



# SOUNDOFF

May-June 2018



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

## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe that it has been 2 years already. I want to thank those who supported my dreams for change and for those that fought change; we got most of it done anyway.

Financially we are better off than we have ever been. New mortgage, new payroll system, new accounting procedures, new cash handling procedures, and new procedures to manage veterans in distress. Hopefully by the time this goes to press we will be able to accept credit cards in the Canteen, Hall and yes even at the Bunker Bar. We are now members of the Greater Toms River Chamber of Commerce, and the Ocean County Military Support Commission. Growth is good!

There are many unsung heroes in Post 129 and I am going to take a moment to acknowledge some folks that without their help and devotion, the job of Commander would be impossible to

manage.

Vice commander emeritus Phil Jones, PJ, the man of many hats. He opens the post every day at 0700. Some days he does not get out of here until late in the afternoon. He manages our Legalized Games of Chance: pull tabs, bingo, all the raffles, our veterans in distress funding, and postmaster. He files weekly, monthly and annual reports to the State Gaming Commission to maintain all licenses and permits. He is here every day. Stop in the office and thank him for what he does. I would not have made it through my tenure without him. Thank you, PJ.

My brother, Al Gashler, Post Adjutant. Thank you for stepping into the breach and being my voice of reason "Illegitimi non carborundum" when times get tough, 'don't let the bastards grind you down!'. The phrase originated during World War II and is attributed to British army intelligence. It was later adopted by US Army general "Vinegar", Joe Stillwell, as his war-time motto. Al, your constant reminder that you

cannot get in trouble for doing the right thing helped me through many tough days. Thank you!

Rich Godfrey; Past Post Commander, Post Trustee, Post Membership Chairman, County Vice Commander, County Membership Chairman, Department Membership Chairman, Incoming Department Sergeant at Arms, and will continue to be the Department Membership Chairman. When we went through or adventure with the management of the bar Rich stepped in to fill the gap and keep us on track. Thank you, Rich for all you do!

Eric Inauen; the budget master and bar guru, I know we did not always see eye to eye, but we always managed to do what was right for the Post and the Legion. Never say the word "FREE" around Eric. Thank you for your commitment.

The "BAR TEAM"; Bobby, Eric, Ace, Mike "LT". Thank you all for your daily commitment to the bar operation and keeping the Post afloat and as always, the 200%  
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Rocky Lucia, Commander, Sons of the American Legion present checks to Post Commander Michael Schaffer in support of the Post and also for the Children and Youth fund.

Pam Bowen, President, Auxiliary Unit 129 presents a check to Post Commander Michael Schaffer in support of the Post at the General Membership meeting March 5, 2018



## COMMANDERS'S MESSAGE

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margin. No one could ever ask for a more devoted group.

Ralph Wolff, Finance officer; Thank you for your guidance and devotion. You are a true friend of the Post and a new friend of mine that I am hoping as the Post moves forward so will our friendship.

Rich Gato, my friend and mentor, "Mike it only takes a couple of hours a week, the place runs itself". There is a special place in hell waiting just for you... just kidding, thank you for all your help and guidance

All the Past Post Commanders, thank you for your support.

Sons of the Legion, Rocky and Bobby and your membership. I am proud to be a Son, thank you for your friendship, support, and commitment to veterans and the Post. Without the Sons we would certainly be less than what we are today!

American Legion Riders; the riders are the reason I joined this Post. Art Brown and the rest of the Riders, thank you for your support and commitment to the Post and the Legion. I am hoping that we will have a great showing at the 100th anniversary parade in Wildwood.

The Post 129 Ritual Team; Gentlemen I salute your commitment and concern for honoring our fallen brothers and sisters is beyond comparison. I am never prouder to be a Legionnaire then when I am in your presence.

Tom DiVicarro, love you brother, thank you

Last, but certainly not least, your incoming Commander, Mr.

Ed Rutzler. During my tenure Ed has been here every day as house manager, quartermaster, pull tab king, bingo master, shuffle board and pool player. A generous and kind man who will focus on keeping us moving forward into the next 100 years. With the continued support of the entire family here at Post 129, we must never forget our history, but we must focus on moving forward and manage the Post into the future.

