



SOUNDOFF

January-February 2019



George P. Vanderveer Post 129 American Legion (established 1919) —A Centennial Post

COMMANDERS MESSAGE

Well another year has come and gone, I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday season, and here's to a happy and healthy new year.

I would like to thank everyone who participated in and attended the POW/MIA Tree Lighting and thank you to the S.A.L. for a job well done. Also, thank you to everyone who attended our first Pearl Harbor Ceremony.

The first half of my term as commander of Post 129 had its ups and down, but we got through it as a Legion Family and if we continue to work together as a family. I know the next six months will be good.

For God and Country
Ed Rutzler, Commander



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

In the hustle and bustle or hurrying and scurrying of our everyday lives, have we ever taken the time to be ready for our untimely

exits? One thing is for certain, make that two....Taxes and Death.....Most of us look at taxes as another way to stay afloat, however we are floating someone else's boat....Death however some of us are guilty of trying not to think about or just put off with our infamous line "It's a long way off so why address it now...."

Once a long way off sneaks up on us and it would behoove us to remedy this by getting things in order so we do not leave our families, loved ones or friends with the untimely task of fending for us unnecessarily when they themselves are grieving....The Bible says "Let the dead bury the dead"...Not to be taken literally, however, it just might be giving us a hint to prepare for same leaving others to grieve...

One thing we should do is inform those special people in our lives of the service organization we have come to love and made many friends with! That's right, our own American Legion Post 129! We are family, brothers and sisters, whether we accept it or reject it for we fight for the same causes! As our organization reaches out to the community at large in many ways, we are part of that starting with our membership dues and our support of Post activities....As the Post members we are to reach out to our brothers and sisters in need and make our community stronger than before....The Bible does tell us "It is better to give than to receive"...

By informing your significant other or others of your wishes for them to reach out to us, we can help direct them to the necessary

paperwork but more so for the burial benefits you have earned....I take Pride in helping on the funeral detail with our Post! I can honestly say that I never have a dry eye as I go to your loved ones to pay our and my respect at the end of our service....Oh, yes maybe I didn't go to lunch with you or vice versa, however I sat at a similar table in life with all sorts of different feelings that only we who served our country 24x7 experience in our daily lives...Similar to those words at matrimony "For better or for worse"... As we age Worse seems to rear its ugly head with pains whether physically or emotionally...

There is help in the worsening times. Check with our Service Officer for direction:

Michael Schaffer
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732-685-7768

Myself for prayer:
Tom Kraszewski—Chaplain
tommykola@gmail.com
848-210-3722

If you, or a member you know, is ill please contact me, let me know, we're here to help.

....ONE LAST THING BROTHERS AND SISTERS...WE HAVE BAD DAYS SO WE CAN REMEMBER TO THANK GOD FOR OUR GOOD ONES....THINK ABOUT IT...





I wanted to thank all the members that have sent in their 2019 dues so far. Your support helps keep us strong. Just a reminder, our membership year starts on July 1st. All members should have their dues paid by February 1st.

Article X, Section 7 Of Our Bylaw's States:

A member whose dues for the current year have not been paid on or before January 1st, shall be classed as delinquent. If his or her dues are paid on or before February 1st, they will be automatically reinstated. If any member is still delinquent after February 1st, membership shall be suspended from all privileges. If a member is still under such suspension on June 30th of such year, their membership in The American Legion shall be forfeited. A member so suspended or whose membership has been so forfeited may be reinstated to active membership in good standing by vote of the post and payment of current dues for the year in which reinstatement occurs. Provided, however, that the national department may wave the provisions hereof upon payment of dues for the year in which reinstatement occurs, with reference to former members who have been prevented from payment of dues by reason of active military service.

So please send in your dues to support this great organization. Remember we are "Veterans Still Serving America". We cannot do this alone, we need your help to support all the great programs that The American Legion run to support our veterans, their family's, and the community in which we live,

And by keeping our membership numbers up we will continue to have a strong voice in Washington and on capitol hill to address the needs of our veterans. As you know membership is the life blood of this great organization. This year we enter our 100 years of service to community, state & nation. Let's keep our legacy moving forward.

