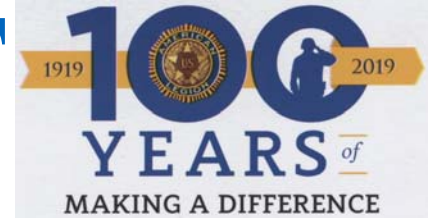




# SOUNDOFF

May-June 2019



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

## COMMANDERS MESSAGE

I would like to start out by thanking the membership for reelecting me Commander for the year 2019-2020. Also, I would like to congratulate all my newly elected Officers.

We will be having our installation on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 1 o'clock.

On April 3<sup>rd</sup>, I had the privilege of attending the Past Present's Parley Dinner. Thank you ladies for a great evening. On April 13<sup>th</sup>, I attended the Department Commander's Testimonial Dinner along with a number of our Legionnaires, Auxiliary members and S.A.L. members. Congratulations once again to Department Commander Ray Miller for a great year. I know you will continue to do great things within our organization.

I'd like to remind everyone of some upcoming events.

Our Memorial Day Parade will be Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, step off at 9 o'clock, behind the Office

Lounge. I would like to invite all that are able to come march with us.

We will be having Memorial Day picnic on Sat. May 25<sup>th</sup>, see the S A L message for more details.

Our Department Convention this year is June 13<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

I would like to let all our Veterans know that if you plan on doing

any painting if you go to Sherwin-Williams they will give you a 15% discount. Also I'd like to thank Sherwin-Williams for donating \$600 of paint to the Post to paint the Bunker Bar.

For God and Country  
Ed Rutzler  
Commander

**Have you ordered your 2019 American Legion coin set.**

<https://catalog.usmint.gov/interests/american-legion-100th-anniversary/>



**A portion of all sales goes to support the American Legion**

**Auxiliary President Pam Bowen and 1st Vice President Lisa Mayer attend the April General Membership Meeting and donate a check in support of the Post.**

**At the April General Membership meeting members of the Blue Knights present the Post with a Certificate of Appreciation and a check in support of Post 129.**



## TEAM 100 MEMBERSHIP

I would like to say Thank You to all our Legion Members that sent in their dues for 2019.

I am proud to report Our Membership is now at 1729, we need 57 more members to pay their dues to meet or goal of last year. 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 ends and we start another Legion year. Please be an Early Bird and send in your 2020 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, 2019 and October 1, 2019 will be put into a drawing for a paid membership for next year. And, Dinner for Two at our Canteen on a Friday or Saturday night. Just remember you must be in it to win it. Good Luck to All.

If you haven't renewed your membership, please send it in. We need your help so that we can continue to help our Veterans and the Community that we live in.

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 [rjq548@comcast.net](mailto:rjq548@comcast.net) or on my cell at 732-604-8326.

RICH GODFREY FOR GOD AND COUNTRY DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

## A CENTURY OF SERVICE

AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY

100  
Years



**Veterans Serving Veterans**  
**Veterans Serving New Jersey**

## POST EVERLASTING

1 April 2018—31 March 2019

John Cavanna  
Dr. Gerald Godfrey  
Robert Arnold  
Robert Greco  
Edward Besko  
William Ihrig  
Joseph Fiore  
Aldo Grandinetti  
George Lissenden  
Carl Breining  
John Anderson  
James McGlyn



Edward Hoffman  
Lawrence DeRogatis  
Bill Britton  
John Shetrone  
Sal Cornachio  
Joseph Rogalski  
James Hanebury  
Gerhard Henning  
Alberto Alvidrez  
Thomas Barcelona  
George Jones  
Richard Posa

"Rest In Peace, Comrades"

Bob Scheiderman, Ritual Chairman



## POST 129 COMMUNITY GARDEN

There's nothing quite as satisfying as growing your own fresh vegetables in a home garden, especially if you spend a good part of your day sitting behind a desk or working indoors. It's a welcome change of pace to spend some time outdoors, working with your hands and feeling physically connected to the earth. And, although a garden can be a lot of work, it more than pays for itself in tender lettuce and juicy, home-grown tomatoes that taste far superior to anything you can buy at the supermarket.



