

American Legion Post 129

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April 2011

Upcoming Events

- **April 6**
7:00 House committee mtng
- **April 7**
7:00 E-board meeting
7:00 Auxiliary meeting
7:30 General meeting
- **April 9**
7:30 Comedy Night
- **April 12**
5:50 Donation committee
- **April 13**
7:00 Planning board
- **April 14**
7:00 40&8 & Cabane meeting
- **April 16**
10:00 Legion Riders meeting

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Commander's Corner by Lee Ingraham

As we start the month of April, I'd like to say we had a quiet March!! Now it is time to concentrate on MEMBERSHIP!! As of this writing, we are only at 75% renewals for this year. We have sent letters, made phone calls and we are finding a tremendous number of errors in our databases. We are working to correct those errors obviously because they keep us from being able to contact all of our members and some probably aren't getting this newsletter. Speaking of newsletters, we have reduced our mailing of the letter down to about 40 members. We are now down below the "Bulk Mail" minimum, so we have to put stamps on the newsletters now. But the monthly spending is far less than when we

started this Legion Year and were mailing close to 200. I again want to thank Sterling and Linda Phaklides for the superb editing, processing and mailing of our newsletter.

Softball season is upon us. The team has practiced in February and March will have its first game on April 3rd. Check the schedule on the bulletin and white "Good News" boards and please come out and support the team.

We have posted a nomination committee form on the bulletin board. Frank Bolin is chairing that committee whose purpose is to compile a list of legionnaires who would like to run for a (continued on page 6)



*For
God
and
Country*



Comedy Night at the Legion

Derrick Tenant (headliner). I am going to introduce you to "Lefty" in an attempt to adjust to it. My left arm is paralyzed from an injury. A former girlfriend somehow developed a separate relationship with it, I mean him. She called my arm "Lefty" and could be mad at me but still be friends with

Lefty??? Anyways, it stuck, It's weird, I know. I mean, I find stuff laying around the house. I'm pretty sure he has a job, a girlfriend??? Come to the show and I will introduce you to him. As for my comedy, I keep it clean. I find that most clean comics aren't funny,

and most funny comics aren't clean. I'm trying to help change that. I even started a business called BLEEPFREE Comedy where we do shows in clubs across the country with solid comics that are genuinely funny and bleepless. (Saturday April 9th)

Auxiliary News

by Candace Mabry, Auxiliary President



March showers bring April flowers...or I guess you can just use your sprinkler system! As I promised from the last newsletter I would like to introduce our 5 ladies that we are sending to Girls State this summer. As our chairman Marie Esler told me, it was so very hard to pick because all the girls were so great!! Our delegates will be: Morgan Langley, Brooke Hughes, Lace Lee, Melissa Matchet and Anna Morgan. Our alternates are Shannon Tamayo, Hannah Vollenweider, Carly Shore, Ashlee Hester, and Amy Strong. We were fortunate to "loan" 3 of our girls to 316 who were Darby, Courtney and Lauren. All the applications are completed. I cannot express

enough thanks to the interviewers this year – Trudy, Barbara, Marie and Pat. It was one of the toughest decisions we have had to make in the past few years.

By the time you read this, it will be too late to turn in your volunteer hours and the reports will be winding down. If you are interested in either an office or chairmanship, please let us know. We have some ladies that have been serving for some time and need a small "vacation". Even if you don't know what you would like to do, just please see one of us and we can guide in the right direction that will be perfect for you!

Membership is doing great, we are

in the 90 percentile. If you have not renewed, please do because now they are past due and we are looking forward to a New Year beginning in July. Keep clipping those coupons and if you know someone that has a child or relative serving overseas, please let Vicki Gordon-Haft know so she can send them a blue star banner.

If you like to decorate, shop, sew, or volunteer some "sweat" equity stay tuned because on the agenda for next year is a makeover project that you'll want to be involved! Stay tuned!



News from the Galley

by Danny Rodriguez, 2nd Vice

I would like to again thank everyone who has volunteered to do dinners in the galley this past month and looking forward to seeing more of you volunteering for this upcoming month. We really need the help. We have openings so please see myself, Terry or Brandi to sign up. I would also like to thank JD and his crew for oyster Monday. There are a lot of things going on

now that the weather is changing look for more fun events to come up. I am looking for help with a few BBQ's that I am planning. The first big one will be the opening of the beaches. I need help in serving and in the kitchen. So please let me know if you can. I would also like to thank Terry and Tom for their help with the St. Patrick dinner, and the 40&8 wreck weekend meals. I know

that a lot hard work went into it and it just helps make our post shine.



