

American Legion Post 129

Post129@comcast.net

September 2011

Commander's Corner by Danny Rodrigues

MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP, Yes it is membership that gives us strength. I am harping on this to start for the department goal of 50% by September 7th. I would like us to beat that goal. At the time I am writing this we are at 40+%. I would like to see us at 100% before the end of the year. To all those whom are over 80, please be patient. Yes the post policy is that you are free. But we still have to pay the department and it takes time to get the money together for this.

September is here and we are having another blood drive. Last one on July 4th brought in 26 units. So if you are able please help. Remember that donors eat free on that day.

Now for some fun news on September 10th we are having another Show at 19:00 hrs. (7:00 pm) put on by the post actors and volunteers. The 9/11 remembrance. Dinner will be served from 17:30 to 19:00. Burgers and fries, so come down for a dinner and a show.

Newsletters are being mailed but we are getting allot of them back due to inactive addresses. I am asking that if you have moved please make sure you update us with your new address. I encourage all of you to check out the post website. You can get the newsletter and calendar there.

Now to carry on the Galley side of things, Terry is still turning out great meals in the kitchen. And if you have an idea for a meal or want to do a meal see Terry or any second vice in your organization and they will help you get there. We have removed the calendar in the hall for meals for particular reasons that I will not go into. And last but by no means the last thing I have to say, is deepest regret that we have lost a few more of our family. Tom Dawson, long time SAL member past SAL commander and I hope that he regarded me as a friend as I regarded him, Passed away. He will be missed by many. And another long time member, whom I wished that I could have gotten to know, Landal (Roscoe) Sweeney, pasted away.



*For
God
and
Country*



S.A.L. Notes by JD Kapeghian

For all upcoming events

See calendar insert

Golf Tournament 10/22

See Insert

**Breakfast Every Sunday
9 to Noon**

SAL Officers

Commander -JD Kapeghian

1StVice- Mike Barker Jr.

2nd Vice—Danny Parker

3rd Vice—Scott Hardy

Chaplin—Robert Haag

Sgt. At Arms—Garth
Collins

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Dawson and Mabry families. "Big Tom" will be very much missed! I would like to welcome the new members and hope we get some more. Renewals-we need to get them in so we can keep up with our quota of 100%, and then some. On September 2nd, S.A.L. will be hosting 'steak B-I-N-G-O' and the first 'Friday of the month' dinner. We will be serving slow cooked pot roast with potatoes, carrots, onions, dinner roll and dessert. Then on the 3rd of September the A.L.R.(American Legion Riders) will have a Poker Run. Upon their return, the S.A.L. will be cooking hamburgers and hot dogs, to order, to those who are hungry! On Friday, September 9th, the S.A.L. will be assisting Mr. Tommy Williams in the P.O.W. Table Ceremony. Attendance is a must-see. Monday, September 12, will be the first Oyster Night of the year. Proceeds going to the S.A.L. and the Canteen to help with the bar upgrades. Please come out and join us! Volunteers are always welcome and needed! Contact one of the S.A.L. squadron members.

JD Kapeghian SAL Commander

Auxiliary News by Candace Mabry, Auxiliary President



Every month, I have trouble deciding which wonderful story I can tell about our Unit that should start the article. This month it has to be about our heartfelt thanks to Sterling and Linda and the clipped coupons that are coming from Claude Nolin Cadillac. It started as a little seed asking employees and customers to take some time to help our troops. The results have been explosive. The total coupons from our ladies and Claude Nolan for the months of June and July are off the charts: \$40,157 and \$32,520 respectfully. It just shows how many in our community want to help our troops but don't know how. That's why I always say it never hurts to ask!

Kudos once again for everyone that assisted with Girl's State last year, because Marie Esler has reported that each young lady has corresponded with the Unit on how the experience positively affected their lives. Some of the girls will also attend our meeting to share with us personally about the event.

Diane Powers is back to work and has scheduled the Blood Mobile to be back at the post on Labor Day from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. It takes less than 45 minutes so please come out and give the gift of life.

It is time to renew your membership, please either mail or drop off your renewals to the Post attention Kelly Bush. Welcome also to 5 new members and 3 transfers, names to come next month.

Don't forget to come out and support the Auxiliary the third Friday of every month for steak bingo and dinner. If you would like to volunteer for a dinner please give Kathy Jewell a call.

