

American Legion Post 129

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December 2012

Upcoming Events

- **December 5**
7:00 House Committee
- **December 6**
7:00 E-Board & Auxiliary
7:30 General meeting
- **December 7**
Pearl Harbor Day
- **December 8**
6:00 Department Dinner @
Post 129
- **December 9**
2:00 District meeting @ Post
129
- **December 13**
7:00 Cabane & 40&8
- **December 15**
9:00 ALR meeting
- **December 16**
11-2 Children's Xmas Party
- **December 25th**
Christmas

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Commander's Corner by Jerry Brandt

One of the things that are noticed at the Post, and that is we have lost sight of, 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.

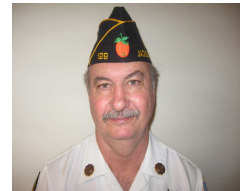
The family of American Legion Post 129 has been selecting a Volunteer of the Month, since July. November's volunteer is Patty K. Not only does she work in the kitchen for dinners and breakfast, but she works at anything that needs to be done. She is also our greeter for anyone new walking into the Post. Thank you Patty!

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 love one, please see any of the officers in the Post and they will give you the information on these bricks.

Speaking of which, the Post is planning to buy bricks for this walkway. We will start with Commanders from the beginning of our Post in 1943 and work our way to the (continued on page 3)



*For
God
and
Country*



First Vice comments...by Don Grzena

We had a good turn out for the early bird special dinner. We served about 105 members and 10 bought dinners! Thank you to Terry for dinner!! Now you only have until the end of December to renew your Membership. Please remember, that the bartenders and any officer will be checking membership cards

ALL January!! Also remember that the By-laws state that any Member without a updated membership card **CANNOT** be signed in by other members. So **PLEASE** renew your card before the end of December. We are now at 80%. Please see either Jerry, Danny or myself to renew your cards.

Anyone having problems with their membership, please see me. Well, everyone have a safe and enjoyable "Holidays!".....C U around the post.....:)



Auxiliary News

by Cindy Jordan, Auxiliary President



Our District Dinner and Party is on December 8th. Come have a wonderful dinner and a delightful show with some of our favorite elves and chipmunks.

The Children's Christmas Party (please note the date change) is on Sunday December 16th, the time is 11-2. Santa will be coming in on a Firetruck with Post 129 Legion Riders as escorts. Photos with Santa will be available for \$10.00. It doesn't have to be just kids with Santa. Children to age 11 are invited. There will be a meal for the children and crafts offered by Erin..

Please enter your 129 Legion children, grandchildren and great grandchildren on the lists at the Post.
DEADLINE: December 4th.

Our Auxiliary unit delivered a donation of \$1,047. to the USO from our show: USO World War II Tribute to USO, Giving Tree through Christmas Eve. Goodies on the Tree: Prices \$2 to \$20

Basket and Silent Auction Christmas Day to New Years Eve.

Patti Rodriguez's' FABULOUS American flag Blanket will be displayed for Silent Auction We sent a contribution of goodies to a Forward Marine Logistics Group at Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan to one of our Legionnaires spouse who is forward deployed.

Our sympathy go Patti and J.D. Kapeghian on the loss of Patti's brother-in-law, J.D's uncle. Rick Kapeghian joined the Sons of the

American Legion to support his nephew. Prayers and kind thoughts to the family.

We are so excited about the number of new members that are joining our family. All of you, please encourage your friends to join the Post in whatever capacity, Legionnaire, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion and American Legion Riders. We are all ambassadors for our Legion Family. Please remember to greet anyone that you don't know, they may have been someone you haven't seen before, but maybe they are someone who just walked into our doors and are looking for family.

Thank you for all that you do, let's work to remember that our goal is to support our Troops, both active and those who have served.

