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COMMANDER'S REPORT



Welcome Post 137 Members to the 2009 American Legion year. I expect this to be a prosperous time for our Post and enjoyable for our Members. It is a pleasure to spend the next year working with all of you to fulfill our responsibilities to the Veterans in our Post, community, and nation. I have discussed the importance of American Legion programs with a great number of our members and have been assured of their dedication to the organization and support for our Post. Although my tenure is just beginning, it is reassuring to have so many votes of confidence.

Congratulations to the newly elected Post officers. I can assure you these individuals are worthy of the task ahead. I look forward to working with them and assuring the needs of our members are properly represented. There are three appointed positions on the staff. It is a pleasure to announce the appointment of Joe Tarr as Judge Advocate, Ken Foldy as Adjutant, and Carl Jowers as Service Officer. Most Committees will remain the same. However, Bill Dallman will be Blood Chairman, the Christmas Basket Committee will change and their names will be provided later. Congratulations to the new Auxiliary Officers and thanks for a job well done to the outgoing Officers.

I would like to thank the outgoing Commander and Officers of Post 137. Under their leadership the Post has grown and numerous improvements have been made. Although most of the Officers have been reelected to their previous positions, this can only make the team stronger and the benefit will go to the Post and its members..

I hope it is obvious to everyone that I have great affection for the American Legion and its programs. I will work hard ensure our Post is properly represented at the District and Department level. The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, and Sons of the American Legion have worked tirelessly to ensure success of our programs. I want to see these programs continue and flourish.

It is my belief that each of our members has ownership in this Post. The members are the supporting mechanism and I want each of you to feel that you count. Being a member of our Post brings the obligation that you must show respect to the Post as well as fellow members. Please help me take care of our comrades and welcome new members.

A new year has begun and all of you should have received your 2009 dues renewal statement. Please renew as soon as possible, we want to see all of you at the Early Bird Dinner. We have a new 1st Vice Commander and he says the dinner will be great.

The month of July was a busy one for our volunteers. I was amazed at the positive attitudes of those that worked so hard to make the festivities come together. THANK YOU!! It was wonderful.

For God and Country,
Fred Bergman, Commander

SPECIAL ELECTION NOTICE

Due to a resignation from the Executive Committee, a special election will be held on Saturday, August 9, 2008 during the regular Legion meeting.

If you wish to be nominated please be at the meeting. The election will take place immediately after nominations are made.

Jerry Lepore, Past Judge Advocate

THANKS

It has been my pleasure, to have served, as your Judge Advocate for the past 2 years. I appreciate all of the help that I received from everyone at the Post. It was a very interesting adventure. There were a few rough spots, but most of the time it was a very gratifying experience. Please welcome the incoming Judge Advocate Joe Tarr as he assumes his duties.

Jerry Lepore, Past Judge Advocate

HONOR AIR

On the May Honor Air trip to Washington, D.C. at least 2 WWII veterans from Post 137 went. Another trip is tentatively planned for October. If you are a WWII veteran and would like to go you can fill out the application at www.firstcoasthonorair.com. If you don't have access to a computer I will be glad to print a form and fill it out for you. Three applications from Post 137 were sent in for the May trip-I'm aware of these because I helped the veterans fill the forms out and mailed them in. If you applied for the May trip, but weren't accepted you do not have to re-apply. I was assured that any applications exceeding the 100 limit would be saved for the next trip. If you are a WWII veteran or know someone who is one fill out the application and submit it. For any veteran who can't do it on line, it will be my honor to help you. Just call me at (904) 703-0601. Rick Wiggs

Remember . . .

School begins this month.

