

American Legion Post 129

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June 2012

Upcoming Events

- **June 6**
7:00 House committee mtng
- **June 7**
No meetings due to Department Convention
- **June 7-11**
Department Convention
- **June 14**
6:00 pm Flag Day Ceremony
- **June 16**
10:00am ALR meeting
- **June 17**
1:00pm Installation of Officers
- **June**
7:00 40&8 & Cabane meeting
- **June 27**
6:30 SAL meeting

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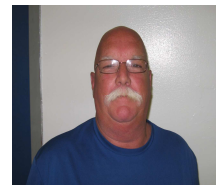
Commander's Corner by Danny Rodriguez

We have had a lot of people support the post this last year and right now I want to thank some of them. Brandi, what can I say about her? We are lucky to have her here. She puts in so much time and effort to keep us going and entertaining us. Terry (the apron in the kitchen) the meals are great and he has been there when I needed him for a special events. J.D., bartender and the man who gets things done. I think some times the building would have fallen on my head if it was not for him and his silent crew that moves unseen. Don G, the little short guy that we love to pick on, but when I needed some one to jump, he was in the air asking is this high enough. The Ladies of the Aux. These ladies are strong and tireless work-

ing behind the scenes and to tell the truth I thought I was seeing things sometimes. They move fast and efficient. The SAL, I go to a meeting and only see 1 or 2 of them. but yet they are always asking how can we help. They get things done. Now for my legionnaires. there are just too many to name. if something came up you were there. You moved before anyone could say something. you are inspiring. And last but not to be counted that way are the riders. in your short time being formed you have made incredible leaps. You have been there when called in numbers. You have heard the call and answered where and when. I am proud to be counted among you.



*For
God
and
Country*



Flag Day....Thursday. June 14th, 2012

Flag Day, is a day for all Americans to celebrate and show respect for our flag, its designers and makers. Our flag is representative of our independence and our unity as a nation....one nation, under God, indivisible. Our flag has a proud and glorious history. It was at the lead of every

battle fought by Americans. Many people have died protecting it. It even stands proudly on the surface of the moon.

As Americans, we have every right to be proud of our culture, our nation, and our flag. So raise the flag on the 14th of June

and every day with pride.



Auxiliary News

by Candace Mabry, Auxiliary President



Now I know why I took Latin in the 9th grade, and yes all you comedians out there, it was a dead language even when I was in 9th grade. Tempus fugit. It is hard to believe 3 years has passed since I was elected Madame President and I am very excited to pass the reins to Cindy Jordon for the 2012-2013 Auxiliary year. The installation of officers will be June 17th at 1:00 p.m. and I hope to see many members there to support Cindy and her new slate of officers.

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. We also participated in Post 129's Memorial Service in which we rang the bell for each member that we lost last year for the Post, SAL and Auxiliary.

May was a busy month for your Auxiliary. We had our annual 'Draping of the Charter' in remembrance of our members that passed last year, elected a new slate of officers and had the Constitutional Conference at our Unit. I will let Cindy introduce her slate of officers in her first newsletter after Convention and installation.

Speaking of which, Convention will be earlier this year, it will

again be in Orlando, but it will be held June 7-10. Because the 7th is the first Thursday of the month, we will not be having an Auxiliary meeting this month. Our first meeting of the New Year will be Thursday, July 5th. Please make a special effort to be there to support Cindy at her first meeting.

Membership for the 2012-2013 year will be due starting in July.

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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

I would like to congratulate our

squadron for reaching 105% on our membership! This month, after convention, our new officers will be sworn in on the 17th, if possible please attend to show support. This month S.A.L.'s dinner will be the first Friday, we will be making rotisserie pork, vegetables, potatoes and dessert. Once again we are still looking for more members to step up and volunteer for not only dinners, but our Sunday morning

breakfast crews. All the help we can get is very much appreciated and needed! Starting in July, membership cards for 2013 will be available for anyone who wants to become an early bird so we can try to have another great year. Also, on the second Monday of June, the 11th, we will be serving mussels with the garlic butter wine sauce with toast points, for \$5. The last time was a huge success. Hope to see you there. Thank you and goodnight

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
Chaplin.....	Robert Schmitt
Service Officer.....	Walt Fanton

<i>E-Board Members</i>	<i>House Committee</i>
Keith Ingle	Bill Wilson
Tommy Williams	Frank Redmond
Jeff Durden	Rich Hansberg
Taylor Barker	Kathy Jewell (Aux)
	Dale Peterson
	Richard Kasevich
	Nina Lott

Auxiliary President,
Candace Mabry
Commander S.A.L.,
JD Kapeghian
Chef De Gare 40 & 8,
James Mayer
La Presidente, Cabane 215,
Annie Anderson
A L Riders Director
Jeff Durden

Commander's corner continued

Well family, We are coming to the end of the year. I think it has been a good year, and just so that you can get an idea of what we have done, here is some numbers for you.

