

American Legion Post 129

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May 2014

Upcoming Events

- **May 1**
6:00 Planning Board
6:30 E-Board
7:00 Auxiliary
7:30 General meeting
- **May 8**
7:00 40&8 and Cabane
- **May 17**
10:00 ALR meeting
- **May 26**
2:00 Memorial Day Service, Veteran's Park
- **May 28**
6:00 S.A.L. meeting

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Commander's Corner by Danny Rodriguez

I am happy to report that we are at 103%. Thank you to all that have renewed and thank you to those that have brought in new members

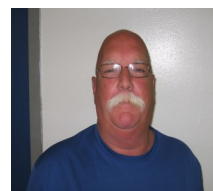
At the time that I am writing this the elections have not happened yet. But I can tell you that we have done some great things for our community. We raised the money to buy 2 Kevlar vest for the K9's of Jacksonville Beach Police Department. Also we helped with the beaches Easter Egg Hunt. And again we have given the Legion medals to recognize the 2 cadets of the AFJROTC for military excellent and outstanding academics. WE also supplied the K9's for Warriors with more treats for training. The "Hooked on Fishing,

not drugs" is coming up. Our Chaplin, Brian and his girlfriend have donated some fishing poles for the event. Thank you guys.

I am looking forward to conference to see how well the post and the family are going to shine even more. I want to see us grow. Like I said when I was elected that I wanted us to support and work on the 4 pillars. And we have and let us keep up the great work. I also am asking that all the members that have done work on the four pillars to report their hours and if you had given monetary gifts please tell us, we report these to national and lets them know what we are doing. In case you don't remember what the 4 pillars are they are Veterans, (continued on page 3)



*For
God
and
Country*



Comedy Night is back..Sat May 3rd

Danny Niblock has worked clubs from coast to coast and appeared regularly on the Lex and Terry Radio Network and Sirius Satellite Radio. His comedy is clever and to the point. Whether it's sports, politics, family or religion this New Jersey native tells it like it is!

Brian Thomas has quickly created a foothold in the world of comedy by learning from some of the greats. Opening for some of the best comedians touring including Bill Burr, Kevin Hart and Louie Anderson. He uses his sarcastic, sometimes silly style of comedy to relate his experiences as a

bald fat guy, that still lives with his parents (and grandmother).

Tickets are now on sale at the canteen. Tickets cost only \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Remember these guys are Nationally Touring Comedians. Do not miss this show.

Auxiliary News

by Kelly Bush

We will hold elections for new officers on Thursday, May 1st, at 7:00 p.m. Please consider becoming an Officer or Chairman to help with our many great programs & service projects!

This will be the 20th year the American Legion Post 129 has sponsored the Jacksonville Beach Children's Event Hooked on Fishing. The event is being held on Saturday, May 3rd at Huguenot Lagoon in Jacksonville Beach from 8am to 1pm. Volunteers are needed to assist at the event. Please see John Burroughs or Jerry Brandt for details.

Memorial Service will be held on Monday, May 26, at 2:00 at the Veterans Park by Post 316.

Thank you all for your wonderful volunteerism and hour reporting; we turned in some great reports this year. Start keeping track for next year's reports. I appreciate all of the Chairmen who completed reports and especially, Mary Ellen Bolin, for her help in getting the hours in the right place.

Save the date of Saturday, June 7, for a fun-filled show, more details to come soon!

Yours in service, Kelly Bush, ALA
Unit 129 President



A Happy Volunteer

American Legion Riders by Lee Fair

ALR final nominations and elections will be held at our May 17th meeting. Bike night is Saturday May 3rd. Thanks to everyone that participated in our April Functions. This month ALR and SAL are combining efforts at our Friday night meals we need help at both of them. The money raised will help with the Finnegan elementary trip to Cape Canaveral trip. We have had a lot of help from our members for our meals, but we need more volunteers who have the ability to

Prepare these meals. Richard Jordan has been stepping up to make sure our meals are successful. Thank you Richard for all your hard work and dedication. We have a great group of members making sure our functions are successful. The Legacy run meet and greet was very good. Everyone attending complimented us on a job well done, thanks to all who participated. Thank you Brandy for making sure that we had extra bartenders on and no one had to wait

Thank you Jim for wearing the arm band for John Cobb the entire ride.