Some communities and veterans are struggling to purchase fresh and healthy food for their families. Local food pantries and other organizations whose mission is to provide food to those in need are seeing an increase in need and a decrease in donations. Access and affordability of nutritious foods are becoming a massive issue in our veteran community. Have you seen the price of tomatoes lately? Not to mention where they were grown and what chemicals were used to produce them.



As a veteran service organization, our post has the resources, the property and the obligation to start and maintain a community garden for our veterans. In cooperation with the Toms River Family Health Coalition and Fulfill (formally Monmouth and Ocean County Food Bank) we have identified an area in the northwest section of the property that would be ideal for the garden.

The plan for the summer crop will consist of Eggplant, Tomatoes, Cucumbers and Watermelon. The plan for the autumn crop will be Spinach, Cabbage, Kale and Tomatoes.



The impact of a veteran community garden takes many roads. It will

allow our veterans to have access to free nutritious food options, it will improve the health of our ecosystem here on our property and most importantly it will help reduce the risk of chronic disease often found in our aging veterans. Starting and joining a community garden will help address all of these concerns.

The bad news is: Starting a new community garden can take time and a lot of effort. We will need volunteers to build the boxes and to tend the garden throughout the summer.



The good news is: We have the resources and the commitment of our partners at Fulfill for the plans,

the seedlings and the guidance. We also will be joining the Coalition in a community wide effort to increase the number of gardens here in Toms River and we will be fulfilling our mission as a Veteran Service Organization by providing healthy and nutritious food options to our veterans.

### WE NEED HELP

This is your call to volunteer. We need 12 dedicated men and woman to help tend the garden. Each volunteer will be assigned one of the twelve raised planters. It will be their job to tend the box throughout the season. Planting, weeding and harvesting. The estimated time would be just two hours a week. The rewards are un-limited. You will work alongside fellow Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Sons and Riders to fulfill the mission of growing nutritious and healthy fruits and veggies and you will be sharing your bountiful harvest and new found skills with our veterans in need.



### Here are some great reasons to volunteer for this project.

- It will improve your sense of community amongst the other volunteers outside the canteen.
- You will be helping to improve the dietary habits and nutrition of our veteran community.
- You will be providing free fresh foods to our veterans in need.
- Your family will have free access to the harvest.
- You will be preserving our green spaces and improving our eco system at the Post.
- You'll get outdoors and enjoy some fresh air
- You will bring the legion family closer together
- You just might have some fun.

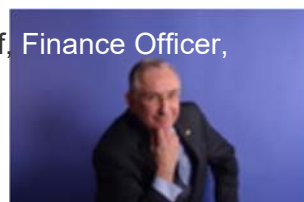
So, if you are a person who has always wanted to help in a meaningful way, this is your opportunity. If you are interested please contact me.

Ralph Wolff,  
Phone: 848-992-1516 or Email at [ralphwolff@jerseycoastappliance.com](mailto:ralphwolff@jerseycoastappliance.com)

### FINANCIALS

We are ahead of budget, which is a good thing. Our fiscal year ends on 30 June 2019. That means its budget time. Our budget for next fiscal year budget will be in place and ready to go as of 1 July 2019.

Ralph Wolff, Finance Officer,  
Post 129





Two Monmouth County combat veterans from different generations form a friendship late in life — Bill, a Marine who served in Vietnam and Bob who served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. Bill, began volunteering for CVCJ last February and was eager to visit with a fellow veteran. We knew right away that he would be a perfect match for Bob!

Once Bob and Bill met, they became fast friends. They both get so much from visiting each other. Bob is a terrific story teller and at 96 his memory and recollection of names, dates and specific events is truly remarkable! Bill says he is absolutely captivated by Bob's stories and wants to document as many of them as possible, while there's still time.

One thing that Bob has been passionate about over the years is his hand-made, wooden model airplane collection. They connect him to his past and his memories in service to his country. In his room he had 3 of his models displayed the B25, the B24 that Bob worked on and flew in as a flight engineer, and the P38.

