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COMMANDER'S REPORT MAY 2010



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Happy Summer everyone. I hope you are as happy as I am to get out and enjoy the warm weather. We have already began getting the Post ready for a good year of activities and enjoyment. Please come out and join us at the Post.

WELCOME MEMBERS of 5th DISTRICT. May 2nd the 5TH District meeting will be here at Post 137 at 2 pm. We will also have our annual LUAU in conjunction with the District meeting. I hope you will come out and enjoy the afternoon.

The 1st ROUND of NOMINATION of OFFICERS: for the coming year were also held during the April General Meeting The next, *final round of nominations for 2010-2011 Officers will be held at the next General Meeting on May 10th.*

This is your opportunity to insure that the best members are nominated to continue Post's programs, renovations and efforts to be American Legion compliant with both National and Department Constitutions and By Laws. Our Charter and Good of the Legion depends on this.

ANNUAL EVENTS for APRIL : Included the Annual Police and Firemen's Appreciation Dinner and the American Legion Family Past Commander's & Past President's Dinner! Wow!

WEEKLY EVENTS: at your Post Home have continued but are, experiencing participation Issues. This seems to be effecting many establishments. With summer we will look for better.

The SEASONAL OPENING: of the **TIKI HUT** was late due to unforeseen problems concerning city "code" enforcement regulations.

However, identified problems are being corrected.

THE TIKI should be operational, by May 1, 2010. Again, there have been numerous items here at our Post that were just not up to American Legion Standards one way or another. It now appears the same is true of city codes. Just not up to standards one way or another. "Make do work" is catching up to us. We must continue putting our Organization and our Post home "Into Order and Into Compliance."

Please: Keep our Veterans, including those serving in harm's way, in your hearts and prayers For our Members, Fred Bergman

*Cont. from CMDR'S Report

RECENT IMPROVEMENTS: Has everyone noticed the recent improvements to our Property? Many members are getting involved and helping improve our facilities. The results are clear and the efforts are very much appreciated.

POST 137 WORK: Our house committee continues to improve the Post. The smoke Purification System continues to be a priority and another old unit has been replaced with another new unit. The improvements are very noticeable Thank you House Comm.

POLL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR JUNE 6, 2009

Per Post By-Laws, I am sending out a request for volunteers to serve as Poll Watchers. If you are running for office, you are not eligible to serve. If you would like to spend a few hours as a Poll Watcher, please let me know. I have a signup sheet in the lounge area. Please enter your name, contact phone number and the time you can help.

I will also need volunteers to help count the ballots after the election is over. You may serve as both a Poll Watcher and a Vote Counter.

A BRIGHT SPOT FOR NEW JOBS IN NORTH EAST FLORIDA

Recently the Navy made a decision to homeport a nuclear carrier at **Mayport**. It has been long term thinking that National Security dictates the placement of such a vessel in this area. If this decision comes to maturity the First Coast will experience a strong economic impact.

Per a statement made by Congressman Ander Crenshaw, in his recent Newsletter, just this carrier alone could bring in the equivalent of one Super Bowl's revenue each and every year, about \$350 million. The young Veterans returning to country and getting out of the military can sure use this kind of news and help. ALL WE NEED TO KNOW NOW IS WHEN ??????

FOLKS lets keep our eyes on the **Health Care Bills** that are jumping up with different items "in today" and then "out tomorrow." As Veterans and families of Veterans we really need to stay on this Legislation. Watch your e-mails and alerts and respond to your congressmen's actions. This is benefit's that you or your spouse earned over years of service and absence from home. These are your elected officials. We put them in office we can take them out of office.

Please take the time to read and study information you are sent. If you do not understand the info call your Congressman's office. He works for YOU.

VOITURE 304

The purpose of the National POW/MIA Program is to raise funds in Honor of the Servicemen & Women who were Prisoners of War, or are considered Missing in Action while serving in the defense of the United States of America, or its allies during times of armed conflict. The funds are raised to facilitate the formation and continuance of a Scholarship Trust Fund for the direct descendants of verifiable POW/MIA Servicemen and Women. Scholarships are limited to the Veteran, the Spouse of the veterans, children, and grandchildren of the veteran.

In addition to the above, I would like to thank American Legion Post 88 for a \$100.00 donation to V-304's veteran distress program.