I cannot thank everyone enough for their calls, letters, emails, and prayers I have received for both Tom and myself. I apologize to all that I have been absent from the Canteen or possibly not returning calls quickly enough. I am trying diligently to get through this life changing event, and thanks in advance for everyone's patience. For God and Country,

Candace Mabry



From an internet source

by Jack Gregory



In Suisun Bay, 30 miles northeast of San Francisco, there lies a vast fleet of almost 100 abandoned Navy and Merchant ships. These vessels, known as the Mothball Fleet, served in four US wars and are currently awaiting disposal.

(photo courtesy Scottheafner.com)

Officers for 2011—2012

Commander.Danny Rodriguez
1st Vice.....Norm Sullivan
2nd Vice.....Terry Stickles
3rd Vice.....Pete Riebeschl
4th Vice.....Keith Helton
SAA.....Mike Barker
Adjutant.....Candace Kelly
Judge Advocate.....Bob Wilson
Finance.....Bob Schlatter
Chaplain.....Robert Schmidt
Service Officer.....Walt Fanton

E-Board Members House Committee

Keith Ingle	Bill Wilson
y	Frank Redmond
Tommy Williams	Rich Hansberg
Jeff Durden	Kathy Jewel (Aux)
Taylor Barker	Richard Kasevich SAL
	Nina Lott
	Dale Peterson

Auxiliary President,
Candace Mabry
Commander S.A.L., JD Kapeghian
Chef De Gare 40 & 8,
James Mayer
La Presidente, Cabane 215,
Annie Anderson
American Legion Riders Director
Jeff Durden

American Legion Riders by Jeff Durden



On Saturday Sep 3rd a poker run for a 5 year old child with cancer. Starting at Port 129 which check in at Post 129 and last bike out at 10:30 am first stop at Post 233, second stop Post 283, third stop at Post 54 then forth stop at Mayport Tavern ending at Post 129. Cost \$25.00 a rider and \$10.00 a passenger. Breakfast will be available at Post 129 for a \$4.00 donation. Prizes for the Poker hand will be determined by the amount of entries. On Friday, August 12th will be a ALR Steak Bingo and PORK LION DINNER. Please come out and support your ALR 129.

I have learned...



I have learned so much through this difficult life lesson.

I have learned not to get so upset over the big things, rather embrace all the little things your love one does for you.

I have learned not to be afraid to reach out to someone who is in pain just because I was scared I would be bothering them.

I have learned the importance of family.

I have learned to treasure my friends and tell them you love them, because you don't know if you'll have that opportunity again.

Finally I have learned there really is a God because I could not continue to move forward each and every day without His strength.

All my love to my family and friends...

Candace Mabry

August 6, 2011

Cabane 215 News

Annie Anderson, Cabane President

Hello everyone, first I want to apologize for not getting an article into August newsletter. As you all know I had company from Germany and I completely forgot about it. Sorry. First I want thank everybody that attended our Installation and I heard that the food was excellent, way to go Terry. We are working on getting our November Basket of cheer going. This time the basket will be a little different. Please come to our September Rendezvous to find out. Also a gentle reminder the 2012 dues are due and the cards are in. You can drop your check into the box at Post 129 or mail it to the Post. Your membership and your participation are greatly appreciated. Hope to see you on Thursday September 8th at 7pm for our regular Rendezvous.

For God and Country

Annie Anderson Presidente



Canteen Update

by Brandi Roberts

Hello from your Canteen Staff,

Football Season is right around the corner and we are excited to tell you that we have the NFL SUNDAY TICKET! This means that we will have every football game, every week! We are working on putting together food and drink specials for football season and hope that you will plan on spending your Sundays here with us. Also remember that we now have Breakfast on Sunday Mornings from 9am to noon. The crew in the kitchen are doing a great job!

Make sure you take the time to watch the new TV in the canteen area that is above the window next time you stop in. Not only are there some interesting pictures up there but it also has the most up to date information on everything that is happening here at the post.

Remember that we have brought in the Florida Lotto! Our members have won over \$40,000 in scratch off tickets alone! 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 email me at brandiroberts@att.net We also have a facebook page that is updated daily.