The relationship that Bill and Bob share, transcends the generations, like so many of our Vet to Vet connections we've made over the years. They both enjoy the companionship and camaraderie they share. As they finish up their visit Bill and Bob salute each other as a sign of respect and brotherhood. Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey has Veteran to Veteran Programs in both Ocean & Monmouth Counties and are always looking to help as many Veterans as we possibly can. If

you or someone you know could benefit from our Veteran to Veteran Program please give us a call. We are also looking for some volunteers to be part of this great program. We are actively seeking Veteran Organizations in Ocean and Monmouth Counties to help us share the message about our services.

We're fighting a war on loneliness and isolation and as Uncle Sam used to say...WE NEED YOU

CAREGIVER VOLUNTEERS OF CENTRAL JERSEY

Ocean County Office:

732-505-2273 Call Ann @ ext. 210

Monmouth County Office: 732-876-3900 Call Chris

## Senior Veteran Independence



Do you know a Senior Veteran who is no longer driving?

Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey is here for them.

**In keeping with the values of the American Legion and our commitment to assist Veterans**

Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey offers the following free services:

- Door to door transportation to medical appointments in volunteer cars
- Grocery Shopping
- Relief to caregivers of those with chronic illness or any form of dementia who cannot be left alone (non-medical assistance provided)
- Friendly Visits offered to those who live alone
- In-home visits with Pet Therapy dog and volunteer through Caregiver Canines

If you, or someone you know could benefit from this assistance, please call Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey (732) 505-2273

To learn more about Caregiver Volunteers visit:  
[www.caregivervolunteers.org](http://www.caregivervolunteers.org)

## Ocean County Memorial DAV Chapter 24



### Mobility Project



DAV Invites Post 129 members and family's access to various mobility items including wheelchairs, walkers, motorized chairs, scooters and beds. We also have other items and take donations. Contact the Post or Gerry Mulligan 732-270-2265

## AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Pam Bowen

As the time draws near to the end of my term I would like to THANK ALL who have supported me in the past 2 years as your Unit President. We have worked hard in the last 2 years in helping our Veterans programs and our Children in Youth as well. I have not forgotten about our community, we have done very well for our community as well.

Thank you to my Unit Officers for whom I would be remiss not giving them the biggest shout out for all you do! Thank you to Commander Ed Rutzler and his officers who have helped us out with many of our projects in the past year, also a big THANK YOU to Rocky Lucia and Art Brown. Both of these guys really stepped up to the plate with helping out at our turkey dinner and our children's Christmas party and our other functions. Again a HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU!

We all have worked hard to make this a Family Post and we have done that. But of course with every family there is always going to be some bumps in the road and we have managed to work some of them out. I want to wish the new incoming Auxiliary President Lisa Mayer and her new officers MUCH LUCK in the upcoming year, you are a strong leader Lisa and I know you will thrive in your future endeavors as the Unit President.



### Kentucky Derby Fun Day

Saturday, May 4, 2019

5PM to 8PM in Canteen

Specialty Drinks available, and a Derby menu

Derby Hat Contest for Men and Women

Prizes for the winners

### CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Tom Kraszewski

Have you ever taken the time to say Thank You God for this beautiful day I am having or my beautiful family, wife, husband and friends? Sometimes I think we take too much for granted until something happens, and the hilltop is gone and now once again we are in a valley and can't see the end of it in sight. I know I do at times and then when I am made to be aware of my hilltop experiences as I go down into a valley, I remember to give Thanks...

We should however give Thanks even in the Valley because it can almost always be worse than what we are experiencing...This brings me to the focus for this issue....The word Faith....

Scripture says that Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God...Some of us however do not believe in God...I haven't any answer for you about what to hold on to in times of trouble, desperation or depression...You see I know that there is a God who may be called by many names however He is still God...I trust in him my whole life through and it's not just something I take lightly. Faith, if you break down the letters, could mean....F-orever, A-lways, I-I, T-rust, H-im...

Forever always I trust him, Him of course, being God...Think about it.





