

American Legion Post 129

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June 2010

Upcoming Events

- **June 2**
7:00 House committee & Planning board
- **June 3**
6:30 Past Commanders
7:00 E Board
7:00 Auxiliary
7:30 General Meeting
- **June 5**
6:00 Past District Commander & President dinner at Post 54
- **June 6**
9:00 am 5th District Constitution Conference at Post 283
- **June 9**
7:00 40&8 & Cabane meeting
- **June 11 & 12**
40&8 Gran Promenade at Crystal River
- **June 24, 25 & 26**
American Legion Department of Florida Convention at Orlando

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Commander's Corner by Jerry Brandt

To start with I would like to announce the slate of new officers for American Legion Post 129 for the year 2010 - 2011.

Commander – Lee Ingraham

1st Vice Com – Norman Sullivan

2nd Vice Com – Danny Rodriquez

4th Vice Com – Terry Stickles

Sergeant at Arms – Mark Hiddenbothan

Chaplain – Robert Schmidt

Finance Officer – Robert Schlatter

Executive Board:

James Smith

Joseph Newberry

Sterling Phaklides

David Jordan

Taylor Barker

Please assist your elected officers in the coming year.

A special election will be held at the July General Meeting for the position of 3rd Vice Commander.

We had a great turn out for our No Dough Dinner on May 16th. A total of \$1000 was raised to assist the USO to help in offering a meal for the E4 and below. Your donations help so many, thank you.

Thanks to all who turned out for the Appreciation Luncheon. Over 150 members of our little Post have turned out over the year to help in the many projects going on around the Post. I want to say thanks to all.

I forgot to add Joyce Ingle to the list for those who helped out on the Post cleanup day, my apologizes.

As you know there is a sign up list available on the Post Bulletin Board if you still want the newsletter mailed to you. Also, if you are out of town and still want the newsletter, you can email us at legion-post129@comcast.net or go to www.legionpost129.org to get the newsletter. With this change, we are saving approximately \$200 a month on printing and mailing cost. Thank you.

At this time I would like to say thank you for a wonderful year. Each year I have seen numerous changes in



our Post, and how it has grown in so many ways. While I will no longer be the Commander, I will be here at Post 129. This is home to so many of us. Thank you for making it so.



LEGION LORE

by Jack Hardebeck

S.A.L.....Richard Kasevich



Even during a recession, Legion members appear to have no problem engaging in “fun raising.” Now, though, a major need is no doubt fund raising. While surfing the Web recently, I came across a site that looks like it should provide a slew of fund raising project possibilities.

Via google, search for the Fundraising Ideas & Products Center. There, go to a listing captioned “Find A Fundraiser” and click on “American Legion.” This will bring you to “American Legion Post Fund Raising.” What caught my eye was the first entry in the LegionPost Fundraiser Ideas section—the one for Morris Press Cookbooks. Some-

where, I read that cookbooks are one of the best sellers among book publishing categories.

Of course, it’s such a specialized field that whoever ran such a project for the Post obviously should be a really talented cook. That leaves me out, unless recipes such as mine for “fried eels ala aaarg” would be in the book. At the end of the recipe, I would have a footnote advising that a barf bag be included with each serving.



SAL membership is currently at 80% we will not meet our 100% (190 members) goal this year which is very disappointing. If you haven't renewed your membership please come by the post and renew. We are currently having Friday night steak night again, probably twice a month, look at the calendar to see which Friday we will be doing steaks. We are also looking for volunteers to help out SAL on Nascar Sunday races. There is a posting on the Post bulletin board for volunteers, please come by and volunteer your time to help out. Remember we meet the last Wednesday of every month at 6:00 PM. Join us to better understand how the SAL functions at our post, we would like some new ideas.

Couple of Laughs

It’s hard to make a comeback when you haven’t been anywhere. (Written in the dust on the back of a bus)

No wonder you always go home alone. (Sign over a mirror in a men’s restroom)

My husband sleeps better on a lounge chair with the TV blaring than he does in bed. It’s called his “pre-sleep”.

Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft.....today it’s called golf.

The secret of staying young is to live honestly..eat slowly, and lie about your age.

When I was younger, all I wanted was a nice BMW. Now, I don’t care about the W.

We got married for better or worse. He couldn’t do any better and I couldn’t do any worse.

I asked my wife if old men wear boxers or briefs? She said “Depends”.

Some days I wake up Grumpy and some days I let him sleep.

