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## COMMANDER'S REPORT



Legion Family: let me begin by extending a big thank you to all our members for the success of the Annual Christmas Basket Program. Our chairman, Mary Shope and all the volunteers did a tremendous job in their donation of time, effort, money and gifts, which all added up to the credit of Post 137. I am very proud of the Post 137 "Teamwork" with this project and everyone involved can likewise be proud.

Our membership is still on goal as prescribed by the [Florida Department](#) of the American Legion. However, I believe we have the ability to produce 100 % renewals in advance of their deadlines. We are continuing to grow, with 30 new members and transfers being read in at our December General Assembly. Our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice, Adjutant, Finance Officer, Office Secretary and yours truly are all hard at work to get the membership renewals. I am asking that every Legionnaire assist us in this effort, as well as the signing up of new members. Remember, "Teamwork" by all of us pulling together for Post 137 can and will accomplish great things.

The Department Commander's visit to the [5<sup>th</sup> District](#) this past month was also hailed as a success. Post 137 put out the "Red Carpet" treatment, providing parking and services for the Commander's RV here at the Post while he visited the District. We were honored with his presence during the memorial service and dedication of the memorial stone for George and Corrine Derrick on the riverfront on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>. Post 137 also played host for the Commander's Dinner here at our post home on the evening of the 9<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to everyone involved with a personal special thanks to our Club Manager/[5<sup>th</sup> Dist. SAL](#) Commander, Bill Kelly for all the hard work, effort and worry we put him through in seeing that the Dinner was well done and that everyone enjoyed themselves.

2007 will be a great year for Post 137 and I am pleased to announce that our website: [Americanlegion137.com](http://Americanlegion137.com) is being rebuilt and modernized. I feel sure all of the members who have personal computers will enjoy the new look of the site. We are attempting to provide more information to the membership and allow them ease of access to current and past events, which have and will continue to take place at our Post Home. Congratulations are in order to our Webmaster, [Hal Helms](#) and his crew, who are making me very proud of the new website. Keep up the good work!



Remember, "*Enthusiasm is Contagious*".

For GOD and Country, [Dennis Thompson](#), Commander

## **SERVICEOFFICER REPORT:**

The last few months have been very eventful in the world of assistance to Veterans. I could provide a matrix with the number of Veterans receiving assistance in different categories. However, I would rather tell you that we (members of Post 137) have provided assistance in every category and at every level possible. The word is getting out that Post 137 is truly a Service organization from the local Veterans groups as far south as Daytona and even the State Penitentiary. Yes, we do have Veterans in prisons that find themselves in need of assistance in claiming disabilities or needing military service documentation.

The Service Officer is a title for one Post member. However, there are so many others in the Post providing services that do not receive recognition. For example; everyone I have met in our Post has been willing to assist other members and their families, give helpful advice, or pass along information that is helpful to others. When new members are introduced and everyone stops what they are doing to welcome him/her, a service has been provided to that new member. Everyone serving on a committee or project is providing a service to the other members or community. This [newsletter](#) provides a service to members that come to our Post everyday and for those unable to join us due to medical reasons. OK, even the Post Commander is guilty of assisting members whether it is approving donations for needy families, intervening when problems exist in the Post or community affecting Veterans, or providing Post leadership. We are all "service" oriented and you are all appreciated.

For the reasons above, I report the "Service" program during 2006 at Post 137 has been a total success and hope 2007 is equally as rewarding.

For the Members,  
Fred Bergman, Service Officer



## **WEBPAGE:**

As you may already know the Post website is working and looks great. The Webmaster, Hal Helms, has provided access to the "BUGLER" through the website and anyone can download the Bugler from their home computer. If you would like to view the new web page go to [AmericanLegion137.com](http://AmericanLegion137.com). To view the current or past issues of the Bugler, click on "Newsletter". If you would like to view and/or download the Bugler from your computer (in color) and help the post save mailing and printing costs, email the Webmaster and let him know at [webmaster@americanlegion137.com](mailto:webmaster@americanlegion137.com).

