



# SOUNDOFF

September-October 2017



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

## COMMANDERS MESSAGE

Michael Schaffer

I hope everyone had an amazing summer. It was busy here, and a little disappointing, for the start with the Memorial Day parade getting rained out but the rest of the weekend at the Post was truly fulfilling. We had a great turnout for our dedications on Saturday in the front and at the Warrior Walk Monument in the Grove. We then had a wonderful lunch. On Sunday, we participated in the ceremonies at the Ocean County Memorial Park and had visitors and guests for lunch with another great day.

Then it was off to convention. The first couple of days in Wildwood were cold, brrrrr, but the weather broke and we had a fantastic finish to the week. We should all be looking forward to next year and the 100th anniversary celebration.

**\*\*\*JUST A NOTE: CONVENTION ROOMS WILL FILL UP FAST THIS YEAR AS IT IS THE 100TH CONVENTION. IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON GOING THERE HAVE BEEN SOME CHANGES TO THE RESERVATION PROCESS\*\*\***

**#1 THE ROOM RATE IS \$89.00 PER NIGHT,**

**#2 WE MUST HAVE A DEPOSIT OF \$50.00 TO HOLD A ROOM**

**#3 DEPOSIT DEAD LINE JANUARY 17th, 2018**

**#4 ROOMS MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY APRIL 1, 2018**

**#5 CHECKS NEED TO BE MADE OUT TO AMERICAN LEGION POST 129**

**#6 NO MONEY CAN BE SENT TO THE MOTEL AND NO DATE OF ARRIVAL PAYMENT AVAILABLE!**

**\*\*\*\*\*BY DOING IT THIS WAY WE ARE AVOIDING A PRICE INCREASE...THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION SEE YOU AT THE CONVENTION\*\*\***

June kicked off with the first grand in the hand Winner Mr. John Specht, and July's winner Mr. Eric Inauen both are enjoying their \$1,000.00 winnings. See the commander or Mr. Tom DiVicarro for your number in the August draw...only \$5.00 and only 300 sold...get your chance today please see the flyer for details.

July kicked off with an amazing Fourth of July picnic with over 300 in attendance. Great food, great music, and great fun. Our Friday and Saturday night entertainment

has really kept us in a groove, and we have had a surge in attendance. Looking forward to some great shows, speaking of entertainment we are having an "American Idol" type event in the hall September and a big band night in November. Check the calendar and notices for details

Bingo now has a Progressive game they started in August and bingo attendance has really expanded. Doors open at 5:00 PM, games start at 7:00 PM, get here early to get a prime seat!

The Legion Riders normal Bike Night on August 8th was transformed into a night of fund raising for the RUN FOR THE FALLEN and raised over \$5,000.00. We had over 500 people here. Thank you all for your participation! See you all on Saturday September 23rd when the Run for the Fallen

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American Legion Post 129

Presents

Monthly Drawing - Only 300 Numbers Sold  
 \$5.00 per Number  
 Cash Prize: **\$1000**

Tickets on sale now last months winner Eric Inaeun

See the Chief (aka Tom DiVicarro) for Tickets or stop in the Commanders office  
 Or call 732-543-6171

## AUXILIARY 129 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I attended the Emergency Meeting here at Post 129 and hopefully all questions were answered. I attended the County Meeting in June and I also attended the services for Karen Thalasin from Barnegat. The Auxiliary helped with the 50/50 Raffle in the Canteen and also participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic. The picnic was a good time for all who attended. The American Legion Baseball team had a championship game in South Toms River and the Auxiliary came out for support. The American Legion Blue Claws game was attended by members of the Post and the Auxiliary. Our VA&R Chairperson Jane Keeley had a Veterans picnic for Veterans from area nursing homes and a fun time was had by all! The Auxiliary along with the Legion attended the Bike Night fund raiser. The Auxiliary helped by selling RUN FOR THE FALLEN T-SHIRTS. It was a very successful night!

The Auxiliary is looking forward to a new and exciting year here at the Post. We have many events coming up here at the Post, so come on out and join in the fun. Come out to help volunteer with your fellow Auxiliary to make each event a successful one. We are

here to help contribute and participate in the accomplishment of the aims and purposes of the American Legion; to consecrate and sanctify our association by our mutual helpfulness.

For God & Country  
Unit 129 President 2017-2018  
Pamela Bowen



## Military Exchange Shopping (What we used to call the PX)

The below attached link explains everything. Please forward to any veterans you know.

Military Exchange Shopping (What we used to call the PX) Here you

go guys, this could be a nice little benefit, should be able to save some money. Check it out!

The Army, Air Force and Navy exchange will start allowing all honorably discharged veterans to shop online, (think Amazon, but only cheaper with no taxes.) The target start date is Veterans Day, November 11, 2017 but, you must register first.

