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COMMANDER'S REPORT



Another year has begun to slide by. I find myself wondering where Jan. has gone. I am very pleased to report membership renewals are on goal.

If you visited the Post lately, you saw the construction and improvements to the Post's Entrance. Our House Comm. has been busy with the movement of the front door and removal of the flowerbed at the office door. A concrete slab with a drainage system replaced the flowerbed. Recent rains have validated the drain. system's effectiveness.

The Exe. Comm. approved, a Comm. too recommend ideas for landscaping, the previous flowerbed area which is now a concrete slab. A new canopy is being constructed from the club's front door to the parking lot. If you have the ability or suggestions to assist this beautification project please contact the office.

Due to the departure of Bill Dallman, Post Blood Chairman, we were looking for a new Blood Chairman. Binion Williams volunteered to chair the comm. Binion is our new Blood Chairman. You may have seen the article about his incredible achievement of over 70 "gallons" of blood donated. Binion is the real. thing. Please see his article in the Bugler.

On February 6, 2009, the Department Commander will visit our Post for a day. He enjoyed his last visit Dec.7, 2008 so much he vowed to return on Feb. 06, 2009 for some quiet time with his friends. I welcome all of our members to join me in welcoming Paul Martel back to our Post once again.

The Bingo program will return the 1st Monday in February. Bingo is important to the Post in that all proceeds go towards the financial support for production of the Bugler, as well as the support of the Annual Veteran's Holiday Program. Your support is essential to the Bingo Program. I encouraged you to participation and have some fun while doing it.

Your continued support and participation in all weekly functions such as Bingo, Darts, Karaoke, Video Bowling and Sunday Breakfast is always welcome. Remember, with your support in Post programs and activities, we can accomplish many good things for Post 137 and the American Legion.

February 7th is the **Four Chaplains Memorial Service**. This is an, outstanding, Annual Event and it will be this year. Hope to see you there. Also, during February we will host The 5th District Oratorical Contest and observe many other special days during the month.

We are off to a good start and I believe 2009 can and will be a banner year for our Post! Let there be no doubt in anyone's mind that I will always pursue the best course of action For, ALL OUR MEMBERS. Fred Bergman

My door is always open please come and see me.

Fred's Notes

As you know, our post is large and has many amenities, which require maintenance and sometimes repair. For the most part the **Post depends on member volunteers** for these services that require varying skills and skill levels. If you have a skill such as laying tile, electrical, landscaping, plumbing, painting, computer repair, construction or "TIME to HELP" please contact the office and let us know. It is YOUR POST if you donate some of your time and or talent it would be greatly appreciated by everyone.

On another note, we have put a lot of emphasis on "**fixing up the Moon Building**" to use for special occasions and periodic use. We are very happy with the progress but we are now confronted with having to replace the refrigerator. The current refrigerator is old and will soon need repair. If anyone has a refrigerator, kitchen cabinets, or stove that could be donated to the Post please contact the office.

Bingo is once again on the front burner due to the decreasing number of participants. We must have a **minimum of 20 participants per game**. After discussing the problem with random members, it appears that **Daytime Bingo** may be more desirable. Reasons given were vision problems when driving at night and personal safety when arriving home after dark. If you feel that Daytime Bingo would work better for you please let the office know at 387-3373 or leave a message with your name and phone number.

Tax Time is upon us. Remember, if you **volunteer** during the year, there are certain **Deduction's** you are able to claim. Be sure to ask your tax preparer about deductions you may qualify for. For all our volunteers and supporters I offer my sincere appreciation.

If you have an idea that will improve the Post, please let me know. If you are having a problem and need assistance, Please let us know, maybe we can help.

Assisting our members is our #1 priority.

Thank you for the support you are providing our Post. Have a good February!

American Legion Legacy Fund

The 3rd annual Legacy Run will be held in August of 2009. The exact dates and locale have yet to be announced. The purpose of the Legacy Run is to raise money for the **American Legion Legacy Fund**. **The purpose** of this fund is to help provide a college **education for the dependants of those killed in combat since 9/11**. The Pony Express is used to collect funds from those not along the direct route. Even though I am no longer a "...wiry young man..." I have decided to make a Pony Express Run again this year to deliver all funds entrusted to me into the hands of Paul Morin at the end of the Legacy Run. The Pony Express ride I have planned will be **600 miles** to Louisville, Kentucky and will take **2 days** one way to complete. On that note, if any group or member wants to "sponsor" me for a dollar a mile, that money would also be donated to the Legacy Fund. My mission is to deliver the funds.