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| <b>7</b><br>BREAKFAST ROD & POLE  | <b>8</b><br>Rod & Pole Mtg. 7 pm  | <b>9</b><br><b>DARTS 7P</b>   | <b>10</b><br><b>KARAOKE 7:30 P</b><br><a href="#">Legion Riders</a> Mtg. 7 pm | <b>11</b><br>MOVIE 7 PM<br><b>"THE BEAST"</b><br>*War  | <b>12</b><br>AUXILIARY DINNER<br>Mid-Winter 40/8 Ocala, FL<br>12/12 – 12/14<br><b>JIM CRAFT</b>    | <b>13</b><br>LegionExeMtg 9a<br>Gen Mtg 10 a<br>SAL 12 noon<br><b>JIM CRAFT</b> |
| <b>14</b><br>BREAKFAST AUXILIARY<br>Mid-Winter 40/8 Ocala, FL                       | <b>15</b>   | <b>16</b><br>COLOR GUARD MTG 7 PM<br><b>DARTS 7P</b>                          | <b>17</b><br><b>KARAOKE 7:30 P</b><br>COVERED DISH                            | <b>18</b><br>MOVIE 7 PM<br><b>"RED EYE"</b><br>*Suspense   | <b>19</b><br>COLOR GUARD DINNER<br><b>TISH &amp; SAMMY "D"</b>                                     | <b>20</b><br><b>TISH &amp; SAMMY "D"</b>  |
| <b>21</b><br>BREAKFAST CHILDREN & YOUTH   | <b>22</b>   | <b>23</b><br>CABANE 304<br>RENDEZVOUS 7PM<br><b>DARTS 7P</b>                  | <b>24</b><br><b>KARAOKE 7:30 P</b>  | <b>25</b><br>MOVIE 7 PM<br><b>"ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST"</b><br>*8 Awards                             | <b>26</b><br>ROD & POLE DINNER<br><b>Shrimp Boil</b><br>VAVS LAKE CITY 4:30 PM<br><b>VICKI LEE</b> | <b>27</b><br><b>VICKI LEE</b>   |
| <b>28</b>   | <b>29</b>   | <b>30</b><br><b>DARTS 7P</b>  | <b>31</b><br><b>KARAOKE 7:30 P</b>  | <br><b>HAPPY NEW YEAR</b> |  |   |

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Congratulations**, to Legion Chaplain Gene Odom and wife Marianne. These two lovebirds spent their **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**, Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Big Apple. Yep! New York City. Hope you two had a lovely time. We wish you many more years ahead to celebrate.

**Welcome** to all the new and transfer members who have been very smart and beat the membership dues increase that is coming up. Now that you have joined, choose a program to devote some time to and become a real part of the Legion family. **Welcome**.

**SPEAKING OF VOLUNTEERING**, do you enjoy games? The excitement of a win? Getting free stuff? a night out once a week? The company of other folks just like you or maybe not? If you said yes to any of the above you might want to talk to the **Commander** about helping run BINGO. Call him and say "the Bugler sent me".

**HEY, HEY, Hal Helms**, you did a great job on the Website. Congratulations to you.

**Ray Runyan** says, darts are in full throw and invites anyone who loves the game or wants to learn to come to the Post any Tuesday night 7 pm. These guys and gals have a truly fun time and they support many Legion Programs. Ray will be looking for you.

**MY APOLOGIES**, to Retired; Sr. Warrant Officer, Bob Boyd and Master Gunnery Sgt. Ray Runyan. I demoted them in the Marine Birthday article down to Gunnery Sgts.

Holy Molly what was I thinking ? Fingers typing & mind on R& R. Please excuse me.

**Legionnaire, Bob Nimmo** We hope you are much better because we all missed you at the last Bugler Meet. You know we need you. So please get better real soon.

