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Commander Fred Bergman

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President Anita Lee

COMMANDER'S REPORT

JUNE 2010

Hello everyone. It is June and I would like to look back at the accomplishments of the year and, prepare for next year.

As such I would like to tell you that we have had a rather difficult yet a very interesting year. In the midst of a down economy we have continued to pay the Post bills and provide a measure of excitement and advancement.

Chapter 137 A. L. Riders adopted the Patriot Pups for Veterans program and just held their 3rd Annual Bike Show. We have already paid to sponsor 2 pups and are working on the 3rd. Patriot Pups program has set the Department of Florida on fire Our Post members recognized this wonderful project and together our Post has set the pace for the rest of the State

Our continuing "Shoebox" program has brought hope to many homeless veterans in the Jacksonville – Orange Park area.

Over the year some measures of the time we live in are very evident by the Post Everlasting Ceremony. We transferred 63 Post 137 members to their final Post. Those members, we will not see again, but they are ours to remember. We held The Four Chaplains Ceremony. With members working hand in hand during the observance of this historic tragedy. The common bond helped to bring our members closer together

At the Fall Family Festival in Oct, our riverside field was full of fun for children and adults alike. We provided assistance to those in need or just lonely on the holidays by offering a Thanksgiving Dinner and Christmas Dinner. Because of these family events, we have seen visitors return and become members. This spring we hosted our 1st Annual JROTC Commanders Cup Drill and the Annual Police and Firemen's Appreciation Dinner which served over 400 public servants. The Annual Follies and TIKI LUAU helped keep several programs going.

This year we had expenses unheard of in the past. City Code enforcement inspectors identified numerous code violations of shoddy work and made do materials in the Tiki bar. This necessitated replacement and correction of most of the building and electrical systems. They are now being corrected. Although we inherited these unknown problems, they were a blessing in disguise. The burden of the unexpected cost was well spent. Now Post 137 will meet all building codes ensuring the safety of our Members and Guest for years to come Together lets have another successful year. From Myself and Lina. Thank you For our Post and our members,
Fred. Bergman



S.A.L.
Commander
Jonathan Cooke



A L R Director
Tim Shelton



COLOR GUARD
Cmdr. J.J.
O'Brien



Director
"Big Jim" Sisk



USMCCA
Director
Dennis Glisson

American Legion has two forms of discipline.

1. **TRIAL Instruction**, for conducting a trial can be found in the Department of Florida bylaws. ARTICLE VII
2. **GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE**, or a committee by another name. The official 2003 bylaws of Lakeshore Post 137 Article XV, Section 19 provides for a grievance committee. This committee has a Chairman who is appointed by the Commander and the members are anonymous. The committee meets independently of the Executive Committee. The chairman reports actions taken to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee has no input, either for approval or rejection. All decisions of the Grievance Committee are final. Grievances are considered post business and cannot be appealed to the Department. All grievance actions, conducted by Post 137 during 2008-2009, have been audited by the Post Consulting Attorney and the Northern Area Commander.

NOTE:

{ 1 } All grievance actions at post 137 have been in the form of a letter of reprimand or suspension from Post Social Quarters (except Legion Hall). This action allows the member to retain their legion card and attend official legion meetings. A trial on the other hand will most likely result in the member losing their membership card.

In both instances the accused is afforded the opportunity to dispute the charges against them. In the case of a grievance, the information is requested by letter with a response not later than a specific date. This is the accused opportunity to be heard. If the accused does not respond to the letter they are giving up their right to be heard. The Department and Post 137 Executive Committee have no appeal authority over a Grievance Committee decision.

{ 2 } Confusion has been experienced over the past couple of years because Post bylaws were arbitrarily changed without receiving the required approval from our General Assembly and the Department of Florida. As a result the Executive Committee was administering punishment versus the Grievance Committee causing members to be disciplined erroneously.

{ 3 } This issue will be addressed in the bylaws update later this year. The approved procedures will be declared in the new Department Approved Bylaws.

*Hope this clears up the proper procedures for dealing with Post Discipline. Better yet, lets all follow the Approved Guidelines as are set forth by Department and National and we want have to worry about this. Any questions contact office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**VOTE JUNE 5, 2010 IS ELECTION DAY 8 AM—5 PM VOTE
ABSENTEE BALLOTS AVAILABLE, CALL or COME BY THE OFFICE
MUST BRING MEMBERSHIP CARD for ID**

BUGLER CREW THANK YOU . We have had another informative year, Our Crew is Indispensable and down right the Best.