As I move forward in my new position as the Department Chaplain, I am looking forward to traveling around the state, and sharing the Post 129 story and commitment to the Legion and to our Veterans.

Thank you all  
Michael Schaffer  
Commander

## RIDERS MESSAGE

Writing for this issue of SOUNDOFF is most gratifying because we are in the planning season for our "fun" summer events. On Sunday, April 22nd the Riders will have a Bike Blessing event at Post 129 for ALL motorcyclist. During this event we start our official Riding Season. This is truly a fun time. We give out breakfast sandwiches, coffee, and orange juice to those motorcyclist that come to the event. We also take this time to pass out flyers for our upcoming "Bike Nights", as well as our June Country Western BBQ.

On May 8th our Bike Nights will begin with our own Brother SAL band. We will be adding a second choice of meals besides hot dogs. For the month of May we will be offering a choice of hot dogs, bag of chips or chicken & potato salad as well as our soda and water. We will honor our Veterans at all our

Bike Nights, but May consists of VE Day for WWII, Armed Forces Day as well as Memorial Day, so this is obviously a Veterans special month.

On June 3rd our Country Western BBQ will in our picnic area. This will be the third straight year that we will be featuring Tommy Baz and the Bullzeye band as our entertainment. Our BBQ staff will be cooking up pulled pork, chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers baked beans, corn bread, as well as soda and water. All our proceeds for this event go to the Post and to Vetwork of Ocean County.

On Tuesday, June 12th we will be having our second "Bike Night" of the summer season with the band 40 North being the entertainment. We will continue to have two choices for the guests with this month being a choice of hot dogs and chips or hamburger/cheeseburger, with potato salad. As always soda and water are available with tickets purchase.

Our Riders will be participating at the convention riding in the parade. Knowing that Ray Miller, Rich Godfrey, and Mike Schaffer will be sworn into their new positions at the State Level will make this event even more memorable for our great Post.

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



**Corn Hole and Horseshoe league sign up at the Bunker Bar  
May 16 and May 23 at 6:30 PM or call Mike Dolan  
908-902-4117**





## AUXILIARY MESSAGE

With Spring coming around the corner and the flowers blooming it is time to come out, feel and smell the fresh air and come support the upcoming events. I would like to thank all who came out in support of our Pancake/Gift Auction. Lisa Mayer and Donna Schwartz and I did a great job and we thank you for your support. The Post had their St. Patrick's Day Party here at the Post and it was a fun time had by all with great music food and lots of laughter. The Pipers did a great job as always with entertaining the Post. On March 27th we had our monthly County Meeting and the Department Commander Daryl Reid was here. Our Unit presented the Commander with a donation for his Department project, which is comfort items for our veterans in nursing homes. We also had the return of the CAKELESS BAKE SALE, this is something that is fun and different and if you have any questions regarding this please feel free to ask an Auxiliary member.

Our Membership is moving along, however if you have not paid your dues or have any questions please contact Jean Robbins/ Peggy Robbins, or Pat Corbin they will be more the helpful in answering any questions you might have.

On May 2nd the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders will be having a tree planting ceremony at 11 am. On May 5th we have our Annual County Convention at Brick starts at 12pm. I would like to take this time and Congratulate our own Laurinda Miller for being installed as the NEW COUNTY AUXILIARY PRESIDENT for the year 2018/2019. Unit 129 is proud of you and will be here to help and support you. On May 6th we have our own Post Installation starting at 12 noon. Come on out and support your new Auxiliary Officers as

they come into a new and exciting year. On May 26th the Post family will be having their Annual Memorial Day Picnic come on down to the Post for more information. On Sunday May 27th we will be having a Memorial Day Service which is being held at the Ocean County Cemetery 12 noon and on Monday May 28th is the Annual Memorial Day Parade downtown. We will be stepping off at 9:00 am over at the Office Lounge come on out and support our Veterans and the Post family.

As you can see we have quite a few things going on now that the weather is starting to change so come on out and support your Auxiliary and Veterans. Always remember to say a big THANK-YOU to our Veterans for without them we would not have the rights and safety we have today.

