



# SOUNDOFF



March-April 2018



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

## COMMANDERS MESSAGE

Hello Brothers and Sisters

Well here we go for March and April; as usual January and February are our slow season, but there were a couple of events worth noting. We had a great night at the Cathedral of the Air when we received an award for our continuing commitment to the Cathedral and to MDL. In attendance were the current commander of the Navy side of the base, Chuck Robbins, N.E.C., Department Commander Darrel Reid, various past department commanders, the county commander and members from all the family here at Post 129.

On Sunday, January 27, the leading candidate for Department Commander Mr. Ray Miller, past commander of 129, held his kick off fundraiser. With a visit from the Shamrock & Thistle Pipes and Drums of Ocean County and the great food from Ryan's, as usual, it was a great day. The monetary donations from the Post, the Sons and the Riders will go a long way to support his year of service. There will be three members of this post that will be on the Department staff this year. Ray of course Department Commander; Rich Godfrey, Department Sergeant at Arms; and myself as Department Chaplain.

In February we celebrated the 4 Chaplains that sacrificed themselves so that others would have life jackets to survive the sinking of the Dorchester during WWII. An amazing service to attend by the entire Department Staff and dignitaries from around the state

and the Legion.

On February 8th we went to the Walnut Street School to give out awards and prizes for the winners of the Post coloring contest. Always a great morning.

February 10th was the Sons of the Legion Fundraiser and comedy show, a great night again. Thank you, Sons, for some entertainment to lighten up the winter.

March and April look to be some quiet days leading up to Memorial Day and the Convention. Remember, if you are going to the convention you need to have your final payment in to the Post by April 1, 2018. April 22, kicks off the summer riding season with the Riders annual bike blessing.

Toms River celebrated their 250th anniversary and we placed several items in the "time capsule" placed in front of city hall to be opened in 50 years.

We sent out a request to all

our members, Legion, Auxiliary, Sons and the Riders looking to build our funds and funding for our children and youth programs. Brothers and sisters, we have 2500 good people who are members here and call this their post home, we only heard from 140 members.

Some of the comments I heard were; 'I already pay my dues'. On the Legion side, we only get \$12.00 of the \$45.00. The rest goes to the County, the State and National for dues we must pay for each member. We see nothing from the dues of the Auxiliary or the Sons. We spend about \$70,000.00 a year on veterans in distress and our children and youth programs. I know of no other Post that has this interest and commitment to our veterans and our youth. We could use your help to continue in our giving ways.

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**Navy Lakehurst presents a special award to Post 129 for our support of Joint Base McGuire, Dix, Lakehurst and Navy Lakehurst Historical Society and veterans' groups at Cathedral of the Air, January 10, 2018.**





### Department Convention June 7th - 9th, 2018

#### Wildwood Convention Center

All rooms must be paid in full by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Make checks payable to American Legion Post 129 and send to:

Frank McArdle  
21 Sunrise Bay Blvd  
Little Egg Harbor NJ 08087

Boys State is open to High School Juniors from the Toms River area. They must go through the Guidance office at their respective High Schools.

Dave Corbin  
Past Post Commander

## About Boys State

American Legion Boys State is among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for U.S. high school students. A participatory program in which students become part of the operation of local, county and state government, Boys State was founded in 1935 to counter the socialism-inspired Young Pioneer Camps. The program was the idea of two Illinois Legionnaires, Hayes Kennedy and Harold Card, who organized the first Boys State at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield.

American Legion Auxiliary sponsors a separate but similar program for young women called Girls State.

At Boys State, participants learn the rights, privileges and responsibilities of franchised citizens. The training is objective and centers on the structure of city, county and state governments. Operated by students elected to various offices, Boys State activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law-enforcement presentations, assemblies, bands,



**The BINGO team needs your help. Callers and additional members are wanted. If you have the time the team has a spot for you. Please come out and volunteer.**

choruses and recreational programs. Legion posts select high school juniors to attend the program. In most cases, individual expenses are paid by a sponsoring post, a local business or another community-based organization.  
(from American Legion National)

**Looking for Bus Riders to the Wildwood Convention in June. There is a sign up sheet in the Canteen. If I get 40+ Riders, I will order the Bus. \$40. p/p gets you.... Round trip to Wildwood, coffee and donuts prior to leaving the Post, 100th year Convention Parade, and a Party at the Post Hotel in Wildwood, with food and refreshments. Back home before 10 p.m.**

David Corbin—Past Post Commander

## 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY BUS TRIP

This June, we will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of The American Legion at the Wildwood convention. We are considering running a bus trip for those that

cannot attend for the whole convention, but would like to participate in the celebration and parade on that Saturday. If we can get 45 committed to the bus, we will move forward with the process.

