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"A message from the Commander"

Greetings Legion Family!

Let me begin by saying that I look forward to serving Post 137 for the coming year. We have a new slate of elected and appointed officers who are all willing and able to do the things necessary to once again make our Post the most outstanding in the Department of Florida. I will be working with these officers, drawing and depending on their expertise and experience, in seeing that Post 137 is led the right way. Pulling together, we can and will face head on the many challenges, which this Post has experienced in the recent past.

I anticipate that my year as your Commander will be a busy one; however, the membership may rest assured that whatever I do, it will be "For The Good Of The Legion".

Every Commander has goals and priorities. Mine are plain and simple. I want to return this Legion Post to full accountability to its members, improve the spirit of camaraderie and fun, increase the participation of the membership, increase the base of volunteers for the many wonderful Legion Programs we support and last but not least increase the overall membership of all of our entire Legion Family.

We are a service organization, which first and foremost supports veterans, children and youth, the local community and our Nation as a whole. Somewhere in the excitement of the controversies over the recent past we seemed to have forgotten our primary duties.

Let's get back to basics and move on with the good work and deeds of the Legion. I urge each and every Legionnaire, Auxiliary and Sons of the Legion member to bring in a guest to the many Legion functions held at our Post. Remember, every guest is a potential new member. Many of your neighbors, co-workers and friends can qualify for membership. Once they are invited to see the facilities we have and the can-do spirit of our great Post, they too will want to be a member and a part of the American Legion. Join with me and let's return our Post to the greatness, which it deserves.

For GOD and Country, Emory T. Austin

FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK

I am proud to announce my selection of the following outstanding individuals for appointment as Post Officers for the Legion Year 2010-2011.

*John Kelley--Judge Advocate

*Myra Jowers--Service Officer

*Dennis Thompson--Adjutant

Each of these Legionnaires has in past service demonstrated the ability, dedication and loyalty to Post 137, which is needed to get the job done. These appointments are subject to Executive Committee and General Assembly approval, and will be formally presented in accordance with the existing Post By-Laws.

In addition, it becomes my duty to announce to the membership the following vacancies as a result of recent unexpected resignations:

2nd Vice Commander (In charge of Post Entertainment)

2nd Sgt. At Arms (Sentinel or Tyler, Outer Guard of the Post)

As a result and in accordance with the existing By-laws, nominations will be asked for, at the August General Assembly.

Emory T. Austin, Commander

"FROM THE ADJUTANTS DESK" Appointee

Let me begin by saying that it's good to be back. After a two-year absence from most Legion affairs, I have decided to accept the appointment of Post Adjutant for the coming Legion year. I look forward to serving Post 137 and Commander Emory Austin in any and every way I can.

There is a lot of work to be done this coming year and I am pleased to once again be a part of the team! I firmly believe our newly elected Commander, Officers and Executive Committee are all committed to doing what is right and fair for all of our Legionnaires and Legion Family. I share the hope that we can now move forward, getting by the past and face the future, which is bright and clear. Join with me in this endeavor and let's make Post 137 the best it can be. Dennis Thompson, Adjutant

FRIST VICE CMDR'S REPORT

Hello Legion Family: This is my first report as your new 1st Vice Commander. It's going to be a short one until I get my feet on the ground in my new job. As you know the primary concern of the 1st Vice is membership. The 2011 Membership cards are in, so its time to getting serious about renewing your membership. Remember, if you renew now, that's considered an Early Bird renewal, and you will receive a free meal, Date: T.B.A. I look forward to serving you as your 1st Vice Commander.

Yours in service, Lewis E. Gray

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AMERICAN LEGION 2010-2011 WELCOME NEW OFFICER'S & CHAIRMAN

“Let not man guard his Dignity, But let his Dignity guard him” Emerson .

Sunday August 29, 2010 3 pm-8 pm at Fleet Reserve # 91 on Collins Road a *Covered Dish Benefit* is being held to help Matt Craft. He is the son of Jim and Mary Craft. Matt was run into, by a car, while riding his motorcycle. He received serious injuries. Now at home he will be going through extensive therapy at Brooks Rehab Ctr. A donation of \$10.00 is requested for the event . Covered dishes of vegetables and desserts will be greatly appreciated. A sincere Thank You to everyone that can attend. (Sent in by Loman Dixon)

- SCHOOL STARTS IN AUGUST, WATCH OUT FOR THE CHILDREN AND PLEASE O-BEY THE SPEED ZONES .

