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COMMANDER'S REPORT



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Chef de Gare
RON GARLAND

GREETINGS LEGIONNAIRES! A new Legion year has begun and all of you should have received your 2009 dues renewal statement by now. Please pay your dues as soon as possible. The dues you pay are important and will allow us to provide the necessary funding for our programs. Many of you have already renewed and your new 2009 cards are being processed as quickly as possible. Don't forget, your prompt payment enables you to get in on the "Early Bird Dinner" this coming November. I am proud of the fact that membership grew this past year to 1774 and believe this is a trend which can and should continue. Only through growth can we obtain the necessary volunteers and supporters that will allow us to rejuvenate and succeed.

Well it has been a long month. I did not know someone could have so much fun with only two hours sleep per day. Speaking of fun, congratulations to Jerry Lepore elected on August 9, to the vacant Executive Committee position. I look forward to working with Jerry and all the other Executive Committee members. A special thanks to the volunteers that helped with the election and counting the votes; Jack Manning, Ken Foldy, Sarah Mackesy, and Joe Tarr.

I would like to thank everyone that has done something good for our Post during August. There are so many doing so much that I can not list them all in this issue. Our volunteers are assisting Veterans as far away as Lake City with the "VAVS" and "Cabin in the Woods" projects. I commend our participants in these projects as well as those working at Post Home to assure all goes well.

If you know of a Veteran in need of assistance this holiday season fill out a form requesting consideration under the Veteran's Holiday Program. The application is available in the Post 137 Office and every application will be considered.

You are all invited to attend the General Assembly meeting on the second Saturday of each month at 10:00 AM. This is your opportunity to participate in the activities and governing of our Post. You may find that you have recommendations or solutions that will help improve the Post.

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers our servicemen and women who are serving our country around the world, and our Legion Family members in distress.

For GOD and Country,
Fred Bergman, Commander

ADJUTANTS REPORT

Well another year has started here at POST 137. I have started the used cell phone and used printer cartridge donation program up again. If you have any of these items to donate please bring them by the office or, on Monday night and come play Bingo. It would be appreciated.

MEMBERSHIP RENEW EARLY!! If you know someone that has not renewed their membership, remind them.

If you have a suggestion about an improvement here at the post, put it into the suggestion box at the front door and it will be forwarded to the right person. We all want the post to grow because we are ALL FAMILY.

It has been brought to my attention that some members are parking in the handicap spaces here at the post without permits. To park there you need one of the following items such as DV & Wheelchair tags or the blue or red hanging placards they must be hung on your mirror's and be visible to see or you could receive a parking citation that will result in a fine from the DISABLED SERVICES DIV. If you need more info on this ask and I will give you the current laws now in effect.

For God and Country,
Kenneth Foldy

PATRIOT GUARD

During July, a large number of missions were scheduled through out the state by the Patriot Guard. On a sad note, most were memorial calls. The Patriot Guard Riders was formed by the American Legion Riders simply to honor veterans and their families. There are no "Chapters", no meetings, etc. When called upon, the PGR stands ready to organize any event to which their services are requested. Often, on very short notice. Once plans are made, the PGR humbly acts as host for all who want to show their respects. The event is then open to all who wish to show honor to our military. People who join the PGR do so to show strength in numbers and to honor the families, not themselves. Those who attend may choose to wear chapter/group insignia, they may be PGR members, or they may not even be veterans. But they are united by a single purpose and that is to show honor and appreciation for those who were willing to give all to defend America. The intent of those present is not to glorify themselves, but to show true honor and dignity. As a true member of the Patriot Guard I write these articles to attempt to show the efforts of the PGR as a whole and that is why specific groups or persons are rarely mentioned. Our goal is to stand in respect for those who stood for us.

