# American Legion Post 129

: Post129@comcast.net November 2012

#### Upcoming Events

- November 1 7:00 E-Board & Auxiliary meeting 7:30 General meeting
- November 4 2:00 District Meeting @ Post 250
- November 6 Election Day..Please Vote
- November 8 7:00 Cabane & 40&8 meeting
- November 11
   1:30 Veterans Day dinner
   4:00 Special Veterans Awards
   Ceremony
- November 16 6:00 BVMP meeting at Post 129
- November 17
   5:30 Early Bird dinner
- November 22
   2:00 Thanksgiving Dinner

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# Commander's Corner by Jerry Brandt

We held our annual Croaker Tournament and it was successful. A special thanks goes out to Al and Linda W, Don G, Larry H. and everybody else involved in the tournament. There were almost 20 volunteers involved in this process. Thank You.

As you know, we are working on several projects in the Post. The 10 Ton Air conditioner for the lounge is in. A special thanks to Keith Ingles, Don G, for supervising this project to completion. A Special Thanks to John Crawford for the Electrical Work.

The next project will be the patio area under the canopy. I am interested in any ideas that may make an improvement. Please let me know. One of the things that are noticed within and something we

have lost sight of, is that this Post is our home. Doors are left open, lights left on, items are left in the hall and not put away correctly, etc. Please remember, what would you do if a visitor walks into your home? We need to keep our Post presentable for our visitors. Thank you for those who pick up.

The family of American Legion Post 129 has been selecting a Volunteer of the Month since July. This month's volunteer is Larry Clark who volunteered for the past few years to do all the cooking at our Croaker Tournaments. Thank you Larry.

You may not be aware of it but the Beaches Veterans As (continued on page 3)





# First Vice comments...by Don Grzena



First I want to thank everyone that helped me with the Croaker Tournament. I was thrown into running the Tournament due to Big Al getting sick but with the help of Susan, Carolyn, Don, Terry, Keith and some others, the Tournament went on. We had thirty boats this year. I don't know what the final amount is just yet, but I am sure we did better than last year. Last

month, when we did the card checking at the bar, I found about five people that didn't have an up to date membership card. I gave them the option to either update their card or stop coming to the Post. ALL of them got their 2013 card. So the card checking works!! We will be doing this again in January 2013. The "Early Bird" dinner will be the 17th of Nov at

5:30pm. ALL members who have the early bird stamp on their membership card will be able to eat "FREE". So you still have time to get your 2013 card before the 17th of Nov. You also save \$5 on your membership dues. We have a busy month of November and we are going to need lots of Volunteers to help out.

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# **Auxiliary News**

### by Cindy Jordan, Auxiliary President



Whew, what a busy month October turned out to be. The Tribute to the USO WWII was a success. The meal presented by Ann and John was excellent and presented beautifully. Our ROTC members from Sandelwood were enthusiastic and so eager to assist. Their sponsor is going to join our Post as a result of the visit. And the show, well what an exciting event. Those of you who were able to attend can attest to that. Thanks to everyone who participated and made sure that this was a rousing success.

Toni Abbot is going to serve Brats on November 4th to raise money for Girls State. This is a huge program for our Auxiliary. We are planning on sending at least four participants to Girls State in June. The cost to send each young woman is \$350.00. This does not include bus fare, or 'spending money'. This is a tremendous opportunity for young women to participate in the" ins and outs" of a Legislative session in Tallahassee. There is also an opportunity for one of the representatives from the State of Florida to go to Washington D.C. to participate in the National Girls State symposium. Please plan on attending and offering support for this program.

Claire will be preparing our Auxiliary dinner the third Friday of the month. Please make plans to

come and enjoy her famous Italian cuisine.