- Membership for the legion is 100% +1
- \$750.00 given to aid veterans from post funds. These were Vets that walked in off the street looking for help.
- 78 pints of blood donated
- 13 community events that we participated in
- 60 funerals for veterans

- 8 boys state sponsored
- \$6000 for scholarship awards. Estimated 500 hours of community service
- 60 children and youth activities held
- \$800.00 of goods given to children
- \$7000.00 cash aid to benefit children and the numbers are still coming in.

Fellow legionnaires, we have some things that have come up after the last meeting that need to be handled. Dave Jordan is not going

to be able to hold the post on the E-board. Tommy Williams has put his name in the hat. And Katherine Rodgers will not be able to take Sgt at Arms due to employment changes. Richard Andrew Farrer, a new member, has stepped up. Now we all pretty much know how Tommy supports the post. I recommend him for the position on the E- board. A lot of you do not know Andrew. He is a new member this year. He served is the USMC where he received the Purple Heart in Afghanistan. He is dedicated and willing to support the post. He has answered the call when I needed him, so therefore, I recommend him as Sergeant at Arms.

American Legion Riders by Jeff Durden



On June 17th we will be having our installation of officers at 1:00pm. All incoming officers elected this year should attend if possible. Our next meeting will be on the 16th of June. Don't forget our dinners/ steak bingo and wing night this month. See calendar for dates. New shirts are in. We now have white T Shirts and a few olive green to see how you

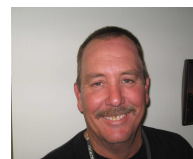
like them. See Richard Hurst for shirts. Until next month, ride safe.

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
Safety
Treasurer
Historian

John Burroughs
Chuck Nist
Bob Schlatter
Susan Logsdon



HELP...HELP

by Jerry Brandt

Legionnaires, the Post needs help, we have a number of opening for Chairmanship within the Post. These positions consist of:

Boys State,
Oratorical
Boys Scouts

Children and Youth
Law and Order
Americanism
ROTC
Boys Scouts
Baseball

School Medals
POW/MIA
Blood Donor
Employment

Please see one of the incoming officers if you wish to assist in these offices.

Canteen Update

by Brandi Roberts

Hello from your Canteen Staff, I don't know about you but I am having a very hard time believing that 2012 is almost half way over. Wasn't it just 2001? So what have we been doing you may ask...well we've been busy planning wonderful events for you. This month we will be bringing in a new band named Mid Life Crisis. They are wonderful! This is going to be a night that you do not want to miss. In addition to them we have a old Post favorite Harry & Sally, MR Sunshine, Albert, and the Coconuts. This month

is a great month for Friday night entertainment.

Special thanks to everyone who came out to support Comedy Night last month. It was a huge success! The profits from the evening are going towards the remodel of the back bar, for which us bartenders are extremely grateful. If you missed the event you missed a great night but don't worry, we are planning another Comedy Night for fall. As soon as everything is set I will let you all know.

We are still working on getting the bar remodeled, but like anything, if you want it done right it takes time. So bear with us, we are sure you will be happy with the results. We are planning a Monte Carlo Night within the next few months but are short on dealers. If you would like to volunteer or like to

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Ask Ethel

Dear Ethel: We have a lot of Legion Members who are retired. Someone once pointed out that retirees are even mentioned in the Bible, in that story about the multitude that loafs and fishes. Can you guess what the company gave me at my retirement instead of a gold watch? Former worker/shirker

Dear W/S: An alarm clock.

Dear Ethel: Vacation season is starting, but, because of the recession, members may have trouble paying for one this year. One good suggestion I heard is to save several traveler's checks for after-vacation emergencies-like eating. What's your view? Starvation Vacationer

Dear Vacationer: Good idea. By that time, the leftovers in the refrigerator will be garbage. (Urp)

If you have any questions for the "Ask Ethel" column, she would appreciate your input. Send the questions to Ethel at: triplejj@comcast.net



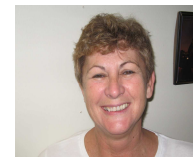
Cabane 215 News

by Annie Anderson, Cabane President

Hello everyone. A big Merci and Thank You to all who have helped with and donated items to our annual Rummage Sale. The sale, especially the bake sale was a great success. We'll do it again next year. As my 8th year as your La-Presidente comes to a close, Thank you and Merci to everybody who

made all my years great and successful. It is not just my Cabane it is our Cabane. We are not having a Rendezvous in June, WE ARE GOING OUT TO DINNER instead. We are meeting at the Fish Company, Atlantic Blvd, Atlantic Beach on Wednesday June 13th at 5pm. Hope to see you there.

