

American Legion Post 129

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August 2010

Upcoming Events

- **August 4**
7:00 House committee & Planning board
- **August 5**
7:00 E-board meeting
7:00 Auxiliary meeting
7:30 General meeting
- **August 21**
7:30 Monte Carlo Night
- **August 25**
6:30 SAL meeting

Trivia, **Mondays**Darts, **Tuesdays**Karaoke, **Wednesdays**Texas-Hold'em, **Thursdays**Dinners & Music, **Fridays**Special Fun, **Saturdays**

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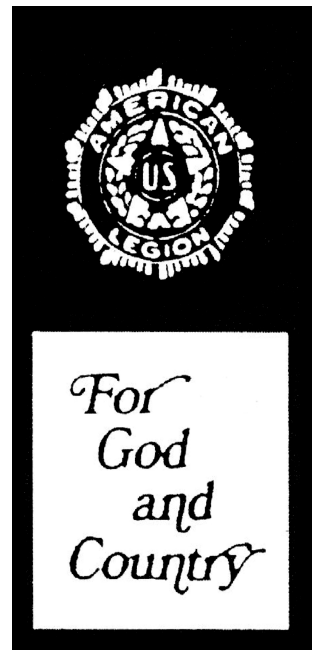
As we begin this new Legion year, first of all I want to thank Jerry Brandt for his outstanding year as Commander. Second, I'd like to thank those Legionnaires that supported me in my bid for the Commander spot. I am looking forward to a great year with a Superb group of officers.

A couple of corrections to July's newsletter: Left out completely was Bob Wilson's name as Judge Advocate and here is this year's real House Committee: Chair—Bill Wilson, Members—(Legion) Frank Redmond, Danny Henderson, Rich Hansberg & Mile Barker, (Aux) Marie Esler, (SAL) Tom Dawson. The July 11th

Installation went well with tons of awards (both external and internal) being given out to and by The Legion, Auxiliary and S.A.L. I am looking forward to working with Candace Mabry and Tom Dawson in making a cohesive Legion team.

Another project Jerry Brandt, Walt Fanton and I will be working on this coming year will be the Beaches Veterans Memorial Park, Inc. We have been briefed a couple of times on the park which will be located at the curve of Mayport Road where it joins Atlantic Blvd.

The American Legion –
Veterans serving Veterans !



1st Vice Update by Norm Sullivan

Thank you for electing me as 1st Vice for the new year at Post 129.

Our goal this year is to reach our 100% membership as soon as possible. Let's not wait until the last minute. The membership year runs from July to July, not January to

December. Get your dues paid before November 11th (Veterans Day) so you are eligible for the Early Bird dinner put on by the Post.

New members are very important to this Post. If you have any questions about the eligibility of an individual see me or any

officer at this post. Make your goal to bring in one new member in the next 6 months. What a positive impact to our Post that would be. Let's have a record year in new membership.

Auxiliary News

by Candace Mabry, Auxiliary President



Thanks to everyone that attended the convention this year. Unit 129 had another great year. We won department awards for Special Olympics, best program supporting PAWS, and our PR press releases. We were also honored as having over 100% membership. Yeah...great year.

Thanks for everyone that participated in our annual X-mas in July, even though there were "issues" with the kitchen, we came together as our Unit has always done and made it a huge success. Thanks for everyone that brought in a dish, helped to decorate and wrap presents, serve the food and sell those raffle tickets –

you gals are the best. Shannon thanks for coordinating and juggling the food in the kitchen. Special thanks to Santa (Bob Wilson) and Mrs. Claus (Claire Sheehan) for spending time in this warm climate!

Marie Elser and Pat Cornell a very special shout out to you both for another great Girls State year. This year we received 2 postcards and two letters from the girls describing their experiences. One of our ladies was even voted as model citizen for all of girls' state. I can't wait to hear them speak about their time at girls' state during one of our upcoming meetings.

Our first meeting of the year will be Thursday, August 5th. This is usually our most exciting meeting of the year as ladies bring up their ideas for the new year to help the community, veterans and active duty, and children.

