

American Legion Post 129

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March 2013

Upcoming Events

- **March 6** 7:00
House Committee
- **March 7**
7:00 E-Board & Auxiliary
7:30 General meeting
- **March 9** 7:00
Oldies Revue by Knights to Remember
- **March 10**
2:00 5th District meeting at Post 9
- **March 14**
7:00 40&8 and Cabane mtng
- **March 16**
10:00 ALR meeting
- **March 24**
1:30 Fancy Pants Fish dinner.
- **March 27**
6:00 SAL meeting

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Commander's Corner by Jerry Brandt

You may or may or may not have noticed changes around the Post. The patio area deck has been completed and the new back & front bar has also been completed. These are few of the items we are doing to improve the Post. Any ideas please let Brandy Roberts, Bill Wilson or myself know. We want the Post to be something everyone can be proud of.

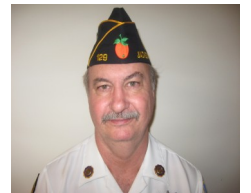
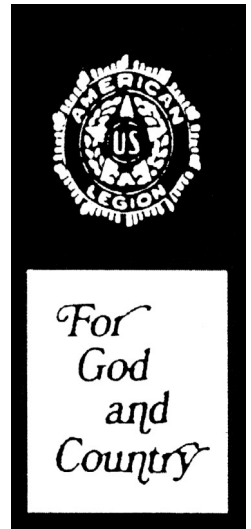
The winner of American Legion Post 129 Volunteer of the Month for January is Richard Jordan. He jumps at every opportunity to assist at the Post. Thank you Richard!

I would like to thank Don G for handling the presentation for the Korean and Vietnam Veterans Certificates presentation. Job well done Don.

Danny R. for cooking the Bar-B-Q for the USO dinner. Remember, all funds raised will go towards the USO.

As you know, the new 2013 membership cards are now available. Our membership stands at 100%. If you have not paid your dues, please do so. We will be looking for the new cards when you come in. Please be proud, as a member and provide the card when asked.

Speaking of Membership, new officers will be elected on May 6th. However, we need members to stand up and be counted. The first reading of candidates will be at the March Meeting on March 7th. If you want to run for any office in the Post, please see Keith Ingle or (continued on page 3)



First Vice comments...by Don Grzena



Hi everyone!! It was a great no-dough dinner. Thank you to ALL the Korean War Veterans that came out so that we could give your Sixty Year Anniversary Certificate of Appreciation. If there are some Korean War Veteran that didn't come to the dinner, please let me know who you are and I will mail your certificate to you. Please provide me with your mailing address. We are

now sitting at 100% for membership!! Thank you to all that paid their membership. IAgain, if you have any problems with your membership, please get in touch with me. We again are trying to get a softball team together with Post 233 and VFW 3270. I do have a sign up sheet at the front door bulletin board.

Please sign up if you are interested in playing. Looking for Men and Woman. The season starts on the 17th of March. Games will be played on Sunday at 10am.

Thank you.....C U around the Post.....:)

Auxiliary News by Cindy Jordan, Auxiliary President



First, we would like to extend condolences to Wanda Brandt for the loss of her sister. Our prayers are with you and your family.

March is our Fund Raising Month at the Post.

The theme for our basket is Celebrating Spring. The drawing will be held on Sunday, March 31st, Easter Sunday. Tickets are \$1.00 for one or \$5.00



for six.

It is our plan to have a Silpada Jewelry party in March with proceeds going to Girls State. I will send out time and date information shortly. We hope that everyone will come out to support our

fund raising efforts. We have committed funds for four young women to go to Girls State. The charge for each young woman is \$350.00 plus participating in the transportation costs and a small stipend to each while they are in Tallahassee. We have covered the individual costs; however, we still need to raise funds for transportation and the stipend.

Thank you, Claire, your family and crew for preparing the wonderful Italian dinner for February. It is always a pleasure to have Claire prepare. She has volunteered twice this year and it has been a real boost to our Auxiliary. Our Auxiliary Dinner will be March 15th. Corned Beef and Cabbage.

