

# American Legion Post 129

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July 2013

## Upcoming Events

- **July 3**  
7:30 General meeting
- **June 4**  
Independence Day
- **July 10**  
7:00 Auxiliary meeting
- **July 11**  
7:00 40&8 and Cabane
- **July 20**  
10:00 ALR meeting
- **July 27**  
Christmas in July
- **July 31**  
6:00 SAL meeting

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## Commander's Corner by Don Grzena

Hi everyone! What a busy June. First of all, Congratulation to all the New Officers!! We still have to elect a new Commander. The following is the procedure for the Election of the New Commander:

All nominations will be accepted at the July 3rd General Meeting starting at 7:30pm. You **MUST** be at the meeting to nominate you Candidate. No write ins. Then at the August 1st General Meeting, starting at 7:30pm, we will vote for the next Commander. It will be by secret ballots. At the end of the General Meeting, whoever is nominated, will be ask to leave the Meeting and the remaining members will vote.

You **MUST** be a 2013 or 2014 paid member to vote. There will not be an **ALL DAY** voting. If anyone has any questions, please get in touch with me. Thank you and get out and vote!!

### THE 2014 CARDS ARE IN!!

Please see either Danny or myself to get your card. Remember, dues are \$30 before Veterans Day, 11<sup>th</sup> of Nov and then after that \$35. If you are between the ages of 70 – 79, then the dues are \$21.50. And if you are 80 or older, then the dues are paid by the Post. Also remember, that when you are paid by Veterans Day, you are eligible for our “Early Bird (continued on page 3)



*For  
God  
and  
Country*



## Be the FIRST to know!!!!

If you want to be updated weekly on the meal menus, entertainment, events, plus more you need to send Brandi Roberts (our Canteen Manager) your e-mail address. She sends out each Tuesday an update to about 200 members. She will let you know what the menus are for each day, what special events are taking place,

who the entertainment will be and much more. After the newsletter is printed changes take place and the best way to know about these changes is by reading Brandi's weekly e-mail. Send her your e-mail. Also, are you interested in getting your newsletter online versus having it mailed. When sending your e-mail

address to Brandi also let her know if you would like to receive your newsletter online, saving the Post money for printing and mailing.  
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# Auxiliary News

by Diane Powers, Auxiliary President

Ladies,

I want to start off by thanking all of you for allowing me to serve as President of the Auxiliary for 2013-2014. I am honored and pray I will follow in the footsteps of all the wonderful women that have served as well. Convention was the perfect injection of enthusiasm for this year. What an amazing family the American Legions across Florida and the U.S. We should all be so proud to be a part of this organization. We have an amazing team of volunteers to help us make this a very successful year for our unit. I want to thank each and every one in advance for stepping up and serving. We have all hit the ground running as this month is one of our biggest fund raisers:

Christmas in July. We have decided to donate the funds we raise during July to K9's for Warriors. I know this organization is close to many members hearts. If you would like to personally see what this organization does the warriors and their K9's have a graduation ceremony the third Thursday of every month at the Palm Valley Post, starting at 5:30. We are also hoping to have a trainer or warrior and their K9 come to our next meeting on July 10th so we can learn more about this great organization. My second Vice Claire has come up with many great ideas for raising funds for the project so we will be looking for your support.



We are also looking for chefs to help with our dinners the third Friday of the month. If you can help out August, September or October we are booking those months now. Please let Claire know if you can pitch in.

Membership cards for the 2014 year are in. Be one of our "early birds"; we will be thanking you with a lunch later in the year so look for Candice to lock in your early bird status.

I look forward to all of our members helping us to grow this year. You can reach me at [dianempowers@comcast.net](mailto:dianempowers@comcast.net) or on my cell at 904-716-2423 with concerns, suggestions or just to say Hi.

