

American Legion Post 129

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September 2012

Upcoming Events

- **September 3**
11:00 Legion Crawl
BBQ to follow
- **September 5**
7:00 House Committee and SAL meeting
- **September 6**
7:00 E-Board & Auxiliary meeting
7:30 General meeting
- **September 13**
7:00 Cabane & 40 & 8 meeting
- **September 15**
10:00 Legion Rider meeting
1:00 Post 88 USO cookout
3:00—5:00 Fundraiser, Pampered Chef Party

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Commander's Corner by Jerry Brandt

We will hold our annual Croaker Tournament on October 12th and 13th. 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.

Softball Season starts again. If you want to play softball please see Mike Barker Jr. He will be the coach and we need men and women (over 18 years of age) to play. Come out and play. A sign-up sheet is now available and the first game will on September 9th.

As you know, we are working on several projects in the Post. The 10 Ton Air conditioner in the lounge is the first of several we are attempting. The back hall currently has one and when it is on you can feel a breeze to the back of the room. This is an ex-

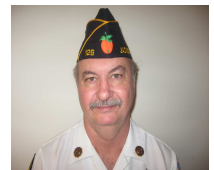
pensive project and we are not a rich Post. A donation of \$100.00 will add your name to the plaque we will be adding to the front of the system. We still have a long way to go to gather the funds together for this new unit. Thank you for your donations. We have received many donations. (all appreciated) but we still need a lot more. We are waiting for the final bid and then we can bring this up thru the committees and E-board for the decision on which bid to take and then we will have a goal to shoot for.

One of the things that is noticed within the Post is that we lost sight that this Post is our home. Doors are left open, lights left on, items are left in

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and
Country*



Jacksonville Author Whittington Publishes Second Book, *Doppelganged*

-Book signings planned for the sequel to his first book, *Second Strike* -

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.
(Aug. 13, 2012)

Jacksonville Beach resident Ron P. Whittington has published his second book, *Doppelganged*, a sequel that follows the exploits of businessman-turned-spy Parker Glynn.

Whittington's first book signings will be held at the following locations:

Noon to 4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 3 at the American Legion Post 129, 1151 4th St. South in Jacksonville Beach (with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the legion's building fund).

5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5 at Chamblin's Uptown Café, 215 Laura St. downtown (during ArtWalk)

In *Doppelganged*, scientist Dr. Rishikesh Singh and his wife survive a plane crash in India and the injured doctor becomes a recluse, while their company and foundation take a strange turn from neurological research into the realm of virtual entertainment. Homeland Security (continued on page 3)

Auxiliary News

by Cindy Jordan, Auxiliary President



Hope that all of you had a restful summer, albeit warmer than we would have liked, wetter than the past, but welcomed except for mosquitoes and soggy lawns. We are on the way to a busy, busy fall and we are looking forward to all of you joining us.



Wanda will be preparing the Auxiliary Dinner in September. Please think about a time that you may be able to plan a dinner in the months to come.

As you may have seen in The Beaches Leader and in the Shorelines section of the Times-Union, our Post has really been busy in our service to our Veterans and their well-being. The Stand

Down for Homeless Veterans was a huge success for our District and our Post. Our Post is involved with the K-9 for Warriors Project. If any of you are interested in participating in that Project, please get with Marsha Clifton. This project is always in need of volunteers and supplies.

October is going to be BIG for us. Come to the September meeting to hear our thoughts and plans. We will definitely need your support to get these events to gel and be successful. Hint: Think Orange and Blue, Red and Black, and Halloween costumes. Think Variety Shows!

Pennies from Heaven: Beth

Pinkham made a terrific presentation at our last meeting for The Auxiliary Emergency Fund. This is the 43rd year of this Program and a challenge has gone out to have each Auxiliary donate 43 cents per member toward that fund. Pat Cornell started the challenge with pennies for 100 members. We currently have 356 members on the role so we could possibly bring \$153.08 into the mix. Count your pennies and let's see how many members we can account for at our September meeting. Let's exceed that amount.

Patty R. and Ski are in the process of crocheting lap rugs for Veterans and two quilts for fund raisers. If anyone has yarn to donate, please bring to the (continued on page 6)

S.A.L News

by JD Kapeghian



S.A.L. would like to extend our condolences to Don Grzena and family, to let them know they are in our thoughts and prayers. By the time this news letter comes out, we will only have a couple of days before the Crawl. If you would like to participate, we still have a couple of extra shirts available for you to purchase. On Friday, the 7th of September, the SAL dinner will be chicken alfredo

over egg noodles with mixed vegetables, garlic bread and desert from 5:30 til...On Monday the 10th they're back! Its oyster night once again! Come join us and have them raw or steamed. Then Monday, the 17th, S.A.L. will be doing the dinner. The menu is pending. VOLUNTEERS are NEEDED! If S.A.L. or the Legion had a volunteer of the month or of the year it would be Richard Jordan. He is

overwhelmed me with all his enthusiasm and helping whoever needs it, whether its S.A.L., The Legion, The auxiliary, The Legion Riders and of course the breakfast crew. If everyone did as much as he did, think how great this post would be! Please step it up!

