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COMMANDER'S REPORT

JUNE 2009



The Post 137 election of officers, for the coming year 2009-2010 is on Saturday, June 6th, between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. My congratulations to all, the Legionnaires, that were nominated during the April and May General Assembly meetings. While you are voting take the time to think about the good of the legion and who is the more capable and will do the best job.

Remember, the well being and the future of Post 137 depends on your vote!

Over the past year we have overcome many obstacles such as **proper titling of Post property and buildings**, resisted the attempts of a militia group from taking up residence on Post property and having full use of our facilities. We recently completed the **JEA easement project**, which provided our Post with a lucrative investment opportunity for now and in the future. The Post facilities have been remodeled and updated to remind our members that they are important to us and that they should have the **"BEST"**. All the while surpassing all tasks and goals passed down to us from the Department.

We are achieving much recognition for our Post and improvements are continually being made. If re-elected I have plans to continue correcting safety issues, installing new smoke eaters that will **improve air quality** to allow those members unable to join the festivities at our Post the opportunity to return to a smoke free environment. We want to also update the main hall, and resurface the parking lot to mention a few items still on our list of **"To Do's"** for the good of the Legion and it's members.

The current working issue is bringing all **Post 137 assets** out of a Corporation that has been obsolete since 2004 into the protection of the only **authorized corporation "Lakeshore Post137 Inc"**.

The 3rd Annual Veterans Car Show held last month on Armed Forces Day was a resounding success. We were able to raise considerable funds from the proceeds of car show entry fees, sale of tee-shirts, food and refreshments, as well as 50/50 drawings

All of the proceeds from the Car Show will be distributed for Veterans Services on behalf of Post 137. Everyone involved in this event can be proud and I sincerely hope the Annual Car Show event will continue to be successful for many years to come

We are still celebrating our achievement of **100% membership**. Our 1st Vice Harvey Finn did the honors of attaching the 2008-2009 100% banner to the Post 137 flagpole during the May General Assembly meeting. **"My Thanks"** to everyone for their time and effort in the membership campaign, particularly by our 1st Vice, Harvey Finn, and Sarah Mackesy.

Let's continue to keep all of our Servicemen and Servicewomen in our hearts and prayers, wherever they are in this Country's War on Terrorism. They are being asked to do a very difficult job and are deserving of our respect and support.

For our Members, Fred Bergman, Commander

FINAL SLATE OF NOMINATIONS for OFFICE 2009-2010

The following is the completed list of nominations for Office for year 2009-2010 in order of nomination from the General Assembly Meetings of April and May 2009.

COMMANDER

Fred Bergman / Barry Congressi

1st VICE COMMANDER

Bill (Big Bill) Johnson / Oliver (Eddie) Dykes

2nd VICE COMMANDER

Emory Austin

3rd VICE COMMANDER

Myra Jowers / Walter Rasco

4th VICE COMMANDER

Lewis Gray

FINANCE OFFICER

Sherry Shelton / Jim (Big Jim) Sisk

CHAPLAIN

Tony Romano

SERGEANT-at-ARMS

Ray Runyan / Jim Porterfield / Binion Williams

HISTORIAN

Rick Wiggs

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Jerry Lepore / Bob Myers / Bob Shupe / Tom Tercha /
Rod Derting / Bill Lomax / Cauleen Dolan / Carl Jowers / Arthur Belisle /
Greg Lovejoy / John Kelley / Dennis Glisson

Club Manager's Report

clubmanager@americanlegion137.com

Your Post Lounge and Property are in full summer swing. The pool & grounds are, now open every day now for your enjoyment. Come on out and enjoy the Great Facilities at your Post. We had a great month in May with our Luau, 5th District Meeting, 3rd Annual Veterans Car Show and Memorial Day Celebration. A "**Big Thank You**" to our Organizations, their Officers, and our Legion Family Volunteers for all your help in pulling off one of the most exciting months at Post 137. **JOB WELL DONE.**

Once again this summer we will be having **Live Entertainment on Sunday at our Tiki Hut.**

Come on out and support the Tiki as activities like this are not possible without your support.

Don't forget if you use the **Boat Launch** you are required to have a **2009 Boat Pass** on your trailer. Donations are only \$15.00 a year.

