

# American Legion Post 129

May/June 2018

**Upcoming Meetings/Events**

- **Planning Board at 6 pm**  
May 2 and June 6
- **House Comm., 6:30 p.m.**  
May 2 and June 6
- **E-Board at 7 p.m.**  
May 3 and June 7
- **Auxiliary at 7 p.m.**  
May 3 and June 7
- **General Mtg at 7 p.m.**  
May 3 and June 7
- **Cabane at 7 p.m.**  
May 17 and June 14
- **ALR at 9 a.m.**  
May 12 and June 2
- **SAL at 6 p.m.**  
May 3 and June 7
- **40 & 8 at 7 p.m.**  
May 10 and June 14
- **Mother's Day**  
May 13
- **Election of Legionnaires' Officers 10 am to 7 pm**  
May 19
- **Memorial Day**  
May 28
- **Flag Day**  
June 14
- **Father's Day**  
June 17

## Commander's Corner by Joe Maichle

Greetings Legionnaires and Family:

Well, here we are almost half way through the year. I hope by now that everyone is still keeping their New Year's Eve resolutions and everyone is ready for summer, which is my favorite time of the year.

March started off with a bang when the post hosted the Northern Area Ball many officials from all over the state attended. We Celebrated the Legion Birthday on the 15th of March. On March 31st the post provided 300 Hot Dogs chips and drinks Jacksonville City Easter Egg Hunt at the Jacksonville Golf Course for the kids Easter Egg Hunt.

A big thank you to the following volunteers who helped prepare the hot dogs and hand them out at the golf course: Rick Miller, Chuck and Sue Nist, John Borroughs, Ernie and Kathy Florig, Carol and Don Hansen, Genell Kriner, Al Bundy, and Kathy Maichle.

April was also a busy month. It started off with me attending the Awards Ceremony at UNF for ARMY ROTC where I presented (2) Certificates and Medals. We hosted a Poker Run on April 14th for BACA. On April 21, we hosted the Annual Sterling Golf Tournament to benefit Boys and Girls State — more on that from the Auxiliary. On April 23rd, we started the remodeling of the back room. As things progress, 1st Vice Commander Jim Wineland, chairman, will keep everyone advised. On April 25th thru April 30th, the Post hosted a Cruise that was well-attended and everyone seemed to have a great time. Once again, the Post joined the parade for Opening of the Beaches, and I am proud to say my

granddaughter Kylie Edwards was Miss Poppy.

**Up Coming Events**

- May 5th - Derby Party at the Post
- May 13th - MOTHER'S DAY
- May 19th - Armed Forces Day Open House from 1 to 4 pm
- May 19th - ELECION OF OFFICERS FOR 2018 -2019 voting at the Post from 10 am until 7 p.m.
- May 20th - Jumbo Shrimp Baseball Game
- May 26th - Placing of the flags Warren Smith Cemetery at 8:30 am, volunteers needed.
- May 28th - Host Post for the Memorial Day Observance at the Beaches Veterans Memorial Park starting at 9 am
- May 30th - Pick up the Flags at Warren Smith Cemetery 8:30 am, volunteers needed

**New Members:** Michael Rath, Michael Roberts, Don Brian, Kenneth Sheldon, Shawn Hurican, Samuel Smith

**Transfers:** Richard Rath, Kent Keug, Patrick Costigan, Charles Lucas, Ivan Rivera, Joseph Seaman.

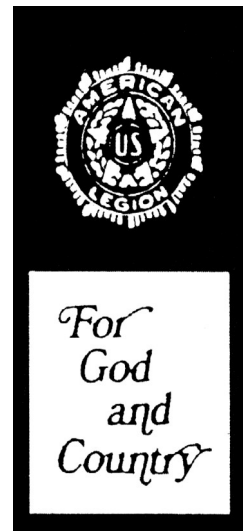
A Big welcome to all!

Our Membership is at 90.59 as for April 19, 2018

SAL Membership is at 98.35 as of April 19, 2018

For God and Country,

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



I am happy to report your Unit donated \$3,500 dollars to our Department Presidents charity which is right here in our back yard, K9s For Warriors. We also donated an additional \$5,000 to Department of Florida charities, most of whom we donated to were in the North Florida Region.

Our year is nearing an end and we will be installing a new slate of officers. In our May meeting, we will nominating officers and in our June meeting we will be voting on these new positions. Hope to see many new faces at these meetings and hopefully volunteering to help lead us to a new year with new ideas.

I am happy to announce we had our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Sterling Memorial Classic golf tournament benefiting Boys and Girls State on April 21st. This year it was played at Oak Bridge Country Club in Sawgrass and the weather gods shined down on us. We had our largest group every, 78 golfers, and we collected enough prizes that everyone who played received a raffle gift! My personal thanks to our committee made up from the entire Post family: Brian Lee, Dan Nicholson, Bob Storms, Lee Fair, Carole Hansen, Diana Kelley, Suzie Elmore and Marie Esler. Special thanks to Patricia Owings for

stepping up to be a Co-Chair with me this year. Shout out to Brandi Haught, Elinor Cantrell, Patty Betony, Kelly and Gary Bush, Genell Kriner, Joyce Ingles and John Caputa who also helped on the day of the event.