Thanks to everyone that has already paid your dues for the 2010-2011 year. Kelly Bush is our new membership chairman, so please feel free to drop off your renewal to the canteen so we can get off to a great start again this year. Remember, without your membership, we cannot support all our worthy causes.

From the Galley

by 2nd Vice Danny Rodriguez

I would like to first thank everyone who has volunteered to do dinners in the galley this past month and those that have volunteered for this upcoming month. I would like to remind everyone that Terry, our forth vice is running the kitchen Monday thru Thursday and has great specials for lunch and dinner on Tuesday thru Thursday plus his regular menu. In case you don't know it is posted on our website.

I have had some people inquiring about breakfast and at this time I am only doing it on the Saturdays that coincide with the legion riders meeting, but as things progress I may start doing them more often so watch your calendars.

I promise that there will be something to eat with the exception of Sundays. I feel that all of us do

need some time with our families. The only change to this is if there is a special function going on Sunday.

We have had a lot of inquires about free meals, unfortunately this is a rumor. We strive to bring you the best possible meal at the lowest price possible without (continued on page 6)

Officers for 2010—2011

Commander.....Lee Ingraham
1st Vice.....Norm Sullivan
2nd Vice.....Danny Rodriguez
3rd Vice.....TBD
4th Vice.....Terry Stickles
SAA.....Mark Higgenbotham
Adjutant.....Candace Kelly
Finance.....Bob Schlatter
Chaplin.....Robert Schmitt
Service Officer.....Walt Fanton

E-Board Members *House Committee*

James Smith	William Wilson
Joseph Newberry	Frank Redmond
Sterling Phaklides	Rich Hansberg
David Jordan	Marie Esler (Aux)
Taylor Barker	Tom Dawson (SAL)
	Mike Barker
	Danny Henderson

Auxiliary President,
Candace Mabry

Commander S.A.L.,
Tom Dawson

Chef De Gard 40 & 8,
Kevin McCallon

La Presidente, Cabane 215,
Annie Anderson

Who's Cooking? by Claire Sheehan

Congratulations to Marie Esler who was the only one to guess last month's mystery chef, Terry Stickles. Remember to **READ** the newsletter for your chance to win a free drink @ the Canteen by identifying **this** month's mystery chef to our new Commander, Lee Ingraham.

~ My favorite ingredient is GAAALIC! I once even had garlic ice cream!!!

~ I moved to Florida in 2000 to grow old with my Mother who recently joined the auxiliary.

~ Although I worked in "Corporate America" for over 20 years, I now work in Retail.

~ An ideal meal for me consists of roasted pork loin, mashed potatoes, creamed spinach and a glass of wine. I rarely save room for dessert. I'm sweet enough!!

~ Not many people know I USED to be in the same business as my current boyfriend.

~ My favorite beach restaurant is Carribee Key where they have THE best fish sandwich (always with a BOGO coupon!)

~ I adore handbags and try to change it to coordinate with every outfit.

~ In my spare time I'm an avid reader and the "Food Network" is always the "previous channel" on my remote.

Don't forget to come out to support all our spectacular legion events. Charles and I will be whipping up yet another Italian feast for you guys on August 27, 2010 @ 5:30. So call your friends and bring them down for a meal not to be forgotten.



For The Good of the Legion by Lee Ingraham

As my first input to this column, I would like to throw at you one of my ideas!

After 20 years on the Executive Board I have seen a lot of money leave this Post going to a multitude of causes, charities and programs. I have also seen and heard a lot of financial reports that are in the red. I would like to keep supporting

these causes, charities and programs, but not to the point of putting the post in the red !

As our primary goal is "Veterans serving Veterans," I am going to form a "Donations Committee" whose purpose will be to screen and review ALL donation requests for the Post! The Auxiliary and S.A.L are not included in this effort – only

the Legion! As I see it right now, the Committee will be comprised of the Adjutant (for correspondence), the Chaplain (for Religious Items), the Finance Officer (for obvious reasons), a past bar manager (for knowledge of outgoing monies) and an E- Board member to present the committees findings to the E-Board for a final vote.
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Service Officer comments by Walt Fanton

First I would like to thank Joe Cornell for his dedication and professionalism in the three years he spent as Post 129's service officer.

