

# American Legion Post 129

July - August 2017

**Upcoming Meetings/  
Events**

- **Planning Board at 6 pm**  
July 5 and Aug. 2
- **House Comm. at 7 p.m.**  
July 5 and Aug. 2
- **E-Board at 6:30 p.m.**  
July 6 and Aug. 3
- **Auxiliary at 7 p.m.**  
July 6 and Aug. 3
- **General Mtg at 7 p.m.**  
July 6 and Aug. 3
- **Cabane at 7 p.m.**  
July 13 and Aug. 10
- **ALR at 9 a.m.**  
July 1 and Aug. 5
- **SAL at 6 p.m.**  
July 13 and Aug. 10
- **40 & 8 at 7 p.m.**  
July 13 and Aug. 10
- **July 4**  
Happy Independence Day!
- **July 9**  
Installation of Officers
- **July 15**  
Casino Night
- **Aug. 5**  
Official Grand Opening Party

## Commander's Corner by Ernie Florig

Greetings Legionnaires and Family Members,

Congratulations to all Legionnaires for making 2017 an outstanding membership year; we ended the Legion year with a Post 129 team of 627 members, as compared to 618 for the previous year. As we begin the 2018 membership drive on July 1<sup>st</sup>, I'd like to remind our Legionnaires that are under age 70 to save \$10 by renewing your dues now through September 30<sup>th</sup>. You can get this "early bird" savings only by paying directly to the Post. This does not apply to on-line renewals, which is at the default rate of \$45.

Delegates from our Post attended the 5<sup>th</sup> District to elect new officers for the Mighty 5<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to Troy Horsley, Post 283, District Commander, Danny Rodriguez, Post 129, Vice Commander, and Roy Havekost, Post 233, Vice Commander. We wish these three key officials a successful 2017-2018 tenure, and pledge our support to the District!

On May 15<sup>th</sup> I represented our Post at the annual Police Memorial, held at the Jacksonville Beach Police Department. Mayor Charlie Latham and Police Chief Dooley paid tribute to the law enforcement officers who were killed in our State and across the country this past year.

Our annual elections was held on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to Commander Joe Maichle and the slate of officers who the membership chose to lead our Post in the coming year. Joe has worked hard these past two years as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander to ensure our membership exceeded 100%, and has worked the many Legion programs to

support our veterans and the community.

We partnered with the Jacksonville Beach Police Department to host the Hooked on Fishing, Not Drugs youth fishing tournament at Huguenot Park on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to our volunteers for coming out to serve food to the children and their family members. Special thanks to Joe Maichle for coordinating the volunteers, and Danny Rodriguez for being the hamburger and hotdog chef. A special thanks also to Voiture 215, 40 and 8, for bringing "Big Toot" as a static display for the kids to enjoy.

During Memorial Day weekend we needed help displaying and retrieving graveside flags at Warren Smith Cemetery. Thanks to the sixteen volunteers who came out on May 27<sup>th</sup> to display 850 flags, and to the three volunteers who came back on May 30<sup>th</sup> to retrieve, clean, and prep the flags for next year. Taking time from your busy lives to make a positive contribution to our deceased Veterans is deeply appreciated!

On Memorial Day our Post organizations were involved in the wreath laying at Beaches Veterans Memorial Park, Atlantic Beach. Thanks to 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Joe Maichle, Auxiliary Unit President Candace Mabry, SAL Squadron's John Caputo, and Riders Director Jim Wineland for the team effort in honoring our beaches community Veterans!

Our Post assisted in the Jacksonville Beach Police Department's



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# Auxiliary News by Candace Mabry



Happy New Year! I am honored to be installed as your President for the upcoming 2017/2018 year. A very strong cabinet of officers has been elected. My thanks to Kelly Bush, 1st Vice; Millie Boddorff, 2nd Vice; Ann Nickola, Treasurer, Sue Nist, Secretary, Marie Esler, Chaplain; Carole Hanson, Sgt at Arms; Kathy Jewell, Historian; Mary Ellen Bolin, Kathy Jewell and Patty Rodriguez, E-Board. Genell Kriner will be our representative on the House Committee and Wanda Brandt will be membership. I have several members that have agreed to be committee chairmen, but still need more. I will be sending out more information for the vacancies needed to be filled.

The Department convention was held June 29-July 2. We have new ideas and goals to make this next year a success for our Unit, and most importantly for us to continue to support our community, youth, and active duty soldiers and Veterans. More news to follow!

Our four delegates and one alternate left for Girls State left June 7th to Tallahassee to learn about the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of American citizenship in order that they may understand and participate in the functioning of their government. Thanks in particular to Toni Abbot for being District Girls State.

