

American Legion Post 129

January/February 2018

Upcoming Meetings/ Events

- **Planning Board at 6 pm**
Jan. 3 and Jan. 31, Feb. 28
- **House Comm. at 7 p.m.**
Jan. 3 and Jan. 31, Feb. 28
- **E-Board at 6:30 p.m.**
Jan. 4 and Feb. 1
- **Auxiliary at 7 p.m.**
Jan. 4 and Feb. 1
- **General Mtg at 7 p.m.**
Jan. 4 and Feb. 1
- **Cabane at 7 p.m.**
Jan. 10 and Feb. 8
- **ALR at 9 a.m.**
Jan. 6 and Feb. 3
- **SAL at 6 p.m.**
Jan. 4 and Feb. 1
- **40 & 8 at 7 p.m.**
Jan. 10 and Feb. 8
- **Super Bowl Party**
Feb. 4
- **Casino Night**
Feb. 10 — 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- **Valentine's Day**
Surf and Turf Dinner

Commander's Corner by Joe Maichle

Greetings Legionnaires and Family Members:

First I would like to wish everyone a belated Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from my family to yours. I hope Santa brought everyone what they wanted for Christmas, and I know that some got what they didn't want. We have had another couple of busy months at the post.

On November 10th, the post celebrated the Marine Corp Birthday (HOORAH) and on November 11th we celebrated Veterans Day.

Thanks to 2nd Vice Commander Terry Stickles and his crew who provided over 100 Thanksgiving dinners at the Post. On November 25th, the post hosted the Commander dinner. The turn out was great, and the Department Commander enjoyed his visit. I presented the Commander with a check for \$1000 for the Vet Relief Fund.

During the General Membership meeting in December, Candace Mabry, President of the AUXILIARY, John Caputa, Commander of the SAL Squadron, and I presented two families with checks to help them with their loss during the hurricane. These were monies that were raised during our hurricane relief fund day in September. Thanks to John Caputa for working to find these families in need.

On December 10 the Post hosted the 5th District meeting and provided food. On December 17, the Post held the annual KIDS Christmas Party. A big thank you to the Auxiliary, they did a great job. On December 24th, the Post held its annual Christmas Party. On December 31st, a New Year's Party.

Our membership is at 78.97% as of 12/21/2017, and SAL membership is at 51.1% as of the same date. Don't forget — as of January 1st, membership cards are expired. The bar staff will be checking membership cards starting on that day. If you haven't renewed, PLEASE see the bar tender or 1st Vice Commander Jim Wineland, Adjutant Ernie Florig or myself to renew.

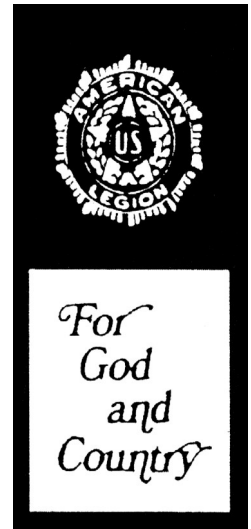
Upcoming events:
January 13th is our annual Chili Cook off, along with a blood drive. If you can please come by the Post and donate.

- February 3 — Boys State Interviews
- February 4 — Four Chaplin's Ceremony and SUPER BOWL PARTY
- February 10 — Casino Night, sponsored by the Legion Riders
- February 14th — Terry's Surf and Turf Dinner.

I would like to welcome the following new members: John Pierncik, John Marshall, and Karla C Mays Marshall. Also welcome to the following transfers: Lawrence Kozloski, Thomas Paine, Kirk Harmon, Ben Reece, Randell, Slost, Reece Thomas, Gordon Holder, Thomas Stone, Frank Manley, Richard Lizotte. Welcome to Post 129 one and all.

For God and Country,

Joe Maichle
Commander



Newsletter items should be emailed to Sue Nist at susan.nist@gmail.com

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Auxiliary News by Candace Mabry



Hoping everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. What a better way to ring in the New Year than spending it at the Post and having a wonderful time. Our Luau was great success with great food by Terry and Millie. Thanks to all the volunteers that pulled this off from the kitchen to the decorations, gift gathering, raffle ticket selling, and to everyone that came out and supported your Auxiliary.

