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Commander's Corner by Danny Rodrigues

Well family we have a good year so far. I am glad to announce that our membership is real close at the time I am writing this. We are at 94%, which means we are about 27 members short of having 100%. By the time this comes out I am hopping that we are at 100%.

I want to thank all of those that have volunteered this past year. With out you we would not be the post that we are. I can not express to you how much you make us look good.

Elections are coming up soon. This is due to conference was move up and we have to have them done before the conference begins. If you wish to run for office please see Jerry Brandt, Dave Jordan, or any officer. The first reading will be at the march meeting. I am looking for members to step up for office. I, myself will not be running for commander. I have found that my job and home life does not give me, in my heart that you deserve from me. Elections will be held on April 13th.

I am proud to announce that our Legion Riders raised about \$1400 for Justin Otis. One of our family that was hospitalized after a motorcycle crash and was very ill. Hats off to the Riders.

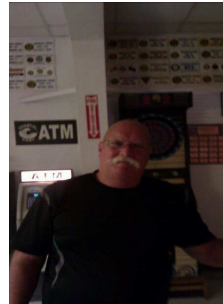
I want to thank Brandi for doing an outstanding job with the canteen. So when you see Brandi tell her thank you. I also would say thanks to the canteen staff. I think they do a great job.

I would like to remind everyone that she is bringing back the comedy night. So see your bartender for advance tickets. I am looking forward to it.

Please come out and support your post. We have a lot of things going on in the next couple of months that if I were to list them the newsletter would look like the times. And we just don't want to hear me ramble on.



*For
God
and
Country*



For all upcoming events

See calendar insert
Or Brandi's e-mail

March 10th is
Comedy night

SAL Officers

Commander -JD Kapeghian
1stVice- Mike Barker Jr.
2nd Vice-Danny Parker
3rd Vice-Scott Hardy
Chaplin-Robert Haag
Sgt. At Arms-Garth Collins

S.A.L. Notes by JD Kapeghian

SAL would like to send congratulations and thanks to Dennis Fairbanks on winning the fishing cart. SAL bought back the cart and we will be raffling it again next time it is our turn. The raffle was a huge success. All the proceeds went to the Special Olympics. We presented a check for \$1000. Oyster night was another great night for us. I cannot thank all of the help enough and everybody for coming and joining us. The next Oyster night will be March 12th. Hope to see you here. Membership is in the 90% range please help us to make it a 100%. Welcome all new members and transfers to the Post 129.

Thank you and good night.



Auxiliary News by Candace Mabry, Auxiliary President

Ladies, you do keep surprising me! February was a day longer this year and I truly believe we packed in every ounce possible. First, I must say THANK YOU for everyone that participated in the Broadway...Our Way production. The flyers, the costumes, the baskets, the food and beverages, the decorations, the music, the video, ticket sales, ticket collection, serving and clearing food, parking lot detail, set up and break down, the audience, the MC, and each actor that not only practiced for their own part, continued to step up to help when someone had to leave the show. I think my favorite part of the entire show was the practices and the laughing. Each of you wanted to make your performance the best. Mary Ellen Bolin, this show would not have 'gone on' without you! Thank you seems so small a phrase to truly convey to everyone involved how much the success of this show meant to me. After the cost of dinner, your Auxiliary made nearly \$1,000 and that does not include the wonderful Valentine's Day and spring time basket that Patti and Maggie did such a wonderful job on!

If that was not enough to accomplish we did not stop there. We had two guest speakers at our February meeting. The first was to get participation in the Guardian Ad Litem program and the second was to assist a beaches Girl Scout troop to send their members on a mission to Central America.

Membership is over 80% and Kelly wanted to give a special shout out to thank the canteen employees for enforcing the policy of checking membership cards after January 1st.

We made several shipments of goods and supplies to the international hospital in Afghanistan as well as Valentine Day cards to the USO. The past two month we clipped and sent nearly \$60,000 in coupons overseas and locally.

Goodness, let's not forget everyone's support at Steak Bingo and dinner, the third Friday of every month. Lisa, it was great seeing you again and of course dinner was delicious!

By the next newsletter I will have the names of our representatives that we are sending to Girls State. Thanks so much to Pat and Tony for all your work on this very important committee.

Keep those volunteers coming and if you are a committee head, start working on the year end reports, because believe it or not, another year is coming to an end.

For God and Country,

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
Chaplain.....Robert Schmidt
Service Officer.....Walt Fanton

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Keith Ingle
Tommy Williams
Jeff Durden
Taylor Baker

House Committee
Bill Wilson
Kathy Jewell AUX
Dale Peterson

Frank Redmond
Rich Hansberg
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
American Legion Riders Director
Jeff Durden

March 10th will be comedy night. Please if you have room help to promote. If sterling had room he would add the bios of the comedians. With and intro similar to the follow.