Officers for 2010—2011

Commander.Lee Ingraham
1st Vice.....Norm Sullivan
2nd Vice.....Danny Rodriguez
3rd Vice.....Don Grzena
4th Vice.....Terry Stickles
SAA.....Mike Barker
Adjutant.....Candace Kelly
Judge Advocate.....Bob Wilson
Finance.....Bob Schlatter
Chaplain.....Robert Schmitt
Service Officer.....Walt Fanton

E-Board Members *House Committee*

James Smith	William Wilson
Joseph Newberry	Frank Redmond
Sterling Phaklides	Rich Hansberg
David Jordan	Marie Esler (Aux)
Taylor Barker	Tom Dawson (SAL)
	Russ Rhodes
	Danny Henderson

Auxiliary President,
Candace Mabry
Commander S.A.L.,
Tom Dawson
Chef De Gare 40 & 8,
Kevin McCallon
La Presidente, Cabane 215,
Annie Anderson
American Legion Riders Director
Jeff Durden

For the good of the Legion

You may have noticed the sunken parking spaces in front of the building. As best we can determine they are a result of the new grease trap installation which was placed in that area. We are waiting for the contractor to examine and fix the problem. We are also going to ask him to give us an estimate to re-seal and re-stripe the whole parking lot. If you know of any contractor who does re-sealing and re-striping please let me, Bob Schlatter or Terry Stickles know so we can get a "2nd opinion."

If you have visited the Post in March, you saw that the canteen area has been re-done – canopy is gone, ceiling and walls painted and tables re-located. It looks GREAT – Thanks to Brandi, Jerry and their team!

Lee Ingraham

This Month in History by Tom Paine

As we wake up each day and check our sometimes hectic schedules, wondering how we will make it through the day.....The following did in fact happen this month in History:

Birthday's in April: Thomas Jefferson, Butch Cassidy, Shirley Temple Black, Lee Majors, actor, "Six Million Dollar Man", Willie Nelson, Tiny Tim, actor, musician, "Tip Toe through the Tulips", Adolf Hitler, Nazi dictator.

April 6, 1930 General Douglas MacArthur died in Washington, D.C. at the age of 84.

April 6, 1930 - Twinkies hit the market. The first twinkies were banana-filled.

April 9, 1865 -Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrenders to Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Courthouse, ending the Civil War. (1865)

April 11, 1900 - The U.S. Submarine Force was officially established.

April 15, 1912 -The Titanic hits an iceberg in the Northern Atlantic ocean as sinks.

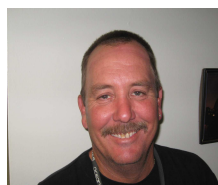
April 19, 1775 -The Revolutionary War begins.

April 30, 1913 -Gideon Sundback of Hoboken, N.J. patents the zipper (please check yours).

April 30, 1975 -The Vietnam War ended.

American Legion Riders by Jeff Durden

At our Feb. meeting it was voted on to move our meetings to the third Saturday of each month. Due to the back hall being used in March, we will still have our meeting on the 26th of March, (the fourth Sat.). We will start in April on the 16th, (the third Saturday). Please think about next years offices that you might want to hold. We will start nominations in April.



Laugh a Little

If God is watching us the least we can do is be entertaining!

If 4 out of 5 people SUFFER from diarrhea.....does that mean that one enjoys it?

How is it one careless match can start a forest fire but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?

The shinbone is a devise to find furniture in a dark room.

40 & 8 News

by Kevin McCallon, Chef De Gare

Comrades another month has passed and this year is flying by, The wreck is coming together nicely. The curtains for the tomb scene were professionally sewn together with a flag donated by Jimmy Mayer, Ellen of Blue water canvas spent numerous hours building the tomb scene curtains, good job Ellen. Good Job !! Jimmy Mayer, Pat Beamer and Chris McCallon for the dinner at Post

Fernandina Beach. Butch good job on the sound system this was a very necessary up grade we went from cassette deck to mp3 status. Unfortunately little toot has a few engine gripes so I pulled the train back to islander auto and hopefully John can fix the engine in a timely manner and hopefully it will be ready for the opening of the beaches parade, we will keep everybody informed of

the status. Memorial day is approaching soon and the 40/8 is slated to conduct a speech for the veterans. 2:00pm at post 316 services will be conducted for Memorial day. I will be processing the petite comunique very shortly. All reports need to be turned .

Canteen Update

by Brandi Roberts



Hello from your Canteen Staff, Join us on April 9th for Comedy Night. Ask anyone who has attended and they will tell you that it is a night of fun, and laughter. This month we will also be having a Wii Bowling Tournament again. So plan on joining us, it's always a great time!

