

American Legion Post 129

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February 2011

Upcoming Events

- **Feb 2**
7:00 House committee mtng
- **Feb 3**
7:00 E-board meeting
7:00 Auxiliary meeting
7:30 General meeting
- **Feb 5**
7:30 Comedy Night
- **Feb 6**
2:00 Four Chaplains Ceremony
- **Feb 10**
7:00 40&8 & Cabane meeting
- **Feb 15**
5:30 Donations committee mtng
- **Feb 16**
7:00 Planning Board meeting
- **Feb 27**
1:00 Dart Banquet

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Commander's Corner by Lee Ingraham

In our transition from 2010 to 2011, we are making great strides to continue a cohesive Legion team. People are cooking. We have a new Veterans Job Placement program starting and a new Legion Riders Chapter. The 2010 holiday events were a huge success and we are looking to be as successful with our upcoming events and programs. A special THANKS to those that made the holiday events excel as well as they did! Boys State selection is in progress, as well as the Oratorical contest and School/JROTC Medals program. Legion Baseball and Softball are just around the corner, so be sure and try to support our teams.

DUES - As you know, those of us drawing Social Security

will not be getting a Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) again this year, but Dues for 2011 are now overdue and we are far behind in our membership renewal percentage goal so we need to catch up quickly. Remember no current membership card – no food or drink from the canteen!

We will continue to support the Beaches Veterans Memorial Park in Atlantic Beach. The park is a tribute to all Veterans, past, present and future and to the Chaplains who have given their lives while serving in our wars and conflicts. The BVMPI members are selling bricks, which you may have your name, family name, (continued on page 3)



*For
God
and
Country*



Back to Basics by Jack Gregory

For those of us who were born in the late 40's & early 50's we often remember how the modern technologies of that time have become obsolete. Black & white television with only three channels, my God how did we get through that, and also the birth of color TV? I can just barely remember the party phone line that was a normal thing

that people had in their homes. Just for a few examples. I have now become totally insecure without my cell phone and its many applications. Half way to work one morning I noticed that I had forgotten my phone, and went into panic mode, I made it through the day but not without much stress and apprehension

with what I was missing if anything.

In the past few years in a poor economic climate we have had to try and cut back on many things that have been taken for granted, and having to look for other ways to (continued on page 6)

Auxiliary News

by Candace Mabry, Auxiliary President



Brrrrr – I thought we lived in Florida! Ladies keep those motors running because we still have a few more months before this year is over. January flew by, but we did have a very successful Gold party that made \$400 for the Auxiliary. It was so successful that we are having another party the same day as the Blood mobile which is February 5th. Ladies, if you have old gold or silver, you will not be disappointed with the money you can make – just ask John or Marsha!

February we have our Valentine's dinner on February 12th, the menu and time to be announced. We will also have our first ever booze walk. So instead of winning a cake you

could win a bottle of wine or liquor. Genell and Mary Ellen will be organizing, so if you want to participate or donate for the cause please see them.

We are hoping to have 300 members by the end of January so we can have at least 4 delegates to girl's state. Thanks Kelly for all your hard work, I think we are almost there.

It's that time of year to begin thinking about taking that step to become either an officer for the Auxiliary next year or be a committee chairman. If you are interested but afraid to ask, take that step and just ask or come to a meeting. We will be having a lot

of openings next year, and this is "your" Auxiliary Unit. One or two people cannot do all the wonderful projects that we do each year. If you and a friend have talked about helping, you can be "co" chairs and work through it together!

Remember if you have an email and would like to be included in our group reminders and updates,



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News from the Galley

by Danny Rodriguez, 2nd Vice

I would like to again thank everyone who has volunteered to do dinners in the galley this past month and looking forward to seeing more of you volunteering for this upcoming month.

I would also like to thank JD and his crew for the oyster Mondays that they have done. These happen on Trivia night so you need to watch the calendar and bulletin

board.

The Early Bird dinner was a great success. I had a lot of positive feedback on dinner.

If you haven't heard, Terry has been ill and I would like to thank Mac for helping with the coverage of the lunch. We are trying to cover so that everyone can still enjoy food at the post. Please, if we aren't open, we

are doing our best.

I would also like to thank the ALR for stepping up and joining the dinner roster and they are planning a dinner for the comedy night on Feb. 5th. So come out and join them for some good food and a night of laughs. The ladies Aux will be doing the dinner for Valentines on Sat. Feb the 12th, so bring your sweet heart and support your legion.