For God& Country,  
Pam Bowen  
Auxiliary President



### AUXILIARY OFFICERS 2018-2019

President - Pam Bowen  
First Vice President – Lisa Mayer  
Second Vice President – Connie Kennedy  
Secretary – Jane Keeley  
Treasurer – Carol Rutzler  
Email Correspondent – Judy Kapp  
Historian – Shannon D'Ercole  
Chaplain – Patricia Corbin  
Sgt. at Arms – Donna Schwartz



Photo: Peggy Robbins

On February 21, 2018 VA&R Chairman Jane Kelley and Auxiliary Unit 129 visited veterans at Chelsea assisted living. A great time was had by all.



Tin Can Sailors meet at Post 129 on the 3rd Wednesday at 12 noon.

Ocean County Memorial Chapter 24 of the DAV meet at Post 129 the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7PM.



**“I DON’T KNOW  
HALF OF YOU HALF  
AS WELL AS I  
SHOULD LIKE; AND I  
LIKE LESS THAN  
HALF OF YOU HALF  
AS WELL AS YOU DE-  
SERVE.” J.J.R. TOL-  
KIEN**

Ralph Wolff  
Finance Officer  
Post 129



In a perfect world, each person we come in contact with would be nice, kind, considerate, respectful, generous and more. They would understand what we want to accomplish and we would understand what they want to accomplish. We would all thrive in a hospitable atmosphere where no one was ever cross or upset. Well we all know that we do not live in a perfect world. Some people drive us crazy and we (admittedly) drive a few mad as well. Those we dislike are inconsiderate, rushed, damaging to our character, questioning our motives or just don't get our jokes at all and expect us to laugh at theirs.

You might wonder whether it is possible to be fair to someone who ruffles you all the time, or someone who you would rather avoid eating lunch with. You might wonder if you should learn to like every person you meet.

According to Stanford University, it's neither possible nor ideal to try to build a team comprised entirely of people you'd invite to a backyard barbecue and here is why!

With the size of our Post, it is inevitable that you will encounter some difficult people who oppose

how you think and what you want to accomplish. However, smart people recognize that conflicts or disagreements are a result of differences in values. That person you don't like is not inherently a bad human being. (After all they do have people who love them). The reason you don't get along is because you have different values and that difference creates judgment. Once you accept that not everyone will like you and you won't like everyone because of a difference in values, that realization can take the emotion out of the situation. It may even result in getting along better by agreeing to disagree.

We need people who have different points of view and aren't afraid to argue. They are the kind of people who stop an organization from doing stupid things. It is often those who challenge or provoke us that prompt us to new insights and help propel the Post to success. Remember you are not perfect either, yet people still tolerate you.

The American Legion Post 129, your Post, by its very nature, is a large operation with many gears turning at the same time. All the gears must mesh in order for us to be successful. The bar, the gaming and the hall are the revenue streams that enable us to be a life-line to our Veterans both directionally and financially and we need all of you to contribute especially our Golf War, Iraqi and Afghanistan veterans.

We have four pillars that we are charged to support, Veteran Affairs, National Security, Americanism and Children and Youth. We cannot accomplish our mission if the gears are broken due to people who are judgmental and who do not recognize that we are all different. Just as war stays the same but changes the people who fight it, so goes the missions of the American Legion, the mission doesn't change but learning to be tolerant and seeing the value of others will change the mission's

outcome.

Why do I bring this up in an article about our financials? I do because our fiscal sustainability and our ability to help our comrades are directly proportional to everyone's ability to respect the values of those who choose to contribute, even if we do not agree with them. It is for the "GOOD OF THE POST" and not for the good of ourselves that we maintain.

### FINANCIALS

Do to the diligence of the finance committee we were able to adjust the budget to reflect the current revenues and keep from ending the year in the red.

We have signed a 10 year note for the mortgage at an outstanding rate. This 10 year renewal will protect our Post from the higher interest rates that are starting to rear their ugly head. Thank you TD Bank.

By the end of April, you will see new and advanced point of sale machines at the bar. We will be able and eager to accept all types of credit and debit cards at the bar. Again, thank you to TD Bank.

In the next issue of SOUNDOFF we will be able to report to you that we have and new budget and some of the innovative policy and procedures we have instituted to protect our Posts financial future.

