

# American Legion Post 129

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June 2014

## Upcoming Events

- **June 5**  
6:00 Planning Board  
6:30 E-Board  
7:30 General meeting
- **June 8**  
Dart Banquet
- **June 12**  
7:00 40&8 and Cabane
- **June 14**  
Flag Day
- **June 15**  
Father's Day
- **June 21**  
10:00 ALR meeting
- **June 26**  
6:00 S.A.L. meeting
- **June 28**  
Country Western Night  
5:30 Dinner & dance

## Commander's Corner by Danny Rodriguez

Well family as this year winds down to a close and convention just around the corner, I want to thank everyone for a great year.

The Post is over 100% membership and we are seeing new faces in the canteen. We have done a lot to be recognized as a partner in the community and I would like to keep this going next year.

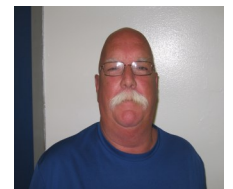
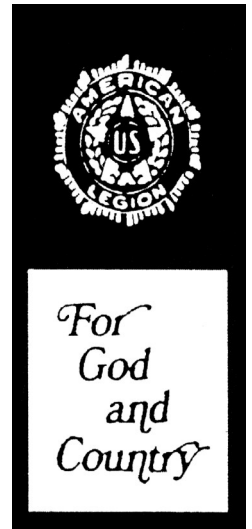
We have worked together to make things happen, and become stronger.

I am happy that you found it in your hearts to re-elect me as commander. We have a lot of new faces that have stepped up and ran for office in the Post. I ask of you, as members, to help support them as I will. It is a hard

thing to do by giving of your selves the extra time to manage the legions affairs.

Several new members have expressed interest in learning what goes on within the legion and some are planning on attending conference to see how things work. There will be a training day at Post 137 & 129 in July. This is a great way for you to get involved .

I am still holding a position within the 5th district as Sergeant at Arms but next year I would like to go further. I have the Post in mind and will do everything in my power so that we are recognized thru out the state. One way that you and I can do this is by "blowing our horn" for every thing we do for the community (continued on page 3 )



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## First Vice Commander (key duties)

Membership is the primary concern of the First Vice Commander

Frequently the success or failure of the membership record during his/her year determines the chances of advancing to the commandership the following year. While each post is different, any membership campaign

should cover certain fundamentals. Look at the methods used in the past.

In a successful post, a new post commander is going to contact the post officers and committee chairs right after being elected, either individually or at a special meeting, to lay out a general plan of operation for

the entire year. This is the time when the membership plan should also be made. WHERE do we want to go? WHAT's the objective (how many new members)? WHO is going to do the things necessary and WHEN is the work going to be done?

# Auxiliary News

by Kelly Bush



**WE WILL NOT HAVE A GENERAL AUXILIARY MEETING ON JUNE 5, 2014.** Please keep your eyes/ears open for our upcoming Installation date and come join us. Department of Florida convention will be held June 12-15 in Orlando, FL.

Congratulations and thank you to the wonderful volunteers who were elected on May 1 to serve as Auxiliary Officers for 2014-2015 (see list on Facebook or printed bulletin). We still have an opening at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President position and several chairmanships, please see Kelly Bush if you would consider serving your unit.

This will be the 20th year the American Legion Post 129 has sponsored the

Jacksonville Beach Children's Event Hooked on Fishing. The event is being held on Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>; at Huguenot Lagoon in Jacksonville Beach from 8am to 1pm. Volunteers are needed to assist at the event. Please see John Burroughs or Jerry Brandt for details. (The event was postponed from 5/3 due to rain).

**Dinner/Show on Saturday, June 7, Miss Post 129 Beauty Pageant:**

Back again and better than ever! You will not want to miss this show. Our "women" will compete to see who will be the next Miss Post 129. All new talent and amazing gowns. All for the crown and the title!

Dinner and Show Package: Dinner

at 5:30 p.m. & Show at 7:00 p.m., Tickets = \$18 Each or \$35 for Two. Reservations MUST be Made by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Dinner will be Smoked Beef Brisket Served with Homemade Red Potato Salad, BBQ Beans, Corn Bread with Honey Butter, and Dessert. \$10 Donation for Show Only Tickets. All Proceeds to Benefit Auxiliary Charities and programs .

Mark your calendars for dinner and steak bingo on Friday, June 20, prepared by our Wonderful Wanda.

