

American Legion Post 129

March/April 2018

**Upcoming Meetings/
Events**

- **Planning Board at 6 pm**
April 4
- **House Comm., 6:30 p.m.**
April 4
- **E-Board at 7 p.m.**
March 1 and April 5
- **Auxiliary at 7 p.m.**
March 1 and April 5
- **General Mtg at 7 p.m.**
March 1 and April 5
- **Cabane at 7 p.m.**
March 8 and April 12
- **ALR at 9 a.m.**
March 3
- **SAL at 6 p.m.**
March 1 and April 5
- **40 & 8 at 7 p.m.**
March 8 and April 12
- **Northern Area Ball**
March 3
- **St. Patrick's Day**
March 17
- **Easter**
April 1

Commander's Corner by Joe Maichle

Greetings Legionnaires and Family:

Well here we are well into the new year. I hope this newsletter finds you all in good health. It has been a bad season for the flu and the different types that are out there. We have had another couple of busy months at the Post and summer is just around the corner and busier times yet.

I would like to thank Terry Rigin our own in-house electrician for getting the sign on the north side of the build working again. He along Dave have the front and side of the building looking great.

February started off with a bang with the SUPER BOWL Party which was well-attended. I know for me it was extra special to see the EAGLES win, but I also think it was one of the better SUPER BOWL games played recently. On February 10th, the Riders had their Casino night and it was a complete success. Thanks to everyone who joined in. February 17th we held interviews for candidates for Boys State. Those interviewed – and I happen to be one of the interviewers – were great, and we should be proud to send seven of them to represent Post 129 at Boys State.

A big thank you to Linda Wiltshire our chairperson for our blood drive which was held on February 17th. This time we made our goal and passed it. Twelve pints were donated and several people gave twice. A big thank you to them. Pat Fowler helped make the drive a success by bringing in some coworkers and family. Thanks Pat.

As we begin March, we have the Northern Area Ball being held on March 3rd. Many Department and other commanders from around the

state will be in attendance. Let us keep up our motto as being the "FRIENDLIEST POST ON THE FIRST COAST" and make them all feel at home.

Nominations for Officers for 2018 - 2019 are now open. Contact Jeff Durden or Ernie Florig if you are interested.

Upcoming Events

- March 3rd Northern Area Ball
- March 15th LEGION BIRTHDAY
- March 16th St. Patty's Dinner
- March 31 supply 300 hot dogs for kids Easter Egg Hunt
- April 1st Easter
- April 25th thru the 30th Post 129 Cruise
- April 29th Opening of the Beaches

Thank you to Chuck Nist for overseeing efforts to illuminate our US Flag.

Congratulations to Matt Schubring our newly elected Sgt at Arms and Kathy Florig, Asst. Sgt at Arms. Also welcome to the following new members and transfers:

New Members:

John C. (J.C.) Brown - Navy - Vietnam, Michal Hadaway - Army - Vietnam, Elizabeth D. Howell - Navy - Active Duty

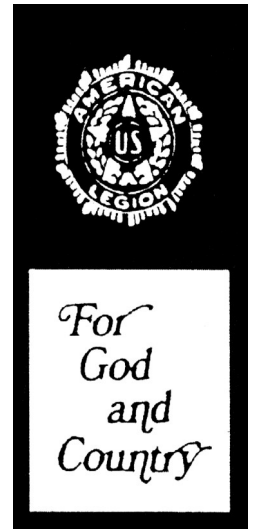
Transfers:

Mark Tinggen - Navy - Vietnam, Paul Bergson - Army - Vietnam

Our MEMBERSHIP STANDS AT 87.4%

SAL MEMBERSHIPS AT 89.56%

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



Whew, don't know about each of you, but I am happy to see January and February depart after bringing those arctic blasts to your Ocean Beaches neighborhood. I know it was winter, but really, this is the beach after all! One good thing about cold days are members coming into the Post and playing bingo. Thanks to each of you we have been able to donate just since January 1st \$1,000 to the Hubbard House, \$1,219 to Ronald McDonald which includes your generous donations to our Giving Tree, and \$1,000 to Girls on the Run – a local service that has before and after school activities for young girls at risk. In March we will be donating to our Department President's charity which is right here in our back yard, K9s For Warriors. As of January 2018 they have rescued 395 Warriors and 830 dogs!

One statement that stands true is "membership is everyone's responsibility".

We want to make 100% this year and we need help getting new members and renewals. We only need 58 ladies to renew and we will reach this goal. Wanda Brandt has been doing an awesome job, but you can too. Never hurts in asking that person next to you in the canteen if they have renewed. Special welcome to 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.

I am happy to announce April 21st will be our 4th annual Sterling Memorial Classic golf tournament benefiting Boys and Girls State. We have kept the registration fee the same this year at only \$60 per player. This will entitle you to free Bloody Mary Bar at registration and donated V's Pizza, 18 holes of golf, range balls, dinner at awards ceremony, raffle ticket and 2 beverage coupons. This year it will be played at Oakbridge Country Club in Sawgrass.

