

# American Legion Post 129

August 2014

## Upcoming Events

- **Aug. 2**  
5:30-10 p.m. ALR Bike Night
- **Aug. 7**  
6:00 p.m. Planning Board  
6:30 p.m. E-Board  
7:00 p.m. Auxiliary meeting  
7:30 General meeting
- **Aug. 14**  
7:00 p.m. 40&8 and Cabane
- **Aug. 16**  
10:00 a.m. ALR meeting
- **Aug. 28**  
6:00 p.m. S.A.L. meeting
- **Aug. 30**  
SAL and ALR End of Summer Bash

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## Commander's Corner by Danny Rodriguez

Well family, the first month has come and gone. We have had some fun and started work on the plans for the year. We have some of the machines back, which has made some of the members happy.

Again I am asking that members renew early. We are currently at 2%, but we have a lot of renewals to send in.

I appreciate the fact that members are bringing in new members. This is great, but I want to ask if you know someone that has not renewed in the past, please find out what we can do to bring them back.

We have a Certified Service Officer now, so if you need the help with the VA, please contact him. His name is Ken.

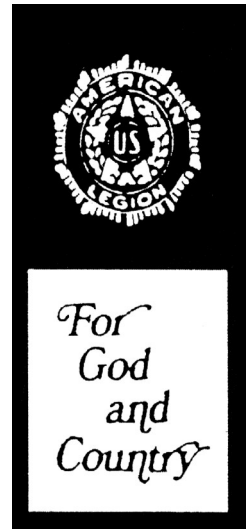
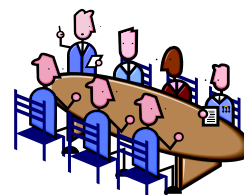
Again, I am asking for our members' help. The Croker Tournament s fast approaching, and I have a problem. I do not have a chairman nor a staff to do it. I need help getting it rolling. We are late in getting things started. I have the information, but I do not have the time to get prizes and donations. Remember, this helps pay for Boy's State. If you can help, please get with me.

We need some clean up done around the post. Please help if you can. The exit area needs to be cleaned up and the sign

to be cleaned up, and the sign needs repainting. We also need some touch up on the sides of the building. And, as usual, we need people to help cook, set-up, serve and clean up afterwards. You don't have to do it all. Just an hour or two is great. Please remember to keep track of your time. I will be making a slip that will be kept on the office door so you can fill it out and we can keep track of it. These hours are reported to National at the end of the year, and this what National uses to help leverage Congress to help keep the Veterans from losing benefits.

We had our blood drive. We collected 7 pints. This was a good start. Keep an eye out for the next drive.

One last thing I would like to say is that we need members to attend the meetings. Remember if you don't like a decision that we made, and you did not show up at the meeting, you can only blame yourself. I know I expect my officers to show up, and I would like to see more members as well.



# Auxiliary News by Kelly Bush



We held our annual Christmas in July Auxiliary dinner on Friday, July 11. We had a great holiday meal and many wonderful silent auction baskets. Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers that donated items for the meal and baskets; we couldn't have done it without such great support. Also, thank you to all who bid on and won the many surprising baskets, and everyone that volunteered that evening to make it a huge success!

**Our general meeting will be held on Thursday, Aug. 7, at 7 p.m.** We will have our sign-up sheet for monthly dinners up in the room for our members to pick a month to prepare the dinner. We need support from our members that can't attend

the meeting too; so please peak in the Auxiliary room at the bulletin board and consider helping out.

Also, don't forget to count those volunteer hours; we will place hour slips and a basket on the podium so you can fill them out before you forget all of the wonderful things that you do for our Post.

We hope to sponsor Project Orion to fund a service dog and training for a vet with PTSD very soon.

We will be collecting items for our Homeless Veterans to be distributed at the Jacksonville Stand Down on Sept. 19-20. We will have a list of suggested items out very soon.

We have our 5th District School of Instruction on Saturday, Sept. 6, 8:30-1 at Post 88. Come and learn about the wonderful programs of our Auxiliary and consider serving your local unit as a Chairperson.

We have our monthly Auxiliary dinner and steak bingo on Friday, Aug. 8. We need you!

Yours in service,

Kelly Bush,  
ALA Unit 129 President

# S.A.L. News by J.D. Kapeghian



The S.A.L. would like to thank everyone that donated and purchased hats. All the money raised will be going to Wolfson Children's Hospital to purchase Teddy bears for the kids.