Registration begins June 1, 2017. You must call 1-844-868-8672 after June 1 to register. SEND THIS TO ALL OF YOUR VETERAN FRIENDS AND RELATIVES

Here is the site with more information:

<https://www.defense.gov/News/Article/Article/1049558/dod-opens-online-exchange-shopping-to-veterans/>

(via Michael Schaffer)

## VETERANS PICNIC

Veteran residents from three local nursing homes attended a picnic hosted by the American Legion Family, consisting of Legionnaires, Auxiliary and SAL. The vets were served hamburgers, hotdogs, salads, watermelon, ice pops and drinks. They participated in games and before leaving were given prizes and bags containing shirts, and pillows. Thanks to all who helped to make this a great day!

Jane Keeley  
VA&R Chairman

Veterans Picnic volunteers—Photos—Peggy Robbins



## AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

Hi everyone, well a new year is upon us and the membership drive is in full swing.

We already have several new members, rejoined members, transfers and members catching up on their dues.

We would sincerely like to thank the recruiters that continue signing up new members. Please keep up the good work.

We hope for a successful year. We know we are well on our way to that.

If anyone needs to get in touch with the membership committee, please feel free to call us.

For God and Country

The membership committee,  
Jean Robbins 732-244-9197  
Peggy Robbins 732-270-4507  
Pat Corbin 732-349-9241



Post 129 is participating once again with the Boscov's Friends Helping Friends fundraiser, and buying a \$5 shopping pass will actually save you money! Here's how it works: purchase a \$5 Boscov's shopping pass from Ralph Moranz during Bingo nights and whenever you stop by the post, and you will get 25% off all clothing, shoes and accessories at any Boscov's store on Tuesday, October 17th! We know our membership loves going to the Toms River Boscov's, and this pass can be used at any of the company's 44 other stores, nationwide! Have a daughter in Pennsylvania, or a sister who lives in upstate New York? Buy them a \$5 pass through Post 129,

and they can use all the discounts during FHF day at their local Boscov's store in Altoona, PA, and Utica, NY – and beyond!

With the pass, customers can also get 15% off cosmetics, fragrances, jewelry, mattresses and furniture, housewares, domestics, luggage, curtains, and As-Seen-On-TV items. You can get 10% off toys, vacuums, small appliances and more; plus, these discounts are off of the lowest ticketed price – even including clearance items.

Begun more than 20 years ago, the FHF event takes place on one day in October, and now

all 45 stores in the Reading, PA-based retail giant portfolio participate. Last year, Friends Helping Friends Day was a tremendous success, raising more than \$600,000 for thousands of service organizations in communities with Boscov's stores throughout Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Connecticut, New York, Maryland and Ohio.

Every year, nearly 75 Ocean County charities register through the Toms River store, and we are one of them. Don't delay...buy your Friends Helping Friends discount shopping passes now from American Legion Post 129!



**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2017**  
**ALL BOSCOV'S LOCATIONS**  
**9AM TO 11PM**

# 25% OFF\* SHOPPING PASS

This pass entitles you to 25% off\* your purchases and cannot be used in conjunction with other discounts and promotions.

Present this pass at time of purchase to receive your 25%\* discount.  
Valid October 17, 2017 only.

\*See reverse side for a list of merchandise receiving 75% and 10% OFF as well as exclusions.

**Plus Free Refreshments and Register To Win Prizes,  
including three \$500 Shopping Sprees**  
(Plus forty-five \$100 Shopping Sprees, one for each Boscov's Store Location)

**Shopping Passes: \$5 each.**  
**Available from your favorite non-profit.**  
**Entire donation benefits the local**  
**non-profit organization from which**  
**you purchased this pass.**



Rich Godfrey



Our hours of operation are from 11 AM until closing. During the week, closing times vary by the amount of people in the bar. On weekends, last call is midnight. Closing is 12:30 AM The Bunker Bar opens at 4 PM during the week and noon time on Sundays. We have a great staff of Bartenders who help us continue with our success. Duke, Robin B., Lisa, Lori, Danielle, Joe, Jenn, Warren and Shea. Remember your support helps us to continue all the great things we do for Veterans and their families.

## New Jersey Run For The Fallen

### 2017 Timeline...

#### Wednesday, September 20, 2017...

11:30 AM thru 2:00 PM ~ Gold Star Family Luncheon (Gold Star Families only) ~ arrive any time-your choice from the Menu. The Blue Pig Tavern, 200 Congress Place, Cape May, NJ 08204.

5:15 PM ~ Flag Ceremony ~ Reading of the Names, US Coast Guard Training Center Honor Guard. Sunset Beach, 502 Sunset Blvd, Cape May Point, NJ 08212.

7:15 PM ~ Buffet Dinner (Run Team & Gold Star Families) ~ The Pavilion at The Icona Resort at Diamond Beach, 9701 Atlantic Ave, Wildwood Crest, NJ 08260.

#### Thursday, September 21, 2017...

6:00 AM ~ Run Team Breakfast - Greater Wildwood Elks Lodge #1896, 100 N New Jersey Ave, Wildwood, NJ 08260.

8:00 AM ~ Start of Day 1 - Cape May Lighthouse Parking Lot, 215 Light House Ave, Cape May Point, NJ 08212.