RIDE SAFE1

Lee Fair, Director



Officers for 2013—2014

Commander.....Danny Rodriguez
1st Vice.....Don Grzena
2nd Vice.....Terry Stickle
3rd Vice.....Stephanie Cain
4th Vice.....Frank DeCoste
Sgt at Arms.....A.K. Rogers
Adjutant.....Jerry Brandt
Judge Advocate.....Bob Wilson
Finance.....Bob Schlatter
Chaplain.....Brian Hancher
Service Officer.....Robert Schmitt

<i>E-Board Members</i>	<i>House Committee</i>
Deborah Left	Bill Wilson
Tommy Williams	Frank Redmond
Lee Fair	Rich Hansberg
Chuck Nist	Kathy Jewell (Aux)
Robert Schmitt	Dale Peterson
	Nolan Bomar

Auxiliary President,
Kelly Bush
Commander S.A.L.,
JD Kapeghian
Chef De Gare 40 & 8,
Marie Kraemer
La Presidente, Cabane 215,
Louise Bagdasarian
AL Riders Director
Lee Fair

Commander (continue from page 1)

Child Welfare, National Security, and Americanism. We can all help by just donating a little time by volunteering.

So we have been playing a game called the "Queen of Diamonds", the rules are posted in the post. Just to let you know that the pot is now over \$1300.00, so now is a good time to get in on it.

We are still looking for people to help in the kitchen. Terry said that he is coming back but I feel that he may need help for awhile. And with Richard going back to WV. I am looking for help with the lunches. Remember if you like the dinners help support the kitchen.

40 & 8 News

by Marie K Spine, Chef De Gare

This is the time of year when numbers need to be tallied for our annual reports. Remember everything can count.

Upcoming events: Voiture Elections are going to be held at the Promenade on 08 May 2014; Grand Chef & Madame President's Homecoming 17 May 2014 in Crystal River; Memorial Day Ceremony 26 May 2014 at The Beaches Veterans Memorial Park, adjacent to American Legion Post 316; Grand Promenade 20-21 Jun 2014, Sebring.

Voiture Installation will likely be at the July promenade, on 10 Jul 2014. More information to follow.

Voyageurs, how would you like to win your 2015 dues paid by the Voiture? It has been passed that the Voyageur who nominates the highest number of eligible candidates between now and June 1, 2014 would have their 2015 dues

paid by the Voiture.

In an effort to improve communication, I would like to create an e-mail listing for Voiture 215. Please send me an e-mail with V-215 in the subject line and your name in the text block. Dames are welcome to be included in this list, just put C-215 in the subject line. Thank you. (If you are receiving this by e-mail, then I already have your information.)

Our next Cheminot and Promenade will be 08 May 2014 at 1900. I am looking forward to seeing everyone there, so please mark your calendars.

For any questions, concerns, comments, or suggestions I can be reached at e-mail address: gamblerk@hotmail.com or via text message at 352-697-1749. Please indicate 40/8 or 215 in the subject line. Thank you for your support.

One More Parade

by Michael Diercouff

An old man stood
Apart from the crowd
Stooped and frail with his heart
beating proud

He shakingly salutes
As his beloved flag passes
And tears well up behind his thick
glasses

Time was when
He was a strapping young man--
Who'd never set foot on a foreign
land

Then his country called
And he reported for duty--
Leaving behind his soft-eyed beau-
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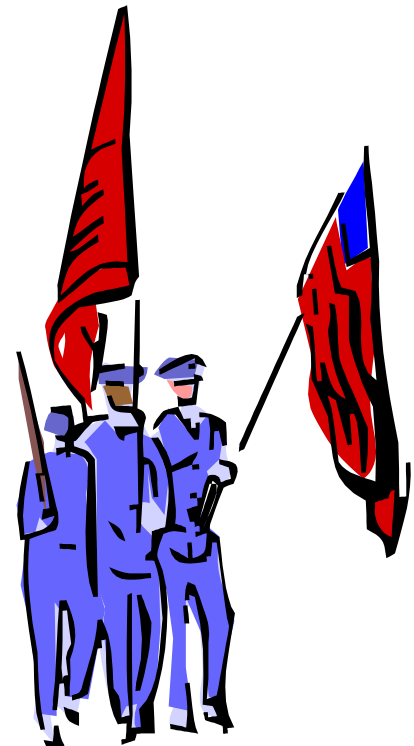
New friendships were forged
On the battlefields plenty--
He lived a whole lifetime before he
was twenty

