

American Legion Post 129

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March 2010

Upcoming Events

- **March 3**
7:00 House committee & Planning Board
- **March 4**
6:30 Past Commanders
7:00 E Board
7:00 Auxiliary
7:30 General Meeting
- **March 7**
2:00 5th District mtng at Post 88
- **March 11**
7:00 40&8 & Cabane meeting
- **March 12**
7:00 St Patty's Day Show
- **March 17**
5:30 St Patty's Day dinner by Sam Malone

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Commander's Corner by Jerry Brandt

Elections for the New Post Officers will be held in May. If you wish to run for an office, please contact one of the following; Earl Parker, Frank Bolin, Jim Haislip or Norman Sullivan. If you have any questions on the duties of the office, please see me or any of the officers of the Post for assistance.

Spring Cleanup! It's that time of year when we get together to clean the Post inside and out. I am looking at Saturday, April 10th for this year. There will be a sign up list, on the Bulletin Board. Please sign up.

Attention: Cooking teams! As everyone knows, we have an Opening of the Beaches Bar-B-Q every year. This year we are doing something different. The last few Bar-B-Q's, Cooking team of Too Tall and Marty has been taking on the 129's team led by Danny. Welllll, we want to make it more interesting. Put a team together and let's have a Bar-B-Q challenge. Judges will be selected to judge one and all challengers, prizes will be determined.

Rule #1. Please contact 2nd Vice Ericka Groleau or myself if you want to be in the contest.

Rule #2. 1 Week prior we will

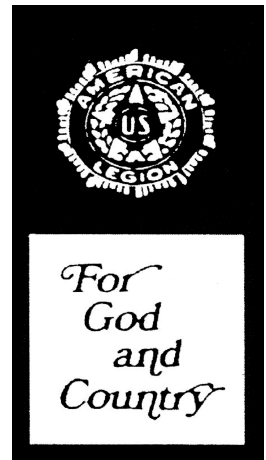
let you know how many people you will need to cook for. (We will take the number of teams and divide by 400 meals (average for the last 4 years)

Rule #3, you can cook whatever you want. If you need the Legion to pay for it, we will need a shopping list 2 weeks in advance. If you pay for it, give the Legion the receipts for the Post to refund your money. The Legion will provide the beans, cole slaw, etc, the cookers will cook the meat. If you need a Grill, please contact us in advance so we can assist.

The Ladies Rest room remodeling is almost completed. Scott is working on the tile border at the floor. A top for the trash can is being made and a few other touch ups and we are completed. Looks nice. Special thanks to go out to Marie, Joyce, Genell, Don, Bob, Scott, Nolan, Marsha and Wayne, and to all who volunteer for this project.

By the way, if you are looking for a tax write off, do not forget the American Legion Post you belong to. We will be happy to give you a letter to assist.

One last thing, we are attempting to save money on



the newsletter. You may not realize this, but we spend approximately \$300 a month to print the newsletter, not to mention mailing them, a total of \$380 a month. What I am asking now is if you want the newsletter mailed to you, call Sterling (294-4234) and let us know so we can continue to send you the newsletter. You can also notify us by sending an e-mail to us at Post129@comcast.net or signing up on the list on the bulletin board at Post 129. Otherwise as of the May 2010 mailing, you will not receive a newsletter in the mail. Many members pick up a copy of the newsletter when they stop by the post...saves us postage.

LEGION LORE

by Jack Hardebeck

1st Vice....Norman Sullivan

The atomic bomb may not have been our only secret weapon in World War II. According to a story that came out after D-Day, there possibly was another. Per an alleged incident from the Normandy invasion, our troops were pinned down by enemy fire immediately after hitting the beach. A British observer noticed that one landing barge didn't land but instead kept circling offshore. The Brit mentioned it to his aide, who said that it contained the Americans' new secret weapon, only to be used in the direst circumstances.

Shortly, the barge headed ashore and out of it came 2,000 heavily-armed soldiers, each about a foot high. They quickly routed the enemy and the shocked Briton said to an

American officer, "I'm amazed. Where did this midget army come from?"

"Oh," replied the American, "those are our dehydrated Marines."

I would have added that the little Leathernecks were very thirsty and they had heard there was a brewery right behind the Germans.