Officers for 2009—2010

Commander.Jerry Brandt
 1st Vice.....Norm Sullivan
 2nd Vice.....Ericka Groleau
 3rd Vice.....Kelly Rice
 4th Vice.....Joyce Ingle
 SAA.....Danny Rodriguez
 Adjutant.....Candace Kelly
 Finance.....Bob Schlatter
 Chaplin.....Robert Schmitt
 Service Officer.....Joe Cornell

<i>E-Board Members</i>	<i>House Committee</i>
Joe Newberry	William Wilson
Jim Smith	Frank Redmond
Phil Milazo	Russell Rhodes
Richard Hansberg	Marie Esler (Aux)
Lee Ingraham	Tom Dawson (SAL)
	Joyce Ingle
	Danny Henderson

Auxiliary President,
 Candace Mabry

Commander S.A.L.,
 Richard Kasevich

Chef De Gard 40 & 8,
 Jerry Brandt

La Presidente, Cabane 215,
 Vicki Gordon-Haft

Who's Cooking? by Claire Sheehan

Thanks to all who correctly identified Danny Rodriguez as our mystery chef for May. Mike Krause and Nicholas Sasso each won a drink at the Canteen. (I think the onion gave it away!). Once again, the first 2 people to let our Commander know the right answer will win a free drink.

I learned to cook with my Grandma because "Mom's not such a good cook."

I'm a D-I-N-K.

My favorite ingredient is garlic.

When I go out to eat it's usually for Japanese food.

My favorite chef is Danny Rodriguez.

My "day job" is an "IT" person.

I'm a USETABE..."use to be" involved in karate, sailing and fishing... but the 25 + hours I volunteer each week leaves little time for those interests now.

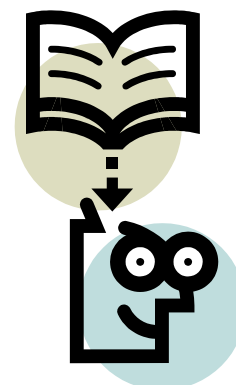
A great meal to me is sashimi, rice and a glass of warm sake.

WHO AM I???

As you rack your brains to name the mystery chef don't forget to mark your calendars for our next meal when Charles and I will host a " You're guess is as good as mine

night" on June 26, 2010 @ 5:30 pm. Watch the bulletin board for more info as the date draws closer.

Bon Chance et Bon Appetit!!!



For The Good of the Legion by Jerry Brandt

The Commander will be available for all members from 1600 to 1800 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.



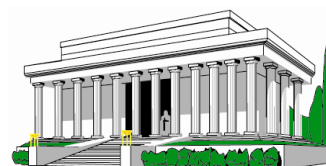
Service Officer Comments by Joe Cornell

Saluting The Flag

Title 4, United States Code Section 9 (Conduct during hoisting, lowering or passing of flag) has been amended by the latest National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA FY 2008) so that **all active duty and retired members of the armed forces may render the**

military salute while out of their respective service uniform. All other persons should face the flag and stand at attention with the right hand over the heart, or, if applicable, remove any head-dress with the right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, with hand over the heart.

For more information about VA benefits, go to the VA's website at www.va.gov or call toll free 1-800-827-1000



Canteen Update

by Brandi Roberts

Hello from your Canteen Staff, as always there is a lot going on at your canteen! This month we will be holding a Professional Comedy Night in the back hall on Saturday June 19th. Tickets will be available behind the bar for the low cost of \$10. It will be a night full of laughs that you won't want to miss. Also this month we will be holding a line dancing class on June 15th from 6pm to 8pm in the back hall. Come out and have fun!

We are still in search of the second pool table and are waiting patiently but in the mean time we will be holding Sunday afternoon Pool Tournaments starting on June 6th

at 4pm. Come out and test your skills a good time will be had by all. Also the pool table will be free every Thursday night at for anyone that wants to come and practice.

Attention all singers it's that time again - beginning this month we are starting our karaoke competition. Each Wednesday in June three singers will be chosen, two by audience favorites and one by judges, to move on to the final competition night on July 7th for a chance to win \$100 cash and other great prizes! Come show us your

talent and bring your friends for support, their vote counts.

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 or email me at brandiroberts@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
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Ask Ethel

Dear Ethel: Being a new member of the Post, I'm trying to get familiar with the organization. Somebody told me that the "E" in E-Board stands for "easy." Is that a fact? If so, I might run for it in the next election. I'm not afraid of hard work. I can lie down beside it and go right to sleep...---Easy Runner

Dear Runner: Negatory. The "E" stands for Executive.

The Board makes tough decisions, among other functions. You wouldn't get much sleep and definitely would not be rusting (sic) on your laurels. For sure, you'd never be bored on the E-Board.

Dear Ethel: There's a lot of gossip always going on around the bar. How would you describe those who like to do it?---Sealed-Lips Lady

Dear Sealed-Lips--- How about they burn their scandals at both ends? Or they have a keen sense of rumor?



Cabane 215 News

by Vicki Gordon-Haft

Hello Dames, Homecoming for Grande Presidente Kelly was wonderful. Good food, good music, and most importantly good fellowship was had by all. Cabane 215 was represented by 7 Dames. The next fun occasion will be the La Grande Rendezvous June 11th. and 12th. in Ocala. The new officers for 2010-2011 are LaPresidente Annie Anderson, Sou President Vicki

Gordon-Haft, La Commissaire Intendante Kelly Bush, La Conducteur Carol Brickle, La Drapeau Lanamee Cathey, La Aumonier Razz Hiliker, La Garde de la Porte Summer Bush, Les Chi-menots Allison McCann, Diane Barker, and Wanda Brandt. Instillation date TBA. Cabane 215 will be assiating the Voyager in cooking a dinner for Post 54 in Fernandina

June 5th. If you have not seen their new Post home this is a good opportunity. The next Rendezvous will be Wed. June 9th at 7P.M. Please note date change due to La-Grande Rendezvous. Hope to see you all there.



