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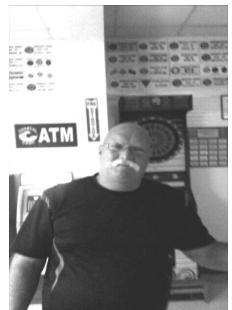
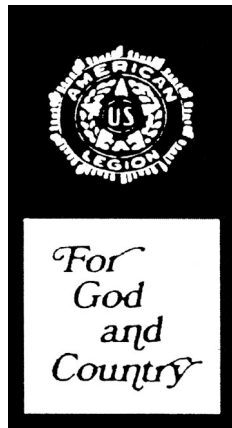
January 2012

## Commander's Corner by Danny Rodrigues

Well family, I hope you had a great and safe Christmas. Now we start the New Year and it's time to get back to the basics. With that I mean lets get back to what we are here for, the core of the American Legion. Veterans, Americanism, children and youth, and community service. I am looking for more people to get involved. We can really make a difference. One thing that we are starting back up is the no dough dinners for the USO. Our fancy pants cooking team taken a big hit with the passing of Lee, and others having so health issues that will keep them from helping. We not only need your support in coming by for the dinners we need volunteers to help cook and serve. We will be the host post in April and with this we are looking at some of the military families that benefit from these dinners to be coming here to have dinner with us. So if you can help, Let us know.

I want to give thanks to all those that have helped in the past year with all the different events. Some were easy and some were hard. I would like to thank Terry for several things that he has done just in the past two months. One, for the great Thanksgiving dinner, He and his helpers did a great job. Two, for the Department Commander's dinner. I received so much positive feed back from everyone who attended, oh how the post shined, and finally for his help with Lee's services. Although he said that we was not able to be here for it, he spent several hours getting the back hall set up and dressing everything up so that it was a very special for the family. MEMBERSHIP!!!! We at the time I am writing this we stand @ 82 percent. But I know that we will be much higher and hopefully closer to 90% at the first.

With the military coming home from Iraq I know that there are veterans out there. If you know one please get them in and lets talk what we can do for them. There was an article in Time magazine about how the military that was coming home could not relate to the friends and family because they no longer had a common ground. The article stated that there was really no place for them to go to find someone who understood what they had been thru. I think that we can, because we have been there. We are not the unknowing public, we are not going to ask questions that stir the memories that they are trying to forget or open that deep setting wound. We accept for we have done it ourselves.



### For all upcoming events

See calendar insert  
Or Brandi's e-mail

Breakfast every Sunday  
9 to noon

There is a possibly that  
there will be no more mail-  
ings of this newsletter.

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

No Comment this Month

### SAL Officers

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



## Auxiliary News by Candace Mabry, Auxiliary President

Happy New Year, even though the Auxiliary year is half over! Please read the following: Two years ago the Department of Florida raised the amount we pay for each Senior member by \$2.50 and each Junior member by \$1. Your unit, rather than raising your dues absorbed these amounts. This year at the National Convention they raised their portion to be paid annually by \$4.00. Your Unit cannot absorb both these amounts and stay afloat. Your Unit will be voting on raising your annual dues from \$20 annually to \$25 for Seniors and Juniors from \$2 to \$3 in the February meeting. We will be following our Constitution and By Laws which state: *Amendment-It shall be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular Unit meeting provided the proposed amendment shall have been read at the previous meeting.* It will be read into the January meeting and voted on in February.

We've accomplished so much but still have so much more to do. We had a wonderful dinner and visit from our Department President, Diane Rousseau. I would like to send out kudos to our host and Commander Danny, and Terry, Post 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice for creating and serving a delicious dinner. Thanks also to everyone that participated and bought from the "Giving Tree" and the New Years Eve Raffle basket. It was a great success again this year.

The annual Christmas Children's Party was another great success. The elves, Mary Ellen, Marie, and Bonnie did a spectacular job. Every child that attended had a wonderful time. I was privileged to play Mrs. Claus this year with Santa (Terry) who was wonderful with the kids. Kudos to Patti for making sure we had magic reindeer dust again this year for the children to take home with them!

Girls State is kicking off so ladies get ready to answer the call if Tony or Pat needs any assistance. Also all you cook's (not kooks') out there talk to Kathy about doing some dinners for the Auxiliary.

