

American Legion Post 129

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July 2012

Upcoming Events

- **July 4**
1:00 Bar-B-Q at the Post
plus Blood Drive
- **July 5**
7:00 E-Board meeting
7:00 Auxiliary meeting
7:30 General meeting
- **July 12**
7:00 Cabane Installation
- **July 15**
4:00 Post 283 USO cookout at
American Legion Post 283
- **July 19th**
7:00 40&8 meeting
- **July 21**
10:00 am Legion Riders meeting
Christmas in July Celebration
- **July 25**
7:00 SAL meeting
- **July 26**
American Legion Auxiliary Unit
129 69th Birthday

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Commander's Corner by Jerry Brandt

Family of Post 129, the Legionnaires of Post 129 has asked me to return again for another year as Post 129 Commander. It is with humble honor, I have done so. I hope to live up to the position that I was requested to take over and with help from the Family of American Legion Post 129, we will have a successful year.

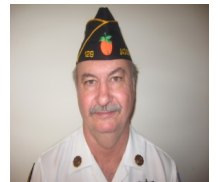
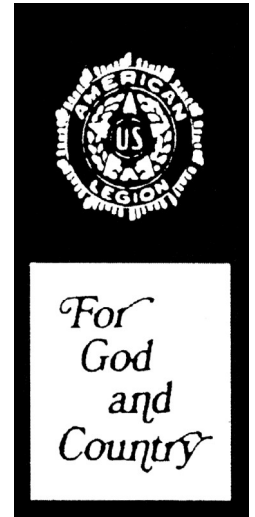
With that said, the word "I" will no longer be used. We are a team; we are the family of American Legion Post 129.

As you know, we are working on several projects at the Post. The 10 ton air conditioner in the lounge is the first of several we are attempting. The back hall currently has one and when it is on you can feel a breeze to the back of the of the room and this is what we

are attempting to add to the canteen. This is an expensive project and we are not a rich Post. A donation of \$100.00 will add your name to the plaque we will be adding to the front of the system. Thank you for your donation.

On July 4th, we will do a Bar-B-Q starting at 1 PM, however, I am requesting all officers, Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, Legion Riders, 40&8 and Cabane to be present at 1:30 pm. We are doing a project to show the family of Post 129 that we can work together. This event is a surprise to the officers, so come on down and find out what we will do this time.

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First Vice comments ...by Don Grzena



First of all I want to thank everyone for allowing me to be your First Vice. As First Vice I am responsible for Membership and filling in for the Commander when he is not around. My goal for this year is to get 100% membership by Sept. It can be done!! I have been asked to start checking members membership cards for updated cards.

Many of the members have stated to me that a lot of members are not renewing their cards but are still being served at the bar. They have been members of the legion for so long that they feel they don't have to renew. I know the bartenders are supposed to look at all the members cards, but they are busy themselves.

So, please don't feel offended if I ask to see your card. Also, if ANYONE is having a problem with anything to do with Membership, PLEASE get in touch with me. My phone number is - 904-910-0555 and my email address is: dgrzena60@comcast.net. Thank you again.

Auxiliary News

by Cindy Jordan, Auxiliary President



So here we are at the beginning of a new year for the Auxiliary and our membership. I am so excited and honored to be the new President of the Auxiliary. I hope that we all are going to begin this year energized and ready to continue our tradition of serving our Post, our Veterans and their families and our active duty service men and women. Big things are coming up. First of all Christmas in July and our July dinner. We have switched with the Legion for the July meal. As Christmas in July is the 21st, Terry has agreed to prepare the meal for the Legion on Friday, July 20. The Auxiliary be preparing the meal on July 27. (hint-meatloaf), but please think about the coming months and

what ideas we can come up with for the remainder of the year. Please plan on attending our meetings, we really need everyone's support and innovative ideas for fundraising and contributions to our special causes. Membership cards for the 2013 year are in. Be one of our "Early Birds". I think that there is special luncheon for our early birds.

Again, thank you for your confidence in electing me as President; know that this Auxiliary is nothing without what everyone of you are able to provide. Trust me, I will need all of the guidance and direction that each of you are able to provide.

My e-mail is dry-fork60@gmail.com, my number is 904-307-0010. Please drop an e-mail if there is something that you would like to discuss. See you at the next meeting!