## CANTEEN NEWS

Spring has sprung! How do we know? The Bunker Bar is OPEN. At the Canteen, when the Bunker is closed, it is winter. When it is open it is spring, summer and fall.



**IMPROVEMENTS GALORE:** As promised, the Post concentrated on finishing the improvements that we started last year. We added wood walls to the bottom half of the Bunker, after the sand bags were removed. The new walls were painted in camouflage. New electrical lines and lighting were added to the interior. A custom-made refrigerator, that hold 4 kegs, was added. A glass door refrigerator was also added to house can beer and wine, making it easily accessible to our bartenders. Two TV's were mounted on the inside back wall of the Bunker. Two more TV's were added outside the Bunker. A new sound system was installed for your listening pleasure. We also received two more Miller Lite steel tables, giving us a total of four. After the work was completed, the sand bags were put back.

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.** It sounds like a lot of work, and it was. The Bar Committee and the Executive Board of Post 129 would like to acknowledge and thank the following individuals and companies: Mike "the painter" Dolan, Gene Reynolds and Mike Feimer for priming and painting the camou-

flage. Sherwin Williams for donating over \$600 worth of paint for the project. Joe "Wiz" Wisniewski for rewiring the Bunker. O.C. County Corrections Officers Mike Ross and Frank Gordon for overseeing the carpentry work. John Holterman for installing the new cabinets and making the brackets for the outside TV's. Coca-Cola for donating the glass door refrigerator. Steve Rooney of East Coast Beverage for custom designing and installing our new beer refrigerator. Neil Gaiadzo & his sons, Neil Jr. and Nick from Auto Tech for wiring and installing our TV's and new sound system. We would also like to acknowledge Laura Bailey and David "Digger" Mize for helping out where ever they could. A big special thanks goes out to Bobby Joerg who coordinated this large undertaking.

**ATTENTION VETERANS:** As stated above, Sherwin Williams donated over \$600 worth of paint for our Bunker Project. Sherwin Williams offers a 15% discount on all paint. This discount is good nationwide. So, if you are thinking of painting anything, including yourself, stop by Sherwin Williams and take advantage of your 15% discount.

**NEW:** The Bunker will be open on Mondays and there will be a HAPPY HOUR from 5 to 7PM. Draft Beer will be \$1.50, and Mike Speary from Ryan's Catering will provide special hors d'oeuvres packages at discounted prices. Monday through Friday, the bunker will open at 5PM, and 2PM on Saturday & Sunday. The Legion Riders will continue to have their Bike Nites on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. So, clear your calendar for Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. Starting at 6PM there will be food and a live band, so stop by and enjoy the food, the music and the fun.

Vice Commander Pete Chaffatelli has taken over the reins as President of the Riders. President Art Brown has stepped down. We thank Art for the great job he has done for the Riders and the Post over the years. We, also, wish Pete the best of luck in his new undertaking.

Every Wednesday Night is Horse-shoe Night down at the Bunker. For information, talk to Mike "the painter" Dolan or talk to one of our fantastic bartenders.

Thursday Night is Lady's 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.

Our Corn Hole League also competes on Thursday. Again, for information contact Mike Dolan or one of our bartenders.

**KENTUCKY DERBY DAY:** On Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, the Auxiliary will be holding their annual Kentucky Derby Contest. Prizes will be given for the best Lady's Hats and Bonnets. There will be Derby Drink Specials, along with Mint Juleps.

**MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC:** Our Memorial Day Picnic will be a PIG ROAST, is open to the public. It will be held on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, from 1 to 5PM (rain date: Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>). Entertainment will be provided by the ever popular Katfish Lucy Band. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Children under 12 are \$10. Your ticket includes Draft Beer, can soda, water, hamburgers, hot dogs, salads and a Roasted Pig. Tickets are available at the Canteen or by calling Rocky Lucia (917-417-4818) or Pete Coleman (732-910-7013). This is our SAL's biggest fundraiser of the year, so come out and support the Post.