Crew Leaders Ms Belle Pearre, Jim Boozer and Ms Grace McClung (wanted to retire but hasn't yet, you are so still needed) WoW! They call and the Crew gets the job done and ready to mail. This year it seems as though every month there were postal changes, But, the Crew never missed a beat and nothing has rattled their cage. Thank you all, Editor

APOLOGY My sincere apology to 4th Vice Lewis Gray. He made a report last month (May) however the report never made it to the Bugler mailbox. Legionnaire Gray asked about it and then found it in another box. Folks, please be careful as you shuffle through the mailboxes. It takes time doing all these reports. Post members call when there are missing reports. For many members this is how they keep up with the people, news and happenings at Post 137.

TERRIFIC LUNCH I must tell you. Pool Operator Kathy Brett and I had a delicious lunch at the Post on Wednesday May 5th. Legionnaires Danny Hiers & Sammy Defranco put on a spread fit for anyone. Wednesday Lunches.11-30 am "Come getcha some"

FREE BREAKFAST June 6th "D Day" A Tribute to POST 137 World War II Veterans. USMCCA wants to treat you to breakfast. Bring yourself to the post from 8:30 am -11 am and let us serve you. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE, GOD BLESS.** *****

ATTENTION GROUPS HAVING POOL OR SCREEN ROOM EVENTS

Some of us got busted for leaving chairs around and tables not in their proper place. THIS IS A TIP. Put chairs and tables back where you know they go after you use them. OH YEAH! I knew some ones moms work here, but, as luck would have it, it wasn't mine. Still recovering from the chewing! So please police your area when finished.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS to Post 137. We hope you join in and enjoy the Post **GET WELL SOON** to all who are feeling poorly. Take your vitamins and enjoy the sun **HEART FELT SYMPATHY** to our members that have lost loved ones **May the Lord Bless you and keep you, May the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; May the Lord left up His favor upon you and give you His peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)**

American Legion does Justice to veterans in need of a friend

Patriot Service Dogs org. www.patriot servicedogs.org (904) 777-1371

Patriot Service Dogs trains service animals to assist with tasks.



DON BURK/The Times-Union Motorcycles and good eats were the draw at the third annual Benefit Bike Show put on by the American Legion Riders Post 137. But the real celebrity at Saturday's event was a 5-month-old golden retriever. The shaggy puppy is named Justice. He is both a service dog in training as well as an ambassador for a new program that will place highly trained hounds with veterans in need. And it has been embraced by local veterans organizations, who have worked to raise money for the effort. And the Legion Post 137 on Saturday presented the Justice Service Dogs with a \$2,500 check toward the effort. The cause has been popular with the Legion members, said Tim Shelton, director of the post's Riders group. The San Juan Avenue-based Legion Post 137 has sponsored one dog and is on its way to a second. Perhaps that's because, like Shelton, they can remember a time when a dog like Justice could have been a huge help. "When veterans come back, you need somebody to comfort you," Shelton said. "A dog will do that." And for physically disabled veterans, the help from Patriot Service Dogs will extend to everyday needs, too. The dogs are raised by volunteers and go through about two years of training, including weekly classes. Justice offered plenty of puppy kisses to his adoring fans on Saturday. As he stood on stage during the ceremony, a man came out of the crowd to hand in another \$100 check. Justice wagged his tail, unaware just yet of the mission ahead.

(Times Union 5-16-2010 written by Deirdre Conner, condensed for space)

1ST VICE COMMANDERS REPORT

No report

Eddie Dykes

2nd VICE COMMANDERS REPORT

Summer time is here and out doors is the place to be! If you missed the LUAU, well: You just have to make it to the **Memorial Day Party**.

We will have Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and Fish Sandwiches offered by the Rod and Pole Benders Club and served from the screen room by the pool.

Starting at 1:30 pm poolside, **Gunslinger Band** will be performing all the favorites for your listening and dancing pleasure.

At 3:00 pm the Color Guard will be serving their Hot Roast Chicken Dinners inside the Post.

Around 3:00 pm we will have **Karaoke** in the hall.

Don't forget our Dinners on Friday evenings and Breakfast on Sunday mornings.

