

# American Legion Post 129

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August 2013

**Upcoming Events**

- **August 1**  
7:00 E-Board  
7:00 Auxiliary  
7:30 General meeting
- **August 8**  
7:00 40&8 and Cabane
- **August 17**  
10:00 ALR meeting  
7:00pm Sock Hop
- **August 24**  
6:00 Mini Golf
- **August 29**  
6:00 SAL meeting

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## Commander's Corner by Don Grzena

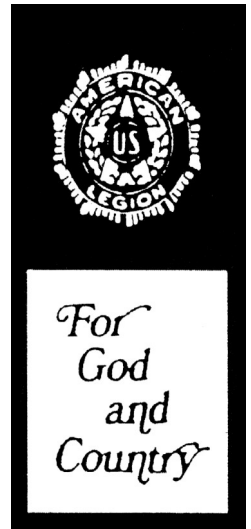
Congratulation to the New Commander! Please support the Commander and Post in any way you can!

### THE 2014 CARDS ARE IN!!

Please see either Danny or myself to get your card. Remember, dues are \$30 before Veterans Day, 11<sup>th</sup> of Nov and then after that \$35. If you are between the ages of 70 – 79, then the dues are \$22.50 and if you are 80 or older, then the dues are paid by the Post. Also remember, that if you pay by Veterans Day, you are eligible for our “Early Bird Breakfast”. One more thing, when you get your notice from

National and you are 80yrs or older, please, don't send money. Just put down your age on the Notice and send/or drop off the Notice at the Post and we will do the rest. I would like to be at 50% by September and 100% by December!! I **know** we can do this!! Any question about your card, please see me.

Thank you to the Volunteers that help out with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Open House. They are, Jack, Brain and his Girlfriend. I am going to need Volunteers for the **National Night Out – August 6<sup>th</sup>**. Our police department is hosting “National Night Out” at Sunshine Park on Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, from 6pm to 9pm. (cont on pg 3)



## Be the FIRST to know!!!!

If you want to be updated weekly on the meal menus, entertainment, events, plus more you need to send Brandi Roberts (our Canteen Manager) your e-mail address. She sends out each Tuesday an update to about 200 members. She will let you know what the menus are for each day, what special events are taking place,

who the entertainment will be and much more. After the newsletter is printed changes take place and the best way to know about these changes is by reading Brandi's weekly e-mail. Send her your e-mail. Also, are you interested in getting your newsletter online versus having it mailed. When sending your e-mail

address to Brandi also let her know if you would like to receive your newsletter online, saving the Post money for printing and mailing.  
brandiroberts@att.net



# Auxiliary News by Diane Powers, Auxiliary President

Happy Lazy Days of Summer,

Looking in my crystal ball I see that the Christmas in July was a huge success and we raised quite a bit of money for our K9 for Warriors. It was wonderful to have Sheri Martinez and her K9 celebrate this event with us. I want to thank all of you for your support and a special shout out to Richard (but of course) for sharing his professionalism and culinary skills. A special big thanks and hug to JD for our Lasagna dinner on the 26<sup>th</sup>, you too/two have a gift.

We are always looking for chefs to help with our dinners the third Friday of the month. If you can help please let Claire know. We would love to have our members share their

favorite dish or secret family recipes with us; all for a good cause! Please note you will be reimbursed for any out of pocket expenses you incur.

It is not too late to be one of our "early birds"; we will be thanking you with a lunch later in the year so look for Candice to lock in your early bird status.

This Unit is happily looking forward to helping Brandy with a HUGE event she is planning to help **OUR** Post get back into shape. Further information will be forthcoming but think BIG; as big as Bridge City

We still have a few committees that could use all interested members; we do need you! If this is

something you have thought about please contact me and we can discuss your desires. I can be reached at [dianempowers@comcast.net](mailto:dianempowers@comcast.net) or on my cell at 904-716-2423. I look forward to speaking to you.

Last but far from least are the accolades that Toni Abbot, our Girls State Chairperson deserves. Our Unit sponsored four seniors from Fletcher High School: Emma Bradley, Monica Wall, Elizabeth Smith and Megan Abrass. All four excelled in Tallahassee and they will be attending our August meeting to tell the members about the life changing experience; thank you Toni!

