

American Legion Post 129

November/December 2017

**Upcoming Meetings/
Events**

- **Planning Board at 6 pm**
Nov. 8 and Dec.6
- **House Comm. at 7 p.m.**
Nov. 8 and Dec. 6
- **E-Board at 6:30 p.m.**
Nov. 9 and Dec. 7
- **Auxiliary at 7 p.m.**
Nov. 2 and Dec. 7
- **General Mtg at 7 p.m.**
Nov. 9 and Dec. 7
- **Cabane at 7 p.m.**
Nov. 9 and Dec. 14 (6 p.m.)
- **ALR at 9 a.m.**
Dec. 2
- **SAL at 6 p.m.**
Nov. 2 and Dec. 7
- **40 & 8 at 7 p.m.**
Nov. 8 and Dec. TBD
- **November 11
VETERAN'S DAY!**
Variety Show and Dinner
- **November 23 at 2 p.m.**
Happy Thanksgiving!
- **December 25**
Merry Christmas!

Commander's Corner by Joe Maichle

Greetings Legionnaires and Family Members,

The past couple of months at the Post have been very hectic and busy to say the least. With the coming of Hurricane Irma and the Post being designated as a distribution center for the northeast part of Florida, we had our hands full. We received help from many, many people outside of the Legion Family and just as much from within the Legion Family and most importantly members of our Post. There were shipments of food, cleaning supplies, water, and many other needed items. The Legion Family and the community really came together in the time of need for those who suffered the worst. A big thank you to all that helped in any way during this time.

Affected the hardest from the storm in our area was Middleburg and Post 250. Trucks loaded with water and other needed supplies were delivered to the post in Middleburg. Also, the relief fund that was being collected for the victims in Texas was shifted to our own area. A check for \$1,000 was sent to Post 250 to help off set their cost of feeding first responders and members of the Post and community that were displaced by the storm. A special thanks to John Borroughs who donated \$500 and \$500 matching funds came from our Post. Supplies came into the post from around the state and community, along with a trailer-load of supplies sent in from Little River S.C. Post 186. National Vice Commander for the Sons of the American Legion, Mark Cannito, was the driver of the truck that delivered the supplies. Thanks Mark!

On Sept13th the post celebrated the Navy Birthday (GO NAVY) 2nd Vice Commander Terry Stickles lead the group in singing the Navy Anthem. On Sept 15th, the Post had a recognition Ceremony for POW MIA Day. On Sept 16th, we celebrated the Post 129's birthday. On Sept 18th, we Celebrated the Air Force (AIM HIGH) Birthday.

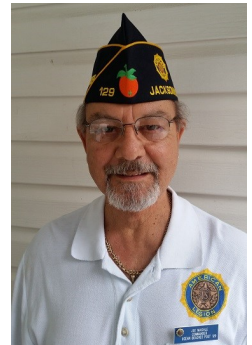
On Sept 30th, the Post held a Hurricane Relief Fund Raising Day. All proceeds from the food sales and auctions will be donated to families in need in the 5th District. A total of \$4,329.30 was raised and will be donated to those in need. On Oct 27th, the Post hosted a Halloween Party and on Oct 28th, we hosted a Florida/ Georgia Football Party.

The post purchased a flag pole and flag for the Foundation Academy school, and with the help of 4th Vice Commander Rick Miller, he and I installed the flag pole on the school campus. On Oct.13th, Department 3rd Vice Commander Jerry Brandt, Department 3rd Vice President Wanda Brandt, 4th Vice Commander Rick Miller and myself attended a POW MIA kick off ceremony at the Foundation Academy at which time I was presented a thank you letter to the Post for the purchase of the flag and flag pole.

Up coming events: Nov. 2-4, Fall Conference in Orlando; Nov. 10th, the Marines Birthday (HOORAH); Nov. 11th, Veteran's Day; Nov 18-25, Department Commander visiting



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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! The Auxiliary was very proud to be able to assist the Family of 129 with the fundraiser on 9/30 to raise money for the local victims of Hurricane Irma. Kudos to all that helped, donated, and assisted with the fund raiser. Brandi Haught as always, you did a super job.