Remember there is always something happening at your Post Lounge, Monday is **Bingo/Trivia**, Tuesday is **Darts**, Wednesday is **Karaoke**, Thursday is **Trivia** and

Video Bowling, Friday is **Dinner**, Friday & Saturday is **Live Entertainment**, Sunday

is **Breakfast**, and you can **Tiki all weekend** through out the summer. Come on out and support your most **Outstanding Post as Confirmed by Department of Florida at the 2008 Department Convention.**

Serving Veterans and Members Daily, Bill Kelly

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
	1 ROD & POLE MTG 7 pm BINGO 6:30 PM	2 Steering Com.6:30 Color Guard 7 pm Darts 7 pm Play 7:30 pm	3 KARAOKE w/ BILL SCOTT 7:30 pm	4 Auxiliary Exe Mtg. 6:30 P Gen. Mtg. 7:30 p V-304 Chem 7 p Prom 8 p	5 DINNER 5:30 pm Legion Ribeye Steak Peggy & Hoss 8 pm	6 A..L.RIDERS Riders Mtg 10 am Post Elections 8 AM- 5 PM Peggy & Hoss 8 PM		
7 BREAKFAST 8:30 a – 11 a Rod & Pole 5TH Dist. 8 am sign in Post 250 Constitutional Conference	8 TRIVIA 7 pm	9 DARTS Sign-up 7pm Play 7:30	10 KARAOKE w/ BillScott 7:30 pm	11 S.A.L. Mtg. 7:00 pm	12 DINNER 5:30 Legion Riders TIKI 5-10 pm 40/8 Grand Prom JIM CRAFT 8 PM	13 LEGION Exe Mtg 9 am Gen Mtg 10 am TIKI 3-8 pm 40/8 Grand Prom JIM CRAFT 8 PM		
14 BREAKFAST 8:30 a – 11 a Auxiliary TIKI 2-8 pm Entertainment 3-7 pm FLAG DAY	15 BINGO 6-30 PM	16 Color Guard 7 pm DARTS Sign-up 7 pm Play 7:30	17 KARAOKE Covered dish w/ BillScott 7:30 pm	18 TRIVIA 7 PM	19 Dinner 5:30 pm Cabane VICKIE LEE 8 PM	20 TIKI 3-8 PM 40/8 Install. Of Officers 6 PM VIVKIE LEE 8 pm		
21 BREAKFAST 8:30 a – 11 a USMCCA Buffet HAPPY FATHERS DAY TIKI 2-8 pm Entertainment 3-7 pm	22 TRIVIA 7 PM	23 Cabane Rondezvouz 7 pm DARTS Sign-up 7 pm Play 7:30	24 KARAOKE w/ Bill Scott 7:30 pm	25 Dept. of Florida Convention Orlando TRIVIA 7 PM	26 DINNER 5:30 pm Rod & Pole Cat Fish V.A.V.S VISIT 4:30 BOCATS 8 pm	27 TIKI 3--* PM BOCATS 8 pm		
28 BREAKFAST 8:30 a – 11 a USMCCA BUFFET TIKI 2-8 pm Entertainment 2-8 pm	29 BINGO 6:30 PM	30 DARTS Sign-up 7 pm Play 7:30	JUNE				2009	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY FATHERS DAY DADS

"The Greatest Gift I Ever Had, Came From God I Call Him Dad"

JUNE 21st is Fathers Day USMCCA is preparing A NICE BUFFET BREAKFAST on this Sunday. We invite all our DADS to come in for a nice "Thank You" surprise.

Folks if you have not been to the Legion Post for a while you are in for a real treat. So many real repairs and replacements have been made to make your visit pleasant you will be so surprised. We are truly becoming a leader in not only our programs but in the facility and the accommodations the Post offers to its members and their guess. Just give it a whirl you may enjoy the spin. Bring your friends and family Have a Great Day

Congratulations to a fine young man. James D. Shupe
James is the younger son of Mr. & Mrs. Bob Shupe. He attends Florida State University.
James is carrying a dual major and is on the DEAN'S LIST.
James we are all very proud of you. Hope to see you over the summer break.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?? How about a trip to Lake City V. A. Hospital?
We go once a month. It takes approximately 5 hours total time. We take sandwiches, bananas and approved treats over and the vets join us in the auditorium. We have Bingo Games and they win coupons that can be used in the canteen to purchase various items they can use during the month. We have a great time just visiting and listening to tales of days gone by.