2012-2013 Officers

President	Cindy Jordan
Sr. Vice	Candace Mabry
2nd Vice	Vacant
Secretary	Ann Nickola
Treasurer	Pat Cornell
Chaplain	Kathy Jewell
Historian	Vacant
Sgt at Arms	Vicki Gordon-Haft

S.A.L News

by JD Kapeghian

Officers for 2012-2013

Commander	J.D. Kapeghian
1st Vice	Garth Collins
2nd Vice	Richard Jordan
3rd Vice	Charles Grieco
Chaplin	Robert Haag
Historian	Steve Smith
Sgt at Arms	Kenny Pigg
Adjutant	Richard Kasevich

Congratulations to all the newly elected installed officers! We received our 100% membership banner to be hung on our S.A.L. flag for 2012.

The new cards are in and ready for any members that would like to become early-birds. I would like to thank the Legion, the Legion Riders and the Ladies Auxiliary for all their help and praise in making last year's S.A.L. squadron a huge success. It wouldn't have been possible without all of you! The low country boil and mussel's have been a huge success as well as our Friday night dinners. This month, for the Friday night dinner on July 6th

we will be doing beef brisket with our past commanders' (Danny Rodriguez) famous dry-rub, with steamed vegetables, roasted potatoes, roll and dessert. Monday July 9th, S.A.L. will be doing another low country boil. On Monday July 16th will be another mussel's night. As always, volunteers are needed! BADLY!! Please see J.D. Kapeghian, S.A.L. commander for 2013 membership cards and dates for volunteering. Thank you and good night.

Officers for 2012—2013

Commander.....Jerry Brandt
 1st Vice.....Don Grzena
 2nd Vice.....Terry Stickles
 3rd Vice.....Brian Hancher
 4th Vice.....Keith Helton
 SAA.....Richard Farrer
 Adjutant.....Candace Kelly
 Judge Advocate.....Bob Wilson
 Finance.....Bob Schlatter
 Chaplin.....Robert Schmitt
 Service Officer.....Lena Null Wood

E-Board Members House Committee

John Burroughs Bill Wilson
 Tommy Williams Frank Redmond
 Jeff Durden Rich Hansberg
 Chuck Nist Kathy Jewell (Aux)
 Dale Peterson
 Richard Kasevich
 Nina Lott

Auxiliary President,
 Cindy Jordan
Commander S.A.L.,
 JD Kapeghian
Chef De Gare 40 & 8,
 James Mayer
La Presidente, Cabane 215,
 Pauline (Razz) Hillikur
A L Riders Director
 Jeff Durden

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One of the things that we 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. Each Saturday morning in July there will be some one down at the Post from 8 am to 10 am to try to clean up these items. If anyone would like to help, please join us at the Post. The family of American Legion Post 129 will be selecting a Volunteer of the Month, starting in July. The leaders of the Legion, Auxiliary, SAL and Legion Riders will be meeting at the end of each

month to select the family member who has done the most for the month. Please let us know that it is you.

You may be seeing young men in uniform running around on Sundays. Yes, American Legion Post 129 has a new Boys Scout Unit. They are forming June 24th, and they will be meeting in the back hall on Sundays at 3:30 PM. If you want to volunteer to help, come down on Sundays.

The Post is still in need of Chairperson for various positions, such as Children and Youth, ROTC, Boys State, etc. We have members who have done it for many years and we need someone to assist and learn

from them to continue on with these great projects. Please step up and help.

As you know, the new 2013 membership cards are now available. The Early Bird Dinner is in November. Please see any officer at the Post, they would be happy to assist.

A new Calendar is in the hall way and will be on the web site. The calendar can be updated with new items, but will give you a listing of all events we have for the year. To add events, please contact any officer so they add this event to our Calendar. This Calendar will also be added to the District website as well.

American Legion Riders by Jeff Durden



Officers for year 2012-2013

Director	Jeff Durden
Asst Director	Richard Hurst
Membership	Trish Edwards
Secretary	Bill Wilson
Chaplin	Kathy Jewell
Road Captain	Lee Fair
Sgt at Arms	John Burroughs
Safety	Chuck Nist
Treasurer	Bob Schlatter
Historian	Susan Logsdon

First I would like to thank everyone that helped out this year. We had a great year. We can do so much more this year with all of your help. Second, I hope all enjoyed the Installation. I wish I could have been there, but family and work first. I wish the "hills" were shorter but I have adapted well. Please give Richard your help when asked, that's what

we do as a chapter. If anyone needs my help or has a question, please give me a call or e-mail me. I look forward to hearing from you. **WE ARE FAMILY**, Don't forget this. Cell# (904)237-2159, e-mail- jagucane@aol.com. Until next month Ride Safe.