Speaking of things Irish, there will also be a St. Patty's Day show, featuring Irish songs and dancing, and maybe a Leprechaun sighting. Let's wait and see. Come join in the Celebration of being Irish or at least Irish for that time.

Wanda Brandt will prepare our April meal.

We still need suggestions and volunteers for May and June dinners.

Begin thinking about nominations for officers for next year. That will be one of the subjects brought up at the meeting. Richard and I are planning to relocate to West Virginia within the (continued on page 7)

S.A.L News by JD Kapeghian



The S.A.L. would like to congratulate, one of our own, Noah Scott Kapeghian, for his promotion to corporal in the Army ROTC at his school in Lakeland, Fl. He is at the top of his class on the rifle team. Next month he will be going to state competition. We are very proud of him!

On Friday, March 1st, S.A.L.'s dinner will be half a chicken with a creamy mushroom gravy served over rice,

mixed vegetables, dinner roll and dessert at 5:30. On Monday, March 11th we will be doing the famous loaded nachos, starting at 5:30. On Monday, March 18th we will be having the authentic Philly cheese steak sandwiches with fries. Memorial Day is coming, Monday, May 27th.

The sign up sheet for the next train crawl will be available when we move back to the main bar. Please sign up as

soon as possible so we can get T-shirts made in time for everyone. Lets make this a bigger crawl than the last two. They have been great fun and benefited the Legion and S.A.L.

I would like to thank Richard Jordan, Garth Collins, Jack and Sue Gregory for all their help with the dinners and other functions around the legion.

Thank you and good night!

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

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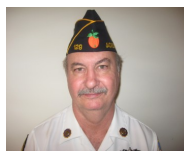
myself or show up at the meeting and declare your candidacy.

The Post is in need of a new Children and Youth Chairman. John Burroughs has been the Children and Youth chairman for the Post for a number of years, however, due to health reasons, he requested to stand down for the remainder of the year. Please see me if you wish to assist. Upcoming events for the Children and Youth chairman; participation at the annual Jacksonville Beach Easter Egg Hunt, Hooked on Fishing, JR ROTC awards banquet, School Medals presentation at 4 schools. Please let me know if you can assist.

Our Boys Scout Chairman is still

trying to raise a Boys Scout Troop at American Legion Post 129, however, he is not having much success. If you have a son or grandson who is interested in the Boys Scouts, see me or the scoutmaster about joining. We need help.

I talked about the patio in the projects section. I would like to thank the following for their hard work in the project: Richard Jordan, Deb McBride, Brian Hancher, Jessie Nienaber, Jack Gregory, Rich Reymann, Garth Collins, Pattie Kapeghian. Thank to you.



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.



March Birthdays

Earl Zink 3/8
 Jim Adams 3/22
 Gene Walter 3/2
 Michael Bondanza 3/24
 Roy Castle 3/16
 James Wilson 3/10
 John Henry 3/14
 Robert Spurrell 3/20
 Michael Diercouff 3/31
 William Enright 3/8

Clifton Roberts 3/9
 Ernest Probst 3/21
 William Rieber 3/7
 Michael Smith 3/10
 William Reno 3/14
 Thomas White 3/23
 Reginald Dubay 3/25
 Jerry Zorn 3/5
 Garland Logsdon 3/17
 Larry Cain 3/24

Fancy Pants Dinner

The Fancy Pants Gang is back. A great fish dinner will be served on Sunday March 24th. The feature will be the usual great fish with cole slaw, taters & dessert. All for only \$7.50. Dinner will be served from 1:00pm until 6:00pm.

All this served by the "Old Guys" wearing the funny pants.

Mark Your Calendars for a Very Special Event!

We are pleased to announce that on March 9th we will be hosting an oldies revue with the group Knights to Remember.

