

# American Legion Post 129

May/June 2019

### Upcoming Meetings/ Events

- **Planning Board at 6 pm**  
June 4
- **House Comm., 6:30 p.m.**  
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- **E-Board at 6:00 p.m.**  
May 2 & June 6
- **Auxiliary at 7 p.m.**  
May 2 & June 6
- **General Mtg at 7 p.m.**  
May 2 & June 6
- **ALR at 9 a.m.**  
May 4 & June 1
- **SAL at 6 p.m.**  
May 1 & June 5
- **Cabane at 7 p.m.**  
May 9 & June 13
- **Volunteer Lunch**  
May 19
- **Memorial Day Remembrance**  
May 27
- **Flag Day**  
June 14
- **Cabane Yard Sale**  
June 14-15

## Commander's Corner by Joe Maichle

Greetings Legionnaires and Family:

We started off March with a buddy check call bank checking on those Legionnaires who had not paid their dues yet this year and also to check on their welfare. During the buddy check, approximately 100 phone calls were made. A big thank you to the members who did all the calling and to Adjutant Ernie Florig for preparing the list.

Myself, Jerry Brandt, Ernie Florig, and Brain Hatcher attended the 5th District Meeting at Post 194 in St. Augustine; at which time I had the privilege to read the nomination letter nominating Ernie Florig for the high position of Commander of the 5th District.

On March 15th we celebrated the 100th Birthday of the American Legion. 2nd Vice Commander Terry Stickles served up a great St. Patty's Day dinner. On March 16th, I attended the 5th District picnic at Post 283. There was a great turn out and a good time was had by all.

On March 29th we celebrated Vietnam Veterans Day at the Post. During the break of steak bingo, I had the honor to have all Vietnam Era Veterans stand and be acknowledged. Again, as usual 2nd Vice Commander Terry Stickles came through with a cake to mark the occasion.

On April 10th, we hosted the In-State Unity Ride for Project Vet Relief - Suicide Prevention. 2nd Vice Commander Terry Stickles prepared a lunch for approximately 50 riders and passengers. On behalf of Post 129, I presented the Riders Department Chairman, Jim Wineland, with a check for \$4000. A special thanks to Rhonda Seals, her mom, and Neal Seals for

assisting with the lunch and clean up.

On Saturday April 10th, Al Bundy, Genell Kriner, John Burroughs and I attended the City of Jacksonville Beach Easter Egg Hunt and served up hot dogs chips and juice to all the kids that attended. Thanks to 4th Vice Commander Rick Miller for preparing the 100 hot dogs and getting all the goodies to go with that.

On April 27, the Auxiliary held its annual Golf Tournament at Queens Harbor Golf Course a good time was had by all. The tournament was a huge success.

On April 28th we were involved in the Opening of the Beaches Parade. As usual, Fred St. Clair did a great job in getting the permits and lining up everything and everyone involved. We had the Beaches Honor Guard, six WW II Jeeps, our own float with the Deck the Chairs look-a-like on the float. We had Miss Poppy and gave out American Flags and pamphlets describing the Post and all of our activities. Thanks to everyone who assisted and walked in the parade.

Membership is at 93 %. We only need about 30 members to renew to make 100%. If you know anyone that has not renewed, please let them know about all the new things going on at the Post and the opening of the smoke-free Liberty Hall.

I would like to welcome all the new members and transfers that we have voted in over the last couple of months.



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## Auxiliary News by Candace Mabry



I am happy to report your Unit donated \$3,500 dollars to our Department President's Charity Final Salute. We gave \$2,500 in our year-end donations and \$1,000 earlier in the year for the baby shower that was hosted by the 5<sup>th</sup> District. We also donated an additional \$7,500 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 electing a new slate of officers. In our May meeting, we will be voting on these new positions. I 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 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Sterling Memorial Golf Classic benefiting Boys and Girls State on April 27th. This year it was played at Queen's Harbour Yacht and Country Club and the weather gods shined down on us. We had to close our registration at our largest group ever of 92 golfers, with three teams on our waiting list! My personal thanks to our committee made up from the entire Post family: Brian Lee, Dan Nicholson, Carole Hansen, Suzie Elmore, Cindy Webb, Jennifer Craine and JC Brown. Special thanks to Patricia Owings for stepping up to be a co-chair with me again this

year. Shout out to others that helped during registration and the dinner after the event. Special thanks to John Caputa, who once again served the most delicious dinner yet!

Your Unit had a new challenge this past month, and I am happy to say over 15 members are stepping up to the plate. After so many years of faithful service, Maggie McCall and Pat Avinger needed to take a hiatus from bingo. We hope they know how indebted we are all to them both. So for you dedicated bingo players, you will be seeing new smiling faces at the helm. Thanks for your patience, but everyone is ramping up quickly. Thanks also to Tony and John who are learning the calling side to give Patrick an occasional breather as well.

Our membership is presently at 94.08%. 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. A 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 everyone that helped with an end-of-the-year reports. I am happy to say that we were 100% reporting. 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 it 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 11<sup>th</sup>. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. and the meeting will be at 9:00. The Department convention will be June 27<sup>th</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> at the Marriott Orlando World Center, Orlando, Fla.

For now, this will be my last newsletter because Mary Tarnowski will be taking over the helm as President of Ocean Beaches Unit 129. I know everyone will welcome and support Mary as you all have supported me. Keep tracking those volunteer hours!