There is always an enjoyable time at the "normal" Saturday party, but this year shapes up to be outstanding. The bus would leave Post 129 at approx. 10 a.m., and return around 9 p.m. There would be light refreshments prior to leaving the Post, and a parade, music, and food, at the Post site in Wildwood.

We have run buses in the past, but this coming year is very special, with one of our very own having a chance to become New Jersey State Commander!

So, give it some thought, and make it a date to meet the rest of Post 129 in Wildwood. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Canteen. If we get 45 riders by the end of January, I will reach out for the bus, and be in a better position to advise on the price. It is not a fund raiser! It's an opportunity for all to share in this historic event.



## COMMANDERS MESSAGE

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I've also heard, 'Well I come in once a week and have lunch and or dinner and have a couple of drinks, listen to the band and enjoy time with my friends'. Well and good, whatever you spend here we make about 30%. The rest is booze, entertainment, bartender payroll, just keeping the doors open and paying the monthly operating expenses

Our expenses here, depending on the month, run anywhere between \$15,000-\$20,000 per month. Mortgage, utilities, insurance, maintenance, entertainment, and bar expenses. If we could get \$20.00/member for our support programs it would be amazing what we could accomplish for the Post, our veterans, and our community. Please consider a donation.

For God and Country  
Michael Schaffer  
Commander



## RIDERS MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Winter is still upon us at the time of this writing, but we as Riders are now planning for our upcoming Riders events. On April 22 we will officially start off our Riding Season with our annual Bike Blessing. This has been well received over the past few years with a large attendance. We also have scheduled our Annual Country Western BBQ for Sunday June 3rd. This event will have several

**2018-2019 Department Commander Ray Miller's January fundraiser a smashing success!**

Ray's staff are L/R; Ed McBride Department Vice Commander; Rich Godfrey Master At Arms; Mike Schaffer Chaplain; Laurinda Miller Ocean Co. incoming Auxiliary President; Fran Derin Department Auxiliary President; Bobbie Horowitz-Rigg Department Vice Commander; Tony Gladden Department Historian. (not pictured) Phil Wein Department Finance Officer.



choices of food and Tommy Baz and the Bulleyze Band. We will also be continuing our monthly "Bike Nights" which as everyone knows is open to ALL members of the post. Our Bike Nights will be every second Tuesday of each month starting May 8th. We will have different food menus for these events, a little different than in years past. We have designated the August "Bike Night" as RUN FOR THE FALLEN night. All proceeds of that evening will go to that organization. We started this last year and it was highly successful. There will also be live bands playing at all our Tuesday night Bike Nights.

We will be having our elections in April with nomination of officers taking place in February's and March's meetings. The Riders have been lucky with their executive boards since the organization was created in 2008. Many original members are still active. I see

no reason why, with new members coming on board that this will not continue. The Riders have over 70 members and I am extremely proud of the accomplishments that we have been able to do concerning Veterans and Veteran Organizations.

Hopefully we will start to have spring weather which will allow our Riders to do what we do best, riding our motorcycles and enjoying our time together.

For God & Country,  
Art Brown  
President  
Legion Riders Post 129



## AUXILIARY MESSAGE

With the holidays behind and a New Year begins I am looking forward to a positive and productive one. Our Children's Christmas party was a tremendous success and Sharon Stewart and her committee did an outstanding job. The kids had a wonderful time as did the parents. Congratulations Sharon on a job well done!

I was at the Cathedral of the Air for the Post Award and it was a very good night. The Unit had members there for support as did the SAL.

The Auxiliary is working on a couple of fundraisers to help our Veterans programs so make sure you show your support and come out, volunteer your time, and have fun.

Our Membership is moving along quite well. Remember to get out there and recruit, recruit, recruit!

February 4th was the "For God and Country" service held in Lakehurst. It is something that you should attend. A very inspiring true story.

The SAL had their Comedy show on Feb. 10th and that was an enjoyable time by all who attended.

We had our Psychic Fair February 16<sup>th</sup>. If you came out for a reading or participated in any way, it was a good night.