Speaking of yearly event, it is time ladies to renew your membership. As of December 22nd your Unit was only at 50%. Our goal this year is 333 members and we have only 175 that have renewed. Remember after December 31st if you are coming to the Post you must show your membership card for 2018 for access. I would like to welcome all our new members and transfers. Welcome, welcome and hope to see you at our next meeting which is the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

We had another successful Children's Christmas Party. Thanks Erin for all you do and each year I feel it gets better and better. Thanks John Burroughs for your generous gift to the kids. Thanks also to all that helped Erin get this party done and especially the visit from Santa!

Thanks to everyone that donated monies to the Ronald McDonald house to purchase gas cards and international calling cards. We will give you a total that was donated on the next newsletter.

Your Unit is working to have a fashion show in February for members to get to know each other and have some fun at the same time. We are hoping to partner with Steinmart. More information to follow.

None of this work can be done without our volunteers and I came across this poem:

*Many will be shocked to find, when the day of judgment nears,
That there's a special place in Heaven,
set aside for volunteers.
Furnished with big recliners, satin couches and footstools,
Where there are no committee chairmen,
no yard sales or rest area coffee to serve,
No library duty or bulletin assembly,
there will be nothing to print or staple,
Not one thing to fold or mail, telephone lists will be outlawed.
But a finger snap will bring cool drinks and gourmet dinners and rare treats fit for a king.*

*You ask, "Who'll serve these privileged and work for all they're worth?"
Why, all those who reaped the benefits, and not once volunteered on Earth.*

Just saying, let's not wait for the day of judgment and just do one thing that will help a Veteran, Active Duty, a Child, or our Community to make it a better place.

For God and Country,

Candace Mabry



Cabane

The Dames and Voyagers enjoyed a wonderful Christmas celebration at Whickey Jax. There were 22 in attendance and the service and food were excellent.

The Dames served a spaghetti dinner on December 29th. Steak Bingo was enjoyed by all as usual.

The January Rendezvous will be on Wednesday, January 10th, instead of Thursday. Several of the Dames will be attending Mid-Winter in Melbourne.

In closing thank you for all you do to support Cabane 215.

La Presidente
Vicki Gordon-Haft

40 and 8

The Promenade for the 40 & 8 will be on Wednesday the 10th of January at 7 pm; due to the Grand Du Florida Petite Promenade/ Winter Cheminot on Jan. 11-14, 2018. The February Promenade is Thursday February 8th at 7 pm.

Annual membership dues are \$26 the extra dollars pays for the Voyageur Briefs News Letter. If you are not receiving the "Briefs," contact me at mikejin777@aol.com

Regards,
Michael Kocijan
Chef de Train



Legion News

by Jim Wineland

Fellow Legionnaires:

We achieved our first membership goals, but missed the one on December 7th. We should have been at 80%, but sadly ended up at 74%. We need to get our membership nailed down. I will make myself available, so with your cooperation we can close the door on the 2018 membership drive. Thank you for cooperation.

Jim Wineland
1st. Vice Commander



Happy New Year!



Officers for 2017 — 2018

Commander.....Joe Maichle
1st Vice.....Jim Wineland
2nd Vice.....Terry Stickles
3rd Vice.....Pat Fowler
4th Vice.....Rick Miller
Sgt at Arms.....Mike Liner
Finance.....Bob Schlatter
Chaplain.....Brian Hancher
Adjutant.....Ernie Florig *
Judge Advocate.....Jeff Durden *
Service Officer.....Danny Rodriguez *

| <i>E-Board Members</i> | <i>House Committee</i> |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| Lee Fair | Jerry Brandt |
| Karl Murphy | John Caputa |
| Chuck Nist | Genell Kriner |
| Fred St. Clair | John Quimby |
| Dave Tarnowski | Bob Schmitt |
| | Lura St. Clair |
| | Bill Wilson |

