in the Legion Hall, look at your Charters, it's your heritage. **JOB WELL DONE.**

Have you seen what's new at your Post lately? The grounds are being improved all the time. With the addition of the Tiki last year and the new Point Park by the House Committee and working membership we are looking real sharp. The Legion Exe. Committee authorized a Contest to name the new Point Park. Donations will defer cost of fixing up the boat dock area. Further info. will be available in the club lounge. Thanks to all who donated time and money to make this the show place it is. **JOB WELL DONE.**

DON'T FORGET THIS MONTHS ACTIVITIES. MAY IS KICK-OFF FOR THE TIKI & POOL. Rod & Pole Benders will have a Fish Fry for donations and the Kelly Burke Band will be playing outside from 1-5 p.m. on Sat., May 6th. MEMORIAL DAY, Mon., May 29th, at the Screened Building, The Kelly Burke Band on the Bandstand from 1 to 5 p.m. The Annual TIKI & POOL PARTY, starts at 11am with the Children & Youth Cookout. Ann Gray and C-304's famous BBQ Chicken Dinner from 3 PM till they run out. Put your Bugler Calendar on your refrigerator to remind you of everything going on. Come out and share some time with your brothers and sisters in arms and their families. You may want to become more active in the finest service organizations in Jacksonville. For God, Country, & our Legion Family. Bill Kelly, Commander, Lakeshore Squadron 137.

**JEROME (JERRY) CROLEY, JR.
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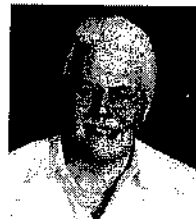
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American Legion Post 137
Veterans of Foreign Wars
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Loyal Order of Moose

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

We had our regular meeting April 6, 2006, starting 7:30 p.m. We had 5 new members read in and 2 transfers from the 400 club. Motion was made and seconded to accept all 7 and motion carried. We also had another \$20.00 donation for new member Judith Nix. Thanks Jo Ann. Girls State Chairman Joyce Bramer informed us that orientation will be May 21st at Post 129. We will send check for transportation and also they will get spending money that day. V.A.V.S. Chairman Ann Gray reported on March visit to Lake City. She also reported Lap robes had been mailed.

Our auxiliary Dinners, Breakfasts, and lite Monday night suppers (prior to Bingo) are doing very well making us money to support our programs and help the Legion. A BIG THANKS TO ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS.

We voted to donate \$250.00 for Special Olympics to go along with the donation from the Legion and S.A.L. "Legion Family" Poppy Chairman Connie Manning reported the poppies will be mailed out in May, poppy posters will also be judged at the May meeting.

We elected a Nomination Committee to put together a slate of officers for next year. Election will be at the June meeting.

Sincerely,

Jeri West, Unit 137 President

Jabber Jaws:

A Junior Thank You, to Legionnaires Larry B., Larry G., Dennis G., Hank M., Carl R., J.W.W. and Sandy Sikes for their much needed help with the March 26th Junior Breakfast. We were in a bind and appreciated your help. With the support everyone gave the Juniors, they were able to donate \$200.00 to the National Children's Fund. A donation of 6 dozen colored eggs was made to the Post Children & Youth Easter Party held on April 9th.

We have one more trip to make to The Veteran's Domiciliary in Lake City before this year ends. If you have any items you would like to send over, let us know or take to the Post and put "JUNIORS" on the bag. We will get it. The collection of Bibles will come to an end in May. If you have a used one, you do not need, we would really like to have it.

Thank everyone for all your help this year. A full report of the Juniors work will be in the June Bugler.

Junior Chair, Nora

R.O.T.C.

Well the year is coming to a close and the award ceremonies are coming real fast. I would like to Thank, Past Commander Compton for allowing me the chance to use N.B. Forrest High School A.F.J.R.O.T.C. Cadets as servers, busboys and kitchen help the night of the American Legion Birthday Dinner. If you were not there, then, you missed a night of Honor and Respect that these young men and women showed the older people.

The Cadets really enjoyed themselves and told me they wanted to help us in anyway they could.

Five Cadets from Ed White High School and one from Paxon High School helped us with the Annual Policeman and Fireman's Dinner, put on by the Post & Unit.

You can see why I am so proud of my Cadets. These are the 95% of the kids that, do not, get into trouble and are not shown on the TV News. The type of things these Cadets do, needs to be covered by the News Media, not the kids out doing bad things.

Thank You, for giving me the chance to know young people of this caliber.

Bob Myers, R.O.T.C. Chairman

To All Legion Family Members

This is the first year that we are trying to let all of our Legion Family Members know what your post is really doing during the year. I think you will be amazed and very pleased that you are a part of The American Legion Lake Shore Post 137.

