

American Legion Post 129

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April 2013

Upcoming Events

- **April 3**
7:00 House Committee
- **April 4**
7:00 E-Board & Auxiliary
7:30 General meeting
- **April 11**
2:00pm District meeting at
Post 54
7:00 40&8 and Cabane meet-
ing
- **April 20**
10:00 ALR meeting
- **April 27**
Opening of Beaches BBQ
- **April 28**
Opening of Beaches Parade
- **April 31**
6:00 SAL meeting

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Commander's Corner by Jerry Brandt

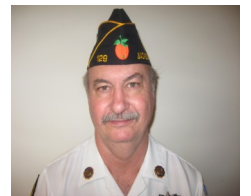
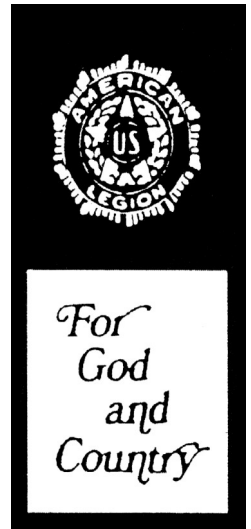
Please remember that this Post is our home, doors are left open, lights left on, items are left in the hall and not put away correctly, etc. What would you do if a visitor walks into your home? We need to keep our Post presentable for our visitors, thank you for those who pick up.

You may or may not have noticed 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 Brandy 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 if you can

help.

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 engraved 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 at the Post and they will give you the information for these bricks. Speaking of which, the Post is planning to buy bricks for our walkway. We will start with Commanders from the beginning of our Post (continued on page 3)



First Vice comments...by Don Grzena



Hi everyone!! I want to thank everyone for helping me get this Post membership to 100%. This is the fastest we reached 100% in a long time!! I mail out ALL the Korean War Certificates to all the remaining Korean Veterans that didn't come to the dinner. If there are any Korean Veterans that didn't get one

PLEASE let me know.

We will **NOT** be having a Softball team this Softball season. No interest. On a personal note, I will be traveling back to Michigan for my mother's murder trial. Trial start on the 11th of April. Please keep

Me in your prayers for a safe trip up and back. But most important, **PLEASE** keep my Family in your prayers for Justice and Closure. Thank you and I'll see you when I get back.....:)

Auxiliary News by Cindy Jordan, Auxiliary President



April is a pivotal month for us. Nominations for next year are submitted at this meeting, with elections in May. As I had indicated earlier, I will be out of town and Candace has graciously agreed to chair the meeting.

We need nominations for President, 1st Vice, 2nd Vice, (we have had one person who has expressed interest), Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, and Chaplain. These involve huge responsibilities and commitment, but as always, we have former Auxiliary officers who are available to mentor and assist.

March's dinner was HUGE, thanks to Pierce, Sally, Kathy, Bonnie, Mattie and the other men who as-

sisted in the preparation and delivery of the dinner. Thanks to Lynch's Irish Pub for their generous donation of the meat toward this meal. We were able to put more than \$400.00 into our Treasury. How exciting is that!

Wanda has agreed to have our Dinner in April. So let's support her and make sure that we support our Auxiliary dinner and Steak Bingo.

Hours Please !!! We have to have our reports in before April 15th. Please make every effort to get those hours to me so that we may include them for year-end. SO many of you contribute on a daily

and weekly basis to the good of our Post. Let us acknowledge that contribution not only locally but also to the District and State how hard we work toward our Post, our Unit, the Sons and Legion Riders.

To all who have been ill, our wishes to a speedy recovery. To those of you who have loved ones who are ill, our prayers are with them and with you, who are bearing the weight of caring for them. Most of us at one time or the other understand that devotion and dedication to those who have cared for us previously in our lives

As always, I thank you personally for the devotion and energy that (continued on page 7)

S.A.L News by JD Kapeghian



I would like to send out our thoughts and prayers to Tim Howie and family, for the loss of his brother Scott, a S.A.L. member. We would like to give many thanks to Garth Collins and Larry Rudd for helping me with the stage and many other projects last month around the post. 2013-2014 voting for new officers will be the Wednesday of the month. Please do not forget to cast your ballot. Friday the 5th the S.A.L. dinner will be stuffed chicken

breast, scalloped potatoes and other veggies at 5:30 til...The second Monday, April 8th we will be having the authentic Philly Cheese Steak sandwiches with fries starting at 5:30. On Monday, April 15th, we will have the famous loaded Nachos...again starting at 5:30. The sign up sheet for the Memorial Day Legion Crawl (Train Wreck) on May 27th, is up, please register as soon as possible so we know how many T shirts to order. Every month we ask for more

volunteers, we always seem to have the same few. But without their help we would not make it. Thanks to Jack and Sue Gregory, Richard and Cindy Jordan, Garth Collins, Patty Kapeghian and Richard and Shannon Kasevich for all their support and help, with everything. Thank You and Good night.



