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# American Legion Post 129

: Post129@comcast.net August 2012

#### **Upcoming Events**

- August I
   7:00 House Committee meeting
- August 2
   7:00 E-Board & Auxiliary meeting
   7:30 General meeting
- August 9
   7:00 Cabane & 40 & 8 meeting
- August 12
   I:00 District Meeting @ Post 88
- August 18
  10:00 ALR meeting
- August 191:00 USO Cookout at Post 316
- August 29
   6:30 S.A.L meeting

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# Commander's Corner by Jerry Brandt

We will hold our annual Croaker Tournament on October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. The first meeting in preparation for the tournament will on August 5<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. As you know, the proceeds from the tournament will be used to send our boys to Boy's State. If you can, please come out to assist or fish in this worthwhile event.

Softball Season starts again. If you want to play softball, please see Mike Barker Jr. He will be the coach and we need men and women (over 18 years of age). Come out and play.

As you know we are working on several projects at the Post. The 10 Ton Air conditioner in the lounge is the first of several we are attempting. The back hall currently has one and when it is on you can feel a breeze to the back of the room. This is what we are attempting to add to the canteen. This is an expensive project and we are not a rich Post. A donation of \$100.00 will add your name to the plaque we will be adding to the front of the A/C system. We still have a long way to go to gather the funds. Thank you for your donations. We have received many donations. They are all appreciated but we still need a lot more. We are waiting for the final bid and then we can bring this up thru the committees and E-board for the decision on which bid to take and then we will have a goal to aim for. (continued on page 3)





### First Vice comments ... by Don Grzena



Hi everyone! Hope you all had a great June? Let me make sure everyone understands about membership. Membership money is what helps keep the Legion going. We are going to have a lot of expenses this year. The faster we pay our membership the faster we get money in our Legion account. There are two ways of paying for your membership.

First, pay at the Post which saves you money on the stamp. Also, if you pay before November 11th you get an "Early Bird" stamp on your card and will be able to attend the "Early Bird" meal that we have in November. The second way is mailing in your payment and then waiting until we get the notice at the Post

that says you have paid. Then we can give you your card. Pay at the Post is the BEST way! Either Danny or I can take care of you right away and you get your card. Here are the payment amounts: Anyone under the age of

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# **Auxiliary News**

#### by Cindy Jordan, Auxiliary President



Christmas in July and our Cake Walk was held July 21, 2012. At the time of publication, this had not occurred so we are unable to report. We had a huge response from the Auxiliary and Merchant response to our request for donations of turkeys and hams. Our thanks to the Auxiliary members, as well as members of the Legion Riders, Sons of American Legion, and American Legion members who offered to assist. Donations for the Homeless Veterans Stand Down will be accepted under our tree until August 3rd. We still have vacancies for our 2nd Vice position and Historian. There are several Committee Chairpersons open, please get with me if you have a desire to assist. Good things are on their

way. More to follow. We have some terrific events planned for October and November. As far as our monthly meals, we have August covered, September is open, and October is covered. If there is something wonderful that is your specialty, please get in touch with us and we will schedule. We are always available to assist you in the kitchen. We as the Auxiliary want to be a part of making our Friday night dinners and Steak Bingo successful here at the Post. Please let us know of any illness or family misfortune that may come up during the month. Please contact me or Kathy Jewell. Cindy-dryfork60@gmail.com. Kathy-katjewell@comcast.net or leave a message at the Post.

We cannot be a successful unit without all of our member's assistance and innovative ideas. Let's think of things that will retain our current membership and ensure that prospective members are excited about joining and contributing to our Mission to our Veterans and their families.

#### 2012-2013 Officers

President Cindy Jordan Sr. Vice Candace Mabry

2nd Vice Vacant
Secretary Ann Nickola
Treasurer Chaplain Kathy Jewell
Historian Vacant

Sgt at Arms Vicki Gordon-Haft

## S.A.L News

### by JD Kapeghian



#### **Officers for 2012-2013**

Commander J.D. Kapeghian 1st Vice Garth Collins 2nd Vice Richard Jordan 3rd Vice Charles Grieco Chaplain Robert Haag Historian Steve Smith Sgt at Arms Kenny Pigg Adjutant Richard Kasevich

VOLUNTEERS! VOLUNTEERS! WHERE ARE ALL THE VOLUNTEERS?!?!!? Three or four people out of the S.A.L is just not cutting it!