Watch out for the
SCHOOL ZONES



AUGUST 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 LEGION DINNER Rib-eye						
FINDERS KEEPERS 8 PM						
3 BREAKFAST Rod & Pole 8:30a – 11 am	4 Rod & Pole Mtg. – 7 p BINGO 6:30pm	5 Steering Com 6:30 p Color Guard 7 pm DARTS Sign-up 7:00 Play 7:30	6 KARAOKE w/ Bill Scott 7:30 P	7 Auxiliary Exe Mtg. 6:30p Gen. Exe. Mtg. 7:30p V-304 Chemind 7p Promenade 8p For a Donation Bread Day Video Bowling	8 AUXILIARY Pulled Pork 5:30 pm VICKI LEE 8 pm	9 Leg Exe Mtg 9 am Gen Mtg 10 am Past Region Chef de Gare Roast VICKI LEE 8 pm
10 BREAKFAST Rod & Pole 8:30a – 11 am	11 BINGO 6:30pm	12 DARTS Sign-up 7:00 Play 7:30	13 Legion Riders Mtg. 7p KARAOKE w/ Bill Scott 7:30 P	14 USMCCA 6:30p S.A.L. Mtg 7:00 pm For a Donation Bread Day Video Bowling	15 COLOR GUARD Country Fried Steak 5:30 pm PEGGY & HOSS 8 PM	16 PEGGY & HOSS 8 PM
17 BREAKFAST Auxiliary 8:30a – 11 am	18 BINGO 6:30pm	19 Color Guard 7pm DARTS Sign-up 7:00 Play 7:30	20 Birthday Covered Dish 7:30p KARAOKE w/ Bill Scott 7:30 P	21 For a Donation Bread Day Video Bowling	22 CABANE Steak Dinner 5:30p V.A.V.S. V/sit Lake City – 4:30 P GHOST RADIO 8 PM	23 Rod & Pole Fishing Local Waters Bartender's Appreciation Day GHOST RADIO 8 PM
24 BREAKFAST Children/Youth 8:30a – 11 am	25 BINGO 6:30pm	26 DARTS Sign-up 7:00 Play 7:30	27 KARAOKE w/ Bill Scott 7:30 P	28 For a Donation Bread Day Video Bowling	29 USMCCA Rib-eye Steak 5:30 pm GUNSLINGER 8 PM	30 GUNSLINGER 8 PM
31 BREAKFAST USMCCA 8:30a – 11 am						

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Post 137 Commander Fred Bergman, S.A.L. Squadron. 137 Commander Bill Kelly and Unit 137 President Anita Lee and the 2008-09 slate of Officers and Chairmen as you are appointed.

Best Wishes for a productive and forward moving year. Remember, most everyone comes to the Post Home to get involved. Help is there just ask.

WORDS OF WISDOM

One should never ask others to do something that they would not do themselves.
Fairness is the measure of a man and his rudeness is the measure of his parents.



A Sincere “**Thank you**” to all the Legion Family members who have served the Post Home the past year. Many people work behind the lines and are seldom seen. Without these members the programs would not continue and the work would not be completed.

I would like to add “**Thank you Bugler Crew**” for all the work you do every month. Stapling, folding and labeling the Post Newsletter and getting it ready for mailing is a big job. We all know members like their Bugler in their mailbox without fail. Each of you does a wonderful job “And, aren’t those hot dogs great” Funning aside. “Thank you” Editor

To three very special young people; we are all very proud of you. A and A/B Honor Roll students:
Ashley Lane, Jack Lane and Nathan Ellison.

Good job this year keep up the studies and make those good grades. Anymore, great kids out there, folks let me know! These young ones are our future.

Let’s all remember school is back in session this month, watch out for the SCHOOL ZONES and ugh! Speeding Fines...\$

A BIG WELCOME for JOHN J. SHORT, Jr. to the Bugler family of advertisers.

Folks; Call John and let him tell you about the AFLAC “Duck” He may be able to help you!

A snail can sleep for 3 years. Did it recently dawn on you that time is flying and you have done nothing to make life better for yourself or anyone else lately. Check out the Calendar and attend a meeting. Come learn to play darts or sing that song you love to hum. Many things are going on. Veterans to help, kids need mentors, Christmas projects starting. Get involved in the happenings at “YOUR AMERICAN LEGION POST” That is right. The Post belongs to all members.