Ho Ho Ho...Merry Christmas July style. Mary Tarnowski and Millie Boddorff did another awesome job. Everyone enjoyed and sent their compliments to the 'chef'. Thanks to the Riders that donated the turkeys and Terry and Rick in the kitchen. Thanks to everyone that made this happen and supported your Unit.

This year our monthly dinner will be the third Friday of each month. So members, mark your calendars and be sure to come out and play some Steak Bingo! Our fundraising months will be August and December. Any and all ideas for fundraising will be welcome.

Our Unit is over 300 members strong and thanks to everyone we made 100% membership. Wanda can't thank you enough for all your hard work.

One of my personal goals is to get more members active. Last year my goal to keep the meetings less than an hour came to fruition and only one meeting took longer than 30 minutes. Come to a meeting and hold us to it this new year! Did you know that we give at least \$1,000 per month to a charity? Which charity you may ask? It can be one that you are passionate about as long as they are a 501(c) 3.

Thanks in advance for your upcoming support and my 'door' is always open. Please feel free to email me with any questions or concerns. My email address is candacemabry@bellsouth.net.

For God and Country,  
Candace Mabry

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## Cabane

Hello Dames,

Our monthly Rendezvous will July 13th with a joint installation with the 40 & 8 starting with dinner at 6 p.m. at Post 129. The August Rendezvous will be August 10 at 7 p.m. at the Post.

Sharon Harville  
Vickie Gordon Haft (incoming La President)

## 40 and 8

The next 40 & 8 Promenade is on July 13 at 7 p.m. This will be of new officers. The August Promenade is on the 10th at 7 p.m.

Regards,

Chef du Train  
Michael Kocijan  
mikejin77@aol.com

## S.A.L. News

by Brian Hancher

The slate of officers for the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 129 for 2018 is as follows:

Commander: John Caputa  
1st Vice Commander: Terry Stickles  
2nd Vice Commander: Robert Storms  
3rd Vice Commander: Scott Hardy  
4th Vice Commander: Rob Nicholson  
Finance Officer: Steve Smith  
Sergeant at Arm's: Brian Haught



# Legion News

by Joe Maichle

Fellow Legionnaires:

For the past two years, it has been my pleasure to serve as the 1st Vice Commander in charge of membership. For the past two years, we have maintained a membership of 100% . This year we exceeded that with 101 plus %.

During the next couple of weeks, we will again start to collect 2018 dues. There are

some changes.

The early bird period will run from July 15th through September 30. If your dues are paid during this period, you pay \$35. Dues paid after September 30 will be \$45. There will be no Early Bird dinner this year as voted on last year at the General Assembly Meeting.

As of July 9th, Jim Wineland will be the new 1st Vice Commander. Let's keep up the good work and maintain 100% membership.

For God and Country,  
Joe Maichle

## Commander's Corner (continued)

appreciation picnic on June 13<sup>th</sup>. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Terry Stickles prepared the luau-style meal and Legionnaire Dieter Arnold assisted with the funding. Thanks to Terry and Dieter for their assistance in making this event an outstanding success! Police Chief Dooley and the officers were very thankful for the gesture.

On June 18<sup>th</sup> our nine Boys State delegates headed to Boys State in Tallahassee. They were accompanied by 53 other delegates from our 5<sup>th</sup> District. The total 62 delegates represented 14 posts out of 19 in the District. The total Boys State corps consisted of 518 delegates across Florida. After a week of government activities at the city, county, and state level, all 62 delegates returned safely on June 24<sup>th</sup>. We congratulate our nine delegates for a job well done: Josh Abdulzahir-Fletcher, Mack Davis-Nease, Alex Flanagan-Douglas Anderson, Jesse Gatewood-Nease, Jacob Hunt-Nease, Zack Martin-Fletcher, Ravi Patel-Atlantic Coast, Lucas Pels-Nease, and Kyle Schare-Fletcher. We'll be inviting our delegates to a business meeting in the fall to hear first-hand about their

Boys State experiences, and to thank you for supporting this premiere American Legion program.

We ended the busy month of June by holding a blood drive on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to the following eight donors for sharing the "gift of life" for those in need: Anne Nickola, Pat Fowler, Carole Hansen, Linda Wiltshire, Dan Zupa, Nathaniel Carlsen, Tom White, and Cathy Florig. Also, special recognition and thanks to our talented Blood Drive Chairwoman Linda Wiltshire, for making this event happen!

Please join us on Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 3pm for the joint installation of officers for the Post, Auxiliary Unit, SAL Squadron, and Legion Riders. The installation of officers is an event that ensures a smooth transition from one administration to the next. It is also an opportunity to congratulate and show visible support for the incoming slate of officers.