I will also explain the meaning of the quote by Tolkien. It is not what you think.

My best to all and to all that you value and remember that the mission comes first.

Ralph E. Wolff  
US Navy- Vietnam Veteran-Post  
129 Finance Officer

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Portions of this article were taken from an article published by David K. William. "How smart people deal with people they don't like"



## SAL MESSAGE

Well here we are in April waiting for the Spring and Summer weather to kick in. Our Squadron is keeping busy! We just finished our nominations and election of officers for 2018-2019. I'm happy to announce, I will be the Squadron Commander again. Actually, the executive board will stay the same. Bob Joerg and Mel Aballo will be my Vice Commanders, Pete Coleman as Treasurer, Joe Rutzler as Sgt. at Arms, Glen Blue as Chaplain, Mike Guadagnino as Historian, Dan Curran as Adjutant and Duke Haring as Judge Advo-

cate.

I want to thank all my officers for all the hard work put in this year. We had a successful year and had some fun doing it. I'm looking forward to an even more successful year to come. We are also actively planning the Memorial Day picnic which is a BBQ and pig roast will be run by the SAL this year. The picnic is Saturday, May 26th with a rain date the next day, Sunday the 27th. We have a great band, Katfish Lucy playing the BBQ. Flyers and emails will go out promoting that event.

We are also getting ready for the annual Wildwood Convention which is always a lot of fun. June

6-9 is the convention and the parade is Saturday the 9th of that week.

Finally, if you are behind and have not renewed your membership, please do so. We need to catch up on people that are behind, so we can go over the top again this year. So please send your dues to the Post, drop them off, or renew online at [www.salpost129.com](http://www.salpost129.com).

Thank you all for your continued support and anytime you can get out and volunteer your time and help us out with any events, it is always appreciated.

For God & Country,

Rocky Lucia  
Commander  
Squadron 129





# American Legion Post 129

## Memorial Day Picnic And

# PIG ROAST



**MEMORIAL DAY**



**Live Band!**  
**Katfish Lucy**

**Open To The Public!**

**Sat. May 26, 2018**

**1pm to 5pm**

Rain date Sunday May 27th

Permit  
#RL8384

**We're Having a COCKOUT**

**Tickets \$20.00 In Advance \$25.00 at the door**

**Children under age 12 \$10.00**

**Includes Draft Beer - Can Soda - Bottled Water**

**Pig Roast PLUS - Hot Dogs - Hamburgers - Salads**

**Tickets Available At the Post Canteen Bar or call:**

**Rocky Lucia (917) 417-4818**

**Pete Coleman (732) 910-7013**

**Location: American Legion Post 129**

**2025 Church Rd. Toms River NJ**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - Get Your Tickets Early**

## A Fond Farewell

Darlene Schiederman

It is with a great deal of sadness that we report the loss of two of our long time "family". Both carried forward from our downtown home & memories. Sylvia Nolze, our long-time housekeeper, and Molly Miller, our long-time bartender, have each passed away.

Each of these Ladies helped to make our Post what it is today, and, even though, they were not veterans, they worked for the Good of the Legion at every turn.

We will think of them often & fondly, and we hope they knew how important they were to us.

*Rest in Peace, Sylvia & Molly*

## CANTEEN NEWS

Eric Inauen

We are all hoping that Spring is finally here. I think we are all tired of the snow and the 40-degree temperature swings of March and April. The Bunker Bar opened on Friday, April 20th to the delight of the "Bunker Faithful." We will be making some improvements, which will include better lighting for the picnic area.

**The Bunker** will open at 5PM daily, Tuesday through Friday, and 2PM on Saturdays and Sundays. This year The Bunker Bar will be closed on Mondays.

**The Legion Riders** will keep having their Tuesday Bike Nites on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Art Brown and his staff came up with this idea a few years ago and continue to run with it (or ride with it). We heard there are some new surprises with the menu. To find out what they are, you've got to show up, check it out and have a great time.

There will be no surprise with the entertainment. Brother SAL, with Rocky and Tommy Lucia, Dan Curran and Rob Riehl will be performing for your listening pleasure. So, clear your calendars for Tuesday, May 8th and June 12th, and get over to the Bunker Bar for 5PM.