Yours in Service,, Diane Powers

# S.A.L News by JD Kapeghian



The S.A.L. would like to send out our prayers to Terry and Tracy Stickler and family for the loss of a family member. I would like to thank everyone that helped the S.A.L. donate to the Christmas in July Canine for Wounded Warriors project. We were able to give 98 lbs. of peanut butter to help the dogs with their training. 2014 cards are in, please see J.D. or one of the bartenders to renew your cards. To qualify to be an

early bird, you still have until November 11th. Friday, August 2nd, S.A.L. will be serving dinner. We will have chicken cordon bleu, homemade scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables and garlic toast, starting at 5:30pm. Monday, August 12th, Jack and Sue will be having their authentic Philly Cheesesteaks and fries, starting at 5:30. Then on Monday the 19th will be loaded nachos for trivia. By the time you read this the sign up

sheet for the next train crawl should already be up. Please sign up early so we can make sure that all crawlers get a T shirt. The crawl will be on September 1st, Sunday. Breakfast will be served from 9am til noon for those who want to eat before the crawl. Please meet no later than 11am at the post. BBQ will be served from 1pm - 5pm. We suggest you pre order so that there is enough for everyone. Hope to see you there, thank you and goodnight.

# Officers for 2013—2014

Commander.....TBD  
 1st Vice.....Don Grzena  
 2nd Vice.....Terry Stickles  
 3rd Vice.....Stephanie Cain  
 4th Vice.....Frank DeCoste  
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 Judge Advocate.....Bob Wilson  
 Finance.....Bob Schlatter  
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 Service Officer.....Robert Schmitt

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Frank Bolin	Bill Wilson
Tommy Williams	Frank Redmond
Lee Fair	Rich Hansberg
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Robert Schmitt	Dale Peterson
	Nolan Bomar
	Dave Jordan

*Auxiliary President,*  
 Diane Powers  
*Commander S.A.L.,*  
 JD Kapeghian  
*Chef De Gare 40 & 8,*  
 James Mayer  
*La Presidente, Cabane 215,*  
 Louise Bagdasarian  
*A L Riders Director*  
 Lee Fair

## Commanders Corner

The event promotes crime prevention, police community partnerships, and neighborhood camaraderie. Our fire department will be participating as well. We are asked to cook about 400 hot dogs. We will cook the hot dogs at the Legion and set up a table at the park. The Volunteer list is at the front door entrance. **PLEASE** sign up. Thank you.

Well, if anyone has any question or any suggest for me, please get in touch with me. Until than.....C U around the Post.....DONJ

## For the Good of the Legion

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



## 40 & 8

Voiture 215 is seeking a few more Vouageurs Militaire to fill a few key positions within the Voiture. These positions include Chef de Train, Aumonier, and Program Directeurs. If interested, please attend our next Cheminot and Promenade at 1900 on 08 Aug 2013.

The Voiture will be having a fish dinner on 30 Aug 2013. Volunteers are requested to help with this event.

For any questions, concerns, comments, or suggestions I can be reached at e-mail address: [gamblerk@hotmail.com](mailto:gamblerk@hotmail.com) or via text message at 352-697-1749. Please indicate 40/8 or 215 in the subject line. Thank you for your support.

Marie Kraemer  
Chef De Gare Voiture 215

## American Legion Riders



American Legion Riders chapters are well known for their charitable work, which has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for local children's hospitals, schools, veterans homes, severely wounded servicemembers and scholarships. Since 2006, Riders nationwide have participated in the Legion Legacy Run, to annually raise money for the Legacy Scholarship Fund, established to provide scholarships to children of U.S. military personnel killed since Sept. 11, 2001.

### History

In Garden City, Mich., in 1993, Chuck "Tramp" Dare and Bill "Polka"

Kaledas, commander of American Legion Post 396, shared an idea to start a motorcycle enthusiasts association within the organization. The two longtime riders wanted an environment where Legion family members could come together to share a common love for motorcycles.

Dare and Kaledas wrote a letter to Michigan Department Adjutant Hubert Hess, sharing their idea. Hess replied that he liked the concept and wanted to pursue it. Later, he gave Kaledas and Dare instructions for managing the program at the post level. He also explained how they could be approved to

use the American Legion emblem, and how to gain Membership's support and recognition. At a regular meeting, Post 396 members passed a resolution for a new program to be known as the "American Legion Riders."

Currently, 106,000 American Legion Riders meet in over a thousand chapters in every domestic department and in at least three foreign countries.

This informational article was taken from the American Legion website.

## Canteen Update by Brandi Roberts



Hard to believe that the year is half way over! It has been a busy 6 months around here and the next few months are shaping up to be just as busy! Starting out this month with our American Legion Riders Bike night on Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. As always they will have food and virtual shooting range plus other fun and exciting activities! Then on Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> we will be holding a Sock Hop! So get out those poodle skirts and get ready to dance! On Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup> we are bringing the fun of golf to the Post! We will be holding our first mini golf night. So plan on coming out and having a good time.

