

American Legion Post 129

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September 2010

Upcoming Events

- **Sept 1**
7:00 House committee & Planning board
- **Sept 2**
7:00 E-board meeting
7:00 Auxiliary meeting
7:30 General meeting
- **Sept 4**
7:00 Comedy Night
- **Sept 6**
1:00 pm Labor Day BBQ
- **Sept 9**
7:00 40&8 and Cabane meeting
- **Sept 11**
7:00 Red, White and Blue Show
- **Sept 29**
6:00 SAL meeting

Trivia, **Mondays**

Darts, **Tuesdays**

Karaoke, **Wednesdays**

Texas-Hold'em, **Thursdays**

Dinners & Music, **Fridays**

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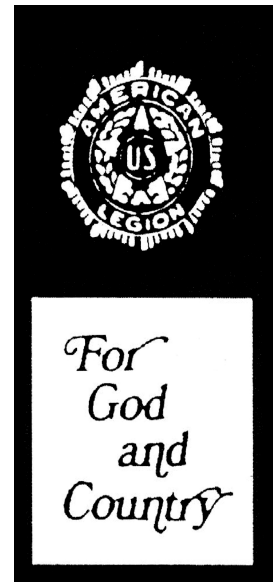
Commander's Corner by Lee Ingraham

Well the Galley is finally complete and open for business – Terry's menu is re-posted! Out of all this fiasco came a new 1,250 Gallon grease trap, a dishwasher, new tile on the back wall and a paint job! I want to thank the 3rd and 4th vices and their helpers for their blood, sweat and limited anger during the whole thing. Also I would like to thank the Legion organizations and individuals that provided monetary donations to finance not only the galley repairs, but the newly required Dumpster Fence and slab as well. We now have the best looking Dumpster area in all of Jax Beach!!!

The Library – I have had some discussions about our Legion Library. Here is what we worked out: the pool room library taken care of by the Librarian will be paperbacks only! Hard covered books will be kept on a bookshelf in the Auxiliary room. So if you

have books to donate or swap please separate them into Paperback and Hard back and place them in the appropriate place.

The newsletter – on the very last page of this newsletter is the Booster list. Starting with this newsletter, we are changing the Newsletter Booster list to just the Booster List. The purpose is to not only recognize those that donate to cover newsletter expenses, but those that donate to cover any expenses such as those who donated for the Galley and Dumpster Repairs. In addition, we are adding a Diamond Level above the Platinum Level for those that donate **over** \$100. As of this writing, that list will be a long one! Again my thanks to those that stepped up and donated during this month of August 2010. Remember we are "Veterans serving Veterans."



For the Good of the Legion by Lee Ingraham

As my second input to this column, I am just going to repeat my first input. 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," we have formed 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. As I see it, the committee will meet at a time in the month to conduct (continued on page 3)

Auxiliary News

by Candace Mabry, Auxiliary President



I always start the newsletter on a happy note, this month I believe it is bitter sweet. We had a wonderful first meeting held by our 1st Vice Maggie McCall in my absence, thanks so much. We will be taking school supplies to the USO and also assisting Seabreeze Elementary so start saving your Campbell's labels and box top for education. Don't forget there will be a blood drive at the Post over Labor Day, please see Diane Powers for more information.

In the last two months we sent over \$80,000 in coupons overseas, that is super. Don't forget ladies we need the coupons clipped, not just flyers dropped in the collection area.

Great news, the St Augustine VA hospital will be opening soon and Unit 129 will be supporting it whole heartily.

Our Post/Canteen is in need of upkeep in a big way. We are asking our E-board to meet to come up with recommendations on how we can help monetarily. One way we can help is to support the canteen and to attend events that are planned; please see the calendar for what is coming soon! Also if you would like email notifications of upcoming events, there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board, or please feel free to call Brandi Roberts for more information.

We would like to welcome two new members to our Unit, Tracy Stickle and Susan Sullivan. Please greet them with open arms and guide them toward a rewarding future in volunteerism. Let's help this Unit in Membership...we have 40 members signed up for the 2010-2011 year and our first

goal is 60% membership by September 15th – in case you are wondering, that's over 210 members. Needless to say we need your help by renewing early.

Earlier I said this year started out bitter sweet. Our Unit in August suffered a major loss by the passing of Joyce Weiss. One cannot help but smile when her name is spoken because of her smile, sense of humor, and most importantly how she accessorized. We can never replace her, but by sharing our memories we will keep her with us. Personally I think she's driving around in heaven selling the freshest vegetables available. Ladies, take note, because Joycie always had the best outlook and she will be missed dearly, but we look forward to welcoming Lisa back with open arms (we've missed you).

