

American Legion Post 129

July/August 2019

Upcoming Meetings/ Events

- **Planning Board at 6 pm**
July 9 & July 30
- **House Comm., 6:30 p.m.**
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- **E-Board at 6:00 p.m.**
July 11 & Aug. 1
- **Auxiliary at 7 p.m.**
Aug. 1
- **General Mtg at 7 p.m.**
July 11 & Aug. 1
- **ALR at 9 a.m.**
Aug. 3
- **SAL at 6 p.m.**
Aug. 7
- **Cabane at 7 p.m.**
July 11 & Aug. 8
- **Installation of Officers**
July 13, 4 p.m.
- **Newsletter Deadline**
Aug. 20

Commander's Corner by Joe Maichle

Greetings Legionnaires and Family:

Well, let me just say what an honor and privilege it is to be reelected as your Post Commander. I will continue doing the best that I can in making Ocean Beaches American Legion Post 129 the best that it can be. With your help and support, we will be the best that we can be. I know that all of the elected officers and those appointed to positions will do the best that they can do also. Congratulations to all those who were elected. We will hold installation of officers on Saturday, July 13, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in Liberty Hall. Please come out and show your support for those who have been elected. Also, there will be a free Spaghetti dinner after installation.

On May 14th we held our Volunteer Luncheon in Liberty Hall where many, many volunteers were recognized. Myself, Commander John Caputa of the Sons, Candace Mabry of the Auxiliary, and Director Trent Taylor of the Riders, all acknowledge many of the volunteers who help keep the Post going. Thanks you to all who volunteer. If anyone would like to volunteer, please contact one of the officers.

Speaking of volunteers, thank you to all the volunteers that showed up on Saturday morning before Memorial Day and helped place flags on the graves of all the veterans buried in the cemetery at Penman and Beach Blvd. Thank you to all who returned on Tuesday morning and helped retrieve them. Post 316 hosted a ceremony on Memorial Day at the Beaches Veterans Memorial Park on Memorial Day. There was a great showing of support for our Veterans by Post 129 which laid a wreath by each member of the Legion family. Thanks to everyone who attended.

Eight members of the Post attended the State Convention in Orlando the last part of the month. A lot of good information was exchanged and shared.

I would like to congratulate our very own Jerry Brandt, who was elected as the Department of Florida 1st Vice Commander; also to Jeff Durden who was reelected to the position of Sgt. at Arms for the Department of Florida; and to Wanda Brandt who was elected as 1st Vice President of the Auxiliary for the Department of Florida. What an honor it is to have this many of our members holding Department positions.

Congratulations to 1st Vice Commander, Pat Fowler, who will now be wearing a dual hat as Commander of the Sons of the American Legion. Also to Mary Tarnowski, who was elected as President of the Auxiliary; and Trent Taylor, who was reelected to Director of the Legion Riders.

I would like to welcome all those that have joined and those who have transferred to the Post. Approximately a week ago the Post also made 100% in renewals for the year. Don't forget early bird will start on July 15 or sometime around that date. You can save \$10 on your dues by being an early bird, which will run until September 30th.

For God and Country,
Joe Maichle, Commander



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

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Auxiliary News by Mary Tarnowski



It is an honor to be installed as your President for the upcoming 2019/2020 year. I want to thank Candace Mabry for the excellent work and fine leadership she has given to the Auxiliary during the years she was President. I can only hope to do as great a job as she did.

We have a very strong cabinet of officers this year. My thanks to Judy Moody, 1st Vice; Patricia Owing, 2nd Vice; Kelly Bush, Treasurer; Kathy Jewell, Secretary; Patty Rodriguez, Chaplain; Carol Hanson, Sgt. at Arms. Our representatives on the Executive Board will be Mary Ellen Bolin, Vickie Gordon-Haft, and Sharon Millspaugh. Kathy Jewell will be our representative on the House Committee. Wanda Brandt, who has been our Membership chairman for years and -- has done a wonderful job -- is stepping down to continue her dedication to the Auxiliary as a Department Officer. Millie Boddorff will be Membership chairman.

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 needing to be filled.

Ho Ho Ho.... Merry Christmas in July. On July 26, I am sure Millie and her crew will do another awesome dinner this year. Patricia also has some exciting things planned for that night.