As reported by a PGR Member

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 LABOR DAY Pool Party USMCA 11-2:30 p H-dogs, H-burgers Noon to 4:00 Music Gunslinger, Bill Scott Karaoke Main Hall 3:00 p – Color Guard BBQ Chick	2 Steering Com 6:30 p Color Guard 7 pm V304 Chem 7p V304 Prom 8 p DARTS Sign-up 7:00 Play 7:30	3 KARAOKE w/ Bill Scott 7:30 P	4 Auxiliary Exe Mtg. 6:30p Gen. Exe. Mtg. 7:30p For a Donation Bread Day Video Bowling	5 LEGION DINNER Steak PEGGY & HOSS 8 PM	6 PEGGY & HOSS 8 PM
7 BREAKFAST Auxiliary 8:30a – 11 a Happy Grandparent's Day	8 Rod & Pole Mtg. – 7 p "Lite" Supper 5:30 pm USMCCA BINGO 6:30 pm	9 DARTS Sign-up 7:00 Play 7:30	10 Legion Riders Mtg. 7p KARAOKE w/ Bill Scott 7:30 P	11 S.A.L. Mtg. 7:00 pm PATRIOT DAY For a Donation Bread Day Video Bowling	12 CABANE DINNER Rib-eye Steak 5:30 pm VICKI LEE 8 pm	13 Leg Exe Mtg 9 am Gen Mtg 10 am VICKI LEE 8 pm
14 BREAKFAST Rod & Pole 8:30a – 11 a	15 "Lite" Supper 5:30 pm USMCCA BINGO 6:30pm	16 Color Guard 7pm DARTS Sign-up 7:00 Play 7:30	17 Birthday Covered Dish 7:30p KARAOKE w/ Bill Scott 7:30 P	18 Bread Day For a Donation USMCCA <i>1st Annual Dinner</i> Mtg – 6:30 p Main Hall Video Bowling	19 A.L. RIDERS DINNER T-Bone Steak 5:30 pm POW / MIA DAY Play for their return JIM CRAFT - 8 P	20 Hillbilly Night YEE HAW JIM CRAFT 8 PM
21 BREAKFAST Rod & Pole 8:30a – 11 a	22 "Lite" Supper 5:30 pm USMCCA Autum Begins BINGO 6:30pm	23 Cabane Rendw 7p DARTS Sign- up 7:00 Play 7:30	24 KARAOKE w/ Bill Scott 7:30 P	25 For a Donation Bread Day Video Bowling	26 ROD & POLE DINNER Steak 5:30p V.A.V.S. Visit Lake City – 4:30 P GHOST RADIO 8 PM	27 GHOST RADIO 8 PM
28 BREAKFAST Auxiliary 8:30a – 11 a Gold Star Mother's Day	29 "Lite" Supper 5:30 pm USMCCA BINGO 6:30pm	30 DARTS Sign- up 7:00 Play 7:30	SEPTEMBER 2008			

1ST VICE REPORT:

Hello Legionnaires. First, I thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you as your 1st Vice Commander once again. I am sure you all know by now that the membership cards have arrived, preceded by a large number of responses to the Renewal Notices. The resulting backlog represents a highly frustrating, labor, intensive task for Sarah, the post secretary. I thank you for your patients as she forges ahead with great care and sweet tolerance for which she is famous in my eyes. I am doing my best to help her in any way that I can. The only valid testimony as to how much help I am will have to come from Sarah herself.

Our strength lies in our current membership. In addition to the precious pool of human resource, your membership dues provide funding for the vital, noble programs we embrace.

In the coming months, we will be assigned membership level goals. We must focus on two methods of reaching and, hopefully exceeding those goals. The first is membership retention. We must encourage all members to renew their membership as soon as their household budgets will allow.

Secondly, we need a steady infusion of new members. For this, we will need trained, enthusiastic recruiters. Enthusiasm is vital but a thorough knowledge of how to qualify a prospect is a key companion to enthusiasm. Such things as US military service dates, type of discharge, character and citizenship status are considerations.

We must remember that we are inviting individuals to come into close contact and association with our wives, husbands, children and grandchildren. I am sure you can imagine how awkward it be to get a prospect excited about joining the American Legion and then having to tell him or her that you are sorry but he or she is not qualified. Let us all learn to do it right.

The display of enthusiasm is the manifestation of an underlying passion. Thank you in advance for your support.
For God and Country, Harvey D. Finn

2ND VICE REPORT:

It is so good to be back into the swing of things. I truly missed everyone and thank you all for the nice welcome back at the Legion Meeting on Saturday.

Some exciting times are coming. The **Annual Labor Day Celebration** begins Sept. 1st at 11 am with a Pool Party.

