

American Legion Post 129

November-December 2016

Upcoming Meetings/ Events

- **Planning Board at 6 pm**
Nov. 3 and Nov. 30
- **House Comm. at 7 p.m.**
Nov. 3 and Nov. 30
- **E-Board at 6:30 p.m.**
Nov. 9 and Dec. 1
- **Auxiliary at 7 p.m.**
Nov. 3 and Dec. 1
- **General Mtg at 7:30 p.m.**
Nov. 9 and Dec. 1
- **Cabane at 7 p.m.**
Nov. 10 and Dec. 8
- **ALR at 7 p.m.**
Nov. 1 and Dec. 6
- **SAL at 5:45 p.m.**
Nov. 3 and Dec. 1
- **40 & 8 at 7 p.m.**
Nov. 10 and Dec. 8
- **Veterans Day!**
Nov. 11

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Commander's Corner by Ernie Florig

Dear Legionnaires and Family Members,

Thankfully, we were spared the brunt of Hurricane Matthew's ferocious winds. Our Post home made it through with minimal damage and we haven't heard of any catastrophic damages from any of our Legion family members.

As you may already have heard, the October 4th voting for the non-smoking policy had to be postponed in preparation for the storm. The voting has been rescheduled for Jan. 5, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. at the monthly general membership meeting. This is the official thirty-day notice, so please mark this date on your 2017 calendar. Also, just a reminder, Legionnaires must have a valid 2017 membership card to participate in the voting.

The month of November is a very special month because we get to celebrate two national holidays — Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. For Veterans Day, November 11th, we'll be participating in the Beaches Veterans Memorial Park annual ceremony at 9 a.m. The park is adjacent to Post 316 in Atlantic Beach. We encourage all Veterans to join us on their special day. Please consider bringing elderly or disabled Vets to the ceremony. The BVMP is maintained by donations from memorial brick sales and individual donations. If you would like to purchase a memorial brick, go to the Web site www.clicksforbricks.org and download the application form.

Also on Veterans Day, Post 129 will be holding a blood drive 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please come out and support this very important community event; we'll even feed you for free for participating. Also, our Post will be conducting an open house for all Veterans from Noon to 3 p.m. come out and spend time with your fellow Veterans.

For Thanksgiving, November 24, 2nd Vice Commander Terry Stickles will be preparing a traditional Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings and desserts. There will be a signup sheet on the bulletin board by the kitchen door. We cannot overemphasize the importance of reservations, because Terry has to order the correct food supplies for all to have an outstanding meal.

At our September 1 business meeting, we admitted new members David Adams - Navy - Panama and Edward May - Air Force - Vietnam; and transfers James Stotters - Navy - Vietnam and Larry Schmith - Navy - Vietnam. Please welcome these Veterans to the fold and remember they are an excellent source for recruiting Auxiliary, SAL, and ALR members.

At our October 13th special Executive Board meeting, we voted in the following new members and transfers: new members Alan Bernitz - Navy - Korea, James Rush - Army - Vietnam, Roger Braddock - Navy - Vietnam, and Gary Nuckals - Navy - Gulf War; transfers Richard Burna - Navy - Vietnam and former Post 129 member Sam Malone - Marine Corps - Vietnam.

We are sad to report that shortly after his readmission, Sam Malone passed away on October 19th. According to Sam's wife, Anne, it was Sam's wishes to officially be a member of Post 129 again. We'll be holding a celebration of life ceremony for Sam in

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Auxiliary News by Candace Mabry



Hard to believe the year is nearly over. Our parents said it right that as we get older, time seems to speed up. I sometimes feel it is at warp speed.

Make a Difference Day began in 1992. Their mission statement is: *On one day each year, we want to inspire the nation to make a difference. Make a Difference Day is one of the largest annual single-days of service nationwide. No matter who you are or where you're from, everyone has the power to do something that improves the life of another. Whether it's starting a project that helps one person, or working on one that benefits a whole community, every contribution makes a difference.* On October 22, Your Unit had a wonderful day at Cypress Village performing our Patriotic show for Make a Difference Day. Thanks to everyone that took the time to practice and volunteer. I truly believe we made a difference.

We also made a difference for our community and families. In September, we gave \$1,000 to the Cure/Search/Walk and \$1,000 to the Flood Victims of Louisiana. In October, we voted to give Kelly Rice \$2,000 for expenses, \$1,000 to the Riders for Heroes on the Water and \$500 for Stand-Down of Jacksonville. If you have a 501c3 that you would like us to consider to Make a Difference, please email me before the next meeting and you will be added to the agenda under New Business.

