

# BUGLER

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**JOHN KELLEY**



## COMMANDER'S REPORT



Congratulations to the incoming Commander Fred Bergman and to all of the new and re-elected Officers of Post 137 for the year 2008-2009. I know each and every one of these Legionnaires will do an outstanding job for Post 137 and I have every confidence they will succeed in having a great year! Installation of Officers by our new 5<sup>th</sup> District Commander is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. Plan on attending and give the Officers of Post 137 your full support.

The results of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Veterans Car Show are in and I am pleased to announce we were able to produce just over \$2,000. These proceeds will be earmarked for a worthy Veterans Services project yet to be determined by our VAVS Program Chairman and his Committee. Once again I extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in the Car Show.

I am pleased to report our 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Danny Grant is home and on the mend. "Dancing Dan" has been sorely missed during his absence but I can assure him a host of volunteers have stepped forward to see that his duties as Entertainment and Steering Committee Chairman continued in the proper manner during his absence. Thanks to everyone for helping "pick up the slack". I know Danny appreciates it and so does the Commander. We hope he recuperates and returns soon!

The last of the membership renewals have been slowly coming in. I am however encouraged by the recent influx of transfers and new members who have joined Post 137. I feel sure the membership totals for the year 2009 will raise the renewal bar even higher. Remember, Post 137 and the many programs we support can only grow with new membership and constant renewals.

Don't forget our July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration here at our Post Home. On Independence Day the flags will be displayed, live entertainment will be provided at poolside, the TIKI will be open, Karaoke inside, refreshments, hot dogs, hamburgers and Bar-B-Q dinners will be available. We hope to see a good turnout for the event. If past history is any indication, I know a good time will be had by all who attend. Bring the family and plan on enjoying the celebration.

My second year as Commander of Post 137 is fast drawing to a close. I can truly say that I have enjoyed my tenure and look forward to assisting in any way I can the incoming Commander and all of the Officers and members of this fine organization. My hope is that Post 137 will continue to grow and succeed in being the best it can, for the 5<sup>th</sup> District, Department of Florida and the American Legion National organization. Please remember, in my humble opinion "Enthusiasm really is Contagious" and Post 137 will always be "On the West-side, the Best-side" of Jacksonville!

For GOD and Country,  
Dennis Thompson, Commander

## **2008 POST ELECTION RESULTS**

Here are the results from the election held on June 7:

Commander: Fred Bergman  
1st Vice Commander: Harvey Finn  
2nd Vice Commander: Dan Grant  
3rd Vice Commander: Barry Congressi  
4th Vice Commander: Lewis Gray  
Sgt At Arms: Ray Runyon      Asst. Sgt At Arms: Jim Porterfield  
Finance Officer: Myra Jowers  
Chaplain: Tony Romano  
Historian: Rick Wiggs

Executive Committee: Norman Gentry, Carl Jowers, Bill Lomax, Bob Schupe, Tom Tercha

Congratulations to all of the Legionnaires that were elected to run the Post for the next Legion year. The installation of officers will be held on July 27th at 3 p.m.

Jerry Lepore, Judge Advocate, Post 137

### **THANKS TO THE POLL WATCHERS**

I want to take a moment to thank those folks that worked the polls during our recent elections and helped to count the votes in the evening after the polls closed.

Thanks go to Vernon Garrett, Dale Prewitt, Roger Malo, Rod Derting and Larry Oldenburg. The election was a complete success thanks to all of you.

A very special thanks goes to Sarah Macksey who was the registrar. Her devotion to detail insured that all the Legionnaires who came to vote were eligible. She was also instrumental for insuring that all absentee ballots were secured upon receipt and handed over to the Election Committee after the polls closed. Thanks Sarah from the bottom of my heart.


Jerry Lepore, Judge Advocate, Post 137

### **YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE**

Apparently most Legionnaires did not know that they had the right to vote during our recent elections. Any Post 137 Legionnaire with a current card can vote. I guess they didn't know that. We are a Post of over 1600 members.

Approximately 6% of the members (96) took the time to exercise their right to vote to elect the new leaders of our great Post. Shame on the rest of you. If you do not vote, do not complain. Show up next year and have your voice heard. Don't talk about perceived problems around the bar if you do not take the time to come in and vote or to fill out an absentee ballot. Stand up and make your voice heard! It is very important to the future success of our Post. This is the only way to make things better.

