

American Legion Post 129

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May 2010

Upcoming Events

- **May 2**
2:00 District meeting at 129
- **May 5**
7:00 House committee & Planning board
- **May 6**
6:30 Past Commanders
7:00 E Board
7:00 Auxiliary
7:30 General Meeting I
- **May 10**
10am—7pm Post Election Day
- **May 13**
7:00 40&8 & Cabane meeting
- **May 16**
1-5 No Dough Dinner, Post 129
- **May 23**
Luncheon for the Volunteers
- **May 29**
8:00am Placing of the Flags by graves at Smith Warren Cemetery
- **May 31**
1:00 Open House American Legion Post 129

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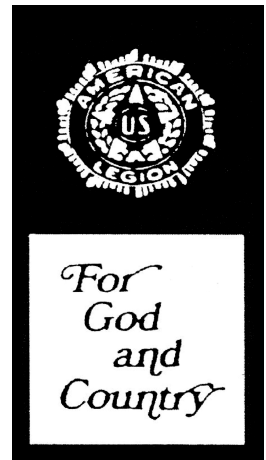
IMPORTANT NOTICE

Elections for American Legion Post Officers will be held on Monday, May 10th. from 10 am to 7 pm. Absentee Ballots will be available after the General Meeting on Thursday May 6th, if you are unable to make it on Monday. If you want to run for an office within American Legion Post 129 for the coming year, please attend the General Assembly Meeting at 7:30 PM on Thursday, May 6th.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everybody involved in volunteering during the last month. During this month we had the chance to clean up around the Post. Thank you, Mark H, Mary Lou, Jerry, Arlene, Ericka, Norman, Wanda, Richard, Kathy, Tom, Debbie and the two Bob's. The Post looks so much better. Thanks to Kirk for running new cables in the Back Hall. This will be used in the near future. Thanks to Scott, Mike and Frank for the flooring in the New Office, not to mention a thanks to Larry for the painting & Danny for the computer cable being run. This new office will be used by the Canteen Management and the Finance Office. Thanks to Bob S, Larry, David and Mike for their work in the pool table area, it looks so much better. Thanks to the Auxiliary

and SAL for the new television. Speaking of new, the SAL has joined the Legion Admin in the old Legion Office. This will make it easier for the leadership teams to work together on projects. Thanks to the Auxiliary, Marsha, Kathy, Wanda and Candace who decorated our float for the Opening of the Beaches Parade! Thanks to Dogg for the new thermostat controls. Thanks to Don G and his CB's for so much repairs around the Post. I could go on and on, but I am writing this on the 17th of April and these items only happen in April. It is no wonder we are the Best Post on the East Coast; it is due to so many members who pitch in and help. Did I forget the Dart League? A bunch of guys and girls getting together to play darts. The funds they raise, over \$5000 dollars last year, goes to the Special Olympics. **This is what we are about.**

The reason I brought up the volunteers of our Post is that on the 23rd of May, we will have our Volunteer Luncheon. A list of volunteers will be up prior to then, but all who volunteer, please come down, even if you are not on the list. We have so many who help; sometimes we miss one or two, and I apologize in advance for that.



At the end of March several members of the Post attended the ROTC banquet. If you ever have the chance please go. You can see the future in these fine young men and women who attend Sandalwood ROTC training. Also, American Legion Post 129 was the only group who received standing ovations from the Cadets because we do work with them.

April 17th, several members of the Post attended the Wreath Laying Ceremony at Mayport Naval Station. USSSA Championship competition games were being held at

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LEGION LORE

by Jack Hardebeck

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

Not having checked with Tiger Woods, I can confirm that the term tea party doesn't apply to golf. In fact, the current "Tea Party" political movement was, of course, derived from the protest in 1773 in which Boston colonists defied the British government's Tea Act by boarding a ship bound for England and dumping crates of its taxed tea cargo into Boston's harbor. According to a history, "The colonists' complaint was that they were being unduly taxed without representation in British parliament."

Out of the incident came a song, which I'm surprised today's Party apparently hasn't utilized. Titled "Revolutionary Tea," it likens the act to a violent family dispute. The open-

ing lines read, "There was an old lady (Britain) lived over the sea. And she was an island queen. Her daughter (the nascent U.S.) lived off in a new country with an ocean of water between. The old lady's pockets were full of gold. But never contented was she. So she called on her daughter to pay her a tax of three pence a pound on her tea, of three pence a pound on her tea."

Naturally, her daughter "steeped" the tea in the sea immediately. As for the tax, she vowed, "Not from me." We can call that poetic justice, you see.



SAL membership is currently at 75%. We are far behind the Auxiliary (they reached 100%) and Legion (approx. 95% on membership). 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. SAL office is now moved into the Legion office.