It is already time April 1st for year-end reports. This is the time we can make Unit 129 shine. Don't forget to give your community volunteer hours to Mary Ellen Bolin. Remember the time you take to clip those coupons is all donated time! As we talk year end, please be thinking about serving your Auxiliary in a leadership role. Every Unit needs an infusion of new ideas to keep growing and achieving. The easiest path to take is not always the best. Every stage of our lives we need new challenges. By allowing someone else to take charge deprives you of growth and developing new skills and most importantly growing new relationships.

For God and Country,

Candace Mabry



Cabane

March will be our last fundraiser month of the year. We will be raffling a block of scratch off tickets. Danny Rodriguez will be assisting the Dames in cooking a fish dinner for Good Friday. There will also be Steak Bingo. We will complete our plans at eh March Rendezvous on March 8th at 7 p.m.

We will discuss having a social Rendezvous in April. The date will be April 12th. Place and time to be announced via e-mail,.

If you have not attended a Rendezvous in awhile come out and join the Dames. We always enjoys our fellowship after we complete our business.

La Presidente
Vicki Gordon-Haft

40 and 8

The Promenade for the 40 & 8 will be on Thursday, March 8th at 7 pm. April Promenade is the 12th at 7 pm.

Please - let all monsieur's contact me to update their e-mail, this is the best way to keep everyone informed.

Regards,

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Legion News

by Jim Wineland

Fellow Legionnaires:

I think we've high centered at 87%. We need a group effort to get us over the top. Anybody you know that's looking for a good place to meet great people in a new atmosphere, please send them our direction. One of our family members did just that and now we have a Brigadier General and his wife enjoying themselves at our post. 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
Saint Patrick's
Day

HAPPY
EASTER

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.....Matt Schubring
Finance.....Bob Schlatter
Chaplain.....Brian Hancher
Adjutant.....Ernie Florig *
Judge Advocate.....Jeff Durden *
Service Officer.....Danny Rodriguez *

E-Board Members	House Committee
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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Commander-S.A.L.
John Caputa
Director-Legion Riders
Jim Wineland
Chef De Gare 40 & 8
Mike Kocijan
La Presidente, Cabane 215
Vicki Gordon-Haft

Canteen Update

By Brandi Haught



Join us for our St Patrick's Day Party on Friday, March 16th! Terry will be hard at work in the kitchen cooking up dinner of corn beef served with boiled potatoes, cabbage, carrots and soda bread. There will be party favors and of course steak bingo will be held at 6:30 pm and the Backtracks will be here to keep you dancing all night long! Remember everyone is Irish on St Patrick's Day! This is a popular meal and we want to be sure no one is left out! If you are planning on joining us please sign up by March 12th so we know how many people to prepare for.

On Sunday, March 25th at 5 pm we will hold another high roller LCR game. Again spots are limited so be sure to sign up in the canteen.

On Saturday, April 21st the Post will be hosting the 4th annual Sterling Memorial Golf Classic. This is a great event that you do not want to miss. This year they will be playing at Oakbridge course in Sawgrass. If you would like more information please check out our website or pick up a brochure in the canteen.

On April 26th approximately 60 of us leave for a cruise but before we do we are going to celebrate! Join us on Wednesday, April 25th for our pre sail away party. The pre-sail away party is one of the best parts of a cruise, because it means your vacation has officially kicked off! There's nothing but sun and fun ahead, so kick back, relax, and enjoy the vacation. So before we sail off together, join us to celebrate at the Post.

For those of you not sailing with us, we would still love to have you come on out and join in the party.

I am in the planning stages of booking our annual baseball outing. I am looking at a date in May to try and keep it at least a little cooler. Watch the weekly email, website, and board in the canteen for more details.

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



For those of you that attended our Casino Night, thanks for coming, for those who missed it, you missed a really great time. We came out on the positive side and help added a few nickels and dimes to our Veteran's Support Fund.

As you know, that fund helps us support our Family members at the post along with donation to other charities that support the veterans. As an example, the Auxiliaries Golf outing in coming up and we plan on supporting this function with a donation out of this fund. 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 p.m. to 9 p.m. Graffiti Junction will donate 15% of total sales to our fund, which helps support our

building upgrades. Come join the fun.

Upcoming Events

March 3rd, ALR 57, Lake City, Annual Chili Cook-off
 March 17th, ALR 316, St. Patrick's Day Ride
 March 31st, ALR 233, Annual Ride
 April 7-14th, Unity/Legacy Ride
 April 21st, ALR 88, Annual Fun Run
 April 28th, ALR 54, Home Town Hero's Run
 May 12th, ALR 9, Boots on the Ground
 May 18th, ALR 54, Runner Challenge
 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 Fla. 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)

.....
Platinum Level, \$100

Bill Garrett (7/18)

.....
Gold Level, \$50

Chuck and Sue Nist (3/19)

.....
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)