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Lakeshore Post 137
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COMMANDER'S REPORT



Commander
**DENNIS
THOMPSON**



Auxiliary President
JERI WEST



S.A.L. Commander
WM "BILL" KELLY



Chef de Gare
JOHN KELLEY

GREETINGS LEGIONNAIRES! A new year has begun and all of you should have received your 2008 dues renewal statement by now. You are urged to pay your dues as soon as possible. The dues you pay are important and will allow us to provide the necessary funding for our programs at all levels, including those of the National and Department, as well as those of Post 137. Many of you have already renewed and your new 2008 cards are being processed as quickly as possible. Don't forget, your prompt payment enables you to get in on the "Early Bird Dinner" this coming November.

My many goals and objectives for the coming year (2007/2008) have been announced to the Executive Committee and General Assembly meeting in July. Membership will continue to be a priority. I am proud of the fact that membership grew this past year and believe this is a trend which can and should continue. Only through growth can we obtain the necessary volunteers and supporters that will allow us to rejuvenate and succeed. We all know Veterans who could qualify for membership and belong to our fine organization. I encourage each and every member to ask your friends, neighbors, relative and co-workers to come join us here at Post 137.

This month will be full of the usual activities, including Monday Night Bingo, Tuesday Night Darts, Wednesday Night Karaoke, Thursday Night Video Bowling, Friday Night Dinners, Live entertainment on weekends, as well as Sunday Morning Breakfast, and live entertainment at the TIKI on Sunday Afternoon. In addition, we have scheduled an outside Hawaiian Luau on Saturday, August 11, 2007, starting at 3:00 pm until? Food, entertainment, and plenty of good times will be had by all who attend, compliments of Post 137. Bring the family and join in the "Limbo, Hula and Best Dressed Contest". If at all possible, please call the Office at 387-3373 and let us know for sure if you plan to attend.

I am very pleased to announce the appointment of Jerry Lepore as Judge Advocate for another year, as well as the appointments of Hal Helms as our Adjutant and Carl Jowers as Service Officer. I know all three of these Legionnaires will do an outstanding job and we are all very proud of them for accepting the challenge

Our Post House Committee continues with many projects here at our Post Home. They all deserve a "pat on the back" for the hard work they do! We can all look around see the improvements, which are taking place. Only through the efforts of the Committee and their volunteers can we continue to maintain and improve our Post Home in a manner of which we can all be proud of.

The "Enthusiasm" which began last year, continues on here at Post 137. I firmly believe a positive attitude will prevail with our entire Legion Family as a result of the enthusiasm being displayed and hope everyone will continue to join me in that regard. In this way we can and will be "Second to None" in the Nation, Department, District and our Community.

For GOD and Country
Dennis Thompson, Commander

Adjutant/Service Officer Final Report:

Yes, Yes final report sounds like “The Final Report”. Although I will no longer be the Adjutant and Service Officer for Post 137, I have been appointed 5th District Adjutant allowing me to represent our Post and help our members at a different level.

I will still frequent our Post as much as possible to visit with my many friends and offer assistance when needed. Hal Helms will take over Adjutant duties and Carl Jowers will be the Service Officer. They are both honorable men and will do a great job.

I have thanked the Commander for supporting me throughout the year, that is to say, by supporting me he has supported all of you. Dennis Thompson’s generosity in providing moral support, financial, and other assistance to those in dire need makes me thankful that I was serving Post 137 where those assets were available.

I wish all of you a great Legion Year for 2007-2008 and hope you will continue helping your comrades to overcome life’s obstacles.

As always,
For the Members,
Fred Bergman

JUDGE ADVOCATE:

At the regular Post meeting held on 14 July, it was passed unanimously by the Post Executive Committee to make a change to the Post Regulations. Section 9 under Article II, General Post Home Operations was added. It reads as follows:

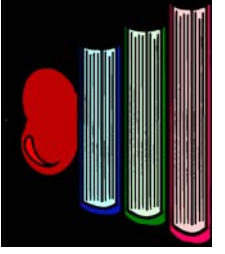
“Clothing with obscene, suggestive or offensive language, pictures, drawings or photographs are not allowed on Post property at any time.”