For God and Country
Rich godfrey
Department of New Jersey
Membership Chairman



SAL MESSAGE

Happy New Year! 2018 seems to have flown by in the blink of an eye! I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving and a Very Merry Christmas. We had a lot of successful events in 2018 and we are looking for another great year coming. Thank you to the Legion Family - Post, Auxiliary and Riders who helped and supported our events all year. A true family effort. And, a Happy 100th Anniversary to The American Legion. I would like to thank everyone that helped and attended both our POW/MIA Tree Lighting Ceremony and our annual Army/Navy game party. Both events were very well attended and went very well.

I would like to send a special thanks to Bob Joerg, our 1st Vice Commander and post bar chairman, for getting our raffle items for the Army/Navy game. We would not have been as successful that day if it wasn't for Bob and his efforts.

We jump right into 2019 running. Our first squadron meeting of the new year on Wednesday, January 9th at 7pm, starts officer nominations. Nominations are January, February and March with election being held in April. Any squadron member can run for any position in office with a nomination.

In February, we will be hosting our annual Valentine's Day Comedy Show. The date is Saturday, February 16th. See the flyer for more detailed information. This is a fun event so let's get the word out, so we can pack the room like we did last year.

Finally, and most important is membership. Please make sure you renew your dues. The 2019 cards have been in and the 2018 cards WILL NOT be honored. So, if you haven't renewed yet, please do so ASAP. You can renew at the post, through the mail or online at www.salpost129.com. Let's make 2019 an even better year!

For God & Country,

Rocky Lucia
Commander
Squadron 129

SAL MEMBERSHIP



Duke Haring

Congratulations to our new Commander, Jeff Hicks and his newly elected officers, Committee Chairmen, and appointees.

Membership is our priority for our organization, as of 7/30/2018 we were at 97% in our membership, like years in the past, eventually we go over the top in membership. The reason for that is everyone works very hard to retain and promote membership. There are some Squadrons that are sick and tired of paying for their deadbeat members, a couple of examples:

Squadron 129 was down about 18%, that comes to about 98 members short of last year's total.

Squadron 139 is another that

had to do the same thing as my Squadron.

You can't keep paying for the deadbeats, it puts a hardship on many Squadrons. We hear your concerns, since this is happening all over, we must do something different.

The membership committee needs at least two members to assist from opposite parts of the state, one from the North and one from the South. Potentially with two volunteers, we would like to have a re-vitalization in membership in assigned counties. The plan is to get a list of squadron membership and find out who has been paying their dues, call them and determine why they haven't payed their dues, have fallen on hard times, had something happened within their squadron that can be fixed or had they just forgotten.

It is our responsibility to remind them what a wonderful organization we are. We can then ask them if they know of anyone else that would like to join The Sons of the American Legion. We are always trying to get to that 10,000-membership mark. A goal that was almost achieved last year, we fell short by 100 members. It is very disappointing and hard to absorb. We have been trying to do this for such a long time. We have our work cut out for us; for those squadrons who had to cut out their deadbeat members, go after them, be relentless! Get those members back and more. Let's stay the course and do a better job in retaining and promoting membership.

It would be great to get that elusive 10,000 membership for our Detachment, for our Veterans, for our 100th American Legion anniversary, and most of all our newly elected Commander, Mr. Jeff Hicks.

Thank you.

N.J. SAL Detachment
Membership Chairman,
David (DUKE) Haring
cell# 732-597-2604



Sons of The American Legion Squadron #129

Valentine's Day Comedy Show

Saturday, February 16th, 2019
Doors open at 6:15 - Show starts at 7PM
Cash Bar - \$1.50 Draft Beer
Light snacks on tables

\$20 per person in advance
\$25 per person at the door

**Regular menu available in Canteen for those
who would like to dine prior to the show**

Presented by Ginger Ninja Productions

For more information contact:

Rocky Lucia
rplucia@verizon.net
917.417.4818



CANTEEN NEWS

Well Santa has come to town, and a new year has just begun. At least this Christmas I got a lump of "clean" coal in my stocking. 2019—Who would have thought? Time continues to fly by.

Fortunately, the Bartenders and the Bar Committee Members have not stood idly by while the needs of the Canteen have changed. To better serve our Members and their Guests, we are always "at the ready" to meet new demands and challenges.

