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COMMANDER'S REPORT

JULY 2009



LEGIONNAIRES, THANK YOU.

I am pleased to have been re-elected Post Commander for the year 2009-2010. The confidence you have placed in me is personally very gratifying. To each and every one let me assure you that I will continue to do my Absolute best for the good of Lakeshore Post 137, our Legion Family Members and Guests. Congratulations are extended to all of the re-elected and newly elected Officers and Executive Committee Members. The list of officers is contained within this Publication.

I look forward to working with each of them in seeing that our Post can and will be the Best, in this District, Area, State and Nation. I would like to extend a personal thanks to the out going Officers who served our Post this past year. They include: Harvey Finn, Danny Grant, Barry Congressi, Myra Jowers, Bill Lomax, Tom Tercha, and Norman Gentry.

I want to compliment Sarah Mackesy for a "job well done". Sarah has been by your (members) side through thick and thin this past year. She has been dependable and untiring in her efforts to support our members.

I do not have enough room to thank everyone that has supported me over the past year but I will attempt to do so during the Awards Ceremony after the installation on July 11th.

Congratulations to our Post members whom have helped us earn the distinction of 5th District "Post of the year". An Award, such as, Post of the Year, can only be earned by everyone working together and successfully fulfilling all Legion program requirements.

Our accomplishments have been great this year and with your help we will continue to dominate, the District, Area, and Department.

The Celebration Party was great. Thanks to everyone that made the party such a success in such a short time, (6 hrs).

For our members,
Fred Bergman, Commander

2009-2010 POST 137 OFFICERS

COMMANDER:	Fred Bergman
1st Vice COMMANDER:	Eddy Dykes
2nd Vice COMMANDER	Emory Austin
3rd Vice COMMANDER:	Walter Rasco
4th Vice COMMANDER:	Louis Gray
FINANCE:	Sherry Shelton

CHAPLAIN
HISTORIAN:
SGT.AT ARMS
SGT AT ARMS

Tony Romano
Rick Wiggs
Ray Runyan
Jim Porterfield

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Greg Lovejoy Dennis Glisson
Jerry Lepore Carl Jowers
Art Belisle

JUDGE ADVOCATE:
ADJUTANT
SERVICE OFFICER

APPOINTED

Joe Tarr
Ken Foldy
Teresa Cluff

2009-2010 AUXILIARY UNIT 137 OFFICERS

PRESIDENT Anita Lee
1st VICE PRESIDENT Jeri West
2ndVICE PRESIDENT (vacant)
SECRETARY Vera Stevens
TREASURER Robbie Garland
CHAPLAIN Betty Lomax
HISTORIAN Sue Rewis
SGT AT ARMS Sandra Gentry
SGT AT ARMS Sheryl Gentry

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Penny Budd Diane Congressi
JoAnn Kelley Donna Snook

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	SATURDAY
JULY 2009	Independence DAY	July 4, 1776 July 4, 2009 Happy Birthday AMERICA	KARAOKE W/ Bill Scott 7:30 pm	2 AUXILIARY EXE MTG 6:30 GEN MTG 7:30	3 DINNER 5:30 LEGION GUITER REDD 8 pm	4 A. L. Riders MTG 10 R & P Food Pool 11-2:30 GUITAR REDD POOL COIOR GUARD DINNER 3 PM KARAOKE INSIDE
5 BREAKFAST 8 AM- 11 AM ROD & POLE	6 ROD & POLE MTG 7 pm TRIVIA 7 pm	7 Steering Comm. 6:30 pm COLOR GUARD 7 pm Darts 7 pm	8 KARAOKE W/ Bill Scott 7:30 pm	9 S.A.L. MTG 7	10 DINNER 5:30 STEAK T-BONE USMCCA JIM CRAFT 8 pm	11 LEGION MTG EXE. 9 GEN 10 AM POST INSTALLATIONS 12 NOON JIM CRAFT 8 pm
12 BREAKFAST 8 am- 11 AM ROD & POLE	13 BINGO 6:30 PM	14 DARTS 7 pm	15 KARAOKE W/ Bill Scott 7:30 pm Covered Dish Birthday	16 TRIVIA	17 DINNER 5:30 STEAK LEGION RIDERS VICKI LEE 8 pm	18 VICKI LEE 8 pm
19 BREAKFAST 8 AM-11 AM USMCCA BUFFET	20 TRIVIA 7 pm	21 COLOR GUARD 7 pm DARTS 7 pm	22 KARAOKE W/ Bill Scott 7:30 pm	23 TRIVIA	24 DINNER 5:30 STEAK USMCCA No V.A.V.S. Visit BO CATS 8 pm	25 BO CATS 8 pm
26 BREAKFAST 8 am-11 AM AUXILIARY	27 BINGO 6:30 PM	28 DARTS 7 pm	29 KARAOKE W/ Bill Scott 7:30 pm	30 TRIVIA	31 DINNER 5:30 STEAK COUNTRY FRIED COLOR GUARD PEGGY & HOSS 8 pm	