I would like to see **A. L. Post 137** and **A. L. Riders Chapter 137** donate to this worthy cause.

If the education of a single dependant child leads to the aid of a single veteran then my time and effort will be repaid.

Checks should be made out to: **American Legion Legacy Fund**.

Any amount will be greatly, appreciated. Please leave at office. There is a marked envelope there for collections. Thank you, a Pony Express Rider.

For GOD, Country and the *Dependant Children* of Fallen Warriors fighting Terrorism.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 BREAKFAST Aux 8:30-11 am Dist. Mtg. Post 283 2 pm Super Bowl CHILI Cook off 3 pm	2 Rod & Pole BENDERS Mtg. 7 pm BINGO 6:30 pm	3 Steering Com 6:30 pm Color Guard 7 pm DARTS Sign-up 7 pm	4 KARAOKE w/ Bill Scott 7:30 pm	5 Auxiliary Exe Mtg. 6:30 p Gen.Mtg.7:30 p Chem.304 7pm Prom V.304 8 pm TRIVIA 9 pm	6 DINNER STEAK LEGION RIDER'S 5:30 pm PEGGY. & HOSS	7 A.L.Rider's Mtg 10 a Four Chaplain's Memorial Service At Moon Bldg 2 pm <u>Luncheon follows</u>
8 BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11 am	9	10 DARTS Sign-up 7 pm Play 7:30 pm	11 KARAOKE w/ Bill Scott 7:30 pm	12 S.A.L. mtg. 7 pm TRIVIA 8 pm	13 DINNER RIBS S.A.L. 5:30 pm Music By VICKIE LEE 8 pm	14 LEGION Mtg's Exe.9am Gen.10 am VALANTINE'S Party
15 BREAKFAST CABANE 8:30 – 11 am	16 BINGO 6:30 pm	17 COLOR GUARD Mtg. 7 pm DARTS Sign-up 7 pm Play 7:30 pm	18 KARAOKE w/ Bill Scott 7:30 pm Birthday Covered DISH	19 TRIVIA 7 pm	20 DINNER STEAK U.S.M.C.C.A. 5:30 pm. JIM CRAFT 8 PM	21 MARDI GRAS PARTY COVERED DISH JIM CRAFT 8 pm
22 BREAKFAST U S M C C A BUFFET 8:30 – 11 am	23	24 CABANE 304 Rendezvous 7 pm DARTS Sign-up 7 pm Play 7:30 pm	25 KARAOKE w/ Bill Scott 7:30 pm	26 TRIVIA 7 pm	27 DINNER STEAK LEGION 5:30 p.m. V. A. V. S. VISIT Lake City Hosp. 4:30 pm BOCATS 8 pm	28 Music BY The BO CATS 8 pm
			HAPPY VALENTINE DAY		FEBRUARY 2009	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY.

~~~~~Legionnaires remember your *Lady is Special*  
She will really be looking for a little trinket, flowers, candy or dinner from her hero. Yes That Means You.  
Don't let her down. Life could get unpleasant.

**The FOUR CHAPLAIN'S MEMORIAL SERVICE** will be in the Moon Building this year. If you can, please try to come and help us show our gratitude for the sacrifices that have been made by others to keep us free and safe.

Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. A History of the Chaplain's , Music and a Candle Lighting will be followed by a late lunch. Post 137 Chaplain Tony Romano welcomes you and your family to join us.

**HOWDY and WELCOME to Department Commander Paul Martel.** We are just so glad you so came back to visit us here in the" frozen tundra". It is real nice having visitors from the warm part of Sunny Florida. We hope your stay is pleasant and the food is good because sometimes our weather has a little to be desired. Have a safe trip back home, and come back soon.

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## **DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO UNTO YOU**

And everything will be all right.

Do you enjoy being with other folks and having a nice time, however you are leary of leaving home at nighttime!! If so, then you might be interested in **DAY TIME BINGO**

Our Commander "Fearless Fred" as his friends call him, is trying so hard to help and please all the Legion Family. Lots of stuff is going on in the evenings.

He thought this might be good for some day members. Let him know if you like the idea or not.

**HEY EVERYBODY,** how about looking around your place and see if you have some left over tile, picnic tables, rosin chairs, a good refrigerator in the garage or maybe a good working range. The post needs tile for the bathrooms in the Moon Bldg, and a refrigerator. It would be nice to have a couple of picnic tables for down by the river and the plastic chairs are always needed. **THANKS**

**A Great Big Happy Birthday** to all our family members who were born in February.

I can't fine by book. We are remodeling and you may be a beautiful person or a real buzzard for all I know. BUT we all love you anyway and wish you "Many More" to come.

To you dear ones that are sick GET WELL SOON. Golly we miss you and wish you the best. Ron Henningfeld, so glad to see you up and about.

**OUR MOST SINCERE `SYMPATHY** to the precious families of Legionnaires who have passed away. Your loss is also our loss.

To the family of Lorraine Davenport, we offer our prayers and deepest sympathy.

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

Hello Legionnaires: In compliance with the Rules of Membership, members who are delinquent in their membership renewal for 2009 move from Delinquent status to Suspended status on February 1, 2009. The grace period has expired and life becomes complicated. Renewal of Membership at this point entails application for reinstatement, reading into membership at a regular general assembly of American Legion Lakeshore Post 137 or the post of like order of your choice.