Every Wednesday Night is Horseshoe Night down at the Bunker. Our league gets more competitive every year. For information, talk to Trustee Mike "the painter" Dolan. If Mike is not around, talk to one of our great bartenders, and they will take your information and get it to Mike.

**Thursday Night is Ladies Night.** All drinks in the Canteen and down the Bunker are as close to half price as possible. Since they are already discounted, our weekly drink specials are NOT included.

**NEW:** Since our Corn Hole League was so successful in the

Canteen over the Winter, we have decided to have a Corn Hole League on Thursday Night and on Sunday. Again, Trustee Mike Dolan is the man to see about signing up. By the way "Great Job Mike!"

### KENTUCKY DERBY DAY:

On Saturday, May 5th, the Auxiliary will be holding their annual Kentucky Derby Contest. Prizes will be given out for the best Lady's Hats and Bonnets. As always, it will be a lot of fun. There will be Derby Drink Specials, along with Mint Juleps.

### MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC:

The SAL will be running our Memorial Day Picnic, and it will be a PIG ROAST. It will be held on Saturday, May 26th, from 1 to 5PM. Along with the pork, there will be burgers, hot dogs, grilled chicken and cold salads. Domestic draft beer and soda are included. Tickets are \$20, before May 26th, and can be purchased in the Canteen. Tickets will be \$25 on the May 26th. Entertainment will be provided by "Catfish Lucy" which we hear is outstanding.

**RIDERS PICNIC:** The Legion Riders annual fundraising picnic will be held on Sunday, June 3rd, from 1 to 5PM, rain or shine. Back with popular demand is the band "TOMMY BAZ and BULLZEYE." Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children under 12 years old. They will be on sale in the Canteen in May.

In the Canteen, we continue to have live entertainment every Friday and Saturday Night, and it is second to none in Ocean County. Our entertainment chairman, Rich Gato, has said that along with the great entertainment already performing here, other bands and DJ's are also calling to play here. Why? It is because of you, our Members and your guests, who appreciate great music, great food and great beverages at unbelievable prices.

Since it lacks humility, it has always been difficult for me to

write about Bar and Kitchen Staff of Post 129. As a volunteer, I am both proud and amazed of the jobs that they do, day in and day out.

Jimmy Smith's staff of Ryan's Catering does a tremendous job providing numerous lunch and dinner selections, along with specials, seven days a week. The majority of our daytime crowd always has lunch with their favorite beverage. If there is a Post in the country that provides what Ryan's Catering provides, we would like to know who they are. Chef Mike Speary and Banquet Manager, Kristy, and the waitresses are a big part of keeping this Post as popular as it is.

THANK YOU, JIMMY, and please relay the Bar Committee's appreciation to Mike, Kristy and your staff.

Bobby Joerg's Bar Committee of Bob "Ace" Cannon, Frank Del Nero, Rich Gato, Mike Zolezi and Ed Rutzler continue to work with our outstanding bartenders to keep our operations running as smooth as possible. The few problems that arise, get addressed immediately. Communication is the key. To Warren, Robin, Lisa, Lori, Danielle, Joe, Shea and Nancy---THANK YOU for the job you do. The Bar Committee would like to welcome our newest bartender, Chuck. He will be working down the Bunker on Thursday Night and Saturday.

The Canteen opens at 11AM, seven days a week. Closing times on Friday and Saturday Nights are at 12:30AM. Last Call is at midnight.

**REMEMBER:** When you support Post 129, you support the best Post in the USA.





## **THANK YOU, CHILDREN & YOUTH DONORS**

Post 129 would like to thank and recognize these additional Children and Youth Donors. Their names have been added as Founding Members on our Web Site (alpost129.org.). We, also, have corrected some mistakes that we made. The corrections are also listed below with our apologies.