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

For the Good of the Legion

in 1943 and work our way to the present. Any donations would be appreciated.

The Post is over 100% membership, however, our goals are higher than 100%. If you know anyone who is eligible to join, invite them to do so.

The Korean War Certificates were given out on the 17th of February. If you have not received your Certificate please see Don G, the first vice or myself so we can order the Certificate.

Beaches Honor Guard was awarded \$2000 from the Legion, SAL and Legion Riders this past month. The Beaches Honor Guard does not receive payment for any of their volunteer functions, such as parades and funerals (their biggest) but exist only on donations. American Legion Post 316, V FW 3270 and Fleet Reserve 290 are the

primary donators to this worthy cause.

American Legion Post 129 has been asked to host the Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Beaches Veterans Park on June 14th. 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 2nd reading for nominations will be held at our general meeting on April 4th.

The Opening of the Beaches Parade is Sunday the 28th of April. If you want to be part of the parade, please see your President, Director or Commander. We give out 1000 flags every year. One last item, I would like to say Thank You. We have so many Volunteers a luncheon will be held on May 5th at 2PM to honor you.

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.



April Birthdays



Don Wilson	2	John Glochau	9	Tobias Moss	23
Paul Papevies	2	John Cellucci	13	Robert Schmidt	24
John Oberheu	2	Robert Dion	15	Calvin Coward	24
Robert Pratt	2	David Keul	15	George Speyerer	28
Joe Cowart	5	Wade Otis	16	E. Hutchinsor	29
Robert Johansen	5	John Halapchuk	17	Alberto Alcantara	29
Jimmy Woods	6	Frank Bolin	17	Andrew Foster	29
Charles Clayton	8	Alan Lilkendey	20	Andrew Banovski	30
Richard Hansberg	8	Raymond Lee	21		
Richard Scoggins	9	Philip Milazo	23		



A Special Thanks to the following: from Jerry Brandt, Commander

Repainting of the Canteen Area:

Jack Gregory
Garry Robinson
Dale Peterson
John Quimby
Fred St Clair JR
Butch Raines
Don Grzena
Carla Quimby
Michelle Kirai

Ray Gannon
Tom Crossin
Fred St Clair
Patty Kapeghian
Garth Collins
Brandi
Diana Kelly
Dee Blowers
Billy Jack
Suzie Braswell

Redoing the Panio Bar Area

JD Kapeghian
Larry Rudd
Garth Collins

Deck Area for Bicycle Rack

Jack Gregory
Kevin

Canteen Update by Brandi Roberts



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 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!

Mark your calendar for May 4th. 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 or you can buy them online. Tickets cost \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Hope to see you there.

May's comedians promise to keep you entertained all evening!

Born on April 1st, Debra Cole 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 (continued on page 7)

Ask Ethel....

Dear Ethel: They say that the love of money is the root of all evil. Do you think that's true?---Money Honey

Dear Honey: No. Anyway, we don't have to love it, but it's nice to live with.

Dear Ethel: It seems clear that winter is done here, and no snow.

that great?---Sunshine Sam

Dear Sam: Yep. Snow is rain that couldn't afford to move to Florida,



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, as you know our Razz is in the process of moving to Ocala to take care of her mother. Her mother is in very poor health; please keep Razz and her Mom in your thoughts and prayers. The Dames fun night out was great, the ones that did not attend you missed a very nice time. Please remember to save your household and clothing discards

for our annual Rummage Sale, we could also use some volunteer bakers for our Bake Sale, please let me know if you would like to donate baked goods. The rummage sale is the weekend of May 17th and 18th. Our next Rendezvous is the second Thursday April 11th at 7pm, hope to see you then.