BUGLER CREW *My Thanks and appreciation to everyone for your dedicated efforts to get the Bugler out and on time. As the old story goes neither Rain, Hot or Cold has stopped us so far. August 2010 marks the end of eight years we have coddled this baby. We have never missed an issue. We all started in September of 2002 with four pages of type written copy. There was one request from the Commander, David Gadd and Executive Comm. “A Bugler based on members comments that folks can read”. Just a touch of history, for the new members who have joined us. If you would like to help with the Bugler call the Office and leave your name and #. Crew Chiefs, Belle Pearre, Jim Boozer and semi retired (ha ha) Ms Grace McClung Thank you. To; Mr. Danny Hiers , Club Mgr. Bill Kelly and sometimes, past Commanders, Fred Bergman and Emory Austin for seeing to food for us. Thanks again, Editor*

To all the new and seasoned Officers and Chairmen “Remember Bugler Articles are due by Monday” after the Legion General Meeting on the second Saturday of the month. I cannot open all the different programs everyone has. To be sure your report is in the Bugler please send reports by regular e-mail **no attachments**.

Thank you and happy writing.

Congratulations to Dennis Glisson and family a new grand daughter Milano Karleen Glisson Gutierrez, born June 30, 2010. Little Miss Milano weighted in at 7 lbs. 14 ozs.

40/8 Cabane 304 Report

A big Merci to Ann Gray and crew for the country steak dinner on July 9th for those of you who were unable to attend you missed a delicious dinner. As stated last month I will explain some of our programs. Americanism is programs such as donations of Flags to groups, classes held in the proper care and respect due the American Flag. Hours of work in assistance to our Voiture and to the Legion; such as placing Flags on graves for Memorial Day, Veterans Day Parade Functions, Veteran Administration Voluntary Service or V.A.V.S. The Cabane and Voiture 304 (40 & 8) work in conjunction with Legion Post 137 for monthly visits to the Lake City VA Hospital and contribute money, supplies as well as give their time to comfort and visit with the Veterans. They supply refreshments and assist with serving the refreshments as well as call Bingo for the Veterans. We will have a pork loin dinner on August 13th. Everyone come have dinner with your friends at the Legion Post. Our next Rendezvous will be on August 24th, at 7:00 p.m. Merci, Robbie Garland, La Presidente

August 7,1782 the PURPLE HEART MEDAL was established

Ladies August 26th is WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY.

August 24th School Starts in many of our local areas so slow down and save money and maybe a life.

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SECOND VICE CMDR.'S REPORT Vacant see Club Manager's Report
Don't forget HILL BILLY NIGHT SATURDAY August 21st. Y'all come now!

THIRD VICE CMDR'S REPORT

Hello Legion Family.
The July 4th Holiday was a good time if you missed it.
We did a pie and watermelon eating contest again, the kids that were in attendance had a good time. We had fewer children than Memorial Day so we had some adults do the same contests and it was a hoot. I'll be doing some breakfasts in the coming months so I can get ready for Halloween and Christmas. Come on out and join us for breakfasts. The next breakfast is July 25th and August 1st.
For God and Country, Walter Rasco

FOURTH VICE CMDR'S REPORT

As the incoming 4th Vice Commander, I would like to make all Post 137 members aware of my goals for the next year. I have reestablished Post 137's presence at the Jacksonville VA clinic by scheduling a VAVS commitment for the next year. Our Post will have the responsibility of providing refreshments to the patients on the Third Thursday of each month. A team has already been formed to provide this service on June 17. However, I am seeking a Team Leader to take responsibility for providing this service in September and every other month thereafter. Call or email me if you would like to serve in this outreach program. I have scheduled a visit to the Lake City Domiciliary on Friday June 25. This VAVS visit is for the female Veterans who are residents in this semi-assisted living facility. There are approximately eight females Vets at the Domiciliary as I type this announcement. I am seeking Lady Legionnaires to support this endeavor as the female Vets are sometimes the forgotten Vets and this would be another great outreach program for our Post. The Domiciliary visits will be four times a year, close to major Holidays.

