

American Legion Post 129

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November 2013

Upcoming Events

- **November 6th**
7:00 House Committee
- **November 7th**
7:00 E-Board
7:00 Auxiliary
7:30 General meeting
- **November 9th**
Blast from the Past
5:30 Dinner
7:00 Show
- **November 14th**
7:00 40&8 and Caban
- **November 16th**
10:00 ALR meeting
- November 20th
6:00 SAL meeting
- **November 28th**
2:00 Thanksgiving dinner

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Commander's Corner by Danny Rodriguez

Hello Legion family, another month has gone by and I hope that this finds you all well. We held the 31st annual Croaker Tournament in which we had 32 boats entered. They brought in more fish than would could eat. I would like to thank Al and Linda Wilshire for helping get it together this year, Chef Larry from Mattie's Seafood for cooking and Don, Cathy, Robert, Marge & Patty R. for helping out with the Captain's dinner. A big thanks to Jennell, Cathy and Don Well for going that little step farther for help cleaning up in the kitchen. Frank did an awesome job with the sale of the Tournament t-shirts. And

Of course I can't forget Bob for once again making sure the meal ticket sales & line ran smoothly.

The ALR had their first poker run for Wreaths Across America. Congrats to them for a great turn out. They raised over \$6,000 for the wreaths. I have heard nothing but good comments about it. Lee and Ed did a great job. This also includes the volunteers that helped get the prizes and worked so hard to make this an outstanding run. And to Richard Jordan who spent so much time in the kitchen feeding everyone all day.

We had a meeting in the back to help explain the new Medicare rules and we are planning

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1st Vice Comments by Don Grzena

I would like to **THANK** all the volunteers that help out with the Croaker Tournament! This is one of the Posts **BIGGEST** fund raisers and we raised about \$1,000. **ALL** the proceeds go to Boys State. The next thing the Post will be involved with will be the Jax Beach PD Halloween Party. We are asked to

cook up about 100 hot dogs. Along with the VFW, which will be providing Chips, I will need volunteers to help cook and give out the hot dogs to the kids. This will be on Halloween night, from 5 -8 pm. We will meet at the legion about 4pm to cook the hot dogs. A poster about the

Halloween party and the sign-up sheet for volunteering will be at the front door bulletin, thank you.



More Information

by Cindy Jordan

Our Auxiliary's cash donation along with donations in kind from our whole Post contributed greatly to the Stand Down for Homeless Veterans. Sadly there were a hundred more veterans that attended this year than last year. Thanks to everyone at our Post who supported this event.

In keeping with this, part of the donations in kind have included toothbrushes and toothpaste, and the little bottles of shampoos and soaps that we receive when we go to hotels. We will have a receptacle near the Auxiliary Room if you would want to begin to bring in for next year.

Toys for Tots. Our Legion Riders will be escorting the United States

States Marines from Mayport NS to a neighborhood charity in support of Toys For Tots. Let's get together with a plan to donate to Toys For Tots. The Riders have thrown down the gauntlet with a \$200.00 donation. Come on every Organization in this Post. Let's pitch in and help our Marines make a lot of children smile.

On Friday October 18th our Auxiliary experienced a little "hitch in the giddy up" with our dinner and Steak Night. You know we are Family when we have Legionnaires, Legion Riders, and Sons of American Legion members assisting the Auxiliary to make our Sell Out dinner a success. Thank you.

Don't forget coupons. Please cut them, make sure they are less than 6 months. Please put your name on the coupons so that we can report at the end of the year.