I am saddened by the fact that there is so many whose regular membership and years of continuous service are in jeopardy. We are staying on track with our membership level requirements. With continued effort and focus, Still, the order of the day.2000 is not just a “number,” it is the numeration of **Quality Men and Women**.

Servicemen and Servicewomen who have and continue to serve their Community, State and Nation selflessly. Please help me find these Veterans and bring them into our house.

I am continuing my recruiting efforts with Project Stay Active, Requests for Transfer and Florida Post 400 DMS. Responses are very slow at the moment regarding these subjects but I will not be discouraged. For me, it is 2000 or bust. So if you hear a loud, unfamiliar noise around the latter part of May or the early part of June, you will know I didn't make it. **If** on the other hand, I do make it, you, will be willing to do anything to shut me up.

Continue to welcome the newcomers into our Legion Family and put them to work.

For God and Country,

Harvey D. Finn 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander

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

WOW! What a month January was. We, at this Post, had so many things going on if you missed it you had to be out of town. You **“gotta”** learn to plan better. We have jumped into the new year with a swiftness that says this year is going to be fantastic. Gees, I am all fired up. We have things to do. There are Veterans, Kids, Members, American Troops on foreign soil and our Community that needs our help. Now, to do this job we must support our Post Fund raisers.

I am not asking for a donation. I am only inviting you to come to your post and enjoy all the events we have planned just for you.

How about a delicious **Steak Dinner** after work on Friday nights, **Sunday Breakfast**, a game of **Darts** any Tuesday at 7 pm or be a “Star” at **Karaoke** on Wednesday nights.

Maybe just relax and **Dance on Saturday** evening with music by some great bands. This is how American Legion Post 137 supports so many worthy programs and this is how we became the **Best All Around Post for 2007-2008**. Lets do it again! I'll be “LOOKING” for you.

For GOD and Country, Danny Grant

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Past Hon. Jr. Dept. President Nola M. was surprised with a **SWEET SIXTEEN BIRTHDAY PARTY** In the Moon Bldg. Sat. Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>. 108 classmates, JROTC Cadets, Friends and Family

joined in for dinner and dancing to the music of Noel and Mindy. A sweet “Thank You” to

all the Legion family for your help and well wishes. Joe N, Bob B, Fred B, Bill K, John.(J.J.) J.

Cissy S, John R., Dennis G., Kathy B, Aunt DeeDee and Uncle Walt P, Platoon 7 Ridgeview H.S.

And Teachers at First Coast Christian School .You all helped make a lifelong memory for a very special young lady.

Thank you, Her Dad and Mom.

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

The **Children's Christmas Party** was a great success. We had 60 children and 64 adults in attendance. I want to thank all who helped make it a success, Santa his Elves, those who brought cookies and sweets, and the kitchen crew. You know who you are. Thank you. Mostly, I want to thank the parents and Grand Parents for bringing the children. As I said many times before, without you, the whole thing would be pointless.

Children and Youth and the S.A.L. will be hosting a **St. Louis style rib dinner** on Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>. We will have Ribs, baked beans, slaw, Texas toast, and dessert. \$8.00.

For God and Country, Barry Congressi

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

There was no regular scheduled V.A.V.S. visit to Lake City V.A. Hospital during the month of December 2008. See the Mid-Year Report for Post 137 in a separate article.

January has no formal 4<sup>TH</sup> Vice Report. The regular visit is scheduled for February 27, 2009.

We depart Post 137 at 4:30 pm. NOTE: The V.A. Hospital is only accepting new or up to 3 months old magazines. No more old magazines will be accepted.

Yours in Service, Lewis E. Gray

### **V.A.V.S. Mid-Year Report**

|             |       |               |          |
|-------------|-------|---------------|----------|
| Total Hours | 330   | Coupon Books  | \$500.00 |
| Total Miles | 7,986 | Refreshments  | \$368.00 |
|             |       | Gas Allowance | \$580.00 |

Items Donated, Books, Games, Clothing, Video Items, Phone Cards, etc. See Incl. #2

For Christmas Items Donated \$32,930.00

Total Dollar Credit \$33,510.00

Lewis E. Gray, V.A.V.S. Post 137

V-304 40/8

Report as of 1/3/09

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### **Christmas Items Donated**