So far the installation for incoming Officers is scheduled for July 12th. I believe at 7pm. See you at the Fish Company.



Legion Lore

by Jack Hardebeck

Itching for a college education? Well, scratch no more. I recently found an Internet article that you should read. The title says, "Grantham University, A Military Friendly University, Accredited for 50 Years." (The Web site—if I read it right-- is <http://rmi.grantham.edu/military.html?cid=1525>).

To me, an especially attractive feature of Grantham is that the degree programs are available to veterans and, apparently, their families. The Web site states, "Founded in 1951 by a veteran, Grantham University has been meeting the educational needs of service members, veterans and their families for over 60

years."

Another eye-catcher is that Grantham offers "100% Online Degree Programs." Thus, a student can do his or her course work wherever and whenever it's convenient. Moreover, I assume that woman can qualify for a bachelor's degree even though they don't shave. (That's a joke.)



Ha! Ha!

"I suppose," snarled the leathery sergeant to the private, "that when you are discharged from the Army, you'll wait for me to die, just so you can spit on my grave." "Not me," said the private. "When I get out of the Army, I never want to stand in line again."

A doctor examined a woman and told her husband, "I'm not too thrilled about your wife's looks." The husband said, "that makes two of us."

My first job was working in an Orange Juice factory, but I got canned. Couldn't concentrate.

Sons of the American Legion

www.sal.legion.org/member

The Sons of The American Legion was created in 1932 as an organization within the American Legion. The S.A.L. is made up of boys and men of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the United States military and became eligible for membership in the American Legion. They, like the American Legion, place high importance on preserving our American Traditions and values, improving the quality of life for our nations children, caring for veterans and

their families, and perhaps most importantly, teaching the fundamentals of good citizenship Membership in the S.A.L. is over 300,000. Just as each Legion Post determines the extent of its service to the community, state, and nation, each S.A.L. squadron is permitted flexibility in planning programs and activities to meet its own needs. To be eligible, you must be a male descendant (includes stepsons

and adopted sons) of a member of the American Legion, or a veteran who died in service during WWI, WWII, Korean War, Vietnam War, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama or the Persian Gulf War or a veteran who died subsequent to his or her honorable discharge from service in the above war times. See Commander J.D. Kapeghian for more info.

Editor's comments

by Sterling L. Phaklides

What's for dinner? The most difficult part of the calendar. If you are in charge or cooking a dinner on Fridays or Saturdays you will have more people attend if they know in advance, "What's for Dinner". Get your information on the calendar. If you are cooking dinner in July you need to get that information to Terry Stickles by mid-June so he can make sure it gets on the July calendar. It will help you sell more dinners.....it will make the

bartenders happy as they won't have to field so many calls from people wondering what we are having. Let's get better over the next few months.

Starting in July we will be coming back with the Business Booster List. You can have your business card placed on this page. Legion members may want to use your services. Donate \$100 for your business card spot for 6 months

or \$175 per year. Contact either Sterling (me), sterling1960@att.net or Jerry Brandt if you are interested. Great way to promote your business.



Auxiliary News by Candace Mabry (continued from page 2)

The National and Department Auxiliary went up \$6.50 annually in dues per senior member and \$1 for each junior member. Unit 129 voted to raise membership dues to be \$25 for each senior member and \$3 for each junior member.

Finally, I just want to say THANK YOU to everyone that has helped Unit 129 Ocean Beaches to be such a success under my watch. I have always tried to say thank you, but some even reading this don't think I am directing it at you. So if there is anyone out there that does not feel appreciated, then this Thank You is for you, THANK YOU. Each of you stepped up when needed, gave of your time and monies for the support of your Unit, our Veterans, our Active Duty Soldiers, our Community and Children. Each of you supported me in such a huge way this year by lifting me up and focused so I could carry out my commitment to supporting our Unit 129. Thank you each so very much.

Remember Cindy is going to need your support also, so please if you have not gotten involved in the past, take that baby step by coming to our first meeting in July to hear what we do, so maybe this year you can say "I can do that" and become involved.

Canteen Update by Brandi Roberts (continued from page 4)

volunteer someone you know please let Brandi 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 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 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!