**Auxiliary, Debra Geisinger**, It was so nice to see you up and about after your back surgery. Good girl just keep on keeping on. You will make it. Best wishes from us all.

**LEGION RIDERS DINNER** is a big success! Dec.8<sup>th</sup> the Riders held a roast beef dinner to start the funding for a parking pad for "BIKES". Thanks to Billy Bob Johnson, John Bookout, Vicki Fair, Stacy Wiggs, Carl Rusk, Nora & Nola Marcantel and Bill Kelly for making the dinner a success. We have a start on the Pad. Tracy Kembel.

**WELCOME BACK** to a previous advertiser, Mr L.A.Hardee, Notary Public. Anyone needing a Notary **OR** thinking about "Tying the Knot" Mr. Hardee also Marries Folks.

**THANK YOU, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Dan Grant , House Chairman, Ray Runyan & Club Mgr. Bill Kelly.** The wonderful treat of hamburgers for the hard working Bugler Crew on Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> was very nice. We were short some good crewmembers and those of us present really had to get to it. Thanks also to the folks just dropping by for your help. Editor

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to all the Capricorns, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>- Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> and AQUARIUS, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>-Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>. We wish for you many, many more and hope all your desires come true.

**GET WELL SOON** to everyone who is feeling ill. This is a difficult time to feel bad.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE : THE BUGLER EDITOR & CREW.**

## **1<sup>ST</sup> VICE REPORT:**

Greetings and a Happy New Year.

At the December meeting 30 members were read in, 15 new and 15 transfers.

POST 137 as of December 2, stands with 77.8% membership renewals for 2007. We have reached all our goals set by the department at this point. My New Years resolution is to reach 100% as soon as possible.

But I can't do it alone, I need your help, by reminding members to pay their 2007 dues.

I had one member donate money for membership dues for someone who might be financially stressed. I found a 73 year old Legionnaire who has been a member for 37 years that is living only on social security, who benefited from this contribution.

We served over 200 people at the Early Bird dinner. Many thanks to Nora and Nola Marcantel, Dan and Vivian Grant, Rod and Lynn Derting, Cissy Sheek, Bill Kelly, Sarah Mackesy, and Eddie Dykes. Because of their hard work and effort the dinner was a success.

For God And Country - John English, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice

## **2<sup>ND</sup> VICE REPORT:**

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!! 2007 -- Wow, it is here, now what are we going to do with it? We can do nothing and just take it easy and let someone else do the Legion Programs, orrrr we could all pitch in and make for a wonderful year again this year. Every time we eat a meal, enjoy a dance, attend an event we are helping for sure, but we can also help with these events and programs. Things don't happen by themselves. There are members behind the scenes putting things together, cooking, purchasing goods, and arranging tables doing all sorts of things. COME BE A BIGGER PART OF THE PICTURE. You won't regret it, because for everything we do; a child, a vet, an elderly citizen, a school, a special program or a serviceman or woman's life or job becomes just a little bit easier. All because someone wanted to be a bigger part of the picture and help. You have talent and ability come make it still count for something, they need you and we need you.

For God and Country, Dan Grant, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice

## **3<sup>RD</sup> VICE REPORT:**

On January 7<sup>th</sup> we will host the Sunday breakfast. Come in and enjoy some great food at a reasonable price, \$5.00. My kitchen staff is second to none: Ray Runyan, Donna Snook, Dan and Vivian Grant, John and Joanne Kelley and my bride, Diane. A special thanks to Carl Rust, dish washer extraordinaire.

