

American Legion Post 129

September/October 2019

Upcoming Meetings/ Events

- **Planning Board at 6 pm**
Sept 3 & Oct 1
- **House Comm., 6:30 p.m.**
Sept 3 & Oct 1
- **E-Board at 6:00 p.m.**
Sept 5 & Oct 3
- **Auxiliary at 7 p.m.**
Sept 5 & Oct 3
- **General Mtg at 7 p.m.**
Sept 5 & Oct. 3
- **ALR at 9 a.m.**
Sept 7 & Oct 5
- **SAL at 6 p.m.**
Sept 4 & Oct 2
- **Cabane at 7 p.m.**
Sept. 12 & Oct 10
- **NEVER FORGET!!**
Sept. 11
- **Newsletter Deadline**
Oct. 20

Commander's Corner by Joe Maichle

Greetings Legionnaires and Family:

Over the past month I again had the honor of representing the post at an Eagle Scout ceremony at the scout troop in Jacksonville Beach. I presented the new Eagle Scouts with certificates and American Legion Eagle Scout challenge coins.

We held our installation and dinner for new officers and post members for the post on Saturday, July 14th. In attendance were Department 1st Vice Commander Jerry Brandt, Department 3rd Vice Commander Michael (Gambler) Raymond, Department Sgt. at Arms Jeff Durden, Northern Area Commander Marie Conti. A big thank you to District Commander Troy Horsley and his staff and the members of the 5th District Auxiliary that made the installation a great success. Also a big shout out to my wife and 4th Vice Commander Rick Miller who prepared the meal we all enjoyed.

The National Convention was held the week of August 23rd thru August 29th. There was a large group attending the convention, including Jim Wineland, who is the Department Chairman for the American Legion Riders. The Florida Legacy Ride started in Lady Lake, Fla., and ended in Indianapolis, Ind.

Congratulation to the great family at Post 129: Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and the American Legion Riders. We accomplished something this past year to be proud of. Each member of the family achieved 100% renewal in membership. Thank you to all those who worked so hard to accomplish this. As I said earlier, we are now working on 2020 and renewals are starting to slow down. If you have not renewed, come

in or mail your renewal to the Post and get renewed. If you can't make it to the Post, call the post or me and I will come to you and get you up to date.

Congratulations to all the new members and transfers that have joined the post since the last newsletter. If you have joined or transferred in in the last couple of months, come to a meeting and get introduced. The meetings are the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. – that's 1900 for Navy folks – and if you attend, I like to give all new members and transferees a challenge coin thanking them for their service.

To all the volunteers who help around the Post, a very big thank you. We have a great group of volunteers here at Post 129 and that is what makes this Post the best on the first coast.

For God and Country
Joe Maichle, Commander



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Auxiliary News by Mary Tarnowski



Fall – what a great time of the year. Temperatures getting cooler, kids are back to school, football season in full gear, and most importantly, your Unit 129 is starting strong.

The Christmas in July dinner and fundraiser were a great success. The dinner was delicious, and everyone enjoyed the event. It was also attended by our 5th District President, Annie Anderson. A special thanks to Millie, Terry, and all of the women who helped to serve the meal and help with the cleanup. We served 59 dinners and cleared over \$800 in donations. Thanks to everyone who donated and purchased tickets for the basket raffles.

As a reminder, our dinner fundraisers this year will take place on the 1st Friday of the month. Please come out and enjoy some delicious meals.

Members new and old, we are still looking for chairwomen for various committees. There are so many wonderful volunteer opportunities; I don't want you to miss out. The Department of Florida's website: www.alafl.org has a lot of information. I'm excited to say we only need our chairmanships to go! Help me fill them please.

The Auxiliary workshop was held in Orlando from August 9 – 11th and was attended by five auxiliary members. A lot of valuable information was obtained and a good time was had by all.

Members, don't forget it is time to renew your 2019-2020 dues. The 2020 membership cards are in. If you rejoin by Nov 11th, your dues will be \$30 for senior members. New members and renewals after that date is \$35. Juniors are \$5. If

you are over 80 and have been a member for at least five years, your Unit pays your dues. If you recently made it to be an octogenarian, please let us know – our records don't always show birth date. Let's go for 100% again this year.

District 5 School of Instruction will be held on September 7, 2019. This is where you learn about all of the committees. This is open to all Auxiliary members and the cost is free. It will be held at the American Legion Post 316, 1127 Atlantic Blvd, Atlantic Beach, FL 32233. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. and the session begins at 9:00 a.m. Let's have a good turnout and have a lot of fun.

For God and Country.
Mary Tarnowski

S.A.L. News by Pat Fowler

Congratulations to our new slate of officers for 2019-2020. They are:
Commander – Pat Fowler, 1st Vice Commander – Terry Stickles, 2nd Vice Commander – Scott Hardy, 3rd Vice Commander – Denny Herman, Adjutant/4th Vice Commander – Rob Nicholson, Finance Officer – Steve Smith, Assistant Finance Officer – Brian Haught, Chaplain – Brian Hancher, Sergeant at Arms – Brian Haught.