ANNOUNCEMENTS STUDENTS

FREE LUNCH Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, fish or pork sandwiches, You get your choice on July 4th. Come donate a pint of blood and eat lunch on us. If you don't want lunch on the 4th, you can get a free breakfast on the 5th of July.

The Blood mobile will be in the back of the Legion from 9 am to 2 pm, Saturday, July 4th.

Come join in all the activities at the Legion and celebrate our Nation's Birthday.

As always friends and family are welcome. Our Legion is among the top of all Legions in the northeast area for Blood Donation. Help us stay on top
Binion B. Williams, Blood Drive Chairman

POOL NEWS

Summer is in full swing. The pool is very inviting.

To use the pool you most!

1. Have a valid post membership card
2. Review the Pool Rules and Regulations with your children and guests.
3. Please rinse off before getting into the pool. Body ash, lotions and tanning creams are one of the main causes of problems for a pool.
4. Be clean and help our pool be a pleasure for everyone. Thank You

Kathy Brett

With great pride we congratulate the following young Juniors and S.A.L. members

A/B Honor roll

Jack Lane

Ashley Lane Advanced Studies.

Both students attend Trinity Christian Academy, Jacksonville, Fl. May 2009

Cadet Nola Marcantel, First Coast Christian School. Graduated JNROTC Sail Academy NAS JAX. Fl. June 2009

FOLKS IF YOUR CHILD has made a wonderful accomplishment, please share it with us. The young people need our encouragement and deserve our respect.

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GOSSIPING AND BACKBITING

The Ninth Commandment : “Thou shall not bear false witness against thy neighbor.” Exodus 20 :In this day and age there is one might say too much interest in other peoples personal business happenings. There are times when this causes undue stress and embarrassment to those involved. A person who repeats a matter separates friends, let me say this, “ If there is no wood the fire goes out, so where there is no tale bearer the strife ceases. “ Never let you tongue be such an instrument as to wound the reputation of any man.” “We should say nothing of a person in his absence that we would be willing to say in his presence. REMEMBER THIS: Set a watch O” LORD before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.” Psalms 38:1

What a wonderful Post we have here and it really looks great. A “well done” to all who participate in our many programs and events. The city has completed paving the road. A real improvement.

It is my sad duty to report to you the following Legionnaires who have reported to **POST EVERLASTING.**

EDWARD L. (EDDIE) GLYNN **MICHEAL URBAN***

Please keep these Legionnaires and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Remember our sick and handicapped. How vain are all things here below. How false and yet so fair. Each pleasure has its poison too, and every sweet a snare. By Isaac Watts.

May GOD BLESS you all.

For GOD and Country, Tony Romano, Chaplain

ELECTION 2009

I would like to take this opportunity to express my” THANKS” to the following for a job “Well Done” on Election Day & Night. (From 4 to 10).

Sara M. – Ken F. – Harvey F. –Richard O. –Bill S. – Roger M. – Rick M. –Jerry K. – Norman G. –Nora M. -& Carol T.

Many of these members worked nonstop in order get same day results. I would like to express again my heartfelt Thanks to each of you. GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

A special THANKS to Bill K. Diane C. & JoAnn K. for the excellent breakfast & Lunch. It was really enjoyed by all of the workers.

Many Thanks.

Joe T,

Post 137

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FRED'S NOTES

“Cigarette Anyone” During the June 2009 General Assembly meeting the membership voted in favor of a **no smoking rule in the hall during General Assembly meetings.**

The July 11th Executive Committee and General Assembly, meeting will be preempted by the Installation of Officers Ceremony. The Ceremony will begin at 1:00 PM and lunch will be served after the Installation.

