

American Legion Post 129

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JULY 2011

From Lee

We held 2011-2012 elections on June 12th - the results are as follows:

Commander: Danny Rodriguez

1st Vice Commander: Norman Sullivan

2nd Vice Commander: Terry Stickles

3rd Vice Commander: Pete Riebesehl

4th Vice Commander: Keith Helton

Sergeant-at-Arms: Mike Barker

Chaplain: Bob Schmidt

Finance Officer: Bob Schlatter

Historian: Jerry Brandt

Executive Committee:

Joe Newberry

Keith Ingle

Tommy Davis

Taylor Barker

Jeff Durden

Congratulations to the new officers whom will be installed **on July 9th at 5:00 PM** and may they have a GREAT 2011-2012 for Post 129

For all upcoming events

See calendar insert

New SAL Officers

Commander -JD Kapaghien

1stVice- Mike Barker Jr.

2nd Vice-Danny Parker

Chaplin-Robert Haag

Sgt. At Arms-Garth Collins

Adjutant-Richard Kasevich

Commander's Corner by Lee Ingraham

As I close out my year as Commander, I would like to thank my fellow elected officers, the appointed officers and committee chairpersons for performing their duties in a superb manner. Their performance in accomplishing their duties made 2010-2011 at Post 129 a very successful year. I would be remiss if I did not also thank the many members of the Legion family who volunteered to help those officers and committee bosses in order to make their jobs easier and get things done. Thanks again to all.

Bricks for Beaches Veterans Memorial Park
& Chaplains Memorial Garden

Members of the Beaches Veterans Memorial Park, Inc. are selling engraved walkway bricks to help fund the remaining phases of the park at Mayport Rd. and Atlantic Blvd. in Atlantic Beach.

The park opened on Veterans Day last year, but organizers want to build a great lawn and a memorial to honor fallen Chaplains and members of the Armed Forces, by service, during U.S. Military campaigns. The brick sales will help fund some of these projects. Brick prices vary depending on your status, but will be no more than \$75 each. They can be engraved, with three lines of 14 letters each, memorializing those whom supporters want to be remembered. Applications are available here at the Post and you can send tax-deductible contribution check to VFW Post 3270, 915 S. Eighth St., Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250, marked BVMP, call Liz Hill at 904 234-2692 or go to www.beachsveteransmemorialpark.org and click on "Click for Bricks."

Lee Ingraham

For God and Country and Veterans serving Veterans



*For
God
and
Country*



Ping Pong on Sundays

Sign up 5:00 to 5:45. Games start @ 6:00. Format is a double-elimination tournament. 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place prizes. There has been a great turnout every week, so don't miss out on the fun!

\$5.00 donation to play

See Kelly for details.

S.A.L. Notes by Richard Kasevich

SAL's 50th on 6/19/11 has come and gone, it was a great success. All of the incoming officers were there to help out. I want to thank all of them for a job well done. This coming year should prove to be exciting & productive as our new officers have some great ideas for fund

raising & other functions..

As we start our second 50 years keep an eye out for a new regime with exciting ideas.

"FOR GOD & COUNTRY"
Richard

Auxiliary News

by Candace Mabry, Auxiliary President



Happy New Year! I am happy to announce our slate of officers for 2011-2012. I agreed for this last year to be President, First Vice, will be Maggie McCall; Second Vice, Kathy Jewell; Chaplain, Sandy Floyd; Historian, Cindy Hague; Sgt-at-Arms, Vicki Gordon-Haft. Our Executive board is made up of Mary Ellen Bolin, Claire Sheehan, and Diane Powers. Our new Secretary is still needed and membership will be Kelly Bush. Next time you see any of these ladies, please say "thank you". Without these wonderful ladies volunteering their time, we would not have a Unit here at Ocean Beaches. If this newsletter comes out in time, installation of officers will be on Saturday, July 9th, time to be announced. Please come and support your new officers.