Commanders Corner(continued from page 1)

Mayport and we received a last minute request to attend to lay the Fallen Warrior Wreath, of course we showed up, it was a honor. Also several members where at NAS Jax, at the same time to say good-bye to another detachment of Sailors leaving.

The BVA, made up of American Legion Post 129, 233, and 316, VFW Post 3290 and Fleet Reserve Association Post 290 attended the Atlantic Beach City Counsel Meeting on Mon-

-day Night, April 12th. We are supporting the City of Atlantic Beach in building the Beaches Veterans Memorial Park; it is nice for the Veterans to be recognized for what we have done with our lives and our time for our Country. Thank you, the City of Atlantic Beach Florida.

I would like to thank those who cooked for the Opening of the Beaches Bar-B-Q, Terry, and Danny and of course Too Tall. A lot of hard

work goes into this. Thank you for cooking. I would announce the winner, but today is the 17th and I am not sure which of the 3 is the best.

One last thing, if you are reading this Newsletter, you received it from our Website, www.legionpost129.org, picked it up from the Post or are one of the 100 who had it mailed to you.

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

Every month I will tell you guys about one of our chefs in the Galley without mentioning their name. Then the first 2 people to identify the chef to the commander will win a free drink at the Canteen. Believe me, while this month's chef may be an easy one to identify, as we go along I can assure you they WILL get more difficult.

- I learned to bake with my mother when I was about 9 years old.
- I'm married with 3 kids and 8 grandchildren.

- My favorite ingredient is onion.
- While I rarely go out to eat I miss the crowd at Applebee's.
- I usually get 4 hours of sleep a night.
- My favorite chef is Justin Wilson who was a Cajun cook who loved his "shine".
- My "day job" title is Facility Manager.
- If I was to have a "favorite meal I would be eating an awesome crawfish boil with a

glass of white wine and if that wasn't enough I would finish it up with mud pie.

WHO AM I???????

While you're trying to come up with the correct answer, don't forget to mark your calendars for our next meal, when Charles and I will host a "Get Stuffed" night on May 22, 2010 at 5:30 pm.

- * Stuffed Clams with crabmeat.
- * Stuffed Peppers over rice with veggies.
- * Cream puffs/Eclairs

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 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

Once again I would like to say that I will not be the Service Officer for the upcoming year or attend Service Officer school at convention in June. If anyone is interested in this position please contact me or the candidates running for Post Commander.

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. Last month's Monte Carlo Night again was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and came out to support the event. Also, this month we were able to purchase a new TV for the canteen thanks to donations made by the SAL and Women's Auxiliary. Special thanks to the SAL, the Oyster Night crew, Pattie for her Jello shooters and everyone who participated in our weekend 50/50 raffles run by Mackenzie. Because of you we will be able to purchase another pool table for the back room and begin a pool league. If you are interested in participating in the pool league

please sign up on the board. We are also in the process of planning our 3rd annual Trolley Crawl watch the board for details. Our Wii bowling tournament continues to be a huge success. Meet new members and have a ton of fun! The maximum for tournaments is 32, so get here early. Registration starts at 6 PM, tournament begins at 7 PM. Our Family Feud nights have also become a night you won't want to miss. Put a team together for of 4 or 5 people and come join us and you'll see what we are talking about. Check the Calendar for dates for all of the events. Also on May 15th Tom Carlile and friends will be putting on an American Way show in the back hall. Come and

check out what they have put together. And 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.

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Ask Ethel

Dear Ethel: As a long-time member of the Post 129 Auxiliary, I've noticed that the male members almost always dance forward and their female partners nearly always dance backward. In the interest of sexual equality, I think the men should be required to dance backward at least half the time. What do you think?---Lady Leader

Dear Leader: I understand your

desire for equality on the dance floor. However, there are some women (not me) who believe that men should dance forward because they are basically backward. For instance, they assume a man could get confused and fall down if he had to fox trot in reverse more often. Another possibility: The guys might stop being sure that they're actually running things.

Dear Ethel: Can the House Committee help me buy a house?---House Hunter

Dear Hunter: No, but they help you have a good time in our house (Post 129).



Cabane 215 News

by Vicki Gordon-Haft

Hello Dames. This is the month we elect the new leadership for the coming year. Plan to come to the Rendezvous on May 13th. and let your voice be heard.