The Auxiliary is moving forward with a couple of events such as our first Pancake Breakfast/Gift Auction which is on March 24th from 9am to 1pm. Come on out have a nice breakfast and maybe win some nice prizes. We are also having our Spring Flea Market coming up so if you are looking to clean out your closets or just looking to declutter your basement come join us and sell your wares.

I want to wish all a very Happy Easter, Passover and looking forward to warmer weather and outdoor entertaining.

Remember to say a big THANK YOU TO OUR VETERANS!

For God & Country  
Pam Bowen  
Unit 129 President



## AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

I hope everyone had a wonderful, enjoyable holiday season and a beautiful Valentin Day.

I am sorry if I am sounding repetitious, but it is extremely important that we get our dues paid.

The one thing we need to avoid is losing our status with a great organization such as the American Legion Auxiliary. Our dues help with many of our projects that we must continue to preserve. If you ever attended any of the functions that the Auxiliary does, you would understand how costly it is to do the things we do, and your dues helps with these costs.



**HOSTED BY: American Legion Auxiliary Unit 129**

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND GIFT AUCTION

(Must be 18 years of age or older to participate in gift Auction)

**SATURDAY March 24, 2018**

**9am to 11am..... Breakfast served  
Pancakes, Sausage, Bacon, Juice, Coffee, Tea**

**11am to 1 pm..... Gift Auction**

Adults \$10.00  
Children \$5.00  
(age 12 & under)

*Information – please contact Pam Bowen at 732-914-1877*



**Held at American Legion Post 129  
2025 Church Road  
Toms River NJ**

Please help us by paying your dues and come out and join us at any of the upcoming events.

If you have any questions that we can help you with we will certainly try and answer them for you.

In the Spirit of Service Not Self for Veterans, God and Country You Membership Committee

Jean Robbins 732-244-9197  
Peggy Robbins 732-270-4507  
Pat Corbin 732-349-9241



## SAL MESSAGE

Well here we are turning the corner out of winter and heading into the Spring season. I don't know about you, but I cannot wait!

After coming out of a hectic holiday season, our Squadron was able to put on a great Valentine's Comedy Show event which took place on February 10th. Ginger Ninja Productions provided 3 great comics and we had a great crowd and fun was had by all. I would like to thank everyone who helped with this event. Without you, it would not have gone as smooth and successfully as it did. We look forward to doing this again next year. We have a little lull in our event schedule, however we will be helping wherever we can at the Post for their events and working to get ourselves more organized.

Our next major event will be on Memorial Day weekend where we will have a big BBQ and a Pig Roast for that event. This will be an awesome event and there will be more to come as that event gets organized.

As always, we continue to

push membership. If you haven't already renewed your dues for 2018 - you're late! Please do so ASAP. You can renew at the post, send the dues via mail or pay online at [www.salpost129.com](http://www.salpost129.com). Also, if you know a friend, co-worker, relative or anyone that qualifies to join our Squadron, please send them our way. We would love to sign them up. Finally, our meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month. Executive board at 6pm

and general meeting at 7pm. We've had great attendance and a lot of fresh faces recently at our meetings with some great feedback. I would love to keep that going and see new members attend our meetings. I hope to see everyone soon.

For God & Country,

Rocky Lucia  
Commander  
Squadron 129

## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

2025 Church Road, Toms River, NJ

# Spring Flea Market

**Saturday, April 14, 2018**

**9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

**Inside space \$20.00**

(Table provided)

**Outside space \$10.00**

(Must bring own table)

**Payment In Advance is required**

**To Hold Your Space**

**Food Available For Purchase**

**For More Information Contact**

**JACQUELINE @ 732-330-8748**

## FOR EVERY ACTION, THERE IS AN EQUAL AND OPPOSITE REACTION!



Ralph Wolff,  
Post 129  
Finance Officer

Hello fellow Legionaries. Yes it is true: Sir Isaac Newton's third Law of Motion, the law of reciprocal actions, states that for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction. The same can be said for accounting. For every financial transaction, there are two sides. There is a debit side and a credit side. For every transaction, these sides must be equal for your books to balance. And therein lies the problem.

Our 2017/2018 budget was balanced in July but in the ensuing months it has begun to feel the negative forces of the on-line gaming industry here in New Jersey. One of the profit centers that our Post depends on heavily is our pull-tabs and the numbers do not lie, we are losing our ability to help our veterans and the community because pull-tab profits are well below the expectations outlined in our budget.