For those legionnaires who do not know me I am Walt Fanton retired Navy Masterchief, and also retired from the State of Florida as a Representative. I hope to provide the

best service possible. My experience as a veteran's representative will be an asset for this position.

Due to the complexity of the VA benefit process it is our job as service officer's to help navigate our veteran's and families through the process of receiving requested benefits. I can be contacted at 904-994-2564.

Just in from the VA

The Department of Veterans Affairs is offering bronze medallions to attach to existing, privately purchased headstones or markers, signifying a deceased's status as a Veteran. The new item can be furnished instead of a traditional government headstone or marker
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Canteen Update

by Brandi Roberts

Hello from your Canteen Staff,

There is always a lot going on at the post and this month is no different. This month we will have a board game night and a card night. Bring your friends, or come up and make new friends. Also this month we have Monte Carlo Night! It is always a great time, so come out and show your support. .

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 the bulletin board.

If you know anyone who would like to rent space to hold an event now is the time to book! The dates for 2010 are booking up fast so book early to ensure you get the date you desire. Also all members if you are planning on holding an event in the back hall this year for your organization please be sure to let Brandi know as soon as possible or your date may not be available. 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!

Ask Ethel



Dear Ethel: I'm new at this post, but I already have a good idea for it. I was a cook in the Army and sometimes I get a little homesick for the food I used to prepare for the guys---old favorites like S.O.S.; er, I mean creamed chipped beef on toast. Since you owned a restaurant, do you think the members here would like a replay of some of that great in-service chow?---Grub Bub

Dear Bub:

Interesting proposal. Of course, not everybody in the service thought the food was of gourmet quality. When you're making it, maybe you should wear a helmet and flak jacket, to protect against flying hard rolls; etc.

Dear Ethel: We call our meeting place a "post." Around town, most of the blue mail boxes have been removed by the government P. O., but if our building's a post with an office, can we mail letters here?

?---Efficiency Spurt

Dear Spurt: It might be okay for you to put some stamped envelopes with the Post's outgoing mail, at your own risk. Actually, we have a Post office here, but, unlike the real "post office," photos on the wall nearby surely aren't of people the police are looking for.

Cabane 215 News

by Annie Anderson, Cabane President

I would like to thank our new Chef de Gare Kevin and Chef de Gare passe Jerry for setting and decorating the hall at Post 129 for our installation. The event was well attended and a big Merci to Terry for a great dinner, it was delicious. Merci to our President Passe Vicki Gordon-Haft for an awesome

job the last four years. Lets give our Cabane Locale 215 another great year. Hope to see all our Dames at the next rendezvous on Thursday, August 12 at 7pm.



Legion Lore

by Jack Hardebeck

S.A.L...Tom Dawson

More on military medals---Who is the most-decorated American war hero? This intriguing question has been tackled by a Texas writer/researcher, J.D. Murphy, in an Internet publication called Hub-pages. Coincidentally, the first candidate he covers is Audie Murphy, who fought in World War II, emerged from that conflict with a pile of medals, and went on to become a movie star. I assume that the author and his subject are not related. (Otherwise, we may have a new version of Murphy's Law: A Murphy is bound to find a distant relative.)

The fact that Audie Murphy earned 33 medals in only 27 months of combat is described by J.D. Murphy

as "amazing" and "astonishing" and evidently explains why he's been considered the most decorated veteran. J.D. points out, though, that David Hackworth, who served longer than Audie Murphy and received many more awards (90), is now rated America's most-decorated soldier.

Of course, I'm in awe of heroes such as Audie Murphy and David Hackworth. However, I'm very proud of my performance in the Norfolk naval base chow hall, for which I would no doubt have received the Crossed Knife and Fork with two steel wool clusters, if such a medal had been issued. (burp)

As we start a new year many thanks goes out, too much to list. Thanks to Richard Kasevich for his leadership as Commander and his Officers. Membership was a lofty goal and we fell short, however we reached 156 members of a goal of 190, 82%. Our goal this year is 172, which we will achieve. For the first time we are offering two white chip at the Canteen for all members over 21 who renews before November 11, 2010. We are looking for a very rewarding year, please sign up early and support our programs. To renew your membership please see Clyde Aston or Robert Haag.

