



SOUNDOFF

January-February 2020

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Post 129 American Legion
(Established 1919)
2025 Church Road
Toms River, NJ 08753*

George P. Vanderveer Post 129 American Legion

COMMANDERS MESSAGE

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

As commander of Post 129 I attended several functions in November and December, including but not limited to: the Veteran's Day Parade and ceremonies associated with same, the Auxiliary's Veteran's turkey dinner (once again, nice job ladies), the Pearl Harbor Ceremony, the Ocean County Holiday Party at the Barnegat Post, the S.A.L. POW/MIA Tree Lighting Ceremony (thank you to the S.A.L. for a great job), and the Boy Scouts of American Joshua Huddy District award dinner.

Thank you to everyone who organized, participated in and supported our American Legion Family in all the events the past two months and throughout the year.

The first half of our 2019-2020 year was not without its issues, but we made it through with the help of our officers (too many to name), thank you all for your support and dedication. I would also like to thank the person who is responsible for putting together this newsletter and seeing that it gets distributed to all our members, great job Al Harbor.

BE ADVISED THAT 2020 CONVENTION DEPOSIT DEADLINE IS JANUARY 10TH, \$50.00 WILL HOLD YOUR ROOM.

Let us continue to work together to make the next few months a success.

For God and country
Ed Rutzler, Commander

THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



Photos of our Post Commander Ed Rutzler and Members Dale Harpe and Ken Hamilton presenting 2 new BBQ Grills to the NJ Veterans Haven South. The Veterans Haven Staff Supervisor Alicia represented the Superintendent Major General Steven Ferrari by accepting the generous donation of the two new BBQ Grills. Alicia said that the Veteran Residents will enjoy using the new Grills, especially since the old ones are broken and not useable. Alicia thanked the Post Commander and the Members of Post 129!

Ken Hamilton





FROM THE VICE COMMANDER'S CORNER

What a November it has been for our annual blood drive! I want to again thank Jane Keeley of the Auxiliary for her dynamic assistance with our blood drive. This is a very important event for our Post 129. A lot of people are in need of this most valuable lifesaving blood.

This year we were able to register a maximum of 44 appointments with a final number of 38 donations. This was the best showing in the last 15 years. I'd like to thank all the people who came by to make this a memorable year.

See you all again next on November 3rd, 2020 for the next blood drive. Mark your calendars.

Gerd Trommer
Vice Commander



MEMBERSHIP MEMBERSHIP MEMBERSHIP

As we start another year, I hope everyone had a joyous and blessed holiday season and as we start a new year that everyone has a safe and healthy new year.

I would like to thank all members that have sent their 2020 dues so far, our membership now stands at 1,266 paid. Last year we finished strong at 1,822 we are a bit behind this year so please send in your dues. Your support helps keep us strong and helps us do all the great things that we do for our veterans, their families and the community. Just a reminder our membership year starts on July 1st. All members should have their dues paid by December 31st.

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.

I am asking each one of our legion family to reach out to our members that we haven't seen or heard from in a while. It's called a buddy check to see if any of our legion family needs any help and that they are okay. That's what we

do, veterans taking care of veterans.

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



Local 503 Utility Workers Union of America at Suez Toms River Water donate \$250.00 to the Post 129 Children and Youth Fund. (L-R) Bernie Whitmore, Eric Inauen, Steve Mullen President Local 503, Harry Aber, Michael Schaffer, Brett Stierle.



SERVICE OFFICER REPORT

I thought about this while at a 911 memorial event.

We hold our life experiences in our bodies. Memories remain not just in our brains, but also at the cellular level, in our tissues. The sights, the smells, the sounds, even years after an event. I don't know that we ever forget meaningful events, traumas, Joy or any unexpected moment... There is no room for inauthentic acts these days. Life is too precious to waste on anything less than being whole and walking through our days together with integrity, heart, and wonder. Today I met a friend of dear friend, the mutual friend, a World Trade Center survivor. Two strangers finding time to meet and say hello just because we share one common connection. She and I are nothing alike except that we live in the same town. But we met, we shared, and we listened. Just because.