USMCCA has grilled **"burgers & dogs"** the trimmings & **ice cream** in screen room.

GUNSLINGER BAND starts the music poolside 12- 4pm. Come listen & dance.

If you want inside fun, sing with Bill Scott and all the **KARAOKE'ERS** (Is that a word?) in the main post hall.

Color Guard will have their fine **BBO Chicken** ready at 3pm for your dinner. Eat it here or take it come. This is the last pool party of the year. **Bring the kids for some great family fun.**

Check the Bugler for all the September events as we start towards the Holidays.

For God and Country, Dan Grant

3RD VICE REPORT:

We are busy planning for the Halloween parties. As you know, you cannot plan too soon for such an event. We will have a party for the adults and one for the children.

They will be "great" see you there.

Remember our troops and keep them in your hearts.

For God and Country, Barry Congressi

4TH VICE REPORT:

The following dedicated members of Post 137 and Voiture 304 participated in the Lake City V.A. Hospital visit: Lewis & Ann Gray, Dale Prewitt, Carl & Myra Jowers, Norman & Sandy Gentry, Al Scarratta & John Kelley. Thanks to John Kelley for calling BINGO. We departed Post 137 at 4:30 pm arrived at Lake City a little after 5:30 pm. We ate dinner and started Bingo on time at 7 pm. We had 40 patients present for the activities. Refreshments were served at the close of the Bingo Games by Aux. Unit 137 and Cabane 304, 40/8.

The following is a breakdown of money spent and credits given to our organizations for the July 25, 08 visit.
BINGO Winners; Coupon Books \$100 Refreshments; \$80 Aux. & Cabane \$40 each. Toothbrushes; 182 \$225. Toilet items; \$35 Games & Puzzles; \$61 Puzzle Books; \$300.

Magazines / Books; \$15. Playing Cards; \$15. V.H.S. Movies \$380. Clothing, new \$50. Phone Cards; 1000 @ \$5. for \$5,000. Sleep Masks; \$36. TOTAL CREDIT \$6,872.

TOTAL HOURS 45, TOTAL MILES 1,089 Gas Allowance \$0.

Thanks again go out to Billy Bob, Emory Austin & Ray Runyon for their donation of phone cards to our V.A.V.S. program for the month of July and to all other members who have donated items to our program.

Remember, if you would like to donate books, magazines, DVD's, tapes or other items please mark them for V.A.V.S. and drop them off at Post 137. Our next visit will be Friday Sept. 26, 2008. Join us on our next visit and help put a smile on a Veterans face.

Yours in Service,
Lewis E. Gray

HISTORIAN'S REPORT:

On Sunday July 27th the newly elected, Officers for Post 137 were sworn in by 5th District Commander Bob Brewster.

These new officers have a tough act to follow but we have placed faith in them. A good meal was served. As a special treat, a video of pictures from the 2008 history played on the big TV during much of the event. You didn't have to be an officer to attend.

Pictures of most of the new officers have been taken and processed. They should be on the Officers Board for the next meeting.

A new door for the Digital Picture Frame has been constructed and will be hung soon. This should help prevent the loss/theft of the cards used to display Post 137 history.

Rick Wiggs



IT'S SHOW TIME AGAIN!!!

Mark your calendars! The Fifth Annual Follies will be here soon, October 18th. There will be food from 5 -7 PM for a donation. Also, there will be donation tickets for door prizes available the first week of October. All proceeds go to the "Veteran's Holiday Program." I know it's early but plan to come on out! If you haven't seen it, you won't believe it!

Diane Congressi, Events Chairman

ORATORICAL NOTES

Now that school has started, it is also time for our 9th –12th graders to think about joining in on the High School Oratorical Contest.

This contest is about our Constitution. Anyone interested must give an 8-10 minute speech on any part of the Constitution. A to 3-5 minute assigned topic on whatever Articles or Amendments the National Oratorical Committee chooses.

If you are interested in, or know someone who may be interested in, participating in this contest please contact; Chairman Cauleen Dolan at (904) 379-5804. If No Answer, Leave a Message. Name, Phone #, stating you are inquiring about the Oratorical. Contest.

