

# American Legion Post 129

September/October 2018

**Upcoming Meetings/Events**

- **Planning Board at 6 pm**  
Sept. 5 and Oct. 3
- **House Comm., 6:30 p.m.**  
Sept. 5 and Oct. 3
- **E-Board at 6:30 p.m.**  
Sept. 6 and Oct. 4
- **Auxiliary at 7 p.m.**  
Sept. 6 and Oct. 4
- **General Mtg at 7 p.m.**  
Sept. 6 and Oct. 4
- **ALR at 9 a.m.**  
Sept. 8 and Oct. 6
- **SAL at 6 p.m.**  
Sept. 6 and Oct. 4
- **Cabane at 7 p.m.**  
Sept. 13 and Oct. 11
- **NEVER FORGET!**  
Sept. 11
- **Post 129 Bday Party**  
Sept. 14
- **POW/MIA Ceremony**  
Sept. 21
- **Blood Drive**  
Sept. 29
- **Halloween Party**  
Oct. 26

## Commander's Corner by Joe Maichle

Greetings Legionnaires and Family:

Well, summer is almost over and by now all the children are back in school. Boy that summer went by quickly. I hope everyone had a great summer and enjoyed the sun and the beach.

We started off July with celebrating the birth of our nation on the 4th of July. The Auxiliary held their annual Christmas in July and it was a success. On July 15, myself, Department 2nd Vice Commander Jerry Brandt and Department Sgt at Arms Jeff Durden attended the American Legion Baseball observance at the baseball grounds downtown hosted by the Jumbo Shrimp. Department 2nd Vice Commander Jerry Brandt had the honor of throwing out the first pitch, and he did make it to home plate (enough said).

On July 29th we held our installation of Officers. Legion officers had the privilege of having Past National Vice Commander Paul Martel conduct the installation.

Ernie Florig for assisting in manning the table.

In August, we started having a food truck at the Post every Saturday night. We also have free valet parking due to the construction on 12th Ave.

Membership is at 30%. Don't forget early bird ends on September 30. Renew early and save \$10.

**Up Coming events**

- Post Birthday
- Navy Birthday
- Air Force Birthday
- Halloween Party
- POW MIA Ceremony

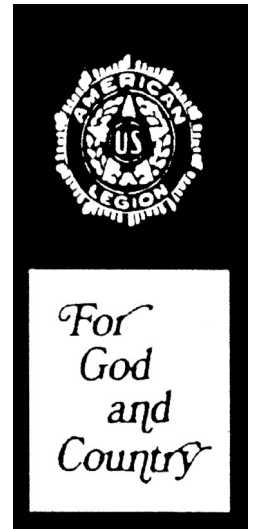
**New Members:**

- Wilson Webb, Army
- Michael Anderson, Navy
- Luis Cusdrada, Army
- William Fagan, Air Force
- Diane Fletcher, Air Force
- Richard Hersh, Air Force (Active Duty)
- George Pappas, Navy

**Transfers:**

- Mark Stewart, Army
- Richard Allison, Air Force
- Alan Likendy, Navy
- Richard Bate, Navy

For God and Country,  
Joe Maichle



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August started out with the Post being closed for several days due the electrical change over. Thank all for their patience during this time. It will be well worth it when the back room is complete. We celebrated the Coast Guard's birthday on August 4th due to the kitchen being closed. At our meeting on August 9, we draped the charter for two deceased members: Leroy Lawson, Jr., U.S. Marines, and Kenneth J. Anue, U.S. Marines.

