

American Legion Post 129

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January 2013

Upcoming Events

- **January 1**
SAL Hangover Crawl
- **January 2**
7:00 House Committee
- **January 3**
7:00 E-Board & Auxiliary
7:30 General meeting
- **January 10**
7:00 40&8, Cabane meeting
- **January 12**
10:00 Legion Institute class,
Post 88
- **January 13**
2:00 District meeting @ Post
197
- **January 19**
10:00 ALR meeting
- **January 30**
6:00 SAL meeting

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Commander's Corner by Jerry Brandt

One of the things that is noticed within the Post, is that we have lost sight of 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.

The family of American Legion Post 129 Volunteer of the Month, which has been long overdue, for December is Genell Kriner, she has for several years been picking up the bread on Thursday; she does this before most of us are awake. Thank you Genell!

You may not be aware of it, but the Beaches Veterans Associations are working on put-

ting 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 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 to the present. Any donations would be appreciated.

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*For
God
and
Country*



First Vice comments...by Don Grzena



Hi. I hope that everyone had a GREAT and SAFE Holiday!! ALL this month ALL Bartenders and Officers will be checking Membership cards. PLEASE remember that if you are a member and didn't renew your membership card, you will **NOT** be allowed into the Post until you do so!! The By-laws state that

"a Member can not be signed in by another Member". It only takes five minute to renew them. Jerry, Danny or myself can help you with your cards. Everyone under 70 years old is \$35. 70 - 80 years old is \$21.50. And everyone over 80 that's in "GOOD" standing with their membership for at

least three years, is "FREE". So again, please make sure you have your 2013 cards. **WE WILL BE CHECKING!!** "Happy New Years!!" and I will C U around the Post!

Auxiliary News

by Cindy Jordan, Auxiliary President



American Legion Post 129 was represented at the Pearl Harbor Day Memorial on the USS De Wert on December 7th. What an honor to be a part of that. There were three Pearl Harbor survivors attending the ceremony. We placed flowers on the water in the harbor to honor those who lost their lives 71 years ago and for those who have passed this year from our Legion Family.

Our 5th District Dinner, Christmas Play, and meetings went well. Our State President Peggy Harrelson attended our District Meeting on Sunday afternoon.

The Children's Christmas party was a huge success, there were 26 children on the list, all dressed up

and excited. There were gingerbread people to decorate, crafts, games, goodies, pizza and Santa arrived in a fire truck, escorted by the Post 129 American Legion Riders. The fire department allowed the children to tour the fire engine so a good time was had by all. Thanks to all volunteers, Marie, Mary Ellen, Bonnie, Erin, Santa (Terry) who pulled this together. Thanks to the Legion Riders for their escort. We also had a photographer who snapped photos of children with Santa. That raised funds for Girls State. Speaking of Girl's State, the January 2013 Auxiliary dinner will be prepared by Toni and Jerry Abbot—Toni's world famous Lasagna. Please come out and attend.

Proceeds will go directly to Girl's State. The young women will be selected at the end of January and we need to support this dinner in order for us to send the maximum number of the young women to Tallahassee in June. It costs \$350 per attendant, plus transportation and spending money. Stay tuned for an additional event in February for raising funds for this purpose.

We were able to send 11 boxes of goodies and Christmas items to Camp Leatherneck this Christmas. Thanks to all of you who donated goods and spent your time addressing boxes. We were able to present a check for over a \$1000.00 to the USO from our Camp Show and over (continued on page 7)

S.A.L News

by JD Kapeghian



S.A.L. would like to thank everyone that attended Rick Kapeghian's memorial service at American Legion Post 233. He will be deeply missed by all and I appreciate the awesome turn out. I would also like to thank Richard and Cindy Jordan, Garth Collins, Erin Donahue, Richard and Shannon Kasevich and most of all my mom, Patti Kapeghian for all their help and support in 2012. To all that have signed up for our "Hangover Crawl", by

the time you read this, I hope everyone had a wonderful crawl and thank you for contributing. The first Friday of January, 2013, will be the S.A.L. dinner. We will be having two inch thick pork chop steaks, scalloped potatoes, vegetable, garlic bread and dessert. The second Monday we are doing the authentic Philly Cheese steaks with fries. The third Monday we will have loaded nachos. As of December 31st, all memberships should be paid up or any member

without a card, can NOT be signed in as a guest-legion rules. Hope everyone had a Merry and safe Christmas and a happy New Year. Thank you and good night.

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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As you know, the new 2013 membership cards are now available. We will be looking for the new cards. Please be proud as a member and provide the card.

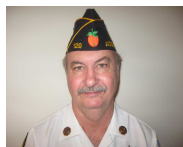
Also Officers, Legion, Auxiliary, SAL and Riders, please ensure your name and contact information is listed in the phone book in the Lounge area. This is in case someone is needed in an emergency.

The Korean War Certificates are in. We are planning an event to honor all the Korean War Veterans and to pass out the Certificates. We will also pass them out to any Vietnam Veteran who did not previously receive a Certificate.

The Department Commander

visited our post in December. He was impressed with what we are achieving and I would like to thank all our members for what you are doing.

Legionnaires, a couple of officers are unable to finish out their year in office. We are looking for candidates for Assistant Sergeant at Arms and for an Executive Board member. If you or someone you know would like to serve as an officer of the Post, please see me and let me know.