Friday, August 3rd will be rotisserie beef brisket with all the fixings and dessert. On August 13th we will be having another low country boil. Please sign up to help! Then on August 20th will be steamed mussels with the garlic butter wine sauce. 2013 cards are in. Thank you to everyone that has signed up early. This just means you get the early bird stamp on your card. It's easier to get it out of the way now. S.A.L. will be

hosting the first Annual Legion Crawl on Labor Day, September 3rd, with joint efforts from the 40/8, Ladies Auxiliary, the Legion Post 129, the Canteen and the Legion Riders. There will be a sign up sheet posted on the board. You must purchase a T-shirt to take the ride. This will be the first time we will be taking the train-'Big Toot'. This will be a membership drive for all. Hope to see everyone there at 11am. First train departs at 12 noon. 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. Richard Farrer
Adjutant. Danny Rodriguez
Judge Advocate. Bob Wilson
Finance. Bob Schlatter
Chaplain. Robert Schmitt
Service Officer. Lena Null Wood

#### E-Board Members House Committee

John Burroughs Tommy Williams Jeff Durden Chuck Nist Bill Wilson Frank Redmond Rich Hansberg 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

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One of the things that is noticed within the Post is that we lost sight 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. The family of American Legion Post 129 will be selecting a Volunteer of the Month, starting in July. We are receiving great recommendations. This month's volunteer (s) are Cindy and Pattie, for directing and doing breakfasts on Sundays. They have been doing this for a year and they deserve the honors. The Post is still in need of chairpersons for

various positions such as Children and youth, ROTC, Boys State, etc. We have members who have done it for many years. We need someone to assist and learn from them to continue on with these great projects. Speaking of Boys State, congratulations to Chris Johnson. Chris Johnson was a candidate from American Legion Post 129 to Boys State, He is now the Candidate going to Boys National from OUR POST (only 2 boys per year out of 550 boys in Florida). Thank you Norman for being our Boys State Chairman.

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 Association 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 on them 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.

As you know, the new 2013 membership cards are now available. The Early Bird Dinner is November 17th; please see any officer at the Post, they would be happy to assist.

# American Legion Riders by Kathy Jewell



#### Officers for year 2012-2013

Jeff Durden Director Asst Director Richard Hurst Trish Edwards Membership Bill Wilson Secretary Kathy Jewell Chaplain Road Captain Lee Fair Sgt at Arms John Burroughs Safety Chuck Nist Treasurer **Bob Schlatter** Historian Susan Logsdon

Hi everyone. The Chapter keeps growing. Please welcome the new members: Lena Wood, Kenny Pigg, & Paulette (Razz) Hilliker. Also we have a new quartermaster, Beth Pinkham. See her if you want to purchase an ALR shirt.

Post 129 ALR is donating \$500 to the Post for the new A/C unit.

Summer is upon us and there will be more cycles on the road, please be alert. A good tip from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation..Look for motorcycles especially checking traffic at intersections. The next meeting is the 3rd Saturday in August. Rider dinner is the 2nd Friday in August (help is needed) Ride Safely.......

# American Legion

Benefits of Membership.

Discount programs
Monthly Magazine
A Powerful Force in our Nation's
Capital.
VA Benefit Assistance

Plus much much more.

Eligibility requirements for American Legion Membership. If you are currently on active duty, serving the United States honorably, anywhere in the world or have served honorably during any of the following eligible war eras, we invite you to become a member of the American Legion.

- April 6, 1917 to Nov 11, 1918
- Dec 7, 1941 to Dec 31, 1946

- June 25, 1950 to Jan 31, 1955
- Feb 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975
- Aug 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984
- Dec 20, 1989 to Jan 31, 1990
- Aug 2, 1990 to Today.......