What's Been Done? For those of you who do not know, the Canteen now accepts credit cards. We started the process in the summer. It was a team effort of the bartenders and staff, along with Rocky Lucia and Bob Joerg, to get everyone trained and on the same page. This puts in to the 21st Century, much to the delight of our credit card users.

Biweekly Drink Specials. Every 2 weeks the Bar Committee comes up with new super discounted drink specials. The new low prices are placed around the bar and are on every table. We have found that all of our Members love a bargain. All drinks and drink specials are served to you by our outstanding bartenders: Warren, Robin, Lisa, Lori, Danielle, Shea, Joe, Nancy and Chuck. The Bar Committee appreciates the great job that they do.

Thursday Night is Lady's Night. All drinks for the ladies are as close to half price as we can get. Discounted drink specials are NOT included.

Speaking of bargains, our discounted NFL Football Menu and drinks will be in effect throughout the playoffs which includes the Super Bowl. Domestic draft pints are reduced to \$1.50 (tax included). Wings are still 50 cents for orders of 6 and 10. Half pound cheeseburgers with fries are

\$7.00.

For those of you who are first time readers, our kitchen, which is run by Ryan's Catering, provides hot and cold meals for lunch and dinner 7 days a week. There is a standard menu along with Chef Mike Speary's delicious daily specials. If you have not already done so, you should definitely check them out. No other American Legion in the State provides the variety of food that Ryan's Catering does for our Members and their Guests.



The Canteen's hours of operation are from 11AM until closing, which will vary based on the amount of Members in the bar and the day of the week. On Friday and Saturday Night, last call in the Canteen is midnight, and closing time is at 12:30AM.

The next Big Event at the Post is the Sons of the American Legion (SAL) Comedy Night, which will be held on Saturday, February 16, 2019. Details have not yet been finalized. The SAL will be getting the word out to everyone as soon as the details are available through Facebook and the Web Site.

Bunker News: Bar Committee Intelligence (which is in short supply) has reported the EVA (enemy varmint activity) has slowed, now that the cold weather has set in. However, Legion Airborne Squirrels and Chipmunks have appeared to have allied themselves with other creatures of the forest. In November, one of our Member's sent his dog into the woods on a recon mission where EVA was most active. The dog was sprayed by a skunk. Little laughter was heard coming from the

trees as the dog ran back to the Bunker with its tail between its legs.

Report on Previous Action Taken. Bill Murray can not help us out, since he is still being sued by the golf course he blew up in the movie "Caddyshack." He wishes us good luck, even though he didn't have any.

As stated in the previous SOUNDOFF, we recruited a former Secretary of State to initiate peace negotiations like he did with Iran. Like Iran, the squirrels and chipmunks demanded 2 billion dollars. Through his softcore negotiations, the demand was reduced to 1 billion dollars. The Secretary advised us that this was a good deal and we should accept it. We Refused. Varmints, Prepare for War. Addition reports to follow.

REMEMBER, when you support Post 129, you the support the best Post in the USA.

NJ Boys State

If you have a Male Junior in HS, that has a B average, and is interested in how the State Government works, we have just the ticket. Boys State takes place every year, in June. The American Legion website has all of the information on Boys State. I have a team that will work with the various local High Schools to select the candidates. We will start contacting the schools in January. The schools involved are High School, North, South, East, and Central Regional. It starts by the Boys contacting their various Guidance Depts. We may take young men from Mon Don, if there is an interest. More information to follow.....

David E. Corbin
Post 129
Boys State Chairman

AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

By the time of this reading we will have celebrated the Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa holidays and brought in the New Year. I hope everyone had a joyous holiday season and the New Year is a happy and healthy one.

We are coming into a New Year with many exciting events coming up. I am looking forward to seeing many of you participating in our events. Let's show our new members what fun we have with our upcoming events such as the Psychic Fair, Gift Auction and Poppies just to name a few.

Come on down to the canteen on Friday and Saturday nights for some new entertainment and meeting up with old and new friends and share your holiday stories over food and drink. You can again see and hear the up and coming events and possibly sign up to volunteer for them. I am looking forward to a new and exciting New Year here at the Post so just come on down and see what is happening.

