

American Legion Post 129

March/April 2019

Upcoming Meetings/Events

- **Planning Board at 6 pm**
March 5 & April 2
- **House Comm., 6:30 p.m.**
March 5 & April 2
- **E-Board at 6:00 p.m.**
March 7 & April 4
- **Auxiliary at 7 p.m.**
March 7 & April 4
- **General Mtg at 7 p.m.**
March 7 & April 4
- **ALR at 9 a.m.**
March 2 & April 6
- **SAL at 6 p.m.**
March 6 & April 3
- **Cabane at 7 p.m.**
March 14 & April 11
- **Fat Tuesday Celebration**
March 5
- **Legion 100th Birthday**
March 15
- **Bingo Tournament**
March 26
- **Jumbo Shrimp Outing**
April 7
- **Golf Tournament**
April 27

Commander's Corner by Joe Maichle

Greetings Legionnaires and Family:

Well we started February off with a bang with the opening of the newly renovated back hall now named Liberty Hall. We held the Grand Opening on Saturday Feb. 9th and the room was filled with many members and guests. I had the honor of cutting the ribbon along with Mayor Charlie Latham, 5th District Commander Troy Horsley, Terry Reglin, and Brandi Haught. Everyone who attended was treated to a spaghetti dinner along with music and giveaways. If you haven't been to the Post, you should come by and enjoy the new non-smoking Liberty Hall.

The renovation to the kitchen is complete and is back in full service. Many upgrades were done in the kitchen to make things easier on those cooking. Terry Stickles, our 2nd Vice Commander, has put together a completely new menu for the kitchen for both lunch and dinner and will be serving both halls.

On Super Bowl Sunday we renamed the halls. The canteen as it is known or the north hall will now be called Freedom Hall, and the back hall the south hall will be called Liberty Hall. Thank you to everyone that helped in the naming through their donations to the Department Commander's charity which I will present to her at the convention in June.

On Friday February 1, we had the pleasure of hosting a dinner for the National Commander Brett Reistad. He was accompanied by Department Commander Diane Boland, National Executive Committee Member Dennis Boland, and National Executive Committee Alternate Art Schwabe. The National Commander and his guests

arrived at around 4:45 pm and was served a shrimp scampi dinner prepared by 2nd Vice Terry Stickles. The Commander spoke with many members and told me he enjoyed his visit and would come back again.

Boys State interviews were held on January 26th at the Post. There were eight boys interviewed by the panel. This is the third year that I have been involved in the interview process to select the boys that will represent our Post, and each year it gets harder and harder to evaluate these boys. Each year it seems the candidates are smarter and have a handle on what is going on as far as issues facing our country today. I want to thank Ernie Florig, Chairman of the Boys State Committee, for finding such great candidates. I also want to thank Al Bundy, Pat Fowler, and Bob Candler who were the other members of the interview process.

Membership stands at 89.20% and we need 65 more members to renew to make 100%. We will be having a Buddy Phone Check soon to check on our fellow Legionnaires and get them renewed. If you know anyone who has not renewed, please let 1st Vice Commander Pat Fowler or myself know and we will contact them and try and get them renewed. If they can't get to the Post, we will go to them.

During the General Membership meeting in February, I appointed Ernie Florig and Jeff Durden as the Election Committee. If you are interested in running for a post position, please contact either Jeff



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

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Auxiliary News by Candace Mabry



Spring is in the air...oh sorry that was winter we just went through. 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 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 deserts for steak bingo; selling cards at steak bingo and calling steak bingo; creating dinners on Friday night, breakfast on Sunday, lunches and other dinners; flowers for our POW/MIA table, ensuring that table stays clean and up-to-date; constantly keeping the Auxiliary closet and office clean; volunteering for all the events for the entire family of Post 129; giving blood; sending prayers and cards to cheer others, or helping decorate our Life Guard chair. There are so many more that I could list, like making sure we get our newsletter and our weekly update about what is happening at the canteen. Alas, space constraints. If I don't say it enough...Thanks. 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 are at 88% and only need 41 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. There must be granddaughters out there that need to be signed up! 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

I am happy to announce April 27th will be our 5th annual Sterling Memorial Classic golf tournament benefiting Boys and Girls State. We are trying to keep the registration fee the same this year but our beaches courses have doubled the price they have charged in the past. We will have signs up throughout Liberty and Freedom Halls when the course and registration fee is final. 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 two beverage coupons.

