

# American Legion Post 129

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May 2013

## Upcoming Events

- **May 1**  
7:00 House Committee
- **May 2**  
7:00 E-Board & Auxiliary  
7:30 General meeting
- **May 4**  
Hooked on Fishing
- **May 5**  
9:00 Constitution Conference  
at Post 283  
2:00 Volunteer luncheon
- **May 6**  
Election of Officers (all day)
- **May 9**  
7:00 40&8 and Cabane meeting
- **May 18**  
10:00 ALR meeting
- **May 29**  
6:00 SAL meeting

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## Commander's Corner by Jerry Brandt

One of the things that are noticed within the Post, and that we have lost sight of, that this Post is our home, doors are left open, lights left on, items are left in the hall and not put away correctly, etc. Please remember, what would you do if a visitor walks into your home? We need to keep our Post presentable for our visitors, thank you for those who pick up.

You may or may not have notice changes around the Post, the patio area is coming along nicely, the New Back Bar, Front Bar, and the Stage area. Any ideas please let Brandi Roberts, Bill Wilson or myself know,. We want the Post to be something everyone can be proud of. We are currently looking for someone who can work with metal. We

would like a new Bicycle Rack for out front. Please let us know what you can do.

You may not be aware of it, but the Beaches Veterans Associations are working on putting a Veterans Memorial Park in at the corner of Mayport Rd and Atlantic Blvd. The Park is now working on a Chaplains Garden area. If you want to assist, bricks are for sale to help pay for this project, these bricks will have a name and other information engrave and will be placed in the walk. If you desire to have a brick for you or a loved one, please see any of the officers in the Post and they will give you the information for these bricks.

Speaking of which, the Post is planning to buy bricks for this (continued on page 3)



*For  
God  
and  
Country*



## Comedy Night.....Saturday May 4th

May's comedians promise to keep you entertained all evening!  
Debra Cole...Born on April 1st, is an Atlanta based comic known for sophisticated and smart humor that's presented with an authentic Southern Georgia twang. A former schoolteacher with a left-hook delivery, she confidently commands the stage with a unique spin on relationships, daily

observations, life as a comic, public school, politics, bad customer service, and her new role as mother. Having wide appeal, the men like Deb's sassiness and the women like her style. Relatable, southern, surprising and cerebral, Debra gives a performance guaranteed to push buttons and bring the laughs.

Angelo Cianfrocco...Eclectic interpretive dance, cheeky naughty stories, and misdirected enthusiasm are all tools Angelo utilizes to rally his audiences into a frenzy of laughter. Covering a range of topics from his confusing childhood and Italian heritage, to his understanding of relationships. Angelo has appeared on FOX NETWORK.

# Auxiliary News

by Cindy Jordan, Auxiliary President



What a busy May this will be. We have our Volunteer Luncheon, Post and District elections, Hooked on Fishing, Comedy Night, Bike Night, Memorial Day ceremonies and our Big Toot Crawl.

By the time you receive this letter we will have participated in the Opening of the Beaches with members riding on motorcycles, on Big Toot, walking, and our first ever Little Miss Poppy(s) to participate in the Beaches Opening Parade. Clyde and Nancy Aston's granddaughter's Alexis & Autumn were our Post and Unit's Representatives.

Thank you to all who participate in our activities. I started writing down members of our Auxiliary who have volunteered throughout this year and it is amazing to see on paper, the actual participation by our Auxiliary members Unit wide, Post wide, and Community wide. Thanks to all of you who turned in your hours and to Mary Ellen and Kathy for preparing reports to turn in for our annual reports to the District and State.

Speaking of Volunteer opportunities (the gift that keep on giving), we need volunteers for our May and June Auxiliary dinners. Get

with me if you have an idea or a theme and if you would like to proceeds of your meal to go to a specific fund. Steak Bingo is always well received and those funds can be designated to your fund.

Welcome new members, let us all be mindful of new faces, and introduce ourselves, every visitor could be a potential new member. All we have to do is ask. You don't have to be seated at the first two seats on the corner in order to reach out to visitors. That was a great idea by the way, don't you think.

As always, yours in service.

## S.A.L News

by JD Kapeghian



The S.A.L. would like to say a sad goodbye to Frank Polochak. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family. He will be dearly missed. Friday May 3, S.A.L. will be serving a stuffed chicken breast with home-made scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, dinner roll and dessert. On Monday, May 13th, Jack and Sue Gregory will be making their authentic Philly Cheese steaks

with fries, starting at 5:30. Monday, May 20th, we will have loaded nachos starting at 5:30 til...? Monday, May 27th, Memorial Day be sure to get in touch with either J.D. or Brandi to get details on the "Train Crawl" times and T-shirts. Thank you and goodnight.



## Husbands & Wives

My wife and I have a waterbed. She calls it the dead sea.