For over 20 years, Post 137 and Voiture 304 have co-sponsored a monthly visit to the Lake City VA Hospital. This much needed and popular program for our hospitalized Vets will continue. Donations of men and women's clothing, DVD's and VHS's tapes, magazines and books and puzzles are always in high demand. These donations can be dropped off at Post 137, or I will make house calls to pick up large quantities of donations if you are unable to bring them to Post 137. If you should wish to make a financial contribution to support these VAVS programs, please send it to the Post 137 Office and insure that the donations are marked for "VAVS." Volunteers from all Post 137 members are needed to support those Vets who may no longer be able to support themselves. Call Carl Jowers at 553-1848 or email him at cjowers@comcast.net to volunteer your times. For God and Country, Carl Jowers, 4th Vice Command

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CHAPLAIN'S REPORT



WHY AM I HERE

"Why me Lord", I believe that sometimes over the years we have asked this question regarding our being in a situation we couldn't understand. GOD planned it this way- that is why. This poem by Russell Kelfer sums it up
You are who you are for a reason. You're part of an intricate plan. You're precious and perfect unique in design, called God's special woman or man.
You look like you for a reason. Our God made no mistake. He knit you together within the womb, you're just what He wanted to make. The parents you had was the ones he chose, no matter how you may feel, they were custom designed with God's plan in mind, and they bear the Master's seal.

No that trauma you faced was not easy. And God wept that it hurt you so; but it was allowed to shape your heart so that into his likeness you'd grow. You are who you are for a reason, you've been formed by the Master's rod. You are who you are, beloved, because there is a God.

Congratulations to our new Post officials. God bless you all. God doesn't expect you to be perfect, but he does insist on complete honesty. It is my sad duty to report to you the following *Legionnaires who have transferred to Post Everlasting*.

*John E. Edwards, "Lum," *Alvin J. Nannie, *Del Ray Williamson

Keep these Legionnaires and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Remember our sick and incapacitated. Come and enjoy the fellowship and activities of our Post. These hot days makes our swimming pool very inviting. So long for now. May God bless you all. For GOD and Country, Tony Romano

Historian's Report

The 2010 fiscal year has now become history. Pictures of Activities, Events, etc were taken. They were cataloged into appropriate folders. An annual Cd was burned and the yearly folder was copied to the Post's hard drive. These items will be kept in the possession of the Historian, but the year has faded into history. Years from now someone will look back at this folder and see all who participated. The only question is, Were you there to be part of Post 137 history? It's your post so come out and enjoy.

Again I was elected to serve as Historian. I am proud to be here for all Legionnaires and appreciate the vote of confidence all those who voted placed in me. I'll do my best to serve the Post well.

With the passing of Memorial Day, a new year has dawned and already activities are happening. All events and activities are for Post/Legion members. If you're getting this newsletter then this is your Post so feel free to come out and enjoy everything. If you attend I'll work to get your picture and you will become a part of Post 137's history. Rick Wiggs

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S.A.L. Squadron 137 Commander's Report.

Hello Legion Family! We have just returned from the American Legion Convention in Orlando. Commander Jonathan Cooke accepted the **1st runner up award for Americanism** and the **Special Olympics Tri Medal Award**. Congratulations to Squadron #137 and our Legion Family for making our programs successful.

With your continued support we are looking forward to another successful year. Your new membership cards are now available for your renewal. For all you Legionnaires, Please bring in your Sons and sign them up, also consider joining our S.A.L. Squadron as a dual member showing your leadership role to all the Sons of the American Legion. We have many dual members and look forward to your participation.

American Legion Americanism Chairman, Larry Briggs, is now a dual member. With Larry's leadership and the support of S.A.L. Squadron 137 we hope to reach the **POST GOALS**

In closing I would to thank our Legion Family for your continued support. I would also like to thank both Bill Kelly and Jonathan Cooke for their leadership role and participation at this year's Annual Convention in Orlando. For God and Country and Our Legion Family,
Ted Boutwell, Squadron 137 Commander

BLOOD DRIVE Chairman's Report.