Calling on all old and new members. American Legion Post 129 has many community based programs that we support. USO, Hooked on Fishing not Drugs, Girl's State, Boy's State, Children & Youth, Thanksgiving & Christmas baskets, Kennedy Space Center tour for 4th graders, Emergency Relief & Shelter & more. If individual members of the Post helped with one of these programs and if we had 5-6 members on this committee instead of 2, think of what we could accomplish. Attend a meeting, help with a program just one.

Kelly Rice, Danny Rodriguez, Ericka Groleau and Candace Mabry have been working hard on membership this year. This has made my job (continued on page 5)

SAL News

by Richard Kasevich

S.A.L. Membership as of 2/16/10 is 133 out of a goal of 190 or 70% of goal. Our scheduled goal is 75%, as of 2/11/2010 we are currently 7th out of 11 squadrons in District 5 Detachment. We need to increase our membership renewal and strive for 100%. If you haven't renewed yet please stop by the post and renew. If you would like to be on the S.A.L. email notifications send me an email at rkasevich@comcast.net and I will

add you to the list. Our next meeting will be Wednesday March 31, 2010 at 6:00 PM at the post. If you would like to be more involved please attend the next meeting.

"FOR GOD AND COUNTRY"



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

Auxiliary News by Candace Mabry

It was another banner month for the Ocean Beaches Unit 129. The Valentine Dinner and Silent auction was a memorable experience. The dinner was delicious and served and cooked to perfection. Very special thanks to Tom and Debbie Paine, Wanda and Jerry and Danny for the dessert. Dinner was never rushed and the chicken parmesan was enough for two. Mary Ellen, Maggie and Pattie did a super job setting up the silent auction. John Burroughs was a master again handling the Chinese auction for Carol Mark's quilt. Dennis was awesome with the music. The evening was a huge success, we were able to raise over \$1,100 dollars to go toward our troops and general fund.

We interviewed candidates for Girls State on February 21st so I'm happy to report the following delegates that will be going to Tallahassee: Paige Williamson, Aline Bailey, Kenna Galloway, Melissa Stohlman and Taylor Stewart.

Our membership is over 90%-yeah Brandi and everyone that has renewed. We have a few more months to get to 100% I know we can do it!

Remember to get your volunteer hours to Mary Ellen by the 15th of March. Anyone who cut coupons, box tops, visited a nursing home or came to a meeting, that all qualifies for volunteer hours. It's also almost

time to turn in committee reports, so start putting pen to paper.

Support our dinner on March 6th - Sandi Floyd will be creating a scrumptious meal. Keep those coupons coming for Vicki Gordon-Haft.

At our last meeting we discussed the possibility to help Beaches Habitat by sponsoring a house in conjunction with the Beaches Veterans Association for a veteran or active duty soldier. Tom and I visited with this organization and they will be giving us a proposal soon so we will know what we would be needed for us to commit.



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 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

Homeland Security directive 12 now requires retirees and family members seeking to renew or replace military identification card to provide two types of ID, one of which must include a photo.

Before visiting a military ID card issuing facility, you may want to call first to determine what specific documents may be required and to verify

the process to renew or replace an ID card.

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



Puns

submitted by Lee Ingraham

Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.

A jumper cable walks into a bar. The bartender says, "I'll serve you, but don't start anything."

A man walks into a bar with a slab of asphalt under his arm, and says: "A beer please, and one for the road."

An invisible man marries an invisible woman. The kids were nothing to look at either.

A dyslexic man walked into a bra.

I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day, but I couldn't find any.

A man woke up in a hospital after a serious accident. He shouted, "Doctor, Doctor, I can't feel my legs!" The Doctor replied, "I know, I amputated your arms!"



Two fish swim into a concrete wall. The one turns to the other and says, "Dam!"

A woman has twins, and gives them up for adoption. One of them goes to a family in Egypt, and is named "Ahmal." The other goes to a family in Spain, they name him Juan. Years later Juan sends a picture of himself to his birth mother. Upon receiving the picture, she tells her husband that she wishes she also had a picture of Ahmal. Her husband responds, "They're twins! If you've seen Juan, you've seen Ahmal."

A dwarf, who was a mystic, escaped from jail. The call went out that there was a small medium at large.

