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COMMANDER'S REPORT

AUGUST 2009



Is it just me or is life becoming busier and more complicated? I used to hear the old greeting "I am busier than a one armed paper hanger" and just made the assumption that the person had been busy. These days it appears the assumption can be made before the question is asked. I hope all of you are doing well and enjoying the summer. Don't forget to make visiting the Post part of your activities.

We have been working very hard to make our Post ready for you and your family to enjoy with us. We must be doing a good job as **Post 137 Legion and SAL** was again awarded "**Best Post in the State**" for 2009. This is the second consecutive year our Post has received this award which is unprecedented so far. In addition, we were the **District Post of the year for 2009**. This is a great honor and as I said during the Installation of new officers, we are dominating the District and State and we must live up to our reputation. In order to accomplish this, "*all members must do their part to take care of our Post, members, and visitors*".

Now that we have started a new year with some new officers and Program Chairpersons I feel confident that we will continue to build and strengthen our Veteran's Assistance Programs. We have a strong network of volunteers and I thank each of them for stepping up and helping. If you visit our Post you will see the results of our members taking matters in their own hands and getting the programs done. It is obvious to me and I am sure you will agree, you can feel the pride and heartfelt efforts of our volunteers as you enter the Post.

We have just finished our **Boy's State Program** for this year. This program required the efforts of many of our members and a detailed report will be made by Bob Myers this year's Post Chairman.

How about that pool? We have had some learning curve set backs but Kathy Brett and Ted Boutwell has stuck with it and overcome many obstacles. Kathy has recently taken the Certification Course and is now a Certified Pool Operator. Thanks Ted and Kathy. These are just a couple examples of our member's accomplishments and there are many more. Thanks to everyone.

For GOD and Country, Fred Bergman
My door is open drop by and visit.

1ST VICE no report

2nd VICE

First and foremost I want to thank all the member of Post 137 for allowing me to serve as your 2ND Vice Commander for 2009 - 2010.

Next I have a " *Big Thank You,*" To Danny Hiers for bailing me out with the Bugler Lunch. Bill K, Ray R and Danny H, Boys State Breakfast, 5:00 am comes real early especially if you are not going fishing. My first Legion Dinner went over well from the comments I received, Thanks to all who supported this Legion Dinner and to the Kitchen Crew, Beverly Meares, Steve Carmicheal, Treasa Cluff, Craig Brown, Arron and the 50/50 Lady, Linda Brown. Up date's for August,

Something New !! American Idol Night, August 7th, 8:00 PM details in the BUGLER Announcements.

Hillbilly Night with Jim Craft on August 8th.

Last but not least many have asked me about the FOLLIES, YES ! We will have the
" FOLLIES on SEPTEMBER 19TH WITH VICKI LEE".

Tickets will go on sell the first week of September.

Serving with me on the Entertainment Committee for 2009 - 2010 will be Dredsel Walters, Gary Lafrance and Bill Scott. SUPPORT YOUR POST.

For GOD and Country, Emory Austin

3RD VICE

Hello Legionnaires! First I would like to extend "**My Thanks**" to you for electing me to this position within the Post. I believe that with your support we can do a lot of good things for Veterans and Children and Youth in the upcoming year. I have received quite a few good ideas already from members of the Post and I'm sure I'll get more. I believe is a good thing. We may not be able to act on all of the ideas, but we can sure give it the old military can do attitude and try. I would like to form a **Planning Committee** to help me concentrate our efforts so that we can accomplish the ideas presented.

If you would be interested please let me know. If you have any ideas of what we can do for the Children and Youth I will take all into consideration. If you are willing to help, please feel free to contact me. I will not refuse any members help. I am looking to put together a **Team of Members** who would like to help with a breakfast or a dinner once a month or so. **Interested?** Please call me at the Post Ph. 387-3373. I still work, leave a message and a number. I will call you back. The Children and Youth will be serving Breakfast on Sunday Aug. 2nd.
For GOD and Country, Walter Rasco