#### Restricted Items

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 10 Cases dandruff Shampoo   | 8 cases Toothpaste        | 10 cases Body Powder   |
| 10 cases White Rain Shampoo | 8 cases spray Deo.        | 8 cases Hand Sanitizer |
| 10 cases Shaving Cream      | 16 cases Aloe Vera Lotion | TOTAL: \$1,164.00      |

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#### **DITTY BAGS**

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 1,000 ea. Postage Stamps \$420.00 | 1,000 ea. Christmas Cards \$120.00        |
| 200 pr. Socks \$200.00            | 70 ea. Puzzel Books \$70.00               |
| 200 ea. Toothbrushes \$100.00     | 20 bx. Denture Cleaner \$20.00            |
| 200 ea. Chapstick \$130.00        | 17 Zip Lock Bags \$34.00                  |
| 200 ea. Combs \$40.00             | 200 ea. Candy Canes \$34.00               |
| 200 ea. Kleenex Packets \$32.00   | 1,000 ea. Pocket Calendars (2009) \$32.00 |
|                                   | TOTAL: \$1,400.00                         |

#### **Other Items Donated:**

200 ea. Sweat Shirts / 200 ea. Sweat Pants

Grand Total \$2,304.00

## HISTORIAN REPORT

The New Year is upon us and I hope all members had a safe celebration. The next few months will complete the record of Post 137's 2009 history. As Historian I'd like to remind every member that if you did not come to a Post event your picture will not be there for future generations to view.

During the month of December I attended the **Christmas Party** and took some pictures. Although the crowd wasn't quite as big as in the past, a good time was had by all who attendance. Just think, if you weren't there, future generations won't be able to view your picture. A Hi-Lite during December was the Commander's Christmas Day Dinner. Many came out during December and enjoyed a number of post activities.

Just about every Post member can remember sitting with the family and listening to the "Philco Radio." We also remember being sure to turn the TV on at least 5 minutes before a program aired. Then came **transistors** and "**Instant-On**" sets. We can remember "**Reel-To-Reel**" tape recorders. Next came **8-Tracks** and then **Cassettes**. Each of these changes took a generation or more to occur. But we now have **Digital**, and digital changes occur almost daily. Just what does this have to do with History? In an effort to keep up with the future, a Digital Picture frame has been placed in the main hallway. Thanks to Digital, pictures of an event can be taken, reduced in size and then displayed on the frame. Now **20 years worth of pictures** can be stored in an area **smaller than a matchbook**. The future is upon us and I am trying to keep up. All post members are welcome to come view our Post History as it develops almost daily. Years from now another Historian will be talking about the olden days when digital was starting.

For GOD and Country Rick Wiggs

## PATRIOT GUARD NOTES

Just as all active duty personnel deserve our respect, so do all those who have served. The mission of the Patriot Guard Riders is to be there to show that respect to the veteran and his/her family. It is our honor to come out for a Send-Off; a Welcome Home; or on a sadder note, a Funeral. Whatever the call, we will be there to stand for those who stood for us. Most times there is less than 24 hours notice, yet we will come. But we can't gather and form a Flag line if we don't know about the event. So I say to all **CALL AND WE WILL COME!!!** Remember, to get an event planned takes time-even before word is put out to the members-therefore, let us know as soon as possible.

Legion membership is not a requirement, only that a veteran or active duty wants us there. To contact the Patriot Guard go to [www.patriotguard.org](http://www.patriotguard.org). That is the National website. There you can find both State and Area Captains. These people are there to help the family and to ensure that every veteran gets the honor he/she deserves. Or if you need to, feel free to contact me at [rswiggs52@comcast.net](mailto:rswiggs52@comcast.net); (904-703-0601) and I will do all I can to put you in contact with the right people. I cannot stress enough that the PGR is not there for personal/group glory. Our only purpose is to show respect to the veteran and the family. For all my fellow veterans I will strive to have this contact information available in the Post 137 Office. Let me stress, no matter what the event, no matter what the cause, call us and we will come!!!

### **AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS**

I hope this finds everyone doing well and getting the New Year off to a good start.

I would like to offer my sympathy to anyone that has lost a loved one recently and pray for everyone to have continued good health and well, being.

