

American Legion Post 129

March/April 2020

Upcoming Meetings/ Events

- **Planning Board at 6 pm**
March 3 and March 31
- **House Comm., 6:30 p.m.**
March 3 and March 31
- **E-Board at 6:00 p.m.**
March 5 & April 2
- **Auxiliary at 7 p.m.**
March 5 & April 2
- **General Mtg at 7 p.m.**
March 5 & April 2
- **ALR at 9 a.m.**
March 7 & April 4
- **SAL at 6 p.m.**
March 4 & April 1
- **Cabane at 7 p.m.**
March 12 & April 9
- **Community Service Event**
March 14
- **AL 101st Birthday**
March 15 @ 6 p.m.
- **Happy Easter**
April 12
- **Newsletter Deadline**
April 20

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Greetings Legionnaires & Family:

It has been a busy past couple of months around the Post. We started to do the interviews for Boys State. A big thank you to Adjutant Ernie Florig for chairing that committee. We have had some great kids come in to be interviewed from Fletcher High School. By the way, in case you didn't know, last year one of the kids we sponsored was selected to attend Boys Nation in Washington. What an honor for him and for our Post!

Danny Rodriguez continues to oversee the cleaning and sprucing up of the Veterans' graves at the Warren Smith Cemetery the second Saturday of every month, so a big thank you to Danny and the many volunteers who help him.

On Jan. 26th, the Post sponsored the 5th Annual Shut Up and Drink Tour. A great time was had by all. On Feb. 2nd, the Post hosted a Super Bowl Party which was well attended. Thank you for a great job by the entire canteen staff.

In case you missed it, the Sons of The American Legion put on a Valentine Dinner on Feb. 14th of steak and shrimp. It was a great meal and I believe it was a sellout. A Happy Belated Valentine's Day to all the ladies of our Post. Hope you all had a great day.

Our membership is at 99.36% as of Feb. 22nd. We only need four more members to make 100%. Congratulations to the SAL who are over their 100% goal, and the Auxiliary is very close also being at 95%. Great job by everyone.

Congratulation to all the new members and transfers we have received the last couple of months. We are happy to have you join our Families.

Up Coming Events

March 14th — Buddy Check and clean up at Warren Cemetery continues

March 15th — American Legion 101st Birthday celebration at 6 p.m.

April 2 — EBoard and General Membership Meeting

April 11 — Jacksonville Beach Easter Egg Hunt and fundraiser at the Post for Kevlar Vests for Jacksonville Beach Police Department K9

April 26 — Opening of the Beaches

For God and Country
Joe Maichle Commander



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Auxiliary News by Mary Tarnowski



Winter is almost over and our year is winding down, but it is not time to slow down. Thanks to all the members that do the little things that most are not aware of, but it makes such a difference. Donating/creating gifts that we use throughout the year for auctions, raffle gifts and charity; making sure we have desserts for steak bingo, calling steak bingo and making sure bingo takes place twice a week during the day, creating dinners on Friday night, flowers for our POW/MIA table, ensuring that the table stays clean and up-to-date; sending prayers and cards to cheer others, or helping decorate our Life Guard chair, and I am sure many more that I have not listed. If I don't say it enough...Thank You!

We want to make 100% this year and we need help getting new members and renewals. We are at 93% and only need seven ladies to renew or join and we will

reach out goal. Millie Boddorff has been doing an awesome job even while undergoing some medical issues.

I am in the process of getting our Junior members more active in the Auxiliary. If you have daughters, and granddaughters from age 6 to 18, please sign them as Junior Auxiliary members. The cost is only \$4.75. April is Military Children's month. The 5th District Juniors and four of our own Juniors will participate in the Military Child's Table Ceremony here at Post 129 on April 4, 2020 at 11 am in the Liberty Hall. This is an honor for our Post and I hope many Auxiliary members will attend.

Candace and her committee are very active now with setting up the Sterling Memorial Classic Golf Tournament benefiting Boys and Girls State.

It is already time for year end reports. They are due to District on April 1st. This is the time we can make Unit 129 shine. Keep track of your hours, and 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. By allowing someone else to take charge, you are deprived of growth and developing new skills and most importantly, growing new relationships.

For God and Country
Mary Tarnowski

S.A.L. News by Pat Fowler

Thank you to 1st Vice Commander Terry Stickles and everyone who helped make our Valentine's Day Dinner such a big success. Without our members who volunteer day in and day out to make all of our events and activities at our Post successful and enjoyable, it would be impossible for us to enjoy the quality of service we have come to expect at our Post.

The SAL has reach membership renewals of over 100%. Thank you to 2nd Vice Commander Scott Hardy for bringing us up to date with the Department of Florida by enrolling our Squadron in the online reporting

program. Scott's tireless efforts in membership for our Squadron has been the key in our success in reaching the 100% milestone.

SAL will be serving dinner on the second Friday of every month. Come out and join us for steak bingo, dinner and a fine band on March 13th, SAL member Jason Bass will be preparing a great dinner for us.

Thank you for supporting the Sons of the American Legion as we continue to instill the principles of the four pillars of the American Legion which are: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children and Youth.



Cabane News by Annie Anderson

Hello Everyone,

I want to say a big merci to everyone that donated towards and is purchasing tickets for our Cabane 215 March Raffle. Our annual Rummage Sale date has been changed; we have to decide on a new one and will discuss it at our next Rendezvous. The sale might be in June, so please do not discard your items.

