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Commander's Corner by Danny Rodrigues

Well to start off I want to thank you for having faith in me to be your commander. I am looking forward to meeting all the members that I can and get us off to the start of a great year. I would like to see this post shine like a bright star in the sky, and one that the Department of Florida and National will recognize. And with that being said I am going to remind all of the members that we have membership cards now. Please don't wait till the end of the year. We missed getting our 100% membership last year and I would like for us to get it early this year. So please send them in.

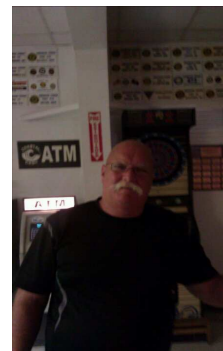
I am also looking for new members and we have allot to offer. Not only have the benefits of being a Legionnaire but for those on active duty we can help with community service programs to help you in your career. What better way an active duty member to help his community than to help fellow veterans.

As always I am looking for volunteers for everything from cooking in the kitchen to the Croaker tournament, and this year we are working on a golf tournament, and keep our building together. There are so many things that can be done and this post runs on volunteers help. So see me or any officer and we will get you pointed to the right people.

I would like at this time to thank all the officers from last year in their hard working keep us going and to all those that volunteers, Thank you from the bottom of my heart. You made it so easy to get things done and keep the post running.

I have the sad duty of reporting the passing of a Joe Newberry. He will be missed. And Thank you to all those who stepped up at service and helping.

We had the Fancy Pants fish fry again and thank you guys in those funny pants to the for a great meal.



For all upcoming events

See calendar insert

Ping Pong on Sundays

6 PM

Breakfast Every Sunday

9 to Noon

SAL Officers

Commander -JD Kapeghian

1st Vice— Mike Barker Jr.

2nd Vice—Danny Parker

3rd Vice—Scott Hardy

Chaplin—Robert Haag

Sgt. At Arms—Garth Collins

S.A.L. Notes by JD Kapeghian

The S.A.L. will have a membership drive to help bring us up to 100%. With everybody's help, by bringing in a friend, we should be able to make this a very productive year. So, talk to everyone you know, find out if they are eligible to be a member and get them into our post! On August 5th, S.A.L. will be serving a rotisserie chicken dinner. We need all the help we can get, either with dinner or the steak bingo. From the S.A.L. squadron 129, we like to thank you and see you there.

Auxiliary News

by Candace Mabry, Auxiliary President



Convention was exciting; my wish for next year is for more ladies to attend from our Unit. Kathy Jewell our Unit Historian last year was also 5th District Historian for Wanda Brandt. Kathy's formal write up of the 5th District's history received top honors from the Department of Florida. Congratulations Kathy we are all so proud of you. I need to recognize another very special member, Debbie Payne. She nominated our Unit 129, to her company as a non-profit organization that is trying to help Homeless female veterans. As a result, for the month of April the employees of Unisource donated monies so they could wear jeans on Friday. Ladies, make sure you thank Debbie, because her company raised \$500 for our Unit. Thanks so much Debbie!

I am happy to announce Ann Nicole has agreed to be our secretary next year and I was amiss not mentioning that Pat Cornell would be our Treasurer again this year. Thanks to you both. If you have not visited the canteen recently, please take a peek at the Auxiliary room. All the mildewed carpeting has been removed and replaced with a floating wood floor. Thanks also to the generous donations from the Dart league, Cabane, and 40 & 8 that donated monies to assist in the payment of the floor.

Thanks to everyone that helped with Christmas in July. Marsha Clifton you did an awesome job coordinating, cooking and advertising. Thanks to all the ladies that cooked and donated turkeys and ham. The cake walk and booze walk was fun and the quilt made by Carol Marks was an added treat that was auctioned off. It was a great way to kick off our new year.

Please come to the first meeting, Thursday August 4th at 7:00 p.m. We still need committee chairman to step forward, and thanks to everyone that has already said they can help.