By the time this newsletter is circulated we will be back from the Department Convention and be filled with new ideas and goals for this upcoming year. And yes, speaking of new goals, it's that time again to renew your membership for the New Year. Let's not wait until National decides to send out renewal notices, let's get a kick start and mail or drop off your dues to the canteen. Even though expenses have gone up, we are keeping the renewal fee for our Unit at \$20.00.

Please see our special section in this newsletter about Christmas in July which will take place Saturday, July 23rd beginning at 5:30 p.m. All proceeds will go toward *your* Auxiliary and our troops and vets.

The Unit will not have a meeting in July, the first will be held on Thursday, August 4th, at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see many smiling faces. We also have some very important chairman positions to be filled. Please call me or stop me in the Post if you would like to volunteer. Special thanks to Danny, Terry and Tracy for all their time and effort they put toward the volunteer luncheon. It was probably the best attended and had the best meal to date. It's going to be tough to beat next year!

For God and Country,

Candace Mabry



From an internet source

Vietnam War



Between 1945 and 1954, the Vietnamese waged an anti-colonial war against France and received \$2.6 billion in financial support from the United States. The French defeat at the Dien Bien Phu was followed by a peace conference in Geneva, in which Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam received their independence and Vietnam was temporarily divided between an anti-Communist South and a Communist North. In 1956, South Vietnam, with American backing, refused to hold the unification elections. By 1958, Communist-led guerrillas known as the Viet Cong had begun to battle the South Vietnamese government. Shown to left are U.S. soldiers trying to cope with the situation they were in. circa- 1968

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 Schmitt
Service Officer.....Walt Fanton

E-Board Members House Committee

Keith Ingle	William Wilson
Joseph Newberry	Frank Redmond
Tommy Williams	Rich Hansberg
Jeff Durben	Marie Esler (Aux)
Taylor Barker	Tom Dawson (SAL)
	Russ Rhodes
	Danny Harrison

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

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Yes, it's Christmas In July, and the **Auxiliary** is sponsoring their annual **Christmas in July dinner** on **Saturday, July 23, beginning at 5:30 p.m., for a donation of \$7.00.** Enjoy a traditional Christmas dinner with all the fixings, including red velvet cake and pumpkin pie! The proceeds from this dinner will go to the **Auxiliary, Troops and Vets.**

There will be entertainment and after dinner, we'll have a cake walk **and** a booze walk **and** a Chinese auction for a beautiful hand-made quilt donated by Carol Marks! So come on out for an evening of great food, fun and entertainment and support the Auxiliary and our troops!

This year, instead of receiving gifts, we are asking that you bring **gifts for our**

soldiers. Here are some suggested items you can bring for under the tree:

Sunscreen (*non aerosol*), Lip balm

Wipes

Toiletries (*non aerosol items only*)

Insoles/Boot socks

Protein Bars

Candy, cookies, canned chips, beef jerky, gum, mints, etc.

Instant coffee

Individual drink packets

Magazines

DVDs/CDs

Phone cards (*International*)

Games/puzzles/Playing cards

Writing paper/envelopes/pens/pencils/greeting cards that they can send home

Use your imagination - anything you can think of that will make their lives a little more comfortable over there. Remember, they don't have a convenience store down the street. These brave men and women are on the front line, in harm's way, on a daily basis. Please help us support them.

Thanks, and hope to see you there!

American Legion Riders by Jeff Durden

We had great turnout for our election in the June meeting. The next years officers are Director Jeff Durden, Asst. Director Richard Hurst, Secretary Bill Wilson, Treasurer Bob Schlatter, SGT at Arms John Burroughs, Road Captain Bill Viola, Historian Susan Logsdon, Membership Trish Edwards, Chaplain Kathy Jewell, Safety Officer Greg Scoggins and Asst. SGT at Arms Lee Fair. We will be serving a Lasagna Dinner

(home made) on Friday July 8th. Saturday July 9th at 5 pm is installation for all incoming Officers at our home Post 129. Monday July 25th is our regular Wing Night. Please come out and support your ALR dinners. We have four dozen t-shirts on order, not sure that they will be done at our next meeting on Saturday July 16th at 10 am.