Cauleen Dolan

Oratorical Chairman

Auxiliary Membership

Thanks to all of the Ladies who have already renewed their membership for year 2008-09.

I am processing the cards as promptly as possible. Thank you very much for your patience.

Please! Keep on sending those renewals in ! Maybe we can achieve some of our goals as set by the Department of Florida. We want to have a big crowd eligible for the Early Bird Dinner in November. If I can leave your membership card at the Post for you to pick up please note this on your payment.

Thanks,

Jeri West, Membership Chairman

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT

A Service Officer corner has been set up inside the Post Hall and is located on the wall near the pool table. The Bulletin Board will contain topical information of interest to veterans and their families and will be changed out regularly. Also, booklets, brochures and forms such as Application for Health Benefits and VA Form EZ1010, will be placed at the Service Officer corner for your use.

Due to work commitments, I am only available 3 out of 4 Friday afternoons each month. Please call the Post Office to schedule an appointment to see me or confirm the Fridays that I will be there when you wish to meet with me.

For God and Country,

Carl Jowers, Service Officer

CABANE 304

By the time you read this we will be packing and getting ready to leave for Orlando for Nationale.

First time in Florida since I have become a Dame, probably the only time some of us will get to go. Gosh who knows maybe a trip to Disney while we are there!

We will be having a steak dinner on the 12th. Please come and support us. We all have a great time. Vickie Lee will be entertaining, hope to see you there.

Merci, Sandra Gentry, Presidente. C-304

VOITURE 304

A great time was had at the last Past Chef de Gare Roast. "Merci" to all the Dames and Voyageurs that attended.

The dates for the November Wreck are Friday the 14th and Saturday the 15th. Let's find some good candidates and get them Wrecked.

Membership renewal notices will be mailed out soon, but you don't have to wait. See Ray Runyan, Chef de Train, and he will take care of getting you renewed.

Yours in Service,

Ron Garland, Chef de Gare

PRESIDENT'S REPORT, "Hello Ladies."

We held our regular meeting on August 7th. There was a nice size group present, but we would like to see more faces, and more members involved with our programs.

The motion to purchase 15 Need a Lift books for the schools that we work with for ROTC and Girls State was approved. These books explain the scholarships that are available and how to apply for them.

We are working on a comfort care box for our soldiers overseas and if that works out we will be including greeting cards in them every month. We will be signing the cards during our regular meetings, so please come and add your message of care and support to our troops.

A committee was set up for our required Constitution and By-laws review, and plans are to have it ready for a vote at the September meeting.

The District School of Instruction will be on September 20th from 10:00am till noon. It would be so nice to see you there. This is an excellent chance to learn more about the Auxiliary programs and what we as an organization are suppose to do.

Remember that membership cards are available for the 2008-2009 year and the sooner you renew the sooner we reach our goals. There will be an Early Bird Dinner in November for those paying before the November deadline.

A big thank you to Connie and her crew for the great job she is doing in the kitchen. We had a wonderful turnout for our breakfast and dinner. Please keep up the support at our meals.

National Security sent \$17362.10 to the military bases overseas. Thanks to all the ladies for their coupons. For all you having a birthday in September, "Happy Birthday."

Anita Lee, President

✝ CHAPLAIN'S REPORT ✧

“This is the day the Lord had made Rejoice and be Glad in it” This was our first meeting of the newly elected officers and I am proud that I was elected to be Post Chaplain for the next year.

Please continue to keep the Post advised of Legionnaires or family members that are hospitalized, sick at home or are in a nursing home facility.

American Legion Post 137 is the top post in the state of Florida. All our members should be proud to associate with the post and take advantage of all we have to offer.

This is my first report as Chaplain so please bear with me . . .

It is my sad duty to inform you of the following legionnaires who have transferred to POST EVERLASTING.

<i>HENRY ANNER</i> <i>CHARLES {Charlie} COBB</i> <i>RICHARD P. {Dick} McCAULEY</i>
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Please keep
these
Legionnaires and

their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Have a great day and God Bless you all.

For GOD and Country, Tony Romano

Sons of the American Legion
Lakeshore Squadron 137
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Meeting Thursday, September 11, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m.