ALR Chapter 137 BIKE SHOW AT POST 137 Saturday AUGUST 23rd

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to those born July 24th –August 23rd. **Leo the lion** is a ruler.

◀ **Yes, I know they really are not rulers. But, it would break their big egotistical hearts if we said so.** ▶

GET WELL WISHES to ALL our Legion Family members who are feeling down. We hope you are up and about real soon. A New Legion Year is here and you and your help are needed.

SINCERE SYMPATHY to the family of our own Dear, **Sylvia Gariepy**, who passed away July 8th. Sylvia served as our Bugler Crew Chief for almost seven years. She was a true and most loved friend. We will all miss her very much. Editor

1ST VICE REPORT:

no report

2ND VICE REPORT:

I would like to Thank, every one that sent me cards and called when I was ill. I Thank my wife for her Loving Care and consideration for me. To the members of the Post who helped with my duties in my absence. I really appreciate your work and thoughtfulness. I am happy to be up and about again. Looking forward to the new Legion year.

For GOD and Country, Dan Grant

3RD VICE REPORT:

First, I want to welcome Danny and Vivian back. The place isn't the same without the two of you here.

The Fourth of July pool party was fun. We had swimming races and watermelon eating contests for the kids. We gave prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. Thanks to Don Shultz for coming in to help me.

Children and Youth will host breakfast on the 24th. I say Children and Youth but the usual kitchen crew will do the work. Thanks Ray and Donna and everyone else who pitches in to help.

For God and Country, Barry Congressi,

4TH VICE REPORT:

Prior to my monthly report I would like to take the time to Thank the Selection Committee and all involved for considering and selecting me as a recipient for the Honorary life membership. It was a great Honor to receive this recognition and be placed in the company of such great Post recipients.

On June 27, 2008 members of Post 137 and Voiture 304, 40/8 made our monthly visit to Lake City V.A. Hospital. The following members of our organization participated: Lewis & Ann Gray, Joe & Patsy Kohten, Dale Prewitt, Carl & Myra Jowers,

Norman & Sandy Gentry an Al Scarratta. As always I want to personally "Thank" each of the above mentioned and very dedicated members for their support month after month for our V.A.V.S. program.

After having a good trip and a very good meal at The Porterhouse Grill Restaurant, we started Bingo on time at 7 p.m. at the hospital. Norman Gentry did an outstanding job calling Bingo. We had 32 patients present for the activities.

Refreshments were served, at the close of the Bingo Games, by Post 137 Auxiliary and Cabane 304 40/8. We gave out \$100.00 in coupon books to the Bingo Game Winners.

The following is a breakdown of money spent and credits given to us for miscellaneous items:

Refreshments: \$77. \$4.1 Auxiliary Unit 137, \$36.

Cabane 304. Magazines & Books, \$500

Socks, \$70. Tooth brushes, \$72.

Deodorant, \$20. Playing Cards, \$18.

Games & Puzzles, \$42, Soap: \$10

Puzzle/ Game Books, \$42. -- Total \$919.

Total Miles, 1,210, Total Hours, 50

Gas, \$80. (3 vehicles)

Our next scheduled visit to Lake City V.A. Hospital will be August 22, 2008. We will depart Post 137 at 4:30 pm. If you would like to donate books or other items (please, no more clothing at this time) drop them off at Post 137 and mark them for V.A.V.S. I would like to remind all Post 137 organizations to put in their donations for our Christmas "Ditty Bags" that we do every year for the veterans at the hospital. We are buying and getting items together at the time of this report. Remember without your help this program cannot go forward. Remember --
"It is up to us as Veterans to help Veterans"
Yours in Service, Lewis E. Gray

HISTORIAN'S REPORT:

The 4th of July was an important day at the Post. There was food, music and dancing. Members came out and enjoyed the day.

