

# American Legion Post 129

November 2014

## Upcoming Events

- **Nov. 1**  
5:30-10 p.m. ALR Bike Night/Florida vs Georgia Theme Party
- **Nov. 6**  
6:00 p.m. Planning Board  
6:30 p.m. E-Board  
7:00 p.m. Auxiliary meeting  
7:30 General meeting
- **Nov. 11**  
**Veterans Day**
- **Nov. 13**  
7:00 p.m. 40\*8 and Cabane
- **Nov. 15**  
10:00 a.m. ALR meeting  
5:30/7:00 p.m. Auxiliary Patriotic Dinner/Show
- **Nov. 27**  
**Thanksgiving Day**  
2:00 Dinner (pre-order)

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## Commander's Corner by Danny Rodriguez

Well, it was an exciting month. The ALR did an outstanding job with the 2nd Annual Wreaths Across America Poker Run, despite other things going on around Northeast Florida the same day.

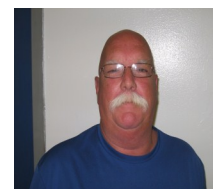
If you have been to the Post on "Bike Night", you've seen me doing nails. I am doing it to raise money for the Department Commanders charity, The Susan G. Komen Foundation. I hope to raise \$500 for this cause by charging \$5.00 to do nails. We have some members who are breast cancer survivors, and they like what I am doing.

I would like to hear from members that would like to help with upcoming events. I would like to see new faces doing things around the Post. With November and December coming, we have a lot of events scheduled, and we will need all kinds of help, even if its only for just an hour or two. Remember, many hands make light work. Some of the things we have coming up are Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, the Commanders and Madam Presidents' dinner, Pearl Harbor Day, and Christmas.

Our meetings for too long have been few in numbers, with basically only the officers showing up.

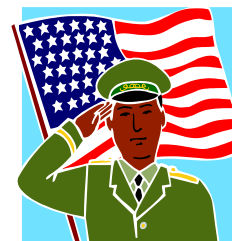
It was brought to my attention that "the family" thought these were closed meetings. The general meeting is open to all, and at the last meeting we had some S.A.L. members attend. I would like to see more members and anyone else that would like to attend come out. I would also like the Auxiliary to send someone to represent them so they can report back to the Auxiliary, and also for the representative to share the activities going on within the Auxiliary so we can all work together. Although the general meeting is open to everyone, only Legionnaires have a vote, but I will listen to all.

I am asking for your help with membership. We did not make department goals, and this is a first for our Post in many years. Please, if you know a member that has not renewed, talk to them and find out why. Even though that have been out for two years, we can still bring them back. Also, if you know someone that is eligible, invite them down to see what kind of fun they can have. Let them know about the perks of being a member has to offer. Discounts are available to members from different companies, such as Dell computers, hotels, and rental cars. If you are not sure about these discounts, there are fliers at the Post. We also have a service officer that can help with VA claims and questions.



Remember Veterans Day

Nov. 11, 2014



# Auxiliary News by Kelly Bush



**Our general meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m.**

Please remember it is time to pay your 2015 dues; current cards will expire on 12/31/14, and our great bartenders will be checking all membership cards. We have a friendly membership competition between our 5th District and District 8, help us be victorious.

We have an Auxiliary list for email blasts; please let me know if you wish to be added to our blast email list: kellytbush@att.net.

In October, we were happy to donate \$250 to the Lions Club Veteran Dog Project; \$250 to Basca, Inc., for their "Night to Dream" event; and \$100 to 19th Street Charities.

Please continue to cut and deliver your store coupons to the Post. We are donating to the various Florida commissaries and a central Department of Florida collection site for our overseas Veterans.

Thank you to Wanda Brandt and crew for a spectacular mean in October. We have our next monthly Auxiliary dinner and steak bingo on Friday, Nov. 14. Please come out and support your unit. There is a sign-up sheet in the Auxiliary meeting room. If you can cook a monthly Friday night meal, it would be appreciated.