“What a Convention” it gives me great pride to inform our Squadron members and the rest of our Legion Family that on Saturday July 19th 2008, at the Detachment of Florida Convention our Squadron was awarded the Don Halliday Memorial Trophy for the Outstanding Squadron in the State of Florida. I just want to say big Thanks to everyone because if it wasn't for all of you in our Legion Family we could not have won this award. Job Well Done!

Speaking of Convention Awards, Congratulations to our Post who also won the Outstanding Post Award from the Department of Florida. Great Job. Enthusiasm Works!

On Sunday July 27th I took great pride in seeing a line up of Squadron Officers, in uniform, being sworn in at our Installation of Officers. Congratulations to Vice Commanders Jonathan Cooke and Tony Hornbuckle, Sgt. At Arms & Chaplain William (Billy Bob) Johnson. Have a Great Year.

The Detachment of Florida Membership Theme for the 2009 is CHEERING FOR MEMBERSHIP. Let's get out and Cheer for and renew our members, and bring someone in new members, and remind anyone who has fallen by the wayside to reinstate in the Best Squadron in the State of Florida. We really do have something to Cheer about.
Bill Kelly Squadron Commander

ROD & POLE BENDERS

Please review the Calendar in the Bugler for the complete schedule of the Rod & Pole Bender Club, breakfast and dinners for the month of September. Proceeds from these gourmet experiences benefit our club and charities like the V.A.V.S.

13th of September is the **“NICK HENDERSON BLOOD DRIVE”**. Please participate and help build up the American Legion’s Blood Bank account. Please contact others to also participate. Participants who provide **proof of blood donations on the 13th of September** will receive a **free breakfast** during the Rod & Pole Bender hosted breakfast on the **14th of September**.

The Rod & Pole Bender, fishing committee is hard at work researching the next fishing trip for the fall.

Ray Runyon reported that the last, Big Fish, was caught by Binion Williams and the last, Aggregate, was caught by Tom Tercha

Binion Williams, President

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

We canceled the Bike Show on August 23rd due to Tropical Storm Fay. The BIKE SHOW has been re-scheduled for October 4th Noon to 2 pm. We will be donating the proceeds from the Bike Show to V.A.V.S and to Hospice. At our August meeting we voted to donate \$200.00 to the Cabins in the Woods program headed up by the U.S.M.C.C.A. at Post 137. At our September meeting we will hold the first round of nominations for Officers with the second round of nominations and election being in October. We will be hosting a Friday Night Dinner on Sept. 19th at the Post. If you like good thick T-bones, then come on down and burn your own. All the fixings will be prepared and ready.

Ride Proud, Ride Safe

For God and Country, Bill Johnson, ALR137 Director

A large, stylized graphic for Labor Day. The words "Happy Labor Day" are written in a bold, cursive font. The letters are filled with a gradient from yellow to orange to red. Below the main text, the words "Happy Labor Day" are repeated in a smaller, semi-transparent font, creating a shadow effect.

Club Managers Report

clubmanager@americanlegion137.com

The end of the summer season winds down with our Labor Day Pool Party Monday the 1st. Gunslingers will be providing the musical entertainment outside by the pool 12 noon to 4pm and our own Bill Scott will be providing Karaoke inside. USMCCA will be serving up the Hot Dogs & Hamburgers in the screened in building starting at 11AM until 2PM and the Color Guard will be serving their famous BBQ Chicken Dinner starting at 3PM, and you can TIKI all day outside or cool down inside. Come on out beat the gas prices by taking a vacation here at your own Post, you can't beat that deal!

Football kicks off in September so come on out and watch your favorite football team every weekend in the club or at the Tiki.

Hillbilly Night featuring Jim Craft is Saturday the 20th. Come on out in your best Hillbilly dress get hitched or thrown in jail, the night will be full of fun, food, and prizes. Covered Dish Please.

Remember there is always something going on at your Club, Monday Bingo, Tuesday Darts, Wednesday Karaoke, Thursday is Bread Day & Bowling Night, Friday is evening Dinner, Friday & Saturday nights are Live Entertainment, Sunday is Breakfast, and you can Tiki every Friday, Saturday and Sunday, at the 2008 Outstanding Post of the Dept. of Florida American Legion Convention.

Serving Veterans and Members Daily,

Bill Kelly

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