The following story was given to me and I'd like to pass it on to show just how important a single action or moment can be. Velvet Whitacker gave me the information to share. I hope I can tell the story good enough. But after you read it please stop and think about the impact that today's simple action may have in 10 or 20 or 30 or 40 years. Here is Velvets story.

Back in 1990 I (Velvet Whitacker) lived on a Marine base in Cherry Point, N.C. This was a very scary time because my friends and I would often watch Marines and equipment go down Main Street headed for ships leaving for Iraq. This was the time of Desert Storm. One day some friends and I decided that we needed to do something this and past wars. We all went out and each bought a POW bracelet. Mine was Capt. Larry F. Potts. I was proud to wear the bracelet in support of our troops. Our efforts took only "a moment" in history. But as is often the case, the bracelet was put in a drawer and forgotten. However I recently came across the bracelet. I got online and checked the name. Here's what I found.

Captain Larry Fletcher Potts was an Aerial Observer for the Marines in Vietnam. On 7 April 1972 Captain Potts was part of the crew of an OV-10A "Bronco". The aircraft was shot down by a SAM. Reports vary, but the crew was captured. It came out that Captain Potts was later killed while attempting to escape. Captain Potts fate was not learned until over 20 years later. I still have the bracelet!!

That's Velvets story. Just how does it affect you as a member of the American Legion? Velvets action, which only took a moment in time, sat unknown for over 30 years and still lives today. It may not seem like much at the time, but next time there's a Post function, come join in. Then in 20, 30 or more years a member will look at a picture and see you enjoying the benefits of Legion membership. You too can have your moment in history.
For GOD and Country,
Rick Wiggs



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2008 Veterans Holiday Program

Formerly known as the Christmas Basket Program, the name change to **Veterans Holiday Program** better directs focus to our target recipients. The purpose of the program is to provide assistance to those Veterans and their families needing a helping hand during the holidays. At times families or veterans that have been isolated from the main stream of life need to be reminded that they are not alone and that we at Post 137 appreciate what they represent. The **Veterans Holiday Program** is intended to convey a sense of pride and belonging for our Veterans currently in need.

Our Post is blessed to have so many members that truly care about our Veterans and their families. Homeless Veterans, those in nursing facilities, hospitals, or guests visiting Post 137 for the many functions and programs are being touched by the generosity of our members. Our members are offering their compassion, experienced by the recipient's happiness.

I urge all Legion members to assist the **Veteran's Holiday Program** Committee. If you know of a deserving Veteran or Veteran's family that would benefit from this program, please fill out a request form (forms will be available in the office).

A word of caution: Forms must be filled out completely and legibly. Approval of the applicant is the responsibility of the Committee only. Please see priority below.

Priority one

Post 137 members experiencing financial difficulties.

Priority two

Veterans with families experiencing financial difficulties not members of Post 137.

Priority three

Veterans in skilled care facilities, Nursing homes or housebound.

Priority four

Children of Veterans placed in homes and institutions.

Veteran's Holiday Program Committee members:

Theresa Woodburn-White, Mel White, Doris Gray, Roger Malo,
Ed Chatham, Lena Bergman

CABANE 304

Merci to all the Dames, who made potato salad for the 4th of July. Merci, to all the Dames and Voyagers, who helped in the kitchen, especially to Ann Gray and my daughter Sheryl. You were a great help.

We will be having a rib-eye steak dinner August 22. Please support our dinners, without the dinners we cannot support our programs. See you at our next Rendezvous, August 26th.
Merci, Sandra Gentry La Presidente

VOITURE 304

Merci to all the Dames and Voyagers that attended and assisted in the Officer installation for Voiture 1604.

The 89th Promenade Nationale is September 3-6 in Orlando, Florida. If you are interested in attending we have forms for registration.