It got me wondering about what it is that really brings us to-

gether in a moment. What are the moments we show up for? What really matters?

We are so busy that we barely have time for our own wellness or the ones we love, let alone for strangers that may enrich our lives in unexpected ways. Be in the moment, be enriched by a stranger, you may be more alike than you think

If life isn't about these things, then what are we really doing here...?

What an amazing holiday season this has been, I am so blessed to be your Service Officer and "PR" guy it has given me the opportunity to participate in some wonderful events. We participated in an event at Great Adventure, "Grape Adventure", we supported a day out for active duty warriors at the park with a wine tasting and safari tour.

I was the Keynote Speaker at the Community Hospital veteran's day breakfast with veterans and staff. I participated in the Virginia Veterans Day parade in Roanoke Va.

I made a who/what presentation at Harrogate senior communi-

ty

I attended the monthly meeting of the Ocean County Military Support Committee.

The Sons of the American Legion had a wonderful POW/MIA Christmas tree lighting ceremony. We really need to support this event for some reason the crowd seems to be thinning a bit.

I had the joy of playing Santa at the Gold Star Children's Christmas party, our 5th year, hosted by MDL Survivor Outreach Services and sponsored by TD Bank. Children and adults alike left with arms loads of presents amazing day. Thank you, Tom's River High School North Military Club, for manning the buffet lines and of course Ryan's Catering for their usually great food.

We had members participate in 2 Mission of Honor Ceremonies and wreath laying at General Doyle Cemetery.

Last but certainly not least, Ralph Wolf was contacted by Suez Water Company, they wanted to make a toy donation, Ralph reached out for me and in the meetings that followed and working with the James Howard Veterans Clinic we were gathering toys for warriors served by the clinic. Many of our older veterans WWII, Korea and even now us Vietnam Era warriors are on fixed or minimal incomes and with children, grand children and great grand children to get gifts for many can not do all they would like to do or do anything at all. Over a 2-day period we dropped off over \$2,500 worth of toys, there was never a better day, and I believe that Suez will be a great partner in the future!

On February 2nd is the annual 4 Chaplains Ceremony at the Cathedral of the Air, a wonderful day of remembrance of the 4 Chaplains and sets a great tone for service in the coming year.

Michael Schaffer
Service Officer



Suez Toms River Water, donate \$500 to the Post 129 Children and Youth Fund. (L-R) Jim Mastrokalos: Director of Operations, Ralph Wolff, Steve Mullen: President Local 503, Eric Inauen , Michael Schaffer.

CANTEEN NEWS

Eric Inauen

The Bar Committee, all the Bartenders and the Canteen Volunteers hope that all of the Members of our Legion Family had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The thing that I personally love about Post 129 is that we are always moving forward. The vision of Executive Board, the Strategic Plan Committee and our volunteers is to come up with ways to improve the Post. It is a balancing act which involves physically improving the Post, improving relations and assistance for our Veterans, along with continuing to increase our support of the Community and our Children and Youth.

Now that the Bunker Bar Improvements are completed, the physical plan is to concentrate on improving the Canteen. The shuffleboard has been redone. A new annunciating TV monitor has been installed on the East Wall of the Canteen.

Hopefully, we will be making other Canteen improvements such as repairing and painting the ceiling, sound proofing, a new bar top, updating our lighting, new TV's and a new pool table.

FOOTBALL: Our discounted NFL Menu & Drinks will remain in effect throughout the playoffs and the Super Bowl, held on Sunday, February 2nd. Domestic draft pints are \$1.50 and Wings are 50 cents each for orders of 6 or 10.

Biweekly Drink Specials: Every 2 weeks the Bar Committee comes up with new super discounted drink specials. All drinks and drink specials are served to you by our outstanding bartenders: Warren, Robin, Lisa, Lori, Danielle, Shea, Joe, Nancy, Elena, Robert and Gina.

