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COMMANDER'S REPORT



Membership is still a top priority, which is deserving of our full attention. While we remain ahead of goal, our deadline for the 100% goal is fast approaching. I cannot over emphasize the importance of renewals for those of you who have forgotten or procrastinated thus far. Also, I need the help of each and every member of Post 137 in getting the new memberships, which are just as critical as renewals. The many American Legion Programs and Local Community Projects sponsored by this Post depend on the funding and budgeting provided from membership. Remember, only through the hard work of all of us pulling together, can we succeed in meeting the final membership goal.

I am pleased to announce our House Committee has essentially completed the fill work on the back lot of the Post property. Building funds were authorized by the Executive Committee for this work in order to eliminate the hazards, which existed, and to enhance and improve valuable property to be utilized for future use. Our next priority project is the complete make over of the men's restroom facilities located in the lounge area. Plans and estimates of cost are being prepared and will be presented to the Executive Committee soon for consideration.

Bingo returned on Feb. 5th and I am greatly encouraged by the increase in participation. As all of you should know, the Bingo Program is a very valuable part of the success of our programs and is always in need participants and volunteers. Members can always bring a guest so long as they sign them in. I will always encourage participation, so bring a guest with you. At present I am in dire need of help in the area of weekly and monthly accounting for Bingo! If you are seriously interested, please contact me for the details.

An American Legion Initiation Ceremony will be held at this month's General Assembly on Sat., Mar. 10th. Those Legionnaires, both old and new, who have never been initiated, are welcome to come and take part in this solemn ceremony. Next months General Assembly on April 14th we will remember our departed Comrades with a Post Everlasting Ceremony. Everyone please try to attend.

A "Comment Box" has been put in place next to the sign in stand in the Lounge. If you have an idea or comment for the betterment of Post 137, please do so! Remember

—
"Enthusiasm is Contagious."

For GOD and Country,
Dennis Thompson, Commander



LEGION RIDERS:

On January 25, 2007, Army SPC William J. Rechenmacher, a Jacksonville native, was killed while serving in Baghdad. His body was flown via chartered jet to NAS Jacksonville. The funeral for Joshua, as he preferred to be called, was scheduled for Saturday, January 27, and the group from Kansas made it known they planned to show up and protest. So, a call was put out to the Patriot Guard. Members from as far away as S. Carolina gathered on Saturday morning. Many braved near freezing temperatures, traveled many miles. All those present had a common goal at heart: To give of themselves to show honor to the sacrifice of this patriot and to show support for the family. Over 100 motorcycles and 15 cars attended. Two members of Chapter 137 of the American Legion Riders participated.

At 11:00 a.m., a line was formed and all those attending the services entered under an archway of flags. The family was very touched by the showing. Several walked down both sides of the line, shook every hand and said with trembling lips "Thank you for coming."

The Patriot Guard is a group started by the American Legion and membership is free. Our goal is to show that Americans believe in and honor what a life was lost to protect. Although primarily made-up of motorcycles, the only requirement for membership is dedicated belief in what was lost and why.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	MARCH 2007					G-MEN
4 BREAKFAST CHILDREN & YOUTH	5 Lite Dinner 5:30 pm BINGO 6:30pm	6 Steering Com. 6:30 p Color Guard 7 pm DARTS 7p	7 KARAOKE 7:30 P	8 Movie Nite "The Guardian" 7 pm	9 DINNER COLOR GUARD MEATLOAF JIM CRAFT	10 Legion Meeting Exe 9am Gen 10 am "Member Initiation" Juniors 11:30 am SAL 12 noon JIM CRAFT
11 BREAKFAST ROD & POLE	12 Lite Dinner 5:30 pm BINGO 6:30pm	13 DARTS 7p	14 KARAOKE 7:30 P	15 Movie Nite "Little Miss Sunshine" 7 pm	16 DINNER 40/8 RIBS SAMMY "D"	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY S.A..L. Corn Beef & Cabbage 2 pm til SAMMY "D"
18 BREAKFAST CABANE	19 Lite Dinner 5:30 pm BINGO 6:30pm	20 Color Guard 7 pm DARTS 7p	21 KARAOKE 7:30 P Birthday Covered Dish	22 Movie Nite "Casino Royale" 7 pm	23 DINNER AUXILIARY VAVS Lake City 4 pm PEGGY & HOSS	24 PEGGY & HOSS
25 BREAKFAST AUXILIARY	26 Lite Dinner 5:30 pm BINGO 6:30pm	27 Cabane 304 Rendezvous 40/8 7 pm DARTS 7p	28 KARAOKE 7:30 P	29 Movie Nite "Borat" 7 pm	30 DINNER Cabane-304 COUNTRY FRIED STEAK VICKI LEE	31 NOEL & MINIDY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Post 137 Initiations March 10TH During the general meeting there will be an initiation Ceremony. New Member and others who have not been Initiated are invited to attend.