NOTE: DUE TO THE NATIONALE, THE SEPTEMBER PROMENADE IS ON TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 2008. THIS CHANGE AFFECTS SEPTEMBER ONLY!!!

We will be having a wreck in October. Date to be announced. We are looking for qualified candidates.

Yours in Service, Ron Garland, Chef de Gare

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We had our regular meeting June 5th 2008. We wrapped up our final reports.

Vera Stevens gave her final report on the Policemen and firemen's dinner and she came in under budget due to the very generous donations of food, and desserts. And the final tally was 462 dinners served. I gave the wrong figure in my Mays report, but even so it keeps growing and the men are very appreciative. Also Vera wants to give a big "Thank You" to any one that helped in any way. Her words too many to mention!!!

Anita Lee told t us that we had sent \$16,000.00 in coupons overseas this year.

We held our annual election and the new officers are as follows.

President	Anita Lee	1 st Vice/Membership	Geraldine (Geri) West
Secretary	Sarah Mackesy	Treasurer	Penny Bubb
Chaplain	Betty Lomax	Historian	Joyce Bramer
Sgt-At-Arms	Roberta Garland	Asst.-Sgt-At-Arms	Donna Snook
Executive Committee: Vera Stevens, Barbara Miles, Emma LaFrance, Sue Rewis			

Since I missed the deadline for the July Bugler, this is my final report. Since I had this ready for the July Legion meeting. We have lost a very dear member, Sylvia Gariepy, she was always there for (16 years) to help in any way that she could. She will be sorely missed.

Ladies I have been proud to be your President for the last three years. It has been interesting to say the least. -- Yours in Service, Jeri West

✚ CHAPLAIN'S REPORT ✪

As most of you know the Post along with the family of John Pankok participated in a ceremony honoring John. A tree was planted close to the Flag Pole in the park, down by the water's edge of Cedar River.

With our Heavenly Father's blessing, the tree will grow strong to remind us that it represents the strong person John was. John was certainly an asset to Post 137 and he will be greatly missed by his friends and fellow Legionnaires.

I am pleased to report on some good news. Several of our Post members that I know of, **Danny Grant, BIG Jim, Ron Henningfeld, Jack Sutor and Binion Williams** are all **recovering nicely** from various illnesses. We all pray for their continued improvement.

Please continue to keep the Post advised of family members or friends that are or have been recently hospitalized or are in a nursing home facility.

This report will be my final one as Chaplain of Post 137. I wish to "Thank" each and everyone for the support you have given me over the last few years. I have enjoyed serving you.

Your new Chaplain will be Legionnaire Tony Romano. Tony is a very dedicated member of your Legion Post. With your support I am sure he will do a super job.

It is my sad duty to report to you a Legionnaire who has transferred to POST EVERLASTING:

NICK HENDERSON

Please keep this Legionnaire and his family in your thoughts and prayers.
For GOD and Country, Gene Odom, Chaplain

Sons of the American Legion Lakeshore Squadron 137 sonsoftheal137@aol.com

Meeting Thursday, August 14, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m.

Your Sons Membership year is off and running we will be starting to take your renewals after August 15, so get ready to renew for 2009.

Squadron Reports to the Detachment went out and they look very good for the 2008 year. Wish us luck at Convention.

Your new officers were sworn in on July 27. They are: Historian Nathan Ellis, Sgt. at Arms & Chaplain William (Billy Bob) Johnson, Vice Commanders Jonathan Cooke & Tony Hornbuckle, Commander Bill Kelly. Congratulations to all new officers have a great year.

Your Squadron was represented at the Detachment Convention July 19th. Look for next month Bugler for our Convention Report.

Thanks to Ann Gray and her Crew for all her help with the SAL Sandwich Program. Job Well Done.
For God & Country, Bill Kelly

ROD & POLE BENDERS

New Business: August 10th & 17th Post Breakfast will be served 8:30 –11 am.

