

# American Legion Post 129

November/December 2019

## Upcoming Meetings/ Events

- **Planning Board at 6 pm**  
Nov 5 & Dec 3
- **House Comm., 6:30 p.m.**  
Nov 5 & Dec 3
- **E-Board at 6:00 p.m.**  
Nov 7 & Dec 5
- **Auxiliary at 7 p.m.**  
Nov 7 & Dec 5
- **General Mtg at 7 p.m.**  
Nov 7 & Dec 5
- **ALR at 9 a.m.**  
Nov 2 & Dec 7
- **SAL at 6 p.m.**  
Nov 6 & Dec 4
- **Cabane at 7 p.m.**  
Nov 14 & Dec 12
- **Happy Thanksgiving!!**  
Nov 28
- **Children's Christmas Party**  
Dec. 15
- **Newsletter Deadline**  
Dec. 20

## Commander's Corner by Joe Maichle

Greetings Legionnaires and Family:

Well here we are going into the holiday's with Thanksgiving only 30 days away and Christmas 57 days away — boy where has this year gone? I hope this newsletter finds everyone in good health and prayers to those who are ill.

I would like to start by trying not to offend anyone but this needs to be addressed. On Friday night during steak bingo, at times it is very hard to hear what is being called for the game. I have heard some complaints about the noise and the loud talk to the point that others can't hear what cards are being called. Let us be a little more courteous so everyone who buys cards can enjoy the game. Enough said. Thank you for listening and understanding.

Early Bird is over as of September 30th thanks to all who renewed early. There will be a early Bird luncheon held November 9 at 3 p.m.

As of Oct. 25th the Post is in third place in the district in membership renewal at 73.43%. We are ahead of the goal set by the Department which in November is 65%. Way to go! Let's keep this thing going and make 100% by December. Thank you to all.

During the month of September we celebrated the Post's 76th birthday with a cake that was cut by our own Jerry Brandt. Also in September we celebrated the Air Force birthday with a cake "AIM HIGH". During the month of September, we held a POW/MIA ceremony in Liberty Hall. Thanks to Al Bundy, and Danny Rodriguez for assisting with the Ceremony.

During the month of October we attended the 5th District picnic at Post 137 and a good time was had by all. We celebrated the Navy's birthday and had Department 1st Vice Commander Jerry Brandy and Post 1st Vice Commander Pat Fowler do the honors by cutting the cake. The post held a Halloween Party on the 25th of October and many members dressed up in Halloween costumes. There was judging in Liberty Hall and everyone had a great time.

### Up Coming Events

- November 8th — Attend a Veterans' Ceremony at San Pablo Elementary School.
- November 10th — Buddy check Volunteers needed at the Post. Contact Ernie Florig Adjutant or myself.
- November 11 — Veterans Day Ceremony at the Beach's Veterans Memorial Park along side Post 316 at 9 a.m. Luncheon at the Post starting at 3 p.m.
- November 28th — Thanksgiving Dinner at the Post being served at 2 p.m. by 2nd Vice Commander Terry Stickles.
- December 1 — Kids Craft Party at the Post at 2 p.m.
- December 15 — Auxiliary Christmas Party for the kids
- December 31 — New Year's Eve Party at the Post starting at 8 p.m.

Congratulation to all the new members that have been either voted in or transferred to the Post.

For God and Country,  
Joe Maichle Commander



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## Auxiliary News by Mary Tarnowski



As usual, with fall in Florida, we get our hurricanes. Hopefully everyone reading this newsletter made it through Hurricane Dorian without any major issues.

The holidays will be busy as usual. Mark your calendars beginning November 23 through New Year's Day and visit your Family Post 129 entry in Jacksonville Beach Deck the Chairs. Again, this year it will be awesome. Thanks to Mary Ellen and everyone that is volunteering to put this chair together!

We will also have our Christmas Luau this year on December 20<sup>th</sup>. We will have all the fixing's for a delicious Luau.

Erin is busy at work planning the Children's Christmas Party to be held on December 15<sup>th</sup>. As usual, Santa will make a grand entrance escorted by our own Legion Riders. Erin will also be having a

session on Dec 7<sup>th</sup> for children to come and make decorations for the Christmas party from 2-4 p.m.

ALA MEMBERSHIP IS NOW OPEN TO MALE SPOUSES of female active duty or female veterans. This new membership eligibility has much promise for growth for the ALA. New resources, diversity and talent.

**Membership: Please renew!** Early bird membership ends on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Renew before that date and the cost is \$30 and after it will be \$35. We are only at 32.76% for the year and in 13<sup>th</sup> place in the district.

National Security — Keep those clipped coupons coming. Vickie Gordon Haft is collecting them now.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving and glorious Christmas and New Year.

For God and Country  
Mary Tarnowski



## S.A.L. News by Pat Fowler

Thank you to everyone who participated in the USO Food Drive! It was a huge success. However, the USO Food Bank still is in need of food to meet their household requirements each month. There are approximately 50 Coast Guard and Navy families in the Mayport community that need help from the USO to meet their food needs each month. SAL will continue to gather donations in Freedom Hall and, of course, financial donations to assist the USO in meeting the needs of these young military families. Please bring in your donations and place them in the USO Food Drive box.