COMEDY NIGHT: After the Super Bowl, our next big event is the SAL's Comedy Night, held on Saturday, February 15th, at 7PM. See SAL AD for more details.

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. 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.

BUNKER NEWS: Legion Trackers have been relentless in attempting to capture "Long Tail," the 6 foot squirrel roaming throughout the Post. In December, sixteen of the Legion's finest Members formed a perimeter surrounding Long Tail. The intelligent Long Tail waited until 3:30PM when 8 of the Members left their posts to pick up their grandkids at various bus stops. Long Tail then escaped into EVT (Enemy Varmint Territory).

Just before Christmas, trackers thought they had trapped Long Tail in the Legion itself. Trackers searched every inch of the Post, but to no avail. As it turned out Santa was supposed to have a photo shoot with our festive bartenders. "Long Tail" cornered Santa in the banquet hall men's room. He tied up Santa and commandeered his Santa Suit. This left Santa wearing only his "Grandma got runover by a Reindeer" speedo underwear.

Long Tail then disguised himself in Santa's outfit and took part, unnoticed, in the photo shoot with

the bartenders (See photos). After returning the outfit and untying Santa, Long Tail escaped again into EVT. Other photos were discovered on Squirrel Facebook by our Tech God and SAL Commander, Rocky Lucia.

Rocky was able to hack into the Squirrel Website by using the password "protect your nuts." Rocky then discovered a varmint plot to sabotage the Post's upcoming elections. A squirrel with a high forehead and beady eyes named "Shifty," was the leader of the plot. Bar Committee Intelligence (and I use this term loosely) advised that we change the combination padlock on the ballot box from "1,2,3" to "2,3,4." This was unanimously approved by the Executive Board, who stated "problem solved."

Radical squirrels had asked Shifty to also sabotage the Riders Election. Shifty said, "no way. If that happened, there would be extra roadkill on Church Road and the extra roadkill would be us." Additional reports to follow.

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



AUXILIARY NEWS

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a blessed and Merry Christmas Season. 2020 is such an exciting time! It's a New Year. It's a New Decade. It is part of The American Legion Auxiliary's 100 Year Birthday Celebration. Equally as important, 2020 is part of our Unit 129's 100 Year Birthday Celebration! We have already received a Proclamation from the Toms River Council for our 100 Years of Service Not Self. While we celebrate this very important year, we are still responsible for many Programs and Events.

Over the past few months, we had our annual Thanksgiving Dinner for the Vets. As always, it was a huge success and greatly appreciated by all who attended. I want to thank all Members of our Post 129 Family, who volunteered their time. Our annual Craft & Vendor Fair was also a success. Thanks to all Members of our Post Family, who volunteered their time or came out to support this Event. We had our annual Grammar School Coloring/Essay Contest. It gave us much joy to go to the various schools to present the winners with their Awards. It should be noted that many of these local school students, who wrote an essay, mentioned the words: Thank You for Your Service. We also held our annual Children's Christmas Party. Between the Arts & Crafts, Games, Food, Santa Claus & Mrs. Claus and the gifts – a good time was had by all. In addition, some of our ALA Members decorated the beautiful POW/MIA Tree. It was also an honor for some of us to participate in our SAL's annual POW/MIA Tree Lighting Ceremony. Commander Rocky and his Committee always present a beautiful Program. We had a number of our Members in attendance for that solemn Ceremony.

Our next Event is our annual Psychic Fair, which will be held on

Friday, 2/7/20. Flyers will be in the Canteen soon. Please consider supporting this Event.

Our 100 Year Birthday Celebration will continue throughout most of 2020! Our Auxiliary has so much to be proud of throughout the past 100 years. We have accomplished so much. We want to continue our Mission of Service Not Self. We are an awesome Auxiliary. This is our time! Please consider joining us in our Celebration Year!