In closing, as I write my final newsletter article as Post Commander, I'd like to thank the many volunteers who gave countless hours to help run the many American Legion programs and events! A

special thank you to Newsletter Editor Sue Nist for doing an outstanding job in getting "the word" out—you truly are a special angel! I'd also like to thank our officers for their contributions and support these past two years. You continually showed it takes a dedicated team to keep Post 129 in the forefront as advocates for all Veterans! Again, congratulations to incoming Commander Joe Maichle—I know you'll do us proud and serve with professionalism and dedication to our Legion Family!

"For God and Country"

Ernie Florig  
cell 515-8390

## Officers for 2016 — 2017

Commander.....Ernie Florig  
1st Vice.....Joe Maichle  
2nd Vice.....Terry Stickles  
3rd Vice.....Dave Tarnowski  
4th Vice.....Rick Miller  
Sgt at Arms.....Mike Liner  
Finance.....Bob Schlatter  
Chaplain.....Brian Hancher  
Adjutant.....Jerry Brandt \*  
Judge Advocate.....Jeff Durden \*  
Service Officer.....Danny Rodriguez \*  
Historian..... Lisa Gorman

<i>E-Board Members</i>	<i>House Committee</i>
Lee Fair	Harry Becker
Pat Fowler	Wayne Blas
Chuck Nist	John Caputa
Fred St. Clair	Frank Kleese
Jim Wineland	Genell Kriner
	Bob Schmitt
	Bill Wilson

*Auxiliary President*  
Candace Mabry  
*Commander-S.A.L.*  
Brian Hancher  
*Director-Legion Riders*  
Jim Wineland  
*Chef De Gare 40 & 8*  
Mike Kocijan  
*La Presidente, Cabane 215*  
Sharon Harville

## Canteen Update

By Brandi Haught



We are back in the main canteen area! Thank you for all of the support during this project and for being patient with us. I hope you are as happy with the remodel as we are. We are still finishing up the final details, but will be complete soon.

The official grand opening party will be held on Saturday, August 5th. So mark your calendars. This will be an event you do not want to miss. The final details are still being worked out, so watch your weekly email for more information.

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



Another year has gone by and I would like to introduce your American Legion Riders Leadership Team for 2017 & 2018: Director: Jim Wineland, Assistant Director: Sue Nist, Secretary: Bill Wilson, Treasurer: Bob Schlatter, Chaplin: Kathy Jewell, Sergeant-At-Arms: Chuck Nist, Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms: Wayne Parrott, Road Captain: Bobby Greer, Safety Officer: Howard Branzell, Historian: Jo Ann Blik, and Membership: Mary Tarnowski. When you see them around the Post, please congratulate them for volunteering for their positions and helping to maintain Ocean Beaches Post 129 Rider's Chapter.

Still working on our Veteran's home, just have a few loose ends to get completed than the carpet can be installed. When you read this the door replacement should be completed and hopefully the bathroom will be wrapped up.

Even though this was in the last article I just can't thank these people enough Howard Branzell and Scott McClure for their continued support of this project and Sue Nist for finding us a plumber. Another individual to thank is Maggie Anderson, Assistant Manager for the Beaches Home Depot store; she has done everything in her power to help reduce costs. If you're in the beaches store and you see her, please stop her and thank her for all of her efforts. She has some great ideas for the next home.

It's back! Graffiti Junktion has opened their doors again for our Bike Night on the fourth Thursday of every month from 5 to 9 p.m.. Graffiti has just added a DJ for us. Graffiti Junktion will donate 15% of total sales to our fund which helps support our building upgrades. Come join the fun.

There are several events over the next few months, see below.

### Dates to remember:

- September 23 — Post 283 Five Star Poker Run
- October 7 — Post 316 Bike Rodeo and Gun Raffle
- October 14 — Post 129's Poker Run
- October 28 — ALR 316 Zombie Run

Ride Safe,  
Jim



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**BOOSTER LIST**

**Diamond Level, \$100+**

- Bob Schlatter (11/17)
- Dieter Arnold (3/18)
- In Memory of Al "Sharkey" Wiltshire (2022)
- In Memory of Cindy Burroughs (7/17)

**Platinum Level, \$100**

- In Memory of Snakebite (5/17)

**Gold Level, \$50**

- Chuck & Sue Nist (7/17)
- Bill Garrett (6/17)
- In Memory of Audine Hoover (5/17)

**Silver Level, \$25**

- In Memory of Kim White (10/18)
- P-Nut & Liz Wilson (11/16)
- Louise Taylor Braren (8/17)
- Paul "Shorts" Urff (8/17)
- Franklin Friers (7/17)
- Victor & Marlen (11/17)

**Bronze Level, \$10**

- Estelle Mellon (9/17)
- Richard & Jo Ann Scoggins (4/19)
- Russell & Mary Lou Jones (9/17)
- John & Gloria Molisani (8/17)
- Thomas Selig (7/17)
- In Memory of John C. Ford (5/17)
- Maddy Chitko (1/19)