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COMMANDER'S REPORT

MAY 2009



Well it has been one busy month after another here at Post 137. We started off with the Annual Children's Easter Party. If you have children or Grand children, our Children's Easter, Halloween, and Christmas parties are occasions they will enjoy.

RECORD NUMBER OF NEW MEMBERS and RENEWALS. At our General Meeting on April 11th we saw a record 43 new members joining the Post.

I anticipate by this writing that we are on goal or at least close by the final deadline of May 5th. I extend many thanks to those responsible and a special thanks to our extended family recruiter Bob Brewster, 5th District Commander. Bob has signed up 30 new members for Post 137.

The 1st ROUND of NOMINATION of OFFICERS for the coming year were also held during the April General Meeting. The next and *final round of nominations for 2009-2010 Officers will be held at the next General Meeting on May 9th.* This is your opportunity to insure the best members are nominated to continue the Post's pro

ANNUAL EVENTS Included the Annual Police/Firemen's Appreciation Dinner, American Legion Family Past Commander's & Past President's Dinner! Wow! The seasonal opening of the TIKI Lounge with usual weekly events at your Post Home. To the many volunteers you made successful, pleasant memories for our members.

RECENT IMPROVEMENTS Has everyone noticed the recent improvements to our Property? Many members are getting involved and helping improve our facilities. The results are clear and the efforts are very much appreciated. Our pool is beautiful and already had some swimmers. Indications of a good summer out door activities.

POST 137 WORK. The JEA Project we discussed for the past two years is finally Under way. We anticipate completion in early May 2009. On this note; last year the fire suspension system in the kitchen came up for replacement. A bid of \$10,000.00 was given and approved by the Exe. Comm. however, the new door at front Entry to accommodate our handicapped and the Ladies Restroom needed work immediately. These needs replaced the kitchen work. Due to the time lapse we went to the original company and a bid of Approx. \$3,000.00 was given. This is work to be done in the near future for the safety of Post 137.

WELCOME members of the 5th DISTRICT. May 3rd Meeting at Post 137. 2 pm.

Please continue to keep all of our Veterans, including those serving in harm's way, in your hearts and prayers.

For our Members, Fred Bergman, Commander

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POLL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR JUNE 6, 2009

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

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

I appreciate everyone that volunteers to help in these very important roles. If you cannot get to the Post to sign up, contact the business office on Monday, Wednesday or Friday and leave your contact information.

Thank you, Joe Tarr, Judge Advocate

2009 POST ELECTIONS

The first round of nominations for Post Officers for the upcoming Legion year took place on Saturday, April 11, 2009. The Nominees form that meeting are:

OFFICERS

Commander: Fred Bergman – Barry Congressi

1st Vice Commander: Bill Johnson - Oliver Dykes

2nd Vice Commander: Emery Austin

3rd Vice Commander: Myra Jowers – Ray Runyan

4th Vice Commander: Lewis Gray

Finance Officer: Sherri Shelton

Chaplain: Tony Romano

Historian: Open

Sgt at Arms: Open

Sgt at Arms Open

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Bill Lomax - Bob Schupe - Tom Tercha - Jerry Lepore - Rod Dirting - Bob Myers

The next and final round of nominations will take place on Saturday, **May 9, 2009**.

The General Election will occur on Saturday, **June 6, 2009** in the business office. Hours are 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Please come out and support your candidates for office.

Joe Tarr, Judge Advocate.

BLOOD BANK

Strawberry Belgium waffles, three egg omelet, grits, coffee and juice... These are just some of the items you missed out on if you did not participate in the blood drive on the 19th of April. We had a very successful drive and many participated in the free breakfast hosted by the Rod and Pole Benders. So mark your calendars for our next blood drive event on July 4th and you too can earn a free breakfast and do something for yourself and the legion by spending a half hour donating blood. Invite your friends to participate as well. Ben Williams, Blood Drive Chairperson

1ST VICE REPORT

Hello Legionnaires: The time has come to start getting serious about membership renewals, recruiting new members and our annual reports. Commander Bergman and others are working the delinquent member phone list. I am working on the last membership drive in this last quarter. We need some good annual reports to bring those trophies home from Department Convention.

We are still on track with our membership but we have to keep the pressure on. We have one more plateau to make before it is over and that is 100 + % by May Day.