Remember to honor and support our Veterans and active military families this Nov. 11. They are the reason we volunteer at this wonderful organization.

Please plan to attend the Auxiliary Patriotic Dinner/Show on Nov. 15. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m., the show begins at 7 p.m. As usual, it will be an event you won't want to miss! Tickets cost \$18 for Pork Florentine dinner with show, and \$10 for the show only. You get a table reservation, not a particular seat reservation with your ticket purchase. The Fletcher Senior High Chorus will be there to serve and perform. What a nice treat for us all!

Welcome new members: Vera Bradford, Colleen Gorby, and Donna Wood.

Yours in service,

Kelly Bush  
ALA Unit 129 President

# S.A.L. News by J.D. Kapeghian



The S.A.L. would like to send their thoughts and prayers to the Hardebeck and Ingle families. Hoping for a speedy recovery.

The end of the year is upon us. Once again, S.A.L. memberships are due. Please see J.D. or one of the bartenders. The early bird deadline is Tuesday, Nov. 11, Veterans Day.

S.A.L. dinner night is Friday, Nov. 21. The menu is still to be determined.

I would like to thank Patti Kapeghian for always being one of the volunteers that the S.A.L. gets on Friday night dinners.

As always, more S.A.L. volunteers are needed.

Thank you and good night.



## Officers for 2014—2015

<p>Commander.....Danny Rodriguez 1st Vice.....Tommy Williams 2nd Vice.....Terry Stickles 3rd Vice.....Jerry Brandt 4th Vice.....Joe Maichle Sgt at Arms.....Anna Rogers Finance.....Bob Schlatter Chaplain.....Brian Hancher Adjutant.....Ernie Florig Judge Advocate.....Bob Wilson Service Officer.....Ken Aune Historian.....Kelly Rice</p>	<p><i>E-Board Members</i></p> <p>Cathy Berry Lee Fair Deborah Left Dennis McDowell Chuck Nist</p> <p><i>House Committee</i></p> <p>Dwight Deyo Rich Hansberg Kathy Jewell Dale Peterson Rich Reyman Bill Wilson Jim Winelnad</p>	<p><i>Auxiliary President</i> Kelly Bush <i>Commander-S.A.L.</i> J.D. Kapeghian <i>Director-Legion Riders</i> Jim Wineland <i>Chef De Gare 40 &amp; 8</i> D.R. Richards <i>La Presidente, Cabane 215</i> Louise Bagdasarian</p>
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## The World According to Me by Patty Rodriguez

With the holidays quickly approaching us, please don't forget to honor and give special thanks to the special men and women who have given of themselves so "we" are able to enjoy the simple things in life.

We have so many things to be thankful for. If you see someone without a smile, give them yours.

Take a random act of kindness and pay it forward.

### A Nation's Strength

What makes a nation's pillars high  
And its foundations strong?  
What makes it mighty to defy  
The foes that round it throng?

It is not gold. Its kingdoms grand  
Go down in battle shock;  
Its shafts are laid on sinking sand,  
Not on abiding rock.

Is it the sword? Ask the red dust  
Of empires passed away;

The blood has turned their stones to rust,  
Their glory to decay.

And is it pride? Ah, that bright crown  
Has seemed to nations sweet;  
But God has struck its luster down  
In ashes at his feet.

Not gold but only men can make  
A people great and strong;  
Men who for truth and honor's sake  
Stand fast and suffer long.

Brave men who work while others sleep,  
Who dare while others fly...  
They build a nation's pillars deep  
And lift them to the sky.

**Ralph Waldo Emerson (1904)**



## American Legion Riders by Jim Wineland



We just finished up another "group" effort with the successful running of an event for our main charity, Wreaths Across America.

On the day of our Second Annual Wreaths Across America Poker Run, we had 38 people involved from parking lot attendants, cooks, set-up individuals, post managers checking cards, 50/50 sales, balloon games, shirt sales, raffles, and door prizes. Even our road captain had to fill a position due to an illness involving one of our riders.