We are continuing to receive new applications for members. This is EX-CITING. Please try to act as Ambassadors if you are in the Post and see a unfamiliar face. Please reach out to them and introduce yourself. Patti Kapeghian is really knocking it out of the park introducing herself and our Post to people when they come in. This is the only way that we can continue to grow and prosper. Let's also remember to recruit our new members into our events so that they can learn what we are about and add to good of the Unit. (continued on page 6)

## S.A.L News

### by JD Kapeghian



S.A.L. would like to say a sad goodbye to Jenny Sword and our condolences to her family for their loss,. She will be missed. The fishing cart raffle was a success. Thanks to everyone who participated by buying tickets. All the money will be donated to the Special Olympics. Friday November 2nd we will be hosting the Friday night dinner. Rotisserie beef roast, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, dinner roll and dessert. Monday, November 12th the

S.A.L. dinner will be low-country boil or steamed mussels with garlic butter wine sauce. The third Monday, the 19th, S.A.L. will be serving our famous loaded nacho's during trivia. All Monday night dinners are from 5:30 til....? S.A.L. would like to send out a big thanks to one of our own, Larry Clark of Mattie's restaurant, for all his help with the croaker tournament and fish fry. Remember, as always, we need more volunteers!

Thank you and good night.

#### **Officers for 2012-2013**

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

# Officers for 2012-2013

Commander. Jerry Brandt
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3rd Vice. Brian Hancher
4th Vice. Keith Helton
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Finance. Bob Schlatter
Chaplain. Robert Schmitt
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#### E-Board Members House Committee

John Burroughs Tommy Williams Jeff Durden Chuck Nist Bill Wilson Frank Redmond Rich Hansberg 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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### Looking to the Future

Associations are 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 love one, please see any of the officers in the Post and they will give you the information for these bricks.

As you know, the new 2013 membership cards are now available. The Early Bird Dinner is November 17th; please see any officer at the Post, they would be happy to assist.

Also Officers, Legion, Auxiliary, SAL and AL 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

Now the big news, on November 11th, 2012, at 1600 hours, a small ceremony will be held at American Legion Post 129. This year also marks the 60th anniversary of the Korea War, and the 50th anniversary of the start of the Vietnam War. Certificates from the President of the United States and Congress will be given out at that time. Please, veterans of all wars be present for a small ceremony in honor of all our veterans.



by Jeff Durden

Our schools need help and our Auxiliary is setting up a volunteer program to help Sea Breeze Elementary School.

We are not only looking for tutors but people who can file papers, put up bulletin boards, or check papers at home. (Teachers are creative and may come up with something else).

If you have a few hours a week or month, and want to help out, contact Mary Ellen Bolin at 249-7453. She promises you won't be sorry.



# **American Legion Riders**

This is from our last meeting, we welcomed five new members and we have donated \$300.00 to Wreath across America. On Sunday October 21, 2012 we donated \$100.00 to the Canine for Warriors and we presented the check to the reprehensive and General Eisenhower called Ike (Dog) from Canine for Warriors. Please come out and support your 129 ALR Dinner and Steak Bingo, it is always on the second Friday of the Month. Our Wing Night is the fourth Monday of each month, so come on out and support your local ALR 129 wings on November 26th from 5:30 PM until gone. Your ALR meeting is on the third Saturday of each month at 10 AM at Post 129. Yours in Service Jeff Durden Director of ALR 129





# Welcome our August, September & October New Members

Christopher Gurley John Marshall Adam J. Barry Ronald Cook Mathew Morwin Paul G Cotton James Gregory

Karla C May John Milensky Richard McLauglin David Gray Beal Gravline Hunter Howard L Becton Jr Jerry Van Garsbeek Ralph Laperna

Marilyn Berry Deborah Left Allen Williams

John Nicholson

Frank Kleese

Make sure you introduce yourself when you see one of the new folks. PAGE 4 AMERICAN LEGION POST 129 :

# Canteen Update by Brandi Roberts

Christmas is fast approaching believe it or not and here at the Legion we are always looking for ways to make your lives easier. With that said we have found a way for you to begin your Christmas shopping right here at the post and to raise some much needed money for the building fund all at the same time.

First on November 17th, the same night as the early bird dinner we will have a silent auction. There will be many gifts available for you to bid on and take home the same day! The auction will begin at 4pm and close at 6pm. Then on November 18th we will have the company

Thirty One coming in also from 2pm to 4pm. They have many wonderful products that would make great gifts for all of those hard to buy for people in your lives. So plan on joining us for a full weekend of fun, food, entertainment, football, and my personal favorite shopping!