We have had a number of members of the Legion family wearing inappropriate clothing. That is the reason for the addition to the Post Regulations. Please heed this section. You will be asked to leave if you are wearing an item that falls under this section.

It has also been brought to the Executive Committee’s attention that there are vehicles parked in the back lot (where the boat ramp is) that have for sale signs on them. Post property is not a used car, boat, trailer, motor home, etc., for sale yard. Do not utilize the property for that purpose. Failure to comply could result in your item being towed.

We are working on guidelines for parking long term (more than 1 day) on Post property and hope to have this approved by the Executive Committee and General Membership at the August meeting.

Jerry Lepore
Judge Advocate
American Legion Post 137

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>August 2007</h1> <p><i>"Live well, Love much, Laugh often"</i></p> <p>147 Days till CHRISTMAS</p>						
<p>5 BREAKFAST Children & Youth 8:30 – 11 am</p> <p>CORKY BELLS KSU 4 pm "ALR"</p>	<p>6 Lite Dinner 5:30 pm AUX</p> <p>BINGO 6:30pm</p>	<p>7 Steering Com. 6:30 p Color Guard 7 pm</p> <p>DARTS Sign-up 7:00 Play 7:30</p>	<p>8 Amer Legion Riders Mtg. Post 137 at 7 pm</p> <p>KARAOKE 7:30 P</p>	<p>2 Aux. Exe Mtg 6:30p Aux Gen Mtg 7:30 p Voiture 307 Cheminot 7p Promenade 8 p</p> <p>VIDEO BOWLING 7 PM</p>	<p>3 LEGION DINNER T-BONE STEAK</p> <p>G-MEN – 8pm</p>	<p>4 Ride to Ride "ALR" Post 137 KSU -- 10 am</p> <p>G-MEN – 8 pm</p>
<p>12 BREAKFAST ROD & POLE 8:30 – 11 am</p> <p>5th District Mtg Post 316 – 2 pm</p> <p>VFW 3409 "ALR" KSU 2:30 pm</p>	<p>13 Lite Dinner 5:30 pm AUX</p> <p>BINGO 6:30pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>DARTS Sign-up 7:00 Play 7:30</p>	<p>15 "ALR" Orange Park ALE House KSU – 5 pm</p> <p>KARAOKE 7:30 P Covered Dish</p>	<p>16</p> <p>VIDEO BOWLING 7 PM</p>	<p>17 DINNER COLOR GUARD COUNTRY FRIED STEAK</p> <p>TISH & SAMMY "D" - 8p</p>	<p>18</p> <p>TISH & SAMMY "D" 8 pm</p>
<p>19 BREAKFAST CABANE 304 8:30 – 11 am</p>	<p>20 Lite Dinner 5:30 pm AUX</p> <p>BINGO 6:30pm</p>	<p>21 Color Guard 7pm</p> <p>DARTS Sign-up 7:00 Play 7:30</p>	<p>22</p> <p>KARAOKE 7:30 P</p>	<p>23</p> <p>VIDEO BOWLING 7 PM</p>	<p>24 AUXILIARY DINNER RIB EYE STEAK VAVS VISIT Lake City – 4:00</p> <p>VICKI LEE – 8pm</p>	<p>25 Post 137 Ride – to – Ride KSU – 3 pm (Destination then decided)</p> <p>VICKI LEE – 8 pm</p>
<p>26 BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11 am</p> <p>DARTS</p>	<p>27 Lite Dinner 5:30 pm AUX</p> <p>BINGO 6:30pm</p>	<p>28 Cabane - 304 Rendezvous 7p</p> <p>DARTS Sign-up 7:00</p>	<p>29</p> <p>KARAOKE 7:30 P</p>	<p>30</p> <p>VIDEO BOWLING 7 PM</p>	<p>31 CABANE DINNER RIB EYE STEAK</p> <p>PEGGY & HOSS 8 pm</p>	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAWAIIAN LUAU It is my pleasure to announce we have scheduled an outside Hawaiian Luau on Sat, Aug. 11, 2007, starting at 3:00 pm until? Food, entertainment, and plenty of good times will be had by all who attend. The event will be sponsored by your Club Manager, compliments of Post 137. Bring the family and join in the "Limbo, Hula and Best Dressed Contest" This should be a great event with a lot of fun and camaraderie. If at all possible, please call the Office at 387-3373 and let us know for sure if you plan to attend. Commander Dennis Thompson