I just bought something to improve my hearing.....a plane ticket out of town for my wife.

His wife wanted a mink coat, so he bought her a rifle and a trap.

He's lucky. He has a VCR, a remote control, and a wife.....and they are all working.

## Officers for 2012—2013

Commander. ....Jerry Brandt  
1st Vice.....Don Grzena  
2nd Vice.....Terry Stickles  
3rd Vice.....Brian Hancher  
4th Vice.....Keith Helton  
SAA.....A.K. Rogers  
Adjutant.....Danny Rodriguez  
Judge Advocate.....Bob Wilson  
Finance.....Bob Schlatter  
Chaplain.....Robert Schmitt  
Service Officer.....Robert Schmitt

### E-Board Members House Committee

John Burroughs	Bill Wilson
Tommy Williams	Frank Redmond
Jeff Durden	Rich Hansberg
Chuck Nist	Kathy Jewell (Aux)
	Dale Peterson
	Nolan Bomar
	Dave Jordan

**Auxiliary President,**  
Cindy Jordan  
**Commander S.A.L.,**  
JD Kapeghian  
**Chef De Gare 40 & 8,**  
James Mayer  
**La Presidente, Cabane 215,**  
Paulette (Razz) Hilliker  
**A L Riders Director**  
Jeff Durden

## Commander's corner continued from page 1

Walkway. We will start with Commanders from the beginning of our Post in 1943 and work our way the present. Any donations would be appreciated.

American Legion Post 129 has been asked to host the Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Beaches Veterans Park on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Please attend if possible.

Elections will be held on May 6th. If you wish to run for an office, please see Keith Ingle or myself. The final reading for nominations will be held at our general meeting in May.

One last item, I would like to say Thank You, we have so many Volunteers, a luncheon will be held on

May 5<sup>th</sup> at 2PM to honor you. Please attend, a listing is on the wall in the Hall.

In Your Service

Jerry Brandt

Commander American Legion Post 129



## For the Good of the Legion

The commander will be available for all members Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 6pm to 7pm at the Post. Legion meetings are held the first Thursday of the month at 7:30pm. Please attend. As a reminder, the American Legion Post 129 is still giving away the Blue Star Banners. Please let the Commander know if you have a loved one in the military service.



## Armed Forces Day (May 18, 2013)

Many Americans celebrate Armed Forces Day annually on the third Saturday of May. It is a day to pay tribute to men and women who serve the United States' armed forces. Armed Forces Day is also part of Armed Forces Week, which begins on the second Saturday of May.

Many events across the United States take place on Armed Forces Day to honor Americans in uniform who served their country in times of war and peace. Those who are honored on this day include people who serve the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard. National Guard and Reserve units may celebrate Armed Forces Day/Week over any period in May because of their unique training schedules. Events and activities may include:

Multi-service military displays in areas open for the public.

Various educational activities that teach children about the armed forces.

"Support the Troops" themed motorcycle rides.

Large parades and other local celebrations.

Certain types of music are also played at Armed Forces Day events, including at memorials and at cemeteries, as a way to respect those in the armed forces who died for their country. For example, buglers have played a bugle call, known simply as *Taps*, on Armed Forces Day in recent years. *Taps* is usually sounded by the United States military at events such as flag ceremonies, memorial services and funerals.

On August 31, 1949, Louis Johnson, who was the United States' Secretary of Defense, announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy and Air Force Days. The event stemmed from the armed forces' unification under one department – the Department of Defense. The Army, Navy and Air Force leagues adopted the newly formed

day. The Marine Corps League declined to drop support for Marine Corps Day but supports Armed Forces Day too.

The first Armed Forces Day was celebrated on Saturday, May 20, 1950. The theme for that day was "Teamed for Defense", which expressed the unification of all military forces under one government department. According to the U.S. Department of Defense, the day was designed to expand public understanding of what type of job was performed and the role of the military in civilian life.

Armed Forces Day is still celebrated nationwide today and is part of Armed Forces Week.



## Canteen Update by Brandi Roberts



May promises to be a busy month here at the Post, starting with comedy night on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. We are only holding a few of these a year and I promise that you do not want to miss out. Tickets are available at the canteen. Then on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 2pm we are holding our annual volunteer luncheon. If you have helped with a meal, clean up, projects around the Post, bingo, or countless other ways then you are invited. This Post could not survive without our amazing volunteers and we want the opportunity to thank you for all of your hard work.

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 specials we have started a weekly email. If you would like to be added to the list please send an email to Brandi at brandi-roberts@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!

Mark your calendar for May 4<sup>th</sup>. Comedy Night returns! If you have been in the past you know that this is a night filled with laughter and great times. If you have missed it this is your chance to see what everyone is talking about. Tickets are now on sale in the Canteen. Tickets cost \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Hope to see you there.