By the time this newsletter is read, your membership card should read 2012. If it says 2011, your membership card has expired and you need to renew. Please have it done as soon as possible because the number of ladies renewed as of COB January affects the number of girls we can send to Girl's State.

Let's get our batteries recharged and finish this 2011 - 2012 year with a bang!

**From an internet source**

**by Jack Gregory**

### AIR POWER COMES TO AGE IN WORLD WAR II

After September 1939, when Adolf Hitler launched World War II by invading Poland, the Air Corps began a steady growth from 26,000 personnel and fewer than 2,000 planes. On June 20, 1941, the Department of War created the Army Air Forces (AAF) as its aviation element and shortly thereafter made it coequal to the Army Ground Forces. The Air Corps remained as one of the Army's combat arms, like the infantry

## 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,**

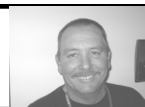
James Mayer

**La Presidente, Cabane 215,**

Annie Anderson

**American Legion Riders Director**  
Jeff Durden

## American Legion Riders by Jeff Durden



I hope everyone had a great Christmas and a New Years Eve celebration. Just a reminder to you all, the second Friday of every month is ALR 129 Steak Bingo and Dinner. Every 4<sup>th</sup> Monday is our Wing Night, if anyone wants to help or volunteer please let me or Richard Hurst know. The next meeting is on Saturday January 21<sup>st</sup>, hope to see you then.

Ride safe

## Cabane 215 News

Annie Anderson, Cabane President



I hope that everyone had a wonderful Holiday. The Christmas get together was well attended. Terry's Mexican dinner was great as always. Not much to tell at the moment, only that our January Rendezvous has been changed from Thursday Jan 12<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday Jan 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Several of us are leaving for Mid Winter on Thursday.

Hope to see you all on January the 11<sup>th</sup>.

For God and Country

Annie Anderson

La Presidente

# Canteen Update

by Brandi Roberts



Hello from your Canteen Staff,

**Free** line dance lessons, Wednesday, January 11, 6:30 P.M. Learn BOOT SCOOTIN' BOOGIE and GOOD TIME. Future classes for Electric Slide, Elvira, Cupid Shuffle (and maybe Fake ID and Footloose) if there's an interest. Please wear shoes you can dance in. Come out and join us for some fun!

We will also be holding our annual Chili cook off on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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 this year, the tentative date is set for March 10<sup>th</sup>.

Football season is well underway and the NFL Sunday Ticket from Direct TV has been a huge success!!! Thank you to everyone who came out to support our 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 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: One of the members told me that, because of the amount of alcohol consumed on New Year's Eve, he can feel his liver trembling beforehand. Do you think it's true?...Thinking Drinker

Dear Thinking Drinker: Possibly. Anyway, I'm sure it's true that you can't live without a liver. Maybe it's why the word "liver" starts with "live."

Dear Ethel: The membership of our post is really aging. I can tell because the other day I kept hearing snap, crackle, and pop. At first, I assumed it was from someone eating cereal. However, I decided that it's the sound of elderly joints. Agree?...Joint Member

Dear Member: Yep, and often the pop comes from a grand pop.

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



Every New Year's, I think about Cuba and how, at that time in 1959, Castro's revolutionaries marched triumphantly into Havana, thereby eliminating one of the best vacation venues in this hemisphere. Talk about a party pooper! It wasn't long before the pulsating rhythm of Latin music was replaced by the sounds of firing squads.

My late wife and I had several experiences with Castro and his followers. In 1956, at the end of a wonderful visit in Cuba, we just missed being involved in a Castro attack on a fort that we passed in our rental car while going back to Havana. The Castroites lost that encounter to the Batista regime

The next occasion when we crossed paths with Fidel was in Cancun, Mexico, long after Castro had taken control of the Cuban government. He and some of his soldiers were staying at our hotel. We watched them parade through the lobby. Later, while viewing some ancient Mayan ruins nearby, we were ejected as Fidel was arriving. Afterward, we saw him leaning out of his luxurious, parked bus, talking to admiring Mexicans. He looked vulnerable to snipers, but apparently he leads a charmed life, despite his use of firing squads.