S.A.L News

by JD Kapeghian



S.A.L. would like to say goodbye to one of their own, my dad's brother Rick Kapeghian, who was not only my uncle but my buddy. He will be deeply missed by all. This, being the last newsletter of the year, I hope everyone had a good turkey day and is in good spirits for the upcoming holiday. It has been a good year for the S.A.L.. I hope next year can be the same if not better. The first Friday of the month, the 7th, we will be doing Chicken & Shrimp

Alfredo, noodles, vegetable, garlic bread. On December 10th, the second Monday, we will be our famous loaded Nachos. On the 17th it is the ALR Wing Night.

. We need some new menu ideas. We would love to hear your input. The canteen will be open on Christmas Day from 12pm til...? All S.A.L. cards must be renewed by December 31st to help us reach our 100% membership. We are at

75+%! We would love to reach our goal of last year, which was 110%! I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year! Thank you and goodnight!

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

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

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present. Any donations would be appreciated.

As you know, the new 2013 membership cards are now available. The Early Bird Dinner was November 17th thank you Terry for serving a great dinner.

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.

November 11th, 2012, at 1600 hours, a small ceremony was held at American Legion Post 129. This year also marks the 60th anniversary of the Korean War, and the 50th anniversary of the start of the Vietnam War. Certificates from the President of the

United States and Congress were given out at that time. However the Korean War certificates were not on hand. Once we receive the certificates, we will schedule a special ceremony for the Korean War Veterans.

December is the month for the Official Visit of the Department Legion Commander, SAL Commander and the Auxiliary President to visit the 5th District. The Official Welcoming Dinner will be held at American Legion Post 129 on December 8th and they will return for a visit at the District Meeting, to be held at American Legion Post 129 on December 9th. If you can, please come out and meet the Leaders of the American Legion for the State of Florida.

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.



American Legion Riders by Jeff Durden



I hope all had a good Thanks Giving. At our November meeting we voted to buy 2 Bricks for the BVMP. Our Christmas party will be on the 15th of December at 4:00pm, it is for members and guest. A meal will be provided. We will continue to have our Bike Nite on the first Saturday of each month, we will try to have a turkey shoot in the back room for the entertainment. The membership chairman has resigned

due to personal reasons and we will have an election at our December meeting. If you are interested in this position please be at the next meeting. Thanks Trish for your dedicated service to the ALR. We have ordered more long sleeved shirts that should be in by the time you read this. Welcome new members; Susan Bradfield, Marguerite McKenny, Deborah Left,

Kathy Berry, Jennifer Gammon, Erin Flynn, Michael Bradfield. Our next meeting will be on the 15th December at 9:00 am due to the Laying of the Wreath at the National Cemetery, which several of our members are attending. I hope that you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Welcome our August, September & October New Members

Christopher Gurley

John Marshall

Adam J. Barry

Ronald Cook

Mathew Morwin

Paul G Cotton

James Gregory

Karla C May

John Milensky

Richard McLaughlin

David Gray Beal

Grayline Hunter

Howard L Becton Jr

Jerry Van Garsbeek

Ralph Laperna

Marilyn Berry

Deborah Left

Allen Williams

John Nicholson

Frank Kleese

Make sure you introduce yourself when you see one of the new folks.

Canteen Update by Brandi Roberts



December is already here and it's hard to believe! It's been a busy year and December is no different. We will hold our annual Christmas Eve party on December 24th. There will be musical entertainment by Albert from 2pm to 6pm. **Post 129 will be open for Christmas Day!** We will open at noon and close when business declines. We will not have food available but if you would like to bring something to share with your Post family you are welcome too.

New Year's Eve will be the same as last year. MR Sunshine will be here to entertain us from 9pm to 1am. There will NOT be a seat or cover charge this year. It is a no fuss party.

There will be party favors and we will put out some munchies around midnight but other than that it is just come, party, drink, and dance! No dinner will be available that evening. We are requesting that if possible everyone brings in some snacks to share.