For God and Country,
Lisa A. Mayer
President Unit 129



Here's To a Better Year

"Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every New Year find you a better person." — Benjamin Franklin

January is one of the newer months to the calendar we know today, named for the god of new beginnings and transitions, Janus. In Latin, Januarius means month of Janus. January was added to the calendar with 29 days around 713BC by King Numa Pompilius. Julius Caesar gave it the 31 days it still has in the modern Gregorian calendar.

Since it is the first month of the New Year, typically January is when we start our New Year's resolutions. F.M Knowels once said: "He who breaks a resolution is a weakling; he who makes one is a fool." However I do not subscribe to that way of thinking. All of us must continue to develop as a person. Honest self-assessment is critical to our per-

sonal growth. Thinking outside of the standard box of resolutions, here are a few ideas that might get you on the road to becoming a better person by next January 1st.

Create a Plan of the Day. Every morning while having your coffee or health drink, stop and take a moment to make a list of tasks that you need to accomplish during your day, both at work and in your personal life. Creating a list will help keep you on track to a more productive day and it may even help keep you from doing non-productive busy work.

Learn Something New. Learning something new will add to your personal skills and add a new breadth of interest to your life. It is an important part of achieving a healthy life balance and it will increase your personal success. It really doesn't matter what you learn. What matters is that you are learning. Peer groups, podcasts, audio books can all help depending on how and what you choose to learn.

Give Back to Your Community. Your Post is one place you can begin to give back. Outside the Post there are so many worthwhile organizations in your own community that will greatly appreciate your help. When you give you get and while this should never be the reason to volunteer, the collateral effect will most likely be that you will become more credible in the eyes of fellow volunteers, make new friends and receive that warm feeling of having done something for your fellow human being. Belonging to something larger than yourself is one of the most rewarding feelings you can have. So make giving back to your community one of your top New Year's resolutions.

Mark Your Calendar for Time for Yourself. Your life's demands are almost never ending. In order



to have a healthy life balance you need to take a regular time-out to recharge and refresh yourself. All work and no play is a recipe for mental and physical disaster. It is important that you remember to block out time for yourself on your calendar to enjoy the things you like and take your mind off of the daily routine. Everything will still be there when you get back.

Achieving a healthy life balance is the key to successful personal growth, but like anything else, you have to continually work on it. If you apply all or just some of these New Year's resolutions you will not only feel better but you will have more energy to put into the things that you value in life.



Happy New Year Everyone
Ralph Wolff,
Post 129
Finance Officer

"May you live as long as you want and never want as long as you live!"



Squadron 129 Valentine's COMEDY SHOW!

Sat. Feb. 15th 2020

Headliner: Craig Loydgren (Purple Pete in the film "Abnormal Attraction," stand-up special "Married and Miserable" on Amazon Prime) Feature: Jackie Byrne (Laugh it Up Comedy Club, The Punchline - Philly)
Host: Matt Dolan (NYC Underground Comedy Festival)

Doors Open @ 6:15 Show Starts @ 7:00pm

Tickets \$20 In Advance \$25 At The Door
Cash Bar - \$1.50 Draft Beer
Light Snacks On The Tables

Regular Menu Available In The Canteen For Those Who Would Like To Dine Prior To The Show