We could really use a few more hands each month. The vets are always waiting for us to get there and are so appreciative. Bingo is a winner with them and most everyone can play. Want you **"LOOK INTO YOUR HEART AND TRY IT JUST ONE TIME."**

I promise once you go visit you will be hooked. If you need a ride we can arrange this over and back. We work all year long putting together "Ditty Bags" for our big Christmas Party. You might enjoy working in that part of our program. Just get in touch with Ann Gray or Lewis Gray and you will be on your way to a wonderful experience.

You Have A Choice, Thank A Veteran, Really Thank Them!!

VOTE VOTE "KEEP PROGRESS GOING" VOTE VOTE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, to all born May 22-June 21.GEMINI. You have two distinct sides.

You are as changeable as the psychedelic lights in a Discotheque.

GET WELL SOME. If you are not feeling well we all wish you a speedy recovery. Editor

✝ CHAPLAIN'S REPORT ✨ "Procrastination"

This is the day the LORD has made, rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm's 118:24

Bless is LORD that we may cherish the bread before there is none. Discover each other before we leave and enjoy each other for what we are while we have time.

I imagine I imagine we all can remember saying "one of these days I'm going to do this or go there." Keep on saying this about your dreams,

ALL OF A SUDDEN ONE DAY IT'S OVER, THERE ARE NO MORE DAYS LEFT.

This is the day, not tomorrow or the day after or the day after that. This is the day to be yours, rejoice and be glad in it.

FATHER please don't let me keep putting off until tomorrow, until there are no more tomorrows.

We have had a busy month here at the Post. Our Luau was great, the Car Show, Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day Celebrations all went well.

It is my sad duty to report to you the following Legionnaire who has transferred to Post Everlasting.

* CARL L HILLYARD *

Please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Remember our sick and those unable to get around.

Remember to bring in your worn and faded American Flags for proper retirement.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL. For GOD and Country, Tony Romano

HOT DOG!! HOORA!! HALLELUJAH AND POP-A-TOP!!

It took a while and many clicks of the mouse, but the pictures from 2009 are now on the web site. I finally learned how to load the pictures so about everything through the Car Show (the last activity as of this writing) is on the web for all to view. If you attended a function look it up and see if your picture is there.

The new Post history is approaching. The election of officers in June and the 2010 Year begins in July. With that beginning I will set the Gallery up a little differently. Rather than using the calendar year each album will be the Post History Year and will run from July to the following June. I guess that's just the Historian in me. In each main folder there will be sub-folders for "Officers"; "Activities" and "Events". In each sub-folder there will be separate folders for each event or activity. I would like to say "Many Thanks" to Sandy Gentry for taking pictures when I could not make an event.

Remember, it's your Post and we are here for you. All events and dinners are held for your entertainment. When there is a function, come out and enjoy it. I'll do my best to get your picture. Then future members can

see you enjoying your Post.

I will appreciate your vote for

Historian, in the coming elections.

For GOD and Country,

Rick Wiggs Historian

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Wow, what a trip this going to be!

I will be leaving for Louisville, Ky. on Aug. 20th on the Pony Express ride. This ride is a part of the Legion Riders Legacy Run and is to raise funds for the college education for all dependants left behind of those killed in combat since 9/11. I will do the run to deliver all contributions entrusted to me. I would like to see Post 137 and Chapter 137 ALR recognized in this. Maybe a poker run to raise funds with Post 137 matching the funds. V-304 could also take part in this. Remember this supports the children of our troops. As a registered Pony Express Riders, I am honored to deliver funds in the name of those who donate. As I said, this is turning into quite a trip.

After meeting the Legacy Run in Louisville, I will head Northeast into New England. My wife will fly into New Hampshire. We will ride into Maine for a night, then travel over to Nova Scotia where we will tour the "island" by motorcycle. After returning to Maine, Sharon will fly home and I will ride back to Florida along the Eastern Seaboard. Of course, as of now, everything hinges on my wife's health. We are both looking forward to the trip, but if health prevents her from going, I won't leave her. If that should be the case, there are other local ALR Chapters that are making the ride and all funds will be delivered. A Pony Express Rider

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AUXILIARY NEWS Hello Ladies, First let me start by saying Thank You for allowing me to be your President for the 2008/2009 year. It was with great pleasure that I served. I would like to give you a recap of some of the things we accomplished for our programs this year.