American Legion

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 Monthly Magazine
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 VA Benefit Assistance

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Eligibility requirements for American Legion Membership. If you are currently on active duty, serving the United States honorably, anywhere in the world or have served honorably during any of the following eligible war eras, we invite you to become a member of the American Legion.

- April 6, 1917 to Nov 11, 1918
- Dec 7, 1941 to Dec 31, 1946

- June 25, 1950 to Jan 31, 1955
- Feb 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975
- Aug 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984
- Dec 20, 1989 to Jan 31, 1990
- Aug 2, 1990 to Today.....

Canteen Update

by Brandi Roberts

Hello from your Canteen Staff,

The holiday falls on a Wednesday this year! We have a full day of fun for you. Starting in the morning the blood mobile will be here, we will also have our annual BBQ, specials on buckets of beer, and Bingo! Just think of it as the four B's of the Fourth of July! Bring your blood, Buy your Bingo, Come and get some BBQ Ribs, and Buckets of Beer! Mr. Sunshine will also be here to entertain you starting at 6:30pm.

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 email me at brandiroberts@att.net. In addition to the weekly email we also have a facebook page that we try to update daily. Look for American Legion Post 129 Canteen to find us. As always we would like to thank all the members that helped out around the canteen. There are too many of you to name but we hope that you know how thankful we are

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 enjoy playing steak bingo on Friday nights and I assume that our post donates at least part of the proceeds to charity. Still, I feel a little guilty about playing a game of chance. Should I feel guilty? Guilty Gambler

Dear Gambler: Would you feel better if we donated all of the proceeds to fight gambling? Of course, in that case, the steaks might be at

At stake. Maybe we couldn't afford them anymore and would have to award hamburgers as prizes...or slices of baloney.

Dear Ethel: With 4th of July on the way, I would just like to warn all very independent folks that the welfare offices are closed on Independence Day.—Paul Reverse.

Dear Mr. Reverse: Yes, and I've

got an announcement that's even worse: The taxers are coming! The taxers are coming!

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 Annie Anderson

Hello Dames, just a big Merci to everyone for all your support for the last several years. We had great years and we will have more great years. Please support your new incoming officers this coming year. Those who did not go to the dinner at the Fish Company missed a great time. To let every-

one know that the installation for the incoming officers is on Thursday July 12th at 7PM at Post 129.

Annie Anderson
Presidente Locale

Officers for 2012—2013
President Paulette Hilliker
Sous President Annie Anderson

Aurmonier	Vicki Gordan Haft
Drapeau	Louise Bagdasarian
Commissaire intendnt	Kelly Bush
Conducteur	Carol Brickel
Garde de la Porte	Lanamae Cathey
Cheminots	Wanda Brandt
	Dianne Barker
	Summer Bush

Legion Lore

by Jack Hardebeck



The crew of the U.S. Navy cargo ship in the movie "Mister Roberts" thought they were bored by their non-combat assignments, but I'll dispute how much. I spent too much of my WWII enlistment working as a mess cook in a shore-based mess hall. Home on a liberty, I was asked by my mother why it was called a mess hall. I explained that it wasn't because the place was a mess. We slaved for hours scrubbing the deck (actually the floor, even though the hall was landlocked). My uninformed guess was that we were a sorry mess of sailors, stuck on the "USS Neversails." To finally go to sea, after discharge I bought a travel agency and went on cruises. The accommodations were much better than on Navy

ships, plus the cruise ships had waiters, bars and a swimming pool.

When we mess cooks weren't cleaning the deck and everything else, we were stationed on the chow line, dishing out vittles to other swabbies blessed with other duties. One time, I came back late from liberty. My penalty was working on the "chicken guts" detail. Those condemned to this disgusting job stood around a big table, pulling the entrails out of dead chickens before they were cooked. Naturally, fluids from the carcasses got all over our work clothes. After this crummy labor was finally done, I bugged out to try making it to the base movie. In my smelly condition, the "doorman" wouldn't let me enter. I decided not to make a big stink out of it.

Did you Know

More people are killed annually by donkeys than die in air crashes.

If you were standing in the northernmost point in the contiguous (48) states, you'd be standing in Minnesota.

It takes a lobster approximately seven years to grow to be one pound.

No word in the English language rhymes with month.

The names of all the continents end with the same letter that they start with, e.g. Asia, Europe.

Business Booster List (Your business card here)

Donation of \$100 for 6 months or \$175 for 12 months. Your business card will be placed in the monthly newsletter. Get your business name out in front of all Legion members. Contact either Sterling (sterling1960@att.net) or Post Commander Jerry Brandt if interested. Business card spots are available for members of American Post 129 only.