Knights to Remember is a self contained, high energy oldies revue group. Their mixed bag of tunes will surely take you on a musical trip recapturing those glorious carefree yesterdays. "Knights to Remember"

has been performing for sold out audiences in the North East Florida area for the past few years. Together they project that certain contagious chemistry, giving them the ability to ignite a crowd, keeping them dancing as well as entertained. Tickets will cost \$10 and be available at the canteen. This is a night you do not want to miss!



Knights to Remember Oldies Revue

Canteen Update by Brandi Roberts



We are moving up!

As I write this article we are still in the midst of our front bar remodel. It's hard to believe that it is almost done and that in just a few days we will be back in the main canteen area. Please be sure to stop on by and check out the wonderful job that has been done by all involved. I cannot thank our construction team, Jim Hathaway and Charlie Campbell, enough! They have done an amazing job and we are lucky to have found such hard working men that understand what this Post is all about. But more than that I would like to thank all of the volunteers that made this

possible. Your generosity and willingness to help continues to amazing me. There are a few members that without their help I would be completely lost. To JD Kapeghian, Garth Collins, and Larry Rudd I cannot say thank you enough. Your help and guidance throughout this project was invaluable. Personally I am forever grateful for your willingness to step in where ever needed, for putting in the hard work and long hours, your skills, your vision, and your ability to never see a problem that we cannot fix together! These members are remarkable men whose selflessness continues to astound me every day. It is because

of members like these that we are the wonderful Post that we are. So when you see them at the Post please be sure to say thank you, without them, this Post and myself, would be lost.

Bar Notes

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Ask Ethel....

Dear Ethel: With Valentine's Day coming, I hunted high and low for an appropriate kind of perfume to give to my wife on the big day, but I couldn't find it. No store had one called "Evening in Palatka." Instead, I got her a box of candy and included a card saying, "To my wife from her sweet lover." Clever, right?---**House Spouse**

Dear House Spouse: Apparently, you do love sweets. Don't eat the

whole box. What teeth you've got might rot.

Dear Ethel: Sometimes people ridicule bald guys, like me. How can I discourage them from this behavior?---**Hairless Hank**

Dear Hank: Tell them how much you save on haircuts. Also, mention that you don't have to worry much about dandruff or running out of shampoo

or carrying a comb. Have a bald ball!

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 President Paulette Hilliker

Just want to remind everyone to start saving donations for our annual Garage and Bake Sale to be held May 17th & 18th. Start pulling out those recipes for lots of GOODIES.....

See you all at Rendezvous on the 14th.

Merci, Razz



Officers for 2012—2013

President	Paulette Hilliker
Sous President	Annie Anderson
Aurmonier	Vicki Gordan Haft
Drapeau	Louise Bagdasarian
Commissaire intendent	Kelly Bush
Conducteur	Carol Brickel
Garde de la Porte	Lanamae Cathey
Cheminots	Wanda Brandt
	Dianne Barker
	Summer Bush

Legion Lore

by Jack Hardebeck

I want to use this space to admire a recently deceased member of Post 129, Don Sherwood. Every member surely knows what a good, friendly guy Don was. We also know how intelligent and talented Don proved himself to be. For certain, he was a very skilled and imaginative artist. Some years ago, I wrote a Leader newspaper column about Don's artistic creations. Having been a witness to the work of my late wife, Lucy, an excellent oil painter, I saw and was amazed by Don's fascinatingly unconventional artistry. His projects reflected his lively sense of humor and often were unique, in fact, sometimes "off the wall."

I'd bet they're on the wall of quite a few Beaches homes.

I imagine a lot of 129ers are missing Don's refreshingly offbeat approach to life.



40 & 8 by Jimmy Mayer

Our next promenade is 14 March 13.

The Voiture will be having a pork loin dinner on 29 March 13 at Post 129. All volunteers Welcome.

The Dames will be holding a rummage sale at Post 129 on 17-18 May. 13 volunteers are also needed. More on this at a later date.

The Grand Chef's home coming will be at Post 137 held by Voiture 304 on 15-17 March 13.

Reminder 2013 dues are now due."

Membership.....