For God and Country, Barry Congressi, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice

## **4<sup>TH</sup> VICE REPORT:**

On Dec.1, 2006 Post 137, Unit 137, Vioture 304-40/8 made our ANNUAL CHRISTMAS visit to Lake City V.A. Hospital. We loaded our vehicles and departed post 137 at 4:30 pm. We arrived at Lake City a little after 5:30 pm. We had a very good dinner at a local restaurant prior to going to the hospital. The following dedicated members of Post 137, Unit 137, Voiture 304 and Cabane 304 were present: Tony & Jackie Romano, Shirley Hall, Nora & Nola Marcantel, Charles & Debra Geisinger, Dale Prewitt, Barry & Diane Congressi, Bill Kelly, Carl & Myra Jowers, Lewis & Ann Gray, Norman & Sandy Gentry, and John & Joann Kelley. As you can see we had a very good turnout of V.A.V.S. Volunteers, more than double from last year. My Personal Thanks go out to the above members for giving of their time, money and effort, month after month in support of our V.A.V.S. program.

The Christmas activities started at approximately 7 pm. **We gave out 200 ditty bags.** Our primary concern as always was the nursing home. Santa Claus and his many helpers visited every room in the nursing home, to include the restricted wards. We also donated other items (controlled)

that could not be put in the ditty bags, i. e. razors, shaving cream, shampoo, etc. I would like to give my personal thanks to my wife Ann Gray, for her many hours of hard work and dedication year after year to get ready for this annual event. As you read this report, she is getting ready for next year. A special Thank You to Barry Congressi, John Kelley, Carl Jowers and Charles Geisinger for being our Santa Claus's this year. I know it was worth the heat and sweat to make our Veteran's Happy.

Our next V.A.V.S. visit to Lake City Hospital will be January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Remember, if you would like to participate or need a ride let me know. We depart Post 137 at 4:30 pm and carpool to Lake City. We eat at a local restaurant and start our activities at the hospital at 7 pm. We get back to Jacksonville around 9 pm.

The following donated items for the Annual Christmas Party at Lake City V.A. Hospital -- A total of 200 Ditty Bags were given out...Post 137, Unit 137, Voiture-304 and Cabane -304. **Each bag had a cash value of \$12.00.** Hope you all had a Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year.

Yours in Service, Lewis E. Gray, 4<sup>th</sup> Vice

## **AMERICAN LEGION POST 137 VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH**

To all of those who participated in the Post Home clean-up day on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, I extend my personal thanks. Each of you demonstrated to me your dedication to the well being of Lakeshore Post 137 by your efforts and hard work. The weather on that day was terrible but all of you stuck through with the assigned tasks. Thanks also to those who worked in the kitchen and provided the lunch. I hope all of you will return again when we schedule a Spring clean-up. I'll ask the Chaplain to pray for better weather.

Those who participated: Dennis G, Barry, Tom, Carl, Myra, Eddie, Herb, Nora, Nola, Sandy, Norman, Ray, Rick, John, Bobby, Ron, Michael, Jim, Hal F, Jerry K, Jerry, Tony R., Tom T, Insicle, Barbara, Bill K and Diane.  
Dennis Thompson, Commander

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

We had our regular monthly meeting December 7, 2006. We had new members read in, voted on, and accepted. Our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Joyce Bramer was very ill, but she came by and gave her report to Jo Ann Kelly and pick up all of her mail to work up hopefully over the weekend and get ready to be sent to the Department of Florida next week. I cannot stress enough to the membership of the Auxiliary that all of our work is done by volunteers. The work has to be fit into their schedules around families, jobs, and other commitments. We would certainly appreciate your patience. For the new members you are given a receipt when you pay your dues and this receipt entitles you to the benefits of the club until you can receive your new card. As for renewals, your 2006 card is still acceptable but carry them with your cards and receipts.

We have several big projects for after the holidays. Our Children and Youth Chairman Diane Congressi is doing a great job, with more plans in the works. We will report on the Children's Christmas party December the 17<sup>th</sup> in next months report. We are sure it will be a huge success as always. Diane thanked all of her helpers at the meeting, but without a good chairman nothing will get done, so thanks Diane.

We have a new 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Beverly English. She will take over in January, but she has already helped in the kitchen. We are sure she will do a fine job. We have several new juniors in our group. Our Junior Chairman Linda Cumbie has some good ideas such as having cooking classes and bake sales.