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: We need a little more frivolity in our Post 129 functions. Maybe what we ought to have is a madcap man mascot, such as the Jaguars and other NFL teams enjoy. Like Jaxon de Ville, he could be dressed up in some outlandish costume and perform at fun-type events to make us laugh. For instance, he could jump into the cake-walk line ahead of others already going around. Wouldn't that be hilarious?---Post Prankster

Dear Prankster: Ha, ha. That mirthful mascot could be wearing a couple of whipped cream cakes.

Dear Ethel: We all admire our Post chaplains. I'm a Catholic, and I wonder if they hear confessions. Do you know? ---Penitent Pappy.

Dear Pappy: I seriously doubt that they hear confessions. Probably our bartenders have involuntarily heard some, along with rumors, etc.

Ask Ethel (8-2011)

If you have any questions for the "Ask Ethel" column, send the questions to Ethel at:

triplejj@comcast.net



Legion Lore by Jack Hardebeck



Is the Marine Corps starting to double-time its recruiting efforts in anticipation of discharges after members come back from the wars? I saw a USMC recruiting advertisement on TV July 27th, the first I've witnessed in ages.

Maintaining and increasing the ranks is obviously a top priority in the Corps, especially since the process is highly selective. The phrase "A Few Good Men" is apt. Much of the earlier personnel strategies involved the use of posters. Some Internet web pages contain reprints of posters used in major wars, through WWII. The small number from the Civil War were not very pictorial and consisted of lots of print. The WW I and WW II posters were colorful and terse, bearing strong, eye-catching statements such as "First to Fight for Democracy," "Uncle Sam's Right Hand," "Want Action?" and "Smack 'em Down!"

Even those unambiguous come-ons were only hints of what the recruits would face. My son, Eric, spent 12 years as a Leatherneck, emerging after the first Gulf War as a sergeant. His initial report from boot camp was a post card that said only, "They're going to make a Marine out of me or kill me trying." That pretty much sums it up.

Notice to all Members

Your 2012

Membership cards
are now available

Post 129 has Lotto!

We can take care of all of your Florida Lottery needs! Remember that every time you buy or cash in a Lottery ticket that the vender gets a percentage of that sale from the state.

Attention: All Facebook users

You can get most current information on the daily activities of Post 129 on our Facebook page. Look us up as American Legion Post 129 Canteen or check our legion website for the link.

Editor's Comments

by Jack Gregory



We are still in need of an Artist / Calligrapher to design and paint ceiling tiles for a fund raiser to benefit the building fund.

The tiles will be sold to any member for a memorial for a loved one, or whatever you would like to put up for all to see or advertise. Please see Jerry if you could recommend someone

Things you may not know

The Milky way is home to over 200 billion stars and 50 billion planets

A bee has four wings

For God and Country: Serving God in Panama by Brian Hancher

In June I was part of a team that travelled to Plaza de Caisan, Panama, near the Costa Rican border. The church I attend is active in sponsoring mission trips at home and abroad, and partnered with Faithful Servant Missions, who are building an orphanage near Caisan.



Faithful Servant Missions is ministering to the families in the area, particularly the Ngobe-Bugle Indians (KNOW-bee Boo-gluy). Legionnaires who served our country in the third world have seen these kinds of conditions; people living in thatched huts or makeshift shelters, children suffering from parasites due to the unsanitary living conditions. FSM's long-term goal is to improve the lives of these people spiritually and materially, and help them overcome the poverty they live in.

The orphanage we worked on is under construction, with 4 homes planned for the site. They plan to house the children in "cottages", with 8-10 children per home and an "aunt". One home is completed and a second is nearly finished. Foundation walls are set for a third home, and a fourth is planned. Our team primed the interior and exterior walls of the second home, and painted the multipurpose community center that was our home for the week. Some of us "put on a light coat of sweat" by putting rocks and gravel down on the property's driveway. While we weren't working at the orphanage we attended a local church, visited several families, and brought several boxes of school supplies to a local school. The teachers gave the kids an extended recess so we could break in the soccer balls that we brought.