My sincere thanks to the 96 who took time from their schedule to come out and vote. You are truly Legionnaires. Jerry Lepore, Judge Advocate

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>JULY 2008</b>						
6 <b>BREAKFAST</b> Auxiliary 8:30a – 11 am	7 Rod & Pole Mtg. – 7 p "Lite" Supper 5:30 pm USMCCA <b>BINGO</b> 6:30pm	1 Steering Com 6:30 p Color Guard 7 pm <b>DARTS</b> Sign-up 7:00 Play 7:30	2 <b>KARAOKE</b> w/ Bill Scott 7:30 P	3 V-304 Cheminot 7p Promenade 9p <b>For a Donation</b> <b>Bread Day</b> <b>Video Bowling</b>	4 Rod & Pole <b>Hot Dogs/Burgers</b> <b>GUNSLINGER</b> Poolside Cabane BBQ 3 p Karaoke – 8 p.m.	5 <b>American</b> Legion Riders Poolside Hot Dogs 'til 3 p.m. <b>GUNSLINGER</b> 8 PM
13 <b>BREAKFAST</b> Rod & Pole 8:30a – 11 am	14 "Lite" Supper 5:30 pm USMCCA <b>BINGO</b> 6:30pm	8 <b>DARTS</b> Sign-up 7:00 Play 7:30	9 Legion Riders Mtg. 7p <b>KARAOKE</b> w/ Bill Scott 7:30 P	10 S.A.L. Mtg 7:30 pm <b>For a Donation</b> <b>Bread Day</b> <b>Video Bowling</b>	11 LEGION DINNER <b>Rib-eye Steak</b> 5:30 pm <b>VICKI</b> <b>LEE</b> 8 pm	12 Leg Exe Mtg 9 am Gen Mtg 10 am <b>VICKI</b> <b>LEE</b> 8 pm
20 <b>BREAKFAST</b> Legion Riders 8:30a – 11 am	21 "Lite" Supper 5:30 pm USMCCA <b>BINGO</b> 6:30pm	15 Color Guard 7pm <b>DARTS</b> Sign-up 7:00 Play 7:30	16 <b>Birthday</b> <b>Covered</b> Dish 7:30p <b>KARAOKE</b> w/ Bill Scott 7:30 P	17 Orlando Dept Convention USMCCA Mtg 6:30 <b>For a Donation</b> <b>Bread Day</b> <b>Video Bowling</b>	18 ROD & POLE <b>Steak Dinner</b> 5:30 pm Dept. Convention <b>BO CATS</b> 8 PM	19 Dept. Convention <b>BO CATS</b> 8 PM
27 <b>BREAKFAST</b> Rod & Pole 8:30a – 11 am	28 "Lite" Supper 5:30 pm USMCCA <b>BINGO</b> 6:30pm	22 Cabane 304 Rondezvous 7 p.m. <b>DARTS</b> Sign-up 7:00 Play 7:30	23 <b>KARAOKE</b> w/ Bill Scott 7:30 P	24 <b>For a Donation</b> <b>Bread Day</b> <b>Video Bowling</b>	25 AUXILIARY <b>Steak Dinner</b> 5:30p V.A.V.S. Visit Lake City – 4:30 P <b>JIM CRAFT</b> 8 PM	26 Rod & Pole Fishing Tournament <b>JIM CRAFT</b> 8 PM
		29 <b>DARTS</b> Sign-up 7:00 Play 7:30	30 <b>KARAOKE</b> w/ Bill Scott 7:30 P	31 <b>For a Donation</b> <b>Bread Day</b> <b>Video Bowling</b>		

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**RECRUIT MILITARY JOB FAIR** Jax. Municipal Stadium 11 AM-2:30 PM.

**SAFETY ALERT**                      **SAFETY ALERT**                      **SAFETY ALERT . . . .**

**PROPANE GAS TANKS** are being used by **Methamphetamine** cooks who empty the tank and fill it with anhydrous ammonia. It is returned to the store, corrosive, weakened structure and very dangerous. Inspect the tank for any blue or greenish residue around the valve area. Tell the store Mgr. and get another. An extremely explosive situation occurs when a dirty tank is hooked up to a BBQ, R.V. or other device.

< **BE WATCHFUL** > (sent in by Harvey Finn, Thank you Harvey) Editor < **BE WATCHFUL** >

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**KOREAN WAR VETERANS** All Korean Veterans, interested in relating their experiences, on tape, for a documentary, please contact Mike Rothfield, St. Johns Veterans Council (904-829-0381) for a questionnaire, and further info. All participants, stories in the final version or not, will receive a DVD of the entire interviewing session.

