

American Legion Post 129

July/August 2018

**Upcoming Meetings/
Events**

- **Planning Board at 6 pm**
July 11 and August 1
- **House Comm., 6:30 p.m.**
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- **E-Board at 6:30 p.m.**
July 12 and August 2
- **Auxiliary at 7 p.m.**
July 12 and August 2
- **General Mtg at 7 p.m.**
July 12 and August 2
- **Cabane at 7 p.m.**
August 9
- **ALR at 9 a.m.**
August 4
- **SAL at 6 p.m.**
August 2
- **40 & 8 at 7 p.m.**
August 9
- **Happy Independence Day!**
July 4
- **Christmas in July!**
July 13
- **Installation of Officers**
July 29

Commander's Corner by Joe Maichle

Greetings Legionnaires and Family:

Well, May was another one of those months where things were as busy if not busier than April. I know that everyone is happy that school is out and summer has begun.

We started off with the Kentucky Derby which ended in bringing us a Triple Crown Winner. I also hope all the Mothers had a wonderful Mother's Day because they certainly deserve it.

On May 17th, elections were held at the Post. Congratulations to all of the officers that were reelected, including myself, and to the new officers that were elected. I think with this group of officers we will have another banner year.

I would personally like to thank everyone that turned out for the placing of the flags at Warren Smith Cemetery. 51 volunteers, members, friends of members, and members' families, a "BIG THANK YOU" to all. I don't want to forget those who helped pick the flags up — not as many — but we got the job done.

On Monday, May 28th, I had the privilege to be the coordinator of the Memorial Day observance at the Beaches Veterans Memorial Park. Post 129 was well represented.

On June 14th we celebrated Flag Day and the Army's birthday at the Post. On June 17, we sent our group of boys off to Boys State. A big thanks to Ernie Florig who coordinated this trip. On Sunday, June 24th, we held the volunteer lunch where many were recognized for their volunteer hours given to the Post. Without these great volunteers, some of the activities

around the Post and in the community would not be possible.

We have reached our 100% membership goal. As of June 21st, we were at 100% and SAL was at 102%. Another great job done by 1st Vice Commander Jim Wine-land and Adjutant Ernie Florig.

Upcoming Events

- July 13th, Auxiliary Christmas in July
- July 29th, Installation of officers at 2:00 p.m.
- August 4, Coast Guard Birthday

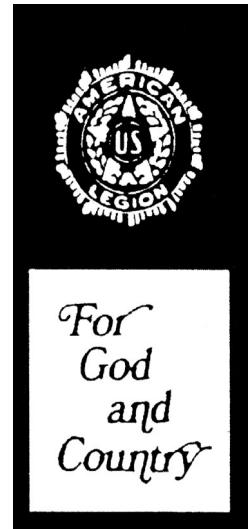
New Members: Jay J. Toth, Edward Lombard, Tim Ousley, Donald Cisco, S Aaron Butler, William Brannock II, Robert J. Golder, Gordon T Crawford, Christopher J Hand, John C. Willever, Michelle Ulmer, Michael J. Barie.

Transfers: William E. Carroll, James E. Brady, Howard Beardslee, Jerry R. Beltz, Armand Riendeau.

A big welcome to all.

For God and Country,

Joe Maichle
Commander



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Auxiliary News by Candace Mabry



Happy New Year! I am honored to be installed as your President once again for the 2018/2019 year. Ladies, hold on to your hats because with my incoming team, I am going to challenge each and every one of you to take one small step out of your comfort on that couch (bar stool) and step up to the Auxiliary plate and hit that home run I know each of you are capable of.

I am excited to welcome a strong team again this year. Mary Tarnowski 1st Vice; Millie Boddorff 2nd Vice; Ann Nickola, Treasurer; Kathy Jewell, Secretary; Patty Rodriguez, Chaplain; Carole Hanson, Sgt at Arms; Barbara Fowler, Historian. Mary Ellen Bolin, Kelly Bush, and Judy Moody Executive Board. Genell Kriner will be our Representative on the House Committee and Wanda Brandt after taking us to 100% membership for 2017-2018 has agreed to one more year. Ladies, because I said to get off the bar stool, we will have 100% of our committees with a chairperson – it can be done!

The Department convention will be July 5th to July 8th at the Marriott Orlando World Center, Orlando, FL. I am hoping to announce great news from the convention. We will have new ideas and goals to make this year a success, but most importantly for us we want to continue to support our

Veterans, Active Duty Soldiers, Community and Children and Youth.

Our four delegates, and one alternate representing Unit 197 and our first Pat Cornell Scholarship winner, left for Tallahassee from June 6th through June 12th. I was in touch with one of the mothers and said her daughter had NEVER experienced anything like this in her entire life. She thanked me and especially each of you for making this dream come true for her daughter.