Our year began in June with installation and we went hopping along after that. Next we had a FL/GA basket that we raffled for the Wounded Warriors and raised \$715.00. After that we did a bake sale raffle at our early bird dinner. Then it was on to our Halloween party for the kids with games and prizes. Hotdogs & Chips for all the children & guests were provided by our ladies. Next came Christmas and we did a Christmas raffle and raised \$500.00 for the Landstul Army Hospital and over \$300.00 for our JROTC medals for 6 schools. We also did Christmas wrapping at our home Post and raised \$150.00 for Special Olympics. Our total with dinners etc for this will exceed \$1,000.00. We are going to try and keep the Christmas wrapping as an annual event. We had our children's Christmas party complete with Santa and gifts. A spaghetti dinner with all the trimmings was given to the Ronald McDonald house for the two evenings after Christmas and we also took pull tabs and gifts for the house. Gifts were purchased for 9 needy children in Callahan. Moving forward, we had a Valentines Day raffle basket for the Special Olympics and raised over \$500.00. Some of our ladies folded approximately 500 pocket flags and sent those off to our troops. For Easter we had a lovely hand made birdfeeder, made by one of our Legionnaires, which we raffled with a basket again for the Wounded Warriors and raised another \$627.00. We also had an Easter Party for the kids with the Easter bunny and a clown. Again refreshments were provided as well as an Easter egg hunt. Pill bottles were delivered to Sulzbacher homeless shelter. We donated \$300.00 and participated in the Homeless Veterans Resource Fair. We also sent \$200 to the Tallahassee Veterans project. \$100 worth of items was purchased for the Give 10 for Education. With all this going on all year we were still able to make our monthly visits to the Lake City VA Hospital and have a Christmas party for them. We also sent approx. \$136,982.00 of coupons to 13 bases and donated funds to the Child Welfare Foundation. Please remember that on June 4th we will be having nominations from the floor and our elections for next year's officers. Please plan on attending. Anita Lee, President

LEGIONNAIRES Although you may have been a Legionnaire for years at Post 137 your name may never be placed on a wall or a plaque. As a member you have the opportunity to have your name and or a beloved family members name engraved in Brick. The bricks would be arranged around the flagpole area at the front of our Post Home. Many Posts have similar areas and we would like to know how you feel about it. A wonderful tribute to / or a remembrance of a Legionnaire, SAL or Auxiliary member. If this is something you would like, Please let me know. Dennis Glisson, USMCCA.

2ND VICE REPORT *“THANK YOU FOR THE MEMORIES ”It has been a ride never to forget. I appreciate everyone’s help over the years, all the hugs an Atta Boy’s from the lovely ladies and the great legionnaires. I wish all the incoming Officers the very best in the new year of 2009-2010. Keep your word, Do your best and keep God, Country, Veteran’s and the Legion foremost in your decision making. For GOD and Country, Danny Grant*

1ST VICE REPORT

Hello Legionnaires: This is the beginning of the end of this tour. There have been some labor intensive stretches of time but, with all things considered, this has been a good experience for me. This is the second time I have held the office of 1st Vice Commander. I was able to draw on the things I learned the first time and put some of that experience to good use.

I didn’t get to do all of the things I had planned to do but health is a powerful factor in all endeavors. I am hoping for enough recovery to serve in small ways in the future. In a few weeks the large lady is going to burst out in song and my tour will end. I offer my best wishes to the newly elected officers. The challenges of sustaining membership and membership growth are always with us and changes in the economy impact the outlook for success in that endeavor. Continue looking for talent among new members and choose those who demonstrate talent and ability as recruiting subjects. Good luck and best wishes to each and all. For GOD and Country, Harvey D. Finn 1st Vice Commander

3RD VICE REPORT no report

4TH VICE REPORT

On April 24,09 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, Carl & Myra Jowers, Norman & Sandy Gentry, Joe & Patsy Kohten,, Al & Josie Scarratta, & Marsha Simson. Thanks to these Volunteers for their time and support. Without Volunteers our Programs would not happen. You can help with donations of money Books & magazines, C. D.’s Tapes, Puzzles, & clean clothing.. Just put the items in a plastic bag & mark V.A.V.S. drop off at Post.

We depart the Post at 4:30 pm arrive at the V.A. Hospital to start BINGO about 7 pm. Thanks to Carl Jowers for calling BINGO. \$100.00 in coupons was given as prizes to the Bingo Winners. Refreshments were served at the end of the games by Post 137 Auxiliary and the Cabane 304.

