

American Legion Post 129

November/December 2018

Upcoming Meetings/ Events

- **Planning Board at 6 pm**
Nov. 6 and Dec. 4
- **House Comm., 6:30 p.m.**
Nov. 6 and Dec. 4
- **E-Board at 6:30 p.m.**
Nov. 8 and Dec. 6
- **Auxiliary at 7 p.m.**
Nov. 8 and Dec. 6
- **General Mtg at 7 p.m.**
Nov. 8 and Dec. 6
- **ALR at 9 a.m.**
Nov. 3 and Dec. 1
- **SAL at 6 p.m.**
Nov. 8 and Dec. 6
- **Cabane at 7 p.m.**
Nov. 15 and Dec. 13
- **VETERANS DAY!**
Nov. 11
- **Thanksgiving**
Nov. 22

Commander's Corner by Joe Maichle

Greetings Legionnaires and Family:

WOW, what a last couple of months around the Post – the construction on the roads, the work on the back hall (which is in its final stages), and as you have seen, the front canopy has been removed and new concrete has been poured. The new canopy will take about a month or so to be installed. A big thank you to Jerry Brandt, Fred St. Clair, and Dave Verala for their help in getting the old canopy down and removed.

We started off September by celebrating the 75th birthday of our Post on September 14th. On September 18th we celebrated the Air Force's (AIM HIGH) birthday, and on September 21st we held the POW/MIA ceremony thanks to Danny Rodriguez. On September 29th, we held a blood drive. Thank you to Linda Wiltshire.

Myself and five other volunteers assisted the USO in serving their No-Dough dinner where approximately 200 dinners were served. A big thank you to those who volunteered. On October 5th, 2nd Vice Commander Terry Stickles prepared his usual Octoberfest dinner, which was enjoyed by all. On October 20th we hosted the Jacksonville Beach Lions Club Barktoberfest dinner and dance. A good time was had by all. During the dinner, I was told that the new dog we sponsored would be named CHIEF, a name I submitted from the list of names I received. Thanks to all who submitted a name.

On October 26th, we held our Halloween party, and on October 27th we held a party for the Georgia/Florida game. On October 31st we assisted the Jacksonville Beach Police at South Park for Halloween by providing 150

hot dogs, chips, and juice. Thanks to 4th Vice Commander Rick Miller for cooking and getting the hot dogs ready.

Membership is at 60%, which was the goal set by Department. Early bird has ended. If you have not renewed, please do so as soon as you can. We have goals to meet. You can contact and officer but if you cannot make it to the post call and let us know and we will come to you and get you taken care of.

New members:
Charles Rust—Navy

Transfers:
John Murphy—Army
Roger Martin—Air Force
Ernesto Fayura—Navy

Up Coming Events:
Marine's Birthday
Craft Show
Veterans Day
Thanksgiving Dinner
Pearl Harbor Day
Kids' Christmas Party
Christmas
New Year's Party

For God and Country,
Joe Maichle



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Auxiliary News by Candace Mabry



Hopefully when this article is read that it is below 90 degrees outside. The holidays will be busy as usual. Mark your calendars beginning November 25 through New Year's Day and visit your Family Post 129 Deck the Chairs entry in Jacksonville Beach. It will be awesome. Thanks everyone that is volunteering to put this chair together! We will also have our Christmas Luau this year on December 13th. We'll have all the fixin's for a delicious Luau.

I thought I would address this newsletter in a slightly different manner. I will list what we have done by which program they fall under to help enlighten our membership.

AEF (Auxiliary Emergency Fund) - We donated \$1,000 to assist a member who was in need and the Legion Family helped also.

Cavalcade of Memories – Barbara Fowler is working to display and preserve our past history of newsprint, pictures, and scrapbooks.

Children and Youth – Erin Flynn is planning another wonderful Christmas Party for the children of 129. The date will be December 15th. A signup sheet and more information will be coming soon.

Community Service – We gave \$1,000 to River Oaks Center which is an – an academic & recover support group to get those enrolled drug free. We also gave \$1,000 to Seabreeze Elementary and Blessing in a Backpack. This program sends food home with children in need to eat over the weekend. We also voted to send the Red Cross \$2,000 and \$3,000 to the Department of Florida Legionnaires for the victims of Hurricane Florence. We also gave in kind donations to the Mission House, the Library, BEAM Store, Seabreeze Elementary, and Dialysis Center. We also collected box tops and gave Sulzbacher recycled medicine bottles.

Leadership – Our 1st Vice Mary Tarnowski has taken this chairmanship and is working with newer members to the Unit to educate them more on the Auxiliary and what it means to be a member. Her second class will be after our November meeting.

Membership – Don't forget Early Bird ends November 11. Renew before that date the cost is \$30 and after it will be \$35. We are only at 37% for the year and in 11th place in the district.

National Security – Keep those clipped

coupons coming. Susie Elmore is collecting them now. We also give an in kind donation to Hue City and sent a baby blanket to Robby Miller for the birth of their baby girl.

Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation – On December 8th from 11:00 to 2:00 at Unit 283. The district will be having a baby shower for 50 women that are being assisted by Final Salute. This organization helps homeless female Veterans. A collection box will be in the Auxiliary room for donations. President Michelle will be there also.

Hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving and glorious Christmas and New Year.

For God and Country,
Candace Mabry



Cabane

Hello Everyone,

Thank you to all who have supported our Cabane so far. Three of our Dames attended the Seminar/Picnic in Melbourne, FL, received good information which we will share with you at next Rendezvous, which will be the **THIRD** Thursday November 15th at regular time "7pm". Please remember that November is our Cabane's fundraiser. We will have a great basket to raffle off. Please check out the flyer at Post 129. Also, the last Friday November 30th we will be serving "Baked Ziti" with all the fixings, Steak bingo, and our awesome bake sale. Hope to see you that evening.

Please mark your calendar for the Christmas Dinner, all Dames and Voyageurs and spouses are invited. The dinner will be at Whiskey Jax, Jacksonville Beach, Thursday, 13th December at 6 pm. You have to let me know if you are attending because I have to reserve the tables. Otherwise, I want to wish everyone a happy and healthy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Merci,
For God and Country
Annie Anderson
Presidente Cabane Locale 215

Canteen Update

By Brandi Haught



Hard to believe that 2018 is coming to a close already – we've kept busy around here as usual and the next two months are looking just as busy. We start out November with our first holiday craft show on Saturday, November 10th. The show is shaping up nicely with many vendors already signed up. We will have homemade crafts, jewelry, wood work, crochet items, candles, home décor, art and more all available for your holiday gift needs. So please be sure to come out and support these local small businesses. The show will run from 11 am to 3 pm. Also in November we will have our annual Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, November 22nd from 2 pm to 4 pm. Cost for dinner this year is only \$9 and you MUST sign up in advance. Cut off for reservations is Friday, November 16th. If you been in past years you know that Terry puts together a true Thanksgiving feast.

On Saturday, December 8th we will host our last blood drive for 2018. We have been hitting our numbers but could always just more donations. If you are able to donate please be sure to come on down. On Friday, December 14th the Auxiliary will have their annual Christmas Luau. This is always a fun event with a great meal and fun games so be sure to mark your calendars and plan on being at the Post. On Saturday, December 15th the Auxiliary will hold their Children's Christmas party. All kids under the age of nine are invited. Sign up will be available in the main canteen starting in November - watch the weekly email for more details. We will also be holding a Post Christmas party as well but have not picked a date for that event yet so be sure to watch the bulletin board and weekly email for more details.

Plan on celebrating the New Year with us here at Post 129 we always have a great time and always have a few surprises in store for the evening. We will have a band from 8 pm to Midnight. There will NOT be a cover charge this year. It is a no-

fuss party. There will be party favors and a champagne toast at midnight, but other than that it is just come, party, drink, and dance!

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,

It has been a busy couple of months. As many of you have seen, the Riders are in the kitchen every Sunday cooking up wings for NFL Sunday, which has become really popular. I want to thank everyone for coming out and supporting the Riders. I hope to see everyone for the rest of the NFL season. Staying with the food theme, the Riders are in the kitchen every fourth Friday of the month serving up a delicious meal and calling Steak Bingo. Every fourth Thursday of the month, we have our Bike Night at Graffiti Junktion in Jacksonville Beach. Remember, you don't have to ride a motorcycle to come out and enjoy a good time with friends. At the time of this writing, October was our raffle month and we had a terrific turnout. A big thank you goes out to

Cheryl Wineland for making two beautiful baskets for the Florida/Georgia game. The winners of each basket was drawn the night before the big game and I hope they enjoyed their teams basket.

We have placed a order for shirts, hats and hoodies with our Rider logo. If you are interested in purchasing either, please get with us.

As we prepare for our Annual Fundraiser, Charity Casino Night, our committee is busy gathering sponsorships and prize donations. If you know of anyone or a business that might be interested in donating for this event, please contact any Rider. The money from this Casino Night helps to benefit our Veterans Support Fund, which is used to supply materials and labor for our local beaches

disabled veterans who need increased functionality and/or repairs to their homes. We have completed three projects, to-date, and we continue to serve our Veterans.

As the holidays approach, let's not forget those that served and are no longer with us. Wreaths Across America is December 15th, 2018.

Enjoy each other, your family and friends. Have a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas. Thank you to each and every one of you for your support of the Riders this year!

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)

.....
Platinum Level, \$100

Bill Garrett (7/19)

.....
Gold Level, \$50

Chuck and Sue Nist (3/19)
Paul "Shorts" Urff (8/19)

.....
Silver Level, \$25

In Memory of Kim White (10/18)
Victor & Marlen (11/18)
Louise Taylor Braren (3/19)
Gordy & Petie Harvey (11/19)

Bronze Level, \$10

Richard & Jo Ann Scoggins (4/19)
Maddy Chitko (1/19)