## Ask Ethel....

**Dear Ethel:** Someone told me that the potholes on our streets are used by a few people to grow marijuana. Is this true? If so, I think it should be stopped.---Garden Gal

**Dear Gal.** Seems "improbable." Maybe the person who told you that has a pothole in his or her head.

**Dear Ethel:** The food served at Post 129 is usually quite a bargain for the donation requested. I notice, though, that we don't have oysters on the half-shell very often anymore. I guess they're pretty expensive at fish markets. Right?---Fisheye Fella

**Dear Fella:** No doubt. Probably, if you crack one open and find a pearl,

you broke even.

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



## Cabane 215 News by Cabane La Sous President Annie Anderson

Hello Everyone, May is finally here, that means hard work ahead of us. As you all know this is the month for our annual Rummage Sale. The sale will start on Friday May 17<sup>th</sup> 2 PM to 8 PM and Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> 7 AM to 2 PM. Please bring your discards to the Post several days before the Sale. I want to thank you all for your help and for

your items you donated for our Rummage Sale. Razz was here for a couple of days, she is finalizing her move to Ocala. She was in good spirits considering of what she and her family are going through at this time. Please keep Razz and her family in your prayers. Hopefully she will be able to come up for the Rummage sale

We won't have a Rendezvous at the Post this month we will be meeting at Billy's Boat House at 6 PM for some fun and food. Please let Wanda know if you are coming, she will make the reservation. Sorry Guys it is Dames or Ladies only. The Dinner will be Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup> 6 pm at Billy's. Please come and have some fun.

## Legion Lore

by Jack Hardebeck



"If you think education is expensive, try ignorance." Remember that one? I was reminded of it when reading the news note on page 52 of the April 2013 American Legion magazine. It covered the full college education benefit provided now to children of armed forces members who have died in the line of duty on or after September 11, 2001. It must be a great comfort to in-service parents, especially those on hazardous duty.

This also brought back memories of the World War II GI Bill. I used it to earn a degree at a state university. I was amazed at the number of

who either didn't take advantage of their educational entitlement or who used it for attending a program of less-ambitious nature, such as learning how to be a baseball umpire. Aside from the probable shortage of well-paid umpire positions, I think the working conditions aren't exactly pleasant, such as when an irate manager kicks dirt on your nice clean uniform.

I believe the WW II GI BILL is one of the most worthwhile pieces of legislation ever enacted. If it weren't for that bill, I might not be able to pay my bills.

## Elections.....

There are two things I don't like about our candidate. His face.

Our candidate always puts his best foot forward as soon as he can get it out of his mouth.

The most important thing in campaigning is sincerity, whether you mean it or not!

You know election time is coming close when the candidate remembers your name.

Nowadays a politician is a guy who divides his time between running for office and running for cover..

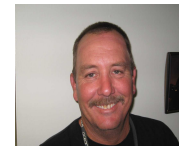
## American Legion Riders....by Jeff Durden



First I want to thank everyone that made ALR 129 a success, we had a great year and we have great years in front of us. We now have a poker run committee. The proceeds of the poker run will go to Wreathes across America. Please see Ed DellaPenna for all the information. Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> is the Elections

for new ALR officers, the bike night is the first Saturday, our ALR dinner and steak bingo is on Friday May 10<sup>th</sup>. This month is our ALR's fundraiser, the first drawing will be a block of scratch of tickets and we will have a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> drawings, please come on down to the Post and get your tickets. Hope to everyone

in a couple of months, I am back in brrrrrrrrrr country.



## Editor's Comments

by Sterling L. Phaklides

Well, it's that time again....to retire from being the newsletter Editor. I have enjoyed this role for the past few years, with a break a year ago when Jack Gregory took over the newsletter for a year. Lots of good memories but it's time to move on. It takes a lot of people to make this newsletter work....writing articles, helping to put labels & stickers

on the newsletters (preparing to mail them) all while working within close deadlines. I would like to thank the many people that have helped to make this newsletter successful. My last newsletter will be the June 2013 issue. If you are interested in taking over talk to Commander Jerry or the new Commander when elected. I will take

the time and help with the transition.

My contact information is: sterling1960@comcast.net or you can reach me on my cell phone 294-4234



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## Business Booster List

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Sterling Phaklides

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First month is FREE ( signup) Donation of \$100 for 6 months or \$175 for 12 months. Your business card will be placed on this page. Get your business name out in front of all American Legion Post, Auxiliary, S.A.L and American Legion Rider members. Contact either Sterling (sterling1960@att.net) or Post Finance Officer Bob Schlatter if interested. Spots available for Post 129 members only.