“Tell Your Story, Don’t Lose The History”

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**APOLOGIES** to every family that may have come to the pool in June expecting to enjoy a hotdog poolside for lunch. There was some mis-communication as to having this service. During the week and Saturdays sandwiches or pizza are available inside the lounge at lunch until mid afternoon. **CHECK IT OUT!!!!**

**SPEAKING of the BLOOD PROGRAM** A funny thing happened at the June Legion Gen. Mtg. When Cmdr. Thompson asked for the “Give Blood” report, Blood Chairman (and Cmdr. Elect 2008-09) Fred Bergman said “My wife Lena, is giving this morning” “Folks this is dedication to programs.” Lets hope All Officers Elect and Chairmen have this kind of commitment. **By the way!**                      **“Have you given blood this year?”**



**CONGRATULATIONS** to all Legion Family 2008-09 Officers and Chairmen as you are appointed. The Legion family is behind you and supports your endeavors for the Post. Please remember to include new people in your programs.

*Most members come to the meetings to become involved, not to watch the show!*

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## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY “CRAB / CANCER”**

June 22-July23. You want appreciation, Love an a good laugh, however, when you are wounded or sad, you retreat like a true crab.

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**GET WELL WISHES** to Sylvia Gariepy, Danny Grant, Ron Henningfeld, Jack Sutor and Binion Williams. Our prayers are with you. We all miss you very much.

**Our Very Deepest Sympathy** to the Family of Legionnaire John Pankok. Editor

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

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Eddie Dykes reported at the June 14<sup>th</sup> General meeting that membership had reached 101%. He congratulated all the members on their determination to reach the Post goal. 37 new and transfer members were voted in and added to the Post membership roster. A big Post 137 welcome to new member and Legionnaire Bill Dallman, service time Navy. Bill was present at the Meeting. Editor

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

In the absence of Danny Grant, we will report that the **4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday** will be celebrated in the customary Post 137 manner. Music, Swimming, Sunning, Relaxing

\*FAST FOOD \*ENTERTAINMENT \*BBQ  
CHICKEN \*GAMES \*KARAOKE

And as always during the week Mon., BINGO with a Lite Supper; Tues. Darts; Wed. Karaoke; Thur. Video Bowling and on Fri. Dinner and Dancing; Sat. Dancing and Sun. Breakfast. Your Post has much to offer during the summer. Come and enjoy. Editor

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

There's not much to say about Children and Youth for July. We will have **games for the kids on the 4<sup>th</sup>** while the **Rod and Pole Club** serves hot dogs and other stuff in the screen room. Don Shultz has agreed to help with the games. Thanks, Don.

C&Y will host the Legion Dinner on the 11<sup>th</sup> if Danny Grant cannot. He is recovering nicely from heart surgery. Get well soon Dan. This is just a FYI: all of the RV spots have been spoken for over the weekend of the 4<sup>th</sup>.

For God and Country, Barry Congressi

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

On Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May, 2008, members of Post 137 and Voiture 304 (40/8) made our

monthly visit to the V.A. Hospital, located in Lake City, Florida.

We departed Post 137 at 4:30 pm arrived in Lake City at 5:45, very heavy traffic. We ate dinner at Ken's BBQ Restaurant.

Bingo started on time at 7pm in the V.A. Hospital Auditorium. Thanks go out to Joe Kohten for calling Bingo. Bingo was finished at 7:45 pm.

Refreshments were served by the ladies from Aux. Unit 137 and Cabane 304 (40/8).

Patient attendance was 25 most of which were wheelchairs bound. The patients were very receptive and seemed to be in a very good mood.

The following is a breakdown of money spent and credits given to our organizations for May.

Bingo Winner: \$100.00 coupon books

Refreshments: \$81.00 -- \$40.50 Aux.

\$40.50 Cabane 304 (40/8)

Games & Puzzles: \$10.00, Cards \$5.00

Magazines/ Books: \$1,500.00

Phone cards: 1,600 @ \$5.00 total \$8,000.

Total credit given: \$9,696.00

Total hours 50 total miles: 1,210

Gas allowance: \$80.00

Thanks go out again to Billy Bob for his large donation of phone cards as I said before they really help our Veterans.