From the Galley

by 2nd Vice Danny

We had the final inspection on the Kitchen & it was approved. I would like to give my heartfelt thanks to all who worked so hard in getting things done. First and foremost to Terry Stickle our 4th Vice who did all the leg work in finding the grease trap and the plumber. He has spent many hours in getting this done. Also Don G our 3rd Vice for his countless hours doing what needed to be done. Nolan for his thankless work and donations in helping. Scott H. and his crew for

the tile work. And many others that helped. And a big hoorah to Terry Crews plumbing for completing the work and dealing with the hidden issues, that no one really knew about. I am thankful to the members of the post for being so understanding thru this ordeal, and hope y'all are ready to get back to our fine meals.

Softball is Here again

Softball season starts again on September 11, 2010. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.



New coach for Post 129 is Wayne Clifton. Come join in and have fun.

Officers for 2010—2011

Commander.Lee Ingraham
1st Vice.....Norm Sullivan
2nd Vice.....Danny Rodriguez
3rd Vice.....Don Grzena
4th Vice.....Terry Stickle
SAA.....Mark Higgenbotham
Adjutant.....Candace Kelly
Judge Advocate.....Bob Wilson
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

Comedy Club, The Laugh Factory

Don't miss stopping over to American Legion Post 129 on Saturday September 4th. Our new Comedy Club, the Laugh Factory opens. \$10 advance, \$15 day of show.

Featuring comedian Dak Rakow. He is among the most irrepressible comedian in the country. Dak should be included on the list of "Top Ten Stress Reducers." Genuinely funny, a state only intensifies Dak's twist on life. His audience has been known to overdose on his uniquely outlandish comedy. Headlining at clubs across the country, Dak has certainly contributed to the popularity of "Stand Up" with his dynamic and unconfined performances. You might have seen him on Fox TV's Comic Strip Live, Showtime Comedy Club Network and HBO's Comic Relief II.

Special Guest comedian Bernard "Hollywood" Williams will be joining Dak. Born in Baltimore, Maryland, Bernard Williams won the 100m at the 1999 Pan-American Games. In 2000, Williams won the NCAA Championships in the 100m as a University of Florida student and ran the second leg on the gold medal winning American 4x100 m relay team at the Sydney Olympics. At the 2001 world championships Williams finished third in the 100m to complete the American clean sweep of the event and ran the second leg on the American 4x100m relay team that won the gold medal. The team's gold medals were withdrawn when

Tim Montgomery was discovered to have used steroids. In 2003 Williams won the US National Championship in 100m and was fifth in 100m at the 2003 World Championships. At the 2004 Summer Olympics Williams won the silver medal in 200m.

"Hollywood" as a stand-up comic in the North Florida area when he is not training. He was noted for his comedy antics during the 2004 Olympics, including the peoples eyebrow. He is currently the sprinting coach for Oak Hall School's Track and Field team.

Join us for a GREAT night!!!!!!!

For the Good of the Legion

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their business and be able to research donation requests prior to presenting them to the next scheduled monthly E-Board meeting. That meeting time will be posted in the monthly calendar. In other words, if you are approached by anyone requesting a donation tell he/she they must present it in writing or verbally at the committees meeting! The members of the committee are:

Joe Newberry – Chairman & E-board Rep
Candace Kelly – Adjutant & Scribe
Bob Schlatter – Finance officer
Bob Schmitt – Chaplain
Frank Bolin – Past Bar Manager

Fundraisers

Starting this month each area/unit of Post 129 will have their assigned months for fundraisers such as baskets of cheer, raffles etc. Here are the next 5 assigned months.

September	S.A.L.
October	Legion
November	Cabane
December	Auxiliary
January	40&8

Service Officer comments by Walt Fanton

Veteran's Resource Guides are available at the Post. It contains important phone numbers for veterans, Specialized Veterans Programs & Referrals. Also information about services Work-Source Centers can provide for Veterans. The nearest center is at the BEAM office located at the corner of 9th street and 6th ave.

Many of you or your friends have or maybe in the process of losing jobs. The following information may assist you in filing Unemployment Compensation Claims. In Florida you can only file on the Internet at www.Fluidnow.com or by Telephone 1-800-204-2418, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Calling will take 15-20 minutes to

complete your claim.

For information on Unemployment Extensions: Call 1-888-896-0091. To speak with a Veteran's Representative at the nearest office call 904-997-3100 and ask to speak to one of the Veteran's staff.

I can be reached at 904-994-2564 if you have any questions.

Canteen Update

by Brandi Roberts

Starting this month we have opened our comedy club "The Laugh Factory". The first Saturday of every month will be comedy night in the back hall, so plan on coming in and checking out our nationally touring comedians. Our first month is a fundraiser for the grease trap. So come out, show your support and have a few laughs! On September 11th there will be a red, white, and blue show in the canteen, which is always a good time. Also on September 11th there will be a craft show and bake sale in the back hall to raise funds for the new grease trap. And on September 25th we will be having Trivia!