During our July 4th Blood Drive 10 pints were donated. We thank everyone for, their **"Gift of Life."** There was plenty of food available and the pool was open. There was music and the screen room was open. The members who donated were treated to a free meal. Now that our new officers are settled into their positions, we hope to have better results with future blood drives. **Our next blood drive will be Saturday, September 11, 2010.** Remembering how important this date is in our history, let's strive to have a large turnout. Remember, if you donate blood you can receive a free breakfast from the Rod and Pole Benders. Thanks for your continued support. Bin Williams

POOL NEWS pool operator report

Accolades to all who have helped to improve safety around our pool. It is remarkable that we have improved so much in a short time. Your activity and participation in "YOUR" pool has made it a better place to visit. A BIG THANKS to all. Keep it going! Please remember to sign in all guests in our Pool Book. That means all relatives and friends who do not have a membership card must be signed in as your guest. This also helps us in

determining the amount of pool supplies we need to get for every ones enjoyment and safety. For GOD and Country, Kathy Brett

Club Manager's Report Clubmanager@post137.com

The summer is now half way over, but there is still plenty of time to get on down and enjoy the Pool and Tiki every weekend in August.

This months Live Entertainment we have Peggy & Hoss the 6th & 7th TISH the 13th & 14th Jim Craft the 20th & 21st and the BoCats the 27th & 28th. Friday Dinners this month features Color Guard Turkey w/all the fixings, Cabane Pork Loin, Color Guard Country Fried Steak, A.L. Riders Pork Chop, sounds like a yummy line up of dinners, so come on out and support our groups that raise money for our programs. The words out that the 50/50's to support Legion Programs will be back on Friday night too.

Saturday night August 21st will once again be Hillbilly Night featuring the **Entertainment of Judge Jim Craft**. Grab your straw hat, bib overhauls and your best girl and come on down for Hillbilly Night. Don't forget to bring a pan of your best vittles (**Covered Dish**) get hitched or thrown in jail. Enjoy a night out you won't forget soon!

Last month's Big Thank You goes to Legionnaire Danny Hiers, and Auxiliary President Anita Lee and her members Ann Gray, Joanne Kelly, Sue Rewis, Vivian Grant, Vera Stevens, Debbie Jennings, For all your hard work to make the Installation a big success. Thanks again to Rick Michaels and House Committee for all their hard work. Thanks to Roger Malo for your help with Inventory. Special Thanks to Mary Nichols for her generous donation of cleaning supplies and everyone of the Legion Family members who Volunteers all their time and energy.

Remember there is always something going on in your Club stop by be an active part of American Legion Lakeshore Post 137, **The Most Outstanding Post the Last 3 Years at the Department of Florida Convention.**
Serving Veterans & Members Daily Bill Kelly

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT Appointee

I am honored to have been appointed as your Service Officer for the coming year. I will strive to continue assisting all Veterans at the high standards set by Teresa Cluff, Post 137 Service Officer, 2009-2010. Thank you, Teresa, for a job well done!
FYI High School Diplomas for Certain Veterans

The Florida Legislature has enacted laws in which eligible WW II, Korean Conflict and Vietnam War Veterans who, as a result of being inducted into any branch of the United States Armed Forces, were unable to complete their high school education can be awarded a State of Florida of Florida High School Diploma. If you or any Veteran you know may fit one of these categories, please contact me for eligibility criteria and an application. I will be thrilled to help provide diplomas for our deserving Vets.

To schedule an appointment with me, please call Sarah Mackesy, Post 137 Secretary

at 387-3373. I am available during posted Legion office hours BY APPOINTMENT ONLY except on Fridays, when I will be available for Walk-In assistance from 2:30 PM – 5:00PM. If you need to reach me anytime other than office hours, please e-mail at mjowers@fscj.edu. For GOD and for Country, Myra Jowers

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 137 Director's Report

We are sorry to say that we lost another one of our members; A.J. Nannie left us for a better highway to ride on. We will be hanging his vest in a frame on our wall of fame soon. It is always sad when we lose someone we care about but we must never forget that they will always be in our hearts and one day we will all be together again riding free forever.

We sponsored our second pup and are now working on sponsoring the second half of Justice since he is only half sponsored by the VFW.