Though we went there to serve, we came away from the experience feeling as though we were the ones being ministered to. From the warm welcome we received at the church, to the terrific food we were served by the FSM team, and the appreciation from the people we met while we were down there is difficult to describe. "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." (Luke 6:38)

For more information about Faithful Servant Missions:

<http://www.faithfulservantmissions.org/>

For more information about Beach UMC:

<http://www.beachunitedmethodist.com/>

About Brian: He served in the Army and recently joined Post 129. He has worked in Jacksonville since 2004, moved to Jacksonville Beach in November, 2009, and attends Beach United Methodist Church.

FRIENDS

by Susan Ness Gregory

Friends: The people near and dear to you other than family.

Friends: True friends are people that will do anything in their power for the other.

Friends: Someone you can confide in, laugh with, and have unconditional trust with.

Friends: Never take each other for granted because someday that friend may be ill or worse.

"Friends can make America Beautiful"

A friend of an ill friend

Just For Fun

by Jack Gregory

Recipe for the Month

Homemade Mayonnaise

2 egg yolks

3/4 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon powdered mustard

1/8 teaspoon sugar

4 to 5 teaspoons lemon juice or white vinegar

1-1/2 cups olive oil or salad oil

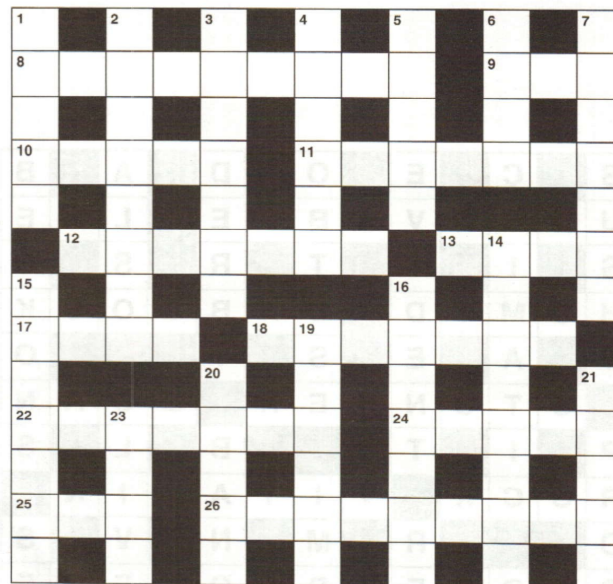
4 teaspoons hot water

In a small bowl, beat all ingredients, except oil

until thick and pale yellow. Add oil a little at a time

beating vigorously. Beat in 1 more teaspoon lemon juice.

No 3



Across

- 8 - Unappealing (9)
- 9 - Downwind side (3)
- 10 - Moist (5)
- 11 - Remove obstruction (7)
- 12 - Smasher (7)
- 13 - Brought forth (4)
- 17 - Shake (4)
- 18 - Organic nutrient (7)
- 22 - Block passage through (5,2)
- 24 - Line of people (5)
- 25 - Realize (3)
- 26 - Baffling stories (9)

Down

- 1 - Japanese fish dish (5)
- 2 - Relating to weather (8)
- 3 - Plain (7)
- 4 - Dull (6)
- 5 - Famous horserace (5)
- 6 - Too (4)
- 7 - Calls (7)
- 14 - Monounsaturated fat (5,3)
- 15 - Procedure (7)
- 16 - Dinner party; feast (7)
- 19 - Obligate (6)
- 20 - Smear (anag) (5)
- 21 - General awareness (5)
- 23 - Unwrap (4)

The American Legion

1151 S. Fourth St.
Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250

**POST
129**

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Jacksonville, FL
Permit No. 3394

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+

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 Kalasdan (8/11)
Thomas & Townsend (2/11)
John & Sandy Seroyer 4/11)
In memory of USS Stark (5/12)
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)

Charlie Parker (8/12)

Bronze Level, \$10

Caroline Whelpley (5/11)
Ed Zazzarino (10/11)
Frank Brown (7/12)
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 (8/11)
In memory of George Rivers (5/11)
In memory of Skip Hilliker (10/12)
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 & Pattie Kapeghian (5/12)

G. Collins (7/12)
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 (4/15)
Richard & Katy (5/12)
Robert Gomez (1/16)

Robert Schmidt (5/11)
Roy L. & Martha Lewis (4/11)
Russell & Mary Lou Jones (9/11)
Shorty Heiman (11/11)
Towney Kennard (11/11)

Colette & Charlie Sellers 7/12

Jim Smith (8-11)