NOTE!!! Auxiliary Members Renewal notices for your 2008 Dues will not be mailed to you. Your 2008 Dues are now due. You can drop your dues off at the Post lounge or mail them (5443 San Juan Ave. Jax, Fl. 32210) Any members who can pick up their 2008 membership cards at legion will be helpful. Please make a notation on your check or ask it to be noted on receipt you receive from lounge. J. Kelley

CONGRATULATIONS to: Nathan Ellison, Orange Park High School and S.A.L. member. Grandpa and Grandma Lomax are very proud of your HONOR ROLL STATUS this year. See you next year! God Bless. Nola Marcantel for returning from Dept. Convention as the newly elected HONORARY DEPT. of FL. JR. PRESIDENT 2007-08 Great job young lady! God Bless.

MANY THANKS to the pool players and folks visiting at the Post on June 27th who gave us a hand with the Bugler. We were real short handed and you helped save the day.

WELCOME to Post 137 John D. Scott and Nathan White. It was very nice meeting you. Hope to see you again at the next meeting.

SOCKS FOR VETERANS. We are really cooking! To the many generous donors that I do not know your name "Thank you" Two really big Donors GREAT AMERICAN ADVERTISING, Walt & Dee Dee Price and The PASTTIME LOUNGE, organizers Emory Austin & Billy Johnson. THANKS TO YOU ALL. Total count next month.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to those born July 24th- August 23rd. You are "LEO the awesome LION".
GET WELL SOON Mr. Richard O 'Laughlin & Mr. Joe Tarr. Hope you are both up and about. You are needed and we have all missed you. See you soon. If you are also feeling a bit ill please take good care of yourself.

BUGLER CREW The party is over; it is time to get back to work. Ms Grace Mc C. Did you have a wonderful visit? We all hope so. "Until next time."

CONGRATULATIONS to all the incoming officers. Steer Straight & God Bless. Editor

1ST VICE REPORT:

Hello again good friends and Legion Family. I am honored to again serve as your acting 1st Vice Commander until August. At the July 14th gen. meeting I was pleased to read in 10 new members and 2 transfer members. Thanks to everyone for your help, but it is time to renew your membership. The new cards are in, please renew now, your Post needs your help.

Also, we need your help to support our great programs that do so much to help veterans, community and your Post 137. Come on Mon. & play Bingo at 6:30 pm, Tues. Play Darts at 7 pm, Wed. is Karaoke at 7:30 pm, Thurs. Video Bowling at 7 pm, Fri. Dinner at 5:30 pm music & dance after dinner and Sat. night. We get together on Sat. or Sun. to watch the NASCAR Race. Also, the Tiki and Pool is open on weekends for your enjoyment. Bring friends and family and enjoy your Post home.

For GOD and COUNTRY,
Eddie Dykes

2ND VICE REPORT:

Congratulations to all the incoming officers for 2007-2008. I wish each and everyone much success in all your endeavors. This past year seems to have been a very good one. "Lets hope for another that is even better." Please remember, that every program the Legion and the Legion Family promotes there is a bunch of volunteers working to fund them. If you are retired or have time on your hands come to the Post and give a helping hand. You are all needed.

For GOD and COUNTRY,
Dan Grant, 2nd Vice

3RD VICE REPORT:

Children and Youth will host a breakfast on the 5th. We do not have anything else planned for the month other than assisting the 40&8 Cabane with their breakfast and Friday dinner. I'll be busy working in the Legion.