Officers for 2010—2011

Commander.Lee Ingraham
1st Vice.....Norm Sullivan
2nd Vice.....Danny Rodriguez
3rd Vice.....Don Grzena
4th Vice.....Terry Stickles
SAA.....Mike Barker
Adjutant.....Candace Kelly
Judge Advocate.....Bob Wilson
Finance.....Bob Schlatter
Chaplain.....Robert Schmitt
Service Officer.....Walt Fanton

E-Board Members *House Committee*

James Smith	William Wilson
Joseph Newberry	Frank Redmond
Sterling Phaklides	Rich Hansberg
David Jordan	Marie Esler (Aux)
Taylor Barker	Tom Dawson (SAL)
	Russ Rhodes
	Danny Henderson

Auxiliary President,
Candace Mabry
Commander S.A.L.,
Tom Dawson
Chef De Gare 40 & 8,
Kevin McCallon
La Presidente, Cabane 215,
Annie Anderson
American Legion Riders Director
Jeff Durden

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organization name or company name inscribed. The bricks will make up the walk (s) around the park. A mere \$75 tax deductible donation will get you an inscribed brick. The proceeds from brick sales will go to pay for future park developments such as a covered stage, benches, BBQ grills, picnic areas, an upgraded playground and basketball court. We have 2 large posters of an overhead view of the park on the right as you come in the door and on the back wall between the bandstand and the archway to the game room.

For the Good of the Legion

Well as we are now into 2011, I wish you all a prosperous year! I would like to make 2011 at Post 129 a year of good will. Let's make it a year of positive comments instead of negative criticism. As I sit at the bar, which I do on

occasion, I continue to hear derogatory remarks about people, workers and conditions at the Post. Most criticisms are not followed by any solutions of "we could do this" or "why not try this," or "let me help" it's just "how come" or "he/she said or he/she did or it is or is not....." My Grandma always told me "If you can't say anything nice about someone, then don't say anything at all."

We have had a few unexpected expenses in 2010 and so far we have been able to handle them. Our Finance Officer has worked with our other Legion organizations and the Canteen to keep us above water and the doors open. We continue to look at ways to cut overhead and unnecessary spending. So for now, a few of our projects have been put on the back burner until we can safely say we have the bucks to proceed

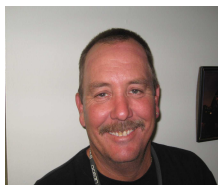
with them. Our annual Legion Programs are not in jeopardy and we will continue to keep them going, but some outside donations may be reduced or cut in order to keep those programs afloat. The Donation Committee is working and a special thanks to those Legionnaires for what they do!

We are also continuing to ensure that the newsletter gets to those who want/need it for our monthly info while still trying to reduce mailing costs. We can e-mail it for free and it is still available on our website!

American Legion Riders by Jeff Durden

The American Legion Riders, Post 129 held their 1st meeting Saturday January 22nd. They held their election and we have the following officers: Jeff Durden, Director; Jerry Brandt, Secretary; Bob Schlatter, Treasurer; Richard Hurst, Road Captain & Kenny Pigg, Safety Officer. We will meet on the 4th Saturday of the month at 10:00am at Post

129. If you are interested in joining please contact one of the officers.



Rod & Reel Club

Legion Post 137 (San Juan Ave) has an active Rod & Reel club. They would like to have some of our members join and/or participate in their activities. Their club is active all year long with fishing, awards etc. See Clyde Aston (242-0544) for more details.



40 & 8 News

by Kevin McCallon, Chef De Gare

Another month has passed. The January promenade was very important especially for getting all the equipment ready for the wreck. We have discovered that the P.A. System is in dire need of update and repair, Butch is working on that issue and the panels, I will have remade. Comrades, we still need more prisoners of the guard. If you know any good legionnaires or qualified people, let's get them read

Don't forget we need three readings for them to be qualified as a Voiture. Upcoming Events: February 11th and 12th, 2011 The Emerald coast regional Wreck V-1571 in Pensacola; April 1st and 2nd, Madame la Presidente, National, Patricia Jones, Crown plaza Tampa Fla. West Shore-\$89.00 night May 21 Grand Chef de-Gare John Kaiserian, La Grande president Marie Pink Citrus Hills Lodge

\$65.00 a night 350 E. Norville Bryant highway Hernando FL 34442 March 17th, 18th 19th, First Coast Wreck Voiture 215 Post 129 Jacksonville Beach, Fla.

Voitures we only have two prisoner of the guard. We need a few more so let's make this a fun event and find some more quality Voitures. to join us.

Canteen Update

by Brandi Roberts

Hello from your Canteen Staff,

Comedy Night is back starting this month! Join us on February 5th for our first comedians for 2011. We will be holding Comedy Night in the back hall the first Saturday of every month so come on in –it's a great time that you will not want to miss.