Please be sure to see one of the officers or the bartender to renew your 2015 memberships. On **Friday, Aug. 15th**, the S.A.L. will be serving seared 2" thick pork chops, au gratin potatoes, apple sauce, green beans and dessert, starting at 5:30 p.m. Come out and support us!

We are trying very hard to get our beloved train fixed in hopes of having a Labor Day crawl. If not, we will use the trolley again. Please be on the look out for the sign-up sheet. If there is a big enough response, we will be able to order t-shirts.

I would like to welcome our newest member, Sterling John Phaklides to the S.A.L. We're glad to have him.

As always, volunteers are needed and welcome. So are your thoughts and ideas.

The S.A.L. will have their meeting on **Thursday, Aug. 28th at 6pm.**

Thank you and good night.

## Officers for 2014—2015

Commander.....Danny Rodriguez  
1st Vice.....Tommy Williams  
2nd Vice.....Terry Stickles  
3rd Vice.....Jerry Brandt  
4th Vice.....Joe Michaels  
Sgt at Arms.....Anna Rogers  
Finance.....Bob Schlatter  
Chaplain.....Brian Hancher

<i>E-Board Members</i>	<i>House Committee</i>
Cathy Berry	Dwight Deyo
Lee Fair	Rich Hansberg
Deborah Left	Kathy Jewell
Dennis McDowell	Dale Peterson
Chuck Nist	Rich Reyman
	Bill Wilson
	Jim Winelnad

*Auxiliary President*  
Kelly Bush  
*Commander-S.A.L.*  
J.D. Kapeghian  
*Director-Legion Riders*  
Jim Wineland  
*Chef De Gare 40 & 8*  
D.R. Richards  
*La Presidente, Cabane 215*  
Louise Bagdasarian

## American Legion Riders by Jim Wineland

The first meeting with our newly officers was held Saturday, July 19. One of the first things on the agenda was to recognize Lee Fair for his efforts during his term. Thank you, Lee, for keeping the ball rolling, and for all of your efforts over the last year. Don't think for one minute you can now sit back and take it easy. We'll be calling on you from time to time just to make sure we keep you busy. Thanks again!

I want to share a phone call that I received that should make us feel pretty good about ALR 129. Gary Lester, Chairman of the 5<sup>th</sup> District ALR, asked if he could have his first district meeting at Post 129. Of course I said, "you bet cha"! (Gary is from Wisconsin, and I wanted to make sure he would understand the answer.)

At 7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 5, we will host the 5<sup>th</sup> District's workshop for all ALR Directors. Congratulations Post 129!

This says a lot about our post and all the people in it. I keep saying this, but the send off for the Legacy Run hasn't been forgotten. People are still talking about it. For example, while participating in the Five Star Poker Run on Saturday, July 12, the first thing the Director from 88 said while we were stuck under the 210 bridge waiting for the rain to stop is, "Let's go to 129, we always have fun there." It's the people!

Please come out and support Bike Night on Saturday, Aug. 2. It will be our last bike night with the virtual shooting range.

I will keep everyone posted on what is going on with the ALR again next month.

Ride Safe!

### Legion Riders Officers - 2014-2015

Director—Jim Wineland  
 Assistant Director—Deborah Left  
 Secretary—Bill Wilson  
 Treasurer—Bob Schlatter  
 Chaplain—Kathy Jewell  
 Road Captain—Bobby Greer  
 Safety Officer—Rich Reyman  
 Sgt. At Arms—Chuck Nist  
 Assist. Sgt. At Arms—Jerry Delisle  
 Membership—Wanda Brandt  
 Historian—Nicole Neal



## Softball League

We are looking for members who would like to play softball in the upcoming season. The season will start in the September/October time frame, and we will be facing other Softball teams fielded by other Legion Posts. The softball games are held on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m.

You may not realize it, but American Legion Post 129 revitalize the Softball League for the 5<sup>th</sup> District, however we are having a hard time fielding a team. If interest-

## "The Queen of Diamonds"

We now have a new type of raffle, "The Queen of Diamonds" will be played every Saturday at 7pm.

Information about the "Queen of Diamonds" will be posted in the Legion.

# Canteen Update

by Brandi Roberts



Can you believe the summer is almost over? I don't know about you, but I'm ready for the cooler weather! Until it comes though, remember Post 129 is your place to cool off!

This month we have great bands that you know and love on Friday nights as well as a new band, Beau and the Burners, on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to stop by and let me know what you think! Also be sure to join us on Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup> for our end-of-summer bash! More details to come.

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 send an email to Brandi at [brandi-roberts@att.net](mailto:brandi-roberts@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!

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!