The Bar Committee would be remiss if we did not mention our bar-



tenders and the great job that they do. If you frequent the Canteen, Bunker Bar or a Hall Event, Warren, Robin, Lisa, Lori, Danielle, Joe, Shea & Nancy are always there to serve you and answer any of our questions with a smile.

**BUNKER NEWS UPDATE:** Just when we thought things had calmed down, another attack occurred. Varmints, who had been spying on Mike and Gene as they painted their camouflage masterpiece, defaced the art work. At night, Members, who were taking a smoke break, thought they saw lightning bugs down by the Bunker. As it turned out it, chipmunks and squirrels using mini flashlights were painting portraits of their leaders in the camouflage. Actually, it was pretty impressive. Mike suggested we set bear traps to catch the little suckers. Bar Intelligence advised him that too many Members would lose limbs, so a new strategy is being devised.

As reported in our last SOUNDOFF, our decoders have deciphered the squirrel dispatches obtained by our recon squad. The 1st dispatch was a food order for 2 pepperoni pizzas and 10 bags of mixed nuts from Chip & Dale's Rodent Side Diner. The 2<sup>nd</sup> dispatch was being sent foreign varmints to join them in disrupting the Post and sabotaging our Trustee Election.

Bar Intelligence recruited some of our Members, who were retired police officers, to conduct an investigation. They requested a \$100 expense account at OBCO's Donuts. They were denied. They settled for a dozen donuts instead.

After numerous seconds of investigation and 2 ounces of paperwork they found no collusion between American Varmints and their foreign counterparts.

The investigators were asked if there was any obstruction. They stated that the only obstruction occurred when the donuts and the keys were locked in the bunker. Fortunately, a bunch of retired firefighters were in the Canteen. They said they had their master

keys (axes and halligan bars) in their cars and rushed down to assist. Before they crashed in the door, the Commander came up with the keys to the cheers of the investigators and the dismay of the firefighters.

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

ENGAGEMENT PARTIES♥WEDDINGS♥REHEARSAL DINNERS♥BIRTHDAYS

## HALL RENTALS

# Ryan's Catering at Post 129

Call [732-864-5519](tel:732-864-5519) for hall rental and on-site catering

information or email

[ryanscateringatpost129@gmail.com](mailto:ryanscateringatpost129@gmail.com)

Our banquet hall is a new state of the art facility and an ideal location for your next celebration.

The room is spacious and includes a dance floor. It will accommodate parties 50 to 250 people.

It is also wi-fi enabled for your next corporate event.

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**Traditional**

**Pig Roasts**

**Lobster & Clam Bakes**

CLASSROOMS & SEMINARS♥PARTIES♥SALES MEETINGS♥COMPANY PICNICS

TEAM BUILDING♥SHOWERS-BRIDAL & BABY♥ANNIVERSARY♥REPEAT / MEMORIAL SERVICES♥GRADUATIONS

REUNIONS♥DEPLOYMENT & HOME COMINGS♥CORPORATE MEETINGS♥AWARD DINNERS♥OFFICE PARTIES

May 7 —End of Vietnam War 1975  
 May 8 —VE Day 1945  
 May 15—Peace Officers Memorial Day  
 May 27—Memorial Day Parade - Toms River



May 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 End of Operation Iraqi Freedom 2003	2 	3	4 Kentucky Derby Fun Day 5 –8 PM in the Canteen
5 Cinco de Mayo	6 General Meeting 7 PM	7 	8 SAL Meeting 7 PM	9 	10	11
12 Mother's Day	13 Auxiliary Meeting 7 PM	14 	15 	16 	17	18 Armed Forces Day 
19	20 Board/Trustee Meeting 7 PM	21	22	23 	24	25 Memorial Day Picnic
26	27 Memorial Day 	28 	29	30 	31	

## MAY ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY MAY 3RD      **THE SURE CATS**  
 SATURDAY MAY 4TH      **WHO ARE YOU GUYS**  
 FRIDAY MAY 10TH      **STRICTLY 60'S**  
 SATURDAY MAY 11TH      **THE MANGO'S**  
 FRIDAY MAY 17TH      **"WILD ROSE "**