The **2010 Legion Membership Cards** will be available **July 3rd**. Cards will be issued on a first come first serve basis. Don't forget those paying 2010 membership dues prior to Oct 1st will be eligible for the **Early Bird Dinner** hosted by the 1st Vice Commander. Due to the anticipated rush to pay dues, membership cards will be mailed in the order payment is received.

The "Post of the Year" celebration dinner on June 13th was an outstanding event. The hall was packed and everyone had a great time. Thanks to everyone that had a part in that celebration.

Join us on July 4th for another day of celebration. We will have traditional festivities and the Blood Mobile will be standing by for donations.

POST 137 HELP LIST. As we start off another year I would like to compile a list of members that are able to assist our Post in time of need: improvement purposes, help with various events, small emergencies, basically general chores and up keep you would

"HONEY DO" at your own home.


If you have a trade or skill and could help with the on gong improvements at the Post please let the Commander know.

We all enjoy our time here at the Post so please do your part and help keep it in good order. It is easy to keep things clean and working good if everyone will do their part.

Special thanks to the Auxiliary Unit, for the \$500. donation to assist in the purchase of the kitchen fire suppression system and the additional donation of \$180. for new ladders.

The Boy's State Orientation Dinner was a great success. We provided dinner to 103 adults. Thanks to everyone that helped. FRED

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HISTORIAN'S REPORT

The Post website has been updated. At least, as far as the pictures are concerned, everything through the Car Show has been put on the web for all to see. Please let me explain again just how things are now set up.

Each "**Album**" will be for the **Post fiscal Year**. Not an annual calendar year. The Post year begins in July primarily with the Installation of Officers and runs to June of the following year. So the **2010 book** will begin in **July of 2009** and run until **June of 2010**. This will put the books **in sync with the Post Year**. I started this with the 2009 book. As I have time I will go back and change the old books.

It seems that some people are not

getting their pictures posted. I have the pictures from the last 6 years on CDs and I have noticed something while going through them: It appears to be the same faces at the functions. It has only been over the last year or so that a significant number of new faces have shown up.

Remember, if you do not participate in the Legion functions then your picture cannot be taken enjoying your Post. If your picture is not taken then it cannot be posted. This is especially true now that we have the web site. Rather than just sorting through a batch of pictures and selecting only a few picture for a History Book, I can now load every picture taken through out a year onto the web site.

So come out and join in. I try to get at least one picture of everyone. I have said it in past reports and I will say it again: If you do not come and participate then people in the future who look at the Post History will not know that you were a member.

For GOD and COUNTRY, Rick Wiggs

*I hope you never lose your sense of wonder,
May you never take one single breath for
granted,*

*Whenever one door closes I hope one more
opens,*

*Promise me that you will give faith a chance,
When you get the chance to sit it out or dance I
hope you dance*

*Never settle for the path of least resistance,
Loving might be a mistake but it's worth making,
Don't let some hell-bent heart leave you bitter,
Give the heavens above more than just a passing
glance, And when you get the choice to sit it out
or dance, I hope you Dance.*



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2009 SCHOOL MEDALS REPORT

The American Legion School Medal is the highest honor awarded American Youth by the American Legion. It is a medal that proclaims to the world that these are the students that we the comrades of men and women who gave their lives in battle, believe worthy of such honor. A male and female student at each school can be awarded the School Medals. Students were selected for these traits: Courage, Honor, Leadership, Patriotism, Scholarship and Service Legionnaires from American Legion Post 137 on San Juan Avenue coordinated with the awards committee at Westside schools to setup this year's School Medals presentation. Post 137 provided the selection criteria for the School Medals awards, the certificates, the medals and a Veteran or Legionnaire to present the medals. The schools selected the students. 39 Westside schools participated in this year's School Medals program. 78 School Medals were personally presented to the students by a Legionnaire or a Veteran at the school's year end awards ceremony. Carl & Myra Jowers, Co Chairs, 2009 American Legion School Medals Awards