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# Canteen Update

#### by Brandi Roberts

Hello from the Canteen Staff,

Hard to believe that summer is almost over, I swear it was just Christmas! But believe it or not Football season is quickly approaching. This year on top of the NFL ticket that we had last year, we will also have the Game Plan. The game plan is a package that allows us to get 12 market college games every Saturday. Plan on coming to the post, not only to watch your favorite NFL team, but your favorite college team as well, remember we have 9 large flat screen TV's! We are looking for volunteers to cook on Sundays during football season. Please let Brandi know if you

can help. 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. In addition to the weekly email we also have a facebook page that we try to update daily. Look for American Legion Post 129 Canteen to find us. 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; With football season coming, I have a question. When the Jaguars are playing, fans watching in Post 129 keep yelling, "Go, Jaguars, go!" Don't they want our team to finish the game?—Checkers Expert

<u>Dear Expert</u>: If the Jags are ahead, maybe the fans want them to leave before they get defeated. If they're behind, possibly the fans want them to head home before they're headed

to the hospital.

<u>Dear Ethel</u>: On Saturday night, Island Daddy's karaoke is fun, but sometimes the growling of empty stomachs can be heard above the music. Why not ask Harry the Hot Dogger to furnish some?—Hungry Henry

<u>Dear Hank:</u> Good idea. Let's let the dogs out.

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 President Paulette Hilliker

A big Merci to all the Dames that supported me and attended the installation of Officers. If you weren't there you missed out on the fun. If you don't know who Sweet Cakes is, then please come to Rendezvous on August 9th at 7:00pm and you will find out!

A big Merci to the Voyagers who arranged our joint installation and much pizza was consumed by all! Merci to Marie for the wonderful decorations.



Officers for 2012—2013

President Paulette Hilliker
Sous President Annie Anderson
Vicki Gordan Haft
Drapeau Louise Bagdasarian

Commissaire intendent

Conducteur Garde de la Porte Cheminots

Kelly Bush
Carol Brickel
Lanamae Cathey
Wanda Brandt
Dianne Barker
Summer Bush

# **Legion Lore**

#### by Jack Hardebeck



The U.S. Supreme Court has been busy doing vexing things lately. Its action on ObamaCare was disturbing to many of us. Recently, I learned that the Court has struck down the Stolen Valor Act. That law made it a crime to lie about receiving the Medal of Honor and other prized military awards. The justices called the falsehoods "contemptible" but protected by the Constitution's First Amendment.

Perhaps some of the Supreme Court Justices have led very sheltered lives. I wonder if any of them have ever done some time in our armed forces. I remember a Navy admiral who, as I recall, committed suicide because he was criticized for wearing a combat

ribbon and medal that he had not earned. Our service folks haven't gotten to the comedic point of covering the chest with medals, like a general in a banana republic. Still, the ones they're entitled to wear are generally valued and respected.

What would be the attitude of the Justices if some imposter were charged with wearing a black robe and walked around impersonating a Supreme Court Justice? Anyway, it's reported that the law may be modified to pass judicial muster. Good, because the Court's decision almost made me feel like cracking open a Supreme Quart. (hic)

#### Murphy's Law of Combat

- 1. Friendly fire...isn't
- 2. Recoilless rifles...aren't
- 3. If it's stupid but it works, it isn't
- 4. Never forget that your weapon was made by the lowest bidder.
- 5. If your attack is going really well, it's an ambush
- 6. Five second fuses burn in three
- 7. The easy way is always mined

(8 thru 18 next month)

# Business Booster List (Your business card here)

Donation of \$100 for 6 months or \$175 for 12 months. Your business card will be placed in the monthly newsletter. Get your business name out in front of all Legion members. Contact either Sterling (sterling1960@att.net) or Post Commander Jerry Brandt if interested. Business card spots are available for members of American Post 129 only.

# Editor's comments

### by Sterling L. Phaklides

Members....Did you know you can receive your newsletter (3) three different ways?

- 1. You can receive it in the mail.
- 2. You can pick up a copy at the Legion Post each month
- 3. You can go to our website, www.legionpost129.org, and read or print a copy.

Check the booster list to see if your name should be listed. If you have paid and your name is not on the booster list let Bob Schlatter know. He will then get the info to me. Check out the new "Business Booster List". It's an inexpensive way to get your name and business out to members of American Legion Post 129. We need your help.

If you know an individual that is eligible to join our post and is not currently a Legion member invite him/her to the post for a Friday night dinner....sign them up.



sterling1960@att.net or 294-4234

### 1st Vice Comments

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70 years old the cost for membership is \$30 before November 11, \$35 after that date. If you are 70 to 80 years old the cost of your membership is \$22.50. Anyone over the age of 80 that has been a member In good standing for at least 3 years, the membership is FREE! If anyone has any questions about this please get in touch with me. Also, I will be going around asking people for their membership card. Again, don't be offended by this. Just making sure that people that DON'T belong in the Legion are not enjoying the Legion like the paid members are. Thank you and C U at the Legion.