Ron Garland for Ray Runyan, Chef de Gare

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Be sure to mark your calendars for our **ANNUAL BIKE SHOW, to be held on May 15th** and as usual it is open to the Public. This year the proceeds will go to the PATRIOT SERVICE DOGS. We are trying to raise \$2,500. to sponsor a puppy. When we sponsor the pup we get to name it, and to do this we need your help. For \$1.00 you can put your suggestion for a name into a bucket. At the BIKE SHOW, Susan Bolton, the Co-founder of Patriot Service Dogs will draw out 3 names. From this she will choose a name for the puppy. Maybe your suggestion for a name will be picked. Think long and hard about a name though because you don't want it to be a bad name, remember these pups are trained to follow commands and so you really wouldn't want to name one of them something like "Chuck" because you wouldn't want the veteran that gets the pup to be overheard telling his dog to "UP CHUCK" now would you.

There will be a live band "DETOUR" playing for the listening pleasure of all those who attend the BIKE SHOW, along with food, raffles and other drawings. Please join us for a great day and a great cause.

Also come join us for **Dinner on the 21st and 28th**, yes we have two weeks in a row so we look forward to seeing you all up at the Post for a good time and a good meal.

AUXILIARY REPORT

Hello Ladies, Our 13th annual Police/Firemen's dinner was held on April 11th and as usual we had a wonderful turnout with over 400 police and firemen. I would like to thank everyone that brought desserts, stuffed toys and those who worked hard over two days to make this a successful dinner.

Coupons for our troops are going full steam ahead and for the month of march we sent over 15209.92 to our bases overseas. We have also sent two packages to a military unit at Camp Tagi in Iraq.

The monthly visit to the V.A. Hospital in Lake City was the 30th of April and as usual the folks down there were very happy to see our group come in with refreshments and to play bingo.

We will be hosting a hamburger and hot dog cookout at the Ronald McDonald house on Memorial Day and if anyone would like to donate desserts for this you can call me at 307-5960.

The unit voted to donate 200.00 to the Veterans Stand for homeless and to pay 120.00 for stuffed animals for the Police/Firemen's dinner

The poppies have been ordered and should ship soon. We will be planning a day for the envelopes to be stuffed and help will be needed and appreciated to stuff the envelopes. More on this when the poppies arrive, hopefully by our next meeting. We will also form a nominating committee at the next meeting and have our elections in June.

Breakfast has been moving right along and we usually have a great turnout. (unedited)

Anita Lee President

1ST VICE COMMANDER no report

Eddie Dykes

2ND VICE COMMANDER

I hope this report is received by our members before the first weekend of May. If not you could miss out on Lot's of good food and fun!

Unless you visit the Post or our Web site to keep up on, whasssss up.

April 30 Friday night will be Italian Night , Chef Sammy D will be preparing a special Dinner for all to enjoy, the menu will be on flyers at the post.

May 2 our post will be hosting the 5 District meeting that also will be our time to shine with our LUAU. The Bo Cats will be entertaining poolside.

Then we can look forward to Memorial Weekend May 31.

Rod and Pole will be serving

Hot dogs, hamburgers and their famous fish sandwiches from the screen room poolside,

then the color guard will take over inside with roast chicken dinners all serving

times will be posted along

the entertainment. Looking forward to seeing all our

members come out and enjoying the festivities here at the Post.

Don't forget Friday Dinners , Sunday Breakfast and entertainment every Friday and

Saturday night

Almost forgot KARAOKE every Wednesday night It's really a Lot fun.

For God and Country

Emory Austin`

3RD VICE COMMANDER

Hello Legion family

I would like to thank those that brought their kids and grandkids out for the

Easter egg hunt.

A big thanks to Bill Kelly for putting on the Easter bunny show and a job well done.

A special big thanks to Don Shulz for helping out , Myra Jowers and the Auxiliary members that brought out cupcakes and cookies for the guests to enjoy.

Now I will turn my energy towards Memorial day and July 4 th.

If anyone has any ideas of what we can do let me know.

I'll be more than happy to listen. (unedited)

For God and Country

Walter Rasco

4TH VICE COMMANDER no report

Lewis E. Gray

BOW WOW Patriot Service Dogs Disabled Veterans

1st Annual Dog Bowl has been rescheduled due to a conflicting event. The Dog Bowl is being held on June 12, 1-5 PM with registration starting at noon. You can download a sponsor sheet from our website. Also the poster.

Go to www.PatriotServiceDogs.org

If you can, please download the poster and post it in your child's school, your office, take it to any scout meeting your children may be attending or to their Sunday School. The person or child who raises the most for Patriots will win 4 tickets to Sea World! There is a minimum sponsor of \$25 to bowl. Please join us, hope your family and friends will also join us.

We are also looking for t-shirt sponsors so if you have a business that would like to be featured on the back of the t-shirt please contact us. Or if you know someone one who has their own business and would like to sponsor t-shirts please let us know.

If you have any questions please e-mail me. More info in June Bugler

THANK YOU!!!!!!