On August 9 we assisted the Jacksonville Beach Police Department for their National Night Out and provided 150 hot dogs and chips for their event. Thanks to 4th Vice Commander Rick Miller for cooking the hot dogs, and



# Auxiliary News by Candace Mabry



Fall – my favorite time of the year. Temperature getting cooler, kiddies back to school, football in full gear, and most importantly your Unit 129 is starting strong. I wrote the last newsletter before we even had Christmas in July stating that everyone enjoyed the event and thanks to all. Well, those words aren't enough. Thanks to Millie, Genell, Judy Moody, Barb Fowler, Dave Tarnowski, Kathy Jewell, Mary Tarnowski, Kathy Maichie, and Terry S. for all your help in the kitchen. We served over 60 dinners and cleared over \$700 in donations. Thanks to everyone that donated and purchased baskets to the silent auction, purchased tickets for 50/50, purchased mystery bags for \$5, donated sports equipment and donated money. Thanks also for the Legionnaires, SAL, ALR and Cabane for their donations. Our troops in Afghanistan because of the generosity of our family will get over \$3,000 in sports equipment. Nice start for the year and our new National Security chairman Susie Elmore. Susie will also be in charge of our clipped coupons and sending them overseas and to the USO. Please remember we need CLIPPED coupons. Thanks as always.

Our Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation new chairperson, Kim Linderman, is also off with a bang. She told us about a Cor-

poral in the Marines that had just retired and his home burnt down in Keystone Heights. He is married and father of two. We held a special meeting in July and voted to donate \$1,000 to a charity that was assisting this family. Kim also brought to our attention a charity called Operation New Uniform. They assist new veterans transitioning to active duty with resume help, mentoring, networking and learning corporate speak instead of military speak. We donated \$1,500 toward a fund raiser of theirs in November. Way to go Kim!

As a reminder, our dinner fundraiser this year will take place the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month. If you weren't at our dinner in August, you really missed out. It was an Italian Extravaganza! Thanks to new member and soon to be members Carol, Dee and Terry they served up the best Italian Lasagna, sausage, spaghetti and meatballs we've had in a long time. Ladies, your Unit cannot thank you enough! Please join us September 14<sup>th</sup> for another wonderful dinner. Thanks also for Fred and Laura selling our Bingo cards for SteeeaaaK Bingo.

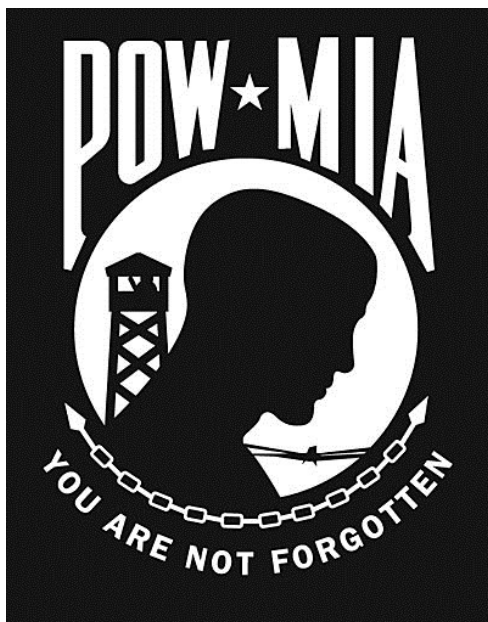
Members both new and old, we are still looking for chairwomen for various committees. There are so many wonderful volunteer opportunities; I don't want you

to miss out. The Department of Florida's website [alaf1.org](http://alaf1.org) has a font of information. We have created a trifold pamphlet that gives an overview of the programs. I'm excited to say we only have 4 chairmanships to go! Help me fill them please.

Members don't forget it is time to renew your 2018 – 2019 dues. Remember that we passed a new membership by-law. If you re-join by November 11<sup>th</sup> your dues are \$30 for senior members. New members and renewals after that date is \$35. Juniors are \$5. If you are over 80 and been a member for at least five years, your Unit pays your dues. If you have 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!