AUXILIARY UNIT 137 Membership Chairman, JoAnn Kelley, ask that all members please get your renewals in for your dues. She says "Time is flying by and your support for the Unit Programs is needed." So ladies jump too as the end of the year reports will be **going out in a couple of months lets look Good!!**.

KARAOKE MUSIC MASTER BIL SCOTT wants to invite you to the Post on Wednesday nights for a wonderful time. If you like to sing bring your disc or use his. He says Valentines Night they had a blast. It was also the 3rd Wed. and that is covered dish **food and Birthday night. So don't sit home, come and enjoy KARAOKE. SEE YA!!**

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY MARCH 17th Corned Beef and Cabbage from 2 pm.'til.

GIRLS STATE CANDIDATES will be interviewed during the March 1st Auxiliary General Meeting. at 7:30 pm, Main Hall. You are invited to come and see **AMERICANISM at WORK.**

BOB MEYERS, Boys State Chairman, called to let us know that post sponsored, Stanton Student, Co'relius Bryant made us proud. He won the Northern Area Oratorical Competitions February 18th.. The Post Oratorical Chairman, Coleen Doland accompanied the young man to the competitions in Orange City. If you recall he also won the Governors seat at Boys State this past summer. Congratulations Co'relius. We are proud.

THANK YOU to all the wonderful folks that so graciously helped in the production of the Four Chaplain's Memorial Service Feb.3rd. Larry Briggs, Sean Compton, Diane Congressi, John English, Norman & Sandy Gentry, Dennis Glisson, Dan Grant, Ann Gray, Myra Jowers, Joann & John Kelley, Bill Kelly, Jerry Lepore, Greg Lovejoy, Nola Marcantel, Robert McDonough, Bob McVeigh, Hank Morris, Jackie Romano, Raymond Runyan, Bill Scott, James D. Shupe, Sandra Sikes, Carol Tarr, Dennis Thompson, Jeri West and Post 137 Color Guard. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

To all the Moms and Dads and Grandparents Please let me know if your little darlings past this years grade with an A/B Honor Roll Grade Point Average. The Bugler would love to recognize these young people for their hard work. We always hear about the bad kids. It would be nice to appreciate the GOOD ONES. So let me know we will Post this in the July Bugler. Please send name the way you want it printed...Thanks.

Happy Birthday to all the Pisces, Feb. 20th - March 20th and Aries March 21st - April 20th
We wish you fair winds and blue skies.

To those not feeling very well, hurry up and get better soon. It is almost Gardening time.
Just a word of Thanks to our Super BuglerCrew. You are All the Best. Editor

1ST VICE REPORT:

Greetings, at the February General Meeting 14 members were read in, 8 new and 6 transfers. New members that were present at this meeting were: Daniel Dewdauw, Richard Markwardt and Timothy Murphy, welcome them to Post 137.

Your Post, as of February 11, stands at 91% membership renewals for 2007. That's less than 150 legionaries that are delinquent, please help me find them.

At the March 10th General Meeting the Commander will be presenting American Legion Pins to all new members in an initiation ceremony. If you joined this post in the past year please be here for your presentation.

For God and Country,
John English

2ND VICE REPORT:

TOP OF THE MORN'IN TO YE, ME LADS! And a HAPPY SAINT PADDY'S DAY.