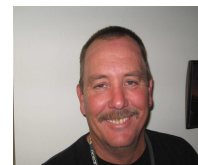
Ride Safe

Jeff Durden

Director



Ride Safe



40 & 8 News

by Kevin McCallon, Chef De Gare

JULY news letter 40/8

This term of office is coming to a close very quickly, And your new chef Degare will be Jimmy Mayer; jimmy is a prior chef Degare

I am sure that Jimmy will do a fine job. Great job, for all the personnel that performed the Calvin Cain memorial service ,And the Beaches veterans memorial service over the holiday.

Congratulations to the incoming offices

Chef Degare -Jimmy Mayer Chef Detraindon Brickle Commis voyager-Thomas Williams Aumonier-Marie Kramer Garde le laport-Malone Jones JJ Cheminot-Jerry Brandt Mike-Kocijan Kevin McCallon

The Officer Installation will be held at 6:30 pm or 1830

At post 129 on 14 July 2011

Pizza will be the main meal

Great job in the kitchen, jimmy mayer, Danny Rodrigez, Chris McCallon

Everybody boasted about the world famous pork dinner.

We cleared 75.00

Canteen Update

by Brandi Roberts

Hello from your Canteen Staff,

Join us on Wednesday evenings for entertainment by Mr. Sunshine, ask anyone who has been and they will tell you it is a great time!

Remember 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 then 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: I've dreamed up a way to add some fun and adventure to weekend dancing for singles at Post 129. Ladies would pin a snapshot of themselves on a dartboard and gentlemen would put a personal picture of theirs on another board. Any of these people who didn't have a dance partner could throw a self-initialed dart at the opposite-sex board, possibly winning a dance with a photo'd participant. Unfortunately, I haven't a clue on what married members would do. Have you? --Matchmaker

Dear Matchmaker: Argue?

Dear Ethel: I think the Legion Riders should all raise a handlebar mustache. That would give a person in the buddy seat of the motorcycle something to hang onto. Good idea? --Inventor

Dear Inventor: No. Sounds painful. Besides, I don't see how a female Legion Rider could do it, unless she was a bearded lady in a circus.

Ask Ethel (7-2011)

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

triplejj@comcast.net



Cabane 215 News

by Annie Anderson, Cabane President

Hello everybody, several of our Dames had a great time at Grande de Florida Rendezvous in Crystal River. Congratulations are in order for some of our Dames are Grand de Florida Officers. Annie Anderson La Sous Presidente, Razz Hilliker is Grande La Aumonier, Lana Mae Cathey is Grande Drapeau, Vicki Gordon-Haft is Grande Conducteur and Kelly Bush is Awards and Trophy Chairman. Awesome job Dames. To let you know that our installation for Locale 215 is Thursday

July 14th at 6:30 pm. I do hope that all elected officers can be there to be installed. These are our Locale Officers. La Presidente Annie Anders, Sous Presidente Vicki Gordon-Haft, Kelly Bush La Correspondents-La Commissarie Intendante, Razz Hilliker La Aumonier, Lana Mae Cathey La Drapeau, Carol Brickel La Conducteur, Louise Bagdassarian La Garde La Porte, Cheminot is Summer Bush, Helen Mays and Diane Barker. We do not have a Historian if anyone is interested

in that office please let me know. Hope to see you all on July 4th for the Post's open house and the show celebrating Independence Day.

Annie Anderson

La Presidente



Legion Lore

by Jack Hardebeck

The term "boot camp" could have been derived from the fact that, way back, you might have been booted in the butt if you misbehaved. Even so, plenty of funny things happened there.

For instance, in my WW II Navy boot company, there was a rotund Italian recruit from Brooklyn, NY, who did a very convincing imitation of Italy's dictator, Benito Mussolini. During our first days in camp, whenever our 100-plus "boots" were goofing off outside the barracks, this guy, I'll call him Doozi, would appear on the second-floor landing of the exterior barracks stairway and do an Il Duce stiff-armed salute until we all assembled below.