For God & Country
Pam Bowen
Unit President

RIDERS MESSAGE

By the time this issue comes out the holiday seasons will be over. It was a pleasure to work with the Auxiliary over the Holiday seasons to supply 3 needy family with Thanksgiving dinners, also being able to assist with the bus loads of Veterans coming in for Thanksgiving meals. The Holiday spirit of Post 129 brings the true meaning to what the holidays are SUPPOSED to be like. Not all Rider events are done on motorcycles. This time of the year riding is not done a whole lot but

helping other families and seeing Veterans enjoying a meal is heart-felt even by the most hardened motorcyclist.

January and February are more down time for the Riders than most other months, but we are beginning to prepare for the spring and future events such as our annual BBQ, Bike Blessing and Bike Nights.

This will also be my last go around as President of our Rider group. I have been lucky enough to have been chosen by my brothers and sisters since 2010 to lead this wonderful group. I believe it is time to step aside and let new blood lead our group. I will be there to assist not only the new President but the Executive board that is chosen to lead. Once again, I thank all our Rider brothers and sisters for the hard work that we do for our Post 129 family and to all Veterans. For God & Country,
Art Brown

ELECTIONS IN APRIL

April is the month to elect your officers for the coming year. Please see the guidelines for qualifications which are posted on the bulletin board at the Post and will be published here in the next issue.



April General Membership meeting is on Monday, April 1st.

David E. Corbin
Post 129
Judge Advocate



Old Timers Day
VS
Houston Astros



Sunday, June 23, 2019

American Legion Post 129

\$110.00 per person

Includes Bus, Ticket, Beer, Soda, Water, Subs, Snacks

Bus leaves from Home Depot Lot Route 70 Lakewood

Contact John Dowling 732-221-5410

Tickets are already being sold and this one always sells out!

FAMILIES ARE LIKE FUDGE, MOSTLY SWEET BUT WITH A FEW NUTS.

Ralph Wolff
Post 129
Finance Officer



A wise man once said that no matter what you have done for yourself or for humanity, if you can't look back on having given love and attention to your own family, then what have you really accomplished.

All families have a nucleus. That person or place that is steadfast in values and purpose. Your American Legion Post 129 is your extended family and the nucleus of your comradeship.

Families are the foundation of our society. People say that the typical American family is on the decline. Some even say that our Legion Family is on the decline, but I disagree. I believe that they are adjusting to the new family order. The old vision of a typical American family now only exists on the cover of a Norman Rockwell greeting card. Today's families are blended. They are integrating their life styles, work, church, community, kids, pets and yes, the Legion brotherhood all while maintaining the family values of love, loyalty and comradeship.

Your Post is your extended family. In every conceivable manner, Post 129 is a bridge from your past to your future. Our Legion Family holds true to the values of Justice, Freedom, Democracy, Loyalty, Personal integrity and family values of God, Love, Loyalty and Patriotism.

So, when someone says that the family unit is on the decline, let them know that there is a new order that has taken hold and is to be embraced for many generations to come. The leadership of your Post has recognized this and

is on a mission to bring our Legion Family closer and more inclusive in 2019. I am proud to be a member of a Post that reflects these values.

Finances

Our mission for 2019 is to help more Vets, reduce our mortgage, bring more families to the Post and support more organizations helping our vets and our community.

Otherwise all is well.

Happy New Year

Meet Air Force Veteran Frank and His Trusty Side-Kick Earl

Frank Pirozzi, an Air Force Veteran continues to make service to others an important part of his life. He volunteers with Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey through their Veteran Outreach and Support Program, Alzheimer's Respite Care and their in-home visiting therapy dog program Caregiver Canines®.

Frank and his best buddy Earl, a certified therapy dog, have been visiting with homebound seniors and those with Alzheimer's disease for the past 5 years. For 3 years, Frank made weekly visits to Jack, an Army Veteran who was caring for his wife Mary who had Alzheimer's disease.

Jack and Mary looked forward to Frank's visits and a great bond of friendship was formed. Frank told us "because Jack and I were both Veterans, we understood each other and became instant friends. Earl was always happy to get belly rubs from Mary and I felt good knowing I was making their



lives more joyful during this difficult time.