I went to the Convention in Orlando and I'm happy to report the following:

7 new posts in Florida, 3,237 ALR members in the state, **57% are Legionnaires**, **24% are SAL**, and **19% are Auxiliary**. 64% own motorcycles. We would lose 36% if we required members to own motorcycles. We raised **\$306, 427.00**, for 23 different charities throughout the state.

In the New Year to come we must make sure that we record all our activities, such as the miles we travel, the hours we put in, the money we raise and what we spend the money on. Then we must make sure that we get our report into the Department so that they can have the information for the convention. Starting next year the Legion is going to start giving **Awards to the American Legion Rider Chapters**.

I guess that is about all I have to put out for now except of course please don't forget to check the calendar and come out for dinner.

Don't forget if you have any comments or suggestions please send them to alrf1137@yahoo.com which is the email for the riders and also visit our new website at www.americanlegionriderschapter137.com. **Ride Proud, Ride Safe**
For God and Country, Tim Shelton

ROD AND POLE BENDERS

Who says you have to have a boat to join the Rod and Pole Benders and catch fish? Our last fishing tournament proved that you don't have to be in a boat to place in a tournament. Bin Williams had Big Fish, and Big Jim had Aggregate and neither one of them were able to go out in a boat, they fished from the bank.

Our next fishing tournament will be before the Bugler comes out, however, the tournament following that one will be an off-shore tournament on Wednesday, August 18. The cost will be \$85.00 with the club picking up \$45.00 of it, making the cost per

club member \$40.00. You need to have the \$40.00 in by August 2. We also have two breakfasts in August, the 15th and 29th.

Congratulations to the new officers of the American Legion. We are looking forward to working with ya'll in the up-coming year.

Best of luck. Bin Williams

Honor Air

When the first 1st Coast Honor Air buses departed Orange Park High School transporting veterans to JIA I've taken part to honor all the magnificent WW II veterans. That first year I was proud to ride my motorcycle through the pouring rain to escort these gallant souls to the airport. Since then I've been there to escort the buses and to stand in "flag lines" with the Patriot Guard to welcome these men back home. Since learning of the Honor Air Program I've also put many articles in the Bugler admonishing all those eligible to apply.

After the article came out in this month's Bugler I immediately got a call from a gentleman wanting to go. I downloaded the application, met with M. Woods to help him fill it out and get it submitted. Now his name is on the list. It was my honor to do this for a member of the "Greatest Generation". The next flight is projected for October. The limit is only 100 WW II Veteran per flight. The quicker you get your name on the list the better. Right now the Rotary Club is trying to do 2 flights/year, but due to funding they may have to cut back to 1/year. These are free for WW II veterans. There is medical help available and to help meet all needs for every 3 Honorees there is a Guardian-a person there to help in any way.

The trip consists basically of an early morning flight to Washington, D.C. to visit the WW II Memorial and to Arlington National Cemetery to see the changing of the guard. This is a one day trip which usually returns @ 10:00P.M. The Greatest generation is vanishing all too quickly before our eyes and we must act now to show them honor. If you are a WW II Veteran or if you know a WW II Veteran, please feel free to contact me and I will be glad to help put you in line for the next flight. You don't have to be a Legion member, just to have served in WW II. My lines are open- (904) 703-0601 cell or (904) 772-7984 home. Call and I will feel honored to help you with the paperwork. Rick Wiggs

Hello Ladies

Since we did not have a meeting in July I just wanted to remind everyone that our next meeting is August 5th at 7:30 pm and it would be nice to see some new faces. We will also be needing chairmen for our Auxiliary programs. DO NOT FORGET DUES HAVE GONE UP!!!! Seniors are \$22.00 and Juniors are \$4.00.

We have new membership cards so please renew early. Your dues can be mailed
Attn: Membership to the American Legion Auxiliary 5443 San Juan Avenue
Jacksonville, FL 32210.
Anita Lee President

the 4th Infantry division It will eventually be shipped home and
put in the memorial museum in Fort Hood Texas.
Created by an Iraqi artist named Kalat He melted 3 of the heads
off the fallen Saddam and made the statue as a memorial to the
American soldiers and their fallen warriors



This statue currently stands outside the Iraqi Palace, Now home to