

American Legion Post 129

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June 2011

Upcoming Events

- **June 1**
7:00 House committee mtng
- **June 2**
6:30 Planning Bd Mtng
7:00 E-board meeting
7:00 Auxiliary meeting
7:30 General meeting
- **June 7**
5:30 Donation committee
- **June 9**
7:00 40&8 & Cabane meeting
- **June 12**
Election of Officers
- **June 18**
10:00 Legion Riders meeting
- **June 26**
1:00 Dart Banquet
- **June 29**
6:30 SAL meeting

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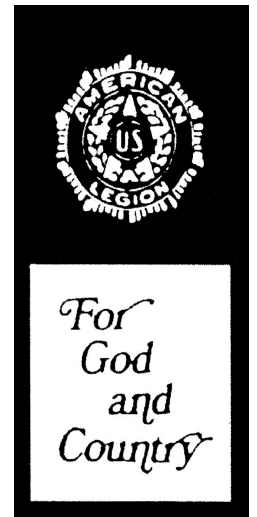
Commander's Corner by Lee Ingraham

June is Post election month! The election will be held on June 12th with absentee ballots available on June 5th. The list of candidates is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. Softball season is in full swing. The team has practiced since February and are doing really well. Check the schedule on the bulletin board and the white "Good News" board on the front wall and please come out and support the team.

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 that 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."



Department of Florida Convention

The Department of Florida's 93rd Annual Department Convention will be held on June 23—26, 2011 at the Caribe Royale Orlando in Orlando Florida. See you there.

S.A.L. Notes by Richard Kasevich

The new SAL Offdicers for this year 2011-2012 are:

Commander J.D. Kapaghian
1st Vice: Mike 'Barker Jr.
2nd Vice: Daniel Parker
Chaplain: Robert Haag
Sgt. At Arms: Garth Collins
Adjutant: Richard Kasevich

SAL will be celebrating it's 50th birthday Sunday June 19th at the post. We will be

serving smoked chicken or ribs for a nominal donation of \$5 to defer some of the costs. Beans, cole slaw and a piece of birthday cake will also be served from 1pm to 3pm or until sold out. Come by and wish SAL a Happy Birthday and enjoy the food.



Auxiliary News

by Candace Mabry, Auxiliary President



I always seem to put Membership somewhere in the middle of the report, but not this month. Kudos to Kelly Bush, membership chair, for an outstanding year! She announced at our last meeting that we are at 100% for the year 2010-2011. Membership is everyone's responsibility, so take the time and give yourself a pat on the back for a job well done!

Thanks to everyone that donated blood, Diane Powers reported we gave 17 units. Special thanks to Jerry Brandt who cooked up delicious hamburgers for all those who successfully gave a pint or two. Mark your calendars for the weekend of July 4th for the next blood drive. The family of 129 did another wonderful job remembering those that served

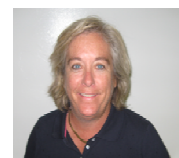
our great country. Thanks to everyone that placed the flags at the cemetery and took part in the Memorial Day ceremony in Atlantic Beach.

June will be a busy month again for the Auxiliary. Please come to the next meeting June 2nd to elect your new slate of officers for 2011-2012 year. The district Constitutional Convention will be held at our Post on June 6th beginning at 0830 for a Memorial service and the meeting will begin at 0900. It is opened to everyone. The Volunteer luncheon is scheduled for June 12th at 1:00 p.m. I better see you there! Finally, Convention will be held June 23 – 26 in Orlando. If you meet the qualifications to be a delegate we

would be glad to have you join us for a weekend of learning how our great organization works.

Vicki Gordon-Haft has started counting coupons already for the new year by reporting \$24,322.55 clipped and 2 blue star banners were mailed.

July we'll be kicking off a new year, so I hope you will be stepping forward and saying "I can do that" so we can have another successful year.



The Statue from an internet source



This statue currently stands outside the Iraqi palace, now home to the 4th Infantry division. It will eventually be shipped home and put in the memorial museum in Fort Hood, Texas. The statue was created by an Iraqi artist named Kalat, who for years was forced by Saddam Hussein to make the many hundreds of bronze busts of Saddam that dotted Baghdad. Kalat was so grateful for the America's liberation of his country; he melted 3 of the heads of the fallen Saddam

and made the statue as a memorial to the American soldiers and their fallen warriors. Kalat worked on this memorial night and day for several months. To the left of the kneeling soldier is a small Iraqi girl giving the soldier comfort as he mourns the loss of his comrade in arms.