Yours in service,
Barry Congressi, 3rd Vice Commander

4TH VICE REPORT:

On Friday June 22, 2007 the following members of Post 137 and Voiture 304, (40/8) made our monthly visit to the V.A. Hospital in Lake City, Florida. I would like to thank these dedicated members for giving their time and money to support this great veterans program. Thank you for participating this month: Joe Kohten, John & Joann Kelley, Dale Prewitt, Jack & Connie

Manning, Carl & Myra Jowers, Norman & Sandy Gentry and Lewis & Ann Gray.

The following is a breakdown of money spent and credits given to Post 137 and Voiture 304 (40/8).

Refreshments, \$70.00, \$35. Aux. 137 & \$35. Cabane 304; Books & Magazines, \$2,000; Coupon books, \$100; Games & Puzzles, \$100; Playing cards, \$100; Total credit, \$2,370; Total hours: 60. Total miles: 1,452. Gas allowance for 4 vehicles \$48.

Our next visit will to the Lake City V.A. Hospital will be August 24, 2007. If you would like to join us on our next visit let me know. We depart Post 137 at 4 pm and return around 9 pm. If you would like to donate books, games, puzzles, VHS tapes, DVD's, adult clothing etc. drop them off at Post 137 and mark them for V.A.V.S.

Yours in Service, Lewis E. Gray, 4th Vice

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Since we did not have an Auxiliary meeting in July, I do not have a report as such...

Everyone got back from Convention safely as far as I know. I am sorry that I did not get to attend, but I am sure that we were well represented by the members that did attend.. We would like to congratulate Nola Marcantel on being elected Honorary Department Junior President.

Due to high cost of postage we would like for the members renewing their 2008 membership, to let us know if they can pickup their cards at the post.

Give our 1st Vice time to process their paperwork and we will have a separate Bank bag for these. If they are not picked up in a reasonable time then they will be mailed.

Also, National has decided not to mail out the first renewal notice but you need to come on in or mail your renewals in.

Yours in service

Jeri West, Unit 137 President

AUXILIARY CHILDREN & YOUTH:

Our Hero Of The Year, Austin Foster, has joined the Navy. You may remember that he is the young man who rescued two elderly people from a house fire last February. His award was to be presented to him during the Legion Award ceremony on July 21st. Instead, it will be mailed to him. We wish him luck in his naval career.

Auxiliary Children and Youth Chairman, Diane Congressi

DISTRICT FIVE 2007-2008

Schedule of meetings:

Sunday August 12, 2007 Post 316 at 2pm.

Sunday September 2, Post 137 at 2pm

Sunday October 7, Post 233 at 2pm

Sunday November 4, Post 244 at 2pm

Sunday December 9, Post 129 at 2pm

Sunday January 13, 2008 Post 197 at 2pm

Sunday February 10, Post 194 at 2pm

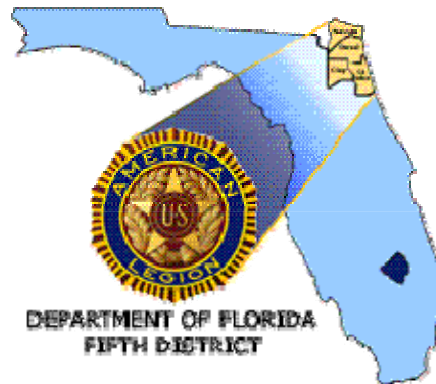
Sunday March 9, Post 283 at 2pm

Sunday April 13, Post 54 at 2pm

Sunday May 4, Post 88 at 2pm

Sunday June 8, Constitutional Conference

Post 250, Sign in 9am meeting starts 10am



Sean Compton, Commander 5th District Fl.

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS -- PONY EXPRESS REPORT:

In compliance with an order from the National Commander activating the Pony Express, a function of the ALR, one rider from Post 137 will be taking part. This is a part of the Legacy Run, which is being held to raise money for the Legion Scholarship Fund. This fund is to help pay for a collage education of the children of those killed in combat since 9/11. Donations can be made to ALR Chapter 137 or contact me. A Pony Express messenger will pick up your donation. I will be leaving on 18 Aug and will ride to Reno, Nevada. All donations will be taken to Reno and turned in. Contact Rick Wiggs 772-7985 home or 703-0601 cell.