SATURDAY MAY 18TH      **MEMORY LANE  
WITH TRIPLE PLAY**

FRIDAY MAY 24TH      **SIMPLY 3**  
 SATURDAY MAY 25TH      **STEP ASIDE**

SATURDAY MAY 25TH  
 MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC  
 Music by **KATFISH LUCY**  
 1-5 PM

Rain Date Sunday  
 May 26th



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



**BINGO —**

Every Thursday - Doors open at 5 PM

Play starts at 7 PM - Progressive - Refreshments - 50/50 - Mystery Prizes

BINGO				
7	25	44	57	62
15	22	40	50	70
11	30	33	46	74
2	28	37	55	68
10	27	39	59	75

June 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>Department Convention — June 13th - 15th 2019</b> <b>Wildwood Convention Center</b>					1
2	3 General Meeting 7 PM	4 	5 	6 D-Day 1944 	7	8
9	10 Auxiliary Meeting 7 PM	11 	12 SAL Meeting 7 PM	13 	14 Flag Day 	15
16 Father's Day	17 Board/Trustee Meeting 7 PM	18	19	20 	21 First Day of Summer	22
23	24 Riders Meeting 7 PM	25 	26	27 	28	29
30	June 25—Start of Korean War 1950					

**JUNE ENTERTAINMENT**SATURDAY JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> **THE LENNY DAVIS BAND**FRIDAY JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup> **"NFINITY"**SATURDAY JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup> **TWIST OF FATE**FRIDAY JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup> **THE SURE CATS**SATURDAY JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup> **COUNTRY MILE**  
BACK AGAINFRIDAY JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup>**STRICTLY 60'S**SATURDAY JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup>**\*\*\*BBD RHYTHM & BLUES\*\*\***  
\*\*\*NEW BAND\*\*\*FRIDAY JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup>**CHRIS DANIELS**SATURDAY JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup>**\*\*\*BJ AND THE BAND\*\*\***  
\*\*\*NEW BAND\*\*\*

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## SAL MESSAGE

Greetings comrades! Our squadron has been keeping very busy, and that will be no different in the coming months. Coming on May 25th, we have our Memorial Day Picnic and Pig Roast. This has been a great event for us and we sold nearly 500 tickets last year, and as a result was able to give the most money our squadron has ever given back to the Post. So get your tickets early. See the attached flyer for more details.

May 5th is also the installation of officers. I'm proud to say that I've been elected as your Squadron Commander for the third straight year. This squadron has done a lot of great things over the years with some incredible commanders and I would like to keep that going. That being said, I would not be able to achieve that success without the support of my executive board and members. The executive board remains the same for another year with Vice Commanders Bob Joerg and Mel Aballo, Finance Officer Pete Coleman, Sargent at Arms Joe Rutzler, Historian Mike Guadagnino, Chaplain Glen Blue, Adjutant Dan Curran and Judge Advocate Duke Haring. Again, thank you all for your hard work, commitment and continued support.

On behalf of myself and my

officers, I would like to congratulate all the elected officers from the Post, Auxiliary and Legion Riders. I'm looking forward to another year of supporting each other and making our great team at Post 129 stronger than ever

By the time you read this, we will have had four squadron members that attended SAL college. Two for basic, two for advanced. This is such a great program and if anyone would like to attend next year, please let me know and I'll get you signed up. Our squadron picks up the cost of this one day event.

In June, we will be at the annual convention in Wildwood. This is a nice little get away with meetings in the morning and fun in the afternoon and evenings. The parade is on Saturday, June 15th. If anyone would like to come down and march in the parade with the SAL, you are more than welcome so just let me know in advance.

Finally, yes, membership! We are at 92% of last year and are closing in on 100%, but the work is not done yet! We still have to get to that mark, which towards the end gets more and more difficult. If you haven't renewed, please do. If you know someone who would like to join our squadron, let's get them signed up. You can come to the Post, mail in membership or go on our website at [www.salpost129.com](http://www.salpost129.com).