## S.A.L News

by JD Kapeghian



I want to wish everyone a Happy Independence Day! I hope you all have a good 4th of July! I want to congratulate all the newly re-elected officers of the S.A.L. I thank you all so much, because I really could not do this without all of you! At this time, the 2014 cards are available. Please see one of the S.A.L. officers or the bartender, for your card, to be an early bird to help us achieve our

goal of 100% plus! On Monday, July 8th, Jack and Sue Gregory will be having their authentic Philly Cheese Steaks and fries from 5:30 til... Then, Monday July 15th, we will be doing loaded nachos. On Sunday, September 1st, Labor Day will be the anniversary of our very first train crawl, our "Train-Aniversary". PLEASE be on the look

out for our sign up sheet. It will not take long to fill up. Too many people want to sign up at the last minute and we need time to order the T-shirts!! To All: Have a FUN SUMMER! Thank you and good night.



## Officers for 2013—2014

Acting Commander.....Don Grzena  
1st Vice.....Don Grzena  
2nd Vice.....Terry Stickless  
3rd Vice.....Stephanie Cain  
4th Vice.....Frank DeCoste  
Sgt at Arms.....  
Adjutant.....  
Judge Advocate.....  
Finance.....Bob Schlatter  
Chaplain..... Brian Hancher  
Service Officer.....Robert Schmitt

<i>E-Board Members</i>	<i>House Committee</i>
Frank Bolin	Bill Wilson
Tommy Williams	Frank Redmond
Lee Fair	Rich Hansberg
Chuck Nist	Kathy Jewell (Aux)
Robert Schmitt	Dale Peterson
	Nolan Bomar
	Dave Jordan

*Auxiliary President,*  
Diane Powers  
*Commander S.A.L.,*  
JD Kapeghian  
*Chef De Gare 40 & 8,*  
James Mayer  
*La Presidente, Cabane 215,*  
Louise Bagdasarian  
*A L Riders Director*  
Lee Fair

## Commanders Corner (continued from page 1)

Breakfast". I would like to be at 50% by September and 100% by December!! I **know** we can do this!! Any questions about your card, please see me.

Thank you to all the Volunteers that helped put out and picked up Flags at the local Cemetery for Memorial Day. Also, to the Volunteers that helped with "Hooked on Fishing"!! **We need more Volunteers** to help out with the Post. We have over 600 members and I can count on my hands the same number of people that always volunteered. I am going to start something new now. I will have a Volunteers list up with the Name of the Event on it. If we don't get enough volunteers to help out with the event then we **DON'T**

do the event. Please get out and **VOLUNTEER!!!**

The Post did very well at the 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Convention. Danny and I won the recruiter award for 10 or more New Members. The Post won Two Special Olympic awards. Also, the 5<sup>th</sup> District, which we are a member of, won a lot of awards. Congrats to the Mighty Fifth!!

The only thing going on in July is the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Barbeque. Look at the July calendar for the time and what's cooking.

Well, if anyone has any question or any suggest for me, please get in touch with me. Until than CU.

## 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.



## 4th of July Celebration

Variously known as the Fourth of July and Independence Day, July 4th has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution (1775-83). In June 1776, representatives of the 13 colonies then fighting in the revolutionary struggle weighed a resolution that would declare their independence from Great Britain. On July 2nd, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later its delegates adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 until the present day, July

4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with typical festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues. **Early Fourth of July Celebrations**

In the pre-Revolutionary years, colonists had held annual celebrations of the king's birthday, which traditionally included the ringing of bells, bonfires, processions and speechmaking. By contrast, during the summer of 1776 some colonists celebrated the birth of independence by holding mock funerals for King George III, as a way of symbolizing the end of the monarchy's hold on America and the triumph of liberty. Festivities including



concerts, bonfires, parades and the firing of cannons and muskets usually accompanied the first public readings of the Declaration of Independence, beginning immediately after its adoption. Philadelphia held the first annual commemoration of

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## Canteen Update by Brandi Roberts



Summer is officially here and to make sure that we all get out and enjoy it this month we are planning a Jax Beach Scavenger Hunt for Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>! The event will start at 6pm at the Post. So mark your calendars! This is going to be a fun night with prizes for the winners. The hunt will have a birthday theme since July 13<sup>th</sup> is both Alison and JD's birthdays. July 19<sup>th</sup> is National Daiquiri day and with summer being here why not celebrate with a nice frozen cocktail? So plan on joining us at the Post Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup> in the evening to see what we come up with!