Everyone mark your calendars for November 11th. We are having an American Legion Has Got Talent. We are looking for new talent and old. If you need a skit or have a song please see either Mary Ellen or myself. I have heard of some of the acts and it will be a must see – save the date. The SAL will be serving dinner for a donation.

Don't forget it is time to renew your 2017 – 2018 dues. If you re-join by November 11th your senior dues are \$25 and juniors are \$3. Any renewal after that date is \$30 for seniors and \$5 for juniors. Let's go for 100% this year!

Remember our dinners are the third Friday of the month. Please come out and support your Auxiliary. Thanks Wanda Brandt and Toni Abbot for your help in the kitchen. Our 2nd vice Millie Boddorf is doing an awesome job. Thanks also to

Rick & Patti Miller for always helping each week with Steak bingo.

Our Chaplain Marie Esler has been doing a great job reaching out to our members if they are not feeling well or just to send a card to say we miss you. If you know any one of our members that might need a pick me up please reach out to Marie. She will also be happy to do it for the Legion or SAL members.

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. We are excited to be having the second annual Mele Kalikimaka – A luau for Christmas. Mark your calendar for December 15.

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

For God and Country,

Candace Mabry



Cabane

Cabane 215 held a social Rendezvous at the Fish Company in October which was very enjoyable. Merci to all the Dames that attended.

November is our fund raising month. We will raffle a basket of Hallmark Christmas tree decorations and a \$100 gift card. If we all participate in this fund raiser, it will be successful and our Programs will benefit. The November Rendezvous will be Nov. 9, at 7 p.m.

The December Rendezvous will be on Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. and will be our Christmas celebration at a local restaurant. Plans will be finalized at the November Rendezvous. Hope to see all the Dames then.

Respectfully,

Vicki Gordon-Haft, La Presidente

40 and 8

Make a note -Change to the date for Novembers' Promenade. The Promenade will be on Wednesday November 8th, at 7 p.m. instead of the usual Thursday. The December Promenade traditionally is a "Christmas Social" to be decided later.

Happy turkey day to all.
Michael Kocijan
Chef du Train

S.A.L. News

by Brian Hancher

The slate of officers for the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 129 for 2018 is as follows:

- Commander: John Caputa
- 1st Vice Commander: Terry Stickles
- 2nd Vice Commander: Robert Storms
- 3rd Vice Commander: Scott Hardy
- 4th Vice Commander: Rob Nicholson
- Finance Officer: Steve Smith
- Sergeant at Arm's: Brian Haught

Legion News

by Jim Wineland

Fellow Legionnaires:

This is going to be a short article; we need to get our membership nailed down. We have made our first goals, but these next goals prove to be hard to achieve. We are currently at about 67%. We need to pick up speed and get this all done before the holidays.

I will make myself available, so with your cooperation we can close the door on the 2018 membership drive. Thank you for cooperation.

Jim Wineland
1st Vice Commander



Commander's Corner (continued)

the 5th District. On Nov. 25th, Post 129 will be hosting the Commanders' Dinner. Cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. The menu is sliced pork loin, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, apple sauce, dinner roll and dessert. \$15 per couple, \$8 for a single. There will also be music. There is a signup sheet in the canteen.

We will be serving Thanksgiving Dinner on Thanksgiving Day. In December, we will have our annual Christmas Party, and on Dec. 31 our New Year's Eve party.

A big welcome to the following new members voted in at our last

meeting: Mathew Schibrine, Brittny Lott, Donald Jones, Larry Price, Meredith Craig, Edward Rodrigues, Erine Reed. Also welcome to the following transfers: John Green, Daniel Vega, Mac Pivs.

In closing I would like to say a big GET WELL to our own Brandi Haught who is recovering from an illness. Please respect Brian and her request for privacy until she is released.