Earl Parker

(passed away July 15, 2010)

submitted by a friend

In the most recent years Earl was known as "The hot dog man" "The keeper of the Coffee Machine" & "the # 1 Telephone answerer."

In previous years during his tenure as Commander eight times, Earl would not even walk through the kitchen, he stayed away from it as far as possible. Once asked how he would make a salad Earl replied "cut up three heads of lettuce, throw it in a pan and put it in

the oven at 400 degrees for one hour."

Earl was a great supporter of the Auxiliary and went out of his way to accommodate each Unit President. One year when the Unit was doing a Florida—Georgia pep rally, Earl allowed himself to be put in stocks, with only his head & arms showing, and then the bids began to see who would throw a pie in his face.

Lots of bids and lots of money made!

In the last year or so Earl has been riding to Post 233, Palm Valley, on Tuesdays where he got a cheeseburger with mayo & tomato. They have since named it the "Earl Burger." Earl will be sorely missed by his American Legion Family & Friends.

40&8 News

by Kevin McCallon, Chef De Gare

Brothers and Sisters this begins a new and exciting year for the Voiture. We Thank Jerry Brandt as he ends his successful term as the Chef de Gare with the highest regard for the 40/8. We wish Jerry much success in his next adventure. Good Luck, Jerry. Thank you for your dedication and all your many efforts. Upcoming events: Voiture 215 will sponsor a dinner on Wednesday the

28th of July 2010 at Legion Post 233, Palm Valley. Serving begins at 6:00pm. We need to show our support and strength for this by showing up for the food and fellowship while serving a great cause and helping make this an event everyone will be proud to have had a hand in. I will be at the Post by 4:00. Please come as soon as possible to help. PAYING IT FORWARD,

New Officers for the Term 2010-2011 are:
 Chef de Gare, Kevin McCallon; Conduc-teur, Jeff Durden; Chef de Train, Jimmy Meyer; Correspondant, Butch Shadwell; Commissaire Intendant, Robert Schmitt; Commis Voyageur, Tom Williams; Garde de la Porte, JJ Jones; Cheminot, Jerry Brandt, Pat Beamer, Woody Scoggins, Joe Cornell, Danny Rodriguez. Aumonier, Marie Kramer.

2010 Croaker Tournament

Clyde Aston, Tournament Director

This years tournament is October 22—24th. This is a great fundraiser for Legion Post 129. Many great prizes again this year. Check with Clyde Aston if you want to be in the tournament or would like to help. People are still needed to solicit local businesses to obtain gifts for the tournament. For the 4th year in the row Carrabas Italian Grill (Jax Beach) will sponsor this years event. For more info see Clyde Aston.

Welcome New Members to Post 129

May 2010: William Ashley, USN, Vietnam; Bruce Bates, USN, Vietnam; Donavon Bryant, USA, Gulf; Michael Caccioppo, USA, Vietnam; Fred W. Nichols, USA, Gulf; Lee T. Nickola, USA, Gulf; William R. Shields, USA, Vietnam; Transfers... David Champagne, USCG, Vietnam, (Post 316); John Coggin, USN, Vietnam; Fred M. Lloyd, Vietnam, (Post 316); Vern Russell, USA, Vietnam, (Post 316)

June 2010: Clarence Colmorgen, USN, Lebanon, Active duty; Randy L. Hilton Jr., USN, Gulf, Active duty; Shannon Devlin, USA, Gulf;

The Ladies Monthly Birthday Luncheon will be on Monday, September 13th at Sticky Fingers on Atlantic Blvd. There are no birthdays but join us for lunch. Mark your calendar. Meet at the club at noon on the 13th. Due to Labor Day falling on the first Monday we are meeting on the 2nd Monday.