Early Bird membership renewal is available until October 1st. Be sure and take advantage of discounted renewal fees and renew your membership early.

SAL will be selling raffle tickets during the month of September for a new TV. Football season is upon us and it is a great time to get a new TV for your man cave or TV viewing room. Tickets are available at the bar in Freedom Hall or any SAL member.

USO Food Bank is in need of canned food, dry goods and especially disposable diapers. The USO supports Coast Guard and Navy families in our area who are in need of food to meet their household requirements for the month. There are approximately 50 families in the Mayport community who need help from the USO to meet their food needs each month. SAL will be gathering donations in Freedom Hall of the above items and, of course,

financial donations to assist the USO in meeting the needs of these young military families. Please bring in your donations.

Friday, September 13, 2019, SAL will be serving dinner of meatball subs plus the fixings prepared by our 1st Vice Commander, Terry Stickles. Come out and join us for steak bingo, dinner and a fine band on Friday the 13th.

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.

Cabane News by Annie Anderson

Hello Everyone,

Congratulation to Gladys for joining our fun group of Dames. Ms. Gladys was installed to Locale 215 at our last Rendezvous.

Merci to our Dames and Voyagers for taken care of our dinner obligations on Aug. 30. Our next dinner is Friday, Nov. 29. November is also our raffle month. Please

watch out for more information in the upcoming months.

The Dames voted for all of us to go out to dinner. Please remember anyone can join us. Dame Kelly offered to take care of the reservation, etc. Thursday, September 12th at 6 p.m., we are going to the Fish Company on Atlantic Blvd in Atlantic Beach. See you all at the Fish Company for some great food and fun. Next formal

Rendezvous is Thursday October 10th at 7 pm.

I want to wish everyone a happy Halloween watch out for the goblins and little munchkins.

For God and Country
Annie Anderson
Presidente Cabane Locale 215

Canteen Update

By Brandi Haught



Wow where has this year gone! Football season is right around the corner! Remember we are your front row ticket to every game! With the NFL ticket and Fifteen Large Flat Screen TV's you will never miss a play by your favorite team!

Both the Liberty & Freedom Hall will be open on Sundays for football as well as the kitchen which will be serving up wings and so much more, so plan on making Post 129 your football headquarters.

We have added a new event to the Liberty Hall weekly schedule. Now on Tuesday evenings in addition to Blackjack we will also be running pool tournaments. There is no cost to participate and all skills are welcome so come on up and give it a shot!

There are a ton of special events coming up the next two months on top of all of our weekly events so be sure to check the calendar and your weekly update so that you don't miss anything!

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,

I want to personally thank everyone who donated to our school supplies fundraiser for Neptune Beach Elementary. The first weekend in August, we had over 50 children and families to receive our riders as we delivered 33 backpacks stuffed full. They were holding American Flags and signs welcoming our donation. The smiles on their faces said it all. We couldn't have done it without you.

The American Legion Legacy Run that was also in August and a huge success! We left Lady Lake, Fla., with over 400 bikes making the trek to Indianapolis for National Convention. Along the way, over \$275,000 was raised to support the Legacy Fund, which provides scholarship money for children of fallen military members from 9/11/2001 forward. As a rider in this event, it was an incredible experience and the reception received was overwhelming.

As we move forward into September, Post 129 will be the start of a Charity Poker Run for a child with cancer. On September 14th, we will assist Chapter 233 Riders with this event. The Post will open

early that day and there will be raffles and fun activities. Proceeds will go to benefit Little John and his fight to kick cancer. KSU at 11am and the entry fee includes a BBQ dinner at the end of the ride.

September 21st is the National POW/MIA Recognition Day at the Gathering in the Pines. This is held at the Chapel of the High Speed Pass at 6112 POW-MIA Memorial Parkway in Jacksonville. There will be a Car and Bike Show, food trucks, live entertainment, silent auction and a kids' area. Hours are 10am-3pm. Fun for the whole family.

October is the Riders raffle month and we have a great prize donated by Kommat, who is a Chapter 129 Rider and CVMA rider. We will be selling raffle tickets for a Beach Cruiser bicycle. Great for anyone living at the beach or an excellent Christmas present. See any Rider member during the month and as always, tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. October 26th is ALR Chapter 316's Annual Zombie Ride. There will be face painting and fun activities. Even if you don't ride, you can make an appointment to get your face painted. This isn't

your usual painting...they have people on staff that will rival special effects makeup for movies.

Save the Date: the Riders' only fundraiser will once again be Casino Night. On Saturday, February 29, 2020, we will turn the Liberty Hall into a Las Vegas style Casino Night. If you didn't attend this year, make plans to join us in February. There will be some great food, raffle prizes and proceeds will be donated to Project:VetRelief- Suicide Prevention Initiative. Every day 22 Veterans commit suicide and we're doing our part to donate to the cause to help those in need.

As always, our Bike Night is every 4th Thursday at Graffiti Junktion in Jacksonville Beach. A portion of all food and beverage sales from 5-9 pm is donated to our Veterans Support Fund. This fund helps beaches Veterans have a better quality of life by performing home repairs.

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)

.....
Gold Level, \$50

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

.....
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)