

American Legion Post 129

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May 2011

Upcoming Events

- **May 4**
7:00 House committee mtng
- **May 5**
6:30 Planning Bd Mtng
7:00 E-board meeting
7:00 Auxiliary meeting
7:30 General meeting
- **May 7**
Hooked on Fishing
- **May 10**
5:50 Donation committee
- **May 12**
7:00 40&8 & Cabane meeting
- **May 21**
10:00 Legion Riders meeting
- **May 25**
6:30 SAL meeting
- **May 30**
Memorial Day

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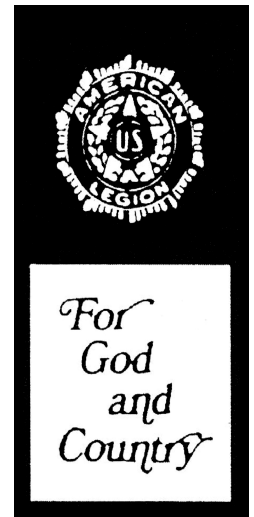
Memorial Day is a [United States federal holiday](#) observed on the last Monday of May (May 30 in 2011). Formerly known as **Decoration Day**, it commemorates U.S. soldiers who died while in the [military service](#). First enacted to honor [Union](#) and [Confederate](#) soldiers following the [American Civil War](#). It was extended after [World War I](#) to honor Americans who have died in all wars.

Memorial Day often marks the start of the [summer](#) vacation season, and [Labor Day](#) its end.

Begun as a ritual of remembrance and reconciliation after the Civil War, by the early 20th century, Memorial Day was an occasion for more general expressions of memory, as ordinary people visited the graves of their deceased relatives, whether they had served in the military or not. It also became a

long weekend increasingly devoted to shopping, family get-togethers, fireworks, trips to the beach, and national media events such as the [Indianapolis 500](#) auto race, held since 1911 on the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend.

In Charleston, South Carolina in 1865, freedmen (freed enslaved Africans) celebrated at the Washington Race Course, today the location of Hampton Park. The site had been used as a temporary Confederate prison camp for captured Union soldiers in 1865, as well as a mass grave for Union soldiers who died there. Immediately after the cessation of hostilities, freedmen exhumed the bodies from the mass grave and reinterred them in individual graves. They built a fence around the graveyard with an entry arch and declared it a Union graveyard. On May 1, 1865,



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Election of 2011-2012 Officers

The election of officers for the 2011-2012 term will be held on June 12th. Absentee ballots will be available on June 7th. Nominations will take place at our General meeting on Thursday May 5th.

S.A.L. Notes by Richard Kasevich

SAL 2011 - 2012 Elections of Officers will be held at our regularly scheduled meeting May 25th at 6:30PM. If your interested in running as a SAL officer for 2011 - 2012 year please put your name on the election notice posted on the bulletin board at the post. 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 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM or until sold out. Come by and wish SAL a Happy Birthday and enjoy the food.

Auxiliary News

by Candace Mabry, Auxiliary President



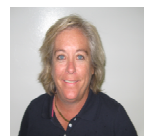
The year is winding down, the reports written, all that's left is for the fat lady to sing, but you would not want me singing so that's not going to happen! Our Volunteer hours that were turned into Maggie were 6,452 hours...way to go everyone. Coupons clipped were \$476,662.40 that's a lot of groceries. The programs that were listed on the Consolidated Unit Report we participated in Americanism, Auxiliary Emergency Fund, Children and Youth, Community Service, Education, Girls State, Legislative, Membership, National Security and Veterans Affairs and Re-

habilitation. Yeah – team, plus we did so much more for our children, community and active duty soldiers that were not even listed on the report. It just goes to show everyone that our ladies believe in this organization and most importantly helping those that are less fortunate or those that are willing to give the ultimate sacrifice, their lives.

Please see Wanda, Marie or Maggie if you are interested in serving as an officer next year. The slate will be presented at the May meeting and we will vote on the positions in June. We will

also accept nominations from the floor in the June meeting. Ladies, don't be bashful, no one gets fired for being a volunteer, at least not on my watch.

Danny has graciously agreed to change the planning meeting to be the first Thursday of the month before our meetings to be held at 1800. If you want to do a dinner, please let me know or attend the meeting in person.



