



BUGLER



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Commander Fred Bergman

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COMMANDER'S REPORT

FEBRUARY 2010

We just keep pushing forward and time does not slow down. Sometimes I just want to stop time and take a breather.

How is your new year so far?

We have been receiving visits by members that have not visited the Post for a while. We are happy to see our friends again and meet new ones.

Do you know we have an average of 2 new members joining our Post every day that the office is open? That equates to **6 new members per week.**

A study was ordered by the General Assembly Members to consider costs involved in maintaining the building used by the 40 & 8.

As costs for the Post's Operation escalates, it is necessary to ensure your money is properly spent and the Post's Assets are protected.

A committee has been formed to look at this issue and make recommendations concerning the probability of charging for building support and utilities.

Results of this study will be provided in the March 2010 Bugler.

Our committees are working hard to maintain and improve our Post. I hope every one appreciates their hard work as much as I do.

Our newest Committee Chairman is Larry Briggs. Larry volunteered to be the Americanism Chairman. This is a big job as everything it seems, falls under the heading of Americanism.

Larry and Post Family Members planted 4 willow trees in honor of Arbor Day. The trees were planted along San Juan Ave on the back lawn. One Willow Tree for each American Legion Organization: Legion, Auxiliary, S.A.L. & A. L. Riders. The trees will look great and give us privacy. Keep up the good work. Your efforts are appreciated.

Congratulations to Auxiliary Jr. Nola M. on your appointment to Panther Company Rifle Commander and a promotion to "Lieutenant J.G." you are doing a great job with the Ridgeview JNROTC. Keep up the good work.

*Be sure to read the Chaplain's Report on "**Integrity**".

For Our Members, Fred Bergman

FRED'S NOTES

" Please Read and be informed "

As you are probably aware the **Post Bylaws are being revised. The last Bylaws approved by the Department of Florida were in 2003.**

Changes in Post operations over time make it necessary to revise Bylaws periodically. In my view the 2003 approved Bylaws need only minor changes that will be presented to the Executive Committee during the February meeting. After the Executive Committee comes to an agreement on the changes, **the proposed Bylaws will be presented to the General Assembly for changes / approval.**

If you possess **Bylaws that do not have the Department "APPROVAL" stamp**, you are **using an incorrect version of our Bylaws** and some procedures will be incorrect.

1ST VICE COMMANDER REPORT



S.A.L.
Commander
Jonathan Cooke



A LR Director
Tim Shelton



COLOR GUARD
Cmdr. J.J.
O'Brien



Director
Raymond
Runyan



USMCCA
Director
Dennis Glisson

No report

2ND VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT

Two thousand and ten is here and our post is off to a great start. Friday night Jan.15th we had a new entertainer Matt Altman. Matt is a big country fan and does an out standing job performing the old and new country songs

All the members there, Friday and Saturday night, asked that we have Matt back. So, on Friday April 2nd and Saturday April 3rd we will be enjoying

"Good Old Country Night"

Get them Cowboy and Cowgirl Hats and Boots out, put on your jeans

"And let's have some fun."

Don't forget to check our Web Site, BUGLER and the Entertainment Board

for the February appearance date's of your favorite entertainers,

JIM CRAFT, VICKI LEE, PEGGY & HOSS, THE BOCATS

***Remember there is always something happening at your Post,*

Dinner Friday night, Entertainment Friday and Saturday night, Breakfast Sunday morning..

Almost forgot,

VALENTINE'S PARTY

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 13th a night with VICKI LEE

Door Prizes for the Cutest Couple's. Lot's of Fun for everyone.

COME OUT AND SUPPORT YOUR POST

For God and Country, Emory Austin

The World on a String

Normandy Elementary

School Cheer Leaders

Went to Camp in Orlando, Florida

and came home BIG WINNERS:

The super smile on the beautiful face

of Cheyenne Reese 9 year old

grand daughter of our own Emory Austin,

says it all, "WINNER"

This young lovely and her team stormed

The City Beautiful by Taking

1st place – City, 1st Place State and

6th Place National. Her proud mom is

Shawnee Reese, a legionnaire.

CONGRATULATIONS to Cheyenne,

Her school and her team mates.

We are all so proud of our young

People.

I really love writing about our

kids and their accomplishments.