Remember, membership is

EVERYONE'S responsibility and if we have that mentality and all work together, we will continue to build our membership to even stronger numbers. Help keep us the largest squadron in New Jersey. One last note on membership, I would like to give kudos and a BIG thanks to Mel Aballo for stepping up and really taking the bull by the horns with our membership this year. He has worked hard with renewals, new members and fielding any questions on general membership so thank you Mel. You were unofficially the membership chairman this year, but now I'm making you the official membership chairman. So thanks again, and with another year learning and working hard, I know you will be able to continue to grow our membership to newer heights - but no pressure! HaHa.

Everyone enjoy your spring and we are all looking forward to summer. Hope to see everyone at our picnic and around the post this summer season.

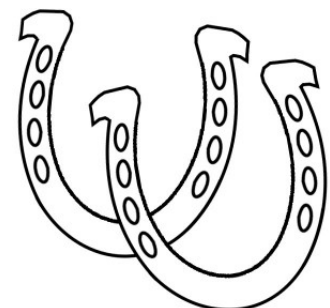
For God & Country,  
Rocky Lucia  
Commander  
Squadron 129



See a horseshoe pick it up, all day long you'll have good luck!



**2019 Horseshoe League  
now forming.  
Meeting and Tournament  
Wednesday, May 15  
Call Michael Dolan at  
908-902-4117**





**American Legion Post 129**  
**Memorial Day Picnic And**  
**PIG ROAST**

**MEMORIAL DAY**

**Open To The Public!**  
**Sat, May 25, 2019**  
**1pm till 5pm**

Rain date Sunday May 26th

**Tickets \$20.00 In Advance \$25.00 at the door**  
**Children under age 12 \$10.00**

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

*Menu: 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. TR NJ**

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

Live Band! **Rocky Lucia**

Permit #RL8625

We're Having a **COCKOUT**

## BOYS STATE

Congratulations Post 129! This year we will send 19 deserving Young Men to participate in the American Legion Boys State program. Due in part to the contributions made to our Children and Youth Fundraiser, and in part to a Team that took their responsibility seriously, and made it work. As a result of that work, 19 boys will attend a "week that will change their Lives".

The schools involved are Toms River H.S. South, H.S. North, H.S. East, and Central Regional. I'm sure you all either have a family member or know someone's Family that attended one of these schools. Many thanks to school Counselors: Matt Sohl - South, Pat Orlando-North, Kevin Cohen - East, Sandy Ryan - Central Regional. My Legion Team consists of Warren Barney, John Hammock, and John Budenas.

A great effort for a Great Program. Thank you one and all,

David E. Corbin  
 Boys State Chairman  
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**Post 129 Installation Of Officers for 2019—2020**  
**Sunday, May 5, 2019 1 PM**

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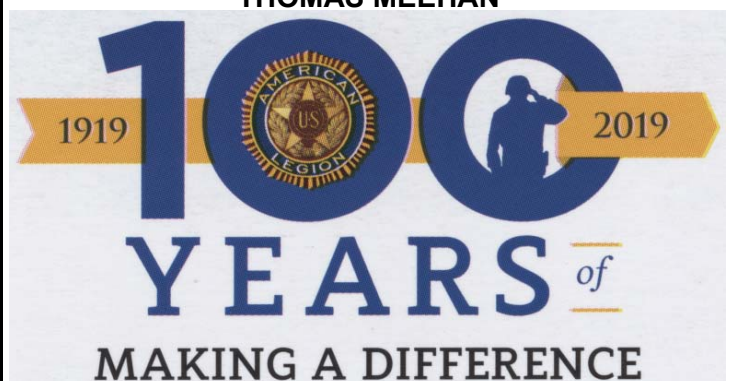
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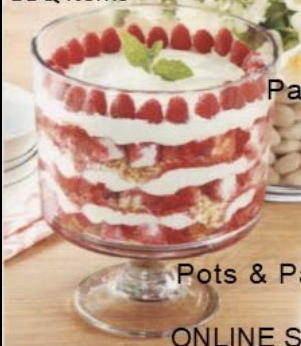
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