The mission of Caregiver Canines® is to increase the well-being of Veterans by matching them with a volunteer and therapy dog for free visits right in their own home. The goal is to decrease the loneliness and isolation faced by many older Veterans after they are no longer able to drive or are caring for a loved one. This program is especially beneficial for those who love dogs but may find themselves unable to care for one any longer due to health or financial reasons.

If you know of a senior or Veteran that would like to learn more about Caregiver Canines®, or who may want to volunteer with us, please call our office at 732-505-2273 or email:

infor@caregivervolunteers.org to learn more about our wonderful therapy dogs, please visit our website at

www.caregivercanines.org or "LIKE" our Facebook Page "Caregiver Canines".

A REQUEST FOR HELP....

You too can save a life.

One of our own needs a kidney transplant. If you would like to be an organ donor please contact Saint Barnabas Medical Center and learn how you can become a living donor. Call the institute at 973-322-5346 and mention my name, Theresa.

FOUR CHAPLAINS

From Wikipedia

The Four Chaplains, also sometimes referred to as the "Immortal Chaplains," were four United States Army chaplains who gave their lives to save other civilian and military personnel during the sinking of the troop ship USAT Dorchester on February 3, 1946, during WWII. They helped other soldier's board lifeboats and gave up their own life jackets when the supply ran out. The chaplains joined arms, said prayers, and sang hymns as they went down with the ship. The four were relatively new chaplains, who all held the rank of first lieutenant. They included Methodist minister the Reverend George L. Fox, Rabbi Alexander D. Goode, Roman Catholic priest the Reverend John. Washington, and Reformed Church in America minister the Reverend Clark V. Poling. Their backgrounds, personalities, and faiths were different, although Goode, Poling and Washington had all served as leaders in the Boy Scouts of America. They met at the Army Chaplains School at Harvard University, where they prepared for assignments in the European theater, sailing on board USAT Dorchester to report to their new assignments.

George L. Fox

George L. Fox was born March 15, 1900 in Lewiston, Pennsylvania. He lied about his age at 17 and Joined the Army to serve in World War I. He joined the ambulance corps in 1917. As a medical corps assistant, he was highly decorated for bravery and was awarded the Silver Star, Purple Heart and the French Croix de Guerre. Upon his discharge he returned home, finished high school and entered Moody Bible Institute in 1923. He later graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University. He studied at Boston University of Theology and was ordained

a Methodist Minister in 1934. George served as state chaplain and historian for the American Legion in Vermont. In 1942, Fox volunteered to serve as a US Army chaplain. In 1942 he was united with Chaplains Goode, Poling and Washington at Camp Myles Standish in Taunton Massachusetts where they prepared to depart for Europe on board the USAT Dorchester.

Alexander D. Goode

Rabbi Alexander D. Goode was born in Brooklyn New York, on May 10, 1911. He followed in his father's footsteps by studying for the rabbinate at Hebrew Union College, graduating with a B.H. degree in 1937. He later received his Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University in 1940. He originally applied to become a Navy chaplain but was not accepted. After Pearl Harbor he applied to the US Army to serve as a chaplain and was accepted and Assigned, to the 333rd Airbase Squadron in North Carolina. In October 1942, he was transferred to Taunton, Massachusetts and reunited with chaplains Fox, Poling and Washington who were classmates at the US Army Chaplains School at Harvard University.

Clark V. Poling

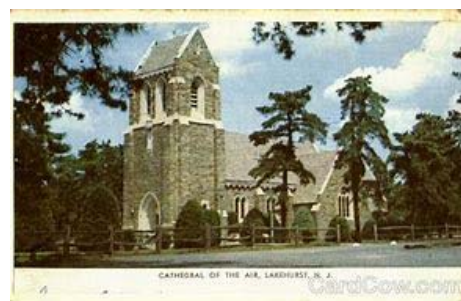
Clark V. Poling was born August 7, 1910 in Columbus, Ohio. Clark studied at Yale and University's Divinity School in New Haven Connecticut and graduated with a B.D. degree in 1936. He was ordained in the Reformed Church in America and served in the First Church of Christ New London, Connecticut. With the outbreak of WWII, Poling decided to enter the Army. His father, who had served as a WWII chaplain, told him chaplains' risk and give their lives too-and with that knowledge applied to serve as an Army chaplain, accepting his appointment on June 10 1942 as chaplain with the 131st Quartermaster Truck

Regiment, Camp Shelby, Mississippi. Later he reported the US Army Chaplains School at Harvard University where he would meet with chaplains Fox, Goode and Washington.

