

# American Legion Post 129

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February 2012

## Commander's Corner by Danny Rodrigues

We have accomplished a lot in the past month, I want to thank the fancy pants for doing the dinner on January 15<sup>th</sup>, the funds raised is going towards the Finnegan Elementary School for the annual Bus trip to Kennedy Space Center. I would like to thank David and Frank for stepping up to escort the bus trip.

I would like to thank Annie for having a show on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January, this was coordinated with the SAL Dinner, hosted by Richard and Cindy to also raise funds for the Kennedy Bus trip.

The legion will be doing a low country boil on the 27<sup>th</sup> of February, the funds raised will also be going to the bus trip as well. Keith Hanson is leading this, thank you Keith.

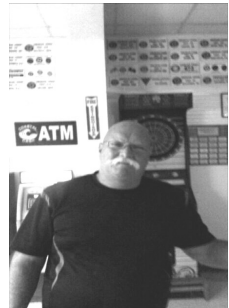
A item came out of the district meeting in January that may have some impact with our local **homeless veterans**, the VA, HUD and the post of the 5<sup>th</sup> district has teamed up to find housing for the veterans. VA and HUD will do the following, verify the veteran is qualified, provide a home or apartment, job training and assistance. The American Legion 5<sup>th</sup> District, will do the necessary paper work to provide the Veteran the initial down payment on rental of the home or apartment, and the initial funds to purchase the linen, cleaning supplies, etc. for the veteran to be able to move into the apartment.

There will be a painting party for the back hall, as you may not be aware of, the leadership team for the post is working together to redo the back hall, 1<sup>st</sup> step, is the repainting of the hall. This will take place February 18<sup>th</sup>, starting at 8 am. If you can, please come down and assist. More hand the faster the work will proceeded.

The American Legion Post 129 is at 86% as of January 12<sup>th</sup>, I would like to thank everybody in assisting in renewing, recruiting and help bring our membership numbers back up. THANK YOU. Every year at this time we start looking for candidates for the American Legion Post 129 Offices for the up coming year. If you are interested in running for an office please let Norm Sullivan or any current officer know so we can list them for the upcoming election.



*For  
God  
and  
Country*



### For all upcoming events

See calendar insert  
Or Brandi's e-mail

Blood drive 2/11 from 11-3 sign up  
@ [www.bloodalliance.com](http://www.bloodalliance.com) or on  
the information board

5th District, Four Chap-  
lains Memorial Service  
Feb. 5 @ 2PM

### SAL Officers

Commander -JD Kapeghian  
1st Vice— Mike Barker Jr.  
2nd Vice—Danny Parker  
3rd Vice—Scott Hardy  
Chaplin—Robert Haag  
Sgt. At Arms—Garth  
Collins

### S.A.L. Notes by JD Kapeghian

I would like to thank everyone for all their support with the Pier cart. All that money will be going to the Special Olympics.

Memberships are going good, but we still have some members that need to re new their dues.

Oyster night was a success! Please join us again, for the next Oyster night on Monday February 13.

Once again I would like to thank everyone who helped with the dinners and oysters. Without all your help none of this would be possible!



## Auxiliary News by Candace Mabry, Auxiliary President

It's been years in the making but finally your Auxiliary has gathered the actors from all over to come to the back hall, February 11<sup>th</sup>, for a Dinner/Theatre show called "Broadway...Our Way". Yes, this show will definitely be Our Way. This is a must see event for all. We will have acts from the Broadway musicals: Chicago, The Sound of Music, South Pacific, Hair, and many, many more. Terry is helping us with dinner which will be grilled rib-eye, baked potato, salad, garlic bread, and dessert. There will be raffle baskets to raise money for our troops and veterans. Dinner and Show will be \$15 (advance purchase), and Show only will be \$10. The bartenders will be selling tickets along with the Auxiliary officers. If you need us to mail you tickets, send your check made out to ALA Unit 129 and in the memo section let us know how many are needed. Ladies, let's pack the house in support of your Auxiliary!

Please don't forget your membership renewal. If you have a card that has the year 2011, then it is expired and you need to renew, now.

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, please feel free to send your email address to [candacemabry@bellsouth.net](mailto:candacemabry@bellsouth.net). Some ladies have changed to another provider, so don't forget to update us too!