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Editor's comments

by Sterling L. Phaklides

Members....Did you know you can receive your newsletter (3) three different ways?

1. You can receive it in the mail.
2. You can pick up a copy at the Legion Post each month
3. You can go to our website, www.legionpost129.org, and read or print a copy.

Please submit your ideas, stories or articles for the newsletter. Please send all submissions to Sterling at: sterling1960@att.net. Provide your feedback on articles you might like to see in the newsletter. If you have a good joke or two you would like to share please send them to me. Remember to send me your e-mail address as it will help

us to communicate with our membership in a more efficient manner.



“GALLEY REPORT”

ROOTS TO RETIREMENT THEN BACK TO ROOTS

Command Master Chief
(Rotation Warfare and Surface Warfare Specialist)
TERRY J. STICKLES, JR.
served the United States Navy for 30 Years
September 20, 1979 – October 1, 2009

<p>RECRUIT TRAINING COMMAND Great Lakes, Illinois SEP 1979 - NOV 1979 (E-1/Seaman Recruit)</p> <p>USS LONG BEACH (CGN 9) Naval Air Station Coronado, San Diego, California JAN 1980 - SEP 1983 (E-1MSSR - E-5MS2)</p> <p>NAVAL SECURITY GROUP ACTIVITY Acadia National Park, Winter Harbor, Maine DEC 1983 - JUL 1986 (E-5MS2 - E-6MS1)</p> <p>NAVAL SECURITY GROUP ACTIVITY Royal Air Force Base, Edzell, Scotland, United Kingdom SEP 1989 - OCT 1992 (MSC/SW/CPO)</p> <p>NAVAL AIR STATION PENSACOLA Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida SEP 1990 - MAY 1999 (MSC/SW) - MSCM/SW/MCPO</p> <p>USS ARCTIC (AOE 8) Naval Weapons Station (Div. Pier), Earle, New Jersey SEP 1999 - JUN 2002 (CMC of AOE 8)</p> <p>Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light FOUR SIX "GRANDMASTERS" Naval Station, Mayport, Florida NOV 2002 - NOV 2005 * Air Warfare Qualified * (CMC of "GRANDMASTERS")</p>	<p>"USC" (Culinary Specialist "A" School) Naval Training Command, San Diego, California NOV 1979 - JAN 1980 (E-1/Seaman Recruit)</p> <p>"Bachelor Quarters Management" School Naval Technical Training Command, Millington, Tennessee OCT 1983 - NOV 1983 (E-5MS2)</p> <p>USS BIDDLE (CG 34) Naval Station, Norfolk, Virginia AUG 1986 - SEP 1989 (E-6MS1/SW) - E-7MSC/SW/CPO * Surface Warfare Qualified *</p> <p>USS MCINERNEY (FFG 8) Naval Station, Mayport, Florida NOV 1992 - AUG 1996 (MSC/SW/CPO - MSC/SW/SCPO)</p> <p>"U.S. NAVY SENIOR ENLISTED ACADEMY" Naval Station, Newport, Rhode Island MAY 1999 - JUL 1999 (MSCM/SW) - CMDGM/SW/CMC</p> <p>COMBILWINGLANT Naval Station, Mayport, Florida JUL 2002 - NOV 2002 (TAD CMC @ Wing)</p> <p>HELANTISUBRON ELEVEN "DRAGONSLAYERS" "Deployed aboard USS ENTERPRISE (CVN 65) for 2006 & 2007 cruises" Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida NOV 2005 - OCT 2009 (CMC of "DRAGONSLAYERS")</p>
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~ Fair Winds and Following Seas, Shipmate ~

Another tour of duty or office as your American Legion, Ocean Beaches, Post #129 Cook otherwise know as 2nd Vice. Many ask why Terry? I truly enjoy Cooking, Customer Service and Customs, where else but at our Post which is the friendliest.

I would like to note some items regarding the Galley/Kitchen that will benefit all of us. Our facility lacks quality AC in many areas. When outside temperatures exceed 75 degrees, volunteers or personnel working in the Kitchen must Keep the Door closed to the Bar area as much as possible. The Exhaust Fans over the Ovens, Grill & Fryers will suck any and all "AC" from the Bar area and Kitchen in a matter of minutes, that's comfort and money.

I would like to congratulate and thank all Cooks and volunteers who work our Galley/Kitchen. The task is unique and takes a great deal of pride and dedication. All personnel that volunteer must maintain all required health and sanitation regulations at all times. They will also endure heat conditions while properly cleaning and stowing gear as organized to maintain good housekeeping and a safe working environment for anyone preparing to serving quality food that is safe for consumption to our patrons or customers from our facility.

