

American Legion Post 129

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July 2010

Upcoming Events

- **July 4**
1:00 4th of July Party at the Post
- **July 8**
6:00 Installation of officers, 40&8
- **July 10**
11:00 Softball Banquet
- **July 11**
1:30 Installation of officers, Legion, Auxiliary and SAL
- **July 24**
Christmas in July

Trivia, Mondays

Darts, Tuesdays

Karaoke, Wednesdays

Texas-Hold'em, Thursdays

Dinners & Music, Fridays

Special Fun, Saturdays

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Commander's Corner by Jerry Brandt

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who assisted in making our Post great. A lot of time and effort from so many of you has made a great change in our Post and in our community.

I want to especially thank Terry, Don and his CB's and everybody else, for their work in the Post. Look around, it is not the same Post as it was only a few years ago.

I know you will but please assist the incoming Commander and his Officers in every way. Lee will be a great leader. Let's stand behind him and assist him in every way. I know I will be there.

Installation of the New Officers will take place at 1:30 PM on Sunday, July 11, 2010. Please be in attendance to support not only the Legion's incoming officers but also the Auxiliary and Sons of the Legion's as well.

Other events this month include the Softball banquet. This will be held at American Legion Post 129 at 11am on Saturday, July 10th. If you have not seen us win a

game, well, you are not the only one. But come out and have some fun.

There will not be a monthly meeting scheduled for American Legion Post 129 in July. However we are still looking for a 3rd Vice Commander. Election will be held at the General Meeting in August. If you want to run for this position, please see incoming Commander Lee for assistance.

We will be celebrating July 4th, Hamburgers (homemade) and Hotdogs, come down and enjoy. We will have a Pool Tournament, Schuffle Board, Wii and even a Dart Tournament. Let's have some fun.

Please welcome the new officers for 2010-2011:

Lee Ingraham, Commander

Norman Sullivan, 1st Vice

Danny Rodriquez, 2nd Vice

Terry Stickles, 4th Vice

Mark Higgenbotham, Sgt at Arms

Robert Schmidt, Chaplain

Robert Schlatter, Finance Officer



Executive Board:

James Smith

Joseph Newberry

David Jordan

Taylor Barker

Sterling L. Phaklides



Auxiliary News

by Candace Mabry



Happy New Year!!

The past year just flew by; I'm sure because it was so successful as we met our goals in supporting our veterans, their families, active duty, children and youth, and our local community. I am very honored and proud to be re-elected as your Unit President for the 2010-2011 year. With your support and ideas I know we can surpass what we accomplished last year. Special thanks to the new slate of officers for this new year, they will be: Maggi McCall, 1st Vice; Shannon Kasevich, 2nd Vice; Pat Cornell, Treasurer; Marie Esler, Chaplain; Kathy Newel, Historian;

Pattie Kapeghian, Sgt at Arms; Secretary, Kathy Champagne; and Membership, Kelly Bush. We will be sending four delegates to the Department of Florida State Convention to represent our Unit and to learn new ideas for projects for this upcoming year, and immediately after that we will have installations of our new officers. We would love if you could attend to show your support for the Auxiliary, the Legion and SAL. They will be held on Sunday, July 11th at 1:30pm. Kelly Bush will be at the canteen at 12:00 for everyone that wants to start the New Year off with your membership card. Dues again this year will be

\$20 for seniors and \$2 for juniors. Also because of installations, there will be no July meeting. The first will be August 5th, hope to see everyone there.

By the time this news letter is read, our 5 young ladies will be heading for Girls State. Thanks to Marie Esler, unit chairman and Pat Cornell, district chairman for all their hard work. I'll have more information about their experience in the next newsletter.

Mark your calendars for July 24th! We will be having Christmas in July. The hours and menu will be posted at

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God Bless our Troops

The following is an e-mail that Marsha Clifton received from Sgt. Joshua Wicksell after he had received the first 14 boxes of school supplies from the Post 129 Auxiliary.

Thank you so much, you guys have really come through for us. You can't imagine the rewards these gifts to the villagers have reaped. We are getting positive feedback from the Elders as to where and when and in which direction the Insurgents came and went to.

Villagers are even going so far as to give us Intel as to where weapons caches are and even the location of some IEDs, at least the ones they know of. We are all so stoked that we are making such headway thanks to your gifts. Again, I'm sure you may have been hoping to get us goodies like snacks and all but, what you have sent is actually saving lives...my kids and the other service members out here. Thank you again. What you and the Legion have done far surpasses

any of our hopes for building a foundation of trust and understanding. Thank you again. I can't give you specific information as to what's going on out here but know this, you and your group are making a difference out here. I wish there was something I could do to repay your kindness.