From an internet source World War II



The instability created in Europe by the First World War (1914-18) set the stage for another international conflict—World War II—which broke out two decades later and would prove even more devastating. Rising to power in an economically and politically unstable Germany, Adolf Hitler and his National Socialist (Nazi Party) rearmed the nation and signed strategic treaties with Italy and Japan to further his ambitions of world domination. Hitler's invasion of Poland in September 1939 drove Great Britain and France to declare war on Germany, and World War II had begun. Over the next six years, the conflict would take more lives and destroy more land and property around the globe than any previous war. Estimated 45-60 million people killed. United States declared War on Dec.8 & Dec.11 -1941

Officers for 2011—2012

Commander.Danny Rodriguez
1st Vice.....Norm Sullivan
2nd Vice.....Terry Stickles
3rd Vice.....Pete Riebeschl
4th Vice.....Keith Helton
SAA.....Mike Barker
Adjutant.....Candace Kelly
Judge Advocate.....Bob Wilson
Finance.....Bob Schlatter
Chaplain.....Robert Schmidt
Service Officer.....Walt Fanton

E-Board Members House Committee

Keith Ingle	Bill Wilson
y	Frank Redmond
Tommy Williams	Rich Hansberg
Jeff Durden	Kathy Jewel (Aux)
Taylor Barker	Richard Kasevich SAL
	Nina Lott
	Dale Peterson

Auxiliary President,
Candace Mabry
Commander S.A.L., JD Kapeghian
Chef De Gare 40 & 8,
James Mayer
La Presidente, Cabane 215,
Annie Anderson
American Legion Riders Director
Jeff Durden

American Legion Riders by Jeff Durden



On Saturday Sep 3rd a poker run for a 5 year old child with cancer. Starting at Port 129 which check in at Post 129 and last bike out at 10:30 am first stop at Post 233, second stop Post 283, third stop at Post 54 then forth stop at Mayport Tavern ending at Post 129. Cost \$25.00 a rider and \$10.00 a passenger. Breakfast will be available at Post 129 for a \$4.00 donation. Prizes for the Poker hand will be determined by the amount of entries. On Friday, August 12th will be a ALR Steak Bingo and PORK LION DINNER. Please come out and support your ALR 129.

Help us get the information to the Beaches Leader by Razz

I need everyone's help in getting our events submitted to the Bchs. Leader. I will no longer submit an entry that just says Dinner. I need to no your main menu ingredient cost also would be good. I need to have your information by the end of the 3rd. week of the month so can get our first week of events in the paper, which we haven't been able to accomplish! Please feel free to email info to me at: razziyq2@comcast.net

40 & 8 News

by Kevin McCallon, Chef De Gare

Congratulations, Jimmy Mayer and Woody Scruggs for being the next Chef Degare and Commissar Inattendant.

This will be my last news letter as your Chef Degare, I had a great time and I hope that everybody else did also, To recap some of the events this past year, The Grand Wreck that Voiture 215 Hosted was a lot of team work and dedication, but we need to work on our membership to ensure the future of voiture 215 will always be an elite organization.

Our comrade Joe Newberry Passed, on July 13 and the memorial service was held at Post 129 At 1:00 pm the 16th of July Saturday We had a nice turn out for the officer's installation on the 14 July Thanks again Terry Stickle and Mrs. Stickle for the pizza and wing banquet. At this time I would like to give thanks for all the support from the people that really Came thru when times were challenging. Carroll Brickel, Carroll worked nonstop for three days straight as a bar tender at the Days Inn hotel, Carroll, GREAT JOB WELL DONE!!! Anni Anderson, Razz, and Marie Kramer great job for all the registration and all the other 50 something jobs that had tasks that had to be completed. The Cabane has helped the Voiture out so much this year, THANKS for everything. Great Job!!!! Joe Nolan, Pat Beamer, Bobby Richards, Jerry Brandt, Jimmy Mayer, Woody Scoggins, Danny Rodriguez, Chris McCallon, Butch Shadwell, Bob Schmidt, Don Brickel. Thank you all. Everyone will always remember the inaugural Grand promenade that Voiture 215 hosted

Every voiture should be proud of the sacrifices that they have made.