February 18<sup>th</sup> we will be painting the back hall and any that would like to volunteer your time to assist, please be at the Post at 8:00.

For God and Country

Candace Mabry

From an internet source

by Jack Gregory

Since World War II, the U.S. Navy's carriers have been the national force of choice. In over 80% of the times when the World was faced with international violence, the United States has responded with one or more carrier task forces. Over the past 25 years, requirements for USN carrier forces to be on station to respond to a crisis have increased.

## Officers for 2011—2012

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

**E-Board**  
Keith Ingle  
Tommy Williams  
Jeff Durden  
Taylor Baker

**House Committee**  
Bill Wilson  
Kathy Jewell AUX  
Dale Peterson

Frank Redmond  
Rich Hansberg  
Richard Kasevich  
Nina Lott

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

## MEET JOHN “BUCKY” BUCHNA.....FORE SURE!

By Lance Miller

If you think you'd like to spend more time on the golf course, consider the plight (?) of John “Bucky” Buchna, who for ¾ of a year spends 80% of his waking hours in a competitive environment on some of the most prestigious and beautiful golf courses in the world. Bucky, as he's known to most of us at the Legion, has earned his stripes as a full-time caddy for a professional player on the PGA Tour.



Specifically, Bucky, has caddied for almost 29 years for PGA touring pro, Joey Sindelar, Ohio State University alum. This player-caddy relationship of such tenure is the longest of any on the PGA tours and began back when Joey was turning professional. The main reason for their nearly three decade relationship is the camaraderie they've formed not only together, but among the sports media and the golfing public. There's rarely a time when sportscasters don't mention that Bucky's boss, Joey, is one of the nicest guys on the tour and the same is usually said about Bucky.

However, golf is not #1 in Bucky's world. That honor is reserved for lovely Vicki, Bucky's wife of seven years. They met at their 30<sup>th</sup> high school reunion (Richwood H.S, Peoria, Illinois) and believe it or not, never knew each other in school.

Bucky's earnings are dependent on Joey's winnings – the more Joey makes in a tournament, the higher percentage Bucky makes. Although Joey is now a regular on the Champion's Tour (reserved for professionals age 50 or over) he's won seven events as a professional and some of his earnings went a long way towards purchasing John (as Vicki calls him) and Vicki's beautiful home in Jacksonville Beach.

And, yes, if you're wondering, Bucky does get in a few rounds of golf for himself during the three months a year he's not caddying for Joey. Another hint...I wouldn't bet him on the course – he's pretty good, if he does say so himself.

## American Legion Riders by Jeff Durden



We now have long sleeve shirts at the post along with short sleeve shirts with pockets. At our last meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup>, we will be the Chapter in charge of a FUN RUN for one of our members son. He is a SAL member. He dropped his bike and the road rash gave him staff infection. He is at home, but is at his Dad's home and under medical care. He is in need of our help NOW. We will have a fun run on the 11<sup>th</sup> of February, KSU at 11:00 am. Route to be Mayport Tavern, Post 283, Post 88, Post 233 and back to Post 129. This can change at this point do to contacting the Posts involved. Look for more info from e-mails. Call me for more info at 904-242-8844

## Cabane 215 News

Annie Anderson, Cabane President



Hello Everyone, I do apologize for not having a Rendezvous in January, but several Dames and I could not attend. I do hope that Grand de Florida Mid Winter went very well, this is the first time in over 10 years I did not go. I am sorry I missed it, it is always informative and lots of fun to see everyone from the State of Florida. We will have our regular Rendezvous in February, we have several items to discuss for the upcoming months. Rendezvous will be our regular time 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday (2-2-2012) at 7pm, hope to see all of you there.

For God and Country

Annie Anderson

La Presidente

# Canteen Update

by Brandi Roberts



Hello from your Canteen Staff,

Although February may be the shortest month of the year we will not let that stop us from filling it with fun filled activities down here at the Post. First of all we want to send a special thank you out to all of you who made this year's football season as huge success. Although the season is almost over the most important game of the year is still coming up and we want you all to know that you are invited to come on down and watch it with us. We will be having a Super bowl party!

Also in February you will not want to miss the Auxiliary's performance of Broadway...Our Way! It will be a show that you will be talking about for a long time to come. And with prices at \$15 for dinner and show, and \$10 for show only you just can't miss it. But be sure to get your tickets early as they will only be pre selling dinner. Tickets will be available for purchase in the canteen.