Not all of the 38 volunteers were 129 Riders. We had help from a few members of our Auxiliary, couples from 316, and the balance of people were relatives and friends. At the end of the day, we all chipped in and picked up the back hall in record time.

All in all, the weather cooperated. We had a great turnout from several of the others posts in the 5th District, and a surprise visit from a Jacksonville Chapter of VEMA (Veteran Enforcement Motorcycle Association). The total head count for the event was approximately 130 people.

I would like to express a special thank you to all that were involved in the planning of the Legion Riders Wreaths Across America event. Your hard work, time, and dedication went into making this a successful event. It all really came together, and the feedback from the participants was positive!

We have another celebration planned on Nov. 1. Be sure to wear your team colors to the Post for the Florida vs Georgia game. There will be Florida

vs Georgia decorations, special refreshments, food, FL/GA contests, and FL/GA surprises you will NOT want to miss out on.

It is also Bike Night. The Legion Riders will provide the meal for a donation. Everyone is welcome. It is going to be a good time!

Ride Safe!

# Canteen Update

by Brandi Roberts



ALR bike night is Saturday, Nov. 1. There will be a football theme since it is Florida vs Georgia game day.

Also, don't forget that Saturday nights we are still running the Queen of Diamonds raffle. This has been so popular that we have now put two bartenders on at night to ensure that everyone is served quickly.

We still have amazing bands each and every Friday night as well as Steak Bingo. We hope you plan on coming out and have a great time with us.

Make sure you mark your calendars for the Auxiliary Patriotic Dinner and Show. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m., the show at 7 p.m.

Terry is planning on cooking up a fabulous Thanksgiving dinner for everyone. A sign-up sheet will be available soon. Remember this is a pre-sale dinner only,

so please be sure to sign up early if you are planning on spending your holiday with us.

Football season is here (BTW we do have the SEC Network, as well as the Game Day Package and the NFL ticket, so we have you covered!!)

We are still looking for volunteers to cook. We would like to make sure there is food EVERY weekend for the football games, but in order to do so, we need your help! You can cook whatever you like and donate the money to whichever Legion organization you would like. There is a sign-up sheet on the kitchen board. Please think about which day you would like to volunteer and then sign up!

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 send an email to Brandi at brandiroberts@att.net

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!

## January 2015 Golf Tournament

We will be holding an 18-hole American Legion Golf Tournament in January 2015. We will provide more information in the December newsletter. We will also be distributing fliers once we know the dates, the time, and where (golf course). Watch for updated information in Brandi's weekly emails.

We will also need a lot of volunteers to help with the tournament. If interested, give me a call or send me an email. Candace Mabry will be heading up the tournament. We hope to have 100-140 golfers. — Sterling Phaklides (904) 294-4234 or sterling1960@comcast.net



## Wall of Honor

We are attempting to start a new tradition at American Legion Post 129. We would like to place pictures of all ACTIVE DUTY Personnel, in Uniform, on our wall.

Please give a picture of your service person to the Commander Danny Rodriguez or Jerry Brandt.

## Queen of Diamonds

Please join us every Saturday night at 7 p.m. for the Queen of Diamonds.

Rules are on the board at the Post.

Good Luck!



## Pass the Trash

Come out Sunday nights at 6 p.m. and have some fun playing "Pass the Trash".





## Commander's Corner (continued from Page 1)

I have had a request to ask Legionnaires to help with Sunday morning breakfast. It seems that our cooks have dropped and there are very few Legionnaire members in the kitchen. So if you can help or know how to "short-order cook", please see Patti Kapeghian and sign up.

Remember that this is your Post. At my installation, it was said, "that the success or failure of the Post rests upon my shoulders", but I cannot do this alone. It takes the membership to do this. You can help by doing some small thing.