Officers for 2012—2013

President	Paulette Hilliker
Sous President	Annie Anderson
Aurmonier	Vicki Gordan Haft
Drapeau	Louise Bagdasarian
Commissaire intendent	Kelly Bush
Conducteur	Carol Brickel
Garde de la Porte	Lanamae Cathey
Cheminots	Wanda Brandt
	Dianne Barker
	Summer Bush

Legion Lore

by Jack Hardebeck



The “Sequester” is apparently going to hit the Pentagon really hard. As usual, the politicians will no doubt eliminate equipment and personnel truly needed for national defense. Instead, why don’t they shift the gear and people so the job gets done more cheaply?

For instance, rather than discharge service members serving overseas, why not have them guard our borders? These folks probably wouldn’t be able to find civilian employment at home, and the spending of their salaries here would help the economy. Presumably, keeping illegal immigrants out would reduce the

cost of local law enforcement and welfare. Also, perhaps beer consumption in border bars by off-duty military border guards might increase profits enough to let the bartenders buy a Cadillac.

Also, some U.S. military cargo aircraft based in foreign countries could be converted into passenger planes and used to fly off-duty military border guards home, free, for liberty and leave. High-level military officers could serve in full-dress uniform as doormen and baggage handlers at border guard military barracks, no tipping allowed. (Sirs, that’s a joke, possibly.)

40 & 8 by Jimmy Mayer

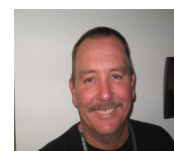
The 40&8th is starting a premier train crew club. For a donation of \$100.00 or more the donors name will be inscribed on a placard that will be located inside the cab of the Locomotive as testament to their support of the train operations and duties.

By the time you read this newsletter you will have missed the N.E. Florida First Coast Train Wreck hosted by V-1604 at Post 137. New Voiture wrecked in was Randy Whisman. Next Promnade will be 4/11/13. Hope to see you there.

American Legion Riders...by Jeff Durden

At our March meeting, we had the first round of nominations for next years officers. We will have nominations at the next two months and elections at the May meeting. We will be having our Bike Nite on the first Saturday of the month. We voted to donate to Florida Special Olympics along with the rest of the

Legion family. Our poker run will be in October for Wreaths Across America. We need to get together and start planning the run. I will be collecting your mile and hours for the commander for the year end report. Please bring them to the meeting or e-mail the to me. Thanks. Until next month, ride safe.



Editor’s Comments

by Sterling L. Phaklides

Does playing 9 holes of golf on Saturday mornings with other Post 129 members interest you?

9 Hole Saturday Golf. We now have one Saturday golf outing completed. Had lot of fun. The second Saturday golf was rained out. Sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board if you want to play. T-times

will start at 11:16am and 11:24am. Will add more t-times if we have enough golfers. We tried to get earlier t-times but none were available.

Give me (294-4234) or Richard Kasevich (707-8304) a call if you are interested.



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




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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. Placing bricks down to form a patio. (completed 2/2/2013)
2. Bell Tower was moved on December 14, 2012. Extended the cover over the patio.
3. Redoing the ceiling tiles in the back hall, pool table area and hallway.

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

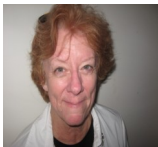
If you would like to know more about these projects contact one of the Legion or Auxiliary officers.

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.

Auxiliary News (from page 2)

you give our Unit every day whether called upon or not. Thanks to all of you who contributed to our basket(s) of Spring.

Always welcome visitors or unfamiliar faces. We are seeing an influx of new members and prospective members. New ideas, new energy, innovation to keep us as vibrant members of our Legion family.



Canteen Update....continued from page 4

cerebral, Debra gives a performance guaranteed to push buttons and bring the laughs,.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 in laughs.

Eclectic interpretive dance, cheeky naughty stories, and

misdirected enthusiasm are all tools Angelo Cianfrocco 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 based on a pornographic education, he goes deep yet keeps it friendly. Angelo has appeared on FOX NETWORK.



GOLF

As the pro told him, "keep your head down". While his head was down, somebody stole his golf cart.....

Two ants sat in the grass watching a duffer dig up the course. One said to the other, "Lets get on the ball before he kills us".

What a game. You can spend your whole day with hookers

and your wife doesn't care.

Golf isn't too expensive for me. I can't hit the ball far enough to lose them.

This morning I missed a hole in one by eight strokes.

Golf is FLOG spelled backwards

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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)
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