## Dear Ethel....



**Dear Ethel:** We have a bunch of individuals in my office who are otherwise good producers when at work but take three-hour lunch breaks. What can be done? — **Supermiser**

**Dear Super:** I'd dock the whole brunch.

**Dear Ethel:** I hear the newest thing in women's hairdos is men. Agree? — **Hairdon't**

**Dear Hairdon't:** Yep, but I haven't seen very many guys with girl's curls.



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)

## Wall of Honor

We are attempting to start a new tradition at American Legion Post 129. We would like to place pictures of all ACTIVE DUTY Personnel, in Uniform, on our wall.

Please give a picture of your service person to the Commander Danny Rodriguez or Jerry Brandt.

## 9 Hole Golf (Sat)

On Saturdays in July we continued to have fun hitting the little white ball. Give me a call (Sterling) at 294-4234 or e-mail me at [sterling1960@comcast.net](mailto:sterling1960@comcast.net). I send out an e-mail every Tuesday to find out who will be playing the following Saturday. Individuals that are going to play need to let me know so that I can schedule the proper number of t-times. First t-time is around 11:15am. We have room for 20 golfers each week. Have some fun, join us.

## Pass the Trash

Come out Sunday nights at 6 p.m. and have some fun playing "Pass the Trash".



## Legion Lore

by Jack Hardebeck



With crowds of illegal immigrants streaming into the U.S. from Central America, there have been calls for stationing our federal troops or the National Guard on our southern border to stop the flooding. Other nations have used their armed forces for what could be considered civilian work.

For instance, on a tour of Guatemala some years ago, I and my late wife saw soldiers guarding our hotel night and day. During a trip to Israel, we witnessed armed and uniformed troopers acting as vigilant customs agents at an Israeli entry depot. There are certainly other examples, but my point is that we should use the people who are already trained for effective guard duty. After all, we're going to pay them anyway, and if they're discharged, these folks will be looking for scarce jobs or drawing unemployment benefits.

Believe it or not, at my Navy World War II boot camp, we stood watch at clotheslines. I reckon some recruits were dumb enough to steal somebody's clean skivvies even though the owner's name was stenciled on them!



## Thank You.....

Mary Ellen says "Thanks to all who participated in the silent auction. Our 'building and bidding project' turned out great!

We at Post 129 are awesome!

## Cabane News

by Louise Bagdasarian

Our installation in July went well, and the Voyageurs provided dinner for everyone. Thank you Voyageurs, it was very tasty!! Our August rendezvous is August 14th. Now a new year begins. August 29th, the Voyageurs will be providing dinner, and we will be doing steak bingo, and will have a cake walk that evening, as well.

Come and have fun with us and bring your appetite for all the delectable cakes tempting your taste buds. The cake walk will immediately follow steak bingo for your pleasure.

Come on down!!!!

Faithfully yours,  
Louise Bagdasarian  
La Presidente

## Editor's Comments

by Sue Nist

The July newsletter made it out and was "relatively" painless for my first time around. I had no idea all the processes in place to get the newsletter published, printed and mailed!

I did get some feedback as to names that were not mentioned in a particular article...

Please remember that the newsletter is only as good as the information given to me.

If there is something you'd like to see in the newsletter, let me know, and I will talk to Commander Rodriguez about adding the information in upcoming issues.

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**Diamond Level, \$100+**

Bob Schlatter (11/14)  
In memory of F. Joe Cornell (10/14)  
In memory of George A. Campbell (1/15)  
In memory of James M. Chilton (1/15)  
In memory of Arlene G. Chilton (1/15)

**Platinum Level, \$100**

In memory of Cindy Burroughs (7/14)  
Vince Rogers (1/14)

**Gold Level, \$50**

Chuck & Sue Nist (4/14)  
James M. Denholm (1/14)  
Charlie Parker (9/14)  
Bill Garrett (6/14)  
Sally & Pearse Doherty (8/14)  
Rush K Abry (2/14)

**Silver Level, \$25**

In memory of Brad & Gerry Terrell (12/14)  
Sterling & Linda Phaklides (6/14)  
In memory of Kim White (10/14)  
Nicholas Patrizio (10/14)  
P-Nut & Liz Wilson (11/14)  
C.M. Walker (10/14)  
Jack & Ethel (2/15)

Nick Patrizio (10/14)  
Louise Taylor Braren (2/15)  
In memory of Jim Forbess 11/14  
In memory of Donald Forbess (11/14)  
Franklin Friers (3/15)

**Bronze Level, \$10**

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

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This  
Booster  
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Up  
Again