Some of you may know that we have begun planning a remodel of the back hall. It is a wonderful room but it needs some TLC. So this month we will take the first step with paint! But we need all the help we can get. We will be painting the back hall on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup>. Please come on down and help. Even if you can only stay an hour or two we need all the help we can get.

Lastly mark your calendar for March 10<sup>th</sup>. Comedy Night returns! If you have been in the past you know that this is a night filled with laughter and great times. If you have missed it this is your chance to see what everyone is talking about. Tickets will go on sale in the Canteen on Feb 14<sup>th</sup>, plan on getting yours early.

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: Every now and then, we have a long drought. Most people think that there's nothing you can do to end it. Wouldn't it be a public-spited thing if we did try? I say we go outside and do a rain dance, like the Indians perform. Besides, some of us need the exercise. What's your view?---Rain Man II

Dear Rain Man: If that works, why didn't parched Texas farmers do a dance last summer? Also, if we all started that in the parking lot, how long would it be before the men in white coats would show up with a load of strait jackets?

Dear Ethel: This Valentine's Day, I'm going to buy my wife a new set of golf clubs. She'll never want to play and will give them to me. Then I'll have the new clubs I've been yearning for. How's that for a strategy?---Gofer Golfer

Dear Gofer: Better do something less self-serving for Valentine's. It's the first day of the rest of your wife.

Ask Ethel (8-2011)

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

triplejj@comcast.net



## Legion Lore by Jack Hardebeck



For this column, I'm borrowing a phrase from the Jamaica vacation ad on TV: "When you go, you know." Applied to service in our armed forces, it can mean that, if you were never in the U.S. armed services, you won't know the hazards and rewards of military duty.

While surfing the net recently, I ran across a posting titled, "Who served in the military?" (You can see it by googling under that title.) It's a long entry (14 pages), and the first part showcases the armed forces record of prominent Democrats and Republicans. As a lifelong Republican, I was shocked to see how many GOP luminaries did not serve in our military.

That includes members of Congress and various administrations, people who often have been influential in conducting wars. Also covered were hawkish media pundits. The revelations must be basically true. I don't see how anyone could simply make up this stuff and get away with it, unchallenged. GO Pres, read it and wince.

## Notice to all Members

Please renew your  
2012 membership

**A special thanks goes to**

Diane Barker for the wonderful cakes & sweets she donates to many different meals at post 129

Attention: All Facebook users

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

## Editor's Comments

by Jack Gregory



It is such a pleasure to see the many volunteers at our post.

Typically it is mostly the same group that are working hard on many days to keep the post in good shape and to keep the many meals and activities continuing smoothly. If anyone feels left out and needs a quick life pick up in doing something good for the cause please volunteer for some little thing to help out.

Thank You

Things you may not know

Everything weighs 1% less at the equator

The cigarette lighter was invented before the match

If anyone has nostalgic or interesting pictures or articles you would like published in this newsletter, please let me know by mid month prior to the next publication. @ jkgregy@yahoo.com

### More News from Brandi

Mark your calendars March 10<sup>th</sup> we will be bringing back Comedy Night! This is a night you will not want to miss!

**Headliner:** The self proclaimed love child of Cher and Klinger, Traci Kanaan grew up in Berea, Ohio, a quiet middle class community on Cleveland's west side. Her Italian mother loved opera, dance and theater. Her Lebanese father loved stock car racing, flea markets, and dirty jokes. Traci combined these influences to make a comedy yard sale...with music. You've seen it before...but not on display like this!