Thanks Mary Tarnowski and crew for all your help in the kitchen. Thanks to Wanda Brandt for cooking September's meal and Toni Abbot for October's meal. If you have that special dish you can create, please see Mary. Thanks also to Rick & Patti Miller for always helping each week with Steak bingo. Each and every one of you Make a Difference.

We'll be sending Christmas goodies to our service men and women overseas. We will put flyers up at the Post for much needed items. We will also be having a children's Christmas party in December, date and time to be announced. Signup sheets will be posted and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Erin Flynn, our Children and Youth director. December will be our month for fundraising at the Post. Please come out and support your Auxiliary and Make a Difference.

Our membership through the middle of October is only 41%. You can Make a Difference by renewing your membership. There are only two months left before your membership expires and you will need to show your card for service at the canteen.

I want to welcome our new members from September and October: Linda Fournier, Mary Arnold, Theresa Coyle,

Kimberly Hall, Shannon Kasevich, Margaret May, Kristin Neely, GERALYN Tabeling, Natalie Fichera, Clevelia Furrkay and Jennifer McManus. Also, please welcome our transfers: Annette Malone, Bonnie Burna, and Adele Stone. New members, if you want to Make a Difference, please see one of our officers and we can get you involved. Wanda, thanks for all you do for our Unit and especially membership.

Everyone has been wonderful bringing in empty prescription bottles and plastic bags for homeless Veterans. There are now two new covered "collection" bins in the Auxiliary office. PLEASE lift the cover and put your donations inside the two bins. Thanks so much. Also, thanks to our volunteers that CUT and COUNT the manufacturer coupons from newspapers. Every donation is needed, but please, if you don't have time to clip the coupons yourself, please leave them at your house in your recycle bin, not the Auxiliary office for someone else to clip.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving and a blessed Christmas!

For God and Country,
Candace Mabry

Cabane

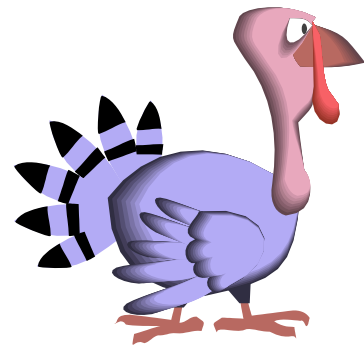
Hello Dames,

Our November Rendezvous will be on the 10th at Post #129. On December 8th, we will have our Christmas Party with the 40/8 at Kelly and Gary's home, "POT LUCK-BYOB", at 6 p.m. See Kelly for sign-up sheet.

We will be having a spring garage sale April 7th and 8th at Post #129, please save and donate your household and clothing items that you know longer need, the proceeds help fund our organization.

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to everyone!

Sharon Harville (904) 635-7373



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.

Legion News

by Joe Maichle

Legionnaires:

As of this newsletter, there are approximately five days left to take advantage of the EARLY BIRD SPECIAL!

After November 11, dues will go up to \$45, so get to the Post Thursday-Saturday 5-7 p.m. to renew. We are now at 65% and made our last goal. Let's

keep pushing for that 100% mark again this year.

Don't forget that if you bring in five new members during the calendar year, the Post will pay for your dues the following year.

For God and Country,
Joe Maichle, 1st Vice



Commander's Corner (continued)

mid-November, so keep checking the weekly updates for the specific date and time. Also, you may contact Anne Malone at 358 Heritage Blvd., Vero Beach, FL 32966; home phone: 772-584-2331.

As of October 27, our Post 129 membership has climbed to 69.74%. We'd like to thank all 431 Legionnaires for helping us get to this level! As for the remaining 187, this is a friendly reminder that there's less than sixty days left in the calendar year — so get 'er done before you get into the holiday celebration blur. Kudos to 1st Vice Commander Joe Maichle and Adjutant Jerry Brandt for working countless hours to get our Post membership to this point!

Thanks are also in order for SAL 1st Vice Commander Terry Stickles. Terry has increased SAL membership from 29.12% to 45.05%! Thanks to the 82 SAL members who've recommitted to 2017 — and we are encouraging the remaining 100 to get on board.

On October 22nd, our Canteen Manager Brandi Haught hosted a highly success-

ful fundraiser for Kelly Rice. As some of you may know, Kelly recently had surgery and is now on the road to recovery. Thanks to Brandi and her army of loyal volunteers for bringing together this standing-room-only event. It is truly a testament for supporting our Legion family's love for Kelly. Thank you to all for your thoughtfulness and generosity in helping one of our own!