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

Growing Old

Hope every one had a nice Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year. The hoodies are in, so see me and I will get them to you. I would like to thank Richard, Cindy and Kathy for all of your help with dinners this month, Christmas party went well, hope all had a good time. January 5th is our Bike Nite, the 18th is the Pork Loin dinner, the

19th is our meeting and the 28th is our wing night. If you can help, please let me know as a few are doing most of the cooking and we need to give them a break. HAPPY NEW YEAR.



His wife powders & he puffs....

He keeps her picture on his desk, but doesn't remember why...

I'm growing old by myself, my wife hasn't had a birthdays in 10 years....

As far as I'm concerned old age is 15 years from now....

At eighty there are six women for every man, what a time to get odds

January 2013 Birthdays



Ronald J Renuart
Kevin M McCallon
Donald R Matthews
William Patterson
Kenneth McMullen
Dennis Blattau
Dennis J Maxim



Chuck Nist
Harold E Gippe
Robert L Wilson
Robert T Kemp
Edward F Clancy
Don F Schupp
George A Clapp
Willard E Bedford



Rembert F Arnold
H. D Rogers
Benjamin F Mathews
Richard D Gingrich
Warren V Carrigan
Edward L Overton
Larry Rudd



Canteen Update by Brandi Roberts

Hello from your Canteen Staff,

We will be holding our annual Chili cook off on Saturday, January 12th. So start cooking and experimenting! All entries must be at the Post by noon. Judges will work their magic between noon and 1pm and then after they have made their decisions the chili will be available for purchase. All leftover chili will be served the following day on Sunday during football.

Football season is well underway and the NFL Sunday Ticket and Game day pass from Direct TV has been a huge success!!! Thank you to everyone who came out to support

our post. There are still a few weeks left in the football season and we will continue to have food available during the games. Please continue to come down and support our wonderful kitchen volunteers. 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 a weekly email that is sent out. 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: I heard a swell idea for a way to help avoid indigestion on New Year's morning: At your party, serve bicarbonate cheese dip. Can you stomach that?---Burpy Gerty

Dear Gerty: Only if my date comes equipped with a stomach pump.

Dear Ethel: Someone once said that New Year's Day is always so quiet because 50-million wives are not speaking to 50-million husbands. Do you think that's true?---Wondering Woman

Dear Wondering: I doubt it. I did a small survey and all the wives I surveyed are talking to their husbands--well, yelling at, actually.

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

We had our annual Christmas Dinner with the Voyagers and we all had a most wonderful evening. Lots of laughs, food and margaritas were had by all!

We are all looking forward to next years event!

A huge MERCI for a job well done, goes to Dame Louise Bagdasarian

for locating the perfect restaurant and handling the reservations. Our next Rendezvous is on January 10th. We need your input regarding our Raffle for the month of February. Please come out and support our Locale Unit.

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

Much has been made of the great work done by our armed forces with drones, pilotless planes directed by remote control. So what else is new? We had plenty of drones in the service during World War 11. One of the definitions of a drone in my tattered, old dictionary is "an idle person who lives by the work of other; parasite; loafer." In the Navy, these people were very reliable. If there was any tough task to do, they would be off to sick bay with some kind of physical complaint. You could count on it.

The fact that we won the war with these characters in uniform is one of

the big mysteries of that conflict. Maybe many of them acquired their skill at goldbricking while leaning on a shovel, working (?) for the WPA during the Depression. These goof-offs get so lazy that even loafing becomes hard work. If the drone's married, his or her spouse is the power behind the drone.



Did You Know! Or even care..

The "ZIP" in Zip Code stands for Zone Improvement Plan.

Lincoln logs were invented by Frank Lloyd Wright's son.

The first toilet ever seen on television was on "Leave it to Beaver". Wally and Beaver had a baby alligator which they kept in the toilet.

There are four cars and eleven light posts on the back of a ten dollar bill.

Moisture, not air, causes super glue to dry.

Hummingbirds are the only animals able to fly backwards.

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

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. 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 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.

Auxiliary News (continued from page #3)

\$150.00 to the K9 for Warriors program.

The Auxiliary donated over \$600.00 to the Wreaths Across America program. There are 5000 grave markers at the National Cemetery in Jacksonville and Wreaths were laid at each marker. As this New Year begins among a lot of uncertainty, let's always remember that we are family. We have FABULOUS volunteers, there are some you may never see, but they are there ready to step in and support efforts Post wide. I personally want to thank all of you. Without you we cannot succeed

as a Post Family and it takes everyone of us to that purpose. I want to thank all of you who have helped the Auxiliary succeed this year. We welcome new members and prospective members at any time. We welcome new ideas.

Thank you, God Bless You all and A Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Yours in Service,



Grandmother & Grandfather.....

A grandmother is a woman who's thrilled because her grandchild can recite the Gettysburg Address at eight when Lincoln didn't do it until he was older.

A grandfather is a man who can't understand how his idiot son has such brilliant children.

A grandmother was educating her grand daughter "My dear," she said, "there are several words in your vocabulary that aren't ladylike. One is good and the other is "lousy." "Tell me what they are. I won't use them anymore!"

Service Officer by Bob Schmitt

Some VA facts:

V.A. is the 2nd largest of the 15 Cabinet Departments.
V.A. requested 132 Billion dollars for 2012.
There are two children of Civil War Vets and 184 children & widows of Spanish American war still getting benefits.

Chaplain's Corner by Bob Schmitt

Coming Next Month

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 (10/14)
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