January was a good month; we had a dinner on the 9<sup>th</sup> did O.K. with it. All seemed to have a good time. The next meeting will be on the new date, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 am the day after we host the dinner at the Legion. Come on out and help us support the Riders. Remember Riders we can always use your help with Dinners.

If you have e-mail but have not received anything from me Please e-mail me at [ssherry15@yahoo.com](mailto:ssherry15@yahoo.com) with your e-mail address so you can be added to the list

Ride Proud, Ride Safe

For GOD and Country, Sherry Shelton, Director

### **40/8 VOITURE NEWS**

Here is my sincere hope that everyone had a great Christmas and New Year Holiday.

Membership renewal notices have been mailed out. Membership is at 91% and climbing. See

Chef de Train Ray Runyan and he will take care of getting you renewed if you haven't done so already.

Grand Chef de Gare's and Presidente's Homecoming and Wreck 12-15 March at Voiture 215. Post 129 Jacksonville Beach. We will be taking new candidates, so if you know a good prospect let us know. Yours in Service,  
Ron Garland, Chef de Gare

### **CABANE 304**

In January we had a great time at Cocoa Beach (Petite). Our report was given and received well. Merci to all Dames that attended, our Cabane was well represented there.

We will be doing a breakfast on the Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>. Please come out and support your Cabane and Voyagers. Merci to Connie for the Leadership in this Breakfast as I am still in training. Rendezvous is on the 24<sup>th</sup>. at 7 pm. Lets socialize starting at 6 pm. Happy Valentines Day to everyone.

Merci, Sandra Gentry, La Presidente

\*\*\*\* NEED A SPACE. Having a Get-To Gather. For info about the 40/8 Building

Contact Mr. Bill Lomax Ph. 904-778-2116\*\*\*\*

### **BLOOD BANK**

We started 2009 with a successful Blood Drive on Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>. We had 27 people who came to give blood, 21 of which were eligible, so 21 pints were added to our bank. April 19<sup>th</sup> everyone will have a chance once again to donate. Since this is on a Sunday, everyone should be able to participate 8:00 am and noon with a free breakfast provided to all participants. Remember you do not have to be a Legion member to give blood or receive a free breakfast so bring friends, neighbors and family. Cheers,

Bin Williams, Blood Chairman

### **CHAPLAIN'S REPORT**

Do not look behind you Genesis 19:17. Do not look back the angel told Lott and his family, for God was about to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah. There are times in our lives when we did things that overwhelmed us. Something to remember why focus on things that frighten or overwhelm us, why glance over your shoulder at past regrets or mistakes. Move forward and ask God to not let fear hold you back, but give you the courage to try new things even scary ones without looking back. It is my sad duty to report to you the following Legionnaires who have transferred to Post Everlasting.

*Robert R. Cunniff   Leonard W. Carter   T. J. Kirkland   Melvin B. White*

Keep these Legionnaires and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Remember to pray for those who are sick and unable to take care of themselves.

Remember to bring old faded or worn American Flags for proper retirement.

May God bless you all.

For God and Country, Tony Romano, Chaplain

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## **SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION**

Lakeshore Squadron 137

Meeting Thurs, February 12<sup>th</sup> [sonsoftheal137@aol.com](mailto:sonsoftheal137@aol.com)

Your Sons membership is **approaching 50%**, This means we still have a ways to go. Please let any member know how important it is that they renew to keep our **Squadron the Outstanding Squadron in the Detachment of Florida**. Let's keep it as it was when we won this title last year at the 2008 Convention.

Thanks to every member who shows up to support our Dinners and Sandwich Program, and a big Thanks to all of our members who help make our Dinners and Programs a success.

Don't Forget to **Support the S.A.L. Rib Dinner** on Friday February 13<sup>th</sup>; Barry and Diane will be cooking up those tasty Ribs, again.

Remember getting involved takes time, so show up at a meeting, help out with dinner or sandwiches, the feeling of satisfaction gained will be worth it, don't be left out.

Squadron Commander Bill Kelly

### Editors Note:

My sincere apology to Mr. Rick Micheals, of the Color Guard.

In the January Bugler he was identified as Mr. Mel White.

Please excuse the error and the incorrect information.



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### ROD & POLE BENDER CLUB VERBIAGE

With the new officers installed and new committees being formed the Rod and Pole Benders are getting set for a successful year.