S.A.L News

by JD Kapeghian



The S.A.L. would like to send a sad and fond farewell to little 99 year old Chief Nick. He will be sadly missed by all! On a lighter note, the S.A.L. proudly donated to Wreaths Across America, \$300. Maybe one of our wreaths will make it to Mr. Nick's final resting spot, we hope. Congratulations to Pattie Kapeghian for winning the Wishing Booze Well. We appreciate all who bought tickets. Please look for our next raffle coming in January. Do not forget to sign up for the Hangover

Crawl II which will be held Wednesday January 1st, 2014. We will have the sheet up soon. Please do not forget - November 11th is the last day for the 'early bird' stamp on your 2014 cards. There will be someone here on Saturday and Sunday until then, to make your cards. We will even buy you a drink and laminate your card for you! Please try to help us reach our goal of 100%. Friday, November 1st S.A.L. will be having one of their famous stuffed chicken dinners. On Monday

November 18th the S.A.L. will be doing the legions famous loaded nachos. Please do not forget there are Monday nights available to anyone who would like to volunteer. See J.D. In the next several weeks, please do not forget to wish Shannon and Rich Kasovich good luck in their new endeavor to the great white north! (p.s. dress warm and put another log on the fire...or several!)

Thank you and goodnight

Officers for 2013—2014

Commander.....Danny Rodriguez
1st Vice.....Don Grzena
2nd Vice.....Terry Stickles
3rd Vice.....Stephanie Cain
4th Vice.....Frank DeCoste
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Chaplain.....Brian Hancher
Service Officer.....Robert Schmitt

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	Nolan Bomar
	Dave Jordan

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Diane Powers
Commander S.A.L.,
JD Kapeghian
Chef De Gare 40 & 8,
Marie Kraemer
La Presidente, Cabane 215,
Louise Bagdasarian
A L Riders Director
Lee Fair

Commander (continue from page 1)

another. I must let you know that this is not endorsed by the Post or the American Legion, but is there to give you information so that you can make an informed decision. Remember it is up to you to select what is right for you.

Terry will be doing the Thanksgiving dinner, instead of baskets to families we will be feeding them at the post. so if you know of a family please let Terry know. Along with this there will be no dinner on Friday but we will be holding a pot luck.

The commander will be available for all members on Wednesday

& Friday from 17:00 hrs to 19:00 hrs at the Post. You can also contact me by e-mail (zeug58@live.com)

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



CABANE News

by Louise Bagdasarian

Our November raffle has arrived!! IT IS VERY EXCITING "DINING ONE & DINING OUT TWO". Gift certificates for MANY local restaurants to take your sweetie to!! Makes a great gift for the upcoming holiday as well!! Tickets on sale starting November 1st. The Drawing will be November 29th.

We will be serving Rubin Sandwiches for NFL games on November 17th. Come and join in on the fun! We are also doing another NFL game in December (date to be announced later).

I would like to thank all our members for helping for the October 20th NFL games. It is all good FUN!!

We donated \$100 for the Honor Guard and \$100 to Post 129 for the use of their kitchen. We

appreciate both.

Our next rendezvous is November 14th. Look forward to seeing you all then.

Faithfully yours,
Louise Bagdasarian
La Presidente



2014 Cards!!

Please see either Danny or Jerry or myself to get your card. Remember, dues are \$30 before Veterans Day, 11th of Nov and then after that \$35. If you are between the ages of 70 – 79, then the dues are \$22.50. If you are 80 or older and in good standard with 5yrs of good membership, then the dues are paid by the Post. Also remember, that when you paid by Veterans Day, you are eligible for our "Early Bird Breakfast". One more thing, when you get your notice from National and you are 80yrs or older, please, don't send money. Just put down your age on the Notice and send/or drop off the Notice at the Post and we will do the rest. Right now, we are at 70%!! I know we can be at 100% by December!! With the E-board permission, I am starting something new with Membership. Any Post Member that gets **Three new member** to join, will get his or hers yearly due paid by the Post. And if you get **Six new member**, the Post will pay for two year of your membership. Any question about this or your cards, please see me.

Don Grzena, 1st Vice

Thanksgiving

I'm won't say this has been a trying year, but this is the first Thanksgiving we had a Turkey that volunteered.

We had a turkey for Thanksgiving dinner. He sat to my left.

Canteen Update by Brandi Roberts

Mark your calendars for November 9th! The Auxiliary is putting together a dinner and show fundraiser. The theme is a Blast from the Past. Also New Year's Eve band has been picked! Back by popular demand this years entertainment for New Year's Eve will be The G-men and Sister Karen. This is always a fun night at the Post and we hope that you plan on joining us. There is no cover charge. All we ask is that you bring a snack to share.

