

American Legion Post 129

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June 2013

Upcoming Events

- No monthly meeting for June
- June 6,7&8 Convention
- June 13 7:00 40&8 and Cabane Installation
- June 14 Flag Retirement at Beaches Veterans Memorial Park
- June 15 5:00 Installation of new Officers
- June 22 8:00am Hooked on Fishing
- June 26 6:00 SAL meeting

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Commander's Corner by Jerry Brandt

American Legion Post 129 has been asked to host the Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Beaches Veterans Park on June 14th. Please attend if possible.

Saturday, June 22, is the new Hooked On Fishing, date. As you know the event was rained out in April. If you wish to assist, please be at the Post at 8 AM on the 22nd of June.

You may not be aware of it, but the Beaches Veterans Associations are working on putting a Veterans Memorial Park in at the corner of Mayport Rd and Atlantic Blvd. The Park is now working on a Chaplains Garden area. If you want to assist, bricks are for sale to help pay for this project, These bricks will have a name and other information engraved and will be placed in the walk. If you desire to have a brick for you or a loved one. Please see any

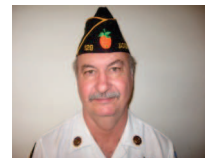
any of the officers in the Post and they will give you the information for these bricks.

Speaking of which, the Post is planning to buy bricks for this walkway. We will start with Commanders from the beginning of our Post in 1943 and work our way the present. Any donations would be appreciated.

This is my last newsletter input as the Commander of American Legion Post 129. This year we have accomplished a lot in many different ways; improvements to the building, bringing back American Legion Baseball, becoming more involved within the community, blood drives, etc. All I would like to say from all the officers of the Post, is Thank you.



For God and Country



First Vice comments by Don Grzena



I am BACK!! First, THANKYOU to all for your prayers, cards, email, texts and phone call. April was a very hard month for me and its my birthday month! Dealing with my Mothers Murder trial. But I am GLAD to say that this #\$\$%^ got what was coming to him!! On May the 15th, he got "LIFE in PRISON!!!!!!

He wanted a house, well now he got one.....a JAIL HOUSE! Mothers Day was hard for me though. But, life goes on. I am honored to be your Acting Commander! I will be going to the June American Legion Conversation to get better Ideals to make this Post a better one. Also, anyone that is NOT receiving the

Newsletter, please get in touch with me or Sterling. We have a Master list of everyone that belongs to the post. If anyone is having problem there membership or knows of anyone that is having problems, please get in touch with me.

Auxiliary News by Cindy Jordan, Auxiliary President



As this is my last letter to the Post and the members of the Auxiliary, I would like to take this time to thank all of you who guided and assisted me this past year. I could not have managed without the support received from so many. Our new officers have been elected and will be installed in June. There will be no meeting in June due to Convention and Installation. Our new officers are:

Diane Powers	President
Kelly Bush	1st Vice
Claire Sheehan	2nd Vice

Pat Cornell	Treasurer
Kathy Jewell	Chaplain
Historian Bienvenue	Debbie
Vickie Gordon-Haft	Sergeant-at Arms

We still have open Committee Chairs so please come to the meeting in July and consider assisting the Auxiliary with these Committees. Girls State is in June. Look forward to a report on how our young women prospered in a government setting and what lessons were learned.

Stay tuned to information about Christmas in July and the Stand-down for Homeless Veterans that will be held later in the year.

Don't forget our monthly dinners, Claire will handle the June dinner, but she will definitely need people, ideas and energy for the coming months.

New members and new ideas are always welcome. Again, thank you all.

Yours in Service,

S.A.L News by JD Kapeghian



I would like to congratulate the S.A.L. for reaching 101.7% on the membership! Lets keep it up! The new cards will be available in July for those who want to be an "early bird". It really does help us reach our goal of 100% before our deadline in May. I would like to thank Richard and Cindy Jordan, Jack and Sue Gregory, Pattie Kapeghian, Deb B. and all those who helped volunteer

for the S.A.L. in the last few months. You don't realize how much it helps us. A big salute to all the newly elected officers for the S.A.L. 2013-2014!! I would not be able to do this without all of you! Thank you. Friday, June 7th the S.A.L. dinner will be a stuffed boneless chicken breast with homemade scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, garlic bread and dessert, starting at 5:30-

til.... The second Monday, June 10th, we will have Jack's authentic Philly Cheese Steak sandwiches with fries. On Monday, June 17th dinner will be loaded nachos, starting at 5:30-till....I hope everyone enjoyed our Memorial Day Train Wreck! Thank you and goodnight.



Officers for 2012—2013

Commander.Jerry Brandt
 1st Vice.....Don Grzena
 2nd Vice.....Terry Stickles
 3rd Vice.....Brian Hancher
 4th Vice.....Keith Helton
 SAA.....A.K. Rogers
 Adjutant.....Danny Rodriguez
 Judge Advocate.....Bob Wilson
 Finance.....Bob Schlatter
 Chaplain..... Robert Schmitt
 Service Officer.....Robert Schmitt

E-Board Members	House Committee
John Burroughs	Bill Wilson
Tommy Williams	Frank Redmond
Jeff Durden	Rich Hansberg
Chuck Nist	Kathy Jewell (Aux)
	Dale Peterson
	Nolan Bomar
	Dave Jordan

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

Installation of new Officers

For the Good of the Legion

New American Legion Post 129
Officers for the year 2013-2014
 to be installed at 5:00 pm on June 15th.