Some of his pals
Were felled by the shots--
Time claimed the rest who now lie
in plots

He gave all he could
And would gladly give more
If time could turn backward to a
more distant war

One more Parade
And I stand midst the throng
But I'll stand apart too, once my
buddies have gone

by Michael Diercouff
Member of American Legion Post
129



Canteen Update

by Brandi Roberts



Kevlar for K9's was a huge success!!! Thank you to everyone who helped us reach our goal of raising \$1800 so that we could donate two Kevlar vests to the Jacksonville Beach Police department! All it took was a 50/50 raffle (*ALR*), one night of steak bingo(*SAL*), one Chinese auction(*Legion*), a Low Country Boil dinner(*Post Family*), Dinner at the Knights to Remember event (*ALR*), Fish Sandwich Lunch last weekend (*Legion*), a ton of Jell-O Shooter sales(*Canteen*), anonymous donations for our wonderful members, and finally a donation for the Auxiliary for us to reach our goal. Once again this proves that when we work together this Post can

accomplish amazing things!!! It took less than one month for us to reach our goal! You guys are awesome!

This month we hold our annual Comedy Night on May 3rd as well as the ALR Bike Night. The Cabane is holding their annual rummage sale on May 9th and 10th, all donations for the event are appreciated and can be brought in AFTER May 4th.

Sunday night game night has been a huge success! Stop on by around 6pm and give it a shot! Everyone is having a great time. Richard is doing a wonderful job

in the kitchen during lunch. If you haven't stopped by now is the time!! He is serving lunch Tuesday through Friday from 11am to 3pm.

With the event hall looking better than ever the dates are starting to fill up! So if you know anyone that is looking for a venue to hold a wedding, birthday party or other celebration please let them know that the hall is available for rent and to contact Brandi at the Post.

We know there is a lot going on at our Post and in an effort to keep everyone informed of all the great events, meals, activities, and (continued on page 7)

Dear Ethel....

Dear Ethel: I have a very dirty job, and my mom washes all my cruddy, smelly work clothes. What can I give her for Mothers Day as a special thanks? —Stinky Pinky

Dear Pinky: A lifetime laundry service and a diamond rink. (Phew!) :

Dear Ethel: I understand that cookbooks are the best sellers in bookstores, and I want to write one. What do you think?— Siimmerin' Scribe

Dear Scribe: Could be lucrative, maybe even more so if you raffle off a new dishwasher to your book buyers..



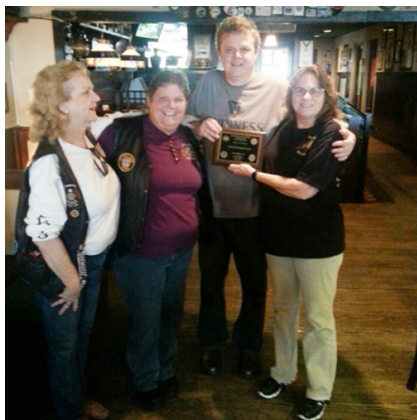
If you have any questions for the "Ask Ethel" column, she would appreciate your input. Send the questions to Ethel at: triplejj@comcast.net

Wall of Honor

We are attempting to start a new tradition at American Legion Post 129. We would like to place up pictures of all ACTIVE DUTY Personnel, in Uniform on our wall.

Please give a picture of your service person to the Commander Danny Rodriguez or Jerry Brandt

THANK YOU.....



A plaque was presented to Lynch's Irish Pub for their donation for Wreaths Across America. Presenting the plaque was Patty Kapeghian, Deborah Left and Cathy Berry

Legion Lore

by Jack Hardebeck



Line dancing is very popular in the American Legion. That's not surprising since standing or moving in line is such a frequent occurrence in our armed forces; e.g., getting in line for chow, muster, inspections, marching, etc. The difference is that line dancing is fun.

Until I joined the Legion, I didn't really know anything about line dancing. I suspected that it was a form of entertainment in which the dancers jigged about, growling at one another, like angry lions. Then I found that is not true, including at the Lions Club meetings. Line dancing generates miles of smiles.

