

American Legion Post 129

January/February 2019

**Upcoming Meetings/
Events**

- **Planning Board at 6 pm**
Feb. 5
- **House Comm., 6:30 p.m.**
Feb. 5
- **E-Board at 6:30 p.m.**
Feb. 7
- **Auxiliary at 7 p.m.**
Feb. 7
- **General Mtg at 7 p.m.**
Feb. 7
- **ALR at 9 a.m.**
Feb. 2
- **SAL at 6 p.m.**
Feb. 7
- **Cabane at 7 p.m.**
Feb. 14
- **Shut Up & Drink Tour**
Jan. 27
- **Super Bowl Party**
Feb. 3
- **Back Hall Grand Opening**
Feb. 9
- **ALR Casino Night**
Feb. 23

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Commander's Corner by Joe Maichle

Greetings Legionnaires and Family:

Well here we are into a new year. I hope everyone got what they wanted for Christmas. I know that I did because of the friends that we have made at the American Legion I feel are family and every time we come into the Post, you all make me and my family feel welcome and loved. So from me and my family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to the members of Post 129 and their families.

As you can see the new canopy has been installed and in a few months we will have the lettering done. Also, don't forget the grand opening of the back room which will have a new name as of Super Bowl Sunday. The grand opening is scheduled for Saturday, February 9th at 2PM. Everyone is invited as there will be district officers and officers from other posts, along with the Mayor of Jacksonville Beach, present to cut the ribbon.

A big thank you to the Auxiliary and all who helped plan, construct and staff our entry to the Deck the Chairs project at the beach. A special thanks to Mary Ellen who pulled the project together. Candice Mabry, President of the Auxiliary, presented the Legion with a FIRST PLACE Plaque that was awarded to the Auxiliary. GREAT JOB!!!!!!!

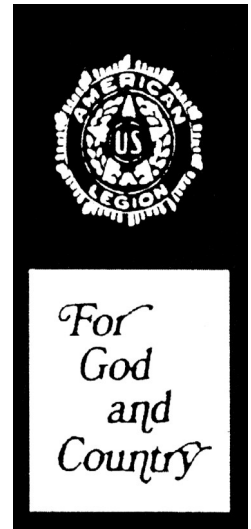
We started off November by attending the Fall Conference in Orlando. During one of the session as Commander, I was presented a plaque by the Department Commander for our contribution to the Child Welfare Foundation. It was an honor to represent Post 129. On November 7th we celebrated the Marine's birthday at the Post. I had the oldest and the youngest Marines present cut the

cake. On November 8th, the Post hosted a craft show.

We celebrated Veterans Day at the Post on November 12th. A big thank you to John Caputo and his crew who served up a BBQ dinner for all present. On November 22nd, 2nd Vice Commander Terry Stickles and his crew served up a Thanksgiving dinner. They served approx. 150 dinners. Thank you Terry and your crew.

On December 7th we celebrated Pearl Harbor Day. I attended a ceremony at the Fleet Reserve and a ceremony at our Post. We also had a visit from the Department Commander Diane Boland and she visited with the post officers for approximately one hour. On December 15th, the Auxiliary hosted a kids Christmas party with approximately 30 kids in attendance. Santa made an appearance and was a big hit as usual.

Membership is at 78%. Our next goal is 80% by January 4, 2019. Don't forget that as of December 31st your membership will expire if you haven't renewed. Contact one of the post officers to renew or one of the bar staff who can help you. After the first of the year both officers and the staff will be checking cards.



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

**2019
HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

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. Thanks to all the volunteers that pulled this off from the kitchen to the decorations, 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 21st your Unit was at 61.83%. Our goal this year is 338 members and we need 129 to renew to reach our goal of 100%. Remember after December 31st if you are coming to the Post you must show your membership card for 2019 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 and parents that attend says it gets better each year and the presents are so thoughtful for each child. Thanks also to Santa – Rob Nicholson and JD for the meal. Thanks John Burroughs for your generous gift to the kids. Thanks also to all that helped Erin get this party done!

December was a blur with everything you Unit took part. We started off with a bang on 12/7 when Department President, Michele DeGennaro visited our Post and came out to Deck the Chairs along with Dee Bell, Membership and Jane Hardacre, Children & Youth. They were so impressed with the chair and how our family came together to build this chair. On December 8th was the District Baby Shower for 40 women of Final Salute. Thanks to the Unit which donated monies to purchase 25 car seats

and thanks to the Legionnaires and Cabane whose generous gift bought 14 infant diapers and \$130 in giftcards. But wait there is more! On December 9th we hosted the District meeting and President Michele truly knows our Unit is All In. Thanks to Elinor Cantrell that joined me that evening as the Family of 129 received 1st place for our chair I'll be Home for Christmas. CAMAN you made us proud. December 14th was our Luau and of course December 15th the Christmas party. We accomplished all this in just 8 days – job well done. Our year is almost coming to end, so let's don't slow down anytime soon. Volunteer hours will be due on February 22nd so start finalizing now.