This year our monthly dinners will be the first Friday of each month (starting August 2). I am challenging all of you to step up and volunteer to help with a meal. If we all step up and pitch in, it will make Millie's position less stressful.

Department convention was June 27th to June 30th at the Marriott Orlando World Center, Orlando, Fla. 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.

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 m.tarnowski@comcast.net

For God and Country
Mary Tarnowski



Let FREEDOM RING!

Cabane News by Annie Anderson

Hello Everyone,

A huge Merci to everyone that donated items toward our Rummage Sale and a big Merci to our Dames for putting this rummage and bake sale together on Friday and Saturday. Our joint installation with the Voyagers was Thursday, June 13, at Post 129.

Merci for electing me as your Presidente Locale again. Our Cabane Locale has some awesome officers, merci, merci, merci. The Grande Rendez-

vous was June 7th to 9th and our Cabane received numerous awards for all of our hard work. Hopefully at the next Rendezvous, we will be initiating two new dames. Unfortunately, I am unable to be there, but our Sous Presidente Vicki Gordon-Haft will be there to hold the Rendezvous, merci Vicki.

August 30th is our Cabane Dinner with steak bingo and bake sale. So far a fish fry is planned for that evening.

Please check the Post 129 calendar to make sure.

Next Rendezvous is Thursday July 11th and August 8th at 7 pm, at Post 129,

For God and Country
Annie Anderson
Presidente Cabane Locale 215

Canteen Update

By Brandi Haught



On Saturday, July 13th, we will be holding our annual installation of new officers in the Liberty Hall at 4 pm. 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.

If you have been a member here for any length of time I'm sure you have noticed that there is always something going on here at Post 129. With two canteens the weekly events alone will keep you busy not to mention all of the special events. The best way to stay up to date is to get on our weekly email blast which has the most up to date information. If you would like to be added please feel free to email brandihaught31@gmail.com and I will be happy to help.

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 and Happy Summer!

Speaking of summer, with the hot weather, there's more motorcycles on the roads. Please take a moment and look twice to save a life. Don't use your cell phone and don't drink and drive. These distractions can cost a life. While traveling for vacations, take a break, stand up and walk around periodically. Stay alert.

In May we hosted a stop on the Boots on the Ground Charity Poker Run and our Post was the crowd favorite. Everyone thought it was gorgeous and the service was excellent. Thank you Brandi and Journey!

We also had two groups of ALR members attend rides for Memorial Day. One group went to Loganville, Ga., for the Ride for America and another to Washington, D.C., for the last Rolling Thunder. Both were awe-inspiring events and we will attend the Ride for America in Georgia again next year. We also participated in the Ride for 22 Poker Chip Run to benefit Project: Vet Relief/Suicide Prevention Initiative in June. Every day 22 Veterans

commit suicide, some in the VA parking lot or hospital. We are raising money to increase awareness with hopes to save some lives. If you or someone you know is depressed and contemplating suicide, call 1-800-273-8255 or text 838255. Someone is there to talk to you.

July 13th at 4 p.m. we will install our officers for the 2019-2020 year. They are as follows: Director-Trent Taylor, Assistant Director- Sue Nist, Secretary- Bill Wilson, Treasurer- Bob Schlatter, Sgt-at-Arms- Chuck Nist, Assistant Sgt-at-Arms- Larry Schmuhl, Chaplain- Kathy Jewell, Road Captain- Bobby Greer, Safety- Howard Branzell, Historian- Jo Ann Parrott, Membership- Mary Tarnowski, Quartermaster- Carrie Taylor.

As always, every 4th Thursday of the month is Bike Night at Graffiti Junktion on Third Street in Jacksonville Beach. We receive a portion of all sales from 5-9pm to benefit our Veterans Support Fund. You don't need a bike to have some good food with friends -- come join us!

August is the 14th Annual Legacy Run riding to the 101st National Convention of the American Legion. Beginning on August 18, we will ride from Post 347 in Lady Lake, Fla., and five days later, arrive in Indianapolis, Ind. This ride supports the Legacy Scholarship Fund which ensures that children, who lost a parent serving our country or was a post -9/11 Veteran, can participate in a higher education.

Until next time, Ride Safe!
Trent



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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)

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 Whi9e (10/21)
Victor & Marlen (11/19)
Louise Taylor Braren (3/19)
Gordy & Petie Harvey (11/19)

Bronze Level, \$10

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