A big thanks goes to Ray Runyan and his crew for pulling us out of the fire in the kitchen duties for November. This is a great example of co-operation between the Legion members and the Auxiliary. Thanks so much Ray!! Another big thanks goes out to Carol Dykes for taking over our kitchen duties for December as well. She can always be counted on. When she was President of the Auxiliary she did more of the cooking than any of us realized. We had a surprise visitor at our meeting; Major Perry Bennett of the U.S. Army, just returned from combat duty came in and thanked us for the support that we give to the military. We had to turn that Thanks Back at Him!!! MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL FROM UNIT 137 AND ITS PRESIDENT!!!!!! Jeri West

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## **BLOOD DONATIONS CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

### Top 10 Common Excuses To Not Donate Blood

1. I'm AFRAID OF NEEDLES -- Contrary to popular belief there is very little pain in the actual donation process. The feeling is no different than pinching your arm.
2. OTHER PEOPLE MUST BE GIVING ENOUGH BLOOD -- Only five percent of the eligible donor population actually bother to donate. New donors are needed to replace those who become ineligible due to medical reasons, and to keep pace with the rising need for blood each year.
3. MY BLOOD ISN'T THE RIGHT TYPE -- Every type is the right type. The rarest blood is the type that's not available when you need it. All types must be on hand when they are needed.
4. YOU WOULDN'T WANT MY BLOOD -- The nurses on duty review each donor's medical history before drawing the blood to protect the donor as well as the person who will receive the blood. Very few past illnesses exclude a person from donating.
5. I DON'T HAVE ANY BLOOD TO SPARE -- If you are in generally good health, you have 10 to 12 pints in your body. You may safely donate one pint of blood every eight weeks.
6. I'm TOO OLD TO DONATE -- If you are in good health and 17 years or older, you are able to donate safely. There is no upper age limit to donating blood.
7. I DON'T DONATE UNLESS IT'S AN EMERGENCY -- If people wait until a relative or friend needs blood, it could be too late to donate. It takes 12 to 18 hours to do the necessary typing and testing of the blood after donation. Blood has to be available before it is needed.
8. THEY THROW AWAY A LOT OF BLOOD -- The blood collected by Central Florida Blood Bank is generally delivered to a hospital for patient use, on the average, 48 hours after you have donated.
9. I CAN PAY FOR ANY BLOOD I NEED -- If dollars could be transfused, there would be no need to donate. However, only blood can be transfused and only people can donate. All the money in the world is useless if no blood is available.
10. I DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO DONATE -- Positively the poorest excuse ever invented. It only takes 30 minutes to give a pint of blood...the donation itself takes five to seven minutes on an average.

Over the past ten years the blood donation process has come a long way. Donating is easy and people that thought they were not eligible actually are eligible under today's standards. So if you decide to take the plunge and visit a blood donation facility, remember to tell the receptionist to give credit to the American Legion Post 137. Then let me know where and when you donated.

For the Members,

Fred Bergman

Blood Donation Chairman

### **Sons of the American Legion Lakeshore Squadron 137**

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### **Meeting Saturday Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> @ Noon**

Your sons have had an exciting couple of months with visits from Richard Crooker of Squadron 139 in Tampa. Richard is currently the Detachment Assitant Sgt. of Arms is currently running for Detachment Commander next year. We also entertained Jim Roberts current Detachment Membership Chairperson and is slated to run for S.A.L. National Commander in 2006. Both attended the Department Commander here at our Post on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

The Squadron is still seeking Officers. Anyone interested may speak with [myself](#) or [Commander Thompson](#) about taking a active part in the Squadron. I know we have qualified people to step up. Make a difference.

Membership is moving right along, and if you have not paid your membership by now you will be feeling the increase of \$5.00. Membership has increased for our membership to keep pace with the Legion increase. Dues for Sons are now \$35.00 for members over 21 years of age.

