

# American Legion Post 129

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October 2012

## Upcoming Events

- **October 3**  
7:00 House Committee and SAL meeting
- **October 4**  
7:00 E-Board & Auxiliary meeting  
7:30 General meeting
- **October 11**  
7:00 Cabane & 40&8 meeting
- **October 12-13**  
Croaker Tournament
- **October 13**  
10-2 Blood Drive
- **October 14**  
2:00 District meeting @ Post 37  
5:00 Fish Fry
- **October 20**  
10:00 Legion Rider meeting  
Auxiliary Dinner Show
- **October 27**  
Halloween Party
- **November 9-11**  
Fall Convention in Orlando

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## Commander's Corner by Jerry Brandt

We will hold our annual Croaker Tournament on October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. As you know, the proceeds from the tournament will be used to send our boys to Boy State. If you can, please come out to assist or fish in this worthwhile event.

As you know, we are working on several projects in the Post. The 10 Ton Air conditioner for the lounge was approved. A special thanks to Keith Ingles for supervising this project to completion. The next project will be the patio area under the canopy.

One of the things that 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 will be selecting a Volunteer of the Month starting in July. A special recognition goes out to Richard K for the online newsletter, Bob D for taking care of the Pull Tabs and Richard H, for heading the dart league, Sterling P. for the Newsletter, and Larry R. for our daily chores. We often forget all the volunteers who work so hard for this Post, This month's volunteer is Chuck Ness, a big volunteer for the Legion Riders and the Le-

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God  
and  
Country*



## First Vice comments...by Don Grzena



Hi everyone! First I would like to thank EVERYONE for all your thoughts and prayers and cards and email though this difficult time that my family and I are going through. My Mother's so call Husband was arrest for her murder. He is now sitting in jail waiting is trial date. It's in GODs hands now. So thanks again.

The WHOLE month of October

you will have to show your membership card to the bartenders when ask to do so. Please don't feel offended by this. We are just trying to make sure that EVERYONE that comes in to the legion has his or her card up to date. We are trying to get to 100% by Nov! Please remember what the Post is doing when you bring in new mem-

bers. If you have any question about your membership card or bringing in new members, please see or call me (904-910-0555) anytime. Lets make this the BEST Post of ALL Jacksonville!!

Thank you and C U at the Post.

# Auxiliary News

by Cindy Jordan, Auxiliary President



First, I would like to send all of our prayers and sympathy to the family and loved ones of our members who passed this past month: Valerie McKiniry, Faye Newberry and Dawn Stewart. We truly know what it means to lose a mother, daughter and friend. Our special thanks to Kathy Jewell who assisted with the Celebration of Life for Val and with the luncheon for Faye's family and friends.

Do not forget our meeting night, October 4th at 7:00. We need you there.

Do not forget your membership dues. Remember to donate your spare change to the Auxiliary Emergency Fund Piggy Bank. We are trying to achieve our goal of at least .43 per member. See

Wanda Brandt or me and we will be able to accept that donation (and it does not have to be just \$.43.

October is going to be HUGE for us. A lot is going on and it cannot be accomplished without all of your help. Volunteers are needed for all functions. Please see sign up lists or get in touch with Mary Ellen Bolen or Candace Mabry.

Make a Difference Week is October 20-27, American Legion 129 family working together for K9's for Warriors, USO, Troops and Vets.

October 19th is our monthly dinner by Claire. As always, expect excellent food.

October 20th is our Salute to the USO during WWII- Dinner and Variety Show

Chicken or Pork, Potatoes, Vegetables and Dessert. \$18.00 donation or couples price 2 for \$35.00. There may be tickets at the door for the show only (depending on the response) for \$11.00 each.

Dinner begins at 5:30, tickets will be pre-sold, and we hope to have active duty representatives of all branches as our guests for the dinner and show.

October 21st- USO Salute Matinee 1:30. \$11.00 donation. There will be a 50/50 Raffle. We have been in touch with the (continued on page 6

## S.A.L News

by JD Kapeghian



S.A.L would like to extend our thoughts and prayers out to Quinten West, Bonnie Esler and family for thier recent loss. Also to Paul McKiniry and his family for their loss. We have lost a really good friend as well, Val, from the "dark side" of the bar, so condolences to all who knew and loved her.

Friday, October 5th, the S.A.L. dinner will be rotisserie chicken, potatoes, mixed vegetables, roll and dessert,

starting at 5:30 til... Due to the recent storm in the Gulf, oyster night will be suspended until further notice due to the late harvest. Instead, we will offer low country boil or steamed mussel's on Monday, October 8th from 5:30 til sell out. On Monday, October 15th, we will be having 129's famous loaded nachos. I would like to thank all that participated in our first 129 Train Crawl! The success was overwhelming! I had no idea that we would have that many 'takers'!