Also this month we will begin our Canteen remodel – don't worry football fans... we will not begin anything until after the Super Bowl. We look forward to the change and hope you do to.

Another big change this year is that we have brought in the Florida Lotto! 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 than 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 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!

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: Valentine's Day is on the way, and I have an idea for a card to be sent to members who are stuck on themselves. The cover says, "See inside for a picture of the one who loves you the most." Inside, there's a mirror. Do you think we have anyone in this post who should receive it?---Card Shark

Dear Shark: Possibly. I understand that lipstick sometimes

shows up on the mirror in the ladies room.

Dear Ethel: I feel it's a mistake for a husband to give his wife a box of candy for Valentine's Day. Isn't he implying that she needs to be sweeter? What's your view?----Sweetie Pie

Dear Pie: Disagree. Do you wanna start a sugar cane mutiny?

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



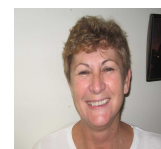
Cabane 215 News

by Annie Anderson, Cabane President

Hello Dames, Le Grande Mid-Winter Cheminot last month was well attended by our Cabane Locale. We are planning a March "Irish" Basket. We are asking for donations to the basket. Please, bring your donations to next Rendezvous Feb 10th 7pm. Please let me know what you are bringing at that time, nvywave1@aol.com or

707-3163. Remember our annual Rummage Sale is coming up, probably in May or beginning of June. Don't throw your discards away or give them away. This is one of our biggest fund raisers for the year. March 17th to 20th is the First Coast Wreck, we are the host for the visiting Dames and our Grande Presidente Marie Pink.

The Dames Luncheon will be on Saturday March 19th, please do come out and support your Cabane Locale 215. Our next Rendezvous is February 10th at 7pm.



Legion Lore

by Jack Hardebeck

Our current siege of frigid weather conjures up visions of winter in the wake of WW II.

I'm on a destroyer sailing (actually, plunging and leaping) in an angry ocean en route from Norfolk to Newport, RI. A bunch of recent boots, including me, are slated to train there for duty on a new cruiser under construction. Probably none of us has eve done any sea duty aboard any vessel beyond the Staten Island ferry. With the tin can doing flips, some of us "old salts" have a greenish pallor. Not me, though. I'm just hungry. With my chow tray full of vittles, I prepare to wade in as the guy across from me loses his dinner. I lose my appetite. The bounding main keeps

bounding and pounding.

A few weeks later, I'm coming back from liberty in Newport. The bus drops me. The icy wind whistles around the drill field that I must cross. Like a hash-marked vet, I stick my flat hat in my peacoat and pull a knitted watch cap down over my face to keep it from freezing. I stride blindly toward the warm barracks. Fortunately, there are no uncovered manholes ahead. Salty sea dogs like me know these things.



Humor??

Two business partners are about to hire a new receptionist. Choosing a pretty young lady, amply endowed, one partner says, "Look, first off, we have to teach her what's right and what's wrong." The other partner says, "Agreed. You teach her what's right!"

The boss called the young employee in and said, "I'm going to mix business with pleasure. You're fired!"

A doctor examined a woman and told her husband, "I'm not too thrilled about your wife's looks." The husband said, "that makes two of us."

Man in Uniform

(Guess who this person is)

Who is the Post 129 member on the right? (answer in next months newsletter) .

This individual was in the U.S. Air Force from 1953 to 1974. He was Crew Chief Flight Mechanic. This airman is a Past Commander of Post 129. We'll be disappointed if



don't get this one.....

If you are the first one to identify the person in uniform and notify Post Commander Lee Ingraham he might buy you a drink.

Last month's Man in Uniform was Alfred E Newman.

Editor's comments

by Sterling L. Phaklides

What's for dinner. The most difficult part of the calendar. If you are in charge or cooking a dinner on Fridays or Saturdays you will have more people attend if they know in advance, What's for Dinner. Get your information on the calendar. If you are cooking a dinner in March you need to get that information to Danny Rodriguez by February 19th so he can make sure it

gets on the March calendar. It will help you sell more dinners.....It will also make the bartenders happy as they won't have to field so many calls from people wondering, What's for Dinner. You do a great job on the dinners but not on the pre-marketing part. Let's change that for March and the future months. Give Danny a little help.

It was so cold the other day I saw a politician with his hands in his own pockets.



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entertain ourselves to cut the budget in our lifestyle. Because of the reliance on the modern conveniences of our time it is a struggle to give up some of the small pleasures and what is thought of as needed is no longer that important under the circumstances. Whatever happened to the \$12.00 a month phone bill, and the answering machine where messages could be retrieved in the evening and calls returned that evening or whenever or never. Living more sparingly has become the norm and getting back to basics and enjoying life as it is could be a rewarding experience, not relying on all the toys that are in the box, and seeing that some of these conveniences can be more trouble and costly than they are worth. By the way I will not give up my computer since once it is bought and paid for there is not much cost involved in running it.