Then on July 27<sup>th</sup> the Auxiliary will hold their annual Christmas in July fundraiser. They are busy planning

and I know I can't wait to see what they come up with. The Karaoke Piggs will be here to entertain you that evening so you know it will be a fun filled night!

With the event hall looking better than ever the dates are starting to fill up! 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 and to contact Brandi at the 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 e-mail. If you would

like to be added to the list please send an e-mail to Brandi at brandi-roberts@att.net.

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:** Somebody commented the other day that in 1776, milk and politics had much in common, in that the cream rose to the top. How do we know it wasn't sour cream?---History Skeptic

**Dear Skeptic:** Because we creamed the British.

**Dear Ethel:** Since things in this country will no doubt be bad on Independence Day, maybe I'll drink a fifth on the Fourth. Appropriate?-----

**Recession Depressed**

**Dear Depressed:** No. Possibly you'll win the lottery and think you're in Seventh Heaven.

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 Louise Bagdasarian, La Presidente

All of our officers were installed on June 13<sup>th</sup>, I would to congratulate all our new incoming officers for the year 2013 -14<sup>th</sup>. LaPresidente - Louise Bagdasarian; LaSous Presidente - Annie Anderson; LaCorrespondante - Kelly Bush; LaCommissaire Intendant - Kelly Bush; LaConducteur - Carol Brickel; LaDrapeau—Margaret Hardy; La

Garde de la Porte - Lorraine Smith; LaAumonier - Vicki Gordon Haft; Les Cheminots - Summer Bush, Helen Mays, Wanda Brandt. La Grande Sous Presidente - Vicki Gordon Haft; La Grande Cheminot - Louise Bagdasarian; La Grande Cheminot Alt. - Annie Anderson. We are all looking forward to working together making it another

great year! Our next Rendezvous is July 11<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget your Beret!! See you then.

Respectfully,  
Louise Bagdasarian  
La Presidente

## Legion Lore

by Jack Hardebeck



The January 2013 issue of Reader's Digest contains a list of U.S. Navy lingo phrases that have come into use on the home front. The author, a Navy wife, included the following:

Brave Zulu, or "BZ" (Meaning "well done"; apparently not describing how much a steak is cooked).

Mandatory Fun (Referring to a party or other social affair you've been urged to attend. Unlike in the service, you don't have to salute the host.) ....and a Wake-up (Shortens wait for a happily anticipated even; instead of five days, say, "See you in four days and a wake-up." four days

and a wake-up." However, maybe "So long" would be okay.)

Got your six. (Per the author, it means "I've got your back." So why not say that? Duh.)

Zero Dark Thirty (Extremely early in the morning. My only question is: How do you set your alarm?)

My favorite term from the WW II Navy is "bilge." One definition was nonsensical or insincere talk, which went on and on, nonstop.

## Use Month Wisely

The full month is to be used by the various organizations that make up the American Legion Post 129 family. If someone wants to extend their time, they will need to request the time from the Organization that owns the month.

July 2013	Auxiliary
August	ALR
September	SAL
October	Legion
November	Cabane
December	Auxiliary
January 2014	SAL
February	40&8
March	Cabane
April	Legion
May	ALR

## American Legion Riders....by Lee Fair

I want to thank all the riders for electing me as Director for 2013-2014 and am looking forward to working with everyone this year. We have our poker run in October and have discussed having an over-night ride once a quarter this year. Congratulations to all of our new Officers. HAVE A GREAT TIME AND RIDE SAFE.

### New Officers for 2013 & 2014

Director: Lee Fair  
 Asst Director: Jeff Durden  
 Secretary: Bill Wilson  
 Treasurer: Bob Schlatter  
 Sgt at Arms: Chuck Nist  
 Road Capt: Richard Hurst  
 Historian: Dee Blowers

Membership: Rich Reyman  
 Chaplain: Kathy Jewell  
 Safety Officer: Sue Nist  
 Asst Sgt at Arms: Jim Weimer



## Editor's Comments

by Sterling L. Phaklides

Several Saturdays behind us and each week our Saturday 9 hole golf group is growing. We have over 20 people signed up and now get 8-12 golfers each Saturday. Everyone is having fun and we welcome you to join. We now have a few ladies that have joined the group. If you are interested give me a call or send me an e-mail. I send out a weekly

notice each Wednesday to find out who will be playing on Saturday. Get your name on that list.