The S.A.L. donated \$675 toward the new A/C unit for the legion due to the the crawl! Thanks again for the turn out! Let's do it again soon! Don't forget about the Legion Riders Bike Night on Saturday, October 6th. The last one was a huge success. Let's see if we can top it. At this time, I would like to say good bye to a true friend, and a fellow 316 S.A.L. officer, Ryan Gatti. Rest in peace. Thank you, and goodnight.

## 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.....Lena Null Wood

### 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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A special thanks to the Fancy Pants for the dinner they served. The fish was great. Thank you David and the team.

Also the Big Toot Run that JD engineered. We had a blast with the train. Thank you JD.

You may not be aware of it, but the Beaches Veterans Associations are working on putting a Veterans Memorial Park in at the corner of Mayport Rd and Atlantic Blvd. The Park is now 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 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.

Initiation of Legionnaires will take place in the October Meeting. If you have never been initiated into

the American Legion, please attend.

Now the big news, on November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012, at 1600 hours, a small ceremony will be held at American Legion Post 129. This year also marks the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Korea War, and the 50<sup>th</sup> 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.



## American Legion Riders by Jeff Durden

We had a Bike Nite meeting on Wednesday. The next Bike Nite will be on the 6<sup>th</sup> of October. We will be serving food and some new games. Please come on out. On Friday night during steak bingo, I presented Richard Hurst and Bob Schlatter with Co-Officers for 2011-2012 year and Chuck Nist with Volunteer of the Year plaques. The year would

not have been as successful without their help. Thanks to ALL that has stepped up to help out your Chapter. We will be reviewing our by-laws to see what needs to be updated and send to Dept. when they get the SOP figured out. I am back for now and do not know when I will be going back up for work. Until next month, Ride Safe.



## British Sailor & the retired Marine

An old British Navy sailor and a retired US marine were chatting about who had experienced the tougher career.

The marine declared proudly: "I did thirty years in the corps and fought in three of my country's wars. Fresh out of boot camp, I hit the beach at Okinawa, clawed my way up the blood-soaked sand, and eventually took out

an entire enemy machine gun next with a single grenade.

"As a sergeant, I fought in Korea. We pushed back the enemy inch by bloody inch all the way up to the Chinese border, always under a barrage of artillery and small arms fire.

"Finally, I did three consecutive combat tours in Vietnam. We ploughed through the mud and razorgrass for

fourteen hours a day, plagued by rain and mosquitoes, ducking under sniper fire all day and mortar fire all night. In a firefight, we'd fire until our arms ached and our guns were empty, then we'd charge the enemy with bayonets!"

"Oh," said the sailor with a dismissive wave of his hand, "all shore duty, huh?"

# Canteen Update

by Brandi Roberts



Hello from your Canteen Staff,

This October will be a busy one for us at the post. To begin with we will be hosting the annual Croaker Tournament. Later in the month the Auxiliary will be putting on an amazing show for you. And finally we will have our annual Halloween Party! So plan on coming down to the post in costume, prizes will be given to the best ones. And on top of that football season is in full swing.

The volunteers are doing a great job of providing food on Saturdays and on Sundays for the games. This year on top of the NFL ticket that we had last year, we will also have the Game Plan. The game plan is a package that allows us to get 12 out of market college games every Saturday. Plan on coming

to the post, not only to watch your favorite NFL team, but your favorite college team as well. Remember we have 9 large flat screen TV's! We are looking for volunteers to cook on Saturdays and Sundays during football season. Please let Brandi know if you can help. Please note that the House Committee has made a policy change. Instead of carding only at the beginning of the year the canteen staff will be asking to see your membership card at least four times a year. Please be sure to have your membership card on you and be ready to show it proudly when asked by a Post officer or Canteen Staff member. 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 e-mail. If you would like to

be added to the list please email me at [brandiroberts@att.net](mailto: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! We hope to serve you soon!

## Ask Ethel....

**Dear Ethel:** I think Post 129 should have a theme song. Advertisers have their songs that they play on TV and radio. Why not an American Legion post? I'd appreciate getting your reaction to this first line of a lyric: "129 is mighty fine. Please don't drink up all the wine."---"Peanuts" Grigio.

**Dear "Peanuts";** Right on, for the

song. Regarding the wine, here's another line: "In case you quaff it all, complete, we'll squash more grapes with dirty feet."

**Dear Ethel:** I heard a good idea for a game to be played at a Halloween party by pasta lovers: Fill a big vat with spaghetti and bob for meatballs. You like?---Mac Aroni

**Dear Mac:** Cheese! Thatsa nica stuffa.

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



## Cabane 215 News

by Cabane President Paulette Hilliker

A big MERCI to all who attended dinner night out at Bonefish Grill this month. We had 10 Dames attend and Sweet Cakes graciously accepted our invitation to join us. A great time was had by all and the BangBang Shrimp was awesome.