For God, Country and Our Legion Family

Bill Kelly

Commander

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## **V.A.V.S. REPORT**

Our Christmas visit to Lake City to deliver the Ditty Bags went very well. We had 19 people in attendance. We even had 4 Santas. We passed out 200 bags filled with various items along with the bags we also passed out bananas and tangerines.

A big "Thank You" to all the different groups that made donations for this project. That includes [American Legion Post 137](#), Ladies [Auxiliary](#), Jr. Girls, [S.A.L.](#), Rod & PoleBenders, Dart Assoc., Cabane 304, [Voiture 304](#), Color Guard, Tony Romano, J.J.& Pat O'Brien, Ray Runyan and Sam for the bag of socks. Also a friend of Mary Shope's donated a bag of socks. I hope I haven't overlooked anyone if I have it wasn't on purpose. Again many Thanks to all that donated and to all that made the trip with us. I have already started working on next year's bags and cards. This is a year long project and takes many hours and many miles, but it is worth all of it to see smiles on our Veteran's faces. V.A.V.S. Rep, Ann Gray

**ANNUAL V.A.V.S. CHRISTMAS PARTY** Visit to Lake City; Miles: 2,299, Hours: 95. A Special Thank You to Carl & Myra Jowers for donating a microwave.

Restricted Items: 4 cases each lotion, shaving cream, mouthwash, shampoo. 2 cases Bic Razors \$460.95. Microwave \$200.00 **Total \$660.95**

Ditty Bags/fruit: 3 cases bananas, 4 cases tangerines, 300 pr. Socks, 200 each of the following, combs, toothpaste, tooth brushes, sugar free gum, chap sticks & Kleenex.  
1000 Christmas cards & 1000 postage stamps.

**Grand Total of all items \$3,336.95.**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

## ✚ CHAPLAIN'S REPORT ✚

This past year has rapidly come to a close. As we often say, "where did the time go?" I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and look forward to a safe and prosperous New Year. The post with the help and support of its members has done many great things this past year. I am sure much more will be accomplished in 2007 with everyone's continued effort.

A special thanks to everyone who contributed to and supported our programs such as the Christmas baskets and the [V.A. hospital](#). As you all know these programs could not exist without you're your help much less be as successful as they have been. The children's Christmas Party was a good time had by all. A big thank you to everyone who contributed their time and effort to putting many happy faces on our Legion children. That's the joy of Christmas.

As the New Year arrives, now is the time to think about all those New Year resolutions. How about including your Legion Post in your thoughts and consider what you can do to help your Post continue to be one of The Best In our district as well as the state. Your help is always needed and welcomed.

We had a dedication ceremony of the park down by the river in honor of George Derreck and his wife Corrine. A plaque was placed in their memory. They were both devoted and dedicated members of the American Legion and will be missed. So when you pass by the park or look towards the flag, keep a thought and prayer in your mind for George and Corrine.

It is my sad duty to report to you the names of our members who have transferred to Post Everlasting.

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| ROBERT TROXELL and JAMES D. WILLIAMS |
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Please keep these Legionnaires and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Wishing all of you a Very Happy New Year.

For God and Country, Gene Odom

### **CABANE 304:**

*I hope everyone had a nice Holiday. Hope to see everyone in Ocala this month.*

Our next Rendezvous will be January 23, 2007. Please plan on coming. We will start with a covered dish at 6 p m followed by Rendezvous at 7 p m. Hope to see you there.

Merci, Betty Lomax, La Presidente, Cabane 304

### **40 & 8 REPORT:**

There will be a Petit Prom. in Ocala the weekend of January 12th thru 15th. I hope as many members of the 40 & 8 as possible will attend. It will be at the Mid Florida Hotel, Ramada Inn. I'll be looking for you.

Barry Congressi, Chef de Gare

## **EMPLOYMENT OFFICER:**

### **Networking is Name of Game at Job Fairs (part 2)**

#### **Last month I listed some DO's for your next job fair. Here are the DON'Ts.**

What is a job fair? That's when employers gather their printed pens and candy dishes and head out to hotel ballrooms and school gyms.