If you are interested in writing an article for the newsletter on an American Legion event or project please let me know. Would like to have more people involved in writing for the newsletter.

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

**Bob Novak**

**Sterling Phaklides**

**RELOAD-1 INC.**

First month is FREE ( 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.

## The NAVY



The teacher asked the young students, "Was George Washington a soldier or a sailor?". One smart kid said, "He couldn't have been a sailor. He wouldn't have stood up in the boat!".

"What shall we do, sir? The enemy are as thick as peas." "Shell them of course!"

I feel sorry for the young man who joined the navy to see the world, and spent the next three years in a submarine!

A naval officer, the image of a movie star in his dress uniform, died and went to heaven. When he reached the gates, from inside Saint Peter asked him to identify himself. He did. Saint Peter said, "Wait out

there for a minute." Finally, Saint Peter opened the gate. As he walked in, the naval officer asked, "Why did I have to wait outside?" Saint Peter said, "We had to lock up the women!"

The Navy psychiatrist was interviewing a potential sailor. To check on the young man's response to trouble, the psychiatrist asked, "What would you do if you looked out that window right now and saw an enemy battleship coming down the street?" The baby sailor said, "I'd grab a torpedo and sink it?" "Where would you get that torpedo?" "The same place you got the battleship sir!"



## 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. Extending the Canape over the Entrance
2. Replacing the ceiling tiles
3. Rebuilding the East wall in the Game Room

### 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.

## The Neighborhood

His hometown was so dull, one day the tide went out and didn't come back.

In his hometown they won't buy a traffic light. They can't agree on the colors.

A man approached his neighbor. "Joe, he asked, will you need your golf clubs on Sunday?" Joe said, "I'm playing golf all day!" "Good. Then you won't need your lawnmower!"

His hometown is so dull the all-night 7-Eleven closes at 6pm.

## Christmas in July....Claire Sheehan

Christmas in July is fast approaching!!! We have completed our sale of our coupon books and a grand total will be available soon. I know the K-9's for Warriors group will be pleased. A big "THANK YOU" goes out to all who participated.! But that is not the end of our efforts. Throughout the month please look around the post as we will be collecting personal items/ toiletries for our troops on the USS Gettysburg. A traditional Christmas dinner will be served on Sat July 27 @ 5:30. We have the hams and turkeys donated

already and will be looking for volunteers to round off the menu. I will keep you posted as to our exact needs as it will be a prepared dinner as opposed to "covered dishes". We are planning a night consisting not only of dinner but of holiday cheer and traditions as well. Be sure to mark your calendars!!! Please feel free to contact me with any ideas or suggestions.

Thank you!  
Claire Sheehan

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independence on July 4, 1777, while Congress was still occupied with the ongoing war. [George Washington](#) issued double rations of rum to all his soldiers to mark the anniversary of independence in 1778, and in 1781, several months before the key American victory at Yorktown, Massachusetts became the first state to make July 4th an official state holiday. After the Revolutionary War, Americans continued to commemorate Independence Day every year, in celebrations that allowed the new nation's emerging political leaders to

address citizens and create a feeling of unity. By the last decade of the 18th century, the two major political parties--Federalists and Democratic-Republicans--that had arisen began holding separate Independence Day celebrations in many large cities.

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### **BOOSTER LIST**

#### **Diamond Level, \$100+**

Bob Schlatter (11/13)  
Sonny & Suzanne Sternberg (10/13)  
Barbara & Phil Milazo 4/13)  
Shannon Devlin & Gregory Stanford  
(11/13)

#### **Platinum Level, \$100**

In memory of Cindy Burroughs (7/13)  
In memory of Mark Higgenbotham (6/13)  
Frank & Margie Redmond (8/13)  
Vince Rogers (1/14)

#### **Gold Level, \$50**

Chuck & Sue Nist (4/14)  
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)  
Louise Taylor Braren (2/14)

#### **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 (2/14)  
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 (11/13) MIA Henry Koch