Our next Rendezvous is Thursday March 12th and we are going out to eat. Let me know if you are coming to Longhorns, Marsh Landing Pkwy in Jacksonville Beach at 6:00 pm. Our Rendezvous after is Thursday April 9th at 7:00 pm at Post 129. We are taking nominations for new officers for 2021 in March and April and we will be voting in May.

Our Cabane dinner is the last Friday in May, more will be forthcoming in the next newsletter. Hope to see you at the next Rendezvous. 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



We have been bringing in some great bands, and entertainment for the next two months is looking fabulous so be sure to come on up on a Friday night and check them out. We also now have karaoke in the non-smoking hall on both Friday and Saturday evenings which is bringing in a great crowd as well as all types of fun events so be sure to check out the calendar.

The Canteen has two big events in the next two months. First is our Community Service Fair. On Saturday, March 14th we are bringing in 20 local non profits to the Liberty Hall and inviting you and our community to come and get information from them on how you can help. So if you have been looking for a way to volunteer and give back but just haven't found the right fit yet, this is the perfect event for you. We are excited about this event and hope to see all of you there. The event runs from 11 am to 2 pm.

The second big event will be held on Saturday, April 11. We will be holding a Night at the Races fundraiser. All proceeds will go towards purchasing Kevlar vests for our Jacksonville Beach Police Dogs. It will be a FUN-filled night of raising FUNDS for a fabulous cause. Professionally called recorded horse races with programs, betting windows, raffles, food, friends, and family will all be here... so don't miss this event. Safety and security for our first responders is a paramount priority. This provision, we feel, should be afforded to our four legged canine counterparts too! Once again, we are blessed with the opportunity to be a blessing to our very own Jacksonville Beach Police by sponsoring new Kevlar vests for their Police Dogs.

In addition to your attendance and participation, there are several pre-race day opportunities to help make this event the success we all want it to be. First you can sponsor a horse for

the upcoming races. The cost to sponsor is only a \$10 donation per horse. Ownership includes naming the horse for the event programs as well as \$20 in canteen cash if your horse wins the race. You can sponsor a horse by seeing the bartender to sign up. Limited spaces available. Second you can sponsor one of the races. The cost to sponsor a race is a \$200 donation. With race sponsorship, we will announce your business information before your race, print an advertisement in the event programs, as well as in our weekly email and on our website. You can make your donations in person at the Post or via credit card on our website at www.Post129.org.

We also want you to mark your calendars and sign up now for two more events coming in May. On Saturday, May 2nd we will be hosting our 6th annual Sterling Memorial Golf Classic Tournament to benefit our Boys and Girls State programs. A great day of golf, fun & prizes is planned at the beautiful Queen's Harbour Yacht and Country Club. So sign up today so you don't miss out.

We also have our annual Baseball outing to see the Jumbo Shrimp play on Sunday, May 3rd. We have been doing this every year for at least five years and it always a great time... even when we get rained out. Sign up is now available. We will only be taking one bus this year so be sure to reserve your spot as soon. This event fills up fast!

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.

American Legion Riders by Trent Taylor



The Riders had a great Summit in February, there were over 400 rooms booked for the event. The classes were very informative and standing room only. Chapter 129 had great representation along with other Chapters from the 5th District.

I would like to thank everyone that came out to our annual Casino Night Fundraiser to help raise funds for Project: Vet-Relief Suicide Prevention Initiative. Congratulations to our mountain bike winner from our raffle month. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate for some fun rides. I would like to thank all the Riders for their help and support on these successful events.

March 28th, the American Legion Riders will be teaming up with our local hockey team, the Jacksonville Icemen, on their

final home game before playoffs. As ticket sales increase, added benefits to the event will be unlocked. The Icemen organization is reaching out all the way to Lade Lakes and including all veterans with a donation going to Project: Vet-Relief Suicide Prevention Initiative. Grab your ticket and meet us on the ice for some fun for a great cause.

April starts our Round Robin Month, in which we ride to other Post's, VFW's and AMVETS to raise donations. The miles and donations count as points and the District with the most points wins a trophy which is proudly displayed. April is also the month of our In-State Unity Ride. This year we have two routes going at the same time. The northern route will start in Panama City and the southern route will start in Marathon Key with both ending in Kissimmee.

During the ride we will be stopping at Posts along the way to collect donations for Project: VetRelief Suicide Prevention Initiative. Our State rally will be at the end of the ride.

Don't forget our Bike Nights at Graffiti Junktion, on 3rd Street in Jacksonville Beach, on the fourth Thursday of every month. Our Rider's Dinner and Steak Bingo is on the third Friday of the month at the Post.

Until Next Time, Ride Safe,

Trent

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Diamond Level, \$100+

Bob Schlatter (11/20)
Dieter Arnold (3/21)
In Memory of Al "Sharkey" Wiltshire (2022)
In Memory of Cindy Burroughs (7/20)
In Memory of James King Smith (1/20)
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Platinum Level, \$100

Bill Garrett (8/20)
Robert Gomez (1/20)
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Gold Level, \$50

Paul "Shorts" Urff (8/20)
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Silver Level, \$25

In Memory of Kim White (10/21)
Victor & Marlen (11/20)
Gordy & Petie Harvey (11/19)

Bronze Level, \$10