Welcome new Legion members:

Richard Benitez — Navy  
 Mark Beamenderfer — Navy (transfer)  
 Charles Turner — (transfer)

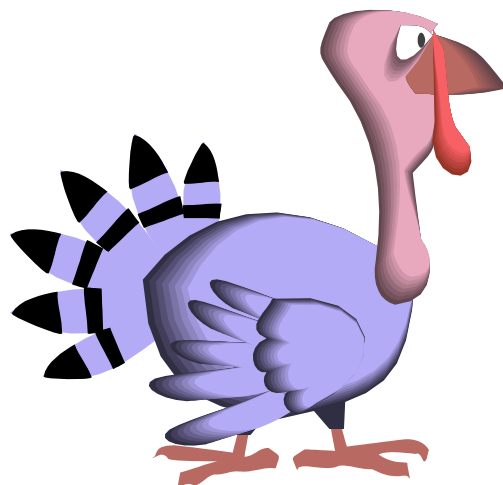


## Thank You.....



A big THANK YOU to Heaven's Beach Carpet Cleaning for the deep cleaning they gave both of our bathroom floors! They look incredible!

If you are in need of cleaning at your home please consider using Heaven's Best! Jim Wilson, Owner of Heaven's Best and member of Post 129, can be reached at 904-280-2900 or check out their website at [www.heavensbestjim.com](http://www.heavensbestjim.com)



## Cabane News

by Louise Bagdasarian

November is busy. Our rendezvous is Nov. 13 at 7 p.m.

We have our raffle, "Thanksgiving Football Fantasy Raffle" for an HD TV, Beer, Game Goodies, etc. The drawing is Friday, Nov. 28, after steak bingo. GET IN ON THE FUN!

Nov. 2, Ruben's will be served for the NFL Sunday game. We will also be serving on Nov. 23rd and Dec. 14th.

We are also planning a Christmas Dinner with the Voyageurs on Dec. 11.

There will be more updates to follow next month.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone...Gobble, Gobble!

Faithfully yours,  
 Louise Bagdasarian  
 La Presidente

## Editor's Comments

by Sue Nist

I am thankful each and everyday for the brave men and women actively serving in the greatest military on earth, as well as their families.

I also am thankful for, and will never forget, the veterans who paid the ultimate sacrifice for the freedom we sometimes take for granted.

I am thankful for good friends and my family.

Last but not least, I'm thankful for my best friend and husband, my bearded man...Chuck Dynasty!

Take time this month to think about what you're thankful for.

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### **BOOSTER LIST**

**Diamond Level, \$100+**

Bob Schlatter (11/14)  
In memory of F. Joe Cornell (10/14)  
In memory of George A. Campbell (1/15)  
In memory of James M. Chilton (1/15)  
In memory of Arlene G. Chilton (1/15)

**Platinum Level, \$100**

In memory of Cindy Burroughs (7/15)

**Gold Level, \$50**

Chuck & Sue Nist (4/15)  
Charlie Parker (9/15)  
Bill Garrett (6/15)  
Sally & Pearse Doherty (8/14)  
Rush K Abry (2/15)

**Silver Level, \$25**

In memory of Brad & Gerry Terrell (12/14)  
Sterling & Linda Phaklides (6/14)  
In memory of Kim White (10/14)  
Nicholas Patrizio (10/14)  
P-Nut & Liz Wilson (11/14)  
C.M. Walker (10/15)  
Jack & Ethel (2/15)  
Nick Patrizio (10/14)  
Louise Taylor Braren (2/15)

In memory of Jim Forbess 11/14  
In memory of Donald Forbess (11/14)  
Franklin Friers (3/15)  
Paul "Shorts" Urff (8/15)

**Bronze Level, \$10**

Estelle Mellon (9/15)  
In memory of Skip Hilliker (10/14)  
William & Fannie Bivens (10/14)  
Maddy Chitko (2/15)  
Richard & Jo Ann Scoggins (4/15)  
Robert Gomez (1/16)  
Russell & Mary Lou Jones (9/15)  
John & Gloria Molisani (8/15)  
Thomas Selig (7/15)  
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