I am continuing my recruiting efforts with Project Stay Active, Requests for Transfer And, Florida Post 400 DMS. Responses are still slow but my hopes are still high.

Election Day is rapidly approaching and it would be great to have a good turnout this year. We need to be active in electing good leadership to keep moving Lakeshore Post 137 into the coming year. Continue to notice and welcome the newcomers into our Legion Family and put them to work. **For God and Country**, Harvey D. Finn

2ND VICE REPORT

Well as you may have noticed I try to push my GRITS and KARAOKE at the Post Meetings. I guess this is because I love to see our members eat and have a wonderful time. To me this is what a family does. They eat and have a great time “Most of the time anyway.”

We are approaching the summer months and the Post has so very much to offer its’ members. There are games, music, swimming, camping, fishing, lounge facilities both inside and outside. There is a screened room and the Moon Building for Parties and special affairs and events. By The way if you haven’t seen in the Moon Bldg lately take a peek at it. NICE. What a place for weddings, family reunions and sit down dinners. If you haven’t been here for a while you are in for a treat. Come check us out. For GOD and Country, Dan Grant

3rd VICE REPORT

Hello Legion family. This will be my next to the last report as Children and Youth, 3rd. Vice commander. As most of you know, I am running for Legion Commander. Not because I think I could do a better job than Fred Bergman. Far from it. I just think that after 6 years of hard labor, it is my turn.

I want to thank my wife Diane, for the beautiful decorations, Bill Kelly for being the Easter Bunny again and Benion Williams for being the clown. The children were lined up around the building to get his balloon art. I cannot forget my kitchen crew. They served hot dogs like they were going out of style. Thanks to you all. Mostly, I want to thank all of you who brought your children and grandchildren. Without you, the whole thing would be pointless.

Don’t forget the Luau on May 2nd, the Veteran’s Car Show on the 16th and the Memorial Day Pool Party on the 25th. Yours’ in service, For GOD and Country, Barry Congressi

“**A wonderfully generous Legionnaire**” donated funds to Post 137 to help with the summer pool maintenance. His Daughter, many years ago, learned to swim here and now his Great Grand Children are learning to swim in the Post Pool. I remember your help a few years back with the Juniors Camping Program.

Thank You Mr. Ernest Barnes. You are still “**A wonderful generous Legionnaire**” Editor

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
M	A	Y		2009	1 DINNER 5:30 pm Legion rib-eye Steak TiKi 5-10 pm JIM CRAFT 8 pm	2 A L Riders Mtg 10 am Luuu BBQ Pork Dinner Jim Craft 2-6 p outside
3 BREAKFAST 8:30 a - 11 a Rod & Pole TIKI 2-8 p 5 TH DISTRICT Mtg. 2 pm Post 137	4 ROD & POLE MTG 7 pm BINGO 6:30	5 Steering Cmty 6:30 pm Color Guard 7 pm DARTS Sign-up 7pm Play 7:30	6 KARAOKE w/ BillScott 7:30 pm	7 Auxiliary Exe Mtg. 6:30 P Gen. Mtg. 7:30 p V-304 Chem 7 p Prom 8 p TRIVIA	8 DINNER 5:30 pm Color Guard Country fried Steak TiKi 5-10 pm VICKI LEE 8 PM	9 Leg Exe Mtg 9 am Gen Mtg 10 am TiKi 3-8 pm VICKI LEE 8 pm
10 BREAKFAST 8:30 a - 11 a Rod & Pole HAPPY MOTHERS DAY TiKi 2-8 p	11 TRIVIA 7 pm	12 DARTS Sign-up 7 pm Play 7:30	13 KARAOKE w/ BillScott 7:30 pm	14 S.A.L. Mtg. 7:00 pm TRIVIA	15 Dinner 5:30 pm USMCCA T- BONR TiKi 5-10 P PEGGY & HOSS 8 pm	16 TIKI 3-8 p 3 RD Annual Car SHOW 9 am PEGGY & HOSS 8 pm
17 BREAKFAST 8:30 a - 11 a Auxiliary TIKI 2-8 p (24 th & 31 st)	18 BINGO 6-30	19 Color Guard Mtg. 7 pm DARTS Sign-up 7 pm 7:30 Play	20 KARAOKE w/ Bill Scott Covered dish 7:30 pm	21 TRIVIA 7 pm	22 DINNER 5 :30 pm AL Riders steak TiKi 5-10 p m V.A.V.S VISIT4:30 BOCATS 8 pm	23 TIKI 3-8 pm BOCATS 8 pm
24 BREAKFAST 8:30 a - 11 a USMCCA BUFFET ----- 31 BREAKFAST AUX 8:30-11	25 MEMORIAL day C&Y POOLParty Gunslinger out Karaoke in 40/8 dinner	26 Cabane Rondezvous 7 pm DARTS Sign-up 7 pm Play 7:30	27 30 KARAOKE w/ BILL SCOTT 7:30 pm	28 TRIVIA 7 pm	29 DINNER 5 :30 pm AL Riders steak TiKi 5-10pm BOCATS 8 pm	30 TIKI 3-8 pm PEACE MAKERS 8 pm Friday - Saturday