Unfortunately, line dancing would be impossible for me to learn, because, in effect, I have two clumsy left feet, and both are size 15. They're great for stamping out fires, and I might be able to ski without skis. On the dance floor, however, they're potentially dangerous weapons. When I was playing football, all I had to do to bring down an opposing ball carrier was accidentally step on his foot. Other dancers' feet, on seeing mine, shout yell "Retreat, on the double!"

In heaven, the angels must line dance, flapping their wings.

Thank You.....

The Legacy Run was a big success. A big thank you to all that volunteered. I want to thank the ladies president Kelly Bush, S.A.L. Commander JD Kapeghian and Noah Kapeghian for their many volunteer hours they gave us. Also Jim Whaley who donated items for prizes for our dart balloon game.

By Deborah Left



Cabane News

.....by Louise Bagdasarian

May is a busy month with our Yard Sale! If you have any donations, you can start dropping them off May 4th at our Legion #129. All Donations are appreciated! The Yard Sale is May 9th and opens at 2pm - 9 pm. and on the 10th 7am - 1pm.

Our Cabane is endorsing Vicki Gordon for La Grand Sous Presidente.

Would like to thank everyone who supported our Raffle in April and both prizes were happily received by both winners!

A reminder that the Grand Dates have changed (now) June 20-22

Don't forget Memorial Day ceremony's at #316 at 2 pm.

Our next rendezvous is May 8th at 7pm, also election of officers and reports due at that time as well, and mileage data.

Faithfully yours,
Louise Bagdasarian
La Presidente

Editor's Comments

by Sterling L. Phaklides

If you noticed on the May calendar that Lunches by Richard is ending. Richard and Cindy will be leaving us in July of this year to move to West Virginia. He has a lot of projects to complete prior to their moving so he is ending his work here early. We will miss them. They have been SUPER volunteers during their time with Post 129.

If you get a chance when you see them at the Post tell them Thank You for their leadership and work for the American Legion Family. They will be hard to replace.



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The World According to Meby Patty Rodriguez

Another month has come and gone. I want to congratulate all the newly elected officers for the 2014-2015 term.

The past few weeks have been a busy time for the entire Legion Family and there are many more fun and exciting events planned in the up coming months.

With Memorial Day quickly approaching I hope that everyone will take the time to truly reflect on what this day means. Is Memorial Day a home improvement day or garden sale? Or bbq chicken with burgers and hotdogs?

Watching kids run on the beach or catching a few rays or even a round of golf? Drinking games, accidents or endless traffic jams? However we choose to spend this holiday please remember the sacrifices and services of

the numerous American Soldiers and Veterans. Keep these awesome men and women in your thoughts and prayers. Have you ever extended a handshake, smile and a simple "Thank You for Your Service" to one of the many active duty military men or women that you might see just walking thru the mall or even the local Wal-Mart? It truly makes their day.

I also wish to extend a warm heartfelt thank you to one of our Legion members, Michael Diercough who has given his permission to share his poem: "One more Parade". His special tribute will soon be published.

I know that our entire Legion Family feels strongly about these following words for we express them on a continued basis.



"And I'm proud to be an American, where at least I know I'm free, and I won't forget the men who died, who gave that right to me and I'll proudly stand next to him to defend her still today, 'cuz there ain't no doubt I love this land, God bless the USA."

Lee Greenwood

S.A.L. News by JD Kapeghian



The S.A.L. and myself would like to give our condolences with great sorrow to our huge loss of our good friend Charles "Chuckles" Coe. He will be greatly missed, especially from the "dark side" of the bar. Please do not forget to sign up for the Pre Memorial Day Train Crawl, May 25th. Sign up as soon as possible so we will have enough T shirts available. I hope to see you there. On Friday, May 2nd, the S.A.L. and the ALR will be serving a prime rib dinner with a twice baked potato, bacon wrapped green beans, dinner roll and dessert. Pre orders only. All proceeds go to the Kennedy Space Center bus trip. On Monday, May 19th, we will be having steamed mussels with garlic butter wine sauce and toast points or slider sandwiches (TBD) with tator tots. I would like to say congratulations to our newly elected officers. Please, let's try to have as much success as we have had in the last several years. I would like to say goodbye

and thank you to all the outgoing officers from 2013. Richard Kasovich, Garth Collins, Charles Greico and most of all my buddy and my friend, Richard Jordan. I would like to wish him good luck in all his endeavors and adventures. Going to miss you buddy.

Thank you and goodnight.