Saturday June 5TH is Election Day for Post Officers for the coming 2010 – 2011 year. Support your Post and Vote!

For God and Country

Emory Austin

3RD VICE COMMANDERS REPORT

No report

Walter Rascoe

4TH VICE COMMANDERS REPORT

On April 23rd, 2010 Volunteers from Post 137, and Voiture 304, 40/8 made our monthly V.A.V.S. visit to the Lake City V.A. Medical Center. The following volunteers participated: Lewis & Ann Grey, Jerry Lepore, Joe & Patsy Kohten, Ricky & Virginia Lewis, Lynn Swan, Binion Williams, Ray Runyan, and Norman On April the 23rd, 2010 volunteers from Post 137 and Voiture 304, 40/8 made & Sandy Gentry.

We departed post 137 at 4:30 p.m. arrived in Lake City at 5:30 p.m. We ate dinner

at the Porter House Grill" and started Bingo on time at 7:00 p.m. We gave out \$100.00 in Coupon Books to the Bingo Game winners. Thanks go out to "Jeff", the volunteer Rep. for calling Bingo for us. We were given credit for 43 Patients.

Refreshments were served at the close of the Bingo Games by Post 137 Auxiliary, and Cabane 304, 40/8.

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Cont 4TH VICE CMDR REPORT

The following is a breakdown of money spent, and credits given to our organizations: Coupon Books: \$100.00, Refreshments: &65.00, Gas Allowance: \$80.00, Total Credit Given: \$245.00 Total Miles: 1,452 Total Hours: 60 This month (April, 2010) is the first month in 20 years of my association with the new V.A.V.S. program that we have not taken donations to the V.A. Hospital. Remember, if you have items to donate i.e. books, clothing, V.H.S. tapes, C.D.'s, D.V.D.'s etc. Please mark them for V.A.V.S., and drop them off at Post 137. (Back Room behind the Coke Machine).

Our next V.A.V.S. visit will be June 25th 2010. We will depart from Post 137 at 4:30 p.m. If you cannot make the trip with us, you can help us in different ways.

Buy a Friday night meal, or a Sunday Breakfast at the Post. The proceeds all go to one of our Post Programs. Hope to see some new faces this month

Yours in Service, Lewis E. Gray

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

We want to thank the following businesses and people for the help they provided for our 3rd Annual Bike Show. I can't at this time tell you how well it went because I don't really know yet. **American Legion Post 137; North Florida Shipyards, Local 1408 I.L.A. Blount Island Division; SAL Post 137, USMCCA Post 137; Signage; Open Road Leathers; Hope Jewelers; Irish American Club 1 and 2; Tire Kingdom; Rehab Bar; Bargain House of Fleas; Lake Shore Bar; Judy's Pub; A Tavern; The Island Bar; Cookie Bokay; and Publix.** If I have missed anyone I'm sorry and I will get you next month, this is just the list I had at the time of the printing of the June Bugler.

Don't forget riders! Our Election will take place at the **June 5TH Meeting**. We will be voting in new officers. Please show up and vote, **also**, the "Voting for the Post Officers" will be held the same day. So PLEASE show up and vote for them too. That's about it for this month. We will cover more next month on the bike show and if we were able to sponsor more than one puppy for the Patriot Service Dogs. Till then! Take care, be good to each other, respect your fellow legion members and remember that we are all here for one reason, to support the American Legion and the programs it upholds. For God and Country, Tim Shelton Director ALR 137 .

Ride Proud, Ride Safe 🚗

If you can read this

thank a teacher, If you are reading it in English thank a Veteran 🇺🇸

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CHAPLAIN'S REPORT



"Say no to Hypocrisy"

Webster's Dictionary has it defined as such; act of playing a part on the stage, and another defined as such, a feigning to be what one is not or to believe what one does not; especially; the false assumption of an appearance of virtue or religion.

Instead of judging people in your mind, choose to love them with your words and actions. Do not just pretend that you love others.... Really love them. It is really easy to pretend.

How often have we pretended to listen while our mind has wandered off to something that seems so important and we really do not hear what is being said. When someone asks, "Did you hear what I was saying?" This is the moment of truth, do we come clean or continue to pretend. Even though we have that blank look about us we say, "sure I heard you." and try to put together the pieces of the conversation so as to seem you were listening all along. In reality wouldn't it be better to stop pretending? Wouldn't it be more refreshing and real to say, "I am so sorry but I was not listening, Please say that again".