It is already time for yearend reports. They are due to District on April 1. 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. Every stage of our lives we need new challenges. 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,
Candace Mabry

Commander's Corner (continued)

or Ernie. There will be three readings of the list of candidates. The election will be held after the General Membership meeting on May 2nd. Absentee ballots will be available at the Post the week before the election. If you are unable to get to the Post, contact either Ernie or myself and we will make sure that you get a ballot.

Up Coming Events:

March 15th - American Legion 100 Birthday
March 17th - St. Patrick's Day
April 21st - Easter
April 28th - Possible date for Opening of the Beaches

For God and Country,
Joe Maichle



Cabane

Hello Everyone,

I want to say a big merci to everyone that donated towards and is purchasing tickets for our Cabane 215 raffle basket. This is a wonderful getaway at our own Casa Marina with a great cheer basket. Our next Dinner and Bake sale is planned for March 29th. Please bring your appetite and sweet tooth for the event. So far our Annual Rummage sale is scheduled for June, more information to follow in the next newsletter. The Southland Dixie is still scheduled for April 25 to 27th at the Ramada Inn, Jacksonville.

Our next Rendezvous is Thursday March 14th and April 11th at 7pm at Post 129. We will be voting in March if the April date will be dinner out for our Dames. I will let everyone know about the dinner etc. Hope to see you at 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



Remember the back hall is now open 7 days week starting at 4 pm. We have something planned every night to keep you entertained so be sure to stop on by and check it out. Between Blackjack, LCR, Trivia, Bar Bingo, Bands, and Karaoke we hope that there is something that you love. But please remember we would love to hear your suggestions as well. There are now suggestion boxes in both rooms by the entrance door please feel free to let us know what you think. We have the Liberty Hall (Non Smoking Hall) Entertainment booked out until the end of March but are waiting to book any further until we hear from you to make sure that we are booking what you all want to see.

The kitchen is finished and open regular hours again as well and we couldn't be happier with the new menu. Terry is still running specials as well so you know that you are in for a great meal when you stop by.

As far as special events go, we have our Fat Tuesday Celebration on March 5th we will have a New Orleans themed meal and a Kink Cake of course. On Friday, March 15th we will be celebrating St Patrick's Day with Corn Beef and Cabbage meal as well as the Legion's 100th Birthday. On Tuesday, March 26th we will host our 4th Bingo Tournament with our Tornado Bingo starting at 615 pm. On April 7th we will be heading down to see the Jumbo Shrimp again this year as a group. The tickets for this group outing cost \$20 per person which includes your ticket as well as transportation. On Saturday, April 27th we will have the 4th Annual Golf Tournament to sponsor Boys & Girls State so be sure to check our website for additional 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 Trent Taylor



Hello Everyone,

I would like to thank everyone that came out to our charity fundraiser Casino Night that helped us raise money for our Veterans Support Fund. I would also like to take the time and thank JoAnn Parrott and the Casino Committee for doing a outstanding job putting together a wonderful event. As you know, we use these funds to help members of our Post and other Veterans in the local area, as well as charities such as naming a dog for the Lions Club Guiding Eyes for the Blind. Our puppy from last year, Ryder, is doing great and progressing through her classes.

The next few months will be busy for

the Riders. We have a ride on the 16th of March to raise money to support Post 372 which was destroyed by Hurricane Michael last year. April is Round Robin Month. That month we will be competing with other post throughout the state for two trophies and bragging rights, by riding to other post and collecting donations. The Chapter with the most miles and donations wins! Also in April we have our Instate Unity Ride and Rally, which starts and ends in Tampa. We will ride through the state and collect donations for PROJECT: VetRelief, Suicide Prevention. Post 129 is stop number 12, which will be on April 10th. So come out and check out all the bikes and show your support.

Don't forget our Bike Night at Graffiti Junktion here at the beach. It is the fourth Thursday of each month from 5PM to 9PM. Graffiti Junktion donates 15% of the total sales to help with our Veterans Support Fund. So, come out and enjoy a great time!

Dates to Remember:
 March 16th, 100 Mile Ride to support Post 372
 April 1-30th, Round Robin
 April 8-13th, Instate Ride and Rally, Tampa

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)

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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)