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August	2009					1 A.Legion Riders Mtg. 10 am PEGGY & HOSS 8 pm
2 BREAKFAST 8:30 a Children & Youth KARAOKE	3 TRIVIA 7 pm	4 Steering Committee Mtg. 6:30 pm. Color Guard Mtg. 7 pm. Darts 7 pm	5 Karaoke 7:30 pm	6 Auxiliary Mtg. Exe 6:30 GEN 7:30 pm 304 Chemi 7 pm 304 Prom 8 pm	7 CABAN 304 RIB DINNER 5:30 pm Jimmy & Kraig Karaoke 8 pm	8 Legion meetings Exec. 9:00am. Gen. 10:00 Hillbilly Night Jim Craft 8 pm
9 Breakfast 8:30 a Auxiliary TIKI G-MAN	10 BINGO 7 pm	11 DARTS 7 pm	12 Color Guard Taco lunch \$3.00 12:30 pm Karaoke 7:30 pm	13 SAL Mtg. 7 pm TRIVIA 7pm	14 A.L. Riders Steak Dinner 5:30 pm Peggy & Hoss 8 pm	15 Peggy & Hoss 8 pm
16 Breakfast 8:30 a Rod N Pole KARAOKE	17 TRIVIA 7 pm	18 Color Guard Mtg. 7 pm. DARTS 7 pm	19 Karaoke COVERED DISH 7:30 pm	20 USMCCA Mtg. 7:00 pm. TRIVIA 7 PM	21Color Guard Chicken Dressing 5:30 pm BOCATS 8 pm	22 BOCATS 8 pm
23 BREAKFAST 8:30 a Rod N pole KARAOKE 30 Breakfast USMCCA 8:30 BUFFET TIKI G-MEN	24 BINGO 7pm 31 TRIVIA	25 DARTS 7 pm	26 Karaoke 7:30 pm	27 TRIVIA 7 pm	28 DINNER 5:30 pm USMCCA Rib eye Steak VAVS 4:30pm. VICKI LEE 8 pm	29 VICKI LEE 8 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Fourth of July has come and gone would you believe we are at the beginning of a new Legion year. New Officers and Chairmen are gearing up for some fine times to come. If you have the time PLEASE help out. There are so many needs and the new

Leaders are ready and willing, they just need assistance. Come on "What do you say?"

You know you joined to help out CALL THEM! Please

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DONATION: To bestow as a gift, contribute, gives.

VOLUNTEER: One who enters into any service of his own free will. To offer or give voluntarily.

Webster's Concise Dictionary 2003 Edition

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Ladies if you do not want to make lunch on the 12th that is a Wednesday, be at the Post at 12:30 pm, the wives of the Color Guard are making a Taco Lunch. Take a break and let someone else clear up the dishes. It will help the Post Color Guard a lot. See you there!

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The new Children and Youth Chairman, Walter, will be preparing Breakfast for the 1st time on Sunday August 2nd. Lets show him how much we appreciate his stepping up to the call of duty by the Post and let's all have breakfast with him. OKEY DOKEY, We can do this.

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W O W Talk about a hot guy. Here's a new one. Post 137 Entertainment Officer Emory A. is busy as a Christmas Oven. His fire is lit and he has a bunch of good stuff coming up. New Twist

AMERICAN IDOL NIGHT....Have you ever dreamed of being on American Idol or know someone who has? AMERICAN IDOL NIGHT Friday Aug. 7th at 8 pm will be the night for you to shine. Jimmy & Kraig will MC the show with 100's of CD's to choose from or bring your own music. This will be a "Talent Night" showcasing our own members and the discovery of many new talents. Come Sing, Dance, Laugh and make memories. Sizzling.

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A Great Big Happy Birthday to everyone born July 24th-August 23rd. You are LEO the LION.

Many are Educators and Politicians, Gamblers at heart. Loaded with an arrogant playfulness that says "I RULE YOU." Never attack Leo's pride as the LION will Roar. A simple bit of flattery will settle Leo down.

GET WELL SOON . To Legionnaire Robert McD. We miss you. Ron H. you are needed get well soon. Robbie R. Come on lets get well now. It is not the same with you guys out.

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"There are too many people too angry at a world that isn't the least bit angry at them"

Until next time have a wonderful and safe month. Editor

SERVICE OFFICER

I am proud to be have been appointed your Service Officer for the upcoming year 2009 – 2010.

I want to encourage you to call for an appointment should you have any VA concerns. I am available Mondays and Wednesdays, 3:30-5:00, To make an appointment please call the Legion Office at 387-2273.

I look forward to serving you.
For GOD and Country, Teresa Cluff

A note from the Post Attorney

Recently, a small number of members have demanded return of various items of property previously given to the post.

The post has always welcomed and gratefully acknowledged gifts of items useful to the post and its members.

Fortunately, we have a long history of such generosity, and hopefully always will. Often, these gifts become a permanent part of the building and/or grounds.

On occasion, a request (or demand) is made for their return. In the case of mobile items (radios or artwork, for example) while we may not be supportive of the request for return, we could abide by it if necessary.

On the other hand, gifts which have been permanently affixed to, or within, the building or grounds, may not be capable of moving without substantial damage to the gift, or the property, and therefore must be left in place.

POOL NEWS

HELLO! My name is Kathy and I am the new “**Certified Pool Operator**” for Post 137. Each month I will be giving you safety information that is required by the State of Florida for the safety of our members and their guest.

1. There will always be a “shepherds hook” on the flag deck at the deep end of the pool. This is the safest way to remove a drowning person when they are below water level.
2. Please do not sit, stand, or pull on the safety line. It is supposed to be visible at all times. If you need to pass, swim under it.
3. No chairs, food, drink, smoking, towels Etc. are allowed on the pool deck. The deck is the area set around our pool.