The following dedicated members of Post 137 and Voiture 304 gave of their time to participate in this month's visit: Lewis & Ann Gray, Joe Kohten, Dale Prewitt, Carl & Myra Jowers, Norman & Sandy Gentry and Al & Josi Scarratta.

If you would like to donate books/magazines, DVD'S V.H.S Tapes or other items (no more clothing at this time) please mark them V.A.V.S. and drop them off at Post 137.

Our next visit will be Friday July 25<sup>th</sup>. Remember it is up to us Veterans to take care of Veterans. Yours in service, Lewis E. Gray

## **PATRIOT GUARD REPORT**

The Patriot Guard was quite active during the month of May. There were several funerals-always a sad event. The Patriot Guard was also present at the Memorial Wall for the Memorial Day Ceremony - Post 137 was represented.

To help relate the mission of the PGR I'd like to relate a little story.

SPC Quincy Green was killed while serving in Iraq. His body arrived at N.A.S. JAX on June 9th. Members of the Patriot Guard were there to meet the body and escort it to the funeral home. On June 12th members gathered to form a flag line at the visitation. We met SPC Greens mother and his wife. Mrs. Green brought around a few months old baby for us all to see. She proudly announced, "This is what Quincy left behind!" "Every minute!!"

On June 13th over 40 PGR members amassed outside a church on Lem Turner Blvd for the final funeral. As soon as we heard, the family was on their way, we formed a flag line along the sidewalk by the street. As we stood there waiting, traffic was passing. Soon horns began to blow, people waved and saluted as they passed. Silent America was showing its pride.

The mission of the Patriot Guard is to show both honor to the fallen and respect for the family; by doing so we bring out a sense of pride in the people for America. I invite everyone to come out and join us.

Rick Wiggs

### **The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier**

1. How many steps does the guard take during his walk across the tomb of the Unknown Soldier?

21 steps. It alludes to the twenty-one gun salute, which is the highest honor given any military or foreign dignitary.

2. How long does he hesitate after his about face to begin his return walk and why?

21 seconds for the same reason as answer number 1

3. Why are his gloves wet?

His gloves are moistened to prevent his losing his grip on the rifle.

4. Does he carry his rifle on the same shoulder all the time and if not, why not?

He carries the rifle on the shoulder away from the tomb. After his march across the path, he executes an about face and moves the rifle to the outside shoulder.

5. How often are the guards changed?

Guards are changed every 30 minutes 24 hours a day 365 days a year

6. What are the physical traits of the guard limited to?

For a person to apply for guard duty at the tomb he must be between 5' 10' and 6' 2' tall and his waist size cannot exceed 30" Other requirements of the Guard: They must commit 2 years of life to guard the tomb, live in a barracks under the tomb, and cannot drink any alcohol on or off duty for the rest of their lives and cannot disgrace the uniform or the tomb in any way.

After two years, the guard is given a wreath pin that is worn on their lapel signifying they served as guard of the tomb. There are only 400 presently worn.

**HISTORIAN'S REPORT:**



Historian Rick Wiggs and the housing he built to encase the new Digital Picture Frame. The frame contains years of pictures from Post 137 Holidays and Events. You may now look back and see old friends and fellows members from years ago. Beautiful job Rick. We all "Thank You" for your work and talent.

## **CABANE 304**

Just got home from Grande. We had a very good time. We brought home 2 first place plaques. Don't forget July 4th the Cabane is putting on the chicken dinner. You can help and have fun too. By the time you receive this you will have a new slate of officers. Congratulations to all the new officers and chairmen. We will all work together and have a great year. Merci, for re-electing me President again. I will try to do my best.

Rhondezvous will be the 22nd of July, see you all there.

Merci, Sandra Gentry,  
La Presidente, Cabane 304

## **VOITURE 304**

Merci and congratulations for a successful year to John Kelley, our Chef de Gare, for 2007-08. Great job, John.

Merci to the Dames for all their hard work and help, I am looking forward to working together. Congratulations to the incoming officers of Voiture 304. Officer installation is June 21 with social hour at 6:30, dinner at 7:00 and installations at 8:00. The list of incoming officers follows:

Chef de Train--Ray Runyan, Conductor—Danny Grant,

Commis de la Porte—Carl Jowers and Benny Combs

Cheminot—Jack Manning, Gary LaFrance, Don Privette, Fred Bergman, J.J.O'Brien.

The 89<sup>th</sup> Promenade Nationale is September 3-6 in Orlando, Florida. Let's represent Voiture 304 well.