We are preparing for another Miss American Legion Pageant. So watch the board for details. If you missed the pageant that we did a few years ago come out to the post on September 18th @ 7pm we

will be running the DVD on the big screen. The Wii will also be available on that night.

Football season is here again!!! This year we will be offering buckets of beer during all televised NFL games. Also if you wear your NFL team gear and your team is winning you will receive your drinks at happy hour prices! So come to the post to watch your favorite teams win!

Believe it or not Halloween is right around the corner! This year we will be holding our annual party on October 30th. Prizes are given out for best costumes, so start thinking now. Guitar Red will be playing that whole week end so plan on coming out and having a great time!

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..

Ask Ethel

Dear Ethel: I have a capital idea for raising capital at Post 129. Most members like to sit at the bar. Why not reserve seats on a one-night basis for a charge, like at a stadium or ball park? If a person who had paid for a seat couldn't be there that night, he or she could sell it. Do you think that would work?---Sitting Bull

Dear Sitting Bull: Your pseudonym indicates you may be kidding. Keeping track of changes in seat

occupants would no doubt be a huge headache, even if anyone would be willing to pay for a seat. Then there might be a problem with scalpers trying for a quick profit. Of course, some folks like to circulate during evenings, changing locations. I believe your proposal would be about as popular as charging for parking spaces outside.

Dear Ethel: Wouldn't it be more military if our Legion officers wore

shoulder boards on their uniform shirts, reflecting their rank?---Uniformly Stylish

Dear Uniformly: Interesting, but might a visitor assume that they're all doormen?



Cabane 215 News

by Annie Anderson, Cabane President

Hello everyone, our first rendezvous for the New Year was well attended. A big welcome to our new Cabane 215 Member Mary Mutta. We are looking for different Fundraisers this coming year. The first one we are working on is "The Haunted Pub Tour" in St Augustine, with possible overnight

stay. This tour will be in October or November, more information will be forthcoming. Anyone who has any fundraiser ideas or suggestions please call me at 707-3163. Our next rendezvous will be September 9th, 7 pm at Post 129. Please remember your 2010-2011 dues are due, merci everyone.



Legion Lore

by Jack Hardebeck

I thought my August column would be the last one for a while on military medals. However, there's been an important new development on the subject. A July 19th Internet announcement opened, "A federal judge has declared unconstitutional a little-known law making it a crime to falsely claim to have been awarded a military medal." A Colorado man who was never in the military was arrested for falsely claiming to have won the Purple Heart and other medal as a Marine in Iraq. He challenged the Stolen Valor Act of 2005 (penalty: up to a year in prison) as a breach of the First Amendment. The judge agreed, calling it "insulting" to imply that battlefield heroism is motivated by eligibility for medals.

The government is appealing. The judge's decision, I think, really "put the pedal to the medals," so to speak. If it's upheld, draft dodgers may be wearing the Medal of Honor. Still, there's little doubt that such awards are valued. I recall the 1996 suicide of Admiral Jeremy Boorda over a couple of combat decorations he allegedly wasn't entitled to wear.

Maybe I'd better not put on the Soviet army medals I bought in Russia when I'm dressing for the next Post 129 New Year's Eve dance.



S.A.L.

by Tom Dawson

Our membership stands at 34 our goal for this year is 172. Remember if you renew during Early Bird, and are 21 or over you will receive two white drink chips from the S.A.L.. To renew your membership please see Clyde As-ton or Robert Haag. S.A.L. will be holding the raffle for September, please check out our bulletin board for details. In an effort to help our local community the S.A.L. donated \$300 to Jacksonville Beach Boys and Girls club. Thanks go out to Claire and Charles for their help in the kitchen and steak bingo.

Man/Woman in Uniform

(Guess who this person is)

Who is the Post 129 member on the right? (answer in next months newsletter) He is a veteran of the U.S. Navy. Served from 1976 to 1984. Spent duty time on the USS Texas CGN-39, USS Paul FFG-1080, N.S. Naval Station Mayport, and the USS Tattnall DDG-19.

He was a machinist Mate. When he left the nuclear navy and reported



(those that worked on the reactors) glowed in the dark. So I went up to the 1st div and obtained a glow stick, you know the ones that kids play with at Halloween. After my shower I got it working and dropped it in my underwear and came down the ladder into the berthing space. Lights were out and the first guys that saw me yelled out "It damn true, they do glow in the dark. Biggest laugh I ever had.

40&8 News

by Kevin McCallon, Chef De Gare

"Voyagers, we need to work on membership a little harder every week. We see the same faces at every promenade, which is very few. Keep up the drive for new membership and collect the membership dues that are overdue. The August promenade was a lengthy one but we did get a lot accomplished. The memorial service for Earl Parker went well. As the incoming Chef de Gare, at the first Promenade we covered a lot of ground.