We are already starting to plan next year's events and I believe it will be another wonderful year. We will be holding our annual Chili cook off on January 13th. So start cooking and experimenting with those wonderful Chili's. If anyone would like to judge please let me know. We are also planning to bring back Comedy night

and Monte Carlo night next year. Please let me know if you have any other ideas.

Football season is well underway and the NFL Sunday Ticket and the Game Plan from Direct TV has been a huge success!!! You will be seeing every game every week! This year we will be offering buckets of beer during all NFL games and in addition the kitchen will be open! So come to the post to watch your favorite teams win!

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Ask Ethel....

Dear Ethel: Somebody once said that it takes three kinds of people to make a Christmas: kids to ooh, mothers to ah, and fathers to owe. But if Santa brings the gifts, why does Daddy have to pay for them?----- Christmas Carole

Dear Carole: Possibly because Santa doesn't have a credit card so he borrows Daddy's. Maybe Santa

a card because he's too flighty.

Dear Ethel: The way to have a quieter Christmas is to give your kids only pre-broken toys. Good idea?--- Toy Boy

Dear Boy: The holiday will be even quieter if you're pre-broke when you start shopping.

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

Dames

We had a nice turnout for Rendezvous. Those that could not make it were missed by all. We will be having our annual Christmas Dinner with the Voyagers on December 13th. Dame Louise Bagdasarian is in charge of locating a restaurant to please us all. Good luck Louise.

Wishing all of you a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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



Situations such as the following one make me cross. In fact, it's about people in this country who object to display of a cross on public property. They think it violates the doctrine of separation of church and state. A couple of controversies have arisen recently involving a cross erected in a prominent public spot, one in the Mojave Desert and another in Rhode Island, to honor local citizens who served in our World War 1 military..

I wonder if these folks would also want all the crosses removed from the graves in U.S. military cemeteries. That would be quite a job, even

if such an incredible request were approved. Maybe some of old WW1 poem says it best: "In Flanders fields the poppies blow beneath the crosses, row on row.." At a military cemetery in Hawaii, the sight of white, concrete crosses marking individual graves seemingly all the way to the horizon is sadly stunning.

Eliminating all crosses is obviously impractical. Besides, the would-be eliminators would probably be frustrated by not being able to find a cross for chasing away vampires. Ha-ha.

December Birthdays

Lynnwood C. Cook	12/3/1944
Grant L. Sargent	12/4/1946
James M. Denholm	12/6/1946
Michael W. Smith	12/11/1973
Richard H. Atkinson	12/14/1946
Mason L. Miller	12/14/1943
Michael T. Corey	12/20/1944
Jack Britt	12/22/1945
James S. Kutz	12/29/1953



Membership.....

You may have seen the new American Legion Post 129 Business Cards and Brochures. The idea for the Business Card is that the front of the Card is a regular Business Card, the back has a location for Your Name and Phone Number. Give them out to a friend or someone you know. When they come down to the Post, they can call you

and you can show them around. The brochure is a little different, while it has address and web site info on it. It also has a little history of the Post and What we DO at our Post. If someone asks, what does the Legion do? Give them a Brochure. In the brochure is a list of some of the programs we supported last year and this year. You would be surprised at the number of programs.

Rules are listed below:

1. Sign your first new member & receive a letter of appreciation.
2. 5 new members a free meal on Legion night.
3. 10 new members..name on Post 129 banner.
4. 13 new members, Lucky 13 Award
5. 25 new members, Silver Brigade
6. 50 new members, Gold Brigade

Editor's

comments

Members....Did you know you can receive your newsletter (4) four 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.

4. You can provide your e-mail address and receive it via e-mail..

Please read the article on page 7.

Also, sign up for the booster list. We need your help See page 6 & 8 of the newsletter. The list is getting smaller. Thank you.



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Canteen (continued from pg 3)

We know there is a lot going on at our Post and in an effort to keep everyone informed of all the great events, meals, activities, and specials we have started a weekly email. If you would like to be added to the list please sign up on the bulletin board.