There is something to be said for anticipation rather than instant gratification. The anticipation of acquiring something is sometimes if not always more exciting than the actual acquisition. So giving up some of these things that we think we need to survive could be a good thing temporarily so as to look forward to getting them back in the not so distant future

SAL update by Clyde Aston

Many SAL members have not paid their 2011 dues. The list is published on the bulletin boards. Please renew your membership at your earliest convenience.

New Members

November 2010: Franklin L. Abbott, USN, Vietnam; Robert M Culbertson, USA, Vietnam; Bryce Kreischer, USN, Gulf; Joseph E. Lee, USMC, Gulf; Harry Maxwell Jr, USN, Vietnam; Peter J. Riebesehl, USA, WWII; Michael , Michael Smith, USAF, Gulf;

December 2010: Ira David Ashley, USA; James F. Benson, USA, Vietnam; Donald S. Bulford, USA, Vietnam; Henry Clay Burnett, USMC, Vietnam; Dale Levesque, USA, Gulf; Gregory Lamar Scruggs, USN, Lebanon, active duty; John C. Henry transfer from Post 400.

January 2011: Ronald G. Buchman, USMC, Vietnam; Glenda J. Carter, USA, Lebanon; Robert R. Deering II, USA, Lebanon; John Stuart Howell, USA, Lebanon; Randy Lee Rhodes, USA, Gulf, active duty; James C. Wineland, USAF, Vietnam; transfers...Dennis McDowell, Post 316; William J. Grill, USA, Vietnam, Post 400; Stephen M. Price, USAF, Vietnam, from Post 316; Carl E Waldron, USN, Gulf from Post 87; Christopher Wilson, USA, Gulf from Post 316;

She decided to have a romantic dinner. She lit the candles. The candles lit the drapes. The drapes lit the wall. The wall lit the propane tank. The propane tank exploded. It turned out to be romantic anyway, because for the first time in years they went out together.

I saw a man lying in the gutter and asked him. "Are you hurt or something?" He said, "I'm fine. I just found a parking place and sent my wife out to buy a car!"

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please feel free to send your email address to candacemabry@bellsouth.net. Some ladies have changed to another provider, so don't forget to update us too! Brandi Roberts our Canteen manager is also sending out weekly emails for upcoming events at the canteen and you can also join the Post on Facebook – in this day and age there is no reason to say "oh I didn't know that was happening". Be safe.....

Service Officer comments by Walt Fanton



WORKSource Veterans Mobile Access Point Team Will be at American Legion Post # 129 Every Monday from 10AM- 3PM

Starting 24, January 2011

Worksource provides veteran career services such as resume writing, job searches, career counseling and many other employment related services.

ALL SERVICES ARE FREE OF CHARGE

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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+

Jim Smith
Bob Schlatter
Dave & Pat
Terry & Tracey Stickles
Gary & Marie Esler
Clyde & Nancy Aston
Genell Kriner
William Walker
Fred St Clair
In memory of Joyce Weiss

Platinum Level, \$100

Barbara & Phil Milazo (1/11)
In memory of Cindy Burroughs 3/11
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 (5/11)
In memory of Dean Ramon Esler (6/11)
P-Nut & Liz Wilson (11/11)
Bill & Fanny Bivens (8/11)
Bill & Mabel Videll (12/10)
Nick Patrizio (4/12)
Frank & Marge Redmond (8/11)
J.J. & Helen (12/11)

Bronze Level, \$10

Caroline Whelpley (5/11)
Ed Zazzarino (10/11)
Frank Brown (7/11)
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 (6/11)
In memory of Jim Reed (12/11)

Martha & Roy Hauge (7/13)
Joe & Pat Cornell (2/11)
John & Patty Kapeghian (3/11)
J.D. Kapeghian (3/11)
Scott & Christy Kapeghian (3/11)
Noah Kapeghian (3/11)
Larry Garner (1/12)
Louise Braren (6/12)
Maddy Chitko (2/11)
Pearse & Sally Doherty (2/11)
Percy & Beverly Shadwell (11/10)
Richard & Jo Ann Scoggins (4/11)
Richard & Katy (5/11)
Robert Gomez (1/16)
Robert Schmitt (5/11)
Roy L. & Martha Lewis (4/11)
Russell & Mary Lou Jones (9/11)
Shorty Heiman (11/11)
Steve & Misty (11/10)
Towney Kennard (11/11)