If you've attended a job fair, you know what to expect. There will be a registration table to include your name for drawings or to drop off your resume to be copied to all attending employers. There might be speakers offering advice. And there will be a roomful of employers, standing their folding tables, with information and applications to hand out.

But what there might not be are jobs. When the economy is uncertain, the prospect of job openings at these gatherings is equally uncertain. So, why do employers attend? For the same reason you should: to meet people... to NETWORK.

To get you in the right frame of mind, here is a short list of don'ts for your next job fair.

#### **DON'Ts ...**

**Dress too casually.** If the job fair is in a mall, for example, don't dress as if you were doing errands at the mall. Dress to meet employers.

**Get too comfortable.** Jelly doughnuts? No thank you. Gossip in the bathroom? Not unless you're absolutely certain with whom you're gossiping and who's in the next stall.

**Scarf up all the free stuff.** Take a printed pen or key chain, but don't take a fistful. Likewise, feel free to take a piece of candy from the dish, but under no circumstances should you put it in your mouth. You wouldn't do that in an interview, so don't do it at the employer's table either.

**Think too narrowly** about the companies present. A nursing home, for instance, needs not only healthcare professionals but also accountants, groundskeepers and salespeople. Look at every company as a potential employer, regardless of your field.

**Expect to be interviewed** on the spot. In fact, that may not be in your best interest, given the distractions and time limits of a job fair. If possible, ask for a meeting later in the week, when the interviewer can spend more time with you.

**Fill out applications**, unless there is an interview promised. Otherwise, attach a resume to the **completed** application, make a note to yourself to call later in the week to follow up, and keep moving.

Perhaps the best tip is to think of job fairs as places to network, learn and meet people. Using this approach, you will gain something from every job fair you attend. **To increase your chances of a good outcome, commit yourself to following up with the people you meet.**

Remember that even companies with no current openings will be hiring eventually. Your task is to be the first one when they do.

**Frank Madigan, Employment Officer**

## **HISTORIAN'S REPORT:**

Again the year is coming to a close. The grains of sand in the hourglass are dropping faster and faster and each grain represents a moment in history. As a member, were you participating as the grains of sand fell? If not then those moments will be lost forever and the generations to come will not know your face. Nor, will they be able to look at a picture and interpret the pleasures being a Legionnaire gave you. The Legion is open to all members. Come join in and enjoy all the functions. As a member don't be a lost grain of sand floating about in infinity. You, as a member, have a story to tell. However, your help is needed so that your story can become a part of the "Legion History".

Rick Wiggs

## CLUB MANAGER'S REPORT

A big Thank You to everyone who has helped out these last couple of months to make our Holiday Season a Big Success; because without you we could have never done it. **Job Well Done.**

Starting New Years Day and continuing all month we will have all of the Football Games right here on the big screen in the hall. Come on out and cheer our Gators and Jaguars to victory.

Commander Thompson is still looking for a group to run Bingo on Monday's. Don't forget last month when the hall was full of food for the Christmas baskets the money for that goes support the Baskets and the Bugler **so get involved.**

Remember our Club has something going on almost every night with **Darts** on Tuesday at 7PM, **Karaoke** Wednesday and **Birthday night** every third Wednesday, **Movie Night** Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, & 25<sup>th</sup>, **Dinner Every Friday and Live Music every Friday and Saturday, So come on out and See What your Missing at Lakeshore Post 137.**

Remember Drink Responsibly

Bill Kelly

### NEW & IMPROVED MOVIE NIGHT

We will be installing the glass wall to provide a dark and quiet theater.

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#### JANUARY FEATURES

Thurs. Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm....."THE BEAST" a great war movie

Thurs. Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm....."RED EYE" a suspense, thriller

Thurs. Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm "ONE FLEW OVER THE COOKOO'S NEST"

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