Yours in service, Kelly Bush, ALA Unit 129 President

# S.A.L. News

by JD Kapeghian



S.A.L. would like to send our condolences and our prayers to our Legion family members, Mary and Dave Harnowski for the loss of their beloved son..our hearts go out to them and if they need anything please be there for them. On a lighter note, I would like to congratulate the newly elected officers of the S.A.L. 2014 -2015! I am proud to have all of you on board! Lets make this the best year ever. At this time, our membership percentage is at 110.59% which is more than it's ever been but I think with the new crew we can exceed that this year! Congratulations go out to Mr. Pat Fowler for his Locks of Love

contribution, great job! Thanks for all the donations and contributions. We are sure it is going to make some individuals very happy! Our new goal, is to have the train up and running by Labor Day for our second annual inaugural crawl. Sorry we weren't able to have the Memorial Day crawl, but we went Old School with our trolley crawl. I hope everyone that was able to join us enjoyed themselves! Please be on the look out for the next sign up sheet for the Labor Day crawl. On Friday, June 6th, the S.A.L. dinner will be a stuffed chicken breast, twice baked potato, grilled vegetables, garlic toast and

dessert. Pre-orders are welcome, it's going to sell out fast. On Monday, June 16th, we will be serving loaded nachos with either beef or chicken. The S.A.L would like to thank Noah Scott Kapeghian, our R.O.T.C. member, for presenting the S.A.L. wreath at the Memorial Day ceremonies. We are very proud of you, keep up the good work. And , belated HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Now that you're 16 can you give us a ride!The S.A.L. meetings are now held on the last Thursday of the month at 6pm, please join us. Your thoughts and ideas and insights are always welcome. Thank you and good night.

## Officers for 2013—2014

Commander.....Danny Rodriguez  
 1st Vice.....Don Grzena  
 2nd Vice.....Terry Stickles  
 3rd Vice.....Stephanie Cain  
 4th Vice.....Frank DeCoste  
 Sgt at Arms.....A.K. Rogers  
 Adjutant.....Jerry Brandt  
 Judge Advocate.....Bob Wilson  
 Finance.....Bob Schlatter  
 Chaplain.....Brian Hancher  
 Service Officer.....Robert Schmitt

**E-Board Members**    **House Committee**  
 Deborah Left            Bill Wilson  
 Tommy Williams        Frank Redmond  
 Lee Fair                  Rich Hansberg  
 Chuck Nist                Kathy Jewell (Aux)  
 Robert Schmitt         Dale Peterson  
                                       Nolan Bomar

**Auxiliary President,**  
 Kelly Bush  
**Commander S.A.L.,**  
 JD Kapeghian  
**Chef De Gare 40 & 8,**  
 Marie Kraemer  
**La Presidente, Cabane 215,**  
 Louise Bagdasarian  
**AL Riders Director**  
 Lee Fair

## Commander (continue from page 1)

the Veterans, and for the Children and Youth Programs, needs to be told to the department.

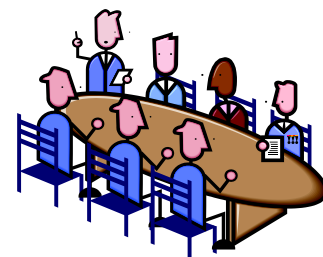
Those who wish to help the Post, I have chairmanships available. Some of them just takes a little work, some require more work. If this is not what you like I know every function needs volunteers. For example the fast approaching holiday, the 4th of July we need people to help cook, setup, serve and clean up afterwards. You don't have to do it all. Just an hour or two is great. Just remember keep track of your time. I will be making a slip that will be kept on the office door so that you can fill it out and we can keep track of it. These hours are reported to National at the end of the year and this what National uses to help leverage Congress to help keep

The Veterans from losing benefits. We helped start the 5 Star Veteran's Center get off the ground. Now it seems that everyone else is on the band wagon. We are leaders in the district, so we need to find another program to start. I have a few ideas given to me and those members were told get information and see what we can do. If it is something that we can work then I don't see why we can't get it started. Who knows the others may jump on board after we get it a firm foundation going.

We are getting the blood drive started again. I have contacted the Florida/Georgia Blood Alliance and the bus will be here on the 4th of July. Our new blood drive coordi-

-nator is Linda Barefoot. So comes out and give if you can, it will help us all.

One last thing I would like to say is that we need members to attend the meetings. Remember if you don't like a decision that we made and you did not show up at the meeting you can only blame yourself. I know that I expect my officers to show up, and I would like to see more members.



## Thank You...

A Special Thanks to the following who came out the Morning of May 24th to assist in placing the Flags next to our Veterans who are at the cemetery.