Ho Ho Ho...Merry Christmas July style. Millie and crew did another awesome job. Since this newsletter comes out before the actual event, I can't wait to report on how our giving tree did for our service men and women in Afghanistan.



This year our monthly dinner will be the second Friday of each month. So mark your calendars and be sure to come out and play some Steak Bingo!!!

My goal for the past two years is to get more members involved. We are almost there. Our last meeting we needed more chairs. All I can say is Amen ladies. Those of you attending know I try to keep the meetings to 30 minutes. You all have so many ideas and this is the forum for each of you.



For God and Country,
Candace Mabry

Second Annual Cruise Fundraiser

Mark Your Calendars and Call Today to Book!

We are pleased to announce that we are officially planning our second annual group cruise fundraiser. We will be sailing on the Carnival Sunshine out of Port Canaveral departing on May 12th, 2019 for 5 fun filled days visiting the beautiful ports of Grand Turk and Amber Cove. The rates listed below are locked in until August 6th, 2018. After that date rates may vary. Also please note that these rates are for the most reasonable in each category. There may be a price variance if higher level of room is chosen at time of booking.

Interior Room: \$469
Ocean View Room: \$529
Balcony: \$689
Suite: \$1093

5 Night Eastern Caribbean
East Caribbean Cruise – Sailing to Grand Turk & Amber Cove
Sail Dates: May 12th, 2019 to May 17th, 2019
Five Magical Days Aboard the Carnival Sunshine
Leaving Out of Port Canaveral, FL
To Book Your Vacation Please Call
Carnival at 800-327-5782

Prices are per person and based on double occupancy, does not included tax and port fees.

Also please note if you are planning on joining us now is the time to book. This cruise is already filling up. There are only a few suites still available. To book your room you only need to put down \$150 deposit, final payment due on March 13th, 2019.

Canteen Update

By Brandi Haught



The progress continues at Post 129. Both bathrooms have been remodeled, and we hope that you are as happy with how they turned out as we are. As I write this, there are still a few things that need to be wrapped up like décor and new lights but hopefully this will all be done shortly. The back hall project is moving along. The latest update can be found on our website. Jim Wineland is the head of this project and doing a great job. I will be the first one to tell you taking on a project like that one is no easy feat. So if you see him around the Post be sure to let him know that his leadership is appreciated.

But as always just because we have projects in the building we are working on doesn't mean that we aren't still having a great time and planning more. July is no different. Mark your calendars because there are some fun events coming up that you do not want to miss.

The 4th of July falls on a Wednesday this year, which is perfect. Who doesn't like an excuse to come out and have a great time in the middle of the week! We will be having karaoke of course, and I can tell you personally that the Post is a great place to watch all the Jacksonville Beach fireworks.

On Friday, July 13th the Auxiliary will be hosting their annual Christmas in July fundraiser. I know they will be serving a traditional Christmas dinner and they have a few other fun things that are in the works, so be sure to come out for that evening. On Sunday, July 15th we will be going to another Jumbo Shrimp baseball game. This game is also where the Jumbo Shrimp will be recognizing the American Legion baseball program. Details for the outing can be found on the board in the main canteen area. Sign up today as space is limited and fills up fast. On Saturday, July 28th we will hold the quarterly LCR high roller game. You can also sign up for that in the main canteen area.

On Sunday, July 29th we will be holding our annual installation of new officers. At this time, due the condition of the back hall, the event is being planned for the main canteen area. If this happens we ask that everyone be respectful of the ceremony as this is something that only happens once a year. There not only will be the installation for all of the organization new officers, but each organization will be taking time to recognize members that made a difference over the past year. This Post is what it is because of each and every one of these organizations and its members. All members are encouraged to attend the installation, but please remember that during the program we will be asking for your attention and best behavior.

At this time August is looking pretty quite but I know it will not stay that way for long, so be sure to watch the weekly email, Facebook page, and website for details on events that will be coming up.

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



Well, this will be my last article as Director of Ocean Beaches Chapter 129 Riders. This has been a great experience, one that will never be duplicated. Looking through some of the pictures in our albums over the years, we had some great times and fulfilled the mission of the American Legion Riders. Thank you for all the cooperation over the years and always feel free to give me a call if you need anything.

Upcoming Events

July 5-8th, Dept. of Florida Convention
 Aug. 18th, ALR 202, K9's for Warriors
 Sept. 23rd, ALR 283, Annual Run
 Oct. 8th, ALR 250, Fun Run
 Nov. 1-4th, Dept. of Florida Conference

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)

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Gold Level, \$50

Chuck and Sue Nist (3/19)

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Silver Level, \$25

In Memory of Kim White (10/18)
Paul "Shorts" Urff (8/19)
Victor & Marlen (11/18)
In Memory of Louise Taylor Braren (3/1)

Bronze Level, \$10

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