Mark your calendars March 10th we will be bringing back Comedy Night! This is a night you will not want to miss!

Headliner: The self proclaimed love child of Cher and Klinger, Traci Kanaan grew up in Berea, Ohio, a quiet middle class community on Cleveland's west side. Her Italian mother loved opera, dance and theater. Her Lebanese father loved stock car racing, flea markets, and dirty jokes. Traci combined these influences to make a comedy yard sale...with music. You've seen it before...but not on display like this!

Opening act: Are you a fat, bald guy that still lives with his parents and grandmother? If you answered yes, you probably have too much in common with Brian Thomas, and instead of laughing, you may end up crying if you watch him. If you answered no than you should have an awesome time laughing at Brian as he performs material that guarantees he will not get laid after the show.

American Legion Riders by Jeff Durden



First I would like to thank everyone that helped with our fun run on the 18th. We were able to raise over \$1300 for Justin Otis. He was very thankful for our donation. At our meeting in March, we will be taking nominations for next years officers. So think about what office you would like to hold. The trailer is lettered and looks great. We will have a dinner on the 9th of March and steak bingo, then wings on the 26th. Our meeting will be on the 17th. See you there.

Cabane 215 News

Annie Anderson, Cabane President



Hello everyone, we had a successful Rendezvous. We are endorsing Paulette Hilliker for Le Grande Aumonier, Congrats Razz, well done. As you know March is our month for the Raffle, we are raffling Easter Baskets. Several Dames donated items to the Baskets, merci. On March 14th Razz, Wanda, Vicki and I are traveling to Camp Boogie Creek, we are meeting Dames from Crystal River Cabane, to tour the facility. We are collecting towels to take with us. Any color except white, if you do want to donate to a great cause. Our annual Yard Sale is scheduled for April 27 and 28th, please save your discard items and donate to the Yard Sale. Our next Rendezvous is Thursday March 8th at 7pm, hope to see you then.

For God and Country

Annie Anderson

La Presidente

Canteen Update

by Brandi Roberts



Hello from your Canteen Staff,

Mark your calendar for March 10th. Comedy Night returns! If you have been in the past you know that this is a night filled with laughter and great times. If you have missed it this is your chance to see what everyone is talking about. Tickets are now on sale in the Canteen or you can buy them online at www.comedynightatpost129.eventbrite.com. Tickets cost \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Hope to see you there.

Watch for information to follow on April 21st we will be bring in a Las Vegas Style Show! Complete with Elvis and everything! As the details unfold you will let you 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!

Ask Ethel

Dear Ethel: Is anybody as tired as I am from the seemingly endless political campaigning that's been going on so long? I'm thinking of asking my primary care doctor if he has an antidote for primary political campaigns.----Politically Pooped Out

Dear Pooped Out: You're not alone. Some campaign-pained wit once said that Nature has four main ways of thinning out the herd: drought, famine, flood, and primaries.

Dear Ethel: We watch lots of football at this post during the season. I've got a good idea for an audience participation game in the bar area. We could auction off the position of quarterback who could throw the ball and whoever caught it would win a prize. All players would pay an entry fee and the profit would go to a charity. Brilliant?---Hunchback of All The Dames.

Dear Hunchback: Negatory. You could get sacked, especially if the bar got trashed. Better stick to darts.

Ask Ethel (8-2011)

If you have any questions for the "Ask Ethel" column, send the questions to Ethel at:

triplejj@comcast.net



Legion Lore by Jack Hardebeck



We hear a lot about immigrants these days. In the American Legion, we have one at the top of the organization who could serve as a role model for all U.S. legal immigrants. He is Fang A. Wong, current National Commander of the Legion. What an admirable background he has!

His most outstanding accomplishments should include, after arriving in the States from China as a 12-year-old in 1960, becoming a naturalized citizen in 1963. He's earned college degrees (bachelor's and master's) in business administration and management. Moreover, he has held a multiplicity of important positions in the Legion, government, and private industry. It would be hard to dream up a more ideal package of education, skills, and experience than that possessed by National Commander Wong.

As I typed this column, I thought about my tour of China some years ago. At one point, my late wife and I were strolling along the Bund, a popular, waterside walkway in Shanghai. Notwithstanding the Bund's long history of foreign business activity, it seemed as if we were the only white folks on the crowded stretch of concrete. The many Chinese walkers stared at us as though we had just stepped off a spaceship. I wonder if they would have looked so intently at Fang Wong if he had traipsed along there in his Western garb and jaunty National Commander's cap. I bet they would have—and they should have.