Homecoming for Grande President Kelly Bush will be in Crystal River May 15th. Plan on coming down and enjoying the fellowship. Reservations need to be made by May 8th. Our last fund raiser for the

year is coming up in May. The yard sale will be Friday May 21st and Saturday May 22nd. We need donations and volunteers to help set up the garage sale on Thursday. Help is also needed Friday and Saturday. If everyone does a little the project will be easier. Please plan on donating just one hour of your time. The Voyagers will be offering a Rotisserie chicken dinner on

Friday night so come out and enjoy the food and give some of your time.

Please plan to be at our next Rendezvous May 13th at 7:00 P.M.



Auxiliary News

by Candace Mabry

Spring has arrived including the wind and pollen, but it did not slow down Unit 129. Thanks to every committee chair that turned in your report to District. For many of us this was a first, so thanks to Wanda Brandt and her team of District officers, they were very patient.

Relay for Life, an American Cancer event held at Jarbo Park in Neptune Beach, was held on April 17th and thanks to the family of Post 129, the Post, SAL and Unit, we gave enough in sponsorship to have our logos on the back of every tee shirt of each participant! In our last meeting we voted to donate \$1,000 to 26.2 with Donna to support mammograms for ladies that

have no insurance or cannot afford the procedure. The 5k event is May 9th – Mother's day.

Hats off to everyone involved in creating the float for the Opening of the Beaches parade, especially Marsha Clifton and Kathy Naugle. The float truly depicted what we do here at 129 – serve our Veterans, Active Duty, Community and Children & Youth. Thanks to John Burroughs our “chauffer” and to Nick Patrizio, Don Grzena, and Marie Esler who rode on the float and everyone that walked the route and handed out flags. It was a great time and wonderful way to get our name and what we do out to the community.

Our elections for next year will be held at our May monthly meeting. If you would like to join a committee or even head-up a committee, please see me or one of the officers.

For God and Country



Legion Riders News

by Tom Hunter

Join us May 8th, 2010 for our 7th Annual Poker Run. The run will start at Adamec HD on Baymeadows (first bike out at 10:00 am) and end at the American Legion Post 316 on Atlantic Blvd. It will be a seven Card Scramble Best Five cards wins. You pick the order of the Stops. Go to all seven or just pick five.

Cost is \$15 per rider/driver and \$10 per passenger for pre-registrations

and \$20 per rider/driver and \$15 per passenger day of the run.

Cost of the ride includes the ride, food, T-Shirts (limited to the first 200 registered), door prizes, music by Southbound and fun. Please see Annie Anderson if you would like to pre-register.

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 due. Please see Annie Anderson to renew your membership.

Please visit our website www.alr316.org for a complete calendar of events and photo gallery. Our next monthly meeting will be held Saturday, May 1st at Post 316 at 10am.

Newsletter

40&8 News...by Jerry Brandt

Members.....WOW, did you know you can receive your newsletter (3) three different ways?

1. You can receive it in the mail
2. You can pick a copy up at the Legion Post
3. You can go to our website (www.legionpost129.org) and read or print a copy.

Voyageurs, we have done a lot this year. New Little League Team is now being sponsored by the 40&8, dinners at the various Posts 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 ideals. Also elections will take place at the next Promenade; you need to be

present to vote. Speaking of dinners, our next visit will be with Post 54 on June 6th, we be serving a meal there, please come to help. 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! We are currently running a reduced rate special if you book your 2010 event by May 15th. If you know someone who is interested please have them contact Brandi. 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

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;

March 2010: Karen Harrell, Sam Kalafdian, Walter Jones and Robert Nicklin. (note...did not have their branch of service at time of printing. Will add next month).

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

The Ladies Monthly Birthday Luncheon will be on Monday, June 7th (lunch spot undecided at this time). Join me in celebrating Helen Hallebeck Fordham (June 9), and Mary Hayden (June 11) birthday's. Mark your calendar and come join us. Meet at the club at noon on the 7th. 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.

Kick Butt and Stay Safe.....by Mary Ellen Bolin

Our Maine Reserve Unit (shirt signed on wall by POW table) is serving in Afghanistan. Once again we are supporting them by sending treats, magazines, toilet articles, CD movies, and interesting fillers to make the days a little brighter. Our message to them is "Kick Butt and Stay Safe".

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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.

Couple of laughs:

An older gentleman was on the operating table awaiting surgery and he insisted that his son, a renowned surgeon perform the operation. As he was about to get the anesthesia he asked to speak to his son. "Yes, Dad, what is it?" "Don't be nervous, son; Do your best and just remember, if it doesn't go well, if something happens to me, your mother is going to come and live with you and your wife".....

Some people try turn back their odometers. Not me! I want people to know why I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.

My first job was working in an Orange Juice factory, but I got canned. Couldn't concentrate.

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

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Bruce & Wilma Corbitt (3/11)

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Al & Ginny Terrell (8/10)
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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)