*"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."* — Elizabeth Andrew

For God and Country,  
Candace Mabry



## Canteen Update

By Brandi Haught



Over half way through 2018! Where did it go? I guess we were just too busy to notice. The next two months are shaping up to be pretty busy as well starting out with our new Saturday night food truck night. With Queen of Diamonds continuing to build and you all looking hungry every week, we have decided to have the local food trucks stop by and provide dinner every Saturday. So be sure to come on by on Saturdays, grab your tickets for the raffle and some grub for one of the local trucks. Dinner begins at 5 pm. On Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating the Legion birthday. On Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup> we will hold our annual POW / MIA ceremony and celebrate the Air Force birthday. Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> we will have our Blood Drive. If you can give blood please make a point to come on out.

We start the month of October by volunteering down at the USO for the No Dough Dinner on Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Volunteers are needed for the event and if you would like to help, please see Joe or Ernie. On Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> Terry will be cooking up his annual October Fest dinner so mark your calendars this is a dinner you do not want to miss. On Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> we will have our Navy birthday celebration and on Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> we will have our annual Halloween party.

We are also bringing in some new bands over the next few months so be sure to stop by and check them out and let us know what you think.

We are still in the process of renovating the back hall. Once completed, the current plan is that this will be a second canteen of sorts. This venue will be non smoking and more family friendly. We are working on putting together events and entertainment for the new venue and as the project comes closer to completion, we will be posting updates on our website, Fa-

ceBook page, and in our weekly emails. So watch for that exciting news in the upcoming weeks.

Watch for a flier with details about the Christmas Craft Show on November 10 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the newly remodeled south hall (back room) at the Post. The cost is \$20 for a 8' x 30" table - includes two chairs. Vendors selling arts and crafts, food products, consultants and retail are all welcome to participate.

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'm looking forward to a new and exciting year as the Director of the Riders. When I first joined Post 129, I never dreamed that I would one day be sitting at the computer writing an article for our newsletter.

First, I would like to thank each and everyone of you for donating to our back to school supply program. It was a great success! This year we donated over forty backpacks full of supplies and teddy bears to San Pablo Elementary School. The children, parents and teachers were very excited to see the Riders pull up on their bikes and hand out back packs.

Our Bike Nights at Graffiti Junktion are getting bigger and better. If you have not

been to one, please bring the family and join us the 4th Thursday of each month from 5 - 9 p.m. Graffiti Junktion donates 15% of total sales to our Veterans Support Fund.

Our Casino Night is coming up and the committee team is planning for a great night for everyone. If you would like to volunteer and help, please let us know. As Jim has said in the past, just because it has a Rider logo on it, does not mean it is not for everyone. We are all family. There is a saying I found that I would like to pass along, "If serving is below you, leadership is beyond you" - Anonymous.

### Upcoming Events:

Sept. 2nd ALR 250 West Coast Run  
 Sept. 8th ALR 129 Meeting at 9am  
 Sept. 22nd ALR 202 K9 Line Poker Run  
 Sept. 27 ALR 129 Bike Night  
 Sept. 28th ALR 129 Dinner  
 Oct. 6th ALR 129 Meeting at 9am  
 Oct. 25th ALR 129 Bike Night  
 Oct. 26th ALR 129 Dinner.

Until Next time, Ride Safe!

Trent



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**BOOSTER LIST**

**Diamond Level, \$100+**

- Bob Schlatter (11/18)
- Dieter Arnold (3/19)
- In Memory of Al "Sharkey" Wiltshire (2022)
- In Memory of Cindy Burroughs (7/18)

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**Platinum Level, \$100**

- Bill Garrett (7/19)

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**Gold Level, \$50**

- Chuck and Sue Nist (3/19)

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**Silver Level, \$25**

- In Memory of Kim White (10/18)
- Paul "Shorts" Urff (8/19)
- Victor & Marlen (11/18)
- Louise Taylor Braren (3/19)

**Bronze Level, \$10**

- Estelle Mellon (9/17)
- Richard & Jo Ann Scoggins (4/19)
- Russell & Mary Lou Jones (9/17)
- Maddy Chitko (1/19)