Dames we have Rendezvous on Oc-

tober 11th at 7:00 p.m. We will be making plans for our fund raiser for November, please plan to attend. 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

No doubt, someday, maybe fairly soon, floods of discharged veterans of the Iraq-Afghanistan wars will be showing up at VA offices. Back after World War II, my late wife, Lucy, worked at the Newark, NJ, VA building. Since then (in 1989), the VA has changed from the Veterans Administration to the Department of Veterans Affairs. Lucy worked in the Contact Division, where vets went to apply for benefits. Daily, I'd meet her in the lobby near closing time.

They had a reception desk there manned by a combat amputee, Frank, who would direct the vets into the division. One day, I was startled by the sight of Frank with his leg resting up on the desk. His shoe was pointing DOWN! He had loosened his artificial

extremity for comfort. I later heard that he had once grabbed the plastic leg off and threatened to clobber a guy with it. The latter was loudly demanding some benefit. Frank was merely gonna give him a leg up. Oof!

Notwithstanding Frank's understandable, momentary return to combative-ness, the VA did wonderful good turns in those days, including big help in getting my college education and on buying my first house. I hope today's returning vets do at least as well.



## 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 surprised of 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

Members....Did you know you can receive your newsletter (3) three 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](http://www.legionpost129.org), and read or print a copy.

Getting the newsletter ready to mail takes quite a bit of time. Putting labels on, special seals required by the post office on each of the newsletters and in many cases hand addressing several newsletters. I would like to say thank you to Cindy and Richard Jordan, Danny Rodriguez and Eric Hardebeck for their help getting the

September newsletter ready to mail. If you see us putting the newsletter together, stop by & help us have fun.



[sterling1960@att.net](mailto:sterling1960@att.net) or 294-4234



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K9's for Warrior Group and some may attend the matinee. This will be our way to say "Thank you".

October 25th, Annual GATOR/BULLDOG Pep Rally. There will be three raffles, 1 Gator, 1 Bulldog, and if you are not an Orange and Blue or a Red and Black fan, there will be a Jaguar raffle.

Yarn donations for lap rugs for Veterans and empty prescription bottles are needed for Sulzbacher Center donations. Coupons are still being collected in huge quantities, but we still need more. These are sent to the USO and

to deployed troops. Do not forget your donations to the K9's for Warrior Program. Marsha and Genell are there weekly to volunteer and transport donations. Looking forward to seeing all of you in the near future. Thank you



### 2012-2013 Officers

President	Cindy Jordan
Sr. Vice	Candace Mabry
2nd Vice	Vacant
Secretary	Ann Nickola
Treasurer	Pat Cornell
Chaplain	Kathy Jewell
Historian	Vacant
Sgt at Arms	Vicki Gordon-Haft

## Blankets for Hero's

Our ladies are in need of donations of yarn and material to make lap robes for our Veterans.

Please call:

Ski Kale 246-3000

Pattie Kapeghian 249-2435

or drop off at Post #129.

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Auxiliary President

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Questions? Contact me: Lori Parham, Star Leader Ind. Rep.

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## 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. Working on adding a new 10 Ton air condition to the Lounge area, we are taking donations for this project. If you give \$100 towards this Air conditioner we will add your name to the plaque is attached to the System. Pending Completion

2. Redoing the Bar top, both front and back bars.

3. Extending the Canapé over the entrance and placing bricks down to form a patio.

NEXT MONTHS ISSUE  
WILL INCLUDE AUXILIARY, SAL AND ALR PROJECTS



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.

### New Members

Welcome the new members of American Legion Post 129.

#### August 2012

Luis Diaz-Rodriguez      John Ruble  
David Steinbecher

#### July 2010

Hyley Zeller                  Lowell Davis  
Joseph Geiger              Junior Showman  
Pat Fowler                  Douglas Sprissler  
Marie Kraemer              Lena Wood  
Paul Dixon                  James White  
Valarie Nordberg          Stephanie Cain  
Jeff Molengrafi              Robert Neal

### Looking to the Future

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.

### Minnesota ALR

Winter version of a Minnesota American Legion Rider.....



### 40 & 8

by Jimmy Mayer

Merci to John Burroughs for a great dinner. Also, Merci to all the Voitures and Dames who helped make it a success. Hope to see ya'll at the next prom. The second Thursday of the month.



### Chaplain's Corner by Robert Schmitt

Vote on November 6, 2012. If you are not a registered Voter already, the last day to register is October 9, 2012 for the fall election.

You can register at all public libraries and on-line. Forms must be signed and mailed.

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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

#### **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 (4/12)  
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)  
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)