May 3rd we will see the 5th District meeting at our Post. This is important because over the year monthly district meetings have been held at each of the District (NE Florida) Posts. This is our time to shine and show the other Post's representatives All that we do and why we have the distinction of being called the "BEST".

Folks if you are not getting your monthly V.A. check in your checking account this is the number to call. To make the proper arrangements to do so 1-800-333-1795.

A new Band to the Post will be playing on the 29th and 30th. If you can, check them out.

I am told they are really good. PEACE MAKERS is the groups name.

Memorial Day will see our old buddy Rick and the GUNSLINGERS out by the pool during what they do best. Entertaining.

CONGRATULATIONS to Cauleen Dolan, Northern Area Oratorical Chairman.

Twice she has brought a National Winner to our Area. Great work Cauleen. See the article in the Bugler.

All of you proud parents and grand parents remember if your darlings are on the

A, A-B honor roll we would love to acknowledge their work and put their name in the bugler. BECAUSE we are so proud of them. Send me a copy of the G.P.A. with name and school they attend.

I think we can now get our gardens into the ground. The cool weather has made it really nice. The post has many events going on this month. Lets shake those winter blues and get out and welcome the summer that is just around the corner.

Our Post is shaping up nicely. The pool is so inviting. I can almost smell those dogs and burgers on the grills.

Happy Birthday to everyone born from April 21-May 21. You are one of those folks that likes things your way! Taurus the Bull. Uh oh. You are strong and determined. Very healthy and usually a homebody.

GET WELL SOON to those who are still a bit under the weather hang in there. Seeing Cissy S. up and about was wonderful we all missed her.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPAHTY to those who have lost loved ones. We know this is a difficult time but you have friends standing by.

VOTING TIME IS COMING. Listen to the candidates . Do they have a plan or are they just winging it. We have many choices, be wise with your Post and its' stewardship.

4TH VICE REPORT

We departed Post 137 at 4:30 pm March 27,2009 for our monthly V.A.V.S. trip to Lake City V.A. Hospital. The following dedicated members of Post 137 and Voiture 304 participated: Lewis & Ann Gray, Carl & Myra Jowers and Al Scarratta. As you can see, we had a very poor turn out of volunteers for this month's visit. Thanks to all who participated.

We arrived at Lake City at 5:30 pm and ate at Ken's B B Q Restaurant. We started BINGO on time at 7 pm. Thanks to Carl Jowers for calling Bingo for us. We had 41 patients present for the activities.

Refreshments were served at the close of the BINGO GAMES, by Auxiliary Unit 137 and Cabane 304 40/8. The following is a break down of the money spent and credit given to our Organizations:

BINGO WINNERS \$100.00 (coupon books) Refreshments \$60.00 Puzzels \$24.00

Books \$200.00 V.H.S. Tapes \$264.00 Phone cards \$200.00 D.V.D.'s \$6.00

Total Credit Given \$854.00 Gas Allowance \$80.00 Grand Total \$934.00

Total Hours 25 and Total Miles 605.

Our next scheduled visit to Lake City V.A. Hospital will be May 22,2009. We will depart Post 137 at 4:30 pm. If you would like to donate books, old or new, Magazines (new) D.V.D.'s, VHS Tapes, C.D.'s or other items, please mark them for V.A.V.S. and put them in the back storage room behind the post. That is the door next to the drink machine.