For GOD and COUNTRY, Rick Wiggs

NOTES from the COMMANDER:

The “Annual Follies” will be scheduled for September, with dates and times to be announced shortly. As all of you know who have attended the past Follies, this event is well worth attending and allows us to raise funds for a worthy Legion Project. Mark your calendars and don't miss this big event!

I to extend my personal thanks to “Bev” Meares, for her recent work in refurbishing the “Vacant Chair” which is used at all official Legion Meetings “Bev” also made a nice chair dust cover which we utilize in the Spencer Room. She has my personal thanks for a job well done!
-- Commander Dennis Thompson

American Legion Family Members

School will be starting soon

Obey school speed zones

And keep an eye out

for the children

!!!



CABANE 304:

Fourteen Voyageurs and Dames went to Crystal River's Wreck on July 27th & 28th. All that went had a great time. FUN, FUN, FUN.

August 28th Rendezvous at 7 pm

August 19th the Cabane will be doing a breakfast, thank you Barry & Diane's crew.

August 31st Barry & Diane's crew will be cooking a steak dinner. Come out and enjoy a great meal.

Merci, Sandra Gentry,
Presidente, Cabane 304

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VOITURE 304:

We are off to a good year. Our membership is very important to our programs. So, I am asking everyone to please get their dues paid so we can reach 100% by 1 Nov. 2007.

As you may have noticed the Chateau aka 40/8 building has been painted and repair work completed. Plus a storage building installed.

My heartfelt thanks to Barry C, Larry G, Stanly, Bob S, Ray R, Norman, Inez E, and Jo K for all their hard work. My apology if I missed anyone. Merci.

Remember! Thursday August 2nd is Cheminot @ 7 pm and Promenade @ 8 pm.

Yours in Service,
John Kelley
Chef de Gare



✚ CHAPLAIN'S REPORT ☆

Our Post is once again looking great. The new paint on the Legion building and the Moon Building was needed and certainly improved the appearance of both. Many thanks to Larry, Bob, and others who worked so diligently to get this task completed.

The Post celebration of July 4th went very well. The weather cooperated. The wonderful entertainment as well as delicious food added to the great time had by all. Our thanks go to our volunteers in the preparation and serving of the meals. Many thanks to you, our members who come out to the Post on these special occasions. It is your support that makes our Post the Best.

Membership renewals are due for the coming year. Please make an effort to renew early and help us attain 100% membership as soon as possible.

I would also like to mention while we are celebrating our nation's birthday that we remember how America won its Independence by the hardships endured by so many to make the freedoms we enjoy today a reality. Our military is now continuing the task of keeping America safe and a place to live and be proud of.

Pray for a speedy end to the hostilities we now face so that our service men and women can once again come home safely to their families and loved ones.

Again it is my sad duty to list the names of the following Legionnaires who have transferred to POST EVERLASTING.

JOSEPH CARROLL WILLIAM NEAL GEORGE A. CARPENTER

Please keep these Legionnaires and their families in your thoughts and prayers.
For GOD and COUNTRY, Gene Odom, Chaplain

HISTORIAN'S REPORT:

After the past elections I was once again elected Post Historian. I will do my best to fulfill my duties. Preserving the events of today for those in the future. This truth was made clear to me by the task I undertook to classify all of the old photos around the post and put them on the computer. Although most of the people are now unknown the evidence of their participation still exists.

With all of the latest advances in technology, the current ideals of Historian are archaic and the Legion must bend to keep up. Using the new technology, during the past year I have made changes in the way Post information will be stored along with the way pictures will be kept. I now have a new design for the history book that will allow more information to be displayed in a smaller area.

Don't be just a name on the roster. Come out enjoy your Post, take part in the activities. Most of all, have your picture so that in 30 or 40 years someone can look at it and say "Boy, he/she sure did have a good time."