### **DIAMOND CLUB MEMBERS (\$500 or more)**

Sons of the American Legion (SAL) Squadron 129

### **GOLD CLUB MEMBERS (\$100 to \$250)**

Joseph M. Berardo Sr.	Pat Laudisi
Alfredo DiNuzzo	Bob Richards
Robert Donovan	Dennis & Lisa Sheridan
Alan & Dorothy Gashler	Tin Can Sailors of NJ

### **SILVER CLUB MEMBERS (\$50 to \$100)**

Robin Boggiano	Bob & Grace Gynn
Anthony Gural	Post 129 Legion Riders

### **BRONZE MEMBERS (\$25 to \$50)**

James De Staso Jr.	James Parry
"Team Leonard"	Ed & Doris Poling

## **POST 129 PRESENTS OUR 82ND ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE 28 May 2018**

Our annual Memorial Day Parade will assemble and step off from Highland Parkway at 09:30 and proceed down Main St. to Town Hall for memorial ceremonies.

The parade was originally staged by our local Civil War veterans of the A. E. Burnside post of the Grand Army of the Republic. When the membership became too thin for them to manage the parade, their auxiliary, 'The Women's Relief Corps', asked Post 129 to assume staging the parade. The post agreed and here we are with our 82nd annual Parade.

Post, Auxiliary, SAL and Legion Rider members are urged to participate.

For those who cannot march the distance to Town Hall the Ocean County flat-bed truck will be available to transport those members

### **Remember to fly your flags!**

In the morning the flag flies at half-staff in honor of those who made the supreme sacrifice. At 12:00 Noon the colors are raised to the peak to honor those who are serving around the world today.



## **MEMBERSHIP MEMBERSHIP MEMBERSHIP**

I Would like to say Thank You to all our Legion Members that sent in their dues for 2018.

I am proud to report that we have exceeded last year's membership of 1762. Our Membership is now at 1769, an all-time high, and still the largest American Legion Post in the State of New Jersey. These numbers are great but we can still do more. Our retention rate for our new members is not good. If any member knows of any legionnaire that is not happy with The American Legion, ask them to contact Commander Post 129. I'm sure that we can help solve any problems that exist. If we don't know what's broken, we can't fix it.

As June comes to a close and we start another legion Year please be an Early Bird and send in your 2019 dues. We need all the help that we can get to help support all the Great programs that The American Legion does for its Veterans their Family Members and the Community in which we live. Any member that sends in their dues between July 1, 2018 and October 1, 2018 will be put into a drawing for a paid membership for next year. And, Dinner for Two at our Canteen on a Fri or Sat night. Just remember you must be in it to win it. Good Luck to All.

Remember we are a Legion Family and need to support one another, that goes for Membership as well. So, let's grow Membership together (Legion – Sons – Auxiliary – and our Legion Riders) as well. Anyone that needs information or has questions about membership you can contact me at [rig548@comcast.net](mailto:rig548@comcast.net) or on my cell at 732-604-8326.

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

*May: From the Roman goddess of growth, Maia.*

Birthstone

May 2018

Emerald

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Support Auxiliary Poppy Drive <u>Wear One !!!</u>		1	2	3 BiNgO May Day	4	5 County Convention Post 348 11:00AM
6 	7 Legion General Mtg. 7:00PM	8 VE Day (1945) 	9	10 !!BINGO!!	11	12
13 HAPPY MOTHERS DAY LADIES 	14 Legion Aux. Mtg. 7:00PM	15  ● New Moon	16 SAL Mtg. 7:00PM	17 <u>FIVE</u>	18	19 <b>Armed Forces Day</b> 
20	21 Board/Trustee Mtg. 7PM	22	23 	24 <u>BINGO'S THIS MONTH</u>	25	26
27 	28 <b>Memorial Day</b> Riders Mtg. 7:00PM	29  ○ Full Flower Moon	30 1st National Memorial Day 1868	31 !!FOLKS!!		

**Memorial Day:** isn't about just honoring Veterans, It's honoring those who lost their lives. Veterans had the good fortune of coming Home!