Congratulations 'to Danny Rodriguez who got elected as the new commander of post 129

Upcoming events August 18-20

Cripple Creek wreck v1219 Sept 13-17

Promenade nationale

Vancouver Washington

Sept 29-30

Sun coast wreck Signing off ,,,,ChefDegare,,, Kevin McCallon 2010-2011

Great job butch for reaching the over 100% membership campaign.

Canteen Update

by Brandi Roberts

Hello from your Canteen Staff,

We are continuing to make improvements to the post. Last month we brought another TV to run our current events, specials, pictures from around the post, and kitchen menu. Check it out next time you are at the post. Let us know what you think. We are always open to suggestions. Also we are looking for pictures to add on to the presentation. If you have any in digital form please feel free to email them to me.

Also this year, if there is an NFL season, we are going to bring in the NFL package if we can raise enough money. If we do you will be able to watch every televised NFL game right here at Post 129. If you are interested in donating to this cause please see Brandi. In addition we are working on bringing in some additional Smoke Eaters. This is a large investment and will take time to raise the funds but we have heard your complaints about the smoke and want you to know that we understand and we are working on it. It will just take us some time to raise the funds.

Remember that we have brought in the Florida Lotto! Our members have won over \$40,000 in scratch off tickets alone! We are excited by this and hope you are to. 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 email me 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!



Ask Ethel

Dear Ethel: I have thought of an invention that could save the Post a huge pile of money: a "people-power" air conditioning unit. It could be hitched up to the rest room entrance doors and every time they were opened it would generate electricity. Think that would work?---Crackpot Inventor

Dear Crackpot Inventor: I doubt it. To generate enough power to cool the Post premises, we might need to add enough rest rooms to accommodate the population of Jacksonville Beach. I see a crack in your potty idea.

Dear Ethel: If Congress wants to do something to help us, let 'em pass a law that says filling station can jack up the car but not the gas. I feel we should have the price of gas on the "sickness and death" blackboard so we can all mourn it---Disgusted Gasse

Dear Gasser: Welcome to the new club: Aghast Gassers

Ask Ethel (8-2011)

If you have any questions for the "Ask Ethel" column, send the questions to Ethel at:

triplejj@comcast.net



Notice to All Members

We are in need of an Artist / Calligrapher to design and paint ceiling tiles for a fund raiser to benefit the building fund.

The tiles will be sold to any member for a memorial or whatever you would like to put up for all to see or advertise. Please see Jerry if you could recommend someone to do this volunteer task. As soon as an Artist is found the post will start selling tiles to be installed in the canteen ceiling.

Legion Lore by Jack Hardebeck



Remember the old Civil War homecoming song, "When Johnny Comes Matching Home"? We may be singing it again if our troops start leaving the Middle East war zones as announced by the President. This should be a joyous development no matter what we might think about the wars.

Certainly, our current soldiers will get a much better reception than our Vietnam veterans did. That was very sad. However, I believe we would have to do worse to equal the apparent treatment endured by the Russian military when the Soviet Union broke up. As that was happening, my late wife, Lucy, and I were touring Soviet territory on our second trip over there. In Russia, the armed forces were shrinking and former members were everywhere tourists were, selling parts of their uniforms, medals, watches, etc., as souvenirs.

I assume that they didn't receive much, if any, mustering out pay. On the street, I bought a Russian army hat, a Russian navy hat, and a load of military medals. The ex-troopers and sailors showed no emotion. They were just "rushin" to get some badly needed rubles. Their clothing was threadbare, civilian garb, so I guess they had already sold their uniforms. God forbid that we should have our returning vets discharged in such a poverty-stricken way.

More Auxiliary News

Membership cards are in for 2012, please pay as soon as possible to help us reach our goal of 55% by 8/31/11.

Note: Continuous Years

Your 2012 continuous years will be the same as 2011 due to a change

They no longer assume that you will pay

Continuous years = already paid years
Please see me if you have any questions about this change.

Kelly Bush 904-534-4995

Notice to all Members

Your 2012

Membership cards
are now available

Post 129 has Lotto!