You may have seen the new American Legion Post 129 Business Cards and Brochures. The idea for the Business Card is that the front of the Card is a regular Business Card, the back has a location for Your Name and Phone Number. Give them out to a friend or someone you know. When they come down to the Post, they can call you

and you can show them around. The brochure is a little different, while it has address and web site info on it. It also has a little history of the Post and What we DO at our Post. If someone asks, what does the Legion do? Give them a Brochure. In the brochure is a list of some of the programs we supported last year and this year. You would be surprised at the number of programs.

Rules are listed below:

1. Sign your first new member & receive a letter of appreciation.
2. 5 new members a free meal on Legion night.
3. 10 new members..name on Post 129 banner.
4. 13 new members, Lucky 13 Award
5. 25 new members, Silver Brigade
6. 50 new members, Gold Brigade

Editor's Comments

by Sterling L. Phaklides

Does playing 9 holes of golf on Saturday mornings with other Post 129 members interest you.

9 Hole Saturday Golf. We are working with Jacksonville Beach Golf Course to get Saturday T times. We should have the cost in the next couple of days. Would like to get 8-12 golfers in the initial

signup. It looks like the t-times would be around 11am.

Give me (294-4234) or Richard Kasevich (707-8304) a call if you are interested. I will also put a sign up sheet on the bulletin board.



Send me an e-mail or give me a call if you have any ideas for newsletter articles etc. My contact information is:
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First month is FREE (December 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.

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Then on Friday, March 15th the Irish Sing Along will be back at the Post! This Irish variety show has singing, dancing and so much more is a night that everyone enjoys! The members put a lot of time and practice into this event and I assure you this is a night you will not want to miss!

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 brandiroberts@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. Redoing the bar top, both front and back bars (completed 2/21/2013)
2. Placing bricks down to form a patio. (completed 2/2/2013)
3. 3. Bell Tower was moved on December 14, 2012. Extended the cover over the patio.
4. Redoing the ceiling tiles in the back hall, pool table area and hallway.

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.

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next year so I will not be able to commit.

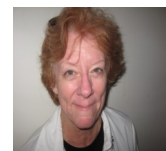
In addition, we need to think about and start planning for Christmas in July. Last year we used the gifts and dinner proceeds to the annual Stand-down for Homeless Vets. Suggestions as to where we would like proceeds to go are welcome and will be addressed at our meeting. Anyone interested in Chairing or Co-chairing this committee? Welcome, new members, we are so glad you are here, and look forward to spending time with you, and your fresh ideas

that will help us grow and stay strong.

Thank you all for what you do to support our Auxiliary and our Post. We have Auxiliary members who assist in almost every Post function. I have seen us at breakfast, at Sons' functions, at Rider's functions and at Post functions. Thank you. We are family and you are always there to assist.

Brandi, the renovations look terrific! Thank you. Thank you, JD, Mike and Garth for all that you have done to keep the remodeling on schedule.

Thanks to all of you who helped put our patio in, new striping in the parking lot and more than I can mention. All of you help make our Post the vibrant and growing Post that it is.



Abe & Willie

Abe said to his friend Willie, "Willie, lend me twenty dollars."

Willie took out his wallet and handed Abe a ten dollar bill. "Willie," said Abe, "I asked you for twenty." "Yes, I know," said Willie. "This way you lose ten and I lose ten

The Drunk and the Lady

A man obviously three sheets to the wind staggered down the street and bumped into a woman of obvious respectability. "You horrible creature," she glowered. "You are the drunkest man I have ever seen." The drunk turned slowly and said, "Lady, you're the ugliest woman I've ever seen! And that's worse, cause when I wake up tomorrow, I'm going to be sober."

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BOOSTER LIST

Diamond Level, \$100+

Bob Schlatter (11/12)
Dave & Pat (9/12)
Fred St Clair
Sonny & Suzanne Sternberg (10/12)
Barbara & Phil Milazo 4/13)
Shannon Devlin & Gregory Stanford
(11/13)

Platinum Level, \$100

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

Gold Level, \$50

Chuck & Sue Nist (4/13)
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 (2/13)
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 (11/12) MIA Henry Koch