To give you an example; our budget for the first six months (July-Dec) called for \$400,000 in gross revenues from pull-tabs. Our actual revenues fell well short of that expectation and came in at only \$271,973 resulting in a 35% deficit in projected revenues. As I said earlier for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction and because of the deficit in revenues our budgeted net profit went down by \$30,000. These are the profits that were earmarked for our veterans and our Post.

Now that we have found the hole in our budget the opposite reaction is to plug the hole and try to make up the deficit in the sec-

ond half. In the meantime, new spending caps have been established and the Post's leadership is working hard to present events that will help make up some of the short falls. A new budget will be presented to the membership at our March meeting.

"An object in motion (our revenues) tends to remain in motion along a straight line unless acted upon by an outside force" (Sir Isaac Newton). So unless we (the outside force) act upon this downward spiral, we should not expect to offer the same level of support to our comrades.

So what can you do to help? Forget the politics and think about the mission. The mission is top priority. If you haven't already, start to participate in the activities of the Post. By supporting your Post you are supporting your fellow veteran. We have all pledged to leave no one behind. That pledge is embedded in our military principles. A pledge is a pledge and has no expiration date. Without your support of the Post we just may have to leave some behind.

## LEGION MEMBERSHIP

Dear American Legion Members,

In checking our roster I noticed that there are still many members that haven't paid their dues for 2018. I did want to let you know that we are counting very much on your continuing as a member of our Post. You are very important to us and if we are to accomplish the many tasks facing The American Legion both at home and in Washington to help our Veterans and their Families as well as the Community we live in, we need your help.

Please let me know if there is some service that our Post or at the Department level can provide for you or if there is any reason that has kept you from renewing your Membership. Please contact me at [rjg548@comcast.net](mailto:rjg548@comcast.net) or 732-604-8326, The American Legion needs your support. Remember Membership is the life blood of The American Legion.

For God and Country  
Richard Godfrey  
Membership Chairman

### Winners of the American Legion Coloring Contest at Walnut Street School, Toms River.



## **AMERICAN LEGION POST 129'S CHILDREN & YOUTH**

Of the four pillars of the American Legion, pillar number four is where we can make the largest impact locally. It is the Children and Youth Pillar. The American Legion's Children and Youth Pillar is guided by three main objectives: strengthen the family unit, support organizations that help children in need, and provide communities with well-rounded programs that will provide hope and opportunity for young people facing difficult challenges.

Our community has experienced a dramatic increase in the need for support of this, our 4th Pillar, Children and Youth. The George P. Vanderveer Post 129, your Post, is working to increase our ability to meet this expanding need, here in Toms River, by getting more involved with programs that support, educate and care for the children of Toms River. We are already working with the Children's Organ Transplant Assn. (COTA), Legion Baseball, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Boys State, Girls State, the People's Pantry, Easter Seals, the H.S. Oratorical Contest, Children's Coloring Contest and many other programs.

We would like to start a "Children's Campaign" that would help us to expand our support for our youth. Our goal is to raise \$25,000.00; this would be a separate budget line item dedicated just for these special projects. Just imagine all the children that we can help, and every dollar you give to fund this important campaign stays right here in your local community.

**FOUNDING MEMBER STATUS EXTENDED.** Since our fiscal year ends on June 30th, Post 129 has extended your eligibility to become a Founding Member of our inaugural Children and Youth campaign. As a Founding Member, your name will be listed as such in our SOUNDOFF and our Legion Website to acknowledge your support of the children.

No donations are too small. For your convenience you can donate by check (Payable to A. L. Post 129 Children & Youth), or with the use of PayPal. If everyone contributes, we can achieve our goal of \$25,000.00 and 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.**

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

Michael Schaffer  
Post 129 Commander

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Name (Print)\_\_\_\_\_ Membership #Number\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_ City/Town\_\_\_\_\_ Zip\_\_\_\_\_

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### **Ways to Donate**

Check \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Code \_\_\_\_\_ On Line @ ALPOST129.org

Authorized Signature\_\_\_\_\_

I would like to make a gift in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ All donations are tax deductible.