Contact Rocky Lucia 917.417.4818 rplucia@verizon.net For Info

American Legion Post 129 -2025 Church Rd. TR NJ



Children's Christmas Party



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 2020

Garnet

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May all your troubles last as long as your New Years resolutions.			1 Happy New Years Day Navy Seals 1962	2 BINGO 7 25 44 57 62 15 22 40 50 70 11 30 46 74 2 28 37 55 68 10 27 39 59 75	3	4 
5 	6 General Mtg. 7:00PM	7 	8 SAL Mtg. 7:00PM Elvis Presley 1935 <small>Boys</small>	9 BINGO 7 25 44 57 62 15 22 40 50 70 11 30 46 74 2 28 37 55 68 10 27 39 59 75 Martin Luther King Jr. 1929	10 O Full Wolf Moon	11
12 	13 Legion Aux. Mtg. 7:00PM	14	15	16 BINGO 7 25 44 57 62 15 22 40 50 70 11 30 46 74 2 28 37 55 68 10 27 39 59 75 Martin Luther King Jr. 1929	17	18
19	20 Trustee/Board Mtg. 7:00PM	21	22	23 BINGO 7 25 44 57 62 15 22 40 50 70 11 30 46 74 2 28 37 55 68 10 27 39 59 75 USS Pueblo 1968	24 ● New Moon	25
26 	27 Riders Mtg. 7:00PM	28	29 Prohibition 1919	30 BINGO 7 25 44 57 62 15 22 40 50 70 11 30 46 74 2 28 37 55 68 10 27 39 59 75	31	A new year is like a blank book. It is your chance to write a beautiful story for yourself.

United States 'Coast Guard' established by Alexander Hamilton, as 'The Revenue Marine' also known as 'The Revenue Cutter Service', 4 August 1790.

<h2 style="text-align: center;">JANUARY ENTERTAINMENT</h2> <hr/> <p>FRIDAY JANUARY 3RD "THE POWERTONES"</p> <p>SATURDAY JANUARY 4TH. "BLUE SMOKE" FEATURING BILL TURNER—LEAD GUITARIST WITH "BILL HALEY & THE COMETS"</p> <hr/> <p>FRIDAY JANUARY 10TH THE LENNY DAVIS BAND</p> <p>SATURDAY JANUARY 11TH "BOOMERS" **NEW BAND**</p>	<p>FRIDAY JANUARY 17TH THE SURE CATS</p> <p>SATURDAY JANUARY 18TH BOB KULIK</p> <hr/> <p>FRIDAY JANUARY 24TH "LET'S BE FRANK" **BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND**</p> <p>SATURDAY JANUARY 25TH STRICTLY 60'S</p> <hr/> <p>FRIDAY JANUARY 31ST LEGACY BAND</p>
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BE SURE TO CHECK FOR LAST MINUTE CHANGES AND/OR CANCELLATIONS.
UPDATED LISTS ARE POSTED ON THE BULLEEN BOARD IN THE CANTEEN

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

Birthstone

February 2020

Amethyst

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
"Patriotism is supporting your country all the time, and your government when it deserves it"						1
2 Four Chaplains Sunday Services at Cathedral of the Air	3 General Mtg. 7:00PM	4 	5	6 B	7 Legion Aux. Psychic Fair 6PM-10PM	8
9 O Full Snow moon	10 Legion Aux. Mtg. 7:00PM	11 	12 SAL Mtg. 7:00PM Abraham Lincoln 1809	13 I	14 Valentines Day	15 SAL Comedy Show 7PM
16	17 Board/Trustee Mtg. 7:00PM Presidents Day	18	19 	20 N	21	22 George Washington 1732
23 ● New Moon	24 Riders Mtg. 7:00PM	25 	26	27 GO!!	28	29 Leap Day! Look ere you leap!

On February 15, 1850, Ocean Co. was created out of the lower half of Monmouth Co. The idea began in 1787 when the citizens petitioned for it, citing lack of support for infrastructure. The "Village of Toms River" was named the County Seat.

FEBRUARY ENTERTAINMENT

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 1ST
THE SHORE SYDE BAND
"NOT A TYPO"

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 7TH **THE SURE CATS**

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 8TH
"WHO ARE YOU GUYS"

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 14TH **"TWIST OF FATE"**

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15TH **THE MANGO'S**

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 21ST **STRICTLY 60'S**

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22ND **WILD ROSE**

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 28TH
THE LEGACY BAND

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 29TH **BOB KULIK**

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**A grateful Thank You to all members who have generously donated to the
Children and Youth 2020 Fundraiser.**

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(\$500 or more)

Eric & Linda Inauen
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(\$250 to \$499)

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Ralph Wolff

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SAL MESSAGE

Greetings everyone and Happy New Year! Another decade down and cannot believe it's 2020!