Flag Pole Project

by Wayne Clifton

The Legion's Softball Team plays their games at Wingate Park on Penman Road South. We start every game with the Pledge of Allegiance. This park does not have a flag. At the suggestion of Jerry Brandt, we raise the money and donate a flagpole and flag to the park. I approached the Manager of Parks and Recreation and they were all for it. It was presented to the softball team and they are in support of this project and will spearhead the fund-

raising.

We are looking at two possible actions: We can buy a new pole and lights and have it installed by a local company, or we are also looking at acquiring an existing pole and paying for the removal and installation. This would cut the overall cost. We kicked off the fund raising Friday night at Steak Bingo and raised \$62.00. Through the generous donations of GenGenell Griner, Marie

Esler, Don Grzena, and Jerry Brandt, we raised an additional \$249.00. Not a bad start.

If anyone wants to get involved in this project with a cash donation or a fund raising project, please contact Wayne Clifton at 904-612-7584 or any member of the Softball Team. We would appreciate your support.

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

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a crowd of up to ten thousand, mainly black residents, including 2800 children, proceeded to the location for events that included sermons, singing, and a picnic on the grounds, thereby creating the first Decoration Day-type celebration.

Beginning in 1866 the Southern states had their own Memorial Days, ranging from April 26 to mid June. The birthday of Confederate President [Jefferson Davis](#), June 3, became a state holiday in 10 states by 1916. Across the South associations were founded after the war to establish and care for permanent cemeteries for Confederate soldiers, organize commemorative ceremonies, and sponsor impressive monuments as a permanent way of remembering the Confederate tradition. Women provided the leadership in these associations, paving the way to (continued on page 6)

This Month in History by Tom Paine

Do you remember When ?

The following did in fact happen this month in History:

Born in May:

[Harry S. Truman](#), 33rd U.S. President (1845-1853)

[John F. Kennedy](#), 35th U.S. President, assassinated in office(1960-1963)

Wild Bill Hickock

Clint Eastwood, actor, director

Bob Dylan, singer, songwriter

Orson Welles, actor, director

May 1, 1941: "Cheerios" hit store shelves

May 1, 1952: Mr. Potato Head is introduced

May 4, 1626: Manhattan Island is sold! Indians agree to the deal in exchange for \$24 in cloth & buttons.

May 8, 1945: V-E Day, Germany signs

unconditional surrender.

May 9 1899: The lawnmower is patented. (remember pushing it)

May 9, 1960: The birth control pill is approved by the FDA.

May 12, 1792: The flush toilet is patented.

May 14, 1878: Vaseline petroleum jelly slides onto store shelves for the first time.

May 15, 1940: Nylon stockings hit the stores for the first time.

May 16, 1866: Charles Hires invents Root Beet.

May 27, 1919: The pop up toaster is patented.

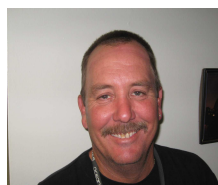
May 30, 1889: The brassiere is invented. AS we understand, it received a lot of support.

Did any of these affect your life?

American Legion Riders by Jeff Durden

First I would like to thank all the riders that road in the parade on the 17th. It was a good time. Now for the serious stuff. We have had the first round of nominations for next year's officers. We will be having another at our next meeting on the 21st of May. If you are interested in an office, please be at the meeting.

We will have WING night in May. Check the board in the hallway for fliers. If you would like to help, let Richard or my self know. Until our meeting, RIDE SAFE.



Steak Bingo

Steak Bingo Fund Raiser Schedule:

1st FridaySAL
2nd Friday.....ALR
3rd Friday.....Auxiliary
4th Friday.....Legion
5th Friday.....40 & 8

40 & 8 News

by Kevin McCallon, Chef De Gare

GREAT JOB EVERYBODY
Thanks to all personnel that helped with the March wreck. Now that the wreck is over we can see how logistics plays a very important role in order to pull this off. A lot of preparation and planning were dedicated by all involved and numerous man hours spent. Good job Carol Brickel who spent three days bar tending at the hotel. Annie Anderson and Marie Kramer along with Joe Nolan did a good job on registration and

just making sure that every thing ran smoothly as possible. Great job Terry Stickle in the kitchen. There were over 105 dinners served. There were no negative complaints that I am aware of. This was the best hospitality room fully stocked the best products that money can buy. Who would complain. They would have to be crazy. On May 30 at Post 316 at 9:30 am Voiture 215 has chosen speaker Cynthia Knoche who has agreed to speak on behalf of the

ALS Association. ALS is commonly known as Lou Gerhigs disease. Cynthia is meeting with congress members in Washington on a regular basis. The budget cuts are threatening all ALS programs. Military veterans, are at a greater risk of dying from ALS than if they had not served in the military. I hope everyone had a blast at the opening of beaches bb-q. We had Little Toot in the parade.