Some of the subjects that were not covered, because we ran out of time, was a visit to the veterans administration, and a visit to Avante rehab center. There are a lot of veterans in the facility that would love a visit. In March is the first wreck in a few years at Voiture 215. Lets ensure we have everything we need in place to perform a nice ceremony.

40/8 dinner will be on the 3rd of Sept at

6pm. The menu will consist of pork loin, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, and rolls. We need volunteers for this event. Cooks should arrive at 3:45pm and other helpers at 5pm. Dinner is \$8.

We have a new la femme - Jeff Durden. We are trying something new this year. There will be a door prize at each prom. This month a pie will be given. Please call the Voiture 215 phone number 904-383-4013 for more information.

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

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

August 2010: Peter Basabe, USMC, Gulf, Active duty; Delores Blowers, USN, Grenada; Richard Brooke, USA, Korea; William Carl, USN, Gulf; Clarence Colmorgen, USN, Gulf; Thomas Crossin, USAF, Panama; Raymond Gannon, USA, Korea; Randy Hilton, USN, Gulf; John McKague, USA, Vietnam; Richard Miller, USN, Lebanon; Michael Petrillo, USN, Vietnam; Benjamin Shelton, USA, Vietnam; Andreas Womack, USN, Gulf; Richard Ard, USMA, Korea; Keith Helton, USA, Vietnam; Lyndal Sweeney, USN, WWII;

The Ladies Monthly Birthday Luncheon will be on Monday, October 4th. Birthdays for October are Ethel Blalock (10/29) and Crazy Nan Wilson (10/26). We will start the celebration at the canteen (12:00 Noon) and continue on to the Long Horn Steakhouse to complete the day. See you on the 4th.

Nancy Aston 242-0544

Legion Riders News

by Tom Hunter

A big welcome to our new Event Coordinator, Dalton Ruth and new Quartermaster, Kathy Maichle. Also, a huge welcome to our 2 newest members, Raphael Barnes and Jim Borchardt.

It's that time again to start planning our 8th Annual Poker Run. There will be a Poker Run meeting on Tuesday, Sept 2 at 6:00 pm at Post 316. Also, don't forget about the upcoming Bike Swap Meet to be held Oct 9th and 10th. If you have bike parts that you would like to sell, please let one of our officers know. More information forthcoming.

Plans are underway for an American Legion Riders and Friends 7 night cruise to the Eastern Caribbean, May 8, 2011. If you'd like more details, please contact Tammy Monteiro at 838-7119.

Please visit our website www.alr316.org for a complete calendar of events and photo gallery.

Our next monthly meeting will be held Saturday, September 11th at Post 316 at 10:00am. Weather permitting, there will be a Fun Run following the meeting. Hope to see you there !!

Ron Whittington "Second Strike" Book Signing

I hope you'll stop by my next book signing on Friday September 10th at the American Legion Post 129 (4-6pm) in Jacksonville Beach. Visit www.secondstrikethenovel.com for more information.

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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 Lee Ingraham 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.
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Diamond Level, \$100+

Jim Smith
Bob Schlatter
Dave & Pat
Terry & Tracey Stickles
Gary & Marie Esler
Clyde & Nancy Aston
Genell Kriner
William Walker
Fred Sinclair
In memory of Joyce Weiss

Platinum Level, \$100

Barbara & Phil Milazo (1/11)
In memory of Cindy Burroughs 3/11
Carl Morrison (8/11)
In memory of Earl Parker

Gold Level, \$50

Bruce & Wilma Corbitt (3/11)
In memory of Barbara Thomas (8/11)
James Stinekraus (8/11)
Sterling & Linda Phaklides (5/11)

Silver Level, \$25

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)

Bob & Pat Deptula (8/11)
Sam Kalasdian (8/11)
Thomas & Townsend (2/11)
John & Sandy Seroyer 4/11
Helen & JJ (8/10)
In memory of USS Stark (5/11)
In memory of Dean Ramon Esler (6/11)
P-Nut & Liz Wilson (8/10)
Bill & Fanny Bivens (8/10)
Bill & Mabel Videll (12/10)
Nick Patrizio (4/12)
Frank & Marge Redmond (8/11)

Bronze Level, \$10

Beth & Mike Wear (8/10)
Caroline Whelpley (5/11)
Ed Zazzarino (10/10)
Frank Brown (7/11)
George Layton (3/11)
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 Dottie Smith (7/11)
In memory of George Rivers (5/11)
Charlie & Betty Parker (7/10)
In memory of John Kapeghian (6/11)

Roy Hauge (7/13)
Joe & Pat Cornell (2/11)
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 (5/11)
Roy L. & Martha Lewis (4/11)
Russell & Mary Lou Jones (9/11)
Shorty Heiman (11/10)
Steve & Misty (11/10)
Towney Kennard (11/10)