Football season is in full swing now and we are still looking for volunteers to cook. We would like to make sure that there is food EVERY weekend for the football games. In order for us to do that we need your help. Can you commit to one or two lunches for the

season? You can cook whatever you like and donate the money to whichever Legion organization you would like. There is a signup sheet on the kitchen board. Please think about which day you would like to volunteer for and then sign up.

With the event hall looking better than ever the dates are starting to fill up! 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 a weekly e-mail that is sent out with more information on the events. If you would like to be added to the e-mail list please send an e-mail 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. If you have any ideas or would like to get involved please let us know.



Ask Ethel.....



Dear Ethel: With Thanksgiving coming, someone told me that, in heavy rain, thirsty turkeys sometimes look up at the sky with mouth open and swallow so much rainwater that they drown on the ground. Are they that stupid?---Skeptical Cook

Dear Skeptical: Probably. They have wings and don't fly away.

Dear Ethel: I had a Thanksgiving nightmare while sleeping the other evening. We had six guests for Thanksgiving dinner and afterward everybody burped at once, blowing out several windows in my house. Funny, right?---Chuckling Cook

Dear Chuckles: Affirmative. I

bet the big bird's cooked remains were found in St. Augustine, eliminating any turkey leftovers.

If you have any questions for the "Ask Ethel" column, she would appreciate your input. Send the questions to Ethel at: triplejj@comcast.net

Voiture 215 Comments by Marie Kraemer, Chef De Gare

On a Personal Note: Yes, I am getting married in November. Although I have many friends in the Jacksonville Beach area, only a small few have been invited to my wedding. This is not being done to slight or offend anyone. Rather, I am simply trying to keep the wedding small due to a very tight budget. Thank you for your understanding

I hope everyone has a happy and safe Thanksgiving. There will not be a Voiture dinner in November as the fifth Friday is the day after Thanksgiving. In an effort

to improve communication, I would like to create an e-mail listing for Voiture 215. Please send me an e-mail with V-215 in the subject line and your name in the text block. Dames are welcome to be included in this list, just put C-215 in the subject line. Thank you.

Upcoming events: Marine Corps birthday 10 Nov; Veteran's Day 11 Nov; Thanksgiving Nov 28.

Voyageurs, how would you like to win your 2015 dues paid by the Voiture? At

our Promenade of 08 Aug, it was passed that the Voyageur who nominates the highest number of eligible candidates between now and 01 Feb 2014, would have their 2015 dues paid by the Voiture. Our next Cheminot and Promenade is 1900 on 14 Nov 2013. There are several items of interest that will be discussed. I am looking forward to seeing everyone there, so please mark your calendars.

For any questions, concerns, comments or suggestions I can be reached at gamblerk@hotmail.com or text 352-697-1749.

Legion Lore

by Jack Hardebeck



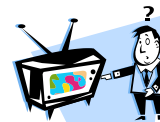
Wow! It seems that the Obama administration is the most ham-handed in our history. Take their blocking World War II vets from visiting the WW II Memorial because of the federal government shutdown. This was done even though a huge throng of sign-carrying immigrants was allowed to use the shutdown national mall for a rally. More outrageous was the banning of promised death benefits to families of U. S. service members killed during the shutdown.

It's not enough to make a veteran want to throw his or her good-conduct medal over the White

House fence. Not surprisingly, the president's approval rating is sinking. What a contrast with the way discharged vets were treated after World War II. We received the G.I. Bill, providing wonderful educational and home mortgage benefits plus small cash unemployment compensation (the "52-20 Club").

Considering the administration's latest mistreatment of vets and fallen troops, along with the Benghazi "I don't have your back" debacle, I wonder how our armed forces reenlistment and recruitment are going,

Blast from the Past



Please save the date or mark your calendar for Saturday, November 9th and come reminisce and enjoy some of your old TV favorites: Carol Burnett, the Honey-mooners, and All In the Family just to name a few. Help support your Auxiliary Charities in a dinner and show of 'A Blast from the Past'. Tickets will be sold in advance for \$18 each or \$35 for two. Dinner will be served at 5:30 and the show will begin at 7:00. Tickets for show only will be \$10. Don't be left out!