We are still working hard at completing the canteen remodel and we appreciate your patience. Change takes time, but when it's all said and done the post will look great! We are happy with the new changes and hope you are too. We are working on getting another TV to run our current events, specials, pictures from around the post, and kitchen menu. We have found a program that allows us to turn in old cell phones,

cameras, and computers and they will give us credit toward new electronics. So we are asking if you have any old cell phones, cameras, or computers at home that you would be willing to part with please bring them into Brandi. If we get enough we will also be looking into getting a TV for the Pool Room and possibly a new computer for the Legion.

Another big change this year is that we have brought in the Florida Lotto! We are excited by this and hope you are too. If you play the Lotto please consider buying your tickets here. When you buy or cash in a lotto ticket the vender that you use gets a percentage, wouldn't you rather have your American Legion get that money then someone you don't know? 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 sign up on the bulletin board. 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! 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!

Ask Ethel

Dear Ethel: The new arrangement of TVs behind the bar is great. How about hanging one over the pool table? ---Cue Ball Pusher

Dear Pusher: I assume that, when you're between pool shots, you'd like to watch a favorite program. Have you considered the probable reaction of other players if a loud commercial erupts when the shooter is trying to make a tough

shot? Those pool sharks might start circling around you brandishing pool cues.

Dear Ethel: At steak bingo every Friday night, they tell jokes periodically. I recently heard one of the world's shortest jokes. Here it is: "Two peanuts are walking down the street. One is a salted." Get it?--- Shorter Jokester

Dear Jokester: Was the other peanut assaulted later?

If you have any questions for the "Ask Ethel" column, send the questions to Ethel at: triplejj@comcast.net



Cabane 215 News

by Annie Anderson, Cabane President

Hello everyone, first I would like to thank everyone for your help at the Northeast Florida First Coast Wreck. The basket of cheer was a great success. I hope that everyone had a good time with the little Irish Bingo games. The visit from our La Sous Presidente Linda Marriott went very well, merci to you all for attending the rendezvous. Remem-

ber our annual Garage sale is on May 13th and 14th. Please don't throw your discards away, donate them to the Cabane, this is one of our big fund raisers. Our next rendezvous is April 14th at 7pm, hope to see all of you there.



Legion Lore

by Jack Hardebeck

Sometimes military uniforms defy logic, especially the “dress” versions. For instance, I never have been able to figure the reason for those tall, fuzzy hats worn by the British palace guards. I’ve noticed that the guardsmen wearing them are always silent and poker-faced. I suppose that’s their demeanor because, if they let loose with a hearty guffaw, the hat might fall off and get them punished. The headgear is so weird-looking that the first time I saw a guard on duty in London, I thought he had a really long head with a great crop of hair on it.

I’m also mystified by the large, 13-button front flap on the pants for the WW II U.S. Navy dress blues that we swabbies wore. It didn’t

make any sense, especially when nature called. The explanation that it was supposed to represent the original 13 colonies of the U.S. has been debunked. I believe it was created by a tailor who had just started a button factory.

I’m ready
for Karaoke
Night!!



1st Vice Notes

If you have not renewed your membership please renew today! Our Post and Legion programs are important to this community, our state and nation. Help us keep the doors open and the programs running. We have recently sent out over 200 renewal letters and made over 100 phone calls but we need your help with renewal membership. We donated over \$53,000 to the community last year and we know we’ve made a difference. Your membership is important. Help us make this a better post.

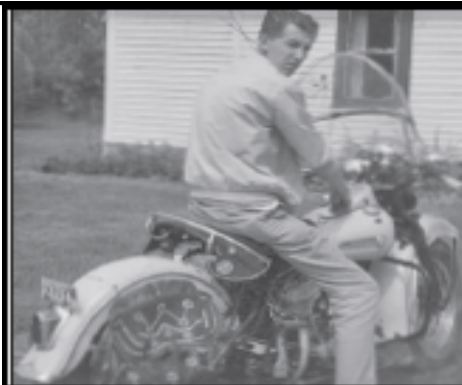
Norman Sullivan, 1st Vice

Man in Uniform

(Guess who this person is)

Who is the Post 129 member on the right? (answer in next months newsletter).

This individual was in the U.S. Air Force from 1963 to 1967. He was a Medic. This airman has been a member of the American Legion for 39 years. Really a nice guy.



If you are the first one to identify the person in uniform and notify Post Commander Lee Ingraham he might buy you a drink.

Last month’s Man in Uniform was Russ Rhodes.