We all get a little Irish on March 17th. I would like to invite you to the Post for a lovely plate of Corned Beef and Cabbage March 17th 2 p.m. 'til (its gone). On that very night, Sammy D" will be playing and singing for your enjoyment. Thank You to all for supporting our many events which in turn supports our many Programs. We do appreciate you.

Check the Bugler Calendar for all the "Activities for March." Bingo is on again every Monday night with a lite supper ready at 5:30 p.m. The Legion will have it's Steak Dinner Friday the 2nd.

For GOD and COUNTRY,
Danny, boy, Grant

3RD VICE REPORT:

Ahh, spring is in the air, I hope! I've had enough of cold weather. Anyway, children and youth will host a Sunday breakfast on the 4th. I'm hoping for a good turnout. Plans are in motion for the Children's Easter Party on April 1. No fooling! 2 PM till 4 PM. There will be an egg hunt with prizes, games, food, the Easter Bunny and just plain, a lot of fun! Bring your children and let's all have a nice day.

For God and Country,
Barry Congressi, Third Vice Commander

4th VICE REPORT:

The following dedicated members of Post 137 and Voiture 304 participated in the Lake City visit on Jan. 26th. Lewis & Ann Gray, Joe & Patsy Kohten, Carl & Myra Jowers, Norman & Sandy Gentry, Dale Prewitt & Jack & Connie Manning. Thanks to Joe Kohten for filling in for John Kelley and Calling Bingo. We departed Post 137 at 4:30 pm, arrived at Lake City at 5:30pm had dinner at a local restaurant and started Bingo at 7 pm. We were given credit for 35 patients. Refreshments were served, at the close of the Bingo games, by Post 137 Auxiliary and 40/8 Cabane 304. We gave out \$100.00 cash to the Bingo Game Winners.

The following is a breakdown of the money Spent and credits given to us:

Refreshments: \$72.00 \$37.00 Aux Unit 137 & \$35.00 Cabane 304

Books & Magazines: \$1000.00

Games & Puzzles: \$200.00

Playing Cards: \$20.00

V.H.S. Tapes: \$200.00

TOTAL CREDIT: \$ 1,592.00

TOTAL HOURS: 55 MILES: 1,331

Gas Allowance (3 vehicles) \$ 48.00

Our next scheduled visit to Lake City V.A. Hospital will be March 23rd, 07. We will depart Post 137 at 4 pm; note this is a change from the old time due to heavy traffic. Remember if you would like to donate books, Magazines or other items drop them off at Post 137 mark them V.A.V.S. If you would like to help let me know, we can use help. It is up to us Veterans to help Veterans.

Yours in Service,
Lewis E. Gray, 4th Vice

AMERICAN LEGION POST 137 VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the entire Motley Crew for the great Sunday Breakfast they prepared and served on Feb. 4th. The food was superb, the music and entertainment was wonderful. The Motley team demonstrated an enthusiasm, which could not be measured! Thanks to all the crew -- consisting of Legionnaires, Auxiliary and SAL members who participated. They include: "SCARY, LEGGS, RED, SHE-DA-BOOGIE, AS REQUIRED, SOB, EARLY OUT, CAR MAN, WEST BY GOLLY" AND T-BONER.

Commander "SLICK"

Many thanks to Nora Marcantel, our Auxiliary Unit Chaplain/Bugler Editor, and her entire team for the "Four Chaplains Ceremony", which took place on sat. Feb. 3rd. A lot of hard work and effort took place in making this ceremony possible. A good turn out was had and I was very proud of everyone who participated. Nora, you did a terrific job and I do appreciate your efforts.

Commander Thompson



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PRESIDENTS REPORT

We had our regular monthly meeting February 1, 2007. We read in 3 new members and 4 transferees. The Unit voted to accept these members.

Children and Youth has been busy making money for the Unit. They made it possible for the Unit to donate \$1000.00 to Special Olympics through the Dept of Florida.