Folks send me more. Editor

CIGARETTES are really causing a problem around the Post. Folks this is to you, only if you are a smoker. We and especially the little birds need your help. I know no one would deliberately want to harm the little birds, however, if you throw your cigarette butts on the ground or into the flowers and bushes, GUESS WHAT? You are helping to kill the little birds. It is hard enough for them to find food in the best of times but with the extreme cold weather their food source is low. They see your cigarette filters and it looks like a nice big fat grub worm . They swallow the butts down and then can't past them as the stomach moisture swells the butts up. The little birds die. Your Post lawns look ugly And we all lose one way or another.

Be a thoughtful smoker, place your butts in the cans provided. The wild life needs us to be good stewards for them. They need our care & protection Thank You for your help. Editor

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CHAPLAIN'S REPORT



INTEGRITY

He who walks with integrity walks securely, but he who perverts his will becomes known. Proverbs 10:9 (NKJV)

- Integrity means you make up your mind in advance to do the right thing.
- Integrity is about determining to walk the right path.
- Integrity is about asking for GOD'S Help.
- Integrity is about saying no, about refusing to pursue low and vulgar things.
- Integrity is about what is about to happen in my own home, where no one else Sees but my own heart really knows.
- Speaking cruel and profane words, letting our anger burn out of control and Gossiping around the table are low and vulgar things.
- Integrity is choosing to ask for GOD'S HELP to say no.
- Integrity is recognizing that without GOD'S HELP we don't have the power to say no but that with HIS HELP we have a new power to say yes to high and mighty things.

PRAY ; Thank you, mighty GOD, that YOUR truth is more than any lie of evil ones. Come and enjoy and fellowship at our Post. On a sad note. The Legion Honors Legionnaires and Veterans. When a member of this Post transfers to "**POST EVERLASTING,**" there are too many times when we are not aware that this has happened. Please notify the Post so we can Honor the Legionnaire. It is my sad duty to report to you the following Legionnaire who has

Transferred to POST EVERLASTING

* JOHN IRVING SHANNON

Please keep this Legionnaire and his family in your thoughts and prayers. Four Chaplains and Post Everlasting Ceremony Feb 6th Moon Bldg. 1 P.M. For GOD and Country, Tony Romano

POOL NEWS NOT YET BUT SOOOON!

February will hopefully be our last month of really cold weather. Maybe March will grace us with a few warm days at least enough to start warming up the pool water. I am really looking forwards to seeing all the HPB'S and getting our Water Aerobics started up again. I hope everyone is trying to stay limber by doing some walking and a few exercises. I am ready to have some POOL FUN. Keep your eye on the Bugler as I will keep you posted as to our start-up date. Stay Safe. **HAPPY VALENTINES DAY**

Kathy Brett, Pool Operator

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 137

No report

AUXILIARY REPORT

No report

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Club Managers Report

clubmanager@americanlegion137.com

No report

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LAWN CARE

Hello Legion Family,

As we are all aware the Legion is in search of a new lawn care service. As the Chairman of the Committee assigned this duty, I request anyone with a recommendation please pick up a bid sheet at the Legion Office or from me. All bids should be received by February 22nd for presentation at the March 2010 Executive Meeting.

Any questions, please contact the Legion Office.

Thank you for any and all assistance in collecting these bids.

Teresa Cluff, Committee Chairman

USMCCA

“HAPPY VALENTINES DAY TO ALL”

A Big Thank you to all the Sunday morning Members and Guests that came in and had Breakfast with us on the 10th & 17th. We really enjoyed serving you and appreciate your support. We are not a large group however we do strive to give you a nice meal.

We are very lucky to have the help of some great folks to help us in the kitchen.

Ted B, Thomas B, Larry B, Karl K, Amy, Nola, Miss Bess H, and Kathleen “Cissy” S,

at the Cash Drawer. We hope

Ron H, will be well soon and

can return to our group,

your missed guy. Thanks to

every one for your support.

Hope to see you at our

February Dinners on the

19th for T-Bone &

26th for Rib Eye Steaks.