For God and Country,
Candace Mabry



Commander's Corner (continued)

New Members

Kirk L. Herman	Taylor Coleman
Kim A Benson	Ronald D. Walls
Scott L. Touzzo	Mary J Morgan
Sona J Herland	Douglas s. McPhail
Marion T. Entrekin	

Transfers

Robert H Candler Jr.
Daniel a. Zupa
William H. Reno II
Wendell Lott
Natasha M Facklam
Anderew P DePirro
Marc L. Kurland

Up Coming Events:

Jan. 14-25: Kitchen closed for renovations.!!!!!!
Jan. 27: 4th Annual Shut up and Drink Tour
Jan. 31-Feb. 2: Department of Florida American Legion College
Feb. 2: Drawing for the naming of the front and back hall
Feb. 9: Grand Opening of the back hall
Feb. 3: ALR Casino Night

For God and Country,
Joe Maichle

Cabane

Hello Everyone,

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas time with family and friends and a safe New Year's celebration as we are starting 2019. Merci to everyone who attended our annual Christmas Dinner at Whiskey Jax, The food and the company were great. At this point we want to welcome Mary as a new Dame to Cabane Locale 215. January 4th and 5th is Grande de Florida's Mid-Winter Cheminot, and we have three Dames attending. Hope they will bring some great information back to us to share with our Cabane. We are starting to plan for our annual rummage sale; more on the event will be discussed our next Rendezvous, and I will let everyone know of the outcome. Our next Rendezvous are January 10th and February 14th at 7pm at Post 129. Hope to see you then. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or e-mail me.

For God and Country
Annie Anderson
Presidente Cabane Locale 215

Canteen Update

By Brandi Haught



Happy New Year! It's hard to believe that it is already 2019 but here we are – and an exciting year it will be. We start the year off with our annual chili cook off on Saturday, January 12th. All entries for the cook off must be at the Post no later than 3 pm. After the judges have chosen the winners chili will be available for purchase.

On Sunday, January 27th we will go on our 4th annual Shut Up & Drink Tour. We are planning on visiting Post 88, Post 137, and Post 283 this year. This is always a great event and I promise you do not want to miss it. Cost to join in on the fun is only \$20 which includes your shirt and the bus.

We have been working long and hard and the day is finally coming – on Saturday, February 9th we will officially open the non smoking canteen in the back hall. We are still working out the details but the grand opening should be a great time and a party you do not want to miss. Watch the weekly email for more details on the grand opening and on the back hall in general. One Saturday, February 23rd the ALR will be hosting their casino night fundraiser. Tickets will be available for purchase starting in January.

On Sunday, February 24th we will be going on a group outing to see the Jacksonville Hockey team the Icemen. Cost for this event is \$20 and includes your ticket and your transportation to and from the stadium. Deadline to sign up for this event is February 10th.

Also please note that we will be doing a little more remodeling in the kitchen in January so the kitchen will be closed January 14th through 27th. We will not be serving lunch for that two week period but we will have food trucks on site for dinner and for Sunday morning breakfast. Please see calendar or our website for schedule.

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 Trent Taylor



Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I would like to personally thank each and everyone one for the support that was showed for the Rider's NFL wings on Sunday during the NFL season. It was great to enjoy the comradery of the Legion Family as everyone watched their favorite team play. We will finish out the season on January 6th and 13th for the playoff games.

On January 27th the Canteen will hold the annual Shut Up and Drink Tour and the Riders will be escorting the tour again this year. Be sure to sign up and join us as we tour other Posts within 5th District. It is a great way to meet old friends and make new ones from the other Posts.

This Year we will have our Charity Casino Night on February 23rd at Post 129. Proceeds will benefit our charity, the Veterans Support Fund, which is used to supply materials and labor for our local beaches disabled veterans who need increased functionality and/or repairs to their homes. This is our only charity fundraiser for the year. Everyone that came out last year will remember what a great time it was. We hope to make this year even better! Tickets are \$25 each and that includes dinner, donated by Mission Barbeque, free raffle entry and \$300 in money to gamble. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door. We hope to see everyone at the event next month.

Don't forget our ALR Bike Night at Graffiti Junktion every 4th Thursday of the month, from 5PM to 9PM. Remember, this is for everyone in the Legion Family. You don't have to ride a bike to come out and have a great time. Graffiti Junktion donates 15% of total proceeds to our charity, the Veterans Support Fund. So please come out and join us!

Dates to remember over the next couple of months:

January 27th: Shut Up and Drink Tour
February 6th-10th: ALR Summit- Cocoa Beach

February 23rd: ALR Casino Night- Post 129

Ride Safe,
Trent Taylor

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BOOSTER LIST

Diamond Level, \$100+

- Bob Schlatter (11/19)
- Dieter Arnold (3/19)
- In Memory of Al "Sharkey" Wiltshire (2022)
- In Memory of Cindy Burroughs (7/19)
- In Memory of James King Smith (1/20)

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Platinum Level, \$100

- Bill Garrett (7/19)
- Robert Gomez (1/20)

.....
Gold Level, \$50

- Chuck and Sue Nist (3/19)
- Paul "Shorts" Urff (8/19)

.....
Silver Level, \$25

- In Memory of Kim White (10/21)
- Victor & Marlene (11/18)
- Louise Taylor Braren (3/19)
- Gordy & Petie Harvey (11/19)

Bronze Level, \$10

- Richard & Jo Ann Scoggins (4/19)
- Maddy Chitko (1/19)