Sgt Wicksell, J.E.
9th Comm Bn (FWD)

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	Russell Rhodes
David Jordan	Marie Esler (Aux)
Taylor Barker	Tom Dawson (SAL)
	Joyce Ingle
	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

It was only the 2nd month and I already have stumped you guys. Danny Rodriguez was the only one to correctly identify Jerry Brandt as our "mystery chef". I certainly hope I stumped you or else not enough people are actually reading the news letter. For those of you not up to speed with my acronyms a D-I-N-K is a couple with Double Income No Kids. Again, the first two people to identify our mystery chef need only let the commander know and you will win a free drink at the Canteen.

~ I, too, am a D-I-N-K.

~ I learned to cook out of necessity. When my Mother, who was an excellent cook, served our family dinner and I came home after playing one of the many sports I played,

hours later, I was hungry!

~ My favorite ingredient is garlic.

~ A great meal to me is a stuffed leg of lamb, mashed potatoes, turnips, corn on the cob and strawberry/rhubarb pie for dessert.

~ I'm a season ticket holder for the Jaguars. GO JAGS!!!

~ When I go out to eat it's usually to Miller's Ale House or Longhorns.

~ My favorite TV chef is Guy Fieri with whom I've had my picture taken.

~ Al's Pizza is THE best at the beach.

~ I grew up in the Catskill Mountains in upstate New York and love to go visiting when I'm not on one of the 3-4 cruises I take each year.

~ I am officially "retired" but keep real busy all day!!

Please continue to come out and enjoy our great meals and support the Legion especially when Charles and I will host dinner on July 30th @ 5:30 p.m.! Watch the bulletin board as the date draws closer. Until next month...

Bon Chance et Bon Appetit!!!



For The Good of the Legion by Jerry Brandt

The Commander will be available for all members Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1800 to 2000. Legion meetings are held every first Thursday of the month at 7:30pm, please attend.

There is a job fair held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 9 am to 12:30 pm. For location and questions please call 997-3100 ext 2309.

American Legion Post 129 is distributing the Blue Star Banners to families of active duty service members. We have distributed over 900 banners to families who have a loved one in the Armed Forces of all military departments including the National Guard and Reserves. For additional information or to request a banner please contact Vicky Gordon Haft at 744-7936, or

Jerry Brandt at 992-6893 or any officer at the Post. If you know of someone who is in the Service please give us the name and address of their family so we can mail them a banner.



A Few Laughs...

Three old guys were walking. First one says, "Windy isn't it?" Second one says, "No it's Thursday!" Third one says, "So am I. Let's go get a beer..?"

A man was telling his neighbor, "I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand dollars, but

it's state of the art..It's perfect." "Really," answered the neighbor. "What kind is it?" "Twelve thirty."

Two elderly gentlemen from a retirement center were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turns to the other and says; "Slim, I'm 83 years old now and I'm just full of aches and

pains. I know your're about my age, How do you feel?" Slim says, "I feel just like a newborn baby." "Really, like a newborn baby!?" "Yep. No hair, no teeth, and I think I just wet my pants."



Canteen Update

by Brandi Roberts

Hello from your Canteen Staff,

As always there is a lot going on at your canteen! Again this month we will be holding a line dancing class on July 13th & 27th from 6pm to 8pm in the back hall. All skill levels are welcome - Come out and have fun! Also new this month we will be having a Super Saturday Trivia Night where every team gets a prize. We continue with our Wii Bowling, come out on July 3rd and practice for the tournament on July 17th.

We are still in search of the second pool table and are waiting patiently but in the mean time the guys have started to fix up the game room, spe-

cial thanks to Don G and all his crew for a great job. Also huge thanks to Terry and his crew for all their hard work in the back hall.

Attention all singers it's that time again - July 7th we will be holding having our contest finals. Come out and support your favorite star.

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.

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!

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Ask Ethel

Dear Ethel: I can't drive a car anymore, so I always call a taxi when I want to travel to and from the Post. Also for errands. This gets expensive. I believe the cab companies should charge us a lower fare or issue lower-cost "season tickets" to Legion member. Maybe our commander should try to negotiate a deal with the cab companies, if only from patriotic motives.

What think thee?---Cab Crab

Dear Crab: Who could argue against that? Considering our volume, we should be deep in the heart of taxis.

Dear Ethel: Why are we called the Legion? Is it possible that the first part of the word, "leg," and the last part of it, "on," reflect the fact that, while in the service, we spent a lot

of time "on our legs," marching and picking up cigarette butts?--- Former Army Yardbird

Dear Yardbird: You must have been the company clown. In case you're serious, a legion is a large group of soldiers.



Cabane 215 News

by Vicki Gordon-Haft

Hello Dames, well we have come to the end of our year. Grande Rendezvous was well attended with seven of our Dames attending. We can be proud of our accomplishments this past year. Once again Cabane 215 was awarded the first place trophy for Youth Sports. We also were awarded second place for Roland & Pat Carville Star and Chuck Norris Memorial Carville

Star. We received third place for Nurses Training.

Installation of officers will be July 8th at Post 129. Cocktails 6P.M. Dinner 7P.M. Dinner will be catered by Terry so please RSVP to me (744-7936) by July 2nd. so food orders can be placed. I want to thank all of you for the support you have given me the past three years.