Editor’s comments

by Sterling L. Phaklides

It’s time to take that next step & run for an office at Post 129. We need your leadership skills. Commander, 1st Vice, 2nd Vice, 3rd Vice, 4th Vice plus others. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. If you are not sure what the duties of these offices are just contact one of the current officers or with one of the individuals on the nominating committee.

We need more Post 129 boosters (see the current boosters on page 8) If your name is not on this list you can be added by sending a check attention to our finance officer, Bob Schlatter. We need your help. Thank you in advance.

Fishing is a sport with a worm on one end and a dummy on the other!

There is nothing a fisherman can do if his worm is not trying!

Good fishing is just a matter of timing. You have to get there yesterday!



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Legion officer position in 2011-2012. If you have any questions, please see Frank.

Bricks for Beaches Veterans Memorial Park& Chaplains Memorial Garden. Members of the Beaches Veterans Memorial Park, Inc are selling engraved walkway bricks to help fund the remaining phases of the park at Mayport Rd. and Atlantic Blvd. in Atlantic Beach. The park opened on Veterans Day last year, but organizers want to build a great lawn and a memorial to honor fallen Chaplains and members of the Armed Forces, by service, during U.S. Military campaigns. The brick sales will help fund some of these projects. Brick prices vary depending on your status, but will be no more than \$75 each. They can be engraved, with three lines of 14 letters each, memorializing those whom supporters that want to be remembered. Applications are available here at the Post and you can send tax-deductible contribution check to VFW Post 3270, 915 S. Eighth St., Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250, marked BVMP, call Liz Hill at 904 234-2692 or go to www.beachsveteransmemorialpark.org and click on "Click for Bricks."

Lee Ingraham For God and Country and Veterans serving Veterans

New Members

January 2011: Ronald G. Buchman, USMC, Vietnam; Glenda J. Carter, USA, Lebanon; Robert R. Deering II, USA, Lebanon; John Stuart Howell, USA, Lebanon; Randy Lee Rhodes, USA, Gulf, active duty; James C. Wineland, USAF, Vietnam; transfers...Dennis McDowell, Post 316; William J. Grill, USA, Vietnam, Post 400; Stephen M. Price, USAF, Vietnam, from Post 316; Carl E Waldron, USN, Gulf from Post 87; Christopher Wilson, USA, Gulf from Post 316;

February 2011: Troy Zapara, USN, Gulf, active duty; Dalton Ruth, USN, Panama; Scott McClure, USN, Vietnam; Timothy Pacheco, USN, Panama;

March 2011: Edwin L Malave Jr, USMC, active duty; Ralph E Muller, USN, Vietnam; Jack F Starkey, USCG, Lebanon; Gerald D Hollenbeck, USMC, Vietnam; William A Key, USAF, Korea;

My dentist said to me the other day, "I have bad news and good news for you." I said, "What's the bad news?" "You need root canal work". "What's the good news?" "I birdied two holes yesterday."

TAX Time

- ◆ It's a privilege to be able to pay taxes. If they keep going up, I may have to give up the privilege!
- ◆ The new IRS office is fully equipped. It even has a recovery room.
- ◆ A businessman told me that he had wanted his children to share in his business, but the government beat them to it.
- ◆ If I'd invested in taxes 20 years ago I'd be a rich man.
- ◆ Tax loopholes are just like parking spaces, as soon as you get there, they aren't there anymore.
- ◆ The IRS has finally put poverty within our reach.
- ◆ There is a new drink you can give a date. It's called the tax cocktail. If she drinks two, she withholds nothing..
- ◆ A tax auditor went to a home for a meeting. The door was opened by a girl of 10. Seeing who it was she called up her mother, "Ma, it's the tax man." The mother said, "give him a chair." The girl said, "If that's not enough should I give him the couch and table too?"
- ◆ I hate taxes. Every time my ship comes in the government unloads it!

The jokes above were taken from Milton Berle's private Joke File.

Service Officer comments by Walt Fanton

Below are web-sites that provide information on Veterans benefits and how to file/ask for them. Accordingly, there are many sites that explain how to obtain books, military/medical records, information and how to appeal a denied claim with the VA. Please pass this information on to every Veteran you know.

Nearly 100% of this information is free and available for all veterans, the only catch is: you have to ask for it, because they won't tell you about a specific benefit unless you ask for it.

You need to know what questions to ask so the right doors open for you and then be ready to have an advocate who is willing to work with and for you, stay in the process, and press for your rights and your best interests.