Lets start with Post Improvements:

Post Home Improvements

All Bartenders and Managers received Training for Intervention procedures (TIPS) Training; New Kitchen Stove; New Bar Stools; DVD/VCR for the Wide Screen TV; Two New Soda Machines; New Walk-in Cooler for Post; New Walk-in Cooler for Tiki and extra cool storage; 8 RV Sites /w concrete porches, full hook ups, and cable; New Memorial Park Area and Fruit Trees; New 27' Flag Pole; Moved Dignified Flag Disposal Unit to the New Memorial Park; New Men and Women's Bathrooms for Tiki Area; Replaced back building over hang; New Hall Ceiling and Painted Walls; New Pool Pump filters; New Parking Light Sensors; New Emergency Exit Lights; New Moon Building Storage Area; New Hall and Club PA Wireless System; Additional Dart Machine; Donated Hot Dog Machine; Reframed Post Commanders Pictures; Reframed Auxiliary President Pictures; Reconditioned Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL Charters; Repaired Roof Leaks; Repaired Screened Building; Repainted Post Name and Murals on the Main Building and Tiki; and many more repairs have been done to keep our post home clean, good looking and comfortable.

1st Vice Commander Programs – Eddie Dykes

Membership; Early Bird Dinner; Members = 6, Members hrs = 45, miles driven = 60, Expense = \$800.00

2ND Vice Commander Programs – Danny Grant

Legion Dinners; Members hrs donated = 792, miles driven = 264, Earned Donation = \$3,408.00

3RD Vice Commander Programs – Barry Congressi See Post, Children and Youth, Prog's.

4TH Vice Commander Programs – Lewis Gray See VAVS

Chaplain – Gene Odom Provides the Spiritual Leadership for the Post.

Historian – Rick Wiggs Recording Post Home Events; Members hrs = 138, miles driven = 1140, Expense = \$274.81

Service Officer–Dennis Thompson–Assist Veterans and their families with V.A. benefits.

LEGION POST PROGRAM

Boys State–Chairman, Bob Myers

Sponsored 10 boys applications, were given to 9 local high schools; Program = \$2,700.00, Travel cost = \$480.00, Members hrs donated = 31, miles driven = 221, Function attendance = 30

JR Shooting Program-Chairman, Bob Myers

In partnership with the Gateway/4H Club; Legion and SAL donation = \$500.00

Members hrs = 9, miles driven = 136

ROTC Awards Program Chairman, Bob Myers

Orange Park NTRCOTC Drill Meet donated \$100.00; N.B. Forest Annual Drill Meet

donated \$328.00; N.B. Forest assisted Post in celebrating American Legion

Birthday donated \$280.00; Ed White assisted in Policeman and Firemen Dinner

Donated \$120.00; Post was represented at Nease and Mandarin NROTC and

Sandalwood AFROTC Drill Meets. Members hours = 53, miles driven = 195

American Legion Baseball "Bluejays" -Coach, Jim Yoe

Post donation \$3,000.00

VAVS-Chairman Lewis Gray

Monthly VA Lake City Hospital Visits; Members avg. 6 per Trip, Patients served 198,

Total hours 310, Total miles 7,664, Coupon books \$375.00, Refreshments \$350.00

Donated Item Valued @\$3,790.00; Christmas Party Donation \$1,000.00

National Children Fund, combined donation, Legion, S.A.L. JR Girls

Donations \$1000.00

Fl. Children and Youth Grants, combined donation, Legion and S.A.L.

Donations \$800.00

Special Olympics, combined donation, Legion, S.A.L. Auxiliary

Donations \$1000.00

Soldiers 4 Soldiers

A recycle program that contributes to the Legacy fund, National Emergency Fund,
Children fund. Donated \$202.00

LOCAL POST PROGRAMS

BINGO Chairman, John and Joann Kelley

This post program is on going; it supports the Christmas Baskets Program, Pays for the Postage for the BUGLER and other Post programs.

BUGLER - Editor Nora Marcantel

Post newsletter that keeps all our members informed on what is happening and what is going on at the post.

Combat Wounded Relief Fund Chairman, Sean Compton / Dennis Thompson

Our program was featured in the Legion Magazine in September.

65 Boxes have been sent @ 200.00 = est \$13,031.80, Shipping cost \$950.97

25 paid phone cards \$383.80

On Veterans Day Lake Shore Post 137 was featured on Channel 4 WJKT TV

Morning News. We had 4, five minute, spots that featured our Avenue of Flags,

Who We Are, Proper Flag Care, and The Legion Family.

