

# American Legion Post 129

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February 2013

### Upcoming Events

- **February 3**  
2:00 4 Chaplain's Service
- **February 6**  
7:00 House Committee
- **February 7**  
7:00 E-Board & Auxiliary  
7:30 General meeting
- **February 10**  
2:00 Dist meeting at Post 233
- **February 14**  
7:00 40&8 and Cabane mtng
- **February 16**  
10:00 ALR meeting
- **February 17**  
4:00 No Dough BBQ
- **February 27**  
6:00 SAL meeting

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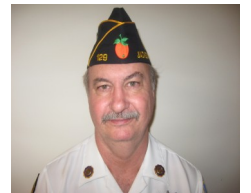
## Commander's Corner by Jerry Brandt

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

You may or may not have noticed changes around the Post; the patio area is coming along nicely, the new back bar and preparations for the front bar. These are items we are doing to improve the Post. Any ideas please let Brandy Roberts, Bill Wilson or myself know. We want the Post to be something everyone can be proud of.

The family of American Legion Post 129 Volunteer of the Month, which has been long overdue for December is Robert Duffany. He has been taking care of our Pull Tab machine for several years, as a volunteer. Thank you, Bob.

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 loved one, please see any (continued on page 3)



## First Vice comments...by Don Grzena



Thank you for all your help in trying to get us to 100% of Memberships. We are at 93% as of January the 15th. I know that we will get to 100% by the end of February. To all the **Korean Veterans**, PLEASE read the Memo at the front door bulletin board. We will be honoring ALL Korean War Veterans at the

No-dough dinner on the 17th of Feb at 4pm. This year marks the 60th Anniversary of the Korean War. To be eligible, You must have been in the Service during the years from 1950-1953. Right now, I have 90 Korean Veterans on file. Please look at the

list of names on the front door bulletin board. If your name is not on it, PLEASE get a hold of me right away.

If you have any problems with your membership, please get in touch with me.

# Auxiliary News by Cindy Jordan, Auxiliary President



*"Our dear friend Val was in the Heavens or at least a mile high, cheering on the Bronco's to score 30. Just so our Auxiliary could reap the benefits.*

*Thank you Val for your donation of \$156.00 to your Beloved Post 129"*

This message received from our dear friends who had included Val in a football pool to honor the fact the she usually won, and she did. Her posthumous donation has assisted our Girls State Program and K9's for Warrior programs. Thank you Val, and thank you Bob Duf-

fany and Bob Szkutah for making this happen.

Membership is at 66.85%. We need 118 more renewals to get to 100%. We would love to see that goal reached before the District Meeting in February. If you have not renewed, please do so as soon as possible. Also, please get your volunteer hours in, I would like to have an up to date list for our February report to District.

We received photos, a certificate of thanks and a flag that was flown over Camp Leatherneck in Afghanistan from the troops that we sent Christmas goodies to. What

a nice surprise and complement to our Auxiliary Meeting room.

Dinner by Claire will be February 15th. We all know how delicious her food is. Please come, support your Auxiliary by purchasing a meal, and join us for Steak Bingo.

I want to take time to send special thanks to some of our unsung volunteers. There are many events that go on here that are not Auxiliary specific, but we always have Auxiliary here to assist when someone needs help. This month I would like to send a shout out to (continued on page 7)

# S.A.L News by JD Kapeghian



S.A.L. would like to send out our sad goodbye's to Don Sherwood and Mr. Bill Walker and their families. They were both deeply loved and will be missed by all. I would like to thank everyone that went on or participated in the New Years Hangover Crawl. We will be having another one on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th. We will be calling it the "Train Wreck". I would like to thank Joe Nolan and Jimmy for being our train conductors. Good job

guys! I would also like to thank Jack and Sue Gregory, Richard and Cindy Jordan, and Pattie Kapeghian for all their volunteer hours for the S.A.L in the kitchen. Friday, Feb. 1, the S.A.L. will be doing the 2" porkchops, home-made scalloped potatoes and veggies at 5:30. Feb. 11, Monday, we will be doing loaded nachos at 5:30. Then on Monday Feb 18th, we will be doing authentic Philly Cheese Steaks with fries. If anyone has not renewed their dues please

see a S.A.L. officer or a bartender and get that taken care of to help us get to our 100% goal. 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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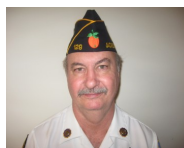
of the officers in the Post and they will give you the information for these bricks. Speaking of which, the Post is planning to buy bricks for this walkway, we will start with Commanders from the beginning of our Post in 1943 and work our way the present. Any donations would be appreciated.