Ask Ethel

Dear Ethel: There's a column in the newsletter called "Commander's Corner." We have a fine Commander.

Why does he have to sit in a corner?--
-Concerned For Commander

Dear Concerned: He doesn't. Unlike Little Jack Horner, he can sit almost anywhere he wants. If he'd like to eat his Christmas pie, he can do that right at the bar. He's a good Commander, so he'd probably pull out a plum. Anyway, "Commander's

"Commander's Corner" is only a figurative expression for the newsletter.

Dear Ethel: I have an idea to promote harmony in the Post. If someone loses his or her temper, maybe we should send the member over to the veterinarian's office for a distemper shot. Think that would work?--
Peacemaker

Dear Peacemaker: The distemper shot isn't given to humans. It's

administered to dogs and cats to treat a serious illness that can kill the animal, not to cure a bad temper. If a Legion member gets nasty with another one, at least the mad member probably won't bite the object of the wrath.



Send your questions to this e-mail address: triplejj@comcast.net.

Cabane 215 News

by Vicki Gordon-Haft

Hello Dames, Our monthly socials have been very well attended. We visited Post 316 and 54 in January and February. Our next social will be at Post 233 on March 6th. We will gather around 4:30 with dinner served at 5:30. Wear your Cabane shirt and come on out and socialize. This is our opportunity to recruit new members. Thanks to Dames Annie, Sharon, Wanda and Vicki for

help on the last two socials. We will have an Easter basket raffle during the month of March. The basket will be coordinated by Dame Annie Anderson. The drawing for the basket will be Friday March 26th. Let's try to sell as many tickets as we can Dames. Other than the rummage sale in May this will be our last fund raiser for the year.

It's time to clean out your closets

and garages. We will need a lot of goodies for the rummage sale in May. We will not be able to take any electronic equipment such as computer terminals. These items don't sell well and then we have a difficult time getting rid of them.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the next Rendezvous on March 11th.

40 & 8 News.....by Jerry Brandt

Voitures, so far this year we have visited all 4 of the Legion Posts within the Voiture. I would like to thank each Post for the warm welcome. By the way, we served dinner at Legion Post 316 and 54. We sold out within minutes. Our next visit will be March 6th at Post 233. Please come down and show your support for the Post as well as the Voiture. Also our Correspondant, Butch Shadwell, is looking for volunteers to assist in an after school reading program. If you have time, please contact Butch at the number listed below. Also Voiture 215 has it's 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.

Chef's Corner

Some of the hard workers in the Post do not get enough recognition. This is why starting this month we will be talking about our special people....our Legion "Chefs". The schedule for March is:

Pat Cornell: Taco Salad Lunch
 John Burroughs: Fried Chicken
 Sandi Floyd: Scrumptious dinner
 Sam Malone: Corned Beef & cabbage
 Claire & Charles: Manicotti with Bolognese sauce
 Ericka: Seafood plate dinner and also a meatloaf dinner.

We will try and feature one or two each month and tell you a little more about them. Claire Sheehan will lead the project.

1st Vice continued

much easier. We are over 90% of our membership goal and growing. Kelly Rice and I called all the members to get them to sign up a new member. Please sign up a new member and help us make this the best Post on the East Coast. Encourage them to become a member of Post 129. We will be calling all members that have not renewed their membership in the next couple of weeks.

**Legion Riders News**

by Tom Hunter

A huge thank you goes out to all who participated in the Four Chaplains escort. We had a great showing with 37 bikes participating. Currently we are actively looking for sponsors for our 7th Annual Poker Run to be held May 8, 2010. Last year with your help, we donated over \$13,000.00 to the Wounded Warrior Project. This year our goal is \$20,000.00. There are several tiers

of sponsorships available. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor or know of a business that would like to participate, please see any ALR member or Inez Higginbotham. We are also taking pre-registrations for the event please see any ALR member or Inez Higginbotham. We are also taking pre-registrations for the

Baymeadows and end at Post 316. Cost is \$15.00 per rider/driver and \$10 per passenger. Please see Annie Anderson if you would like to pre-register. Our Poker Run meetings for the month will be March 9th and 23rd at 6:00pm at Post 316. Our next monthly meeting will be held Saturday, March 13th. We are planning a ride to the Sacrifice Center at the Wounded Warrior site after the meeting - weather permitting. Hope to see you there !!