Policemen and Firemen's Dinner- Chairmen, Vera Stevens and Larry Britt

Supplied 390 dinners to local Police and Firemen. Expense \$381.41

Bears on Patrol

Sheriff provides officers cars with a teddy bear to comfort children. Donated \$100.00

Veterans Day Parade- Chairman, Richard Wiggs

The Post participated in Jacksonville's parade. The Legion, Auxiliary, SAL was represented with 3 vehicles, 2 floats and 9 motorcycles.

Guests: Eleven WWII Cadet Nurses and Eighteen members of Gold Wing Road riders Assoc.

Post Childrens and Youth Programs- Barry Congressi 3Rd Vice Commander

Memorial Day Cook out Attended by 60 children and 80 adults

4th of July Fund raiser for Children and Youth Programs

Net after expenses = \$182.00,

Children's Halloween Party

Attended- 31 Children and 36 adults,

Donation, Legion Children and Youth to Hyde Park Elementary

For Play ground = \$700.00

Children's Christmas Party

Santa arrived by Jacksonville fire truck; Attended 36 Children and 42 adults

Members Totals: hrs donated = 484, miles driven = 948, Food and games=

\$1,160.88, Funds earned=\$851.83. Pop Guns, for Next Halloween, \$80.82

Christmas Baskets- Chairman, Mary Shope

89 families w/ 171 children received a basket and toys, each basket avg.

cost \$91.62 cents each.

Color Guard-Chairman, J.J. O'Brian

Member contribution = 11, Members hours donated = 1513, Donated miles driven = 9247, Meeting held = 22, Event attended = 37, Earned donations = \$714.00

Dart Competition-Chairman, Ray Runyan-Member contribution=10-20, Member hours donated=118, Donated miles 138

Legion donations= \$194.28, Christmas Baskets= \$570.00, Kitchen stove= \$360.00

Rod N' Pole Benders-Chairman, Ray Runyan

Fishing prog, Members take monthly fishing trips, Donated dock repair = \$288.00

Legion Riders- Chairman, Richard Wiggs

Member contribution = 8, Members hrs = 106, miles driven = 330, Christmas

Baskets = \$383.00, General donation = \$65.00, Lake Shore play ground \$100.00

Combat Wounded Relief = \$1,360.61,

Sons of American Legion-Chairman, Bill Kelly

Donation Combat wounded relief \$100.00, Tommy Reic Golf Tournament \$500.00,

Child Welfare fund \$100.00, Legion Riders \$100.00, Past Commanders Ring, Sear

Compton \$50.00, CMN \$180.00, Bugler \$300.00, National Relief fund \$207.00,

Special Olympics \$100.00, Bartenders Appreciation \$70.00, United Way Jingle

Jam \$100.00, Legion JR Shooters \$200.00, Bobbies Memorial \$100.00.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 137 -President, Jeri West

V.A.V.S We have now credit for 24 volunteers \$1250.00 spent 432 veterans served 120 hours 2880 miles Home Service 1 volunteer 9.5 hrs Field Service 1 volunteer 28 hrs. Donated \$205.00 for phone cards (member donations) Active Duty Auxiliary member, Halloween, Christmas and Easter Parties total cost including donated from baked goods \$897.00 total hours 405 attended 119 children.

Donated \$1500.00 in items to the children of the misplaced military families.

Girls State donated \$1935.00 for 6 Girls

We have donated to the Legion. \$500.00 for new stove, \$600.00 for the Bugler Expense. \$250.00 for the Special Olympics program

We have helped with the Early Bird Dinner and Past Commanders and Presidents Dinner Worked the soup kitchen at a local church to feed the homeless.

Visited Nursing homes (2) Volunteers 780 hrs donated \$200.00.

We helped with the Christmas Baskets donated \$425.00, 535 hrs.

Auxiliary Junior Girls- Chairman, Nora Marcantel / Sandra Sikes

Seven trips to St Vincent's Hospital to visit veterans

Three trips to Heartland Nursing and Rehab Center visiting veterans

Donated eight bag of groceries to NAS Jacksonville for Katrina Displaced Families

Donated 16 bags of hygiene Items to Hubbard House

Donated 24 gifts to All Saints Nursing home

40 gifts to the Lake City Veterans Domiciliary at Christmas

Wrapped gifts for Children's Miracle Network

Donated 12 Patch work Bears to Hubbard House and 12 to Ronald McDonald House

\$100.00 towards new Post Home Kitchen Range

Contributed \$530.50 to Post And Dept. Programs total of \$2,237.50 in cash, goods and services, miles 1551, hours 109.