## Post 129 Projects.....Legion, Auxiliary, SAL & ALR

*It has been requested that we list the upcoming projects we have at the Post. These projects will be current and upcoming projects by the Legion, Auxiliary, SAL & ALR.*

1. Extending the Canape over the Entrance
2. Replacing the ceiling tiles
3. Rebuilding the East wall in the Game Room

### On going Auxiliary Projects

1. Coupons for troops
2. Blankets for Heroes
3. Donations of yarn and or cash
4. K-9s for Warriors  
cleaning supplies, towels, blankets, dog food and treats. Personal toiletries for Warrior
5. Campbell soup labels & box tops

If you would like to know more about these projects contact one of the Legion or Auxiliary officers.

If you can assist in any of these items, please see any officers, as a point on contact on these projects. If you wish to contribute with your tax-free donation to these projects, please make your check out to the American Legion Post 129 building fund. This building is almost 25 years old and need some loving care to keep it up; your assistance will be greatly appreciated. Also Officers, Legion, Auxiliary, SAL and Riders, please ensure your name and contact information is listed in the phone book in the Lounge area. This is in case someone is needed in an emergency.

### Upcoming Events continued

#### May 19th

Sandalwood ROTC Banquet at the University of North Florida

#### May 25th

Placing of the flags at the Warren Smith Cemetery

#### May 27th

Memorial Day Services at the Beaches Veterans Memorial Park

#### May 28th

Picking up the flag from the Warren Smith Cemetery.

## Saturday 9 hole Golf.....by Sterling

April 27<sup>th</sup> will be our 7<sup>th</sup> Saturday of 9 hole golf. Playing at the Jacksonville Beach Golf Course. T-times start at 11:16. Cost is \$20 which includes golf, cart and ½ bucket of range balls if you wish to hit a few before golf. We have a real good group to start with and more are coming on board. If you want to have some fun on a Saturday morning this is a group to join. Bunch of duffers and a few golfers. If interested give Sterling a call (294-4234 or better yet send an e-mail to

[sterling1960@comcast.net](mailto:sterling1960@comcast.net). Note: Ladies are welcome to join us.

Current golfers are Sterling, Richard Kasevich, Kenny Pigg, Lee Fair, Terry Bristol, Ray Street, Eric Hardebeck, Clyde Aston, Steve Galloway, Bob Schmitt... with new guys & gal to start this Saturday....Anita Street, Mike Barker & Jim Whaley. Hope I did not forget anybody.

Sign up and join the fun.



## A Few Laughs



I saw a man lying in the gutter and asked him, "Are you hurt or something?" He said, "I'm fine. I just found a parking spot and sent my wife out to buy a car."

A man went to the doctor who told him, "I've got bad news for you. You could go any time." The man said, "Great, I haven't gone for five days."

Things must be awful. The other day a going out of business

store did!

A man had no life insurance, but he did have fire insurance. So his wife had him cremated.

Life insurance payments keep me broke, but there's a silver lining in that cloud...when I die I'll be rich.

I just signed up for group insurance...if die in a group I get a hundred thousand dollars.

# The American Legion

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### **BOOSTER LIST**

#### **Diamond Level, \$100+**

Bob Schlatter (11/13)  
Sonny & Suzanne Sternberg (10/13)  
Barbara & Phil Milazo 4/13)  
Shannon Devlin & Gregory Stanford  
(11/13)

#### **Platinum Level, \$100**

In memory of Cindy Burroughs (7/13)  
In memory of Mark Higgenbotham (6/13)  
Frank & Margie Redmond (8/13)  
Vince Rogers (1/14)

#### **Gold Level, \$50**

Chuck & Sue Nist (4/13)  
J.J. & Helen (3/13)  
James M. Denholm (1/13)  
Jim and Mary Jo Davis (9/13)  
Charlie Parker (9/13)

#### **Silver Level, \$25**

In memory of Brad & Gerry Terrell (12/13)  
Sterling & Linda Phaklides (6/13)  
In memory of Kim White (10/14)  
Jack & Ethel (11/13)  
Garth Collins (7/13)  
In memory of USS Stark (5/13)

P-Nut & Liz Wilson (11/13)  
Nick Patrizio (10/13)  
Louise Taylor Braren (2/14)

#### **Bronze Level, \$10**

Jim Smith (8/13)  
In memory of Dottie Smith (8/13)  
In memory of Skip Hilliker (10/14)  
Martha & Roy Hauge (7/13)  
William & Fannie Bivens (10/13)  
Maddy Chitko (2/14)  
Pearse & Sally Doherty (2/13)  
Richard & Jo Ann Scoggins (4/15)  
Richard & Katy (5/13)  
Robert Gomez (1/16)  
Russell & Mary Lou Jones (9/13)  
Shorty Heiman (11/13)  
Towney Kennard (11/13)  
Pete Riebesehl (11/13) MIA Henry Koch