# Bike Night



Bike Night at Post 129

First Saturday of the Month

6-10 p.m.

#### Ride out to the beach and join us!

Bike Night Food Special \$5 (menu varies)
Entertainment by Island Daddy Karaoke
Guests Welcome!



Ocean Beaches American Legion Post 129

# Thank You!!

Many, many thanks for helping me celebrate my 70th Birthday. The cake, balloons, cards, gifts, hugs & kisses were all very much appreciated. A special thanks to Kenny & Karen for providing such wonderful entertainment. Thanks again,

Linda Phaklides..







he Galley Exhaust Fans have been cleaned and are now fully operational. Remember the door to the Bar to maintain comfort.

500

Thank You, to Danny Rodriguez for changing the electrical elements in the overhead lighting & fan to our Galley.

500

Terry & Tracey purchased the new Ceiling Fan & Light Bulbs to help the navigation and operation in the Galley. Wow, is it really bright.

500

Steak Night on Saturdays is coming back by request. Join us for a great Steak Meal by Jerry Brandt & Crew. Pot Lucks and Special Events where people bring personal Trays, Dishes, Bowls, etc. It is asked that you collect your items with 72 hours of event, to prevent any lose or damages.

500

The Glass Door refrigerator has grown with numerous leftover items from events. Please label & date all items. This will ensure proper

any food borne illness outbreaks from expired or spoiled food leftover.



August 2012

Weekly Events

Friday 3rd

SAL Dinner by J.D.

Beef Brisket Meal with all the fixings and
Dessert. \$7 Donation

Saturday 4th

Steak Night by Jerry Brandt Grilled Steak, Baked Potato with works, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread & Dessert. 48 Dessertion

Friday 10th

ALR Dinner by Richard Hurst Rotisserie Chicken Meal with all the fixings and Dessert.

Friday 17th

AUX Dinner by Richard Roast Portdoin, Mac & Cheese, Vegetable, Gravy, etc. with Dessert. \$7 Donation

Friday 24th

AL Dinner by Terry Stickles Country Fried Steak, Real Mashed Potatoes, Buttiered Corn, Seasoned Green Peas, Creamy Chicken Gravy, Dinner Roll & Butter. Special Dessert served with toe Cream. \$7 Donation

Friday 31st

40 & 8 Dinner by Great Special with Dessert \$7 Donation

### For the Good of the Legion & New Projects.. by Jerry Brandt

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 a emergency.

The Commander will be available for all members Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 1800 to 1900, at the Post. Legion meetings are held every first Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM please attend. As a reminder, the American Legion Post 129 is still giving away the Blue Star Banner. Please let the Commander know if you have a loved one in the Military.

It has been requested that we list the upcoming projects we have at the Post.

- 1. Working on adding a new 10 Ton air condition to the Lounge area, we are taking donations for this project. If you give \$100 toward this Air conditioner we will add your name to the plaque attached to the System.
- 2. Redoing the Bar top, both the front and back bars.
- 3. Extending the Canapé over the entrance and placing bricks down to form a patio.

If you can assist in any of these projects please see any of the officers. If you wish to contribute with your tax free donation please make your check out to the American Legion Post 129 building fund. This building is

almost 25 years old and needs some loving care to keep it up; your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

I would like to thank the following for their work over the past month, JD and Richard J; they came out and ensured that the asphalt was laid out correctly in the parking lot, no more mud pit in front.

Richard R who is re-striping the parking lot.

Chuck N who came down and fixed some equipment around the kitchen.

Larry R who repaired and painted the West wall in the lounge.

### Service Officer Update by Lena Null Wood, Service Officer

Illnesses VA Recognizes as Associated with Gulf War Service

VA presumes that specific disabilities diagnosed in certain Veterans were caused by their military service. A recent change in VA regulations affects Veterans of the conflict in Southwest Asia. Many have attributed a range of undiagnosed or poorly understood medical problems to their military services. Chemical weapons environmental hazards and vaccinations are among the possible causes. Gulf War Veterans with the illnesses listed below may be eligible for health care and disability compensation. For Gulf War Veterans these unexplained clusters of symptoms

existing for six months or more as associated military service in the Gulf. The illnesses must have appeared during active duty in the Southwest Asia Theater of Operations or by December 31, 2016 and be at least 10% disabling.