Danny Rodriguez  
Richard Hansburg  
Ernie Florig  
Cathy Florig  
Mary Doubleday  
John Burroughs  
Wanda Brandt  
Harry Becker  
Linda Shaw  
Dave Carlson  
Bob Schmidt  
Rick Chalcraft  
Buddy Rogers  
Tom Williams

## Our First Theme Night....."C & W"

**Grab your boots & hats**

for

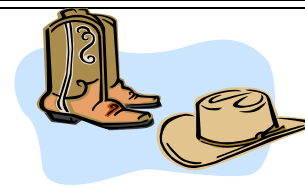
Country Western Night Dinner & Dance

Saturday June 28, 2014

American Legion Post 129

Dinner 5:30pm

Country Music by Albert



**Ya'll Come.....**

# Canteen Update

by Brandi Roberts



I hope everyone is aware that there is always something going on at Post 129! Monday are Trivia, Tuesday Dart League, Wednesday Karaoke, Thursday Texan Hold'em, Friday Live Bands, Saturday Dice Night, and Sunday Pass the Trash!!! And in case that isn't enough excitement for you we also have special events every month!

This month on June 7<sup>th</sup> we have our monthly ALR Bike Night and the Miss Post 129 Pageant. Tickets are now on sale at the canteen. See the Auxiliary article for more details on the show. Also this month on Saturday, Jun 28<sup>th</sup> we will host our first monthly theme night. This month the theme will be "Country". So breakout those cowboy hats and step on up to the Post! Albert will be here to entertain you and we

will have a country themed dinner.

Richard has left the kitchen but Dave has stepped up! Dave is cooking lunch during the week Monday through Friday from 11am to 3pm. Stop on by the Post and see what everyone is raving about!!!

With the event hall looking better than ever the dates are starting to fill up! If you know anyone that is looking for a venue to hold a wedding, birthday party or other celebration please let them know that the hall is available for rent and to contact Brandi at the Post.

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 [brandi-roberts@att.net](mailto:brandi-roberts@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!

## Dear Ethel....



**Dear Ethel:** College is expensive. A guy outside the food stamp office told me he got a master's degree for only a little money through the mail, with no studying, and still can't find a job. He said, "Hey, I coulda went to Harvard. I don't think college is worth it." Is that right? No School Fool.

**Dear No School Fool:** It can be, provided the person's studying at a real college.

Believing that (unlikely), he might comment, "if only I had of knew!"

**Dear Ethel:** I recently heard an interesting name for a collection agency: Attila the Dun. Clever, isn't it? **Name Dame**

**Dear Name Dame:** Not to a debtor named Attila the None



If you have any questions for the "Ask Ethel" column, she would appreciate your input. Send the questions to Ethel at: [triplejj@comcast.net](mailto:triplejj@comcast.net)

## Wall of Honor

We are attempting to start a new tradition at American Legion Post 129. We would like to place up 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

## We Need Your Help.....

As you should know on March 16th, 2019 we will celebrate The American Legions 100th Birthday. If you go to the website: [centennial.legion.org](http://centennial.legion.org)...click on left hand side, Post Index, select Florida, Post 129 comes up. There is not much about us. We need to fill it up. Pictures, history, current events, anything to bring our Post to life on this website.

You can add the data directly to the site or send it to [Le-gionpost129@comcast.net](mailto:Le-gionpost129@comcast.net). I would love to see what we can do. Jerry Brandt



## Legion Lore

by Jack Hardebeck



Since I was in the U.S. Navy, I've wondered why they call new recruits "boots." Of course, recruit rhymes with boot, but that theory seems doubtful. There's nothing poetic about boot camp. Besides, the boots, at least in WW II, were not really boots; they were leg-gings. You wore shoes, too. Following are my choices for origin of the Navy term "boot":

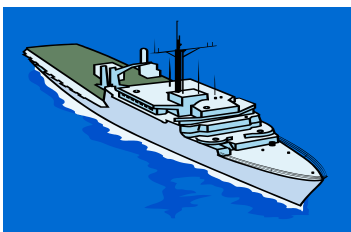
--If you do some terrible things during training, you could be boot-ed out of the Navy.

--Homesick recruits from certain parts of the U.S.A. will usually, on their first liberty, call home from a

telephone "boot".

--Scotch immigrants who joined up want to sail away on a "boot."

In any event, a warning from top-side went: When questioned by his chief petty officer, the boot had better tell the "troot"! (Oops, that's poetic.)