On September 21st we are going all

out and will be holding a Casino night in the back hall! This event will be similar to the fundraiser we did for Bridge City. If you were around back in 2008 then you remember what a great time that was. We will have six blackjack tables, craps, roulette, poker, wheel of fortune, slot machines and live entertainment! There will be prizes at the end of the nights, food throughout the night, and a silent auction! This type of event we only put together every few years so this will be a night that you will not want to miss! Tickets will go on sale towards the end of the month.

The funds raised at the casino night

will go directly into the building fund account as our building is in desperate need of some TLC! We are still collecting donations of prizes for the event as well as still looking for companies or individuals to sponsor this event. If you know of anyone interested please let me know and I can get you all the information. In addition to prizes and sponsorship I will be looking for volunteers to serve, set up, and help during the night. I will have a signup sheet in the Canteen area by the end of the month so if you would be willing to help please come see me.

With the event hall looking better  
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## Ask Ethel.....

**Dear Ethel:** Golf seems to have become very popular among Post 129 members. Unfortunately, the skill of the players has been lacking with most, including yours truly. I think there should be a prize for the one with the HIGH-EST score. What think you?--- Hopeful Hacker

**Dear Hopeful:** Your good thought

is not for naught. Maybe the game should be called "goof."

**Dear Ethel:** With the heat waves we've been having, it looks like there must be something to global warming. Agree?---Sweaty Sam

**Dear Sam:** Hardly. Look at the unemployment rate, and we're still getting snow jobs from Washington.

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



## Cabane 215

We had a productive meeting and are looking forward to this busy coming year. We welcome a new member Patty Rodriguez. On Friday evening August 30<sup>th</sup> we will be handling BINGO, Our next meeting is August 8th. Don't forget your beret! Until then.  
Respectfully yours,  
Louise Bagdasarian, Presidente

## The World According to Me by Patty Rodriguez

For years I have been asked the question "why do you put so much time & effort into crocheting? or doesn't it take up all of your time?" So many times, I smile and say "its what I do and who I am" However the other day I came across a quote that truly defines the driving force behind it all:

"Our days are HAPPIER when we

give people a bit of Our heart rather than a piece of Our mind".  
Unknown

Once again a special thank you to the members of Our growing American Legion Family for their donations of yarn, cash and even gift cards to help make the lap blankets for Our Veterans.

## Legion Lore

by Jack Hardebeck



People in the U.S. armed forces are uniformly forced to wear uniforms. I recall one time it was a definite advantage. Fletcher High was having a big class reunion and my son, Eric, a Marine, came home from Hawaii and wanted to attend but he didn't have a civilian suit. My wife, his mom, as usual, had a good, logical idea. "Why don't you wear your uniform," she said. "You'll probably be a big hit." She was right. He had a ball and won a case of beer for traveling the farthest to be at the affair

Speaking of Marines in general, aka "jarheads," They know how to get the goat of a sailor. If a ship's crew member walked through the Marine compartment, he would often hear wisecracks referring to him as "tightpants." You

didn't reply in kind. They were usually polishing their guns.

Well, let's face it, the swabbie get-up in the WW II Navy didn't inspire much admiration. All those frontal buttons on the dress-blues pants were an endless source of jokes. So were the white hats, sometimes. You looked like a new recruit until you learned to bend the port and starboard sides of the brim to create a "wings" effect, thus achieving an "old salt" appearance. I remember thinking that, in our group picture in boot camp, we resembled a collection of cooks, which some of us turned out to be., But never mind. The U.S. won the war, anyway.

## Use Month Wisely

The full month is to be used by the various organizations that make up the American Legion Post 129 family. If someone wants to extend their time, they will need to request the time from the Organization that owns the month.

August	ALR
September	SAL
October	Legion
November	Cabane
December	Auxiliary
January 2014	SAL
February	40&8
March	Cabane
April	Legion
May	ALR
June	40&8

## American Legion Riders....by Lee Fair



The riders biggest event of the year is coming up Oct 12th, poker run for wreaths across America. A big thank you to Ed Della Penna and the committee for all the hard work to get the run together. Thanks to Beth for her hard work as quartermaster . She has everything organized and labeled and a great system setup to keep track of our inventory. Regretfully she had to resign due

to personal reasons. Thanks to Cindy Jordan for volunteering to fill this position. ALR has the raffle for August. We are going to raffle the brick of \$5.00 scratch off tickets again. Tickets will be on sale beginning August 1st and the drawing will be held on August 31st. We still need someone from the riders to cook the meal on the 2nd Friday of August (9th). Jerry and Wanda are going to

do the meal for bike night on Saturday August 3rd. VFW Post 3270 also has a ride on the same day beginning at Power Sports on Atlantic Blvd. Registration at 9 am donuts will be available there. Our post is one of the stops, I will be riding and hope to have some of the other riders from 29 participate. This is the same day as our bike nite and the ride for Hope. I hope some of the riders in the 3270 ride will come back for it. RIDE SAFE!