Also, we have ordered a case of Josh Dogs (to be delivered to the local Children's Hospital)"JOSH" comes with his own dog house and a book to be read to the children who are facing surgery and lengthy hospital stays. Thanks Diane and Crew!!!

We have started the "Lite Supper" on Mondays prior to Bingo.

We ordered 2 Spinoza Bears (these are very special bears that come with a case of comforting tapes). These are usually given to terminally ill children. They will go to the Ronald McDonald House.

We are looking into the YOUTH HERO AWARD, applications have been ordered.

We discussed making regular monthly trips to visit the V.A. Clinic in Jacksonville. We know there are needs for bus tickets for transportation to appointments locally and to Gainesville. Our Chaplain, Nora Marcantel, is in charge of organizing this project.

Vera Stevens is coordinating plans with the Legion for the Annual Police and Firemen's Dinner. INITIATION of NEW MEMBERS will be April 5th at the Mtg. Please come.

Thank You, Jeri West, Unit 137 President

VOITURE-304

We will be hosting our St. Louis Style baby back rib dinner, on the 16th with all the trimmings. I'll need help so don't everyone go on vacation at the same time. Just kidding. I'm sure that all the regular crew will be there. You know who you are and it is a good feeling for me that I can depend on you. Thanks.

We have an engineering company advising us of how to take care of our roof problem at the Chateau. It seems the deeper we look, the worse it becomes. I should know soon where we stand and I'll disseminate the information at our next Cheminot.

I have asked for and received permission from the Post executive committee, to place a storage building, about 10' by 12', next to the Chateau, on the back side of the kitchen. As you all know, we don't have any storage room. At first, it will be placed on the new cement slab. It will be moved next to the kitchen after the roof work has been completed. I'll let you know the cost of the building at our next Cheminot and will ask for your approval.

Barry Congressi, Chef de Gare



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POST 137 MEMORIES!

It was some time in the mid to late 80's. The exact year escapes me. I believe that it was during the decoration of the hall for the Past Commanders Dinner.

Have you ever noticed that even though some folks who emigrated from overseas that have been here a long time, when they get stressed or tense it is hard to understand them? Let me tell you about a wonderful lady, Lelo Carlson. Lelo was a Past President of the Auxiliary and was married to a Past Commander, Emil "Swede" Carlson. Two of the finest people I have ever met.

Lelo was from Germany. I met both Lelo and Swede in the late 70's. Lelo was in charge of decorating the hall for the event that evening and I just happened to walk in to the hall when she saw me. I could tell that she was in a very tense mood. As she caught my eye she told me (not asked me) to "Put the crap paper and puppies on the tables."

I was a little confused. I thought that this was supposed to be a formal event. Why in the world did she want crap paper and puppies put on the tables where folks would be eating? I was not really sure what she wanted so I asked her, "You want me to put the crap paper and puppies on the tables?" "Yes," she said, "and do it quickly."

Lelo, do you know what you are talking about? That doesn't make any sense. She looked at me with a confused look. I asked her what she was talking about. She went to the stage and reached into a box and pulled out a roll of red crepe paper and a poppy. I started laughing as she looked back and forth at the two items and me.

Suddenly it dawned on her what the problem was. She too started to laugh and said that she did not want crap paper and puppies on the table but rather she wanted the crepe paper and poppies.

She calmed down after that, and the evening was a huge success.

So, please remember that when you are confused with what somebody wants, do not go with your first impression. Make sure that you fully understand what they want.

That would have been one heck of a mess if I didn't seek more information.



MARCH MOVIE MARQUE 7 p.m.

8 th	THE GUARDIAN
15 th	LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE
22 nd	CASINO ROYAL
29 th	BORAT



✝ CHAPLAIN'S REPORT ✪

February was an eventful and busy month at our Post. On February 3rd, the Post presented The Four Chaplain's Memorial Service. For those who were unable to attend, you missed a memorable service. This is an annual program presented by our Legion Post and other veterans organizations nationwide. This service honors The Four Chaplains who sacrificed their lives by giving their "life preservers" to fellow comrades that they might survive the sinking of their ship, the USA T Dorchester, on February 3, 1943.