Please Don't Forget Your Membership Cards and Have Fun in Your Beautiful Post Pool.
For GOD and Country, Kathy Brett

4TH VICE

On Friday, June 26, 2009, members Post 137 and Voiture 304, 40/8 made our monthly visit to Lake City, V.A. Hospital.

The following dedicated members attended: Lewis & Ann Gray, Carl & Myra Jowers Al & Josephine Sciaratta, and Joe & Patsy Kohten. We had one additional volunteer from the Lake City area. I did not get her name. I thank all of the above volunteers for taking the time to make the trip with us.

We departed Post 137 at 4:30 p.m., arrived at Lake City at 5:30 p.m. We ate dinner at Ken's B.B.Q. Restaurant, and started BINGO on time at 7:00 p.m.

We had 40 patients present for the activities. Thank you Carl Jowers for doing an outstanding job calling the BINGO Games for us.

Refreshments were served at the close of BINGO Games by Auxiliary Unit 137, and Cabane 304, 40/8. We gave out \$100.00 in coupon books to the BINGO Game Winners.

The following is a breakdown of the money spent, and credits given to us for miscellaneous items:

COUPON BOOKS: \$100.00	REFRESHMENTS: \$60.00
BOOKS AND MAGAZINES: \$400.00	PLAYING CARDS: \$50.00
PHONE CARDS: \$3,410.00	T-SHIRTS (CAR SHOW): \$90.00

GAS ALLOWANCE: \$80.00
TOTAL HOURS: 40

TOTAL CREDIT GIVEN: \$4,190.00
TOTAL MILES: 968

A big thanks goes out to POST 137 American Legion Riders (Big Bill) for donating the phone cards. Our next scheduled visit to Lake City V.A. Hospital will be August 28, 2099. NOTE: There will be no visit for the month of July.

Remember we depart from Post 137 at 4:30 p.m. If you would like to donate books, or other items, drop them off at Post 137, and mark them V.A.V.S.

I would like to remind all of Post 137 Organizations to put in their donations for our Christmas 'ditty bags' that we do every year for our Veterans at Lake city V.A. Hospital.

My wife Ann Gray is in the process as I write this report of buying needed items.

Thank you all for your support.

Yours in Service, Lewis E. Gray

CHEF de GARE 304 40/8 No report

CABANE 304 40/8

Hello Legion Family. The Cabane will host a Saint Louis Style Rib Dinner on August 7th. There will be ribs, slaw, baked beans, Texas toast and dessert. Come early as we usually sell out in about 30 minutes.

We had the installation of new officers in June and we are looking forward to a great year!.

Our next Rendezvous will be on the 25th. Please try to attend as we have important agenda items to discuss.

For GOD and Country and a big "Merci"

Diane Congressi, La Presidente Cabane 304

**HISTORIAN REPORT &
PATRIOT GUARD NOTES**

A FOURTH TO REMEMBER.

July holds probably the greatest of holidays in the history of America. We celebrate the **Fourth of July** each year with picnics, cookouts, pool parties and parades. Being no different, Post 137 held a pool party to celebrate the day.

As Historian I had planned to come and photograph the day but early that morning **something happened** and I didn't make it. I'm sure a good time was had by all who attended. It is regretful that any pictures of the day were "lost" so to speak but as I relate the events you'll understand why I can say that I'm glad I wasn't there.

About 9:00 on the morning of the Fourth I opened my e-mail. As I read through the letters there was one from the Patriot Guard Riders and after reading it I told my wife that there was no doubt about my day. You see, **a mother in Deland, FI had called on the PGR** and wanted to do something special for **her son and several others returning from Iraq.**

Twelve members, not bad for such short notice on a holiday, met at the Racetrack gas station on US 17. We then rode to the family home to **Welcome Home Five soldiers.** There was a band, a barn dance, food and a hundred or so guests.

The Guests of Honor were deeply moved by the event and the presence of the Patriot Guard Riders. As always, these were people most of us had never heard of. We only knew that they were **brothers/sisters in uniform and we answered the call** of the PGR.

Orange Park had a parade, Post 137 had a celebration, neighbors had pool parties/cookouts all of which are good ways to celebrate the Fourth.

But I would ask, what better way could there be to celebrate **Independence Day** than to **welcome home heros** who had just returned from **fighting to preserve that Independence?**

If any one has pictures of the Post celebration please get them to me.

For GOD and Country, Rick Wiggs

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Greetings everyone, it was a good month for the Riders. We had a Dinner and did well. We also enjoyed a good ride put on by the "Pastime" on July 4th to help raise money for the Riders. We did all right and made a little money to help with the **October Bike Show**. A lot of the Riders also helped out with the run that was put on for the 9 students that were hurt in that car wreck in June. The Riders donated the proceeds they made from the **Sales that Day to the Families of the Students**.