We are already working on our Christmas visit to the hospital. It is scheduled for December 4' 2009. We count heavily on our Legion family for donations to make this Annual activity happen. Without your help and donations the V.A.,V.S. Program would fold. Last year the Annual Veteran's Car Show, Rod & Pole Benders and Legion Riders were our biggest contributors towards this event. Please help us and get your donations in as early as possible. **Remember**

It is up to us as Veterans to help Veterans.

Yours in Service, Lewis E. Gray

NATIONAL WINNER Northern Area Oratorical
Chairman Cauleen Dolan

has her second National Winner. Werner "Ben" Ferrone walked away with the National Title. Ben is home schooled and is from the Northern Area. He plans to go to NYU after graduation from High School. This is the same University that Co'Relous Bryant Post 137 candidate who came home a National Winner in 2007 is attending. The last time since 2007 that Post 137 had a National Winner was in 1948. Good work Cauleen.

✠ **CHAPLAIN'S REPORT** ✨ *Communication isn't easy.*

Simply let your yes be yes and your no, no. Matthew 5:37
The foundation for this is trust. We cannot have high quality communication without high-level trust. With great trust there can be great communication. With little trust there is little communication. With no trust there is no communication. If we cannot be trusted who cares about our great words. We erode trust in four very familiar ways. **Lies**- always told in the absence of trust. **Flattery**, A positive lie to increase your standing in another persons' eyes. **Broken Promises**, committing to something, and then going in a different direction-then making an unwarranted excuse. **Silence**-Its great to be a good listener but there are times when talking is necessary to communicate. Just think of the trust that can be built or rebuilt with just an honest yes or no. **QUESTION**-Is is the way I am using my words eroding trust or building trust?

PRAYER: "Forgive us Father, for the ways we are spoiling your creation and ourselves for taking it for granted. Make us, grateful for the smallest of Blessing"

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

*Joseph A. Abdallah Joseph E. Bryan Howell W. Keen Thomas J. Mathis
Rocco Morabito John H. Peavy Richard W. Solomon Donald T. Zelek*

Keep these Legionnaires and their families in your thoughts and prayer. Remember our legion family members who are sick or in nursing homes. Pray for our active duty military where ever they may be, LORD keep them from harm. GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

For GOD and Country, Tony Romano

40/8 VOITURE 304 NEWS ARTICLE

NEWS; Our web site is in place and ready for input from the Voiture and Cabane.

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

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

EVENTS: Election: Election of Officers for the Locale will be on May 7.

Awards Ceremony will be in May 9. Attitude adjustment will be at 6, with dinner at 7.

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 96%. See Chef de Train Ray Runyan and he will take care of

getting you renewed if you haven't done so already.

Yours' n Service, Ron Garland, Chef de Gare

CABANE 304

AWARDS NIGHT; You are going to get yours. Just be sure you are at the Chateau by 6 pm

We will be SOCIAL until the dinner hour at 7 pm. After dinner will come the rewards for all our hard work all year long. That is right! AWARDS AWARDS AWARDS. Good Luck to everyone.

We will not be doing a meal in May.

I will be in Texas by the time we have Rendezvous on the 26th. Merci, to Dame Diane ahead of time for filling in for me while I am away on my trip.

REMEMBER WE WILL GO TO GRANDE IN JUNE. FUN, FUN, FUN and a little work.

MERI, SANDRA GENTRY. LA PRESIDENTE, CABANE 304



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CLUB MANAGER'S REPORT May is an exciting month here at your Club.

There will be lots of goings on for your Dining and Entertainment enjoyment Boat/Trailer Passes go on sale May 1st. Holiday Camping/RV spots are limited. See Barry Congressi to reserve your spot soon.

Saturday May 2nd is our Annual Luau at our Tiki Hut. Music outside will be by **Jim Craft** from 2 to 6 pm. A Smoked Pork Dinner will be provided for a \$5.00 donation at 4 pm. Come on out in you Best Luau dress and enjoy a tropical a vacation here in town.

Saturday May 3rd Annual Veterans Car Show. We will have an “Open to The Public License,” so tell everyone to come on out and see some **Great Cars.** enjoy some good food and music by the pool.