As of this report Rod & Pole has no dinners scheduled for August “HOWEVER” check the Post Calendar for who is having a dinner as we may pick one up.

Please remember our Breakfast & Dinners support our Club, Post & charities like V.A.V.S. “Thank You.”

Last Meeting: July 7th “PILL PULL” winning # was (42)

Tournament: Local waters fishing will be on **August 23rd**. Tournament Day weigh-in is at Post 137 at 5 pm.

Last tournament Winner for Big Fish was Ray Runyon.

Notes: The Fishing Committee is presently researching our next visit to the west coast of Florida for the Fall Trip. More information later, check the September Bugler.

New Attire: You may have noticed our members are sporting new shirts & caps with our Logo on them. If you would like more info about the Rod & Pole Benders Club see one of these guys.

Events: Rod & Pole will be sponsoring a “**SEPTEMBER BLOOD DRIVE**”

Saturday Sept. 13th the Blood Mobile will be at Post 137 approximate time 9 am-2 pm. Any Legion Post member and, or, friend is invited to give blood on that day or anytime during August. (Just bring donation card showing date) and you are cordially invited to enjoy a complimentary breakfast on Sunday Sept. 14th from 8:30 until 11 am. This is in co-operation with the new Post Blood Chairman, Legionnaire Bill Dallman. More information will be in the September Bugler.

In closing: Our Most Sincere Condolences go to the Family of Nick Henderson, who was a, four year, member of the Rod & Pole Benders. Nick served as our Treasurer. He will be missed, by everyone. For GOD and Country, Binion Williams, President

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 137

I would like to congratulate those members who displayed exceptional effort during the breakfast ALR 137 hosted on June 29th. The omelets that

Chef Jorge and his Crew cooked for us were outstanding. Thanks to all.

By the way, membership is at 70, let's keep growing!

We have recently started fostering a veteran, Colonel Charles H., from a local nursing home. We are bringing him to the Post for dinners and other activities. He has expressed his gratitude and according to one of his nurses, is making remarkable progress in his rehabilitation. This is a fantastic endeavor and I encourage other groups to seek out and foster other veterans in similar situations.

A.L.R. 137 is having a “**Bike Show Post 137 scheduled for Saturday, August 23rd**. Please come out and see the many different styles and types of Bikes that will be on display. Ride Proud, Ride Safe!

For God and Country, Bill Johnson, ALR 137 Director

Club Managers Report

clubmanager@americanlegion137.com

Summer is drawing to a close but we still have some fun left before it ends, so come on out and enjoy the warm days by the pool and cool off at our Tiki. Sunday, weather permitting KARAOKE is happening at the outside bandstand from 3 to 7 PM, come on out and test the waters.

The Club is in sound financial condition and our House Committee is working hard to keep improving your Club and Grounds. The Club has transferred \$9000. Since our last report for a YTD total of \$21,000. Next time you see Tom and his crew, Barry, Bob, or Larry tell them what a great job they do, it can't hurt! Improvements last month included a refurbishment of the Ladies Room, and New Cash Registers. Keep up the good work, guys.

Saturday August 23rd is Bartender Appreciation Day. Come on out and see your Officers and Executive Committee tend bar bring a covered dish and have fun with your favorite bartender.

Football Season is coming and once again we will be running a bus to all the Jaguars Games, See Jerry Lepore for more info, and GO JAGS! Anyone interested in getting a group together to bring in food for Jaguar or Gator Games can contact me in the club before the season starts.

Remember there is always something going on in your club, Monday BINGO, Tuesday DARTS, Wednesday KARAOKE, Thursday BREAD DAY for a donation, Friday DINNER, Friday & Saturday LIVE MUSIC, Sunday BREAKFAST, and you can TIKI & SWIM all weekend long, so come on out and enjoy the best vacation spot without leaving town.

Serving Veterans and Members Daily,
Bill Kelly

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