I want to thank everyone for allowing me to be your Director for the last few months.

I am sorry to

have to step down from that Office. I don't want any thought that there may be a conflict of interest since I was elected as Finance Officer for Post 137.

I would like to say thanks to Mike Amig for

allowing me to become the Northern District Community Chairman. One of these days I am sure he will tell me what all that means!!!!

I want to thank **Tim Shelton** for stepping up and filling in as **Director** until we elect new officers. I am sure he will do a fine job.

If you

need anything or have any suggestions or questions of him his email address is scramjet76@yahoo.com, drop him a line and say Hello.

We are still making plans and working hard on

getting things ready for the up coming **BIKE SHOW on Oct. 3rd**.

Still need input on any ideas that you may have to help make it better than last years.

Still **"LOOKING**

for SPONSERS" so give us some help if possible.

Ride Proud, Ride Safe

For GOD and Country, Tim Shelton

TIKI HUT

Remember folks in August on Sundays

2nd Karaoke

9th G-Men

16th Karaoke

23rd Karaoke

30th G-Men

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It's not if we win or lose, but how we play the game. It's the start of another day, it can be bright or it can be gray. It can be filled with tasks well done or maybe just wasted away, It's up to me. It can be filled with love and friends, with job and fun or maybe regrets of things not done, it's up to me. The blessing of choice is given to me, how I spend this day. My business is not to remake myself but to make the best of what God has made. We start a new year; the Post has had an installation of Officers on the eleventh of July. Some new, some re-elected, my sincere congratulations to all. I pray that we will have another banner year. I am proud to be a Legionnaire. I am proud of our Post and our

Legion Family. I would like to thank all for your support of our Legion Programs and fund raising events, come out and enjoy and fellowship with each other.

It is my sad duty to report to you the names of the following Legionnaires who have transferred to Post Everlasting.

**GEORGE R. BISHOP
GEORGE B. CREECH**

**RAY M. CADDELL
ALLAN E. LEWIS**

Keep these legionnaires and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Please keep our Legion Family and those who are sick or incapacitated in your thoughts and prayers. Something to dwell on, "The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly, but the mouth of fools pour out foolishness," Proverbs 15:2

Have a great day and "MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL."

For GOD and Country, Tony Romano

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CLUB MANAGER'S REPORT

clubmanager@post137.com

Summer is winding down but there is still plenty of time to **enjoy our Pool and Tiki Hut every weekend** in August.

Sundays will continue with entertainment at the Tiki. Remember without your support of club actives we can't afford to provide Live Entertainment.

So support Club activities and come on down and enjoy the best American Legion in the State of Florida.

August Special Event is **Hillbilly Night Saturday August 8th**. Put on your coveralls, a straw hat, bring your best girl and get hitched or thrown into jail by Justice of the Peace Jim Craft who will entertain you. Covered Dish is requested but not required.

Monday is **Bingo/Trivia**, Tuesday is **Darts**, Wednesday is **Karaoke**, Thursday is **Trivia**, Friday is **Dinner**, Friday & Saturday night is **Live Entertainment**.

Sunday morning start your day with **Breakfast** at the Club 8:30-11 am.

You can Tiki all weekend long, and enjoy **Live Entertainment every Sunday** at the Tiki.

So Don't Forget! Turn out and Support your Club.

Serving Veterans & Members Daily, Bill Kelly

COLOR GUARD

TACO LUNCH AUGUST 12TH

Back by popular request, we will have another taco, beans, and rice lunch on August the 12th for donations of \$3.00. Each extra taco will be \$1.00. Serving begins at 12:30. The last taco lunch was gone in thirty minutes so come early.

CHICKEN DINNER ON AUGUST 21ST

We will be serving ¼ chicken with cornbread dressing, gravy, cranberry sauce and green bean casserole. After dinner we will have a baked goods auction.

If you wish to donate an item for auction please contact Ann Gray at 778-9585. All donations will be appreciated.

Ann Gray, Color Guard wife

USMCCA

Members of the USMCCA attended the send off Family Picnic at Camp Blanding for another troop transfer of American soldiers out of country. The picnic was a huge success and the weather was Florida Perfect. The families were treated to a day of music, food, iced cold drinks, desserts, games, swimming, air castles for the children to jump in, snow cones and a totally perfect day for the families to have to remember.

American Legion Posts from the area and VFW post were all happy to work together to make this a day of memories for the troops as they prepare to depart leaving loved ones and friends behind. We wish them GODS protection as they protect America and her way of life. Present from Post 137, Fred & Lina Bergman, Sherry Shelton, Bob Meyers, Larry Briggs, Nora & Nola Marcantel