### The "GIVING TREE"

Many have asked and the answer is "YES"! Once again we will be doing the "GIVING TREE". Donations will be \$2, \$5, \$10 AND \$15 and "you can break even or get a deal". The tree will start on December 1st and run through the 24th so start your Christmas shopping on December 1st by supporting the "GIVING TREE".



### Ask Ethel....

Dear Ethel: When I was in Navy boot camp, a fellow recruit complained that he had received a break-up "Dear John" letter from his girlfriend. I thought it was really strange to be replaced by a toilet! What do you think?----Lady Lookout

**Dear Lookout**-- You're joking. Me, too. Down the drain, but soon no

pain. No doubt he was flushed at the time.

Dear Ethel: I believe` there should be way more women in our armed forces than men. After all, they're lots healthier than guys. When they're taking their enlistment physical exam, you never hear them coughing. Agree?----Wacky Ex-Wac.

Dear Wacky: Of cough.

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

Hello Dames,

We are all with heavy hearts over the passing of Ginny Sword. Her red hair and Irish Brogue shall always be remembered.

We are starting our November Raffle on November 1st. We are calling our Raffle: Pre-Holiday De'Stress Baskets. There will be one for the Ladies and one for the Men! We will be doing Steak Bingo and drawing tickets for the Raffle on 11/30/12 Please come and help support our Cabane and Please come out and help sell tickets!

See you all at Rendezvous on 11/8/12.



Officers for 2012—2013

President Paulette Hilliker
Sous President Annie Anderson
Vicki Gordan Haft
Drapeau Louise Bagdasarian

Commissaire intendent

Conducteur Garde de la Porte Cheminots

Kelly Bush Carol Brickel Lanamae Cathey Wanda Brandt Dianne Barker Summer Bush

# **Legion Lore**

#### by Jack Hardebeck

Oops! In an embarrassing goof, the organizers of the 2012 Democratic National Convention tripped over some ships. On the last night of the convention, a retired, four-star U.S. Navy admiral was on stage paying tribute to U.S veterans. Unfortunately, a huge screen in the background displayed a big picture of some RUSSIAN warships. In the audience, a retired US sailor, trained to identify ships by their radar, noticed the mistake. I'm somewhat inclined to express satisfaction that the boo-boo was committed by Democrats, but I gotta admit it probably could have been done by Republicans. They're

(ahem) not quite infallible. Disavowing politics (ouch!), I strongly suspect that the admiral was not amused when learning of the foulup. Maybe he was thankful that the perpetrators weren't firing torpedoes when he was in the fleet. I'll bet they were subjected to a goldbraid upbraiding.



#### For the Good of the Legion

The Commander will be available for all members Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 1800 to 1900, at the Post. Legion meetings are held every first Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM please attend. As a reminder, the American Legion Post 129 is still giving away the Blue Star Banner. Please let the Commander know if you have a love one in the Military.



# 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 surprise of the number of programs.

Rules are listed below:

- 1. Sign your first new member & re ceive 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

Members....Did you know you can receive your newsletter (4) four different ways?

- 1. You can receive it in the mail.
- 2. You can pick up a copy at the Legion Post each month
- 3. You can go to our website, www.legionpost129.org, and read or print a copy.

4. You can provide your e-mail address and receive it via e-mail..

HELP: If you have a computer and would like to receive the newsletter by e-mail and also receive Brandi's weekly e-mail update send your e-mail address to me & I will make it happen for you. It will also save the Post money on printing & postage.

Also, sign up for the booster list. We need your help See page 6 & 8 of the newsletter. The list is getting smaller. Thank you.



sterling1960@att.net or 294-4234

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Start thinking about December and the Giving Tree. There will also be a basket to be raffled off on New Years Eve. Mary Ellen Bolin is heading up the Giving Tree again this year, so you can contact her with questions. I will send out other information on both of these events during November. My email address is Dryfork60@gmail.com if you would like to become a part of the Auxiliary updates that I send during the month. The Children's Christmas Party is December 15th. This is for children 10 and younger whose parents and grandparents are members of the

Legion family (Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion or Legion Riders).