Acting Commander Don Grzena
 1st Vice Open
 2nd Vice Terry Stickles
 3rd Vice Stephanie Cain
 4th Vice Frank DeCoste
 Chaplain Brian Hancher
 Finance Officer Robert Schlatter
 SGY Anna Rogers

Executive Board

Tom Williams
 Chuck Nist
 Lee Fair
 Frank Bolin
 Robert Schmitt

2013—2014 SAL Squadron Officers

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

(See Auxiliary Officers in Cindy's column)



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.



Flag Day (June 14, 2013)

In the [United States](#), **Flag Day** is celebrated on June 14. It commemorates the adoption of the [flag of the United States](#), which happened that day by [resolution](#) of the [Second Continental Congress](#) in 1777.^[1] The [United States Army](#) also celebrates the [Army Birthday](#) on this date; Congress adopted "the American continental army" after reaching a consensus position in the Committee of the Whole on June 14, 1775.^{[2][3]}

In 1916, [President Woodrow Wilson](#) issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day; in August 1949, National Flag Day was established by an [Act of Congress](#).

Flag Day is not an official [federal holiday](#). [Title 36 of the United States Code, Subtitle I, Part A, CHAPTER 1, § 110^{\[4\]}](#) is the official

statute on Flag Day; however, it is at the President's discretion to officially proclaim the observance. On June 14, 1937, [Pennsylvania](#) became the first (and only) [U.S. state](#) to celebrate Flag Day as a [state holiday](#), beginning in the town of [Rennerdale](#).^[1] [New York Statutes](#) designate the second Sunday in June as Flag Day. ^[5]

Perhaps the oldest continuing Flag Day parade is at [Fairfield, Washington](#).^[6] Beginning in 1909 or 1910, Fairfield has held a parade every year since, with the possible exception of 1918, and celebrated the "Centennial" parade in 2010, along with some other commemorative events.

One of the longest-running Flag Day parades is held annually in [Quincy, Massachusetts](#), which began in 1952, celebrating its 59th year in 2010.^[7] The 59th Annual Appleton Wisconsin 2009 Flag Day Parade featured

the U.S. Navy. The largest Flag Day parade is held annually in [Troy, New York](#), which bases its parade on the Quincy parade and typically draws 50,000 spectators.^{[1][8]}



Canteen Update by Brandi Roberts



This year June appears to be the month of many changes around here at the Post. First we would like to welcome two new bartenders. Alison and Richard have been doing an amazing job behind the bar since they have become part of our canteen staff. We feel so blessed to have two new bartenders that fit so well into our family. Second I would like to congratulate and welcome all our new Post officers. With officers like these it promises to be a very good year here at 129! All new officers will be installed on June 15th at 5pm in the Event Hall. All members are welcome to attend

Along with staff changes and new

officers we are also changing up our entertainment. Wednesdays will now be Karaoke with Kenny! Do you remember the group the G Men that played on the weekends for many years? If you answered yes then Kenny will look very familiar to you! But for all of your Mr. Sunshine fans I don't want you to worry! He will still be entertaining us occasionally on Fridays so watch the calendar to see when he is coming in. Sunday evenings are now game night here at the Post and our members are loving it! If you have missed out so far make sure to stop by the Post this month on Sundays nights to check it out!

This month on Saturday, June 15th we have a special treat for you! Elvis, Dion and Roy Orbison will be performing live for you in the main canteen area starting at 7pm! Are we looking at some spooktacular show of luminaries long departed? Spectral serenades? Actually, we are talking about The Wesley Presley Show! Wesley puts together a wonderful show full of songs, lights, instruments, and costumes – which comes from the mind of a man who is dedicated to making your evening just a lot more exciting and a lot more fun with a lot more magic. Wes spends hundreds of (continued on page 6)

Ask Ethel.....

Dear Ethel: One of the Post female members suggested that the women should have belly dancing classes. Isn't dancing on your mid-section tough on the stomach?---Dancer In The Dark

Dear Dork Dancer: You're belly funny. Just in case this isn't a gag, a belly dancer does her act on the feet---her own.

Dear Ethel: I read somewhere that daily breathing the air in some big cities of the world is nearly like smoking a pack of cigarettes a day. True?---Buttless

Dear Buttless: Of cough. (That's a choke joke. Sadly, what you read seems probably true.)