High Schools	Elementary Schools	
Baldwin Middle-Senior H. S.	Annie R. Morgan E. S.	Oak Hill E. S.,
Edward H. White H. S.	Bayview E. S.	Ortega E. S.,
Enterprise Learning Academy	Biltmore E. S.	Pickett E. S.,
Nathan B. Forrest H. S.	Cedar Hills E. S.	Pinedale E. S.
Palm Avenue Exceptional. Student Center	Chimney Lakes E. S.	Ramona Blvd. E. S.
Paxon School for Advanced Studies	Crystal Springs E. S.,	Ruth N. Upson E. S.,
Trinity Christian Academy H. S	Fishweir E. S.	Sadie T. Tillis E. S.,
Middle Schools	Hyde Grove E. S.	Stonewall Jackson E.S.
J. E. B. Stuart M. S.	Hyde Park E. S.	Timucuan E. S.
Jefferson Davis M. S	Jacksonville Heights E. S.	Trinity Christian Academy E. S.
Joseph Stilwell M. S	James W. Johnson E. S.	Venetia E. S.
Paxon M. S.	John Stockton E. S.	West Jacksonville E. S.
Trinity Christian Academy M S	Mamie Agnes Jones E S	Whitehouse E S
	Normandy Village E S	

Many thanks to the Legionnaires and Vets who assisted in presenting these medals. Due to the lack of space it is not possible to name all the presenters. You know who you are THANK YOU. Editor

AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello Ladies! First let me start by saying Thank You for having the confidence and trust to allow me to serve as your president for the 2009/2010 year. I will try with all my ability to make this a great year.

We have elected out slate of officers and have one position open and plenty of chairs to fill so please come check us out and see if you would like this open

position or a chair.

Our slate of officers for the 2009/2010 year is as follows:

1st Vice/Membership – Jeri West, Secretary – Vera Stevens
Treasurer – Robbie Garland, Historian – Sue Rewis, Chaplain – Betty Lomax
Sgt – at – Arms – Sandy Gentry, Asst Sgt – at – Arms – Sheryl Gentry

Executive committee:

Penny Bubb, Diane Congressi, JoAnn Kelley, Donna Snook

We do not have a 2nd Vice, so please give some thought to taking this position.
We voted to donate \$500.00 to the Legion for their Fire Suspension System that needs maintenance. There will be no meeting in July due to Convention which is the 24 – 27 of June.

Our next meeting will be August 6th. Hope to see you there.
In closing, it is with regrets that we had to drape our charter for three lovely ladies who have passed on. *Lorraine Davenport, Lisa Westbrook & Louise Thornal*
“May they rest in peace” Anita Lee, President

AUXILIARY 1ST VICE REPORT

We have closed out the year for 2009. We ended up at a little less than 102%. Thanks Ladies for helping me achieve this number. We will not be having an Auxiliary meeting in July, due to the timing of the Convention. I have accepted the job for another year.

For God and Country, Jeri West, Membership Chairman 783-0393

“ To Post 137 Legionnaires There were many excellent candidates this year for various Post 137 offices. Voter turnout was high. Thank You for your vote of confidence in reelecting me to the Post 137 Executive Committee. Do not hesitate to let me know if you have any concerns or suggestions about Post 137 operations. Also, volunteers for various legion outreach programs are always needed. If you can volunteer a few hours a month, let me know your interests and ability and I’ll be more than happy to find a position for you within Post 137’

For GOD and Country, Carl Jowers

1ST VICE COMMANDER No Report

3RD VICE COMMANDER No Report

2ND VICE COMMANDER Entertainment for the month of July 2009

POOL Area	July 3rd	MAIN HALL and Guitar Redd (inside), July
4 th Guitar Redd (pool side)12:00 until 4:00		And Karaoke (inside)
July 10 th and 11 th Jim Craft,		July 17 th and 18 th Vicki Lee
July 24 th and 25 th Bo Cats,	July 31 and August 1 st	Peggy & Hoss
TIKI HUT		July 5 th The Embers,
12 th G-Men, 19th Karaoke/Jimmy & Kraig, 26 th G-Men		For GOD and Country, Emory Austin, 2 nd
Vice Elect		

4TH VICE COMMANDER

Before I start my report this month, I would like to give my personal thanks to Barry Congressi and Sammy DeFranco for doing such a great job with the third Annual Car Show. With the proceeds earned, they were able to donate \$3,000.00 to our V.A.V.S. program. This amount is the most ever donated at one time, by any group or organization. Thank you again for helping our Veterans. I know there were other Legionnaires who contributed their time to make the Car Show a success, i.e. Eddy Dykes, Jimmy Mosley, Ron Sorrels, Ray Runyan and many others to include our ladies. In the twenty years I’ve been involved in V.A.V.S. program I’ve failed to give credit where credit was due. And that

credit should have been given to our S.A.L. Squadron 137. They have always been there for our program month after month, year after year. Thank you Bill Kelly, and S.A.L. Squadron 137.