Puns by Educated people....Mary Ellen Bolin

No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll be stationery.

A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.

A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.

A hole was found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.

I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.

A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab center said: "Keep off the Grass."

A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.

When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.

Help the Booster List

Is your name on the booster list on page 7? We need your help. Be a Newsletter booster. Costs to run the Legion are escalating in many areas and we need to try and make the Newsletter more self supporting. If you can, please join our booster club with either a \$10, \$25, \$50 or \$100 annual donation. Thanks for your help if you can .

Sterling's Comments.....Guess it's not time to Retire!

I'm Back!! I have decided to continue as editor of the American Legion Post 129 newsletter. I enjoy putting it together with the help of many Post 129 members. We would also like to improve this newsletter. If you have any ideas, let me know. What type of topics would you like to see in the newsletter? Should we bring back the "Man in Uniform" (picture of a member while in the service and we try and guess who that person is)? One thing I would ask if you can.....get your name on the booster list on page 8. With most all of the expenses such as heat, air conditioning, lights, maintenance of the building (and others) going up our newsletter needs to become more self supporting. We want to continue to bring you a monthly newsletter. Send check to Bob Schlatter our finance officer.



Thank you for your support, Sterling L. Phaklides.....slp1960@comcast.net

Welcome New Members to Post 129

January 2010: Rebecca Floyd, USMC, Gulf; John Groleau, USAF, Vietnam, active duty; Tobias Moss, USMC, Gulf; Kevin Spollen, USN, Gulf; Don Bostic, USAF, Vietnam; Gordon Touchton, USA, WWII;

February 2010: Alan S. Cherin, USA Vietnam; Kirk C. Colvin, USN Gulf, active duty; Daniel A Cordero, USN, Gulf, active duty; Graham R. Harrison III, USN, Gulf, active duty; Robert C. Jensen, USN, Vietnam; Adam A. Martin, USAF, Gulf; Kyle J. Mattingly, USN, Gulf, active duty; Adam M. Minsker, USN, Gulf, active duty; Robert P. Nicklin, USN, Vietnam; Michael Sciotto, USA, Panama; Matthew W. Shepard, USN, Gulf, active duty; William Ashley, USN, Vietnam; Dennis J. Blattau, USA, Vietnam; Lynnwood Cook, USA, Vietnam; John Farrell, USMC, Vietnam; Robert Feindt, USN, Vietnam; John A. Heath, USA, Vietnam; Douglas Mathies, USN, Grenada; Ron Sneed, USA, Vietnam:

Join me in welcoming these new members to American Legion Post 129

The Ladies Monthly Birthday Luncheon will be on Monday, April 5th at the Fish Company on Atlantic Blvd. Join me in celebrating Suzanne Sternberg's (April 23rd) birthday. Mark your calendar and come join us.

Nancy Aston 242-0544

DART League

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Auxiliary Blood Drive at Post 129 on Saturday, April 10th from 11:00am until 3:00pm. Please sign up on the bulletin board or call Diane Powers at 716-2423. Thank you for your support.

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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.

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BOOSTER LIST

Platinum Level, \$100 per year

Voiture 215 & Cabane 215 (10/09)
Bob Schlatter (11/10)
Barbara & Phil Milazo (1/11)

Gold Level, \$50 per year

In memory of Cindy Burroughs (3/10)
Bruce & Wilma Corbitt (3/10)

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 4/10)
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)

Bronze Level, \$10 per year

Beth & Mike Wear (8/10)
Bill Garrett (4/10)
Caroline Whelpley (5/10)
Clyde & Nancy Aston (12/10)
Carol A. Crowe (1/10)
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 (12/09)
In memory of Jack W. Cox (2/11)
In memory of Sean Seroyer (3/10)
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 Davis Jr (12/09)
Jim Smith (7/10)
Jim & Fran Reed (4/10)
Joe & Pat Cornell (2/10)
John & Patty Kapeghian (3/10)
Larry Garner (1/12)
Louise Braren (6/12)
Maddy Chitko (2/10)
Mary Jo Davis (12/09)
Nick Patrizio (4/10)
Pearse & Sally Doherty (2/10)
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)