Do you know why we don't hear about this in the news? The media avoids it because it does not have the shock effect.

Officers for 2010—2011

Commander.Lee Ingraham
1st Vice.....Norm Sullivan
2nd Vice.....Danny Rodriguez
3rd Vice.....Don Grzena
4th Vice.....Terry Stickles
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

James Smith	William Wilson
Joseph Newberry	Frank Redmond
Sterling Phaklides	Rich Hansberg
David Jordan	Marie Esler (Aux)
Taylor Barker	Tom Dawson (SAL)
	Russ Rhodes
	Danny Harrison

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

A Word from the Candidates for Commander

Danny Rodriguez

I was asked to right a campaign letter. I am not going to be a Politician and make speeches and promises. I am looking to bring all out groups together and work as one. I feel that the Legion programs need to get back into the focus; Children and youth, Americanism, veteran's affairs and assistance. I believe that the Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, 40&8 and the Cabane can all pull together and do this. We can build a solid core and by getting back to basics and working with the other Legions and Veterans groups on the beach, we can make a difference to the veterans and the community. It has been said that the American Legion is nothing but a bar where old vets go and drink and tell war stories. I don't know about you but I want to break that stereo type. I want to get the new wave of veterans out there involved. Show them what they can accomplish with us and give them a place where

they want to belong. If we don't get them involved with us, the future is not so bright. Look back a few years ago, this post did things, and was recognized for its accomplishments and received recognition and awards for its work. I remember every time I turned around I was asking my wife to do a few blankets to send to the VA for our vets. Sending care packages to the troops overseas. I don't want to think I have been under a rock but that kind of thing seems to have gone by the way side. These are the kind of things that I want to get back into. I want to let the community know that we are here and we are part of them.

Joyce Ingle

Legionnaires, time is getting short for the 2011-2012 election of officers for Post 129. The past 17 years that I have been a member things have been increasingly up and

down with our membership, building fund, entertainment and overall comradeship. These things have been and will most likely always be with us. Our growth is at a stalemate presently, not due to the efforts of the 1st Vice or many members of the Post. I won't say I can cure any of these problems or even one. But if we all apply ourselves to helping more and making less of the efforts being tried, maybe, just maybe things will improve. I'm running for the office of Commander and will to the best of my ability (with Help) we'll overcome some of these so called problems. Respectfully, Joyce Ingle

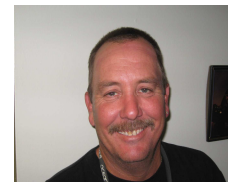


American Legion Riders by Jeff Durden

It is with a heavy heart I am writing this notice. One of our Charter Life Member has passed away. AJ Welch a long time friend and mentor passed away very suddenly. He will surly be missed by everyone. Friday June 17th there will be an ALR 129 sponsored dinner at the Post, please check your Post calendar for the menu and times. We are scheduled to prepare wings

every 4th Monday of every month, if you want to volunteer please let me know. Our regular patches are in and Charter Life member patches are on order, we sold out of the first batch. For the patches please see Trish Edwards the Membership Chairman. Also to let everyone know that our monthly meeting is scheduled BACK on Saturday June 18th at 10 am at Post 129.

Ride Safe



40 & 8 News

by Kevin McCallon, Chef De Gare

Another month has passed and there are a lot of events coming up. Memorial day is right around the corner and the 40/8 has the privilege of being the host. Great job Joe Nolan for arranging the itinerary. See everybody 30 May 2011 at 0930 BVMP. Also 40/8 will perform a Calvin Kain ceremony at 2359, 29 May 2011.

June 3 post 129 dinner our world famous pork loin will be served. We need volunteers. The time will be at 4:00 pm or 1600 hours. Everybody that is helping needs to arrive early to prepare that awesome meal. 6:00 pm /1800 dinner time. July 9 officer installment and banquet; June 10-12 2011 Grande

Grande Promenade and Grande rendezvous

At The plantation Golf Resort & Spa, 9301W. Fort Island Trail, Crystal River Fla.34429.