In closing, I'd like to thank all of our volunteers who chipped in to make our Post a thriving community for Veterans, loved ones, friends, and supporters. 2016 was a special and really busy year for supporting our Veterans and the surrounding communities. Since this is the last newsletter of 2016, I'd like to wish y'all, on behalf of the officers and committee chairmen, a blessed Merry Christmas, happy holidays, and a Happy New Year!

For God and Country,

Ernie Florig
(904) 515-8390



Officers for 2016—2017

Commander.....Ernie Florig
1st Vice.....Joe Maichle
2nd Vice.....Terry Stickles
3rd Vice.....Dave Tarnowski
4th Vice.....Rick Miller
Sgt at Arms.....Mike Liner
Finance.....Bob Schlatter
Chaplain.....Brian Hancher
Adjutant.....Jerry Brandt *
Judge Advocate.....Kevin Robbs *
Service Officer.....Danny Rodriguez *
Historian.....Lisa Gorman

E-Board Members House Committee

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| Jeff Durden | Harry Becker |
| Pat Fowler | Wayne Blas |
| Chuck Nist | John Caputa |
| Fred St. Clair | Frank Kleese |
| Jim Wineland | Genell Kriner |
| | Bob Schmitt |
| | Bill Wilson |

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Candace Mabry
Commander-S.A.L.
Brian Hancher
Director-Legion Riders
Jim Wineland
Chef De Gare 40 & 8
Mike Kocijan
La Presidente, Cabane 215
Sharon Harville

Canteen Update

By Brandi Haught



Special Events

11/10 – United States Marine Corps 240th Birthday

11/11 – Veterans Day Open House Noon to 3 p.m.
Blood Drive 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

11/24 – Thanksgiving Dinner 2 to 4 p.m.

12/24 – Christmas Eve Party

12/31 – New Year's Eve Party



American Legion Riders by Jim Wineland



I will start out by saying “Matthew” got us big time. We had to cancel our annual poker run because of the hurricane. Our charity was “Heroes on the Water” which focuses on our younger veterans.

HOW was founded in 2007 and helps our Nations warriors and veterans from all branches of the United States military unwind using therapeutic qualities of fishing from kayaks. Their unique kayak fishing program allows participants a chance to decompress from the stress associated with combat, and the physical rigors of rehabilitation. Warriors enjoy these benefits while on guided fishing trips held in local communities around the country. What looks like a day trip of paddling and fishing is in fact something much deeper and long lasting.

We had it all set up, the bus was lined up with riders ready to ride, we had a lot of people energized in the District, and we expected it to outperform last year's run, but it all got blown away! Some money was raised prior to the event; we had several gifts to raffle off, and some

that were going to be used in a “Chinese Auction”. Well, we have come up with option #2, our next ALR dinner is November 11, we plan on extending the “Streak Bingo” time and have a few auctions to finish up the fund raising process. Please make arrangements to make sure you can attend. It will be “Chuck Wagon” night.

Dates to remember:

- November 4, Post 197 Grand Prize Drawing
- November 5, ALR Post 9, Annual CMO's Kids Poker Run
- November 5, ALR Post 202, Poker Run to benefit Soldiers Freedom Outdoors
- November 12, ALR Post 54, Toys for Tots Poker Run
- December 6, Next ALR Meeting/ Christmas Party
- February 26, 2017 In-state Legacy Ride, ending at Post 283
- March 3, 2017 In-state Rally at Post 283

This will be our last newsletter before the holidays. Enjoy your families, have a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas! I would also like to thank everyone for their continued support of the ALR during this last year!

Ride Safe,

Jim



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BOOSTER LIST

Diamond Level, \$100+

Bob Schlatter (11/16)
In Memory of Al "Sharkey" Wiltshire (2022)
In Memory of Cindy Burroughs (7/17)
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Platinum Level, \$100

In Memory of Snakebite (5/17)
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Gold Level, \$50

Chuck & Sue Nist (7/17)
Charlie Parker (9/16)
Bill Garrett (6/17)
In Memory of Audine Hoover (5/17)
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Silver Level, \$25

In Memory of Kim White (10/16)
P-Nut & Liz Wilson (11/16)
Louise Taylor Braren (8/17)
Paul "Shorts" Urff (8/17)
Frank and Joan Baagoe (3/16)
Sally & Pearse Doherty (5/16)
In Memory of Skip Hilliker (6/16)
Gordy & Petie Havey (9/16)
Franklin Friers (7/17)
Victor & Marlen (11/17)

Bronze Level, \$10

Estelle Mellon (9/16)
Richard & Jo Ann Scoggins (4/19)
Russell & Mary Lou Jones (9/17)
John & Gloria Molisani (8/17)
Thomas Selig (7/17)
In Memory of John C. Ford (5/17)