As always we would like to thank all the members that help out around the canteen there are too many of you to name but we hope that you know how thankful we are for your help. This canteen could not run without you!

Support Those Who Support Us Business Booster List

John Quimby

Bob Novak

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First month is FREE (December signup) Donation of \$100 for 6 months or \$175 for 12 months. Your business card will be placed on this page. Get your business name out in front of all American Legion Post, Auxiliary, S.A.L and American Legion Rider members. Contact either Sterling (sterling1960@att.net) or Post Finance Officer Bob Schlatter if interested. Spots available for Post 129 members only.

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. Redoing the Bar top, both front and back bars.
2. Extending the Canape over the entrance and placing bricks down to form a patio.



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 which 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.

The Commander will be working every Saturday in December at the Post, however, if you want to help, please see the Commander or one of the officers.

American Legion Post 129 Newsletter Cost Update..by Sterling

We need your help. Rising costs also impact our newsletter publication. In the past the Newsletter Boosters picked up a good chunk of the cost. In December of 2008 we had 74 Newsletter Booster members. Today we have 42. The Boosters current contributions (and thank you very much to those that contribute) currently are about \$1,600 per year. The cost of our newsletter for printing, labels, postage etc will come to approximately \$5,700 per year in 2013. You can help in many ways. You can start receiving your newsletter by e-mail or go to our website www.legionpost129.org and get a copy

there. If you want to receive it by e-mail you are also put on Brandi's Canteen weekly mailing list (great up to date information on daily events at the Post). You can also add your name to either the Booster list (Diamond level-\$100+, Platinum level-\$100, Gold level-\$50, Silver level-\$25, Bronze level-\$10 or the Business Booster List. Give your contribution to our Finance Officer Bob Schlatter or any one of the other officers and they will make sure it gets to Bob. You can also leave it with the bartender and mark your envelope "Newsletter Booster List".

We have been giving some thought to changing the newsletter to every other month versus monthly in order to cut costs. No decision has been made. We have also updated the mailing list so some of you that have not been receiving it will now get a copy in the mail.

If you wish to get on the e-mail list you can send your request to me at sterling1960@comcast.net or to Brandi Roberts at brandi-roberts@att.net. If you have any other questions or comments about the newsletter please send them to me at sterling1960@comcast.net.

Service Officer

As you may know or not know, our Service Officer, Lean Wood, has resigned due to health reasons. Robert Schmitt, attended the Service Officer School in Orlando during the Fall Convention, and has taken as the Service Officer for the remaining of this term. Please contact Robert on any concerns on your VA Benefits or other needs the Service Officer can assist with.

Chaplain's Corner by Robert Schmitt

Hurricane Sandy devastated parts of the Northeast. American Red Cross & Salvation Army needs to have their funds replenished. It's easy to do online. I hope you had a great Thanksgiving and wishing you a Happy & Holy Christmas.

The American Legion

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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)
Barbara & Phil Milazo 4/13)
Shannon Devlin & Gregory Stanford (11/13)

Platinum Level, \$100

In memory of Cindy Burroughs (7/13)
In memory of Earl Parker
In memory of Mark Higgenbotham (6/13)
Frank & Margie Redmond (8/13)

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 (12/12)
Sterling & Linda Phaklides (6/13)
In memory of Kim White (10/12)
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)

Bronze Level, \$10

Jim Smith (8/13)
In memory of Dottie Smith (8/13)
In memory of Skip Hilliker (10/14)
In memory of John Kapeghian (6/12)
Martha & Roy Hauge (7/13)
John & Patty Kapeghian (5/12)
J.D. Kapeghian (5/12)
Scott & Christy Kapeghian (5/12)
Noah Kapeghian (5/12)
William & Fannie Bivens (10/13)
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 (9/13)
Shorty Heiman (11/13)
Towney Kennard (11/13)
Pete Riebesehl (11/12) MIA Henry Koch