With that, he would begin shouting a militant-sounding speech in a pseudo-Italian lingo. With every pause, we would cheer wildly, as if we rally knew and appreciated what he was saying. Occupants of the adjoining barracks were mystified by this. One of them came up to me after "Mussolini's" harangue ended and asked what he was yelling. I answered with a straight face, "He said the war is over. The Italians beat the Japanese." The neighbor went, "Wow!" I think he believed me. As it turned out, the war ended shortly thereafter. I suppose Doozi, after his discharge, opened a restaurant called Il Doozi's Leaning Tower of Pizza.

Don't Miss This

We are having one of the best entertainers and just a great person in general, Mr. Sunshine. He comes highly recommended. He's more than just an entertainer, he will be the life of the night.

Mr. Sunshine will be entertaining on Wednesdays from 6pm to 9pm.

Tell your friends....they will be happy you did.



Notice to all Members

Your 2012
Membership cards
are now available
beat the rush

**Post 129 now 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 per-
centage of that sale from
the state.**

Volunteers are still
needed to cook and serve
Friday and Saturday
night dinners. Any ques-
tions please talk to
Danny or Terry.

Editor's Comments

by Jack Gregory



The first annual "Help a child learn golf tournament is being considered, and as interest peaks more details will be available. The target date is sometime mid October. Please let me know if you would consider heading up this event or participating to help us get this first tournament going, and to make it a successful

fund raiser for a legion charity to be determined. Due to my working on this news publication I don't imagine I will be able to give this new tournament my full attention, so we will need a chair person.

Contact: Jack Gregory
jkgregy@yahoo.com

Some things you may not know

The Federal Government increases
it's debt about \$ 20,000.00
every 3/10 second

For the Good of the Legion by Commander Lee Ingraham

Blood Drive Blood Drive Blood Drive

July 4th

If you would like to donate some of that life-saving red liquid – See the sign up sheet on the bulletin board inside the main door for details!

We are updating the Post's Bylaws again. This update will bring us in line with the Florida state statutes concerning the use of our restrooms. The proposed bylaws change is posted on the bulletin board for all to review. We will vote on this change at the July 7th meeting

For God and Country

Veterans serving Veterans

Lee Ingraham

Recognizing the Honor Guards 30 Years of service

The Beaches Honor Guard was founded July 11, 1981 by the **Robert Ness** a retired Naval, Petty Officer. He wanted to honor our departed veterans thus came The Last Role Call. He got together a few of his best friends ,including his brother **Phil Ness** a retired Marine, and so it began. Their first venture out was in a truck that was in need of repair. They decided not to charge for this service. After their first service that came from their hearts, they were given a donation of \$10.00 this was used for gas for the next service. They are dedicated to honoring our Nation's Veterans. Providing Honor and Dignity to the men and women who have served this country of ours. These services are still being provided.



THE VETERAN AND HIS FLAG

This banner of love and devotion, is a living memorial to the courageous deeds of the comrade we honor today. The red stripes tell us of the blood, sweat and tears that were offered and conquered by our comrades devotion to his/her responsibility for the freedom of our country. The white stripes proudly proclaim the peace that he/she bring to our future generations. The blue field represents the sky that overlooks this great land and denotes the eternal watchfulness of god. This is our spiritual heritage, this is his/her flag. Receive it with the tears in all our minds and the faith in all our hearts.

By; Susan Ness Gregory

Service Officer comments

by Walt Fanton

Burial Flags

Why Does VA Provide a Burial Flag?

A United States flag is provided, at no cost, to drape the casket or accompany the urn of a deceased Veteran who served honorably in the U. S. Armed Forces. It is furnished to honor the memory of a Veteran's military service to his or her country. VA will furnish a burial flag for memorialization for each other than dishonorable discharged

- Veteran who served during wartime
- Veteran who died on active duty after May 27, 1941
- Veteran who served after January 31, 1955
- peacetime Veteran who was discharged or released before June 27, 1950
- certain persons who served in the organized military forces of the Commonwealth of the Philippines while in service of the U.S. Armed Forces and who died on or after April 25, 1951
- certain former members of the Selected Reserves

Who Is Eligible to Receive the Burial Flag?