Memorial Day Monday May 25 will feature another full day at the Pool/Tiki Hut. C&Y will be serving Hot Dogs and Hamburgers in the Screened Room from 11 am to 3 pm. “**Guitar Red** “will entertain everyone from 12 to 4 pm poolside. Bill Scott and karaoke will be inside 2 pm “until.” The 40/8 will serve BBQ Chicken Dinners starting at 3 pm. Come on out and enjoy Memorial Day with all your Legion Family. Remember; there is always something going on in your Club, Come on out and enjoy our great facility. Serving Veterans & Members Daily, Bill Kelly

Sons of the American Legion

Lakeshore Squadron 137

sonsoftheal137@aol.com Meeting: Thursday May 14th 7 PM

Your Sons Membership is approaching 75% we need to get all members to renew, old members to reinstate and recruit new members as soon as possible. Job Well Done. 5th District meeting will be held at Post 137 on Sunday May 3rd any member wishing to volunteer to help can contact the Post Commander or myself.

All Officers of the Sons are requested to turn out in Uniform and, attend the Meeting. May 14th at our meeting we will again be taking nominations for Officers for 2009-2010 membership year. Please get involved; it's your Squadron.

May is the time to start totaling up all our hours of service to the Post & Squadron so we may get credit on our yearend report.

A Special Thanks to all Squadron Members who donated their time, effort, blood, and money this year. Job Well Done.

For GOD, Country & Our Legion Family Squadron Commander
Bill Kelly

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FROM THE OTHER SIDE A Memorial Day Story: By Patrick Camunes

At first there was no place for us to go until someone put up that Black Granite Wall. Now, every day and night, my Brothers and my Sisters wait to see the many people from places afar file in front of this Wall. Many stopping briefly and many for hours and some that come on a regular basis. It was hard at first, not that it's gotten any easier, but it seems that many of the attitudes towards that war that we were involved in have changed. I can only pray that the ones on the other side have learned something and more Walls, as this one needn't be built.

Several members of my unit and many that I did not recognize have called me to the Wall by touching my name that is engraved upon it. The tears aren't necessary but are hard even for me to hold back. Don't feel guilty for not being with me, my Brothers. This was my destiny, as it is yours to be on that side of the Wall. Touch the Wall, my Brothers, so that we can share in the memories that we had.

I have learned to put the bad memories aside and remember only the pleasant times that we had together. Tell our other Brothers out there to come and visit me, not to say Good Bye, but to say Hello and to be together again, even if only for a short time and to ease the pain of loss that we all share.

Today, an irresistible and loving call comes from the Wall. As I approach I can see an elderly lady and as I get closer I recognize her..... It's Momma! As much as I have looked forward to this day, I have also regretted it because I didn't know what reaction I would have.

Next to her, I suddenly see my wife and immediately think how hard it must have been for her to come to this place and my mind floods with the pleasant memories of 30 years past. There's a young man in a military uniform standing with his arm around her.....My God! it's...it has to be my son. Look at him trying to be the man without a tear in his eye. I yearn to tell him how proud I am, seeing him standing tall, straight and proud in his uniform.

Momma comes closer and touches the Wall and I feel the soft and gentle touch I had not felt in so many years. Dad has crossed to this side of the Wall and through our touch, I try to convey to her that Dad is doing fine and is no longer suffering or feeling pain. I see my wife's courage building as she sees Momma touch the Wall, and she approaches and lays her hand upon my waiting hand. All the emotions, feelings and memories of three decades past flash between our touch and I tell her that it is all right. Carry on with your life and don't worry about me.....I can see as I look into her eyes that she hears and understands me and a big burden has been lifted from her.

I watch as they lay flowers and other memories of my past. My lucky charm that was taken from me and sent to her by my CO, a tattered and worn teddy bear that I can barely remember having as I grew up as a child, and several medals that I had earned and were presented to my wife. One of them is the Combat Infantry Badge that I am very proud of and I notice that my son is also wearing this medal. I earned mine in the jungles of Vietnam and he probably earned his in the deserts of Iraq.