American Legion Post 129 Officers for 2012-2013

Commander Jerry Brandt, 1st Vice Don Grzena, 2nd Vice Terry Stickles, 3rd Vice Brian Hancher, 4th Vice Keith Melton, Sgt at Arms Richard Farrer, Finance Officer Bob Schlatter, Chaplin Bob Schmidt.

E-Board: Chuck Nist, Jeff Durden, John Burroughs, Tommy Williams

Installation of officers (American Legion, Auxiliary & S.A.L.)
On Sunday June 17th at 1pm at Post 129.

HELP...Again

by Jerry Brandt

We need assistance, summer is upon us now and you know how warm it is in the Canteen area. We are looking for a way to increase the Air Conditioning, however we know the funds is limited. We would like to ask for donations from the members, if you donate \$100.00 for the Air Conditioner, we will place your name on the plaque that will be placed on the new unit. We are attempting to add a unit like we have in the back hall to the front, we hope to cool the Auxiliary room, and the front with the same unit, so any contributions will be

greatly appreciated.

We are already in the process of remodeling the back hall. A new bar will be created, however, did you know we will be redoing the Canteen area as well?

We are also looking at redoing the entrance area. Where the lava rocks are, we are thinking of place bricks down with small tables and chairs. Please look forward as we get closer to this remodeling.

I Feel Great

Two elderly gentlemen from a retirement center were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turns to the other and says: "Slim, I'm 83 years old now and I'm full of aches and pains. I know your about my age, how do you feel?" Slim says, "I feel like a newborn baby." "Really, like a newborn baby?" "Yep. No hair, no teeth, and I think I just wet my pants."

The American Legion Emblem

article submitted by Kyle Burgess, May 2009

"There shines the Emblem of The American Legion, it is your badge of distinction, honor and service. It stands for God and Country, and the highest rights of man. Of it's several parts, each has a meaning."

The Rays of the Sun form the background of our proud Emblem, and suggest that the Legion's principles will dispel the darkness of violence and evil.

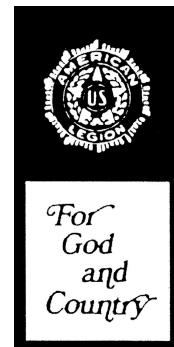
The Wreath forms the center, in loving memory of those brave comrades who gave their lives in the service of the United States, that liberty might endure.

The Star victory symbol of World War I, signalizes as well honor, glory and constancy. The letters U.S. leave no doubt as to the brightest star in the Legion's star.

Two Large Rings. The outer one stands for the rehabilitation of our sick and disabled buddies. The inner one denotes the welfare of American children.

Two Small Rings set upon the star. The outer pledges loyalty and Americanism. The inner is for service to our communities, our states and the Nation.

The words American Legion tie the whole together for truth, remembrance, constancy, honor, service, veterans affairs and rehabilitation, children and youth, loyalty and Americanism.



A Few Laughs

Three old guys were walking. First one says, "Windy isn't it?" Second one says, "No its Thursday" Third one says "So am I. Let's go have a beer."

Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks it was called witchcraft...today it's called golf.

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

Silver Level, \$25

Al & Ginny Terrell (8/11)
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)
Bob & Pat Deptula (8/11)
Sam Kalasdian (8/11)
Thomas & Townsend (2/11)
John & Sandy Seroyer 4/11)
In memory of USS Stark (5/13)
In memory of Dean Ramon Esler (6/11)
P-Nut & Liz Wilson (11/12)
Bill & Fanny Bivens (8/11)
Bill & Mabel Videll (12/10)
Nick Patrizio (4/12)
Frank & Marge Redmond (8/11)
Franklin Friers (3/12)
Mike & Diane Barker (3/12)
Charlie Parker (8/12)

Bronze Level, \$10

Caroline Whelpley (5/11)
Ed Zazzarino (10/10)
Frank Brown (7/12)
George Layton (3/11)
Jim Smith (8/12)
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 (8/12)
In memory of George Rivers (5/11)
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)
Joe & Pat Cornell (2/11)
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)
Percy & Beverly Shadwell (11/10)
Richard & Jo Ann Scoggins (4/15)
Richard & Katy (5/13)
Robert Gomez (1/16)
Robert Schmitt (5/11)
Roy L. & Martha Lewis (4/11)
Russell & Mary Lou Jones (9/12)
Shorty Heiman (11/12)
Towney Kennard (11/12)
Pete Riebeschl (11/12) MIA Henry Koch
Colette & Charlie Sellers (7/12)