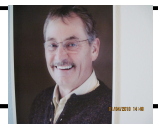
We can take care of all of your Florida Lottery needs! Remember that every time you buy or cash in a Lottery ticket that the vender gets a percentage of that sale from the state.

Attention: All Facebook users

You can get most current information on the daily activities of Post 129 on our Facebook page. Look us up as American Legion Post 129 Canteen or check our legion website for the link.

Editor's Comments

by Jack Gregory



There has been no interest on the first annual "Teach a child Golf" Tournament, i'm sad to say, but we are still trying to make this tournament a go. So if anyone would like to help with it, and get involved please be at a brief meeting on August 4th at 7:pm to discuss options as to whether to move forward. The outing will be in late October at the latest. See Jack or Jerry if interested.

I would also like to thank **Sterling** and **Linda** for all the work they did to make the newsletter get out each month for the past many years. I can tell you it is not an easy task. & without there help, I would have been lost in making it a continued success.

I hope I speak for all the members in saying a Thank-You to both.



Things you may not know

Vinegar will clean anything a glass cleaner would. It can also be used to freshen laundry in the rinse cycle.

On July 4th earth was at its farthest point from the sun, in comparison on January 4th the earth will be at its closest point to the sun.

MEET M.R. SUNSHINE by Lance Miller



There's nothing like a burst of light to brighten a room, especially sunshine or in this case M.R. Sunshine, the latest talent to be showcased in the evenings at Post 129.

M.R. (Michael Robinson) is a versatile musician/singer whose vocal range enables him to easily cover popular artists, male and female, both recent and past. One minute he's crooning Etta James' *At Last* and he'll quickly follow with the velvet bass tones of Barry White's *My First, My Last, My Everything*. This reviewer was blown away with his rendition of the Bee Gees hit *How Deep is Your Love*, where he seamlessly handles three-part harmony (not at the same time, of course).

Currently living in Middleburg, Michael has appeared on stage and clubs throughout the United States as not only a singer, but bass guitarist, pianist/organist. His musical repertoire focuses on pop, rock, R & B, country and gospel. But as captivating as his wonderful musical talent is, it's his engaging rapport with his audience as he plays the room with his wireless mike, that has caused his band of Legion followers to increase in number since he came on our scene about two months ago.

His biggest "gig" in the Jacksonville area was when he hosted and performed at the welcoming ceremony for the American Idol local auditions at the Jacksonville Landing. More recently, he auditioned for Simon Cowell's new X Factor TV show, where he finished in the top 80 out of 3000 + aspiring acts. When he's not performing commercially, he appears monthly at Senior Citizen homes as part of his "People Need to Care Project", bringing joy to the elderly through his music and performances. And, by the way, he's a veteran of the U.S. Army (Infantry).

A BRIEF HISTORY OF OUR VETERANS

by Susan Ness Gregory

The United States of America has the best system for veterans of any nation in the world.

It dates back to 1636 with the pilgrims and improved into 1776 when the pensions were established for disabled veterans. By the 1920's the various benefits were administrated into 3 different federal agencies. Brigadier General Frank T. Hines who directed the Veterans Bureau for 7 years was named the first Administrator of Veterans Affairs until 1945. WWII G.I. Bill was signed into law on June 22, 1944, and had more impact on the American Way of life since the Homestead Act. On March 15, 1989 the Department of Veterans Affairs was established as a Cabinet level position. President Bush said "There is only one place for the Veterans of America in the Cabinet Room and that is at the table with the President of the United States of America". This being said where are our Veterans voices being heard today.

Just For Fun

by Jack Gregory

Recipe for the Month

Homemade Ketchup

Directions

1 (28-oz) can whole tomatoes in puree

Blend tomatoes & puree in a blender until smooth.

1 medium onion, chopped

In a saucepan, cook onions in oil, moderate heat.