As you know, the new 2013 membership cards are now available. Our membership stands at 93%, only 38 members from our 100%. If you have not paid your dues, please do so. We will be looking for the new cards when you come in. Please be proud, as a member, and provide the card when asked.

The Korean War Certificates are in

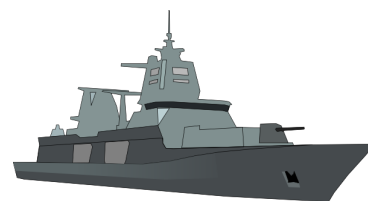
and we planning an event to honor all the Korean War Veterans and to pass out the Certificates on February 17. We will also pass out to any Vietnam Veteran, who did not previously receive a Certificate.

Speaking of February 17<sup>th</sup>, it is our turn to support the USO, we will have a Bar-B-Q on that day, proceeds will go towards the USO. Come out, enjoy yourself and help our active duty members by supporting the USO.



## 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.



## February Birthdays

John Howell 2/6  
 Thomas E Crossin 2/21  
 Danny Rodriguez 2/25  
 Thomas Paiane 2/3  
 Robert Drake 2/7  
 Robert Richards 2/3  
 Russell Jones 2/6  
 George Thompson 2/22  
 Isaac Burch 2/10  
 William Siebel 2/8

Luis Rodriguez 2/3  
 Sterling Phaklides 2/13  
 Frank Stroup 2/13  
 John Arnold 2/5  
 Elmer Shires 2/23  
 Thomas Frazer 2/22  
 Paul Windsor 2/25  
 John Burroughs 2/20  
 Howard Roberts 2/26  
 Charles Baxter 2/20

Joseph Mathieu 2/10  
 George Campbell 2/14  
 Edwin Richenbacher 2/16  
 Kirk Esler 2/27



## Mark Your Calendars for a Very Special Event!

We are pleased to announce that on March 9th we will be hosting an oldies revue with the group Knights to Remember.

Knights to Remember is a self contained, high energy oldies revue group. Their mixed bag of tunes will surely take you on a musical trip recapturing those glorious carefree yesterdays. "Knights to Remember"

has been performing for sold out audiences in the North East Florida area for the past few years. Together they project that certain contagious chemistry, giving them the ability to ignite a crowd, keeping them dancing as well as entertained.

Tickets will cost \$10 and be available at the canteen mid February.



**Knights to Remember Oldies Revue**

## Canteen Update by Brandi Roberts



Hello from your Canteen Staff,

Who knew time could move so fast! Although 2012 was full of wonderful events, fundraisers, and meals we are working hard here at Post 129 to make 2013 even better! This year we plan to bring back events that you have all enjoyed such as Comedy Night and Monte Carlo Night and introduce new events. Possibly a dinner show in the back hall, or a night with a Swing Band or an Oldies Revue!

This year we are also working on making more improvements to the canteen area to keep us up to date

and more efficient. By the time this newsletter comes out the back hall bar remodel should be complete, the main canteen bar area should be well under way, and the patio area out front almost finished. We have also brought in new dart machines and a new juke box.

The month of February will be full as well. On Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> join us for the American Legion Riders Bike Night. On Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> we will host the Four Chaplains memorial service at 2pm and a Super Bowl party in the main canteen area that evening. And on Sunday, February 17th we will host

a no dough dinner.

With the back hall remodel we are hoping to have more interested in event rentals. 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. 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. (continued on page 5)

## Ask Ethel....

**Dear Ethel:** I don't know why people use that medicine which opens your stuffed up nasal passages when they get a cold. If they can breathe through them again, they can catch another cold. Agree? ---Nasal Commander

**Dear Commander:** Only your nose knows. If your temperature rose, maybe it's not just your nose,

suppose.

**Dear Ethel:** All this jazz about us falling off the fiscal cliff has me confused. It didn't happen. What do you make of that?---Cliff Dweller

**Dear Dweller:** Possibly we'll find out that somebody pushed this guy Cliff and he fell off his own fiscal.

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 News by Cabane President Paulette Hilliker

Time is flying by, here it is February already. Our Raffle Basket is on display and all proceeds will be donated to the Nurses Training Program. We will be drawing the Raffle on February 28th. We had a very small Rendezvous in January. Welcome back to the Dames that attended Grande Mid Winter and

to those Dames who were on the Cruise. Rendezvous will be on the 14th and hope to see you all there. Merci



### 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

"We've got your back!" So goes the famous assurance of help if U.S war fighters are badly outnumbered or outgunned by the enemy. Ever since the murders of our ambassador and three other Americans in Benghazi, Libya, I've been wondering what the effect of that will be on enlistments and reenlistments in our armed forces. The reported rejections of appeals for security aid by our government is not reassuring.