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John Caputa
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Jim Wineland
Chef De Gare 40 & 8
Mike Kocijan
La Presidente, Cabane 215
Vicki Gordon-Haft

Canteen Update

By Brandi Haught



2018 is here and we already have so much planned! We start the year on January 13th with our annual chili cook off. All entries must be at the post by 3 pm. Once the judges have made their decision the chili will be available for purchase so plan on spending the day with us lots of football, good food, and good friends. On Sunday, January 28th we will have our third annual shut up and drink tour. This year the cost to join is only \$10 because we are not getting shirts made. If you would like to join please sign up on the board as soon as possible so I can get the transportation set up. The tour will be visiting three other American Legion Posts. This is always a great event and I promise one that you do not want to miss.

In February we have our annual Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 4th. This year the SAL is planning the event so I will let them give you all the details. We always have a great time for the game with great food and I am sure this year will be no different so plan on being here. On Saturday, February 10th the ALR is planning a Casino Night to raise funds for their veterans support fund. Casino night's are always a great time and I am sure the ALR will do a fantastic job hosting so mark your calendars. On Wednesday, February 14th Terry will be cooking up a surf and turf meal this will be a meal that you will need to RSVP in advance so plan on doing so in early February.

On Sunday, February 25th we are planning on going to see the new Jacksonville Iceman Hockey team play. We are still working out the details on this one so watch the weekly email for details.

On Sunday, February 18th we will be holding a meet & greet / information session at 4 pm for everyone joining us on the cruise in April. We know some people have questions and we are here to help. There is still time to sign up for the cruise if you care to join. I am sure that this cruise will be a blast! Come out on the 18th and meet everyone else that is joining, get some questions answered, or for the cruise veterans answer some questions for the newbie's.

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 sign up on our website or see Brandi.

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!

American Legion Riders by Jim Wineland



WHAT HAPPENED? When we took another look at the participation in our "Dice Run" last October, we had three people ride the bus, **THREE PEOPLE?** When we started asking people why they didn't take an opportunity to ride and help support the Beaches Lions Club K9 for the blind, their answer kind of set us back. "Oh we thought it was just for the Riders". I apologize for the miss communications, but the Riders are here to support Ocean Beaches Post 129, we are not a separate organization.

In the future, anytime you see a flier with a Rider's Logo on it, it's for everyone at our Post. Having said that, Ocean Beaches Post 129 has scheduled a Casino on the Beaches Night for Feb. 10. Come join the fun. All of the dollars raised will go to our Veteran's Support Fund. Watch for updates as we finalize all of our plans.

Please, all of our Post Family members don't forget about getting your membership renewed. It just takes a couple of

minutes to get it done and you have to be a member in "good standing" to renew your Rider's membership.

Don't forget...Graffiti Junction, our ALR Bike Night on the fourth Thursday of every month from 5 to 9 p.m.. Graffiti has also added a DJ on Bike Night for us. Graffiti Junction will donate 15% of total sales to our fund, which helps support our building upgrades. Come join the fun.

Events:

January 17 – 21, 2nd ALR Summit

February 10 – Ocean Beaches Post 129 presents Casino at the Beaches

Ride Safe,

Jim



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BOOSTER LIST

Diamond Level, \$100+

Bob Schlatter (11/18)
Dieter Arnold (3/19)
In Memory of Al "Sharkey" Wiltshire (2022)
In Memory of Cindy Burroughs (7/18)

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Platinum Level, \$100

Bill Garrett (7/18)

.....
Gold Level, \$50

.....
Silver Level, \$25

In Memory of Kim White (10/18)
Paul "Shorts" Urff (8/19)
Victor & Marlen (11/18)

Bronze Level, \$10

Estelle Mellon (9/17)
Richard & Jo Ann Scoggins (4/19)
Russell & Mary Lou Jones (9/17)
Maddy Chitko (1/19)