Membership renewals are over 55%. Our goal is to be at 100% membership renewal before December 31<sup>st</sup>. Grab any SAL officer to renew your membership to help us reach our goal.

SAL will be serving dinner on the second Friday of every month. Come out and join us for steak bingo, dinner and a fine band on November 8<sup>th</sup> and December 13<sup>th</sup>. Our dinners have been a big success this year and are a major part of our fund raising activities and we appreciate your support.

Thank you for supporting the Sons of the American Legion as we continue to instill

the principles of the four pillars of the American Legion which are: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children and Youth.



## Cabane News by Annie Anderson

Hello Everyone,

A big Merci to the Dames that attended the Cabane Seminar in Kissimmee.

The Dames will be preparing the dinner Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, after Thanksgiving. Please check the weekly updates from Brandi as to what will be served. We will also have steak bingo on Friday, Nov. 29 and Saturday, Nov. 30, but sorry no

Bake Sale. We will have a raffle, please check in the Post home for flyers and tickets.

Our Christmas get-together is at Whiskey Jax, Marsh Landing Parkway, South Jacksonville Beach, Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. Please RSVP to me if you are planning on attending at 904-242-8844.

Our Dames want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Next formal Rendezvous is Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

For God and Country  
Annie Anderson  
President Cabane Locale 215

## Canteen Update

By Brandi Haught



Hard to believe that 2019 is coming to a close already – we have had a busy year and the next two months will be just as busy. On Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> we have our Early Bird Lunch at 3 pm in the Liberty Hall with a special steak bingo just for our early bird members. On Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting another DIY wood workshop. This is a great event where guests will transform unfinished wood pieces into wall worthy pieces. The instructor guided class makes it fun and easy! If you would like to join us please be sure to sign up in advance on our website.

Also in November we will have our annual Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup> from 2 pm to 4 pm. Cost for dinner this year is only \$10 and you MUST sign up in advance. Cut off for reservations are Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. If you been in past years you know that Terry puts together a true Thanksgiving feast.

On Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> the Auxiliary will hold their Children's Christmas party. All kids under the age of 10 are invited. Sign up will be available in the main canteen starting in November - watch the weekly email for more details. On Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> the Auxiliary will have their 4<sup>th</sup> 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. We also are bringing in special entertainment for the event. Mystic Dino will be here to entertain us with Reggae to help bring on the island vibe.

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. This year is shaping up to be even better with two separate venues to throw amazing New Year's Eve Parties! In the Freedom Hall we are extremely excited to announce that we will have the band Yowsah here starting at 8 pm. They are an amazing band and I promise you will have a great time! In the Liberty Hall we will have karaoke with no other than our very own Bob and Diana Pratt also starting at 8 pm. With this stellar entertainment on both sides there is nowhere else you will want to be!

But remember there will NOT be a cover charge. We like to throw what we call no fuss parties for New Year's Eve. Great Entertainment, Simple Decorations, and Wonderful Friends. What more can you ask for? There will be party favors and a champagne toast at midnight but other than that it is just come, party, drink, and dance! No dinner will be available that evening. We are requesting that if possible everyone brings in some snacks to share.

### Holiday Season – Time to Give Back

We are officially in the holiday season. I think one of my favorite parts of this time of year is that as a community we start looking for ways that we can give back and help someone else. Here at Post 129 we have a few simple ways for you to do just that.

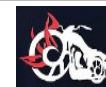
Each and every year we send Christmas cards to our troops overseas. Please take some time to purchase and fill out holiday cards with thankful messages for our military men and women. The deadline for Christmas card drop off at the Post is Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. With many service members separated from their families this holiday season due to deployments it is important to take the time to send a card of thanks and support.

We are also a drop off location for Toys for Tots. We encourage you to purchase and drop off a new unwrapped toy in one of the collection boxes at the Post. 19<sup>th</sup> Street Charities will ensure that these toys get to the children in need. Deadline for donations is December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Another simple way for you to give back is to sponsor a wreath for the Jacksonville National Cemetery. The cost to sponsor a wreath is only \$15. If you would like to do so you can find the link on our website. You can also be a part of the wreath laying ceremony on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. If you have never done this, I promise you it is an experience you will not forget.



## American Legion Riders by Trent Taylor



We have had several great rides this year so far. This year the Legacy Ride started in Lady Lakes, Fla, and ended at the National Convention. We had several ride the whole route, which took four days to do, and several that rode the first day of the ride. In total I believe we had a total of 400 plus bikes and picked up more along the way. As the weather cools off, I'm sure we will be on the road more, so please watch for motorcycles! October was our raffle month, so congratulations to the winner of the new Beach Cruiser! The Riders are now in the kitchen every third Friday of the month, so come out for some great food and play Steak Bingo for

a chance to win a steak or two.

Our Bike Nights are still the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month. So come out and watch the NFL game, have some great food and hang out with us. We have two drawings for a \$25.00 Graffiti Junktion Gift Card during the night. From 5:30-9:00 p.m., we receive a portion of the proceeds for our Veterans Relief Fund.

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. This year the proceeds from our Casino Night will benefit Project: VetRelief Suicide Prevention.

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)  
In Memory of James King Smith (1/20)

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**Platinum Level, \$100**

Bill Garrett (8/20)  
Robert Gomez (1/20)

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**Gold Level, \$50**

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

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**Silver Level, \$25**

In Memory of Kim White (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)