For God and Country
Joe Maichle
Commander

Thank you!

On behalf of the American Legion Riders, Chapter 129, thank you to all who made our Dice Run for Guiding Eyes for the Blind (and our Chinese auctions) a success. We were able to donate \$3,000 to the Beaches Lions Club which allows us to name a puppy. His/her name will be Ryder.

We really appreciate your support!

Sue Nist
Assistant Director



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.....Mike Liner
Finance.....Bob Schlatter
Chaplain.....Brian Hancher
Adjutant.....Ernie Florig *
Judge Advocate.....Jeff Durden *
Service Officer.....Danny Rodriguez *

<i>E-Board Members</i>	<i>House Committee</i>
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

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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



We are starting to plan a group cruise for April of 2018. There is a short survey on our website of you would like to give your input. More details to come so watch you weekly email this will be a vacation you will not want to miss.

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



This is going to be a short article this month as we are just getting over “Barktoberfest,” a Dice Run for a K 9 for the blind. Thank you to all who made it a great success story, and keep an eye out for “Ryder,” the name of our Lions Club puppy. We should have a picture coming that we will hang next to the Legion’s puppy from last year.

We added four new “support” riders to our roster in October, and all of their last names are Wineland, I wonder how that happened. They will be coming through our Post from time to time, and I’ll make sure I introduce them to the friendliest Post in Florida.

As some of you know, I also wear the 1st Vice Commander’s hat at our Post, and we have signed up 15 new members. When I mentioned in the above paragraph that we are the friendliest Post in Florida, they all mentioned what a great Post we have and that’s why they decided join. Well, hats off to all of our members.

You make my job a lot easier by creating an environment that sells itself to potential new members.

Don’t forget...Graffiti Junction, our ALR Bike Night on the fourth Thursday of every month from 5 to 9. Graffiti has also added a DJ on Bike Night for us. Graffiti Junction will donate 15% of total sales to our fund, which helps support our building upgrades for Veterans. Come join the fun.

There are several events over the next few months, see below.

Dates to remember:

November 2-5 - ALR Fall Conference Orlando

November 4 - Toy Run to Benefit Voices for Children, Lake City, Fl.

November 18 - Post 54, Toys for tots “Elf Run”

November 19 – 25, State Commander will be in the 5th District

November 25 – Post 194 Kids Safe Zone Ride

December 2 – Post 9 Whiskey Run

December 9 – 19th Street Charities Toys for Tots Escorted Ride

December 9 – Post 88 Christmas Party

December 16 – Wreaths Across America wreath escort to JNC

January 17 – 21, 2nd ALR Summit

Ride Safe,
Jim

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If you would like to become a Post 129 booster, please contact the Finance Officer. The dates below are booster expiration dates. Levels of booster sponsorship; Diamond \$100+, Platinum \$100, Gold \$50, Silver \$25, Bronze \$10.
BOOSTER LIST

Diamond Level, \$100+

- Bob Schlatter (11/17)
- Dieter Arnold (3/18)
- In Memory of Al "Sharkey" Wiltshire (2022)
- In Memory of Cindy Burroughs (7/18)

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Platinum Level, \$100

- In Memory of Snakebite (5/17)
- Bill Garrett (7/18)

.....
Gold Level, \$50

- Chuck & Sue Nist (7/17)
- In Memory of Audine Hoover (5/17)

.....
Silver Level, \$25

- In Memory of Kim White (10/18)
- Louise Taylor Braren (8/17)
- Paul "Shorts" Urff (8/19)
- Franklin Friers (7/17)
- Victor & Marlen (11/18)

Bronze Level, \$10

- Estelle Mellon (9/17)
- Richard & Jo Ann Scoggins (4/19)
- Russell & Mary Lou Jones (9/17)
- John & Gloria Molisani (8/17)
- Thomas Selig (7/17)
- Maddy Chitko (1/19)