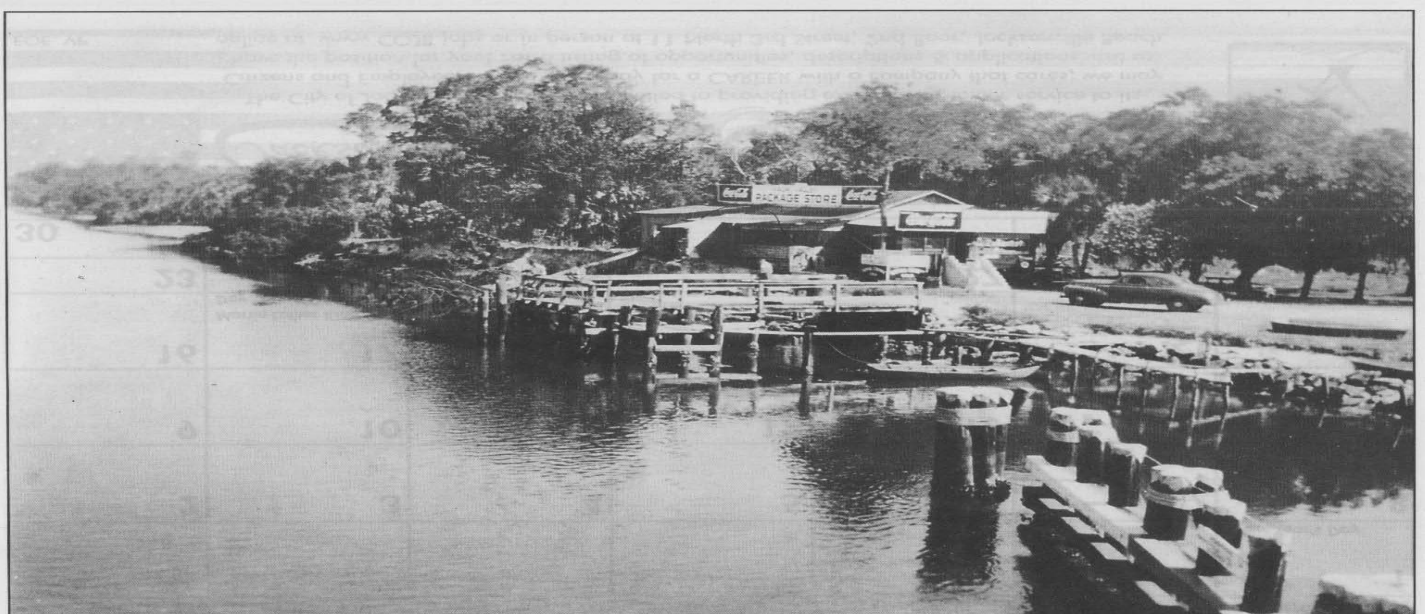
**Opening act:** Are you a fat, bald guy that still lives with his parents and grandmother? If you answered yes, you probably have too much in common with Brian Thomas, and instead of laughing, you may end up crying if you watch him. If you answered no than you should have an awesome time laughing at Brian as he performs material that guarantees he will not get laid after the show.

### More Auxiliary news

The Ladies Auxiliary is collecting EMPTY prescription bottles

( label removed if possible) Please give to Pattie or leave in Auxiliary meeting room in the box available.

The Auxiliary is working to put together boxes to ship to support our injured soldiers at Bastion Hospital in Afghanistan: Please see Marsha Clifton or Mary Ellen for a list of items needed.



**Above** Palm Valley Fish Camp ( circa 1950 )



# Just For Fun

by Jack Gregory

## Recipe of the Month

### Cauliflower Cheese Casserole

1 cup Egg noodles

2 Chicken breasts

2 cups steamed cauliflower

1.5 cups cheddar cheese

1 can chicken rice soup

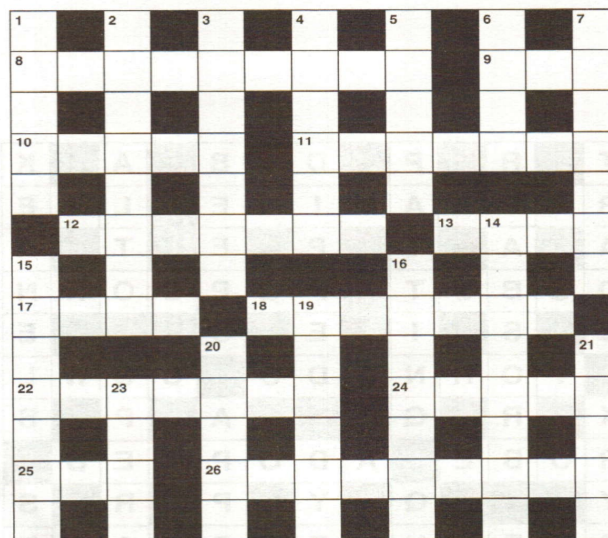
Boil Breasts then cut into desired size

Layer all in baking dish

350 degrees for 45 minutes

Cover with tin foil while cooking

No 8



#### Across

- 8 - Test again (2-7)
- 9 - Liquid used for washing (3)
- 10 - First time (5)
- 11 - Eaten at cinema (7)
- 12 - Cyclone (7)
- 13 - Part of a hood (4)
- 17 - Outerwear (4)
- 18 - Chose (7)
- 22 - Alter (7)
- 24 - Uplift (5)
- 25 - Mineral deposit (3)
- 26 - The lowest female voice (9)