Candace Mabry

American Legion Riders...by Lee Fair

I want to thank everyone that helped make our 1st Annual Poker Run for Wreaths Across America successful. We raised over \$6,000 which is a great start. We are going to do it again next year. We had a lot of support from our other ALR chapters. We owe a big thanks to the committee who organized everything. Thanks to Ed as event

Coordinator for heading it up.

There were a lot of riders, Legion Post Members, Auxiliary members and SAL members who also helped. We also have to thank all of the other ALR Chapters that participated. We received big donations from Chapter 283, Chapter 137 and the SAL Squadron 129. Let's start

planning for next year now and make it even better.



Editor's Comments

by Sterling L. Phaklides

We need your help. The cost of printing and mailing our newsletter each month is \$500 plus. If you have a computer at home you can get the newsletter by going to our website...it is there. You can also request to have the newsletter e-mailed to you. If more of our members would elect to receive it by e-mail or just go to the website it

will save the post a lot of money each month. Let me know what you choose as your option: 1. Mailed via US Post office, 2. Receiving the newsletter by e-mail or 3. Just going to our website each month: www.legionpost.org. Contact me by e-mail or phone (294-4234) with your choice. Thanks for your help in advance.....

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Croaker Tournament Update

Annual Croaker Tournament,
October 11, 12 and 13th, 2013

This year's Croaker Tournament Chairman was Al Wiltshire. With only 2 ½ months to prepare Al worked wonders to get the donations needed for the Tournament. With the help of a few dedicated Post 129 members, prizes were collected and awarded to each boat entered in the Tournament

Beautiful weather and an abundance of fish defined this year's Tournament.

A total of 32 teams were registered for this year's tournament. A great time was had by all. A special award was given to Clyde Aston for his many years of dedication and work with the Croaker Tournament.

Larry Clark of Mattie's Seafood

donated his time and talents to cooking both for the Captain's meeting and the Sunday Fish fry. We fed 100 people on Friday and 160 on Sunday.

Fishing was the best in years. Not only were there a lot of Croaker's caught – but the size was notable. The winners were as follows:

Largest Croaker: Larry Clark - 3 lbs – 7½ oz.

Largest Aggregate: Al Wiltshire –8 lbs- 4½ oz.

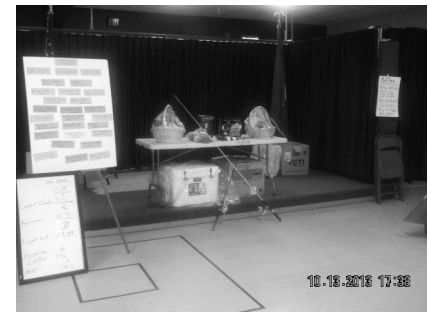
Largest Redfish: Dwayne Trabits - 4 lbs 10 oz.

Mystery Fish: Catfish: Leroy Holloway –8 lbs 8 oz.

Total Weight for 2 days: Joey Kanobrowski – 144.15 lbs

Hope to see you all at next year's tournament.

Al Wiltshire..Tournament Chairman



Medicare Seminar at Post 129



What can medicare do for you? Come to the seminar at 1:00pm on November 14th and find out. Seminar will be held in the back hall. (It's to your benefit). Come to the seminar to learn more about the many benefits of Medicare plans and how they can benefit you. Find out why so many people choose to focus on prevention and wellness. They're the new faces of Medicare.

James Whaley, a licensed Insurance Agent and a member of American Legion Post 129 will be conducting the seminar.

You may be eligible for benefits such as: Prescription Drug Coverage, Primary Care Physician and Specialist office visits, Monthly allowance for covered over the counter products, transportation for unlimited

services etc.

If you have any questions about the seminar or want to reserve a seat you can contact Jim Whaley at 904-528-9965. See you there.