*MARCH: From the Roman god of war, Mars.*

Birthstone

March 2018

Aquamarine

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
I have a lot of fond memories of St. Patrick's Day, Vague but Fond.				1 <b>Bingo</b> O Full Worm Moon	2	3
4	5 General Mtg. 7:00PM	6 	7 	8 <b>BINGO</b> Int'l. Women's Day	9	10
11  Daylight Savings Time	12 Legion Aux. Mtg. 7:00PM	13 	14 SAL Mtg. 7:00PM	15 <b>BINGO</b> Beware The Ides of March	16	17 <b>St. Patrick's Day</b>  ● New Moon
18	19	20  Spring Equinox	21	22 <b>BINGO</b> <i>AGAIN</i>	23	24 British Attacked Toms River 1782
25 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	26 Riders Mtg. 7:00PM Make Up Your Own Holiday Day	27 	28	29 <b>Five Bingo's This Month Folks!!!</b>	30 <i>Good Friday</i>	31 Passover (start) O Full Sap Moon

December 1941, expecting involvement in the coming World war, Rear Admiral Ben Moreell recommends establishing Naval Construction Battalions, after the attack on Pearl Harbor, the SeaBees are formed on 5 March 1942. Happy 76th Birthday CB's

## MARCH ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup> **BBQ'D TONY BAND**  
SATURDAY MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup> **"LETS BE FRANK"**

FRIDAY MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup> **"NFINITY"**  
SATURDAY MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup> **"DJ & "THE BOSS"**

FRIDAY MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup> **THE SURE CATS**



SATURDAY MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>

ST PATRICKS DAY **\*\*TWO BANDS\*\***  
2-6 PM **THE POWERTONES**  
7-11 PM **STRICTLY 60'S**  
**THE SHAMROCK & THISTLE PIPE BAND**

FRI MAR 23<sup>RD</sup>

**GEORGE RIZZI THE JERSEY HORNS**  
SATURDAY MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup>  
**THE STREETHEARTS BAND**

FRIDAY MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>

**CHRIS DANIELS & THE PROOF**  
SAT. MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>  
**"40 NORTH" COUNTRY BAND**

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

*April: From the Greek goddess of love, Aphrodite*

Birthstone

April 2018

Diamond

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	2 General Mtg. 7:00PM	3 	4	5 <i>B</i>	6 Persian Gulf War Ends (1991)	7 Passover (end)
8	9 Legion Aux. Mtg. 7:00PM	10 	11 SAL Mtg. 7:00PM	12 <i>I</i>	13	14
15 ● New Moon	16 Board Mtg. 7:00PM	17 Tax Day	18 	19 <i>N</i>	20	21
22 Earth Day	23 Riders Mtg. 7:00PM	24 	25	26 <i>9-0</i> \$\$\$\$\$	27 	28
29 ○ Full Pink Moon	30			Here cometh April again, and as far as I can see the world hath more fools than ever.		

*April Fools Day* 1954, Air Force Academy is established, its first class of 306 men won't be sworn until June 1955  
 April 4 1933, USS Akron crashes at sea off of Barnegat Light with 3 survivors, 73 of the 76 member crew perished.

**April Entertainment posted in the Canteen when available**

**Or**

**Post FACEBOOK page at  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/post129/>**

**Or**

**Post website at  
<https://alpost129.org/>**

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**CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND**  
**FOUNDING MEMBERS**

The entire Executive Board of Post 129 would like to thank all our initial Children & Youth Donors. You have become a Founding Member in our cause to help the children of Toms River. Thank you again.

**Diamond Club Member (\$500 or more)**

Eric and Linda Inauen  
The Lionettes of Lion Head South

**Platinum Club Member (\$250 to \$499)**

Joseph Duff	Thomas Orth
Kevin Gibbons	William Strallow
William and Andrea Ogden	Ralph and Marie Wolff

**Gold Club Member (\$100 to \$249)**

American Legion Post 232 (Barnegat)	Richard & Tina Godfrey	Randy J. Saltzman
Joseph M. Bernardo Sr.	Walter Greene	Michael & Ellen
Joyce Bolan	Alfred Harbord	Schaffer
David & Patricia Corbin	Maurice B. Hill Jr.	Bob & Darlene
Robert DiLeo	Robert & Denise Joerg	Scheiderman
Thomas Ebert	Paul J. Knowles	Dennis M. Sheridan
DAV Chapter 24	Joseph Koval	Capt. Robert &
Mike Dolan	Gerald Miller	Patricia Silva
Rich Gato	GySgt & Mrs. Michael A. Piserchia	Edward J. Steitz
Thomas Gallagher	Ed & Carol Rutzler	Gerd Trommer
	Edward Sain	Heinz Wildermuth

**Silver Club Member (\$50 to \$99)**

Vito M. Cutrone	Dominick Fiumano	Eugene Morrison
Daniel Declet	Peter & Susan Hibbard	Michael Pastula
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Gus Faella	Ralph Montanino	Catherine Vanderbilt