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 La Sous President Annie Anderson

Hello Everyone, first a great big thank you (merci) to everyone who donated items, donated the baked goods and to everyone that helped with the Rummage Sale. I do have to say that Louise's pretzels stole the show. As soon as they arrived they were sold out. We have several Dames that will be attending Grande Rendezvous in Crystal

River June 7th, 8th and 9th, they will inform us of new regulations if any. Well, Dames the time is here for the new Officers to be installed. The installation is Thursday June 13 at 7pm, hope to see you there. Please keep Razz and her mother in our thoughts and prayers. Thank you for all the support that you gave Razz Hilliker and myself

this last year.

Yours in service

Annie Anderson

LaSousPresidente



Legion Lore

by Jack Hardebeck



They say that an army travels on its stomach, implying, to me, at least, that without a good diet, the army won't go far. Yet, most of what I've heard about in-service chow has been unfavorable. I have never understood this negativity. My impression of the vittles was hungry and enthusiastic. For example, I liked the powdered eggs served during World War II. When a table partner didn't want his eggs, I would take his gift offer. I also enjoyed "S.O.S," the sanitized name of which is creamed chipped beef on toast.

Maybe my attitude was formed partly by my duty as a Navy mess

cook, which provided me with more than enough to eat. It was, believe it or not, an interesting job. We didn't actually cook the food. We just dished it out on the chow line. It was sort of humorous to see the diners display their inconsistent opinions about the meal fare. The same swabbies who griped constantly about our diet when elsewhere were the ones who complained later if a serving mess cook wasn't generous in passing out portions. Of course, they didn't criticize the server directly. You don't bite the hand that feeds you, and you don't mess with a mess cook.

Christmas in July

Be on the lookout for ways YOU can be part of Our Bigger and Better CHRISTMAS in JULY...The celebration is July 27th, but as we all know, Christmas takes weeks (if not months) of preparation! Please watch the newsletter.... bulletin board...or talk to me for ways YOU can brighten the Christmas holidays for our soldiers and veterans...Thanks! ~ Claire Sheehan



American Legion Riders...by Jeff Durden



Congratulations to all the new officers elected for this upcoming year. We had a good year and we can do it again. Our first poker run will be on the 12th of October for Wreaths Across America. Wreaths for our National Cemetery at Christmas. See Ed if you can help in any way. Don't forget our Bike Nite on the

first Sat., dinner and steak bingo on the second Friday and wing night on the fourth Monday. The meeting this month is CANCELED due to installation of posts. Regular meeting will be in July on the third Saturday. Thanks to everyone that has helped the Chapter this year and I will see you when I get back in



Editor's Comments

by Sterling L. Phaklides

It looks like I will be taking on the newsletter for another year. I would like to start a column that would show upcoming events here at the Legion a 1-3 months in advance. It would give people more time to plan the event and also for those planning to attend. If you are aware of any events being planned for July, August or September let me know

about the event, date and time. Are you ready for the Karaoke Man (Kenny G) coming to the Post on Wednesdays in July. Your in for a treat. Check Brandi's article this month for more information.

Also looking for more golfers for our Saturday 9 hole golf group. Ladies are welcome to join in on

fun. If interested please give me a call or send an e-mail.

My contact information is: sterling1960@comcast.net or you can reach me on my cell phone 294-4234



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Canteen Update by Brandi Roberts (continued from page 4)

hours building sets, rehearsing moves and preparing the music that is used during every performance. All for you! So plan on being at the Post on June 15th, this is a show you will not want to miss! Check the article in the newsletter for more details.

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 email. If you would like to be added to the list please send an email 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!

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.

Coming up in July

July 4th
11:00am to 3:00pm Blood Drive

Note the change of the Auxiliary meeting....moved to July 10th

July 27th
5:00 Christmas in July

If you are aware of functions coming up in July or August please let me know so I can add them to the newsletter. If we know about these functions a month or two ahead we will get better attendance
Thanks for your help.
Sterling

The Wesley Presley Show Saturday June 15th at 7pm

Elvis has been seen alive. Ditto Roy Orbison. Ditto Dion. What gives? Are we looking at some spooktacular show of luminaries long departed? Spectral serenades? Actually, we are talking about The Wesley Presley Show – long known here in Western N.C. and East Tennessee for providing hours of nostalgic, danceable entertainment for young and old over the past several years. Wes has recently expanded his tour to include the Southeast and Florida. Originally out of the Motor City, Wes honed his stagecraft in the same rooms as a percussionist for Bob

Seeger and Humble Pie, working rooms large and small during the Seventies and Eighties. Over the years, Wes' Rock-n-Roll heart mellowed as he developed broader tastes in music. Moving to Arizona gave Wes an appreciation for Country-Western fare and the fascinating history of the craft brought Wes to develop the rudiments of what has become The Wesley Presley Show. More than just a tribute act, Wes sets a mood. The crowd senses the excitement as “security” clears a path and The King makes his entrance, the spotlight following every move, the sparkle in the eyes of every woman he greets with roses and the intensity of every gesture.



George Carlin..People he can do without



People who whistle cowboy songs during a funeral
Anyone who refers to Charles Manson as “Chuck”
Anyone who takes off work on Ted Bundy’s birthday.
A crying person with a harpoon gun entering a sports bar.
Any man who tries to pierce his ear with an electric can opener

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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