I hope you feel as I do? It takes an organization and committed members to make a difference. If we were not here, none of these achievements that benefit veterans, children, and Community would have happened. I hope you're as proud to be a member of The American Legion, our Post, and the Legion Family Organizations as I am. For God and Country.

Greg Lovejoy

Commander, Lakeshore Post 137

The American Legion

† CHAPLAIN'S REPORT ☆

If you have been in our Post home lately, you have seen the improvements that have been made by some of our dedicated members. The Post looks great and is becoming the best American Legion Post in our region. The new Flag pole and Flag located on the point by the river is very impressive to boat traffic and those who are traveling across the bridge. Thanks go to you members who have so generously given your time and support to these renovations.

Nominations of officers for the coming year are underway with elections not far behind. If you know of a dedicated Legionnaire who would be interested in holding one of the positions, get his or her name on the ballot. We need these people. Next, please come out and vote. Your support in electing the Officers will determine the direction our Legion Post will go. So, I repeat . .

GET OUT & VOTE!

Thanks also for your support of our ongoing programs; dinners, bingo, and now serving Sunday morning breakfast. A lot of people put their effort into making these events a success, all for the benefit of our Legion & the aid rendered to our community & our Nation.

Again, it is my sad duty to list the names of our Legionnaires who have transferred to POST EVERLASTING.

Leon Scofield	Coleman "Pappy" Mulligan
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Please keep these Legionnaires & their families in your thoughts & prayers.
For God and Country, Gene Odom, Chaplain Post 137

BOYS STATE

This year was a very interesting year. I delivered Boys State applications to the following Schools: Ridgeview, Orange Park, Mandarin, R.E. Lee, Stanton Prep, Paxon, Ed White, Bishop Synder and N.B. Forrest. Out of these Schools I received applications back from: Orange Park, Mandarin and Stanton.

That is a poor showing. Well, even though I only received ten applications, the committee and I interviewed the nine young men that showed up for the process. I found another young man through another Post and interviewed him. Well after talking to a young JROTC Cadet helping at the Annual Policemen's & Firemen's Dinner, I selected him to be our Alternate. He is the Son of one of our long time members of Post 137. The next thing to do will be the District orientation in June and then send them off on the 18th of June.

Bob Myers, Boys State Chairman

JR. SHOOTING

The Gateway 4-H Shooting team has been very busy the last couple of months. They shot the American Legion Postal Match to see if any of the Shooters could advance to the State/Regional Match. No one advanced to that round, but they did a fine job of shooting.

I would like to say "Thank you" to several of the Parents/Coaches for bringing three of the shooters to the Post in February for the monthly meeting. Amelia S. and Bradley L. – I am sorry but I can't remember the third shooter that came out. Thank you Amelia for telling us what shooting has done for you. The Parent/Coaches that came out were Lauri S. (Amelia's mom), Seth G. (Bradley's dad) and Gerry Vaughn, member of Post 137. So you can see they are a pretty active bunch of young shooters; practice is twice a week two hours each night.

Bob Myers, Jr. Shooting Chairman

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CABANE 304:

Can you believe it's May already? Where has the time gone? Seems like it was just New Years a few days ago. May will be a busy month for us. We will have our Memorial Service and election of new officers at this month's Rendezvous. You must be present to vote, so do plan to attend. We will begin at 6:pm with a covered dish supper and we sure do have some good food.

We will be giving our school class an end of the year party. All donations are appreciated, for more information please contact Marty at 388-2040.

We still visit our Veterans on the 4th Friday of each month. We leave the Post at 4:30 pm. Anyone needing a ride be at the Post by 4:30. We have dinner in Lake City before going to the hospital to Play Bingo and serve refreshments. The Veterans really do enjoy us coming and they do love to eat.

We will be doing **B.B.Q. chicken on Memorial Day** at the Post, start serving at 3: pm til all is gone. We only have 150 meals so plan on coming early. There will be hamburgers & hot dogs earlier that day. No one should go home hungry.

Again, **Rendezvous** will be the **4th Tuesday** beginning at 6: pm with a **Covered Dish Dinner- Mark your calendar & be there.**

Merci, Ann Gray, La Presidente

NOTICE POPPY DRIVE

Once and only once a year the Auxiliary has a Poppy Drive. Letters are sent to everyone just before Memorial Day. The AUX. needs your help to make this drive a success. All money received from this Drive goes for direct aid to our Veterans. With the War in Iraq, We have many young Men & Women who are now in V.A. Hospitals. Proceeds from the Poppy Drive help all Veterans young or old. So when you receive the Poppy Letter, Please try & send a little something.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: to all you bulls out there, TAURUS BULLS THAT IS.