#### Down

- 1 - Commerce (5)
- 2 - Assimilate again (8)
- 3 - Tapping (7)
- 4 - Dunked; lowered (6)
- 5 - Short computer sounds (5)
- 6 - Singer (4)
- 7 - Edible seed parts (7)
- 14 - Performable (8)
- 15 - An inert gas (7)
- 16 - Seems (7)
- 19 - Coloring (6)
- 20 - Swift (5)
- 21 - Past tense of stand (5)
- 23 - Ridge (sea) (4)

# The American Legion

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### BOOSTER LIST

#### **Diamond Level, \$100+**

Bob Schlatter (8/12)  
Dave & Pat (9/12)  
Terry & Tracey Stickles  
Gary & Marie Esler  
Clyde & Nancy Aston  
Genell Kriner  
William Walker  
Fred St Clair  
In memory of Joyce Weiss  
  
Sonny & Suzanne Sternberg (10/12)

#### **Platinum Level, \$100**

Barbara & Phil Milazo (1/12)  
In memory of Cindy Burroughs 3/12  
Carl Morrison (8/11)  
In memory of Earl Parker  
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#### **Gold Level, \$50**

Bruce & Wilma Corbitt (3/11)  
In memory of Barbara Thomas (8/11)  
James Stinekraus (8/11)  
  
James M. Denholm (1/13)

#### **Silver Level, \$25**

Al & Ginny Terrell (8/11)  
  
G. Collins (7/12)  
In Memory of Kim White ( 10/ 12)

In memory of Brad & Gerry Terrell (12/12)  
Jack & Ethel (11/12)  
Bob & Pat Deptula (8/11)  
Sam Kalasdian (8/11)  
Thomas & Townsend (2/11)  
John & Sandy Seroyer 4/11)  
In memory of USS Stark (5/12)  
In memory of Dean Ramon Esler (6/11)  
P-Nut & Liz Wilson (11/12)  
Bill & Fanny Bivens (8/11)  
Nick Patrizio (4/12)  
Frank & Marge Redmond (8/11)  
J.J. & Helen (12/11)  
Franklin Friers (3/12)  
Mike & Diane Barker (3/12)

Charlie Parker (8/12)

#### **Bronze Level, \$10.**

Pete Riebesehl (11/12)- MIA Henry Koch  
  
In Memory of Skip Hilliker 11/12  
  
Colette & Charlie Sellers 7/12  
  
Jim Smith (8/12)

Caroline Whelpley (5/11)  
Ed Zazzarino (10/11)  
Frank Brown (7/12)  
George Layton (3/11)  
In memory of Earl Parker (6/11)  
In memory of Edwina Maccangno (4/11)  
In memory of Jack W. Cox (2/11)  
In memory of Sean Seroyer (3/11)  
In memory of Dottie Smith (8/12)  
In memory of George Rivers (5/11)  
In memory of Skip Hilliker (10/12)  
In memory of John Kapeghian (6/12)  
In memory of Jim Read (12/11)  
Martha & Roy Hauge (7/13)  
Joe & Pat Cornell (2/11)  
John & Pattie Kapeghian (5/12)

J.D. Kapeghian (5/12)  
Scott & Christy Kapeghian (5/12)  
Noah Kapeghian (5/12)  
Larry Garner (1/12)  
Louise Braren (6/12)  
Maddy Chitko (2/12)  
Pearse & Sally Doherty (2/13)  
Richard & Jo Ann Scoggins (4/15)  
Richard & Katy (5/12)  
Robert Gomez (1/16)

Robert Schmidt (5/11)  
Roy L. & Martha Lewis (4/11)  
Russell & Mary Lou Jones (9/12)

Shorty Heiman (11/12)  
Towney Kennard (11/12)

Pete Riebesehl (11/12)- MIA Henry Koch

Colette & Charlie Sellers 7/12