## Notice to all Members

Please renew your  
2012 membership

### Post 129 has Lotto!

We can take care of all of your Florida Lottery needs! Remember that every time you buy or cash in a Lottery ticket that the vender gets a percentage of that sale.

### 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's been 6 months now since I took on the responsibility of putting together this publication, and I needed to thank everyone for being so encouraging with the kind comments and the appreciation of most. I will continue for another 6 months if needed. Thanks to all.

Jack

### Things you may not know

The first coast to coast telephone line was established in 1914.

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Ants do not sleep

# A Thank You from the Auxiliary

by Mary Ellen Bolin

To my American Legion Family,

Our Giving Tree was a great success because of you. To you that donated "Thank you". To you that bought envelopes "Thank you". Working together we will make a difference. Mary Ellen and the Auxiliary thank you again for your wonderful support.

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



Please come join us January 28th at 5 p.m. for Robby Miller's deployment party. Robby has joined the Navy in the Air, Water, Rescue program which is one of the top 5 elite programs that the Navy offers. Robby leaves for boot camp on February 15th, 2012.

Sent by Rick & Patti Miller



# Just For Fun

by Jack Gregory

Good things that are also good for you

Blueberries

Strawberries

Tuna, about 6oz. Per week

Fish, Salmon is best

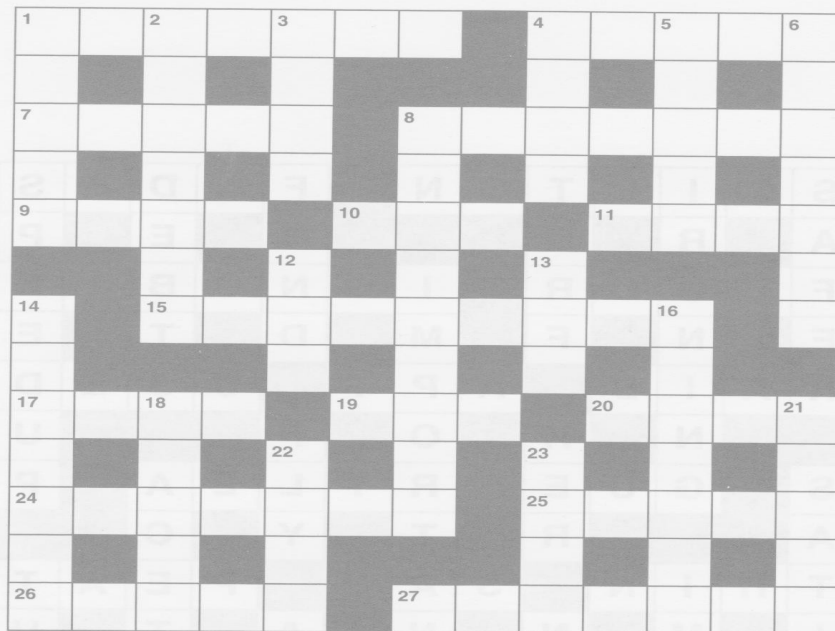
Whole grain bread

Red Wine, 1 glass a day

Lift light weights 4 days a week for about  
5 minutes, 3 or 4 times per day.

Take a brisk walk on the other days.

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## Across

- 1 - Rich white cheese (7)
- 4 - Loses color (5)
- 7 - Surface upon which one walks (5)
- 8 - Base (7)
- 9 - Attack (4)
- 10 - Naturally disposed toward (3)
- 11 - Not new (4)
- 15 - Member of small force (9)
- 17 - Narrow (4)
- 19 - Tree resin (3)
- 20 - Tape (anag) (4)
- 24 - Back up (7)
- 25 - Indifferent to emotions (5)
- 26 - Animal cries (5)
- 27 - People who rule (7)

## Down

- 1 - More secure (5)
- 2 - Smoothing clothes (7)
- 3 - Grass (4)
- 4 - Affectionate (4)
- 5 - Moneys owed (5)
- 6 - Accelerate (5,2)
- 8 - Of great significance (9)
- 12 - Pronoun; not his (3)
- 13 - Travel by air (3)
- 14 - Meet requirements (7)
- 16 - Solvent; adhesive (7)
- 18 - Cause to (5)
- 21 - Folds (5)
- 22 - Negatives (4)
- 23 - Continent (4)

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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)

#### **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)

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

Charlie Parker (8/12)  
  
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