Thank you, and good night.

Officers for 2012—2013

Commander.Jerry Brandt
1st Vice.....Don Grzena
2nd Vice.....Terry Stickles
3rd Vice.....Brian Hancher
4th Vice.....Keith Helton
SAA.....Richard Farrer
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Judge Advocate.....Bob Wilson
Finance.....Bob Schlatter
Chaplain.....Robert Schmitt
Service Officer.....Lena Null Wood

<i>E-Board Members</i>	<i>House Committee</i>
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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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. This month's volunteer (s) are JD and Richard Jordan, for volunteering. They deserve the honors.

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 loved 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.

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.

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 7:30pm. 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 loved one in the Military.

It has been requested that we list the upcoming projects we have at the Post.

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.
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.

If you can assist in any of these

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American Legion Riders by Kathy Jewell



Hi everyone! We would like to welcome Barbara Martin and Richard Reyman as new members. Remember to introduce yourself if you see them. We had some discussion at our past meeting that would require a change in our by-laws. We must have as many ALR officers and members as possible present at our next meeting on Sept. 15th at 10am, to vote on this issue. We have a lot going on this month! Our first bike night is coming

up on Sept. 1st, from 6-10 pm. We hope to have a big crowd and lots of fun. This will be the 1st Sat. of each month. Everyone is welcome. Also, ALR dinner is the 2nd Friday of each month and ALR wings the 4th Monday of each month. Please, if you can cook get it touch with Richard Jordan or Richard Hurst. We also need volunteers to serve, take money, wash dishes etc. so let them know

ahead that you will help. It's a little work but we have a lot of fun and do some good for our Chapter and community.

We have t-shirts and tanks for sale so see our Quartermaster, Beth Pinkham to purchase. You do not have to be an ALR member to wear one.

Ride safe!!

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assigns Glynn to pose as an investor, infiltrate the Singh Foundation and determine if the doctor is still mentally competent or if a doppelgänger – a double – has taken his place.

The mystery evolves into a cross-country adventure that brings Glynn face-to-face with a cunning and tortured adversary – and a sinister plan aimed at America that will impact the entire world. Published by Lightning Source,

Doppelgänger is available by customer request at all major book stores (\$14.95) and as an e-book (\$3.99) through all major on-line book distributors. Both versions are available at the author's website, www.rpwittington.com, along with free downloadable sample chapters.

Doppelgänger is the sequel to *Second Strike*, published in 2010, in which character Parker Glynn foils a second

terror assault aimed at northeast Florida during Florida-Georgia weekend in the weeks after the 9/11 attack.

Whittington started his career as a journalist with CNN Radio and the Dallas-Fort Worth Business Journal before going into the public relations profession. Over the last 20 years, he has also worked as a ghostwriter on two national best-selling books and (continued on page 7)

Canteen Update

by Brandi Roberts



Hello from your Canteen Staff,

Please join us this Labor Day for a day full of fun! We will be holding our first Annual Legion Crawl with our transportation provided by the 40&8 train, Big Toot! We will meet here at the Post at 11am and hit a few fun local bars at the beach. Then we will return to the Post for the Labor Day BBQ and music by Pat Rose. This will be an event you will not want to miss. Please sign up at the Post if you would like to join us. Cost to participate is \$20, this includes a T shirt and your ticket to ride. Profits made will be donated to the AC fund. Believe it or not Football season is

here! 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 Sundays during football season please let Brandi know if you can help. Please note that 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 always 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 email. If you would like to be added to the list please email me at 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.

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Ask Ethel....

Dear Ethel: I read that a political analyst has decided some politicians are said to be Far Left because they're so far from being right. What do you think?---Pol Doll

Dear Doll: That could be right. If so, maybe they'll be left out on election day.

Dear Ethel: As we approach the fall of the year, I'm reminded of this truism voiced by a beach teacher: Old suntans never die; they just fade away. Comment?---Beach Bleacher

Dear Bleacher: As Frank Sinatra might have crooned, "We've still got it under our skin." It's good to give our epidermis a rest.

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,
Congratulations to our newest member, Margaret Hardy! Margaret was initiated at our last rendezvous. Dames have voted to go to Bonefish Grill for our dinner night out in September. We will be meeting at Bonefish on September 12th at 6:00 p.m. That is a Wed. instead of our usual Thursday night so we can partake of

the specials that night. Please come and meet our newest member, Margaret! Please email back to me if you intend to be there. razzi-yq2@comcast.net

I hope to see all of you on Wed. the 12th.

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



The uniforms made in China for the U.S. Olympic team have been criticized by some Americans. The hat, a beret, came in for some especially negative comments. To me, this is kind of hard to understand, since our Green Beret soldiers and other service members who wear such headgear are so admired and respected.