Generally, the flag is given to the next-of-kin, as a keepsake, after its use during the funeral service. When there is no next-of-kin, VA will furnish the flag to a friend making request for it. For those VA national cemeteries with an Avenue of Flags, families of Veterans buried in these national cemeteries may donate the burial flags of their loved ones to be flown on patriotic holidays.

How Can You Apply?

You may apply for the flag by completing VA Form 21-2008, Application for United States Flag for Burial Purposes. You may get a flag at any VA regional office or U.S. Post Office. Generally, the funeral director will help you obtain the flag.

Can a Burial Flag Be Replaced?

The law allows us to issue one flag for a Veteran's funeral. We cannot replace it if it is lost, destroyed, or stolen. However, some Veterans' organizations or other community groups may be able to help you get another flag.

How Should the Burial Flag Be Displayed?

The proper way to display the flag depends upon whether the casket is open or closed. VA Form 21-2008 provides the correct method for displaying and folding the flag. The burial flag is not suitable for outside display because of its size and fabric. It is made of cotton and can easily be damaged by weather.

JUST FOR FUN by Jack Gregory

Recipe for the Month

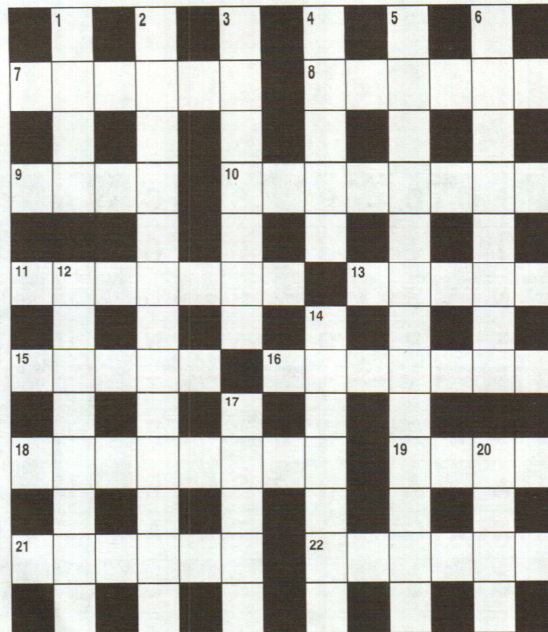
Homemade Mustard

Directions:

1/2 cup dry mustard
1/2 cup cider vinegar
1/2 cup water
2 egg yolks
1 cup sugar
3 teaspoons cornstarch

Dissolve mustard in vinegar
Stir in remaining ingredients until combined
And cook in a double boiler, stirring constantly
Until it reaches desired thickness (about 10 minutes)
Pour into a container, cool, cover, and keep refrigerated.

No 1



Across

- 7 - Environment (6)
- 8 - Eg cumulus and nimbus (6)
- 9 - Shed tears (4)
- 10 - Unnecessarily extended (5-3)
- 11 - Intimidate (7)
- 13 - Brown oval nut (5)
- 15 - Catches (5)
- 16 - Furtiveness (7)
- 18 - Overcome (8)
- 19 - Periodic movement of the sea (4)
- 21 - Republic in W Europe (6)
- 22 - Renovate (6)

Down

- 1 - Penalty (4)
- 2 - Denigration (13)
- 3 - Dilapidated (3-4)
- 4 - Go away (5)
- 5 - Opposing (13)
- 6 - Military assistant (8)
- 12 - Front of an advancing army (8)
- 14 - Height (7)
- 17 - Small regular shapes (5)
- 20 - Moist (4)

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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 (1/12)
In memory of Cindy Burroughs 3/12
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 (5/12)
In memory of Dean Ramon Esler (6/11)
P-Nut & Liz Wilson (11/11)
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

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 (6/12)
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 (2/11)
Richard & Jo Ann Scoggins (4/15)
Richard & Katy (5/12)
Robert Gomez (1/16)

Robert Schmitt (5/11)
Roy L. & Martha Lewis (4/11)
Russell & Mary Lou Jones (9/11)
Shorty Heiman (11/11)
Towney Kennard (11/11)

Colette & Charlie Sellers 7/12