Fishing trips are being planned for both local and away waters. Our breakfast fundraisers have been a success this year with new faces pitching in to help with setup, preparation, and serving. We want to remind everyone that in order to participate in fishing trips at minimal cost members are required to put in volunteer hours during breakfast and dinners. So come to the meetings to get information on volunteer hours required and sign up for activities. We have already signed up two new members for the year, and our dues are still only \$30 per person.

The American Legion Blood drive event January 10<sup>th</sup> added 21 pints to our bank. Rod and Pole offered free breakfast to donor participants and three donors came in for their free breakfast the morning after the blood drive.

Don't forget our meetings are the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. with a light snack afterwards. See you all at the February 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting and feel free to bring any friends

that are interested in joining. Here is to a great year!

Bin Williams Past President

### CLUB MANAGERS REPORT

February starts off with the **Super Bowl Chili Cook** off on **Sunday** the 1<sup>st</sup> at 3 PM. Get your best recipe, cook up the chili, and come on in. We always have a great time and this year won't be any exception.

**Saturday** the 14<sup>th</sup> is our annual **Valentines Day Party** come on out with you best girl or guy and join in the fun.

**Saturday** the 21<sup>st</sup> will be our **Mardi Gras Party**. Covered dish is requested for both parties, but not required.

**Bingo is Back on Monday** night and because Trivia Night was such a hit in the interim we will be moving **Trivia to Thursday Night**. Come on out and test your wits with our other members, you might just win a prize.

Remember there is always something going on at your club, Monday Bingo, Tuesday Darts, Wednesday Karaoke, Thursday Trivia, Friday Dinner, Friday & Saturday Live Music, Sunday Breakfast, be a part of all the activities and fun at your Post 137.

Serving Veterans & Members Daily, Bill Kelly

**SCHOOL MEDAL'S UPDATE.**

In the spring of 2008, 31 schools participated in the American Legion School Medals program. This translates to 62 male and female students receiving the highest honor awarded to American Youth by the American Legion.

A "**Medals Presentation**" takes about 15 – 20 minutes of time to present. Everything needed is provided to you – script to read and medals and certificates for your students. All you do is show up at your school at the designated time and hand out the Medals to your students.

Post 137 provides School Medals to Westside area schools- elementary, middle school and high schools. The school may be public or private. If you are a Veteran and have a child or grandchild in a Westside school, or, would just enjoy being involved in the program, please consider being a "**Medal Presenter**" this year.

Call us at 553-1848 or email [cjowers@fccj.edu](mailto:cjowers@fccj.edu) Volunteer and make a difference in a child's life .For God and Country. Carl and Myra Jowers, Post 137 School Medals Co-Chairmen

**Cabin in the Woods** in Lake City has filled the buildings. But more units may possibly be built at a later date We Thank Everyone who so generously donated items for kitchens, bedding, cook ware and clothing to help these homeless Veterans get started on a new life. We will keep you informed as to the progress of more cabins. CAN DO CREW, Myra J. & Nora M.

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**EVENTS REPORT**

The Events Committee would like to Thank everyone who helped with the Legion Christmas Party and New Years Eve Party. Without Volunteers like you, I would have a difficult time putting on these events. Up coming events in February are, Valentines Day on the 14th. And Mardi Gras on the 21st. Please plan to attend, have fun and support our post. The best in Florida.

Yours in Service, Diane Congressi, Events Volunteer.

**AUXILIARY NEWS**

Hello Ladies, I am so sorry that I did not have anything in the Bugler last month and to be honest with you the holidays and everything going on I just forgot.

Harold Richardson from **WWW Gay** was the lucky recipient of our **Christmas/New Years Basket** and it was a great success with enough donations to cover Landstul Army Hospital and our ROTC program. The Christmas wrapping went very well for our first year and if it is decided to continue this new tradition we will really need to promote it sooner and have more

days of wrapping The guest. at Ronald Mc Donald House really enjoyed their spaghetti dinner that we hosted with the help of Post 88 in the south side.

A **Valentines Day** basket is in the works and will be raffled at our **Valentines Dance** so be sure to come out and join the fun.

For all of those with birthdays in February "Happy Birthday"

Anita Lee, President

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