Then too, some of the clothing issued to our armed forces hasn't always escaped verbal zings and arrows and, in fact, ridicule. The World War II U.S. Navy outfits seem a good example. In boot camp, our company was photographed in uniform, including the white sailor cap. At that point, we had not yet begun to press down the

sides of the circular brim to create a "salty" appearance (resembling two white "wings"). When the picture came out, the complaint was heard that we looked like a bunch of cooks (kooky cooks, that is).

Of course, the dress-blue, bell-bottom trousers were frustrating and uniformly laughed at. The large, square, button-up, front flap was a problem when nature called urgently, particularly after quaffing several beers. Unfastening all those buttons made you almost wanna call "man overboard!"

In light of those memories, our Olympic garb from China is sort of dapper.

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items, please see any officers. If you wish 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 needs some loving care to keep it up. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Trival...American Legion. The Oldest Congressional Charter for a Veterans organization in the World was chartered in 1919. Harry W. Colmery, an American Legion member, wrote the original GI Bill in 1944.

Pampered Chef Party ...Fun & Fund Raiser

Saturday September 15th from 3pm to 5pm at Post 129.

Host benefits will go toward Pampered Chef items to be raffled at future events to benefit the Air Conditioning Fund.

Learn & sample a new recipe at our Pampered chef party.

Host: Carla Quimby
Consultant: Chris Starks

If you cannot attend you may order online: www.Pamperedchef.biz/chrisstarks. Enter Carla Quimby as host.

Bring family and friends. Let's make this as successful as the Tastefully

Simple Party was. Show your support for Post 129. There will be a sign-up sheet at the bar or you can rsvp to Carla Quimby at 904-635-4923.

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, and read or print a copy.

Check the booster list to see if your name should be listed. If you have paid and your name is not on the booster list let Bob Schlatter know. He will then get the info to me. Check out the new "Business Booster List". It's an inexpensive way to get your name and business out to members of American Legion Post 129. We need your help.

If you know an individual that is eligible to join our post and is not currently a Legion member invite him/her to the post for a Friday night dinner....sign them up.



sterling1960@att.net or 294-4234

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Post. Patty showed us her almost finished project of a beautiful American Flag quilt at the last meeting. How impressive.

Mary Ellen and Marie with personal contributions and proceeds from the Christmas in July cake walk put together and delivered backpacks with school supplies to the USO for military dependents. This is a program that they have been supporting for years and is also a part of our District mission.

Please remember the special events

that the Post is putting on to continue to raise funds for our air conditioning unit. Support all Units within this post as they have supported us. Your continued volunteer hours and ideas are so welcome. Thank you all.

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

Bike Night



Bike Night at Post 129
First Saturday of the Month
 (Beginning Sept. 1, 2012)
6-10 p.m.

Ride out to the beach and join us!

Bike Night Food Special \$5 (menu varies)
 Entertainment by Island Daddy Karaoke
 Guests Welcome!



Ocean Beaches American Legion Post 129
 1151 South Fourth Street, Jacksonville Beach, Florida

Stand Down for Homeless Veterans

(Post 129, 88, 54 & 283 represented) See Auxiliary News, page 2



Membership..... by Jerry Brandt

You may have seen the new American Legion Post 129 Business Cards and Brochures. The ideal 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 its list a small number is programs we supported last year and this year. You would be surprise of the number of programs.

We are also thinking of combining the Department Membership Awards and adding several Post Awards.

The Idea below is being considered.

1. First New Member, a Letter of Appreciation

2. 5 New Member, a Free Meal on a Legion Night

3. 10 New Member, your name on Post 129 Banner we will use at the end of the Year

4. 13 New Members, a Lucky 13 Award from National

5. 25 New Members, Silver Brigade

6. 50 New Members, Gold Brigade

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

Murphy's Law of Combat (continued from last month)

8. Never draw fire, it irritates everyone around you.
9. If the enemy is in range, so are you.
10. Tracers work both ways.
11. Military Intelligence is a contradiction.
12. The Cavalry doesn't always come to the rescue.
13. The one item you need is always in short supply.

40 & 8 by Jimmy Mayer

Well Voitures we have another year upon us. A reminder- Please get your dues in. We White colored another new voiture, in last Promenade (Randy Whis-men). New Officers have been installed, come to the next Promenade and I will introduce you to them. Special thanks to John Burrows for the chicken dinner he put on for us 31 August 2012 and to the Dames for running the steak bingo. See you at the next Promenade 13 September 2012.

Jimmy Mayer

Canteen update (continued from page 4)

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!

Jacksonville Author (continued from page 3)

his freelance writing has appeared in national publications including Texas Business, Texas Monthly, Water's Edge, Jacksonville Magazine, Beson Publications, and The Florida Times-Union.

Whittington is a native of Atlanta, a "proud 10 year Texan" and currently resides in Jacksonville Beach, Florida.

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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)

Gold Level, \$50

Chuck & Sue Nist (4/13)
J.J. & Helen (3/13)
James M. Denholm (1/13)

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)
G. 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)
Charlie Parker (8/12)

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)