July 9 officer installment and banquet.

Canteen Update

by Brandi Roberts

Hello from your Canteen Staff,

The first big change this month is that we are changing the Wednesday night entertainment. Mr Sunshine will be with us this month from 6 to 9pm on Wednesdays. So stop on by and I promise you will have a great time! Also remember to watch your calendar for Friday night band times. Most bands will be playing from 530 to 930 but there are a few that will be 7pm to 11pm.

Another big change this year is 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 vendor that you use gets a percentage, wouldn't you rather have your American Legion get that money then someone you don't know? We have had TWO \$5000 winners at the Post... you could be next! 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: Football season looms, and I've a proposal to inspire enthusiasm for the televised games at Post 129. The news has been full of Lady Gaga. How about electing a female cheerleader to pump up the crowd? We could call her Lady Ra Ra.---Football Fan

Dear Fan: Great idea. If an additional gal can tell gridiron jokes, we could dub her Lady Ha Ha.

Dear Ethel: We have several vice commanders. If there's that much vice going on, I believe we should do something to stop it. What do you think?---Concerned Member

Dear Concerned Member: In the officer title, "vice" means a deputy of the commander who can act for the commander, as necessary. If there were so many evil vices going on, no doubt the grapevine would be producing barrels of "whine."

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 Everyone, Merci to the Dames that participated in our Memorial Service. A big Thank You and Merci to everyone that helped with our annual garage sale and all that donated items to the sale. The sale was a great success, after the sale clothing was donated to the homeless shelters. The household items, the TV's etc. to a Church for their needy fam-

ily programs. Most of the softbound books, magazines, video tapes and DVD's to Avanti Nursing home and most of the other books stayed at Post 129 for the book exchange. We always donate needed items to Post 129 first. Merci, to the ones that helped sort and taking care and bringing the items to the above mentioned places. Our next Rendezvous

is on Wednesday June 8th at 7pm, some of us are leaving for Grande Rendezvous in Crystal River the next day. Hope to see you on Wednesday.



Legion Lore

by Jack Hardebeck

It was a terrific 1993 idea: organizing a group of Legion members who would use their motorcycles to do charitable work while enjoying "chopper" freedom on our highways and byways.

Chapters of the Legion Riders have certainly helped to offset the nasty image of motorcycle "gangs." If I were able, I might try to become a member. However, since I couldn't renew my automobile driver's license because of a vision problem, I doubt that I could get a motorcycle license.

Yet, I imagine that being a Legion Rider would truly be a treat. I'm sure that the Riders operate their machines as safely as possible. On the only motorcycle ride I've ever had, that was definitely not the case. In the post-WWII Navy, I was stationed

while in Washington, DC, and a swabie there offered me a spin on the buddy seat of his bike.

He turned out to be a complete nut-case, racing around the traffic circles, avoiding accidents by inches. I think he was trying to impress me. He did. I don't believe he could have survived long enough to be a Legion Rider. As for me, I'll have to drive something that's less fun, such as a tricycle or a pogo stick.



Don't Miss This

We are going to have 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 starting June 1st from 6pm to 9pm.

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

6pm to 9pm on
Wednesdays....



Help our Troops

by Mary Ellen Bolin

Our troops and their families serve us and our country and sending coupons overseas lets them know we care. It also takes a slight bit of pressure off them as it helps them with their monthly budget. MANUFACTURE'S COUPONS come in your Sunday paper and can be found in your grocery stores. Store coupons don't work because you

you may not find a Target or Publix in Turkey or Germany. These coupons are mailed to more than 25 posts throughout the world and are distributed by the USOS, commissaries, and PX's. Each place has its own way to distribute them.

The best was to "Clip and Save" for our troops is to; Cut out Sunday's coupons and any

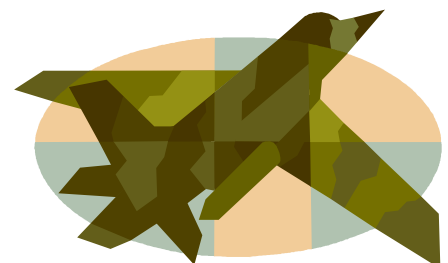
mailed Saver coupons
-Place then in an envelope or plastic baggie
-Write date coupons were issued (Ex. Sun/8th Saver 5/11th)
-Bring them into Post 129
This Auxiliary will package them and mail them to different places
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Editor's comments

by Sterling L. Phaklides

Well, this will be my last Post 129 newsletter as Editor. I will be available to help when asked by our new newsletter editor, Jack Gregory. Jack has a background that will fit just perfect as editor. He can tell you about it over the next few months. Jack & his wife Sue are active members of Post 129. Give them a nice welcome.