I would like to personally thank everyone who participated in this solemn service including all of the Speakers and our Color Guard who posted the Colors. A special thanks to Nora Marcantel who was responsible for putting this program together and making it successful. I was honored to have a part in this event. Another reminder about our ongoing fund raiser programs such as Bingo and Legion Dinners which need our support.

Again it is my sad duty to report to you the names of our fellow Legionnaires who have transferred to POST EVERLASTING.

Joseph Bruce	David Yon
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"Please keep these Legionnaires and their Families in your thoughts and prayers."

For GOD and COUNTRY,

Gene Odom, Chaplain

HISTORIAN'S REPORT:

Over the past few years there has been a lot of discussion about the storage space at the Post and the need to clean some of it out. In response to that I am working on a way to store the next 25+ years of Post history in an area smaller than a 24 pack of 35mm pictures. There will be folders for every year with subfolders for each Legion function. If you're in charge of a function just get me the information you want kept and it can be downloaded. Once the Hard Drive is loaded it can be viewed on any computer. Also, if needed, copies of pictures or documents could be made. The need for keeping bulky papers could be eliminated.

If you go to the Post website you will find pictures of the latest Post events. Check them out and see what you missed.

-- Rick Wiggs

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“JOSH PUPPIES” Feb.13, 07 Aux. Child & Youth Chair. Diane Congressi, left, & acting 1st Vice Pres. Joann Kelley, right, delivered seven “JOSH PUPPIES” to Teri Tumbleson, middle, Child Life Specialist at Wolfsons Children’s Hospital. Wolfsons is a Hospital for extremely ill children in this region. This is just another of the programs your Auxiliary supports when you support your Auxiliary.

Sons of the American Legion

Lakeshore Squadron 137

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Meeting Saturday, March 10th, Noon til

Your Sons are currently at approximately 80 % of membership goal. Please encourage all your sons to renew as soon as possible. A big Thanks to everyone who has already done so. Dinner plans for St. Patrick’s Day is on. We will be doing Corn Beef & Cabbage starting at 2 p.m. Come on out and enjoy a taste of Ireland and contribute to one of the best Squadrons in the State of Florida.

Congratulations to Son, Terry Curtis, this year’s winner of the Annual Super Bowl Chili Cook Off. Job well done. Last month we contributed \$230.00 to the Post sod fund to help beautify the back lot. Thanks to all the Sons who got out and helped lay the sod. Job well done.

For GOD, COUNTRY and our Legion Family,
Commander Bill Kelly

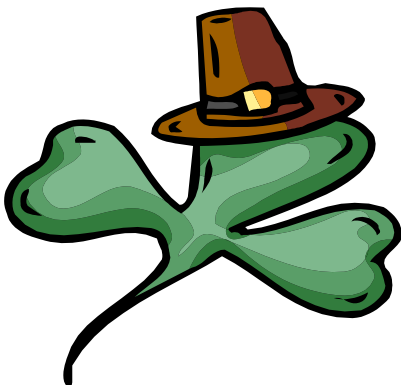
CLUB MANAGER – BILL KELLY

Let’s talk, we all have seen the great new developments here on our property the last year or so and with the need to maintain and upgrade our present facilities I’ve been tasked by our Executive Committee to trim some of the spending and increase our revenues as much as possible to aid our building fund. These changes to our property require other changes and along with the Finance and Executive Committees we have made tough decisions which may at first be inconvenient or different to some of our members but when the improvements envisioned by these governing bodies at our Post start paying off, we will look back at these decisions as the reasons we are able to spend the amounts of money to continued the upgrades and maintenance of this The Greatest American Legion in Florida and our Great Nation. Thank you for your indulgence.

Don’t forget there is always something going on at your Legion, Sunday Breakfast@8:30, Monday Bingo @6:30 and a Light Dinner, Tuesday Darts @7PM, Wednesday Karaoke @7:30 2nd 3rd & 4th Thursday is Movie Night, Friday is Dinner @5:30 and Live Music @8PM Saturday is Live Music @ 8PM.

Come on out and enjoy and support your American Legion.

Club Manager
Bill Kelly





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