Canteen Update

by Brandi Roberts

Hello from your Canteen Staff,

We are changing things a little on Friday nights. We are moving some of our bands to 530pm start time. So if you are out at happy hour and looking for a place to come and relax come check us out. It should be a nice change.

Remember 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 vender that you use gets a percentage, wouldn't you rather have your American Legion get that money

then someone you don't 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 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: Occasionally, a 129 member dozes at the bar or a table. I think we should have some places where he or she could stretch out. Obviously, lounge chairs would take up too much room. Here's my solution. We have a few empty parts of the inside walls at the post. We could put heavy-duty hooks there and hang some harnesses, maybe like aviators and airborne troops have on their

parachute backpacks. Then, a sleepy person could dangle and grab 40 winks instead of heading home. What say you?---Roaring Snorer.

Dear Snorer: I doubt many would do it, but they could say truthfully that they hang out at Post 129.

Dear Ethel: Why is a legionnaire called "chaplain" even though he's not a clergyman?---Wondering Woman

Dear Wondering: Because he leads the prayers and, besides, he's usually a nice, plain chap.

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

First I want to welcome our new Dame Robin Combs. Please, remember our annual Rummage Sale Friday May 13th 2 pm to 8pm and Saturday May 14th 7am to 2pm. You can bring your items to the Post on Thursday May 12th. That is also our Rendezvous for May and the Voyagers have graciously agreed to help with the table setup

for the sale. May Rendezvous is also our Memorial Service I do hope that every Dame can attend that evening.

Merci in advance for the help and support for the Memorial Service and our upcoming Rummage Sale. Hope to see you Thursday May 12th

at 7 pm.



Legion Lore

by Jack Hardebeck

The Legion, like most organizations (occasionally disorganizations), has meetings. Some members have difficulty attending them due to transportation problems or other reasons. Nevertheless, there are no doubt Post 129ers who have an outstanding attendance record. I know of an individual who has had an incredible history of showing up for organizational assemblies. It's Fred Pancoast, long-deceased dad of 129 member Ethel Blalock.

Although he, a World War I vet, wasn't in Post 129, having predated this post's formation, he was in the VFW and the Lions Club. In the latter group, he had never missed a meeting during his long-time membership. Once, he was ailing in the Lake City VA hospital on meeting night. Rather than have Fred's terrific attendance record broken, the Lions Club brought the meeting to him. They

all journeyed to the hospital, and the session was held there on the lawn, with Fred present, seated in a wheelchair wearing his bathrobe.

What an admirable accomplishment! Of course, if Post 129 is ever desperate enough to preserve an unblemished attendance record, maybe members can stay at their abode and show up via "Go To Meeting," the online service that allows attendees to do it from their home computer in their pajamas. That is, if their computerized kids will permit it.



Couple of Laughs

Hallmark Card; "I'm so miserable without you, it's almost like you're still here."

If winning isn't everything, why do the keep score.

To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.

Your never to old to learn something stupid.

I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not sure.

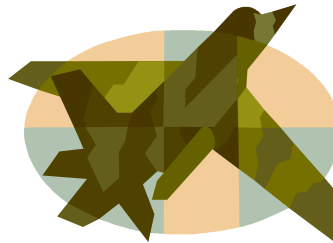
Never hit a man with glasses, hit him with a baseball bat.

Man in Uniform

(Guess who this person is)

Who is the Post 129 member on the right? (answer in next months newsletter) .

WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR PICTURE IN THIS SECTION NEXT MONTH. Let Commander Lee Ingraham or Sterling know (get them your picture)



If you are the first one to identify the person in uniform and notify Post Commander Lee Ingraham he might buy you a drink.

Last month's Man in Uniform was Sterling Phaklides .

Editor's comments

by Sterling L. Phaklides

The time has come. I have been handling the Post 129 newsletter for over 4 years. It has been a lot of fun and also a lot of work. It is time to pass the newsletter on to the next newsletter Editor. The May and June issues will be my last. The new candidate will start with the July 2011 newsletter.

If you know of a person or persons that would like to take over the newsletter please have them contact the commander Lee Ingraham or me.