Auxiliary News

by Candace Mabry

Thank you very much, merci beaucoup, Vielen dank, Muchas gracias, and grazie mille. (Yes they have an app for that.) I don't say thank you enough, but without each of you that volunteered over the year, Unit 129 would not have accomplished nearly as much. On average, most organizations will have 10% involvement, but ladies we had 20%! Looking back is a good thing... Christmas in July, Tribute to the Red, White and Blue, PAWS, dinners, bingo, haunted house and safe Halloween, silent auctions, clipping coupons, box top for education, pop tops to Ronald McDonald House, phone cards, donating blood, Foster Closet, goodies and supplies to the troops overseas, trips to the VA

hospital, making lap quilts and walker nap sacks, cake walks, Christmas for our kids, supporting B.E.A.M., Special Olympics, Relay for Life, Mother's day 5k for Donna Hicken, creating a float for the opening of the beaches parade, girls state, Ride to Recovery, and Chinese auctions. I hope each of you reading this is smiling and saying, wow we did a lot of good this year helping our children, community and soldiers. Thank you again. In June we'll be sending several representatives to Department of Florida Convention June 24th through the 27th. It's always good to meet with other Units and learn

new ideas for fundraisers or ways to help the community.

I always bring up membership and I am proud to announce that we won the challenge by reaching 100% membership before the Legion and the SAL. Thanks Brandi and Pat for processing all the applications and special thank you for everyone renewing their membership for the year.

In closing, all I have to say is "thank you".



Legion Riders News

by Tom Hunter

A HUGE thank you to everyone who came out and supported and/or volunteered to make our 7th Annual Poker Run an enormous success. With your help, we were able to raise in excess of \$16,000.00 in support of the Wounded Warrior Project. The beautiful weather brought out around 200 participants who enjoyed a great bike ride, good meal (thanks Ryan, Glenn and Scott) and some good music by

SouthBound. Thank you again, for all your support !!! Elections for 2010-2011 are fast approaching. If you'd like to run for an office, please let any ALR member know and we will get you nominated. Membership renewals for 2010 are past due. Please see Annie Anderson to renew your membership. 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. National Conference is scheduled for June 24th -27th. Please see Mike Amig for more information. Our next monthly meeting will be held Saturday, June 12th at Post 129 at 10:00am. Hope to see you there !!

A Special Night

40&8 News...by Jerry Brandt

COMEDY NIGHT

Come and laugh with us at Comedy Night (will be held in back hall) on **Saturday June 19th**. We will have a professional comedian and the cost will be low (\$10). More information will be posted on the bulletin board at the post.

Voyageurs, we have done a lot this year; new Little League Team is now being sponsored by the 40&8, dinners at the various Post that makes up Voiture 215. We are looking for a bright future, our problem is that we need more input from our members. Please show up at the next Promenade, we are listening for new ideas. Our incoming Chef de Gard, Kevin McCallon was elected at our last

Promenade. Please assist him in every way.

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

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 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)

The Ladies Monthly Birthday Luncheon will be on Monday, July 5th (lunch spot undecided at this time). Join me in celebrating Maggie McCall (July 1), Doreen Brooks (July 9), Linda Phaklides (July 10), Nancy Aston (July 13) and Joan Cook (July 31). Mark your calendar and come join us. Meet at the club at noon on the 5th. 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.

Great Truths about Growing Old

1. Growing old is mandatory; Growing up is optional.
2. Forget all the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.
3. When you fall down you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.
4. You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.
5. It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.
6. Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.
7. Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.

(Note the smaller print in this section!!)

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Donation of \$100 for 6 months or \$175 for 12 months. Your business card will be placed on this page. Get your business name out in front of all Legion members. Contact either Sterling (slp1960@comcast.net) or Post Commander Jerry Brandt if interested. Spots reserved above are for members of Post 129 only.

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 (5/10)
Sterling & Linda Phaklides (5/10)
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)
Bill Garrett (4/10)
Caroline Whelpley (5/10)
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)

Jim Smith (7/10)
Jim & Fran Reed (4/10)
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)
Reggie & Cynthia Dubay (4/10)
Ric & Mary Ann Smith (7/10)
Richard & Jo Ann Scoggins (4/11)
Richard & Katy (5/10)
Robert Gomez (1/16)
Robert Schmitt (5/10)
Roy & Martha Hauge (4/10)
Roy L. & Martha Lewis (4/11)
Russell & Mary Lou Jones (9/10)
Shorty Heiman (11/10)
Steve & Misty (11/10)
Towney Kennard (11/10)