## Editor's Comments

by Sterling L. Phaklides

Several Saturdays behind us and each week our Saturday 9 hole golf group is growing. We have over 20 people signed up and now get 8-12 golfers each Saturday. Everyone is having fun and we welcome you to join. We now have a few ladies that have joined the group! If you are interested give me a call or send me an e-mail. I send out a weekly

notice each Wednesday to find out who will be playing on Saturday. Get your name on that list.

If you are interested in writing an article for the newsletter on an American Legion event or project please let me know. Would like to have more people involved in writing for the newsletter.

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



# Support Those Who Support Us


## Business Booster List

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### Tid Bits of Information

I'm at it again!!

This time I'd like to offer you tid-bits of information....some useful...some useless.... You make the call. Over the years, these "tid- bits" have affectionately become known as "CLUES from CLAIRE!"

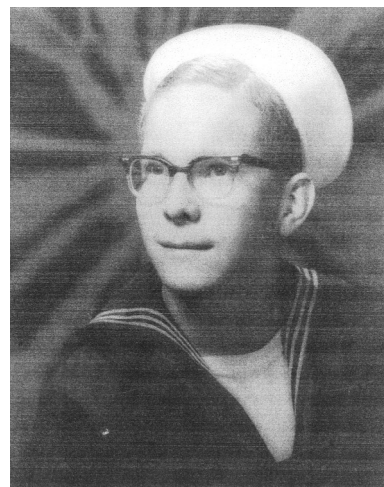
Did you know there is a web site that you can register your emergency contact information? It is sponsored by the Florida Highway Safety. In the event that you are unable to provide emergency contact info to someone, your name can be entered into this database and your info would become available to the first responders, IMMEDIATELY!! This is a secure site and the only ones with access to this information is the FHP.The link is [FLHSMV.GOV](http://FLHSMV.GOV).

Mom, Are you reading this?  
 By Claire Sheehan

### Meet One of our Members

Sometimes we don't know all of our Members, or know them vaguely. Over the next few months lets take a closer look at some of them and in the process discover a few interesting things about them.

US Navy, retired a Chief, (do we need to say anything else). Past VFW 3270 Commander, 5 years. Past VFW District Commander, won the National Title for the VFW. Currently the Legion Riders Director and Executive Board Member



Lee Fair

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

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

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

### On going Auxiliary Projects

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

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

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

## New Members

### Let's Welcome these new members to American Legion Post 129

Joshua McDade	U.S. Army
Stephan Hanns	U.S. Air Force
Randi Hansen	U.S. Navy
Joshua Wathen	U.S. Army
Michael H. Church	U.S. Navy
Kenneth D. Fox	U.S. Army
Richard K. McDowell	USMC
David W Lee	U.S. Navy
Fred Hubley	U.S. Army
Paul George	U.S.
Fredrick Boisclair	USMC

## Breakfast at American Legion Post 129

Our Post has been offering Sunday Breakfast for almost two years. The proceeds minus expenses are directed to the Legion Building Fund.

We work diligently to provide a quality product at a reasonable price however; due to rising food and utility costs, effective August 1, 2013, breakfast prices will increase.

The average price increase will be between \$.50 and \$1.00. We will have a revised menu that will be more user and grill chef friendly.

We have 12-15 volunteers who have

been in the trenches these past two years in addition to **greatly** appreciated "Guest Chefs, Toast Masters and Scullery Maids". In order for us to continue our success, we encourage you to join us. Please reach out to Patty Kapeghian who is our **COORDINATOR ESTRODINAIRE**. Get with her, she will make it happen. Not comfy on the grill? Come on a Sunday and observe a chef, work with that person and get to know how it works.

Our thanks to making our breakfasts a success. Come visit us on Sunday.  
**by Cindy Jordan**

## Canteen Update.....continued from page 3

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](mailto: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! 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.

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### **BOOSTER LIST**

**Diamond Level, \$100+**

Bob Schlatter (11/13)  
Sonny & Suzanne Sternberg (10/13)  
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 (4/14)  
James M. Denholm (1/14)  
Jim and Mary Jo Davis (9/13)  
Charlie Parker (9/13)  
Bill Garrett (6/14)

**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)  
Richard & Jo Ann Scoggins (4/15)  
Richard & Katy (5/13)  
Robert Gomez (1/16)  
Russell & Mary Lou Jones (9/13)  
Shorty Heiman (11/13)  
Towney Kennard (11/13)  
Pete Riebesehl (11/13) MIA Henry Koch

Let's  
Fill  
This  
Booster  
List  
Up  
Again