For GOD and COUNTRY, Rick Wiggs

Sons of the American Legion
Lakeshore Squadron 137
Meeting: Thursday, August 9th, 7 pm
Squadron E-mail: sonsoftheal137@aol.com

Your sons rapped up another outstanding year with a award winning Department/Detachment Convention July 5th thru the 8th at the Rosen Center Hotel in Orlando Fl. The Squadron received the Gold Metal Award from the Special Olympics Foundation for their Donation, a Third Place Award in the state of Florida for Americanism, a Special Achievement Award from the Children's Miracle Network, a Letter of Commendation from the American Legion National Commander on behalf of the National Emergency Fund, and a Commendation from the Detachment of Florida for making 100% membership. On a personal level Bill Kelly won the Outstanding Recruiter in the State of Florida for the Sons, a Letter of Commendation from the Detachment for his work as 5th District Commander, and he also was Elected Detachment of Florida Vice Commander Northern Area for the Legion Year 2007-2008. A Special Thanks to Everyone at Post 137 who help make this possible. **JOB WELL DONE.**

With the announcements of new officers in the Squadron and their Initiation last month and a vote at the July Meeting, we will be changing our meeting DAY & TIME to the 2nd Thursday of every month @ 7PM in the Spencer Room. Please come on out and take a active part in your Squadron, we want and need your participation.

The Sons are going back into the Sandwich business any one wishing to assist the Sons Sandwich Crew may contact me here at the Club. Our menu will be once again Egg Salad, Ham & Cheese, Tuna Salad, and BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich. Please Come in and purchase (for a donation) our sandwiches, because all funds go to help Veterans and Legion Programs. For God, Country, and our Legion Family,
Bill Kelly Commander

HEY, JAGUAR FANS !!

Ride the **JAGUAR BUS** from Post 137.
We leave 3 hours before **KICK OFF**.
Our parking spot is right across the St. from the stadium at the Tailgate Bar and Grill. Tailgating is a top priority!
If interested, call either Linda @ 276-3903 or Jerry @ 207-2458 for details.
The more riders we have the lower the cost. This will be our 13th season of riding the **JAGUAR BUS** from the Post we would love to have you join us for some **GREAT FUN!**

OOOOO JAGUAROOOO

MARRIAGES PERFORMED

L. A. HARDEE -- Notary Public
904-403-5595
Will travel NE Florida

CLUB MANAGER

July was another good month financially speaking. The Club Operations was able to transfer \$7000.00 to the Legion Building Fund. Unfortunately we lost another compressor on the a/c unit in the Legion Hall that cost \$1600.00 and after nursing the main unit in the Lounge for the last 6 months we decided to replace the unit above the bar at a cost of \$8,800.00. With these investments we should have many years of comfort in our Club.

Our TIKI is open every Friday from 5PM to 10PM, Saturday & Sunday from 1PM to 8PM. Bring the kids come on down and take advantage of your Pool & Post facilities. On Sunday we have Live Music from 3 PM to 7PM featuring Garrett Slay of the G Men. Remember the Club facilities doesn't operate without if enough of you to justify the cost of operations Support your TIKI and Pool and come on down on Saturdays and use it.

Our Club is sponsoring a Luau at the TIKI on Saturday August 11 at 3PM. The Luau will feature a Pig Roast with all the trimmings. Contests include Hula Dancing, Limbo, and a Best Dressed. The Music will be provided by Garrett Slay of the G-Men. So dress up in your best Luau costume and come on down for the Food, Fun Prizes, Contests, and Music at your Tiki Hut.

Membership renewal time is here and our Club Bartenders are here to take your renewal, but please be patient and remember that if the Club is busy the Bartender's first duty is to serve our members drinks so please wait for a off time when the bartender is not so busy to ask them to renew your membership. Thank You.

There is always something going on at your Post, Monday is BINGO and a Light Supper, Tuesday is DARTS, Wednesday is KARAOKE, Thursday is VIDEO BOWLING, Friday is DINNER, Friday & Saturday is Live ENTERTAINMENT, Sunday Morning is Breakfast and Afternoon is NASCAR RACING, and don't forget you can TIKI all Weekend. Watch your Bugler for Special Events this fall including the FOLLIES, HILLBILLY Night, and College, and Pro Football.

Serving Our Membership,

-- Bill Kelly

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