Board of Veteran's Appeals <http://www.va.gov/vbs/bva/>

Center for Minority Veterans <http://www1.va.gov/centerforminorityveterans/>

Center for Veterans Enterprise <http://www.vetbiz.gov/default2.htm>

Center for Women Veterans <http://www1.va.gov/womenvet/>

Classified Records - American Gulf War Veterans Assoc <http://www.gulfwarvets.com/ubb/Forum18/HTML/000011.html>

Compensation Rate Tables, 12-1-03 <http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/Rates/comp01.htm>

Department of Veterans Affairs Home Page <http://www.va.gov/> ;

Directory of Veterans Service Organizations <http://www1.va.gov/vso/index.cfm?template=view>

Disability Examination Worksheets Index, Comp <http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/Benefits/exams/index.htm>

Emergency, Non-emergency, and Fee Basis Care <http://www1.va.gov/opa/vadocs/fedben.pdf>

Establishing Combat Veteran Eligibility http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=315 ;

Fee Basis, PRIORITY FOR OUTPATIENT MEDICAL SERVICES AND INPATIENT HOSPITAL CARE http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=206 Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents 2005 <http://www1.va.gov/opa/vadocs/fedben.pdf> OR, http://www1.va.gov/opa/vadocs/current_benefits.htm ;

Geriatrics and Extended Care <http://www1.va.gov/geriatricsshg/> ;

Homeless Veterans <http://www1.va.gov/homeless/> e <http://www.hsrd.research.va.gov/>

(This list will be continued next month)



Cool Cars and Handlebars

Show your custom Truck, Car, Bike at this event. Proceeds benefit the American Legion Riders Charities.

Event: 1pm - 5pm the 2nd Saturday each month

50/50 Raffle, Drink and Food Specials, Trophys. Music by: DJ Cadillac Bob playing Rockabilly and Classics

1728 3rd St. Jacksonville Beach, Florida 32250 (on A1A)

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BOOSTER LIST

Diamond Level, \$100+

Jim Smith
Bob Schlatter
Dave & Pat
Terry & Tracey Stickles
Gary & Marie Esler
Clyde & Nancy Aston
Genell Kriner
William Walker
Fred St Clair
In memory of Joyce Weiss

Platinum Level, \$100

Barbara & Phil Milazo (1/12)
In memory of Cindy Burroughs 3/11
Carl Morrison (8/11)
In memory of Earl Parker

Gold Level, \$50

Bruce & Wilma Corbitt (3/11)
In memory of Barbara Thomas (8/11)
James Stinekraus (8/11)
Sterling & Linda Phaklides (5/11)
Sonny & Suzanne Sternberg (10/11)

Silver Level, \$25

Al & Ginny Terrell (8/11)
In memory of Brad & Gerry Terrell (8/11)
Jack & Ethel (11/11)
Bob & Pat Deptula (8/11)

Sam Kalasdian (8/11)
Thomas & Townsend (2/11)
John & Sandy Seroyer 4/11)
In memory of USS Stark (5/11)
In memory of Dean Ramon Esler (6/11)
P-Nut & Liz Wilson (11/11)
Bill & Fanny Bivens (8/11)
Nick Patrizio (4/12)
Frank & Marge Redmond (8/11)
J.J. & Helen (12/11)
Franklin Friers (3/12)
Mike & Diane Barker (3/12)

Bronze Level, \$10

Caroline Whelpley (5/11)
Ed Zazzarino (10/11)
Frank Brown (7/11)
George Layton (3/11)
In memory of Earl Parker (6/11)
In memory of Edwina Maccangno (4/11)
In memory of Jack W. Cox (2/11)
In memory of Sean Seroyer (3/11)
In memory of Dottie Smith (7/11)
In memory of George Rivers (5/11)
In memory of Skip Hilliker (10/12)
Charlie & Betty Parker (7/11)
In memory of John Kapeghian (6/11)
In memory of Jim Read (12/11)
Martha & Roy Hauge (7/13)
Joe & Pat Cornell (2/11)
John & Patty Kapeghian (5/11)

J.D. Kapeghian (5/11)
Scott & Christy Kapeghian (3/11)
Noah Kapeghian (3/11)
Larry Garner (1/12)
Louise Braren (6/12)
Maddy Chitko (2/12)
Pearse & Sally Doherty (2/11)
Richard & Jo Ann Scoggins (4/11)
Richard & Katy (5/11)
Robert Gomez (1/16)
Robert Schmitt (5/11)
Roy L. & Martha Lewis (4/11)
Russell & Mary Lou Jones (9/11)
Shorty Heiman (11/11)
Towney Kennard (11/11)