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Canteen Update (continued from page 4)

specials we have started a weekly email. If you would like to be added to the list please send an email to Brandi at brandiroberts@att.net

As always we would like to thank all the members that help out around the canteen. There are too many of you to name but we hope that you know how thankful we are for your help. This canteen could not run without you!

We are continuing to bring new and exciting events to the post! If you have any ideas or would like to get involved please let us know. We can always use your help!

Let us know your needs, expectations, and hopes. We hope to serve you soon!



9 Hole Golf (Sat)

On Saturdays in April we continued to have fun hitting the little white ball. Come on down and join us. Give me a call (Sterling) at 294-4234 or e-mail me at sterling1960@comcast.net. I send out an e-mail every Tuesday to find out who will be playing the following Saturday. Individuals that are going to play need to let me know so that I can schedule the proper number of t-times. First t-time is around 11:15am. We have room for 20 golfers each week. Have some fun, join us.

Sterling



New Members



Let's Welcome these new members to American Legion Post 129

John Shuler	U.S. Army	Cheryl Cederholm	U.S. Navy
John Ruble	U.S. Army	Stephen O'Neill	U.S. Air Force
Andres Gonzaks	U.S. Army	Robert Cain	U.S. Army
William Garing	U.S. Air Force	Kevin Varsakos	U.S. Navy
Lloyd Hutchinson	U.S. Navy	<u>AUXILIARY</u>	
Rembert Arnold	U.S. Navy	Judy Moody	Cheri Cain
Ronny Scudder	U.S. Army	Kimberly Aquino	Barbara Smith
Daniel Brannon	U.S. Navy	Cari Eyre	
		Challenge yourself to go out and get one new member in May.	

Tuesday Golf..NEW

We have Saturday 9-Hole Golf and now we have Tuesday 9 Hole Golf. It all started on Tuesday March 25th at Jacksonville Beach Golf Club. Fees are great for the seniors (65 & up). 9 holes, \$14.26 with cart or walk for \$6:21, Non seniors will pay \$20.96 with cart or walk for \$12.89,. It will be a scramble format with first t-time at 12:04pm. Bob Fowler will need to know who is playing the next Tuesday by Friday of each week. Please contact Bob Fowler at: bobbowler47@bellsouth.net or call 904-813-2023.

Publicity Chairperson

Cathy Berry is taking on the task of American Legion Post Family Publicity Chairperson. She will ensure that any occasion or event that occurs within our Legion family will be distributed to the numerous publications available.

Please submit all events & dates to Cathy at michelobit@aol.com

"The Queen of Diamonds"

We now have a new type of raffle, "The Queen of Diamonds" will be played every Saturday at 7pm.

Information about the "Queen of Diamonds" will be posted in the Legion.

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BOOSTER LIST

Diamond Level, \$100+

Bob Schlatter (11/14)
In memory of F. Joe Cornell (10/14)
In memory of George A. Campbell (1/15)
In memory of James M. Chilton (1/15)
In memory of Arlene G. Chilton (1/15)

Platinum Level, \$100

In memory of Cindy Burroughs (7/14)
Vince Rogers (1/14)

Gold Level, \$50

Chuck & Sue Nist (4/14)
James M. Denholm (1/14)
Charlie Parker (9/14)
Bill Garrett (6/14)
Sally & Pearse Doherty (8/14)
Rush K Abry (2/14)

Silver Level, \$25

In memory of Brad & Gerry Terrell (12/14)
Sterling & Linda Phaklides (6/14)
In memory of Kim White (10/14)
Nicholas Patrizio (10/14)
P-Nut & Liz Wilson (11/14)
C.M. Walker (10/14)
Jack & Ethel (2/15)

Nick Patrizio (10/14)
Louise Taylor Braren (2/15)
In memory of Jim Forbess (11/14)
In memory of Donald Forbess (11/14)
Franklin Friers (3/15)

Bronze Level, \$10

Estelle Mellon (9/14)
In memory of Skip Hilliker (10/14)
William & Fannie Bivens (10/14)
Maddy Chitko (2/15)
Richard & Jo Ann Scoggins (4/15)
Robert Gomez (1/16)
Russell & Mary Lou Jones (9/14)
Pete Riebesehl (11/13) MIA Henry Koch
John & Gloria Molisani (8/15)

Let's
Fill
This
Booster
List
Up
Again