As always, my heartfelt thanks to those of you who continue to volunteer to make our Auxiliary and our Legion Family a success. You are the unsung heroes every day and every month who do so much behind the scenes to keep this Post moving forward.



### **Barbers**

A hippie walked into a barbershop and asked, "Are you the barber who cut my hair last time?" "No, I've only been here two years!"

There is a razor that it's manufacturer claims can shave the fuzz of a baby chick. It's called a Chicken Schick.

A barber cuts a man while shaving him. The man is angry and the barber says, "Can I wrap your face in a hot towel?" The man says, "No, I'll just carry it home under my arm!"

# Support Those Who Support Us

### **Business Booster List**





First month is FREE (November 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. We will go to a full page if necessary.

### 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.
- 2. Extending the Canape over the entrance and placing bricks down to form a patio.





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, dogfood and treats. Personal toiletries for Warrior
- 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 which 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.

The Commander will be working every Saturday in October starting at 8am, if you can help, please come down to the Post.

### Born a Long Time Ago

I didn't join the Navy because I couldn't swim. I joined the Air Force & then realized I couldn't fly.

To what do you attribute your old age, Wilbur. "I was born a long time ago!"

He has a slight problem. The girls he goes our with are younger than his dentures

He can't go out with girls his own age because there aren't any.

You know you are getting old when your idea of an Early Bird dinner is lunch.

### **Bars & Bartenders**

One bar has a midget bartender to make the drinks look bigger.

A man walked into a bar and ordered a martini with an olive. Two minutes later he ordered another. After about a dozen the bartender asked him, "Don't you think the little woman will be upset?" "Nope, she's the one that sent me out for a jar of olives."

A man sitting in a bar lets out a giant belch. Nearby, a man looks at him and says angrily, "How dare you belch before my wife?" The belcher says, "Sorry, I didn't kow she wanted to go first." A wino made a nuisance of himself so the bartender picked him up and tossed him out into the street. A minute later, the wino was in again. Again the bartender heaved him out. This happened a half dozen times, finally the wino said, "Do you work in every joint on this block?"

A fireman pulled a drunk out of a burning building and asked, "Do you have any idea how this started?" The drunk said, "I don't know. It was already on fire when I went in."

He read about the evils of drinking so he gave up reading.

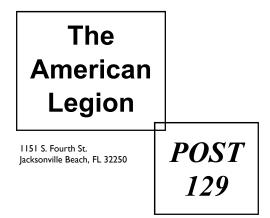
He drinks to forget he drinks.

**40 & 8** by Jimmy Mayer

Chaplain's Corner by Robert Schmitt



Vote on November 6, 2012



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### Address Service Requested

If you would like to become a Post 129 booster, please contact the Finance Officer. The dates below are booster expiration dates. Levels of booster sponsorship; Diamond \$100+, Platinum \$100, Gold \$50, Silver \$25, Bronze \$10.

#### **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)

#### 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)

#### 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 (12/12) Sterling & Linda Phaklides (6/13) In memory of Kim White (10/12) Jack & Ethel (11/12) Garth Collins (7/13) In memory of USS Stark (5/13) P-Nut & Liz Wilson (11/12) Nick Patrizio (10/13) Franklin Friers (3/12) Mike & Diane Barker (3/12)

#### Bronze Level, \$10

Frank Brown (7/12) Jim Smith (8/12) In memory of Dottie Smith (8/12) In memory of Skip Hilliker (10/12) In memory of John Kapeghian (6/12) Martha & Roy Hauge (7/13) John & Patty Kapeghian (5/12) J.D. Kapeghian (5/12) Scott & Christy Kapeghian (5/12) Noah Kapeghian (5/12) William & Fannie Bivens (10/13) Louise Braren (6/12) 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 (11/12) Towney Kennard (11/12) Pete Riebesehl (11/12) MIA Henry Koch Colette & Charlie Sellers (7/12)