It has been a privilege and honour to serve as your President. Lets begin our new year with enthusiasm and a firm purpose of commitment to La Societe de Femme.



Legion Lore

by Jack Hardebeck

S.A.L...Richard Kasevich

Most of us have probably heard about the new medal proposed for U.S. troops holding fire in a war zone (to avoid hitting innocent civilians). Our neighbor and now the Legion's National Commander Clarence Hill has inspired a May 14 commentary concerning it on the Internet. It's titled, "Hill: Medal proposal 'misguided.'" (For the full article, go to legion.org and search for the title)

Commander Hill said, in part, "The proposal to award medals for holding fire is troubling because it is symptomatic of a growing culture in the military that will punish troops for making split-second decisions while they are expected to defend themselves and their comrades." He predicted it would result in casualties among our own people. He stated that it would,

as well, send the wrong message to others.

I think it also downgrades the impact of other military decorations. When I was in Russia at the beginning of the Soviet Union's break-up, there were Soviet vets peddling their medals (and other parts of their military apparel) to tourists on the street. I came home with dozens. Apparently, the Russians once valued medals so much that, in uniform, they must have clanked when they walked. Nevertheless, at discharge, they obviously were not at all nostalgic about the decorations.

As outgoing SAL commander I would like to thank everyone for their support and help during my term, too many names to mention.

We obtained most of our goals, except 100% renewal, the problem was the 190 member goal was too high. As of June 10th we were at 82.11%, if the goal remained at 150 we would have attained 104% with 156 renewals.

This coming year that 100 % goal will be met. We will have incentives this year for early renewal, details to follow in future articles.

As usual I will give 100 % support to our incoming Officers for 2010 - 2011.

Again thanks to everyone.

Legion Riders News

by Tom Hunter

A huge congratulation to our newly elected officers for 2010-2011:

Tom Hunter, Director
Mike McClure, Asst Director
Deb McClure, Secretary
Bill Wilson, Treasurer
Bob Cooper, Safety Officer
Mike Roberson, Road Captain
Ginny Sword, Chaplain
Inez Higginbotham, Historian
Glenn Higginbotham, Sgt at Arms

Jeff Durden, Asst Sgt at Arms
Annie Anderson, Membership Chairman

A big welcome to our newest members: Kathy Maichle (member Aux 316), Donald Mann (member Legion 316), Colin Miller (member Legion 316) and A.J. Welch (member Legion 233).. The 5th District National Conference is scheduled for

June 24th-27th in Orlando. There will be a hospitality room available on Saturday night, June 26. Please see Mike Amig for more information.

The American Legion Legacy Scholarship Run will be held Aug 22nd - 26th, 2010. Registration is open. If you are interested in participating, please go to www.legion.org for details.

40&8 News

by Jerry Brandt

Voyageurs, we have done a lot this year, new Little League Team is now being sponsor by the 40&8, Dinners at the various Post that makes up Voiture 215, we are looking for a bright future, please be a part of that future.

Our new incoming Chef de Gard is Kevin McCallon, please assist him in every way. The installation will

take place on July 8th during our regular schedule time of the Pro-manade. Dinner will be part of the celebration, but we need to order ahead for the dinners. If you are attending, please let me know prior to the 4th of July so I can order them.

Also Voiture 215 has its own phone service, if you call 904-383-4013,

you will receive a voice message of all the events taking place within our Voiture and you will be able to leave a message for any of the officers. Check it out.



Canteen Update continued from page 4.....by Brandi Roberts

American Legion Hall....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.

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, August 2nd. We will meet at American Legion Post 129 at noon and then go to the Crab Cake Factory for lunch. There are no birthdays for August. Mark your calendars and come join us for lunch. See you there.

Nancy Aston 242-0544

DART League

Members can now check out Dart League information at Post 129's website. www.legionpost129.org.

Auxiliary News continued

the canteen and sent via email. If you would like to be included in our email updates, please send me your address to candacemabry@bellsouth.net. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be vacationing in Jax Beach that evening and handing out presents. It's a great fundraiser to kick start our new year; please come out to show your support. Also if you have any "gifts" around the house that you can donate that would be great also.

My dream last year came true – more ladies became involved in our causes and came to meetings than they have in many years. This year I'm hoping we can exceed the 20% volunteer involvement. The first baby step is to say "I'd like to help" and from there you can decide how much time you would like to give to our Unit. Through volunteering we will accomplish our Vision Statement: *"The American Legion Auxiliary enriches the quality of life of those we serve and our members."*

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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.
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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)

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Caroline Whelpley (5/11)
Clyde & Nancy Aston (12/10)
Ed Zazzarino (10/10)
Earl Parker (6/10)
Frank Brown (7/10)
George & Elizabeth Rivers (5/10)
George Layton (3/11)
In memory of George Zagic (6/10)
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)
Charlie & Betty Parker (7/10)
In memory of John Kapeghian

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)