For the Good of the Legion & New Projects.. by Jerry Brandt

The Commander will be available for all members Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 1800 to 1900, at the Post. Legion meetings are held every first Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM please attend. As a reminder, the American Legion Post 129 is still giving away the Blue Star Banner. Please let the Commander know if you have a loved one in the Military.

Upcoming Projects

It has been requested that we list the upcoming projects we have at the Post.

1. Working on adding a new 10

ton air condition to the Lounge area, we are taking donations for this project. If you give \$100 towards this air conditioner we will add your name to the plaque is attached to the System.

2. Redoing the Bar top, both front and back bars.

3. Extending the Canapé over the entrance was and placing bricks down to form a patio.

If you can assist in any of these items, please see any officers. If you wish to contribute with your tax-free donation to any of these

projects, please make your check out to the American Legion Post 129 building fund.

This building is almost 25 years old and needs some loving care to keep it up. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

The clapping of hands during the Legion/Auxiliary ceremonies is to be timed with someone marching. Several years ago, the Auxiliary change their clapping to a more rapid beat, a applause. So the auxiliary clapping is applause while the Legion and SAL clapping is a cadence clap.

Service Officer Update by Lena Null Wood, Service Officer

HOT OPPORTUNITY FOR UNEMPLOYED VETERANS

A Joint VA/Department of Labor program has been launched to RETRAIN 99,000 unemployed Veterans for high-demand jobs. As part of a provision of the Veterans Opportunity to Work (VOW) to Hire Heroes Act of 2011, the Veterans Retraining Assistance Program (VRAP) allows qualifying Veterans to receive up to 12 months of assistance equal to the full-tie Montgomery GI Bill – Active Duty rate, currently \$1,473 per month. Veterans can apply on a first come, first served basis for VRAP for programs that begin on or after July 1, 2012.

Assistance under this benefit program ends on March 31, 2014. To complete an application, a Veteran will need to know his/her direct deposit information, name/location of school, the program the Veteran wishes to pursue, and the applicable high-demand occupation.

To qualify Veterans must:

*Be 35-60 years old, unemployed on the day of application, and not dishonorably discharged

*Start education or training after July 1, 2012 in a VA approved program of education offered by a

community college or technical school leading to an associate degree, non-college degree or certificate for a high-demand occupation as defined by DOL

*NOT BE ELIGIBLE for any other VA education benefit program

*NOT BE enrolled in a federal or state job training program within the last 180 days.

*NOT receive VA compensation at the 100% rate due to individual employability (IU) For more information and how to apply visit

www.benefits.va.gov/VOW or call 1-800-827-1000, Veterans may also access the VRAP application online at <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov>

Did You Know

Due to the recent budget cuts and rising cost of electricity, gas and oil, as well as current market conditions, the light at the End of the Tunnel has been turned off.

“We apologize for the inconvenience”

Help.....Become a Booster

Is your name on the booster list? We need your help. Be a newsletter booster. Costs to run the Legion have escalated over the years & we would like to make the newsletter more self supporting. If you can please join our booster club with a \$10, \$25, \$50 or \$100 donation. Thanks for your help if you can.

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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)
In memory of Earl Parker

Gold Level, \$50

Chuck & Sue Nisgt (4/12)
J.J. & Helen (3/13)
James M. Denholm (1/13)

Silver Level, \$25

In memory of Brad & Gerry Terrell (12/12)
Sterling & Linda Phaklides (6/12)
In memory of Kim White (10/12)
Jack & Ethel (11/12)
G. Collins (7/12)
In memory of USS Stark (5/13)
P-Nut & Liz Wilson (11/12)

Bill & Mabel Videll (12/10)
Nick Patrizio (4/12)
Franklin Friers (3/12)
Mike & Diane Barker (3/12)
Charlie Parker (8/12)

Bronze Level, \$10

Frank Brown (7/12)
Jim Smith (8/12)
In memory of Dottie Smith (8/12)
In memory of Skip Hilliker (10/12)
In memory of John Kapeghian (6/12)
In memory of Jim Reed (12/11)
Martha & Roy Hauge (7/13)
John & Patty 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 (2/13)
Pearse & Sally Doherty (2/13)
Richard & Jo Ann Scoggins (4/15)
Richard & Katy (5/13)
Robert Gomez (1/16)
Russell & Mary Lou Jones (9/12)
Shorty Heiman (11/12)
Towney Kennard (11/12)
Pete Riebesehl (11/12) MIA Henry Koch
Colette & Charlie Sellers (7/12)