I would like to thank all the individuals that have sent in articles over the past 4 years....too many people to name and I would most likely forget someone. Thank you all.



From the Galley....by Danny Rodriguez, 2nd Vice

I would like to again thank everyone who has volunteered to do dinners in the galley this past month and looking forward to seeing more of you volunteering for this upcoming month. We really need the help. We have openings so please see myself, Terry or Brandi to sign up.

Well opening of the beaches went well and those who could not make it, you really missed some great BBQ. I wish to Thank Too Tall for the use of his rib cooker. And to all those who stood behind the line and served, you have my up-most appreciation. I know it was hot and you served it so fast, that I barely had time to rest from cooking.

We are pushing the planning board meeting on the first Thursday of the month. We need input and volunteers for dinners. We need details on the dinners. We need to know what organization is doing the dinner and what they are doing. If you need help in getting flyers made get with me or Terry. The farther in advance of your meal the better the turn out will be. We need to know what you are doing also so Raz can get it into the beaches leader for us.

We had the cook out for "Hooked on fishing" and christened our new grill. We served 400 hamburgers and 400 hot dogs and I would like to thank the following people for their help on site. Charles Grieco, Claire Sheehan, Don Grzena, Jerry Brandt, Jeff Durden, Kathy Jewell, Mimi Harms, Stan Viergutz, and my cohort in crime on the grill Richard Hurst.

Speaking of the new grill we are looking to kick up steak nights again. We have several inquires and look for one to come soon.

This will most likely be my last galley letter as elections are coming soon and Terry is running for 2nd vice, and I know that you all will give him the support that you gave me this last year.

New Members

March 2011: Edwin L Malave Jr, USMC, active duty; Ralph E Muller, USN, Vietnam; Jack F Starkey, USCG, Lebanon; Gerald D Hollenbeck, USMC, Vietnam; William A Key, USAF, Korea:

April 2011: Charles A. Deertz, USAF, Korea; Carl G. Evans, USAF, Korea; Michael D. Kurtz, USMC, Gulf; Troy W. Morgan, USN, Gulf, active duty; Timothy Osborne, USN, Gulf, active duty; Frank Polochak, USN, Vietnam; Robert Stewart, USA, Vietnam; Ralph A. Laperna; William Latham, USN, Gulf; Brad Radloff, USN, Lebanon; Mark Rassano, USN, Lebanon;

For the Good of the Legion by Commander Lee Ingraham

You may have noticed the sunken parking spaces in front of the building. As best we can determine they are a result of the new grease trap installation which was placed in that area. We are waiting for the contractor to examine and fix the problem. We are also going to ask him to give us an estimate to re-seal and re-stripe the whole parking lot. If you know of any contractor who does re-sealing and re-striping please let me, Bob Schlatter or Terry Stickles know so we can get a "2nd & 3rd opinion." 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.

Coupons (continued from page5)

who participate in this program (sent over \$400,000 in coupons last year). The nice thing about this program is that these coupons do not expire on the original expiration date but are good for six months after date printed. That means coupons you don't use can be donated after the expiration date. So join in the fun and support our troops by cutting, cutting, cutting,

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.

From John P. Clarke. I just wanted to touch base with you and give you the calendar for the American Legion Post 129. The traffic has been a little slow, but we still want to keep providing services there. We are going to cut back to every other Monday starting in July. The dates are: June 6, 13 and 27, July 18, August 15 and 29, September 26 & October 10 and 24

We are losing a few Mondays due to holidays and mandatory training for us. If you have any questions or if there are any conflicts please contact me. Thanks again for all of the support.

John P. Clarke

Local Veterans Employment Representative

Veterans Mobile Access Point

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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+

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 & Patty Kapeghian (5/11)

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 (4/11)
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)