Through the years, we've heard many accounts of heroic rescues of trapped U.S. combatants. Plenty of medals have been awarded for such valor. Maybe this type of

courageous action will become rare. Let's pray that it doesn't. When our people call for back-up, it should come, and rapidly.

I feel better now that I've gotten that off my chest.



## Canteen Update

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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!

## 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

by Sterling L. Phaklides

Help is needed. We try to put together a monthly calendar that has most all of the upcoming activities listed. Each month comes and goes with several activities happening that did not get on the calendar. If you are aware of any activities coming up in future months let me know so we can get it on the calendar. It will also increase your attendance at these activities. Remember we mail 580 newsletters,

E-mail 200 newsletters and about 150 are picked up each month at the Post, so if you want the membership to know about your event.....GET IT ON THE CALENDAR. It will also show up on Brandi's weekly e-mail.

Also sign up for the BOOSTER list or the BUSINESS BOOSTER list.

Send me an e-mail or give me a call if you have any ideas for newsletter articles etc. 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

Your  
BUSINESS CARD  
Here

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@comcast.net) or Post Finance Officer Bob Schlatter if interested. Spots available for Post 129 members only.

American Legion 5<sup>th</sup> District of Florida

### FOUR CHAPLAIN'S MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 at 2:00pm

70<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

**Please plan on attending this Memorial Service for these Four WWII Heros: Father J.P. Washington, Rabbi A.D. Goode, Rev. G.L. Fox & Rev. C.V. Poling**

Ocean Beaches Post 129 will again sponsor the 5th District Four Chaplains Memorial Service. The Memorial Service will be held in the main hall of the Post. The Guest speaker will be Chaplain Jerome Cayangyang, LCDR, CHC, USN, Command Chaplain Naval Station Mayport. There will be several other V.I.P. guests in attendance including; The 5<sup>th</sup> District American Legion Riders, The Beaches Honor Guard and the Navy JROTC from Allen D. Nease High School.

For further information please contact: Chaplain Bill Reno, American Legion, 5th District of Florida, Regional Director, Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation. (904-318-0363) e-mail [whr2@aol.com](mailto:whr2@aol.com).

Websites: [www.fourchaplains.org](http://www.fourchaplains.org) [www.immortalchaplains.org](http://www.immortalchaplains.org)

**THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO THIS MEMORIAL SERVICE**

American Legion Post 129, 1151 S. Fourth Street, Jacksonville Beach, Florida

## 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. Bell Tower was moved on December 14, 2012.



### 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.

## Auxiliary News (continued from page #3)



Patty Kapeghian, Shaun Szarnicki, Shannon Kasevich, Marguerite McKinney, and Kathy Jewell. Shannon and Patty make sure that we always have a breakfast crew. Shaun, Kathy, and Wanda were so helpful with Don Sherwood's memorial luncheon. It really is heartening when you see folks pull together to make our Post successful.

Please ever be mindful that we are all ambassadors. I know that there are times I see a new face and make an effort to reach out. Sometimes

they are members that have not been around for awhile, and some I just don't see on a regular basis. It takes one minute of our time to greet someone. It means retention and new members.

Please come to our February meeting. If you are not receiving my e-mail announcements and would like to do so, please let me know at [dryfork60@gmail.com](mailto:dryfork60@gmail.com). We always need help for our Dinners and Steak Bingo and could use some additional support for

the breakfasts. Need some grill cooks who are comfortable on that grill. We have a lot of order takers, food runners, toast makers, and dishwashers, but not a lot of cooks. If any of you would like to help, just get with Patti or me.

If you know of someone who is ill, or just needs for us to reach out, please let us know. We want to make sure that everyone is remembered and noticed.

### Service Officer by Bob Schmitt



### Chaplain's Corner by Bob Schmitt

We have had to say goodbye to two of our longtime Legionaires. Don Sherwood and Bill Walker. They will be missed. May they rest in peace. Amen.

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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)  
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)  
Vince Rogers (1/14)

**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 (12/13)  
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)

**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 (2/13)  
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