Refreshments and snacks will be served.



The World According to Me by Patty Rodriguez

You're off to great places.

Today is your day.

Your mountain is waiting.

So get on your way"

Dr Seuss

It can be a challenge in life to discover who you are and the biggest challenge is to be happy with what you find. If it makes you smile, giggle or laugh until you cry, do it again. If you see someone without a smile, just give them yours.

Take a Random Act of Kindness and Pay it Forward.

What we learn becomes a part of who we are and what we share of ourselves becomes a part of others.



9 Hole Golf (Sat)

On Saturday October 19th we had 17 golfers enjoying the sun and the game of golf. We have over 30 now signed up to play. Come on down and join us. Give me a call at 294-4234 or e-mail me at sterling1960@comcast.net. I send out an e-mail every Tuesday to find out who will be playing the following Saturday. Need to have individuals that are going to play let me know so that I can schedule the proper number of t-times. First t-time is around 11:15am. Have some fun, join us.



New Members

Let's Welcome these new members to American Legion Post 129 (October 2013)

Joseph A Maichle	Air Force
Ernie A Florig	Air Force
Cathy J Florig	Air Force
Scott W. Hamilton	Army
Dennis P Metz	Navy
Robert A Fowler	Army
Randy F Loudermilk	Navy
Robert Wilson	Air Force

Who is this Post 129 Member?



The man in the picture has held a number of positions at the Post. Bar Tender, Adjutant, Bar Manager etc. He also was at one time the District Adjutant. His biggest accomplishment was that he was the punching target for a boxer named Cassius Clay. Who is he? If you know, please see Sterling. If you know who Cassius Clay is, congratulations as well. See Sterling with the current name of the boxer.



Operation Open Door

"Operation Open Door!" has turned to the worst!! People that said that they will donated to this good cause, have backed out. I have to start all over. I have about \$500 right now. My goal is \$1,800. I couldn't get the GSA price, that's why it's a little more than \$1,500. Please, donate to this worthy cost!! I will take checks, money, and loose change. If giving a check, please make it out to the Post. In the "for" section of the check, put down Operation Open Door fund. Any questions about this, please ask me. Thank you!! Don Grzena, 1st Vice

Football Sundays

Lunches will be served on Football Sundays. The menu will vary weekly and donations will go to Post 129 organizations (Post 129, Auxiliary, SAL, ALR etc). Donations of \$5:00—\$6:00 depending on the menu for that week.

In order to provide the above we need volunteers to help serve the lunches...Please volunteer if you can.

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BOOSTER LIST

Diamond Level, \$100+

Bob Schlatter (11/13)
Sonny & Suzanne Sternberg (10/13)
Shannon Devlin & Gregory Stanford
(11/13)
In memory of F. Joe Cornell (10/14)

Platinum Level, \$100

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

Gold Level, \$50

Chuck & Sue Nist (4/14)
James M. Denholm (1/14)
Jim and Mary Jo Davis (9/13)
Charlie Parker (9/14)
Bill Garrett (6/14)
Sally & Pearse Doherty (8/14)

Silver Level, \$25

In memory of Brad & Gerry Terrell (12/13)
Sterling & Linda Phaklides (6/14)
In memory of Kim White (10/14)
Jack & Ethel (11/13)
Nicholas Patrizio (10/14)

P-Nut & Liz Wilson (11/14)
Nick Patrizio (10/13)
Louise Taylor Braren (2/14)

Bronze Level, \$10

Jim Smith (8/13)
Estelle Mellon (9/14)
In memory of Dottie Smith (8/13)
In memory of Skip Hilliker (10/14)
William & Fannie Bivens (10/13)
Maddy Chitko (2/14)
Richard & Jo Ann Scoggins (4/15)
Robert Gomez (1/16)
Russell & Mary Lou Jones (9/14)
Shorty Heiman (11/13)
Towney Kennard (11/13)
Pete Riebesehl (11/13) MIA Henry Koch
John & Gloria Molisani (8/15)

Let's
Fill
This
Booster
List
Up
Again