**AMERICAN LEGION - POST 129 PRESENTS**

**Myrtle Beach Show Trip & Charleston, SC**



For More Info Please Call:  
Darlene Scheiderman  
732-341-7462



CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND  
FOUNDING MEMBERS (continued)

Bronze Club Member (\$25 to \$49)

Mary Ann Adams  
Michael Austin  
Linda Barbalinardo  
Philip Bartus (deceased)  
(from Barbara Smith)  
Debra Basquez  
Renee Berube  
Rick Browner  
Bob & Bernadette Cannon  
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Robert Hall  
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George Howell  
John Ignozza

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Sandra & Herb Wood  
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- ◆ Visit to BROADWAY AT THE BEACH
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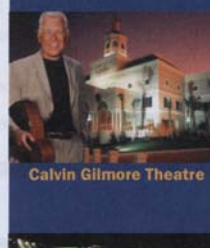
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**(Sun - Sat)**

**May**

**20 - 26, 2018**



## CANTEEN NEWS

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Spring is just a few weeks away. We are hoping that the warmer weather will snap the record cold streak we have been having. The cleaning crews have already started working down at the Bunker and Picnic areas. We know how antsy the Bunker Crowd can get after being cooped up indoors for so long. Mike Dolan, our Bunker Bar Ambassador, does a great job in keeping them calm.

Our Members and their guests continue to come out on Friday and Saturday Nights. Friday Nights they enjoy listening and dancing to Brother SAL, Touch of Class, Let's Be Frank, Summer Project, Infinity, the Mango's, Strictly 60's, Johnny "D" & the Decades, the Crosstones, Step Aside, the Powertones, The Kokomo's, Chris Daniels & the Proof, and for you Country Folk, 40 North. Our newest find is the BBQ'D Tony Band.

On Saturday Nights, it is the same with Brain Smallwood, the Two Brothers Band, George Rizzi & the Horns, the Dee Cee's, and Tommy BAZ.

NEW—NEW—NEW CANTEEN ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY NEW—NEW—NEW

Another Post 129 First. This year we will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day, Saturday, March 17, in the Canteen. Throughout the day, the Canteen will have two bands and bagpipers performing. It all starts at 2PM when we kick off the celebration with the Powertones. At 7PM the Strictly 60's Band will take over until 11PM. The Shamrock & Thistle Pipe Band will also make an appearance.

There will be a special St. Pat's Day menu, along with drink specials, including a Nutty Irishman, Irish Coffee, Guinness Cans and others. So, if you are a Nutty Irishman or just a Nut, it will be another great time at the Post.



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Remember, everyone is Irish on St. Patty's Day.

Our Bunker Bar will be opening in late April, weather permitting. As the weather heats up, we will be offering some Bunker Tiki-Drink Specials. What are they? We're not telling. You'll just have to show up and find out. Just a hint, last year's Coconut Cannon Blast was a crowd pleaser.

Also, down at the Bunker, Mike Dolan will be organizing our ever-popular Wednesday Night Horse Shoe League. Talk to Mike or leave your name with any of our bartenders if you are interested in playing. If you don't choose to play, cheerleading is encouraged.

Down the Bunker on Thursday Nights, we will be starting a corn hole league. Details to follow. Also, we are bringing back Ladies' Night on Thursday Night. All drinks at the Canteen and the Bunker for the Ladies will be as close to half price as possible. Ladies, you will not want to miss out on this.

We continue to have nine (9) bears on tap. Currently, our beers on tap are Coors Lite, Miller Lite, Bud, Sam Adams, Micholob Ultra, Yuengling, Stella, Shock Top and Kilian Red. If you are not a draft beer person, our bottled beers consist of Coors Lite, Miller Lite, Bud, Bud Lite, Becks, Micholob Ultra, Heineken, Heineken Lite, Corona, Corona Lite and Guin-

ness in cans. Our non-alcoholic beer is Coors Lite.

We are back to offering different weekend specials every week. So, come on down, and check them out.

We open at 11AM, 7 days a week. Our fantastic bartenders, Robin, Warren, Lisa, Lori, Danielle, Joe, Shea and Nancy are always happy to serve you. Closing time may vary by the number of Members in the bar, weather, etc. On Friday and Saturday Nights, last call is at Midnight. Closing time is at 12:30 AM.

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