For God and Country  
Candace Mabry

## Commander's Corner (continued)

### Up Coming Events

May 11<sup>th</sup> — Members of the Post will assist the Jacksonville Beach Police Department with their annual Hooked-on-Fishing tournament by supplying hamburgers, hot dog and chips.

May 12<sup>th</sup> — Mother's Day free breakfast for all mothers at the Post.

May 18<sup>th</sup> — Celebrating Armed Forces Day

May 19<sup>th</sup> — Volunteers' luncheon at the Post honoring volunteers and a free lunch

May 25<sup>th</sup> — Volunteers are needed to place flags on Veterans' graves for Memorial Day. Meet at the Warren Smith Cemetery on the corner of Penman Road and Beach Blvd at 8am

May 27<sup>th</sup> — Memorial Day Ceremony at the Post and free lunch starting at noon. We will

be ringing the bell for all of our departed comrades

May 28<sup>th</sup> -- Meet back at the cemetery to pick up the flags at 8am

For God and Country  
Joe Maichle Commander

## Cabane News by Annie Anderson

Hello Everyone,

Congratulations to the winner of the beautiful Casa Marina weekend getaway. I believe that the Southland Dixie at Ramada Inn was well attended. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend, Merci to everyone that was there and represented our Locale 215.

For May we have our 5<sup>th</sup> Friday Dinner again and we will be serving Annie's favorite Beef Tips over Noodles and we will also have our bake sale. Please remember to save your discards because our Annual Rummage Sale is coming up on June 15<sup>th</sup>, but your items can be dropped off at the Post on Fri-

day Morning in the back meeting hall. Please do not drop them before that and not in the Liberty Hall. Thank you for your help and consideration.

We will have our election and the joint installation with the Voyagers on Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at Post 129.

The Grande Rendezvous is June 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> in Kissimmee, FL. We might be going out for dinner at our next Rendezvous time, I will send out notifications to you to where and when.

Our Rendezvous/Dinner out is Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup> and Rendezvous with installation and set-up the halls June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Post 129. Hope to see you at our next dinner, Rendezvous and Rummage sale. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or e-mail me.

For God and Country

Annie Anderson  
President Cabane Locale 215

## Canteen Update

By Brandi Haught



The new non-smoking Liberty Hall has been open now for two months as I write this and is doing great. If you haven't had a chance to check it out, now is the time.

We have made many changes to the schedule for entertainment back there and will most likely continue to do so until we find the perfect mix.

As of right now, we have Blackjack on Tuesday nights, Trivia on Wednesday, Open Mic on Thursdays, Karaoke on Fridays, Live Bands on Saturdays, and Not Your Grandpa's Open Mic on Sundays. It is truly a wonderful venue and we have been getting many positive reviews. The kitchen has also been open now for about two months with the new menu and everyone is raving about it. Be sure to stop by and grab some lunch or dinner.

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, activi-

ties, 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,

April 7th thru the 13th we had our American Legion Riders In-State Unity Ride to benefit Project: Vet Relief Suicide Prevention. All the Rider Chapters within the state and a Chapter from Ohio met in Tampa for the meet and greet on April 7th. From there we rode our bike throughout the state, stopping at eighteen post to collect money for the cause. Post 129 was stop number 12 on our ride, and we had a great reception. Terry prepared a great lunch and several of our Riders and members from other posts helped serve everyone. Our Commander, Joe Maichle, presented the Riders with a check for \$4,000 dollars from Post 129. That, to me, shows that we are one big family that I'm proud to be part of.

On April 20th, we rode with Chapter 88 on their 11th annual Fun Run to raise money for their charity for Sulzbacher. Everyone had a good time, especially those on the bus! We also rode with Chapter 54, from Fernandina, to raise money for their charity Hometown Heroes. Both rides were for a great cause.

April 28th, the Riders rode and walked the parade route for the 73rd Annual Opening of the Beaches Parade. Everyone handed out flags and pamphlets to the spectators and the kids loved seeing the bikes.

In May, there are several big rides. May 11th there is the 7th Annual Boots On The Ground. It is put on by Chapter 9. This ride has grown over the years! Last year they had 18 routes that you could take. Over 1,000 bikes showed up plus passengers! You don't have to ride to enjoy the festivities. There are bands playing all day, along with plenty of food and vendors. This event is held at Flamingo Lake RV Resort. Post 129 is a stop on one of the routes, so come out and welcome the riders and check out the bikes.

On Memorial Day, May 27th, this year marks the 21st year of Ride for America, sponsored by American Legion Post 233 in Loganville, GA. It is a great ride and each year there are more bikes. Last year, I attended the ride and there were 800 bikes plus passengers. The numbers

were down due to the light rain. It was a very emotional ride. As you rode through the small towns, so many people stood in the rain waiving their American flags as we all rode by.

Also, this year, is the last year of Rolling Thunder or as some call it the Run To The Wall, which started in 1988 as reminder of the POW/MIA from the Vietnam War. Each year there are millions of bikes and spectators that attend this event and shuts down Washington, DC. I encourage everyone to check out the events on youtube.com

Our Riders Bike night is the fourth Thursday of every month. Remember, you don't have to have a bike to come out and enjoy good friends and food. You have a classic car you want to show off, bring it! Graffiti Junktion donates 15% of all the Proceeds to our charity to help local veterans.

Until Next Time, Ride Safe!  
Trent

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### **BOOSTER LIST**

#### **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)