A VERY SPECIAL WISH TO ALL OUR MOMS. HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY To everyone under the weather or just have spring fever, get better soon

SAT., MAY 6th, is the TIKI HUT OPENING, lots of things going on that day. ROD N' POLE is having a FISH FRY- DONATION ONLY, all are invited to join in the celebration. Ray says, GOOD FOOD GOOD FUN GOOD FOLKS.

The BLOOD MOBILE will be at the Post on Sat., May 6th, also. Hurricane's will be sweeping in before long. Chairman, Fred advises, let's get prepared. We never know when one of our members or loved ones will need blood to survive.

A POKER RUN will start off at Judy's pub May 6th. Funds go to Viet Nam Veteran's Assoc. Sign-up 10 A.M. Call 783-3069 or 772-7985 for more info.

The Post storage trailer was cleaned out and wheel chairs and crutches that were not needed at the Post were donated to the Viet Nam Veteran's Assoc.

A group of vet's that have been sorely neglected to many peoples thoughts.

"I want to thank our Commander for putting on a retirement party for me.

Also, a big thanks to Ann & Diane for all the food .and to everyone that came, the money, cards and to Lisa & J.W. for my Special Gift." Marilyn T.




AUX MEMBERS, POPPY POSTERS will be judged at the May 4TH meeting, 7:30pm. Come support the kids who participate in our POPPY POSTER PROGRAM.

The river front area is shaping up nicely; if you haven't been down to take a look, You really should. The additional flag pole looks awesome coming over the bridge.

BUGLER CREW. Good News! The Commander has promised the crew some new staplers. Did you know that since we started in Sept.' 02 We have folded and stapled 27,078 BUGGLERS. That's a bunch of work. Crew Chiefs, Sylvia G. & Grace McC., you two along with our CREW have done a GREAT JOB. Danny & Vivian G. We love your lunches. I Thank Everyone for your efforts in getting the WORD OUT TO THE POST MEMBERS. Editor

For Your Information

A Reverse Mortgage enables seniors to borrow against the equity in their home. Without repaying the debt as long as they live there. Instead of making monthly mortgage payments a reverse mortgage makes payments to the home owner. Senior home owners can use the funds anyway they wish.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MAY 2006	1 Lite Dinner 5:30 p.m. BINGO 6:30 p.m. Rod & Pole Mtg 7 PM	2 Steering Com. 6:30 pm Color Guard 7 pm DARTS 7:30p	3 KARAOKE 7:30 pm	4 NATIONAL DAY of PRAYER AuxExeMtg 6:30p Gen Mtg 7:30p V-304 Chemtrot.7p V-304 Promenade 8	5 LEGION DINNER STEAK MARSHALL LEE	6 TIKI HUT OPENING Rod & Pole Fish Fry Blood Mobile-HELP LEGION RIDER MARSHALL LEE
7 Legion Breakfast	8 Lite Dinner 5:30 p.m. BINGO 6:30 p.m.	9 DARTS 7:30 pm	10 Legion Riders - 7 pm KARAOKE 7:30 pm	11 AUXILIARY DINNER Roast Beef EMBERS & CO.	12 AUXILIARY DINNER Roast Beef EMBERS & CO.	13 Legion Exe Mtg - 9a Gen Mtg 10 am SAL & JR Mtgs 11:30 Legion Nominations EMBERS & CO Rod/Pole/Local/Waters
14 Rod & Pole Breakfast  HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY	15 Lite Dinner 5:30 p.m. BINGO 6:30 p.m.	16 COLOR GUARD 7 PM DARTS 7:30p	17 KARAOKE BIRTHDAY COVERED DISH 7:30 pm	18 AUDITION JAM SESSION	19 COLOR GUARD DINNER COUNTRY FRIED STEAK TISH & SAMMY "D"	20 ARMED FORCES DAY  TISH & SAMMY "D"
21 Auxiliary Breakfast	22 Lite Dinner 5:30 p.m. BINGO 6:30 p.m.	23 Rendezvous C-304 - 7 p Promenade V-304 - 8 p DARTS 7:30p	24 KARAOKE 7:30 pm	25 CARDS 7 - 9 p.m. SEE YA!	26 ROD & POLE STEAK DINNER VAVS VISIT 4:30p Lake City NOEL & MINDY	27 NOEL & MINDY
28 Legion Breakfast	29 Children Youth Hot Dogs/ Burgers 11 - 3p Cabane - BBQ Chicken 3PM Flag ½ meal  Kelly Burk Band	30 DARTS 7:30 pm	32 KARAOKE 7:30 pm	