Nancy Aston 242-0544

From the Galley

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losing money. Free meals would bankrupt the post in a hurry. Now from time to time there may be meals served with a donation bucket out and we ask that please donate. This helps defer the cost of the meal and help pay for the paper products. Terry and I are looking to serve you this coming year, and if there is a particular meal would like to see please feel free to contact me and we can talk about it. I am also looking for others to help in providing dinners for the legion.

For the Good of the Legion

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As I see it, the committee will meet at a time in the month to conduct their business and be able to re-search donation requests prior to presenting them to the next scheduled monthly E-Board meeting. In other words, if you are approached by anyone requesting a donation, tell them they must present it in writing or verbally at the committees meeting!

Service Officer comments

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for veterans whose death occurred on or after Nov. 1, 1990, and whose grave in a private cemetery is marked with a privately purchased headstone or marker

Information on VA burial benefits can be obtained from national cemetery offices, from the VA Web site or by calling VA regional offices toll-free at (800) 827-1000.

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Members.....WOW, did you know you can receive your newsletter (4) four different ways?

1. You can receive it in the mail. Call Sterling at 294-4234 & request the mailing.
 2. You can pick a copy up at the Legion Post. Available in box near front door.
 3. You can go to our website. www.legionpost129.org. Current & past newsletters are there.
 4. Receive it by e-mail. Call Sterling at 294-4234 with your e-mail address and you will be put on the list.
- We currently are e-mailing about 140 newsletters out each month.

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BOOSTER LIST

Platinum Level, \$100 per year

Bob Schlatter (11/10)
Barbara & Phil Milazo (1/11)
In memory of Cindy Burroughs 3/11

Gold Level, \$50 per year

Bruce & Wilma Corbitt (3/11)

Silver Level, \$25 per year

Al & Ginny Terrell (8/10)
In memory of Brad & Gerry Terrell (8/10)
Sonny & Suzanne Sternberg (10/10)
Sara & Lee Gauvin (10/10)
Jack & Ethel (11/10)
Thomas & Antoniette Townsend (2/11)
John & Sandy Seroyer 4/11
Helen & JJ (8/10)
In memory of USS Stark (5/11)
Sterling & Linda Phaklides (5/11)
In memory of Dean Ramon Esler (6/10)
P-Nut & Liz Wilson (8/10)
Tom & Faye Selig (7/10)
Bill & Fanny Bivens (8/10)
Bill & Mabel Videll (12/10)
Gary & Marie Esler (12/10)
Nick Patrizio (4/12)

Bronze Level, \$10 per year

Beth & Mike Wear (8/10)
Caroline Whelpley (5/11)
Clyde & Nancy Aston (12/10)
Ed Zazzarino (10/10)
Frank Brown (7/11)
George Layton (3/11)
In memory of George Zagic (6/10)
In memory of Earl Parker (6/11)
In memory of Edwina Maccangno (4/11)
In memory of Jack W. Cox (2/11)
In memory of Sean Seroyer (3/11)
In memory of Skip Hilliker (5/10)
In memory of Dottie Smith (7/10)
In memory of Warren White (5/10)
In memory of George Rivers (5/11)
Charlie & Betty Parker (7/10)
In memory of John Kapeghian (6/11)

Jim Smith (7/10)
Joe & Pat Cornell (2/10)
John & Patty Kapeghian (3/11)
J.D. Kapeghian (3/11)
Scott & Christy Kapeghian (3/11)
Noah Kapeghian (3/11)
Larry Garner (1/12)
Louise Braren (6/12)
Maddy Chitko (2/11)
Pearse & Sally Doherty (2/11)
Percy & Beverly Shadwell (11/10)
Ric & Mary Ann Smith (7/10)
Richard & Jo Ann Scoggins (4/11)
Richard & Katy (5/11)
Robert Gomez (1/16)
Robert Schmitt (5/10)
Roy L. & Martha Lewis (4/11)
Russell & Mary Lou Jones (9/10)
Shorty Heiman (11/10)
Steve & Misty (11/10)
Towney Kennard (11/10)