John P. Washington

John was born in Newark, NJ, on July 18, 1908. He completed his high school and college courses at Seton Hall, in South Orange to prepare for the Catholic priesthood. He graduated in 1931 with an A.B. degree, entering Immaculate Conception Seminary in Darlington, NJ, where he received his minor orders on May 26, 1933. He served as sub deacon and later became a deacon in 1934. He was elected prefect of his class and was ordained a priest on June 15, 1935. Father Washington's first parish was at St. Genevieve's in Elizabeth, NJ. Shortly after the Pearl Harbor attack, he received his appointment at a chaplain in the US Army reporting for active duty May 9, 1942. He was Chief of the chaplains reserve pool at Fort Benjamin Harrison, IN and in June was assigned to the 76th infantry Division in Ft. Meade, MD. In November 1942 he reported to Taunton, Massachusetts and met Chaplains Fox, Goode and Poling at Chaplains School at Harvard.

Submitted by Bob Scheiderman








February 3, 2019, 1 PM (check with the Post for updates) there will be a Four Chaplains Service at Cathedral Of The Air in Lakehurst, New Jersey.

January: From the Roman god Janus, the keeper of the gates who was pictured with two heads, thus able to see the past and the future.

Birthstone

January 2019

Garnet

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Always remember that you are absolutely unique, just like everyone else.		1 Happy New Years Day NAVY SEALS 1962	2	3 <u>B</u>	4 US Coast Guard 1790	5 ● New Moon
6 	7 General Mtg. 7:00PM	8 1935 Elvis Presley	9 SAL Mtg. 7:00PM	10 <u>I</u>	11 	12
13	14 Legion Aux. Mtg. 7:00PM	15 	16 	17 N	18	19
20	21 Board Mtg. 7:00PM ML King Day O Full Wolf Moon	22 	23 1968 USS Pueblo	24 <u>G</u>	25	26
27 Vietnam War Ends	28 Riders Mtg. 7:00PM	29 	30	31 O		It's not what you are, it's what you don't become that hurts.

1960: The U.S. Navy-operated bathyscaphe Trieste carried two men to the deepest known point in the Pacific Ocean, reaching a depth of more than 35,000 feet.

JANUARY ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY JANUARY 4TH

**JOHNNY D &
THE DECADES**

SATURDAY JANUARY 5TH

TWIST OF FATE
NEW BAND
"CHECK IT OUT"

FRIDAY JANUARY 11TH

JIM DELRE BAND
BACK BY REQUEST

SATURDAY JANUARY 12TH

THE STREETHEARTS

FRIDAY. JANUARY 18TH

"SIMPLY 3"

SATURDAY JANUARY 19TH

BOB KULIK
AS YOU REQUESTED

FRIDAY JANUARY 25TH

THE LEGACY BAND

SATURDAY JANUARY 26TH

STRICTLY 60'S

BE SURE TO CHECK FOR LAST MINUTE CHANGES AND/OR CANCELLATIONS.
UPDATED LISTS ARE POSTED ON THE BULLEEN BOARD IN THE CANTEN

February: From the latin word for "to smoke," since it was the Roman month for purification.

Birthstone

February 2019

Amethyst

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
If your to big to do little things your probably too little to do big things.					1	2
3 Four Chaplains Sunday Services Cathedral of the Air	4 General Mtg. 7:00PM ● New Moon	5 	6 	7 B	8 Psychic Fair 6-10 PM	9 
10 	11 Legion Aux, Mtg. 7:00PM	12  Abe Lincoln 1809	13 SAL Mtg. 7:00PM	14  Valentines Day	15	16 SAL Comedy Show 7PM
17 	18 Board Mtg. 7:00PM Presidents Day	19 O Full Snow Moon	20	21 N	22  Washingtons B'Day	23
24	25 Riders Mtg. 7:00PM	26 	27	28 GO!!!!!!	29	30

During the WWII, the US transport ship Dorchester, which was carrying troops to greenland, sank after being hit by a German torpedo; only 230 survived. The "Four Chaplains" gave-up their life jackets and drowned so others may survive.