I can tell that they are preparing to leave and I try to take a mental picture of them together, because I don't know when I will see them again. I wouldn't blame them if they were not to return and can only thank them that I was not forgotten. My wife and Momma near the Wall for one final touch and so many years of indecision, fear and sorrow are let go. As they turn to leave, I feel my tears that had not flowed for so many years, form as dew drops on the other side of the Wall. They slowly move away with only a glance over their shoulder. My son suddenly stops and slowly returns. He stands straight and proud in front of me and snaps a salute. Something makes him move to the Wall and he puts his hand upon the Wall and touches my tears that had formed on the face of the Wall, and I can tell that he senses my presence there and the pride and love that I have for him. He falls to his knees and tears flow from his eyes and I try my best to reassure him that it's all right and that the tears do not make him any less of a man. As he moves back wiping the tears from his eyes, he silently mouths, 'God bless you, Dad'.
God bless YOU, Son. We WILL meet someday but in the meantime, go on your way. There is no hurry.
There is no hurry at all. As I see them walk off in the distance, I yell out to THEM and to EVERYONE there today, as loudly as I can, 'THANKS FOR REMEMBERING'. Submitted by Frank Madigan

LEGIONNAIRES

Each year, in June the American Legion holds elections for Post officers. The election process is good for the organization. Post representatives that may be changed or retained will assure that organizational expectations will continue appropriately.

During the days and weeks leading up to an election, deceptive tactics are sometimes deployed. Please let's all work to ensure our election process is dignified and respectful. It is important that the election process is good for all of us.

In democratic societies campaign signs in good taste are allowed. These items can be mounted on the wall in the hall on the left hand side as you face the TV.

“The right to vote freely for the candidate of one's choice is of the essence of a democratic society, and any restrictions on that right strikes at the heart of representative government.”

CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN, *REYNOLDS V. SIMS*, 1964

AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello Ladies, I would like to start by saying that our Police/Fireman Dinner was a great success. They all enjoyed a wonderful dinner served by our JROTC students and the stuffed animals went over fantastically. We had well over 100 animals which were all gone by days end and are starting to collect for next years dinner.

Everyone had a great time at the Past Commanders/Presidents dinner. Then came the Easter Party complete with the Easter Bunny and our very own clown. We had approximately 50 children in attendance. Please no more pill bottles or coupons until I can get things running again. Sulzbacher has too many pill bottles and will contact me when they are ready for some more and a break is needed on the coupons. Thank you

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all for your past support and I look forward to your support on these programs in the future. Officer
Nominations will be May 7th at our regular meeting and nominations from the floor and elections will be on June 4th at our
regular meeting.

Get nominated or
nominate someone.
Anita Lee,

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AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Sorry that I missed March's bugler and that my input didn't get put in for April.

Things are going well for the riders at this time; our last two dinners went very well. Our changing of the meeting date from Wednesday to Saturday seems to be a wise choice, it appears we have a few more members show up now, which is wonderful, and we are also going on a ride after the meeting.

In Feb. we went to Post 88 and Post 283, in March we went to the post in Middleburg and to Whitey's Fish Camp. We are trying to visit other posts after our meetings to get to know some of the other riders. Everyone welcomed us and made us feel right at home. I'm sorry to say that I didn't get to go on that outing because of the knee surgery, cannot get on my bike just yet but soon.

We are making plans and working on our bike show that we will be holding on Oct. 3, 09. know. Once again I just want to thank everyone for their support and also remind you that if you have email and you haven't received anything from me yet please email me yet please email me a ssherry15@yahoo.com with your email address so that I can add you to the list, because I'm always sending out emails to let everyone know what is going on and if there is any rides taking place.

For GOD and Country, Sherry Shelton

JROTC & JR. SHOOTING

This year has been a pretty good year for the JROTC units that Lakeshore Post 137 Sponsors. It started off with N.B. Forest AFJROTC helping with the deployment ceremony and family picnic that was sponsored by the American Legion Dept. of Florida 5th District. Then the drill meets

started fast and furious starting with the NSI meeting at Ed White and then on to N.B. Forest Air Force drill meet. The Police and Fireman's appreciation dinner was helped out by 4 cadets from Orange Park NJROTC and 8 junior shooters from Gateway 4-H Shooting Team. It was a long

day for most of the cadets and shooters because the day before they were in Brunswick for the NJROTC Regional Drill Meet. Thanks to both groups for helping out the way you did. If it was

not for your help the dinner would not have been a success that it was. The American Legion Birthday dinner came next and the cadets from Mandarin NJROTC helped by serving, busing

and cleanup. Thanks to Master Chief Waddell and Cadets. For the last couple of weeks and the

next couple of weeks the JROTC are having their awards. Ceremonies and Military Balls, you

know where I will be. Well until next time may the wind be at your back and the sun shining in your face. For GOD and Country, Bob Meyers,

POST 137 JROTC and JR. Shooting Chairman