2 tbs. olive oil

Add all other ingredients, & simmer uncovered, stir

1 tbs. tomato paste

frequently, until very thick (about an hour)

3/4 cup packed brown sugar

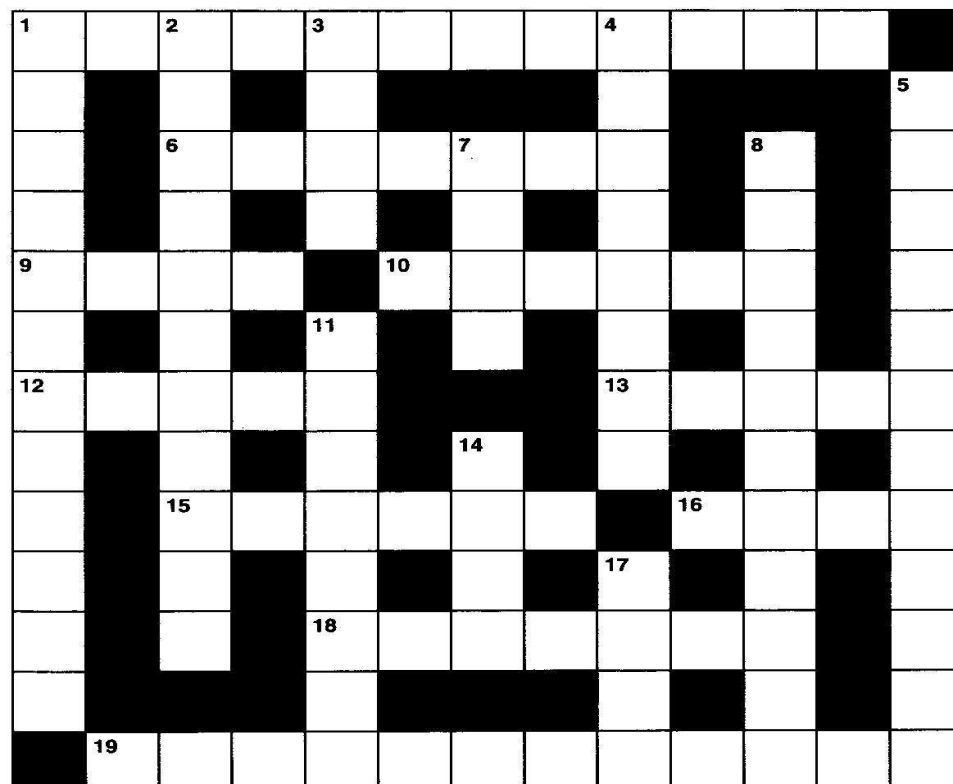
Puree mixture in a blender until smooth. Chill covered

1/2 cup cider vinegar

for about two hours before serving.

1/2 tsb. salt

No 2



Across

- 1 - Established (12)
- 6 - Recently created (7)
- 9 - Reflection of sound (4)
- 10 - One who belongs to a group (6)
- 12 - Egg centers (5)
- 13 - Embarrass (5)
- 15 - Prettify (6)
- 16 - Allot (4)
- 18 - Smoothing clothes (7)
- 19 - Liberally (12)

Down

- 1 - Without delay (7,5)
- 2 - Calmness (11)
- 3 - Cozy (4)
- 4 - Percussion sound (8)
- 5 - In a gasping manner (12)
- 7 - At any time (4)
- 8 - Stretch out completely (6-5)
- 11 - Desire to retreat (8)
- 14 - Block a decision (4)
- 17 - Sound equipment (2-2)

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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 3/12
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 (5/12)
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 (7/12)
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 (6/12)
In memory of Jim Read (12/11)
Martha & Roy Hauge (7/13)
Joe & Pat Cornell (2/11)
John & Pattie Kapeghian (5/12)

G. Collins (7/12)
J.D. Kapeghian (5/12)
Scott & Christy Kapeghian (5/12)
Noah Kapeghian (5/12)
Larry Garner (1/12)
Louise Braren (6/12)
Maddy Chitko (2/12)
Pearse & Sally Doherty (2/11)
Richard & Jo Ann Scoggins (4/15)
Richard & Katy (5/12)
Robert Gomez (1/16)

Robert Schmidt (5/11)
Roy L. & Martha Lewis (4/11)
Russell & Mary Lou Jones (9/11)
Shorty Heiman (11/11)
Towney Kennard (11/11)

Colette & Charlie Sellers 7/12