Illness include medically unexplained clusters of symptoms that have existed for six months or more such as: Chronic fatigue syndrome; Fibromyalgia; Functional gastrointestinal disorders; Any diagnosed or undiagnosed illnesses that VA 's Secretary determines should be pressumed to be associated with Gulf

War service.

Signs or symptoms of an undiagnosed illness may include: abnormal weight loss, Cardiovascular signs/symptoms, Fatigue, Gastrointestinal signs/symptoms, Headaches, Joint Pain, Menstrual disorders, Muscle pain, Neurologic signs/symptoms, Neuropsychological signs/symptoms.

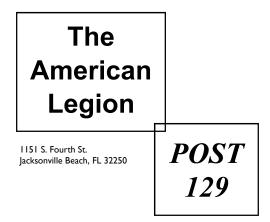
Further information about undiagnosed illnesses is available online at <a href="https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/gulfwar">www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/gulfwar</a> and <a href="https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/oefoif/index.asp">www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/oefoif/index.asp</a>
Feel free to contact me for Veterans Service Officer assistance at 904-334-3715 or lena62.lnw@gmail.com

### Breakfast Volunteers by Cindy Jordan

We are at our one year anniversary serving Sunday Breakfast at Post 129. The support of these breakfasts continues to grow. Our goal is to have a team only responsible for one Sunday breakfast a month. We are attempting to revise the menu so that it will be easier for the customer and the volunteers to order and prepare. A team of 4 is usually sufficient to prepare, serve, and clean-up. If you are interested in helping the Post with these breakfasts please let Patti

Kapaghian, Richard Jodan or Cindy Jordan know.

The proceeds go directly to the Post's Building Fund. Remember we need a new A/C in the Canteen and as our building ages there will be other needs. This is a perfect opportunity go add new members and get more business into our Post.



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### Address Service Requested

If you would like to become a Post 129 booster, please contact the Finance Officer. The dates below are booster expiration dates. Levels of booster sponsorship; Diamond \$100+, Platinum \$100, Gold \$50, Silver \$25, Bronze \$10.

### **BOOSTER LIST**

#### Diamond Level, \$100+

Bob Schlatter (11/12) Dave & Pat (9/12) Fred St Clair Sonny & Suzanne Sternberg (10/12)

#### Platinum Level, \$100

Barbara & Phil Milazo (1/12) In memory of Cindy Burroughs (7/13) In memory of Earl Parker In memory of Mark Higgenbotham (6/13)

#### Gold Level, \$50

Chuck & Sue Nist (4/13) J.J. & Helen (3/13) James M. Denholm (1/13)

### Silver Level, \$25

In memory of Brad & Gerry Terrell (12/12)
Sterling & Linda Phaklides (6/12)
In memory of Kim White (10/12)
Jack & Ethel (11/12)
G. Collins (7/12)
In memory of USS Stark (5/13)
P-Nut & Liz Wilson (11/12)
Bill & Mabel Videll (12/10)
Nick Patrizio (4/12)
Franklin Friers (3/12)
Mike & Diane Barker (3/12)
Charlie Parker (8/12)

#### Bronze Level, \$10 Frank Brown (7/12)

Jim Smith (8/12) In memory of Dottie Smith (8/12) In memory of Skip Hilliker (10/12) In memory of John Kapeghian (6/12) In memory of Jim Reed (12/11) Martha & Roy Hauge (7/13) John & Patty Kapeghian (5/12) J.D. Kapeghian (5/12) Scott & Christy Kapeghian (5/12) Noah Kapeghian (5/12) Larry Garner (1/12) Louise Braren (6/12) Maddy Chitko (2/13) Pearse & Sally Doherty (2/13) Richard & Jo Ann Scoggins (4/15) Richard & Katy (5/13) Robert Gomez (1/16) Russell & Mary Lou Jones (9/12) Shorty Heiman (11/12) Towney Kennard (11/12) Pete Riebesehl (11/12) MIA Henry Koch Colette & Charlie Sellers (7/12)