I am looking forward to the upcoming year with hopes of a good one. We have several projects that need to be accomplished and I am sure we will do well.

Yours in Service, Ron Garland, Chef de Gare

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## ✝ CHAPLAIN'S REPORT ✪

Hope all of you Dads had a very nice Fathers Day.

The election of our new officers for our Post has been completed for another year. Congratulations to all who were elected to lead our Post and continue the good work from our previous years. I am sure that with the assistance and support of our members, they will succeed in the positions for which they have been elected.

Thank you to the candidates who were not successful in being elected. Your willingness to serve is recognized and commended.

Many thanks to our out going Commander, Dennis Thompson for the honorable and steadfast job of leading our Post for the past two years. His dedication and the time and effort he has given for the good of our Post and its' members is greatly appreciated.

All of our Posts outgoing officers also deserve recognition for their tireless efforts in helping to make our Post one of the greatest.

There are several Legionnaires that are confined at home or are in the hospital with various illnesses. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

It is always my sad duty to inform you of the following Legionnaires who have transferred to Post Everlasting.

\*MARIN C. JOHNSTON  
\*CHARLES M. MAGEE

\*HAROLD A. MILLER  
\*JOHN C. PANKOK

Please

keep these Legionnaires and their families in your thoughts and prayers.  
For GOD and Country, Gene Odom

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

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**Meeting Thursday, July 12, 2008 @ 7:30PM**

July starts the new Legion year and we will be taking new 2009 S.A.L. Membership starting August 1<sup>st</sup>.

I will be attending the Department/Detachment Convention July 17 thru the 21<sup>st</sup>. Look in August Bugler report for more.

The Squadron elected new officers at the June meeting and they will be sworn in Sunday July 27 at 3 PM. Look in the August Bugler for the List of New Officers.

Thanks to Ann Gray and her Sandwich Crew for everything they have done to raise money for the Squadron. Job Well Done.

For GOD, Country and Our Legion Family Bill Kelly, Squadron Cmdr.



### **AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 137**

The past two months have been busy ones. I want to thank everyone who came out and supported the Runs for **Kristen Wolf** and the **All Children's Hospital**.

We were able to contribute \$740.00 to the hospital wing expansion program which helped get not one but two rooms ready. **GREAT JOB!**

We also participated in the **Florida Fallen Hero's Armed Forces Day Ride** at VFW Post 1689 and assisted with the 2<sup>ND</sup> Annual Car Show at Post 137 (both events May 17<sup>th</sup>)

ALR 137 hosted the Friday Dinner (T-bone) June 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday breakfast June 29<sup>th</sup>.

There are plans being formulated for an ALR 137 Bike Show for sometime during August. I want to "THANK EVERYONE" for the tremendous spirit displayed by coming out and supporting ALR events. Your efforts made for some great donations and Events.

Ride Proud, Ride Safe,

Bill Johnson, ALR Director

## **Club Managers Report**

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First, Thank you to all the Volunteers who make the Club work so well, it is because of you whenever we have visitors they cannot believe what an incredible place this is. Job Well Done.

Last month was another very good financial month. Remember the figures are always posted on the Legion Billboard every month for your review, except when one of our members thinks they have more rights than the rest of us and takes it.

If you want a copy that bad ask for one it is member's privilege to review it.


Some of the new upgrades will be New Touch Screen Registers in the Club and a Refurbishment of the Ladies Room. Stop by and see the new upgrades.

Remember there is always something going on in your Club, Monday is Bingo, with a Light Supper, Tuesday is Darts, Wednesday is Karaoke, Thursday is Bread Day and Bowling in the evening, Friday is Dinner, Every Friday and Saturday is Live Music in the Club, Sunday is Breakfast, the Pool

is Open all week and Friday from 5 PM to 10 PM, Saturday 2 PM to 8 PM, and Sunday from 2 PM to 8 PM it is "Time to TIKI." Stop by and be a part of one of the most active Legions in Florida.  
Serving Veterans & Members Daily,  
Bill Kelly

**VOLUNTEER**  
**OF THE MONTH**

A big thank you is extended to **Legionnaire Hal Helms!** I have been made aware that Hal has been busy refurbishing computers and in many instances donating them to members of our Legion Family. In addition, he has fixed problems with computers for many of our members for simply the cost of a part with no extra charge. These actions are most commendable and he has my personal thanks for his display of a needed talent and devotion to Post 137 by his volunteerism.

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