Notice to all Members

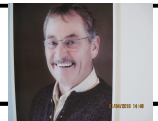
Please renew your
2012 membership

Attention: All Facebook users

You can get most current information on the daily activities of Post 129 on our Facebook page. Look us up as American Legion Post 129 Canteen or check our legion website for the link.

Editor's Comments

by Jack Gregory



Thank you to everyone who volunteered this past month.

It's a pleasure to see all the help

Things you may not know

Coffee has about 5 times the amount of caffeine as a can of coke

Decaf coffee is not 100% caffeine free

If anyone has nostalgic or interesting pictures or articles you would like published in this newsletter, please let me know by mid month prior to the next publication. @ jkgregy@yahoo.com

Jacksonville Beach Pier circa 1970



Just For Fun

by Jack Gregory

Recipe of the Month

Cheese Balls Appetizers

8ozs cream cheese

8ozs cheddar cheese

1/2 cup chopped onions

1/2 cup chopped green olives

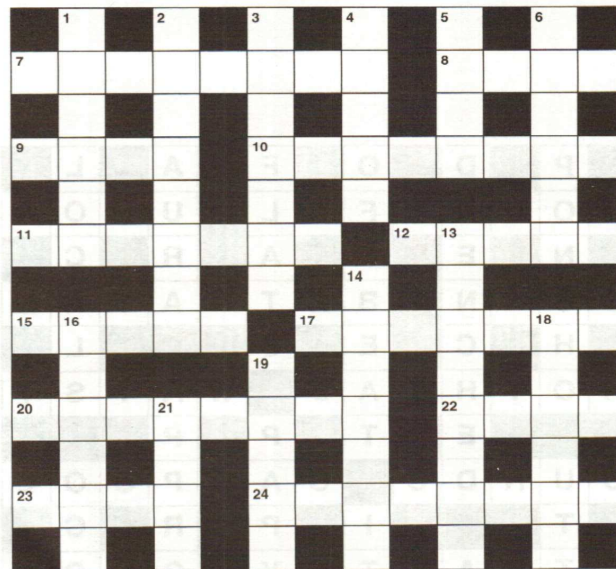
1 cup chopped walnuts

In a bowl combine all but walnuts

Form into ball

Roll in walnuts

No 9



Across

- 7 - Grievous (8)
- 8 - On top of (4)
- 9 - Examine quickly (4)
- 10 - Act of treachery (8)
- 11 - Daredevil (7)
- 12 - Middle of the body (5)
- 15 - Dairy products (5)
- 17 - Group of drivers (3,4)
- 20 - Furtive (8)
- 22 - A single time (4)
- 23 - Curved shape (4)
- 24 - Common insect (8)

Down

- 1 - Mexican cloak (6)
- 2 - Flooded (8)
- 3 - Unconventional (7)
- 4 - Footwear without heels (5)
- 5 - Lightness (4)
- 6 - Residents (6)
- 13 - Authorizes (8)
- 14 - Bulrush (7)
- 16 - Speaks (6)
- 18 - Supernatural forces (6)
- 19 - Scratchy (5)
- 21 - Yearn for (4)

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Bob Schlatter (8/12)
Dave & Pat (9/12)
Terry & Tracey Stickles
Gary & Marie Esler
Clyde & Nancy Aston
Genell Kriner
William Walker
Fred St Clair
In memory of Joyce Weiss

Sonny & Suzanne Sternberg (10/12)

Platinum Level, \$100

Barbara & Phil Milazo (1/12)
In memory of Cindy Burroughs 3/12
Carl Morrison (8/11)
In memory of Earl Parker
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Gold Level, \$50

Bruce & Wilma Corbitt (3/11)
In memory of Barbara Thomas (8/11)
James Stinekraus (8/11)

James M. Denholm (1/13)

Silver Level, \$25

Al & Ginny Terrell (8/11)

G. Collins (7/12)
In Memory of Kim White (10/ 12)

In memory of Brad & Gerry Terrell (12/12)
Jack & Ethel (11/12)
Bob & Pat Deptula (8/11)
Sam Kalasdian (8/11)
Thomas & Townsend (2/11)
John & Sandy Seroyer 4/11)
In memory of USS Stark (5/12)
In memory of Dean Ramon Esler (6/11)
P-Nut & Liz Wilson (11/12)
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)

Charlie Parker (8/12)

Bronze Level, \$10.

Pete Riebesehl (11/12)- MIA Henry Koch

In Memory of Skip Hilliker 02/15

Colette & Charlie Sellers 7/12

Jim Smith (8/12)

Caroline Whelpley (5/11)
Ed Zazzarino (10/11)
Frank Brown (7/12)
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 (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 Read (12/11)
Martha & Roy Hauge (7/13)
Joe & Pat Cornell (2/11)
John & Pattie 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 (2/12)
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Robert Gomez (1/16)

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