## MAY ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY MAY 4<sup>TH</sup> **THE SURE CATS**

SATURDAY MAY 5<sup>th</sup> **"BOB KULIK"**  
SINGER WITH THE HAPPENINGS

FRIDAY MAY 11<sup>TH</sup> **\*THE FISH EYED  
BLUES BAND\***

SATURDAY MAY 12<sup>TH</sup> **40 NORTH  
COUNTRY BAND**

FRIDAY MAY 18<sup>TH</sup> **\*MICHAEL D'AMORE \***  
BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND FROM FLORIDA

SATURDAY MAY 19<sup>TH</sup> **\*WILD ROSE\***

FRIDAY MAY 25<sup>TH</sup> **SIMPLY 3**

SATURDAY MAY 26<sup>TH</sup> **STRICTLY 60's**



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



*June: From Juno the goddess of women, marriages, and childbirth, and the wife of Jupiter.*

Birthstone

June 2018

Pearl

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 14th 243rd Flag Day!					1	2  Velveeta 1928
3  <b>Battle of Midway begins</b> June 4, 1942	4 General Mtg. 7:00PM	5 	6  D-Day 1944	7  <b>B</b>	8	9
10	11 Legion Aux. Mtg. 7:00PM	12 	13 SAL Mtg. 7:00PM  ● New Moon	14  <b>US ARMY</b> 1775	15	16
17  <b>Happy Father's Day</b> 	18 Board/Trustee Mtg. 7:00PM	19	20 	21  <b>IN</b> Summer Begins	22  GI Bill Signed (1944)	23
24  Start of Korean War (June 25, 1950)	25 Riders Mtg. 7:00PM	26 	27	28  <b>GO</b>  O Full Strawberry	29	30

**Flag Day** is celebrated on June 14th. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States which happened on June 14, 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental congress. In 1916 June 14th was officially established as **Flag Day**.

## JUNE ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>  
SATURDAY JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup>

**"LET'S BE FRANK"**  
**3 DAZ TIL SUNDAY**  
NEW BAND

FRIDAY JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup>  
SATURDAY JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup>

**TBA**  
**DEE & STEVE**

**SATURDAY JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup>**  
**"WILDWOOD CONVENTION" SAL BAND**

FRIDAY JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>  
SATURDAY JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup>

**STRICTLY 60'S**  
**THE CLASSIC**  
**REWIND BAND**  
NEW BAND

FRIDAY JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup>  
SATURDAY JUNE 23<sup>RD</sup>

**\*\*NFINITY\*\***  
**THE STREETHEARTS**

FRIDAY JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup>  
SATURDAY JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>

**SUMMER PROJECT**  
**BOB KULIK**  
FROM THE HAPPENINGS

BE SURE TO CHECK FOR LAST MINUTE CHANGES AND/OR CANCELLATIONS.  
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## **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  
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### PATRIOTIC QUIZ NO. 11—(answers page 12)

1. What statesman before Bryan was, over a period of twenty years, three times a candidate for the presidency on a major party's platform?
2. What State has the most counties? Which is second?
3. Whom did Lincoln, according to report, refer to as "the little woman who caused this great war"?
4. What European emperor had a home prepared for him in the United States which he never occupied?
5. What was the nationality of the man who laid out the city of Washington?

(reprinted from American Legion Magazine -1925 - Bob Scheiderman)



## Answers to Patriotic Quiz No. 11

1. Henry Clay was a candidate for President in the campaigns of 1824, 1832, and 1844, coming nearest to success in the last campaign, when, running on the platform of the old Republican Party in 1824 and on that of the National Republicans in 1832.

2. Texas has the most counties of any state in the Union, 254. Georgia is second with 159.

3. Lincoln according to report, referred to Harriet Beecher Stowe, author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin", as "the little woman who caused this great war".

4. A home was prepared in New Orleans for Napoleon Bonaparte after he had been defeated by the allied powers and carried off to St. Helena. The plan was to rescue the prisoner and take him to Louisiana where he might end his days in the enjoyment of liberty, and surrounded by French-speaking people. Napoleon died, however, before the rescue could be attempted. (The house, then called 'Maison Napoleon', still stands in the French quarter of New Orleans and is a restaurant. ed.)

5. The city of Washington was laid out by a French engineer, Major Pierre L'enfant, at the instance of President Washington.

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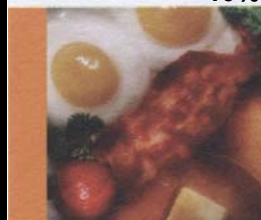
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