It has been very enjoyable working with all the different newsletter contributors over the last four years. It could not have been

published with your help each month. My special Thanks to Linda, my wife, for an excellent job helping me with the newsletter.



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establish themselves as capable of public leadership.

The earliest Confederate Memorial Day celebrations were simple, somber occasions for veterans and their families to honor the day and attend to local cemeteries. Around 1890, there was a shift from this consolatory emphasis on honoring specific soldiers to public commemoration of the Confederate "Lost Cause". Changes in the ceremony's hymns and speeches reflect an evolution of the ritual into a symbol of cultural renewal and conservatism in the South. By 1913, however, the theme of American nationalism shared equal time with the Lost Cause.

[Columbus, Mississippi](#) at its Decoration Day on April 25, 1866, commemorated both the Union and Confederate casualties buried in its cemetery.

[The National Memorial Day Concert](#) takes place on the west lawn of the [United States Capitol](#). The concert is broadcast on [PBS](#) and [NPR](#). Music is performed, and respect is paid to the men and women who died in war.

Article from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia.

New Members

February 2011: Troy Zapara, USN, Gulf, active duty; Dalton Ruth, USN, Panama; Scott McClure, USN, Vietnam; Timothy Pacheco, USN, Panama;

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;

Memorial Day activity....Monday, May 30th

This Memorial Day at mid-day our Post will ring the bell and announce the names of all members of this Post (American Legion, Auxiliary & SAL) who have passed away since last Memorial Day. Please contact the leaders of each organization with the name of the deceased.

Chaplain Bob Schmitt

[Mother's Day](#) occurs annually on the second Sunday in May. Although festivals honoring mothers can be traced back to the Greek celebration honoring Rhea, the Mother of Gods, it was not until the 1870's that the holiday became a possibility in the United States. In 1872, Julia Ward Howe who held Mother's Day meetings in Boston, first suggested the day as one dedicated to peace. Later, Anna Reese Jarvis began efforts for a Mother's Day holiday which would help heal the emotional wounds of families torn by the Civil War. Unfortunately, Mrs. Jarvis died in 1905 before realizing her goal. Mrs. Jarvis' daughter, also named Anna, then took up the cause in honor of her mother and began a letter writing campaign. In 1908, at a church service honoring her mother, Anna donated 500 white carnations. This soon became a tradition and by 1914, President Woodrow Wilson officially proclaimed a national day honoring mothers. Many people still wear carnations on this Sunday - pink or red for mothers still living and white for mothers who have died.

Service Officer comments by Walt Fanton

Below are web-sites that provide information on Veterans benefits and how to file/ask for them. Accordingly, there are many sites that explain how to obtain books, military/medical records, information and how to appeal a denied claim with the VA. Please pass this information on to every Veteran you know.

Nearly 100% of this information is free and available for all veterans, the only catch is: you have to ask for it, because they won't tell you about a specific benefit unless you ask for it.

You need to know what questions to ask so the right doors open for you and then be ready to have an advocate who is willing to work with and for you, stay in the process, and press for your rights and your best interests. (continued from April newsletter)

Mental Disorders, Schedule of Ratings http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/regs/38CFR/BOOKC/PART4/S4_130.DOC ;

Mental Health Program Guidelines http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1094

My Health e Vet <http://www.myhealth.va.gov/>

NASDVA.COM <http://nasdva.com/> ;

National Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention <http://www.nchdpd.med.va.gov/postdeploymentlinks.asp>

Neurological Conditions and Convulsive Disorders, Schedule of Ratings http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/regs/38cfr/bookc/part4/s4_124a.doc

Online VA Form 10-10EZ <https://www.1010ez.med.va.gov/sec/vha/1010ez/>

Parkinson's Disease and Related Neurodegenerative Disorders <http://www1.va.gov/resdev/funding/solicitations/docs/parkinsons.pdf> ;

and, <http://www1.va.gov/padrecc/> ;

Peacetime Disability Compensation <http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=browse usc&docid=Cite:+38USC1131>

(This list will be continued next month)



Cool Cars and Handlebars

Show your custom Truck, Car, Bike at this event. Proceeds benefit the American Legion Riders Charities.

Event: 1pm - 5pm the 2nd Saturday each month

50/50 Raffle, Drink and Food Specials, Trophys. Music by: DJ Cadillac Bob playing Rockabilly and Classics

1728 3rd St. Jacksonville Beach, Florida 32250 (on A1A)

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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 (5/11)
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 (5/11)
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)