The following is a break down of the money spent and credit given to our organizations. Bingo winners \$100.00, Refreshments \$70.00, Slipper sox \$50.00, Games & Puzzles \$30.00, Magazines / Books \$500.00,Playing Cards \$30.00, Phone Cards \$3,000.00, Gas Allowance:(3) Vehicles: \$80.00. Total Credit Given \$3,860.00, Total Hours 55 and Total Miles 1,331. Our next scheduled V.A.V.S. visit to Lake City V.A. Hospital will be June 26, 2009. NOTE: This visit could be cancelled because of the State American Legion Convention on the same date. On April 29,2009 Lewis and Ann Gray V.A. Representatives for Post 137 & 40/8 attended the Northeast Florida State Hospital “Volunteer Appreciation Day Celebration” This event is given every year to honor our Volunteers.

If you would like to make the trip to the V.A. Hospital with us, we go every month except November and December on the 4th Friday. We depart Post 137 at 4:30 pm SHARP. We hope to see some new faces on our next trip. Yours in Service, Lewis E. Gray

Sons of the American Legion

Lakeshore Squadron 137 Meeting: Thursday June 11, 2009 7PM

salcommander@americanlegion137.com Your Sons are currently at 80% we only have till June 15th to get all of our 2009 membership in to the Detachment of Florida, so the last day will be June 10th. Please let everyone know we are down to crunch time and need every member to work hard at renewing, recruiting and restating, members, potential members, and past members who have not been active in a few years.

Elections will be conducted at the June Meeting Please turn out and get involved, It's your Squadron.

A Big Thank You to Squadron Chaplain Billy Bob Johnson and his wife Vickie for all their Support of the VAVS Program by donating the thousands of dollars of Phone Cards to Lake City Veterans Hospital. JOB WELL DONE & GET WELL SOON, Billy!

A Big Thanks to Ann & Louis Gray and Debbie & JJ Jennings for all their hard work for the SAL Sandwich Program. We could not have done it without you.

Thanks to our Legion Family who assisted your Squadron with the Pop Top Program for the Ronald McDonald House at Wolfson's Children Hospital. This year we sent over 250 Lbs. of Pop Tops to support the families of children being treated at the Hospital.

Last but not least, I will be stepping down as Squadron Commander and turning my duties over to others after 9 years. I will continue to be involved in the Squadron as Finance Officer and the Detachment of Florida Vice Commander Northern Area, but it is time for others to step up. I would just like to say what an extreme pleasure it was to be lucky enough to serve this Squadron and Post for all these years as Squadron Commander. My best wishes and knowledge that the Squadron will continue to prosper and grow under the new leadership. For God, Country, and Our Legion Family
Bill Kelly Squadron Commander

BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE and UPCOMING FESTIVITIES

During our last Blood Drive we received 14 pints bring our total up to 85 pints. Our next Blood Drive will be July 4th from 9 am to 2 pm. Bring friends, relatives and neighbors because the Legion has several holiday activities planned. The pool, Tiki Bar and screen room will be open with hamburgers, hotdogs and fish sandwiches. Bring the whole family and support the Legion by celebrating the 4th of July with us.

And don't forget to give a pint of blood. Binion Williams, Blood Drive Chairman

AMERICAN LEGION COLOR GUARD

For those of you that do not know, our State Commander has requested Post 137 Color Guard to represent the State at Convention in June. We, Debbie and I will be doing a lunch on JUNE 16TH TO RAISE SOME MONEY FOR THE COLOR GUARD. We will be serving 1 Taco, Beans & Rice for a donation of \$3.00. Extra Tacos will be \$1.00 each.

Lunch will begin at 12:30 pm. This is quite an honor for your Color Guard.

So **PLEASE SUPPORT POST 137 COLOR GUARD** Color Guard Wife, Ann Gray

40/8 VOITURE NEWS

Our Website is in place and ready for input from the Voiture and Cabane.

The Regional Wreck Association now has five Voitures committed to participate.

Officer elections for the association will be at The Grande Promenade in June.

EVENTS:

Elections of Officers for the Locale, was on May 7. Ray Runyan will be the next Chef de Gare, Diane Congressi will be the next La Presidente. Grande Promenade and Rendezvous June 11-13.