FEBRUARY ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 1ST **THE POWERTONES**

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 2ND **CHRIS DANIELS & THE PROOF**

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 8TH **THE LENNY DAVIS BAND**

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 9TH **BOB KULIK**

CONGRATULATIONS BOB—NOMINATED TO THE EAST COAST MUSIC HALL OF FAME

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 15TH **THE SURE CATS**

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 16TH **THE MANGO'S**

FRIDAY. FEBRUARY 22ND **SUMMER PROJECT**

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 23RD **STRICTLY 60'S**

BE SURE TO CHECK FOR LAST MINUTE CHANGES AND/OR CANCELLATIONS.
UPDATED LISTS ARE POSTED ON THE BULLEEN BOARD IN THE CANTEEN

CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND
2018-2019 DONORS

The entire Executive Board of Post 129 would like to thank all our initial Children & Youth Donors. Your patriotism in aiding our cause to help the children of Toms River is greatly appreciated. Thank you again.

Diamond Club Member (\$500 or more)

Eric and Linda Inauen
 Post 129 Sons of the American Legion (SAL) Squadron 129

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“SOME PEOPLE LIVE AN ENTIRE LIFETIME AND WONDER IF THEY EVER MADE
 A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD. A VETERAN DOESN'T HAVE THAT PROBLEM.”

RONALD REAGAN

CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND
2018-2019 donors (continued)

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Greetings! This will be Post 129's 2nd year of our ANNUAL FUND DRIVE. As we stated last year, our Community has experienced a dramatic increase in the need to support the 4th pillar of the American Legion, "Children & Youth." With your help, the Children & Youth Fund has been able to fund most of our youth organizations which include Boys State, Girls State, Legion Baseball, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Big Brothers & Big Sisters, the Elementary School Coloring Contest, the Gold Star Family's Christmas Party, the High School Oratorical Contest, the People's Food Pantry, Easter Seals (handicap young adults), and most recently, the Toms River High School R.O.T.C. Program. We also support our National American Legion Charity, "The Children's Organ Transplant Assn. (COTA)."

Last year, through your generosity, we raised \$13,500.00. With your donations we were able to fund most of the organizations listed above. Unfortunately, the need continues. Your donations have enabled us to expand our coloring contest to other schools, thereby reaching more elementary school children. We sent a record number of students to Boy's State, where they are taught how our government operates. We added the Toms River North High School R.O.T.C. program to our list of recipients and have pledged to purchase new uniforms (\$400 each) that they are required to have. Currently, they have twenty-four (24) candidates which total \$9,600.00 in uniforms costs. Supporting our patriotic Children and Youth is one of Post 129's top priorities.

Post 129 used your donations as follows: Boy's State & Girl's State, \$3,895; Big Brothers & Big Sisters, \$1,200; Boy Scouts, \$600; Girl Scouts, \$600; Coloring Contest \$1,000; Legion Baseball, \$3,000; COTA, \$750; Gold Star Families Christmas Party, \$2,000. We were unable to hold the High School Oratorical Contest last year, but we will be hosting it this year.

With these updates, we hope you can see how your donations have impacted our Children & Youth. This year, Post 129's goal is to raise \$25,000. To our donors, who graciously gave last year, Post 129 would like to say thank you, and hope that you will donate again to help us continue the good work. For those of you who could not donate last year, the Legion Family would ask you to seriously consider donating to these worthy programs. None of your donation goes to salaries, marketing expense or expense accounts. **AGAIN, ALL OF YOUR DONATION RECEIVED BY POST 129 GOES TOWARD THE CHILDREN & YOUTH IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES.**

Also, when you donate to Children and Youth campaign, your name will be listed as such in our SOUNDOFF and on our Legion Website to acknowledge your support of the children.

No donation is too small. For your convenience you can donate by check (payable to American Legion Post 129 Children & Youth), or with the use of your credit card or PayPal. If everyone contributes, the Legion Family can significantly impact the Children and Youth Pillar for our Post and our community. Remember, Post 129 is a 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt Organization, and your donation is 100% tax deductible.

Please DO NOT send cash through the mail.

POST 129 thanks you in advance for your continuing support of the American Legion and for your belief in building a better future for our children.

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