As we head into the deep chill of winter, we will be getting ready for our 2020 events. First and foremost, I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.! We wish nothing for the best for everyone is 2020.

We hosted a couple great successful events in December. The first was our 9th annual POW/MIA Christmas Tree Lighting. It was a lovely solemn event and it's always about never forgetting our POW/MIA's. This event always takes a lot of preparation, but it went very well. I would like to thank all of the county and state dignitaries that were able to attend. I would also like to thank our 129 Legion Family, especially our Auxiliary President Lisa Mayer and her team for all the participation and assistance. This was a true legion family effort.

We also hosted our annual Army/Navy game party in the canteen. This is always a fun day with

everyone wearing their "colors" and rooting for their team. We had great prizes to raffle off and it was a very fun day.

We will also soon be preparing for our annual Memorial Day pig roast and BBQ. More to come about this year's event in the next SOUNDOFF.

In February, we will be hosting our annual Valentine's Day Comedy Show. This event will take place on Saturday, February 15th at 7pm. Please see the flyer in the SOUNDOFF for details. Get your tickets early, as this is always a crowded event and you can also save by getting tickets in advance rather than at the door the day of the event.

2020 membership cards are in. Thank you for those who have already renewed. If you haven't renewed yet, please do so as 2019 cards will no longer be honored. Please help our Squadron by renewing and recruiting new members. Membership is critical to our existence and success as a Squadron.

We will start nomination of officers with our first meeting on January 8th. Any squadron mem-

ber in good standing is eligible to be nominated for officer. Elected positions are Historian, Sgt. at Arms, Chaplain, Finance officer, Vice Commander, 1st Vice Commander and Squadron Commander. Adjutant and Judge Advocate positions are appointed so there aren't nominations for those positions.

I would like to thank everyone that had attended and assisted with our events in 2019. We had a very good year and are looking forward to a great 2020!

For God & Country,

Rocky Lucia
 Commander, Squadron 129



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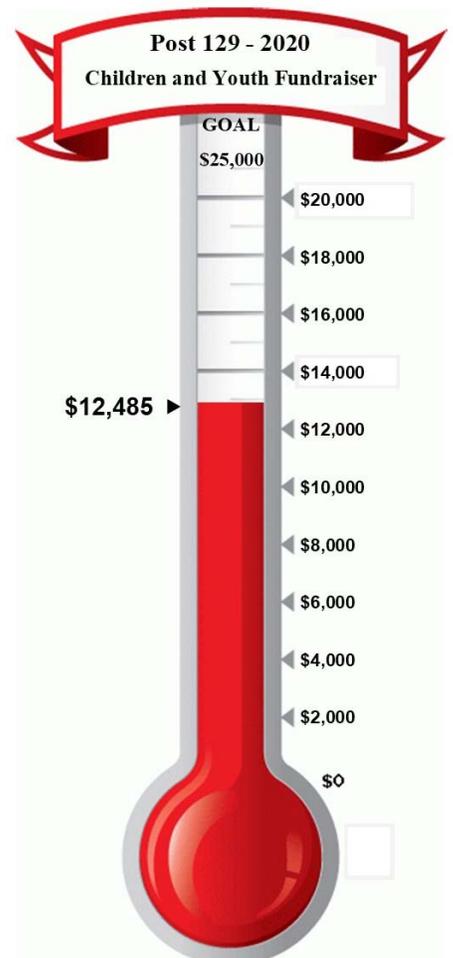
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CHILDREN AND YOUTH 2020 CAMPAIGN FUND RAISER

Greetings! This will be Post 129's 3rd 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, our Champion Legion Baseball Team, 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, Harbor House, the People's Food Pantry, Easter Seals (handicap young adults), and 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)."

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. None of your donation goes to salaries, marketing expense or expense accounts. **AGAIN, ALL OF YOUR DONATION GOES TOWARD THE CHILDREN & YOUTH IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES.**

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