Dennis Glisson, President



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ROD & POLE BENDERS

Sunday, February 14th is Valentines Day! Treat your lady to **FREE** breakfast at no expense to you! The Rod & Pole Benders Club will be putting on a breakfast for Valentines Day with breakfast **FREE** to the ladies. Breakfast will include Danny’s Grits along with our usual fare.

We are planning several trips in 2010 with great opportunities for camaraderie and good fishing. Our membership is growing and we have room for more! Come and enjoy the fun. Our January fishing trip was moved to Jan.23rd due to inclement weather. Be sure to read the Bugler for upcoming events. Dennis Miller (un edited)

BLOOD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Our January BLOOD DRIVE was far short of our goal. We had 14 people who came to donate and 13 were able to donate. With over a hundred people in attendance to our monthly meeting it is a disappointing start, so let's work toward better participation in March. Mark your calendars for March 13 and bring your friends and family. On a bright note we have had 3 additional donations to our account. Let's try and have a record year. Don't forget this is your post and thanks to those who donated in January. (unedited)

Thanks, Binion Williams

BINGO RETURNS " OPEN TO THE PUBLIC "

You are invited to join us in the KICK OFF of the
NEW YEAR DAY TIME BINGO GAMES . Will you be the first Big Winner?????

The GAMES will be held in the MOON BLDG Starts on March 6th. 1-4 P.M Saturday. Come and bring A friend or two. Would like Your input as to what you think or would like. TIME, DAY, PLACE Call the Office! Look for more info in the March 2010 BUGLER. Ken Foldy

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3RD VICE COMMANDER REPORT

Hello legionnaires!
Due to a technical glitch that has been resolved I will touch on my January Report. At this writing I do not have my notes with me about last months report But I do wish to thank everybody that came to the Children's Christmas Party and a real big thank you to those that gave up their time to bring baked goods, that helped decorate, wrapped presents and served the refreshments. The party was a huge success thanks to you the members of the post
With Easter fast approaching, April 4th I am currently planning on the Children's Easter Party on March 27. Time to be announced. I would like to have my planning meeting on Feb 8th at 6:30 pm.
For God and Country, Walter Rasco

4TH VICE COMMANDER REPORT

There was no regularly scheduled V.A.V.S. visit to the Lake City Veterans Hospital during the month of December, 2009. We made our Annual Christmas visit on December 4, 2009. (see January Bugler for detailed Report) Therefore there will not be a formal 4th Vice Commander Report this month.
Our next scheduled V.A.V.S. visit will be February 26,2010. We will depart Post 137 at 4:30 p.m. Yours in Service,
Lewis E. Gray

AMERICANISM REPORT

Saturday January 16, 2010 Post 137 celebrated Arbor Day by planting four Willow Trees. Although rain blessed us by watering the trees for us we could not figure out a way to plant without digging some holes. However, present and in good health, were a few Legionnaires, S.A.L.'s, Auxiliary and A.L. Riders. A nice group of participants cheered us on as we proceeded to dig holes for the trees. We thought we had the first one in and Rick M. stated it needed to be bigger so out it came and the hole was made bigger. Now mind you Rick wasn't digging, just observing. Then someone decided the first tree was a bit to close to the road for large R.V.'s coming in so, up that tree came and this time the Commander was the one on the business end of the shovel. Well then we had to change the tags around BUT we got "er done!! The observers were all happy as doughnuts had been brought in and I have to admit the show was comical to say the least. The trees seem to be happy and all appears well. Thanks to Cmdr. Fred, Dennis G, Ted B. Cauleen D, Kathy B, Ken F, Rick M, Kay C, and my two best girls Nora and Nola. For GOD and Country, Larry Briggs

5th DISTRICT ORATORICAL COMPETITIONS

were held at Post 137 on Sunday January 11, 2010. District Commander Greg Lovejoy and District Oratorical Chairman Cauleen Dolan presented some fine young speakers at this competition. Four very capable students gave impressive interpretations of our Constitution. Seeking the honor of 1st place and winning was Caroline Schechinger and 1st runner up honors went to Bobby Yarborough. Both from Bishop Kenny High School. Also in the competition students, Lindsey Brigham and Daniel Cook both home schooled. Best of luck to all the contestants in their quest for Scholarship funding and GOD Bless them as they move into the future. Sincere Thanks to Judges Lt. Charles Wall JSO, Kay Casey retired School Teacher, and Karen Stone. Time Keepers: Bob and Al, Tabulators; Fred and Jerry, Escorts; Larry and John, Chaperones; Lina and Kathy, Runner; Nola. Luncheon; Ted, Dennis, Nora and Matt. Editor

POST 137 Presents the FIFTH ANNUAL FOUR CHAPLAINS CEREMONY and POST EVERLASTING MEMORIAL SERVICES

on SATURDAY FEBRUARY 6th at 1 P.M. in the MOON BLDG.