On May 22, 2009 members of Post 137, Voiture 304, 40/8 made our monthly trip to Lake City V.A. Hospital. The following members participated: Lewis & Ann Gray, Joe & Patsy Kohten, Jerry Lepore, and Al Scarratta. As you can see we had very few participating members. We started BINGO on time at 7:00 pm even after being confronted with a new computerized BINGO machine. Thank you Joe Kohten for calling BINGO. Refreshments were served at the close of the games, by Auxiliary Unit 137 and Cabane 304.

The following is a break down of the money spent and credit given to our organizations: Bingo Winners \$100,00, Refreshments \$55.00, Magazines/Books \$400.00, Playing Cards \$17.00, Phone Cards \$5,270.00, Total Credit given: \$5,842.00. Total Hours: 30, Total Miles: 726. We had a total of 41 Patients present for BINGO, many of them in wheel chairs and some of them requiring one-on-one help during the Bingo Games. With just four or five volunteers on the floor, its almost impossible to give all patients the help they needed or require. Think about giving up one of your Fridays once or twice a year, and give us a welcomed hand Remember, if you would like to make the trip to the V.A. Hospital with us, be at the Post no later than 4:00 pm. Our next V.A.V.S. visit will be Friday, August 28, 2009. NOTE: There will be no visit for the month of July, 2009. Remember, you can help in other ways by donations of books and new magazines, C.D.'s V.H.S. tapes, D.V.D,s , Puzzels, clean clothing etc. Mark them V.A.V.S. and drop them off at the Post. Yours in Service, Lewis E. Gray

LEGION RIDERS

Greetings everyone. It was a good month for the riders. We had a dinner and did well. We also had a very good turnout for the voting of new officers into the Legion on June 6, which was also the day of our monthly meeting, after which we had a ride to go on for two fallen bikers and although it rained we still had a good turnout for that too. I was voted in as the new finance officer for the post, so thanks to everyone who voted for me. We also had Fred Bergman reelected as commander, Arthur was elected as one of the members on the Executive Committee, so we have a little representation now. There is going to be a poker run put on by the **Pastime Bar** on July 4th for the riders to help us raise money to put on the bike show. Speaking of which, we are still making plans and working hard on getting things ready for the bike show on Oct. 3, still need input on any ideas that you may have to help make it better than last years. We have our judges all set up for it, still trying to get entertainment and sponsors. I want to send out a big thank you to AJ for getting our banner framed, Now Picture This provided the frame at no charge to us and it is awesome looking. The Assistant Director is working on getting it put up and a light put up to shine down on it, along with the list of our charter members. Once again I just want to thank everyone for your support and also remind you that if you have email and you haven't received anything from me yet please email me at ssherry15@yahoo.com with your email address so that I can add you to the list. **Meeting July 4th 10 AM Main hall. Ride Proud, Ride Safe** 🍓

For God and Country, Sherry Shelton, Legion Rider Director...904-629-8433

The Legacy Run will be in August and there will be a Pony Express ride from Post 137. The ride will depart on August 20th. In an effort to advertise my ride and to raise funds a letter explaining the Legacy Fund and the Pony Express was written. The letter is being dropped off just about everywhere I go. Churches, golf courses, restaurants, liquid libation stores, etc. If an establishment will allow me to display the information I'll leave copies. The hope is that people will see the letter and want to donate or sponsor. Recently while heading out to play golf I stopped at The **TROPICAL SMOOTHIE CAFÉ** in Oak Leaf Plantation for breakfast. I spoke to the owner about the ride. He not only agreed about the ride, he took all of the copies I had and said that he'd put them in the "to go bags." The owner then suggested Wednesday, July 22nd. as a "SPECIAL DAY For the LEGACY RUN" and 20% of the profits from 5 pm -9 pm will be donated. How can you beat that? Come by and eat or just get a soda. He is also talking about getting some media coverage out for the day. A good showing by the ALR on that day would be nice and I'll keep everyone informed. An extra is "**Up The Creek Grill**", also in Oak Leaf Plantation. The

District Manager was in total support of the ride. It seems that cash donations have to be approved by corporate, but as he and I spoke, he searched through his wallet and gave me a \$25.00 gift card for auction on the spot and talked about more. There is also the possibility of a cash donation. Remember, the money is for the education of the **“children left behind.”** A Pony Express Rider