## Thank You.....

Legionnaire "Ponytail" Pat Fowler had his ponytail cut and donated to "Locks of Love" on April 26, 2014 at American Legion Post 129. Post Commander Danny Rodriguez officiated over the event by cutting the ponytail. Pat has been growing his hair for over two years in anticipation of the Landon High School Class of 1964, 50 year reunion which occurred the same week end. Locks of Love is a non-religious, non-political, not-for-profit entity that promotes the well-being of children through its program of providing custom hairpieces for disadvantaged children with medical hair loss.

The cost of producing one of these custom quality hairpieces for a child is approximately \$1,000. At this event we were able to raise \$3,200 for these deserving children.

## Cabane News

.....by Louise Bagdasarian

I want to thank everyone for their support of our yearly yard sale, because of all of you, it was a great success! Thank you!! Just a reminder that Grande is June 20th - 22nd in Sebring, FL. Our election for 2014-2015 results are as follows: La Presidente, Louise Bagdasarian; La Sous Presidente, Vicky Gordon; La Correspondent, Kelly Bush; La Conductor, Carol Brickel; La Garde de la Porte,

Margaret Hardy; La Drapeau, Sharon Milldpsugh; La Aumonier, Lorraine Smith; La Cheminot, Annie Anderson, Dianne Barker, Patty Rodriguez, Helen Mays. Our next rendezvous is June 12th - don't forget your berets! Our installation of new officers will be July 10th at 7 pm. All dames are asked to bring a dessert! Hope everyone has a wonderful summer!!

Faithfully yours,  
Louise Bagdasarian  
La Presidente



## Editor's Comments

by Sterling L. Phaklides

If you noticed on the June calendar that Lunches by Dave has started. We have heard a lot of good things about "Lunch by Dave". Come on over and give it a try. He serves from 11-3.

Starting each month we will be highlighting a Post 129 Officer position. What are their key duties,

What is their role in the Legion? You may want to get more involved as an officer next year. Note that we started with the First Vice Commander in June.



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## The World According to Me ...by Patty Rodriguez

It doesn't matter Who we are,  
What we do for a living or Where  
in Life's Journey we are, what  
Should matter is that  
each of us should take a moment  
and consider the following words:

"People come into your life for a reason, a season, or a lifetime. When you figure out which one it is, you will know what to do for each person. When someone is in your life for a REASON . . . It is usually to meet a need you have expressed. They have come to assist you through a difficulty, to provide you with guidance and support, to aid you physically, emotionally, or spiritually. They may seem like a godsend, and they are! They are there for the reason you need them to be. Then, without any wrong doing on your part, or at an

an inconvenient time, this person will say or do something to bring the relationship to an end .Sometimes they die. Sometimes they walk away. Sometimes they act up and force you to take a stand. What we must realize is that our need has been met, our desire fulfilled, their work is done. The **prayer** you sent up has been answered. And now it is time to move on.

When people come into your life for a SEASON . . .Because your turn has come to share, grow, or learn. They bring you an experience of peace, or make you laugh. They may teach you something you have never done. They usually give you an unbelievable amount of joy. Believe it! It is real! But, only for a season.

LIFETIME relationships teach you lifetime lessons; things you must build upon in order to have a



solid emotional foundation. **Your job** is to accept the lesson, love the person, and put what you have learned to use in all other relationships and areas of your life."

Author Unknown

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## The VETERAN

It is VETERAN, not the preacher,  
Who has given us Freedom of Religion.

It is the VETERAN, not the campus organizer,  
Who has given us freedom to assemble.

It is the VETERAN, not the lawyer, who has given us the  
right to a fair trial.

It is the VETERAN, not the politician,  
Who has given us the right to vote.

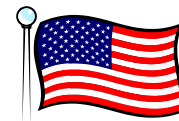
It is the VETERAN, who salutes the flag.

It is the VETERAN who serves under the flag.

Eternal rest grand them o lord, and let perpetual light shine  
upon. Makes you proud to be an American.

## “FLAG Day”

Flag Day Celebrated June 14, `1777. On May 30th, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation establishing a national Flag Day on June 14. Many Americans celebrate Flag Day by displaying the Red, White and Blue in front of homes and businesses. The Day commemorates the adoption of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States.



Do you know the flag's history? According to American legend, in June 1776, George Washington commissioned Betsy Ross, a Philadelphia seamstress, to create a flag for the new nation in anticipation of a declaration of its independence.

## Father' Day

Two kids in a fancy Connecticut bedroom community met on the way to school. One kid said, "My father can lick your father, ". The other said, "Your father is my father".

A young man called home at two in the morning. His father answered the phone. The young man asked, "Did I wake you, Dad?" The father answered, "No, do you want to call back later?"