Installation of Officers June 20. Attitude adjustment will be at 6, with dinner at 7.

MEMBERSHIP:

Membership renewal notices have been mailed out. Membership is at 103.5%. See Chef de Train Rick Michaels after June 20 and he will take care of getting you renewed. I want to extend

a heart felt Merci to all the Voyaguers and Dames that made the past year a success and helped me with my duties as Chef de Gare. Yours in Service. Ron Garland, Chef de Gare

CABANE

Well June is here and this is my last report. I have enjoy being your Presidente Merci for a great 2 years. Please support your new Presidente as I know she will be great. Don't forget we have Grande 12, 13, 14th and Installation of Officers on the 20th. Please join us at 6 pm , Dinner at 7 pm and then on to installation. Merci, Sandra Gentry La Presidente Cabane
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40/8 NATIONALE CHEF'S COMMENTS By Chef Bernie Sampson

In 1959-60 the Forty & Eight severed ties with the American Legion and became an **Independent Organization**. The American Legion leadership has refused to recognize us as their "Elite Branch," their "honor society" since that time.

There have been ripples of discontent for several years. The organizations were fundamentally different. The **Legion** was **large, easy to join and non-fraternal**. The **Forty & Eight was elite, by invitation and racially restrictive**. The Forty & Eight had monetary resources many in the Legion deemed theirs. Conversely, the Forty & Eight objected to funding Legion programs with large amounts of money, without adequate recognition in return. The Legion pressed the Forty & Eight to change its constitution to be racially inclusive. These differences brought the two organizations to logger heads. Eventually, the American Legion refused to allow the forty & Eight to hold its Promenade Nationale in the same city with the Legion's National Convention.

The Forty & Eight thus became Independent, but with many vestiges of its parent organization remaining intact, including the Forty & Eight continuing to only accept Legion Members. A recent press release from the National Director of Internal Affairs at American Legion Headquarters, written at the request of Legion National Commander Marty Conatser says, "**the 40/8 is a separate veteran's organization**". It says, La Societe is "**a corporation from that of the American Legion**" and there is no basis for the 40/8 to be an honor society of the American Legion" **It says the Legion recognizes the Forty et Eight "the same as it recognizes the VFW, DAV, or Marine Corps League members or members of the numerous other similar organizations. Thus, congratulations to the Forty & Eight upon the approval of their quest to replenish their membership by accepting applications from various membership areas.**

Constitution changes to Article IV, Section 1. Good Luck in your new endeavors and Congratulations to 2009-10 Chef de Gare Raymond Runyan and La Presidente Diane Congressi.

Editor

LEGION RIDERS

Greetings everyone, it was a busy month for the Riders. We had two dinners, one on May 22, and the other the next week on May 29, and did well on both of them. In April 6 Riders and one guest from Chapter 137 went on a camping trip to Ocala National Forest. The camping trip, was hosted by Post 283. It was a fun and nice to mingle with some of the Riders from the other post in the 5th Dist.

We also went down to Whitey's on the 3rd and set up our Sales Trailer. We did decently in the sales. Getting the trailer was a good idea. It has really been a useful tool to us in fundraising for the group. We are still making plans and working on our **Bike Show that will be held on Oct. 3.** We need **Sponsors** and **Raffle items**, if you have any ideas or suggestions please let me know.

I encourage everyone to "**GO VOTE YOUR CHOICE**" of new officers for Post 137 on June 6th. Once again **I want to thank everyone for your support.** Just a reminder, 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. **Ride Proud, Ride Safe** 🚲 904-629-8433

"A veteran is someone who, at one point in his life, wrote a blank check made payable to his country for an amount of up to and including their life.

That is Honor, and there are way too many people who no longer understand it." For God and Country, Sherry Shelton. American Legion Rider Chapter 137 Director

JURY DUTY FRAUD This has been verified by the FBI. Most of us take summonses for jury duty seriously. However there are enough citizens that do not answer the call to duty to open up a whole new scam. The caller claims to be a jury coordinator. If you protest that you never received a summons for jury duty, they ask you for your Social Security number and date of birth so he or she can verify the info. Your identity was just stolen. They use intimidation to bully people into giving information by pretending they are with the court system. The FBI and the federal court system have issued nationwide alerts warning consumers Check here: http://www.fbi.gov/page2/june06/jury_scams060206



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