You are invited to join the Legion Family as we **Honor Past Hero's and Legionnaires.**

A program of **Historical Readings, Music and Unarmed Exhibition** will demonstrate our devotion to our Past, Present and Future Veterans for the sacrifices they have made, are making and will make for the love of GOD and Country.

If you have a loved one in the military or retired from the Military or who has passed away, this program will encourage, strengthen and enlighten you. Please come and join us as we travel from Past to Present.

A luncheon will be served after the program in the Main Hall. Tickets for the luncheon will be available as you register in the GUESTS BOOK. In the Moon Bldg. Join us.

NEW YEAR and YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE BEFORE IT IS TO LATE

This is great because we need you and so do a lot of other folks!

You can Volunteer to do some of the following:

Post grounds, Help in the kitchen, Paint, Work with the Landscaping, Cook, Visit Veterans, Make Sandwiches for V.A. Clinic, Deliver Sandwiches and serve, Work with youth, Tutor students, Plan Holiday Events, Decorate for Events, Chair a Committee with a friend, Collect Clothing / Food for Shelters, Visit Nursing Homes, Work Pool Parties, Deliver Metals to Schools in our area, Help fold staple and address Bugler, Take Pictures for the Bugler at Events, Work with Children's Parties at Easter Halloween or Christmas, Work the Bike Show, Work the Car Show, Work our Annual Fall Festival, Put together Shoe Boxes for the Homeless, Work with JROTC, Stuff Poppies in Envelopes for mailing, Clip Coupons, Sew Lap Robes and Ditty Bags for Wheel Chairs, Clean Tables in Main Hall, Keep up with Veteran's Legislative changes.

Or YOU Can just be A Good

Member and stay informed Editor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“ HAPPY VALENTINES DAY”

A BIG “ole HUG & THANK YOU for Legionnaire **Big Jim Sisk**. He Took those beat up Grills out back and made them look brand new. “WOW” **GREAT JOB BIG JIM**

AN INVITATION to you, February 6th 1 pm Moon Bldg.. Come help us Honor The Four Chaplains & Post 137 Legionnaires who have Transferred to Post Everlasting.

*****Folks the flu season is on us.

I received a note from Kathleen S. that the **mixing of Robitussin and Motrin** has been found to be harmful and for some even deadly if mixed. Please check with your Pharmacist before taking both together.

ANNOUNCEMENT... Starting in March Breakfast at the Post will be \$6.00.

STILL a Great Deal!! Where else for the price can you get eggs, omelets, grits, home fries, sausage gravy, biscuits, pan cakes, toast, corned beef hash, coffee, milk & O.J.????

Lina B. and her Shoe Box Crew are still collecting items : disposable razors, soap, wash cloths, underarm deo, small tooth paste & brushes, combs, foil wrapped fruit bars etc, white or gray socks, Small toiletries from hotels, small shampoos & conditioners, sun screen, small writing tablets, ink pens, small canned meats and fruits. Can be dropped off at the Office. Label “SHOE BOX CREW”. Thank You.

For the next BLOOD DRIVE , folks slow down on your tea drinking a week or so before the Drive. You may be anemic due to heavy tea drinking. It happened to me. Flintstone Vitamins with Iron will also help with the red cell blood count. This worked for me.

When you clean out your closets if you have serviceable coats, jackets and sweaters Please put them in a bag and bring to the Post. Label **Homeless**.

A Very Happy Birthday to you. If this is your month you must be ever-so sweet!

DON'T FEEL WELL? WE ARE SORRY YOU ARE SICK. GET BETTER SOON!

P.S. Don't forget your loved ones, a nice card goes a long way. Let the ones you *love* Know how *precious* they are to you. It's O K be *mussy mussy* & *kissy kissy*.