I taught my son the value of a dollar. This week he wants his allowance in yen!

"Son, when I was your age, I used to be thrilled just to get a piece of dry

bread for dinner." "Gee, Dad, you're much better off living with us, aren't you?"

A father lectured his son on the real values of life. The Father said, "We were put on Earth to help others." The boy said, "What are the others here for?"

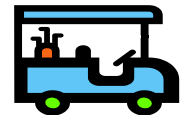
Son, this is going to hurt me more than it hurts you." "Then go easy on yourself Dad!"

If Alexander Graham Bell had a daughter, he'd never have invented the telephone!

## 9 Hole Golf (Sat)

On Saturdays in May we continued to have fun hitting the little white ball. Come on down and join us. Give me a call (Sterling) at 294-4234 or e-mail me at sterling1960@comcast.net. I send out an e-mail every Tuesday to find out who will be playing the following Saturday. Individuals that are going to play need to let me know so that I can schedule the proper number of t-times. First t-time is around 11:15am. We have rom for 20 golfers each week. .Have some fun, join us.

Sterling



## New Members



**Let's Welcome these new members to American Legion Post 129**

Wade Otis

John Ruble

Andres Gonzaks

William Garing

London Woods

Michael Nisbet

Willis Fowler

Joseph Starr Jr

Tommy Powell

Rebecca Floyd

Lucien Vaillancourt

Ralph Kennedy Jr

### AUXILIARY

Judy Moody

Cheri Cain

Kimberly Aquino

Barbara Smith

Cari Eyre

Challenge yourself to go out and get one new member in June.

## Tuesday Golf..NEW

We have Saturday 9-Hole Golf and now we have Tuesday 9 Hole Golf. It all started on Tuesday March 25th at Jacksonville Beach Golf Club. Fees are great for the seniors (65 & up).9 holes, \$14.26 with cart or walk for \$6:21, Non seniors will pay \$20.96 with cart or walk for \$12.89,. It will be a scramble format with first t-time at 11:30am. Bob Fowler will need to know who is playing the next Tuesday by Friday of each week. Please contact Bob Fowler at: bobfowler47@bellsouth.net or call 904-813-2023.

## Publicity Chairperson

Cathy Berry is taking on the task of American Legion Post Family Publicity Chairperson. She will ensure that any occasion or event that occurs within our Legion family will be distributed to the numerous publications available.

Please submit all events & dates to Cathy at michelobit@aol.com

## "The Queen of Diamonds"

We now have a new type of raffle, "The Queen of Diamonds" will be played every Saturday at 7pm.

Information about the "Queen of Diamonds" will be posted in the Legion.

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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 (7/14)
- Vince Rogers (1/14)

**Gold Level, \$50**

- Chuck & Sue Nist (4/14)
- James M. Denholm (1/14)
- Charlie Parker (9/14)
- Bill Garrett (6/14)
- Sally & Pearse Doherty (8/14)
- Rush K Abry (2/14)

**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 (10/14)
- 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)

**Bronze Level, \$10**

- Estelle Mellon (9/14)
- 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 (9/14)
- Pete Riebesehl (11/13) MIA Henry Koch
- John & Gloria Molisani (8/15)

Let's  
Fill  
This  
Booster  
List  
Up  
Again



# Congratulations to our incoming officers 2014-2015

## LEGION OFFICERS

Commander—Danny Rodriguez  
1st Vice—Tommy Williams  
2nd Vice—Terry Stickles  
3rd Vice—Jerry Brandt  
4th Vice—Joe Michaels  
Sgt at Arms—Anna Roger  
Finance Officer—Robert Schlatter  
Chaplain—Brian Hancher

**E-board**  
Chuck Nist  
Lee Fair  
Debbie Left  
Cathy Berry  
Dennis McDowell

## **AUXILIARY OFFICERS**

President—Kelly Bush  
1st Vice—Maggie McCall  
Treasurer—Vicky Gordon-Haft  
Chaplain—Kathy Jewell  
Historian—Toni Abbott  
Sgt At Arms—Judy Moody

## **S.A.L. Officers**

Commander—JD Kapeghian  
1st Vice—Steve Smith  
2nd Vice—Martin Manley  
3rd Vice—Kenny Pigg  
4th Vice—Phillip Monson  
Sgt At Arms—Kevin Stewart  
Chaplain—Robert Hagg  
Adjutant—Scott Kapeghian

## **Executive Committee**

Mary Ellen Bolin  
Patty Rodriguez  
Barbara Fowler