Our membership is presently at 93.99%. We want to make 100% this year and we need help getting new members and renewals. We only need 20 ladies to renew and we will reach this goal. 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. Thanks to every one that helped with our end of the year reports.

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.

The District Constitutional Conference will be at Unit 137 on Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. Registration is at 8:00 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m.

The Department convention will be July 5<sup>th</sup> to July 8<sup>th</sup> at the Marriott Orlando World Center, Orlando, FL.

Keep tracking those volunteer hours!

For God and Country,  
Candace Mabry

# Happy Mother's Day!

Cabane	40 and 8
<p>Our next Rendezvous will be May 17th at 7 p.m.</p> <p>The June Rendezvous will be June 14 at p.m.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>La Presidente Vicki Gordon-Haft</p>	<p>The Promenade for the 40 &amp; 8 will be on Thursday, May 10th at 7 pm. June Promenade is Thursday, June 14th at 7 pm.</p> <p>Please - let all monsieur's contact me to update their e-mail, this is the best way to keep everyone informed.</p> <p>Regards; Mike Kocijan Chef de train Commissariat <a href="mailto:mikejin777@aol.com">mikejin777@aol.com</a> 904-294-4184</p>

# Legion News

by Jim Wineland

Wow, we are really struggling to get this to 100%, we need your help! As your Membership Chairman, I've looked at our over-all membership. The average age of our Legionnaire membership is 70 years old. Can you imagine what this post is going to look like in 10 years? If you look at the 159 new members that have joined over the last three years, their average age is 59. We must change our marketing approach to attract new members. This is the justification for what we are doing in the backroom to attract the young Legionnaire by making it family friendly and non-smoking. If you know someone who has not renewed, please tell them about what's going on at the Post. Thank you for your help in getting the word out.

Jim Wineland  
1st Vice Commander

Legionnaires — Don't forget election of new officers will be held Saturday, May 19, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Post.



## Saturday Golf League

We play every Saturday at Windy Harbor Mayport Naval Station. The first t-time is 10:30 a.m. When you register to play, you will receive a reminder each Monday asking if you will be playing. The format is 9-hole Captain's Choice. Join today, have fun. For more information, contact Clint Swinehart at [904-253-5856](tel:904-253-5856) or e-mail him at [swineiam@bellsouth.net](mailto:swineiam@bellsouth.net).



## 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

**Auxiliary President**  
Candace Mabry  
**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



Wow May already! There is always so much going on here that the year seems to fly by and these upcoming months are no different. We start out the month with the Kentucky Derby on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. So break out those hats and plan on coming down to join in on the fun. On May 19<sup>th</sup> the Legion will have their annual elections. All Legion members are encouraged to come out and vote. We will also have a blood drive that day from 11 am to 3 pm. On Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> we will be going on a group outing to cheer for our Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp. There is still time to sign up for that event, but it is closing out fast so be sure to sign up soon. Cost to participate is \$20 which includes your transportation and your ticket.

Memorial Day weekend is always a busy one. We start the weekend out with flag placement at Warren Smith Cemetery at 8 am on Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. On Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> the Post will hold our ceremony at 2 pm to honor the day. We will also need volunteers to pick up the flags from Warren Smith on Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>.

On Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> the Post will hold their annual volunteer lunch. All members who volunteered are invited. Please remember if you helped in the kitchen, with bingo, with an event, around the Post, or in the community, all of these are volunteer jobs and we want to thank you for your efforts. This Post would not be what it is today without our members so please plan on coming out.

On Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup> there will be a ceremony to celebrate Flag Day as well as Army birthday. One Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>

we will have another high roller LCR game at 6 pm. Watch for sign up for that at the end of May.

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



We are wrapping up another year, and we have reviewed our numbers for this year's performance, and they're good! We accumulated 5,454 volunteer hours, 50,062 miles and donated \$19,640.

The largest donation was our Veterans home improvement project, followed by Department Legacy ride, then our donations to 10 Post ALR Chapter's supporting their charities. Other donations went to Toys for Tots, Lions Club K9 for the blind, our Auxiliary's Golf Tournament, just to name a few. The results of our Casino Night really helped fund all these donations.

Don't forget...Graffiti Junction, our ALR Bike Night on the fourth Thursday of every month from 5 to 9 pm. Graffiti Junction donates 15% of total sales to our fund, which helps support our Veterans home improvement building upgrades. Come out and join the fun.

Looking at the calendar for the balance of this term, this could be my last article. I just want to say that this has been a great experience over the last few years. A simple thank you for all the cooperation I received just doesn't seem to be enough. I'm still going to be around if you need any help, I'm just a phone call away. THANKS AGAIN, it was an Honor to represent you.

### Upcoming Events

May 12<sup>th</sup>, ALR 9, Boots on the Groun  
 May 18<sup>th</sup>, ALR 54, Runner Challenge  
 July 5-8<sup>th</sup>, Dept. of Florida Convention  
 Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>, ALR 202, K9's for Warriors  
 Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, ALR 283, Annual Run  
 Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, ALR 250, Fun Run  
 Nov. 1-4<sup>th</sup>, 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)