Susan Bolton Director of Training Patriot Service Dogs, Inc.

904-777-1371 or www.PatriotServiceDogs.org

Paralized Veterans
Memorial tribute pic

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY MOMS

LADIES we have truly come a long way. It has not been easy, yet, when you think about it, has it been all that difficult?

We started as uneducated, but glorified, workers. We planted our gardens, sewed our clothes, helped in the fields and spent hours in the wagon going for staples and goods in town.

Then we won the VOTE.

Along came WWII and we went to work. Hello Rosie the Riveter.
We made money of our own and wanted more.
The track houses and picket fences moved us into the modern age.
WOW! have we moved up in the world.
Now we are in debt, have a car and pay taxes.
We can make the bacon and then fry it .
We have ulcers, corns on our feet, worry about wrinkles and desire implants.
Spandex has motivated us to work like a mule, sweat like a dog at the gyms and then pay for the privilege!
We graze at the salad bar and then have cheesecake.
We spend hours in Moms Taxi transporting our kids .
WOW! how fortunate we are.
Actually is there a big difference in yesteryear and yesterday?
Do you sometimes wish you could just take a long boat ride!
Have a great day and be happy.
You deserve it. ~Editor

MAYBE THIS WAS THE GOOD OLE DAYS!

U S M C C A Presidents Message

I would like to say “THANK YOU” to all the Legionnaires, A.L. Riders, S A L, Guest and members in general that stepped in during the April 10th General Assembly Meeting and came to the aid of Ridgeview High School NJROTC.

This is not a school that normally falls into Post 137’s area. However there is not a physical building for their sponsoring Post. It was agreed to, by the powers that be, that Post 137 would use this unit and help them with their community service hours as much as possible. One of our own goes to this school for NJROTC. I am proud to be a Legionnaire and belong to Post 137. We can work together and help others in so many different ways. Thank You Again for coming together to support students that really needed you. USMCCA has two Dinners and one breakfast in May. Thanks for your support. Dennis Glisson



CHAPLAIN’S REPORT



POW/MIA REMEMBRANCE, How often does, the average person think about our military personnel who are either a prisoner of war or missing in action. In reality unless we are directly associated with someone in that category,---not to often.

The American Legion and other veteran organizations have a much more positive position on this serious and heartbreaking situation. In the Legion at each monthly general assembly meeting we are reminded of this, hence-forth the “empty chair” is displayed as a continual physical symbol of the POW/MIA and the cause for which we stand, namely their return or full accounting. To those who wonder and to those who have never noticed a small table which occupies a place of dignity and honor in our Post Hall.

It is set for one symbolizing the fact that members of our armed forces are missing from our ranks. We call them comrades. They are unable to be with their loved ones and families, so we join together to pay humble tribute to them and bear witness to their continued absence.

The table is small symbolizing the frailty of one prisoner alone against his or her suppressors. On this table we have placed a plaque relating to what each item placed on the table relates to. Take the time to read it, let us remember and never forget their sacrifice.

May GOD forever watch over them and protect them and their families.

Enjoy your Post, help support it’s programs.

It is my sad duty to report to you the following Legionnaires who have transferred to

POST EVERLASTING:

* DAVE BARNETT

* JOHN LEE PETERSON JR "Pete"

* CHRIS STEPHEN SPRINKLE "Angel"

* FRANK R. SWIFT

* LEONARD CHARLES WENZEL "Weepie"

Keep these Legionnaires and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Remember our sick and incapacitated.

DEAR LORD Thank You for each and every day. Help me to be the kind of person that brings credit to himself, his family and associates, but most of all you LORD, let us remember our responsibilities as citizens of this great country.

In His name we pray AMEN

For GOD and Country, Tony Romano

S.A.L. Report

Hello Legion Family! Please drop by and play Wii Bowling with on most Thursdays (check the Calendar). Sign up is 7-7:30 and play begins at 7:30 P.M. It's a lot of fun, and a chance to show off your skills! Support your S.A.L. by renewing now! Lakeshore Squadron 137 will be meeting on Thursday, May 13th at 7 P.M. in the Spencer Room. Members and guests are encouraged to attend! Hope to see you there!

For God, Country and Our Legion Family,
Jonathan Cooke, Commander

Webmaster Report

Don't forget, if you have any photos to be loaded onto the website to get them to Rick Wiggs who is doing a fantastic job maintaining our online Photo Gallery! If you have any activities coming up make sure you let Walter Rasco know, who is doing a great job maintaining the online Events Calendar! Stop by Post137.com and check it out!

For God, Country and Our Legion Family,
Jonathan Cooke, Webmaster