With some people their whole life is all show and no substance. Trapped in hypocrisy their life becomes like one of those plays on Broadway year after year. At the start of each day and the curtain goes up and for another day and another show, you know you are pretending but do not know how to play it any other way. STOP...change this...you have the freedom to say this, pretending must not go on any longer. Who am I trying to impress? Man looks at your outward appearance, God looks at your heart.

GOD is not impressed with our pretending. There is tremendous freedom to be found in living your life for the sake of the one from whom you can live a life of significance, and with whom you will spend eternity.

Dear LORD help me to realize hypocrisy is about being more concerned about appearance than reality. LORD Help me to really love my neighbor, not just pretend to do so. Help me to be the kind of person YOU want me to be. Amen.

It is my duty to report to you that no Legionnaire this reporting period has transferred to Post Everlasting.

Please continue to honor our fellow Legionnaires who are sick or incapacitated, visit them, send a card, call and let them know you care.

GOD bless you and keep you. For GOD and Country, Tony Romano

VOTE::: ABSENTEE BALLOTS CAN BE PICKED UP AT THE OFFICE,

ELECTION DAY IS JUNE 5, 2010 8 AM—5 PM

AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS REPORT

No Report
Anita Lee

AUXILIARY 1ST VICE / MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Well ladies we have come to the end of another year. By the time you read this, 2010 membership will be closed out. There are a lot of Back Dues that have not been paid. You know who you are. I will be returning your money to you with a letter explaining what needs to be done to bring your dues current. At this time I will give a list of these members to the Post and all privileges should be suspended until dues are current Also I will be returning all applications for new membership that I have not been able to get all of the required documents to process.

Also I cannot accept any new applications The 2011 cards will come in after Convention. THE DUES FOR UNIT 137 SENIORS WILL BE \$22.00 PER YEAR AND JUNIORS \$4.00 PER YEAR. (unedited)
For God and Country, Jeri West

NOTE: Auxiliary Members Remember Unit 137 also VOTES. Thursday June 3rd at 7:30 pm for New Officers for the Year 2010-2011. Come vote and support your Unit. Your VOTE says who you want your Officers to be and how you want your Unit to be run. Continue as is or Change.

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2010-2011 Nominees for Election on June 5th 2010 at 8 am – 5 pm

POST 137 COMMANDER

Fred Bergman Emory Austin

POST 137 1ST VICE COMMANDER

Lewis Gray Ken Foldy

POST 137 2ND VICE COMMANDER

Seline Rubbert

POST 137 3RD VICE COMMANDER

Walter Rasco

POST 137 4TH VICE COMMANDER

Carl Jowers Dennis Glisson

POST 137 FINANCE OFFICER

Sherry Shelton Jerry Lepore

POST 137 CHAPLAIN

Tony Romano

POST 137 HISTORIAN

Rick Wiggs

POST 137 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Bill “Big Bill” Johnson

Ron Derting

Bob Shupe

Roger Malo

Teresa Cluff

Greg Lovejoy

John Manning

Don Shultz

Cauleen Dolan

Danny Williams

Sammy Defranco

Tim Shelton

Tom Tercha

Ron Garland

Art Belisle

Jim “ Big Jim “ Sisk

Milton “ PaPa Joe “ Middleton

POST 137 SERGEANT at ARMS

Devron Reaves

Ray Runyan

Jim Porterfield

Max Gunsallus

POOL OPERATOR REPORT

Our pool was Officially opened on May 1st 2010. We started off with a JROTC CINCO de MAYO Drill Day and Pool Party on Saturday May 1st and a LUAU Party on Sunday May 2nd. Both Events were a great success.

Please keep in mind that I am Certified to maintain proper Pool Chemical Balance. I am not your maid. Please clean up before you leave. Also I would appreciate more co-operation from parents concerning POOL RULES; Everyone must abide by the rules. Please do not make me the “BAD GUY”. I do not enjoy spending my time reminding the young ones to obey Safety Rules. Youth & Children membership is only \$3,00 per year. Guest in the pool is \$2.00 per visit. It is well worth your money to sign up your children or grandchildren as members. Don’t forget your membership card when visiting the pool. It is the only way to prove your eligibility. For GOD and Contry. Kathy Brett