5:30 PM ~ Finish of Day 1 - American Legion Post 524, 3304 Bay Ave, Ocean City, NJ 08226.

6:00 PM ~ Run Team & Gold Star Family Dinner - Ocean City Community Center, 1735 Simpson Avenue, Ocean City, New Jersey 08226. (Enter off E18th Street!!).

#### Friday, September 22, 2017...

6:00 AM ~ Run Team Breakfast - The Windjammer Diner/Bar/Grille, 18 Macarthur Boulevard, Somers Point, New Jersey 08244.

7:00 AM ~ Start of Day 2 - The Windjammer Diner/Bar/Grille, 18 Macarthur Boulevard, Somers Point, New Jersey 08244.

6:00 PM ~ Run Team Private Dinner - To be announced...

#### Saturday, September 23, 2017...

7:00 AM ~ Run Team Breakfast - Manahawkin Elks Lodge #2340, 520 Hilliard Boulevard, Manahawkin, NJ 08050

7:45 AM ~ Start of Day 3 - Manahawkin Elks Lodge #2340, 520 Hilliard Boulevard, Manahawkin, NJ 08050

3:00 PM arrival at Post 129

7:00 PM ~ Run Team & Gold Star Family Dinner - Silverton Fire Company Hall, 15 Kettle Creek Rd, Toms River, NJ 08753.

#### Sunday, September 24, 2017...

6:00 AM ~ Run Team Breakfast - Brick Elks Lodge #2151, 2491 Hooper Ave, Brick, NJ 08723.

6:45 AM ~ Start of Day 4 - Brick Elks Lodge #2151, 2491 Hooper Ave, Brick, NJ 08723

3:00 PM ~ Start of "The Last 5 Mile Run" - 963 Holmdel Road, Holmdel NJ 07733 (Intersection of Spring Valley Drive & Holmdel Road)

5:00 PM ~ Finish of Day 4 & Ceremony - NJ Gold Star Family Monument located on the grounds of the NJ Vietnam Veterans' Memorial, Holmdel, NJ 08015

## COMMANDERS MESSAGE

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arrives here at 3:00 pm. There is a little change this year as this will not be their last stop and not hosting the dinner here but we still need to show your support for their 3:00 PM arrival. Thank you.

As we move toward the fall and winter holiday season we could use some help with donations to the food pantry. It has been a light summer and the need to feed nev-

er ends, our Halloween party will be on Saturday night October 28 in the Canteen of course. Best costume prizes. Next up will be the veterans Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday November 19th. Always a day of reflection and respect for our brothers and sisters in arms.

We participated in a number of special events; we participated in the dedication of the Protectors Of Freedom Monument In Bey Lea Park, members of the post posted wreaths on the sculptures for the dedication. The statues being larg-

er than life show that the men and woman who stood on the first line of defense for this great nation were great indeed. Twenty members of the American Legion Riders participated in the escort from Dove to Colts neck for fallen marine Cpl. Daniel Baldassare, and on the following day participated in the escort from Colts Neck High School to Brigadier General Doyle Cemetery. It was a humbling experience.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the unknown members that make this place happen every day, Mr. Phil "PJ" Jones, keeper of monies, 7 days a week, 6 hours a day. Mr. Ed Rutzler, Vice Commander and House Manager, here every day I cannot explain everything he does, amazing work. Mr. Rich Godfrey and Bobby Jorge here every morning keeping the bar running. Gentlemen, thank you.



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



Meet at Post 129 3rd Wednesday at 12 Noon

## MEMBERSHIP MEMBERSHIP MEMBERSHIP

Please be an Early Bird and send in your 2018 dues. We need all the help that we can get to support all the great programs that the American Legion does for its Veterans, their family members and the community, and remember.

**"Membership is the lifeblood of The American Legion"**

Without members, there would be no Legion programs, we would have no voice on Capitol Hill. Without members, there would be no accomplishments in assistance and support to veterans, their families, the community, state and nation. The American Legion has recorded consistent accomplishments for veterans and their families since 1919. Your dues make this possible.

The reason we are asking our members to pay early is because of the large expense that National incurs sending out dues notices after December 31st, which totals \$250,000.00 in extra mailings. This is money that can go towards our Veterans Programs. So please, send dues in as early as possible. We need your help to support and maintain all the good things that make us who we are "VETERANS STILL SERVING AMERICA"

Remember, we are a Legion Family and need to support one another. That goes for membership as well. So let's GROW MEMBERSHIP TOGETHER FOR 2017-2018. If you have already paid your dues for 2018 please disregard any notice sent out by National as they tend to be a little behind on their posting of paid members. ANYONE THAT NEEDS ANY INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS ABOUT MEMBER-

SHIP, YOU CAN CONTACT ME  
AT [rjg548@comcast.net](mailto:rjg548@comcast.net) OR CELL  
# 732-604-8326

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



## BINGO...

B I N G O					
7	25	44	57	62	
15	22	40	50	70	
11	30	FREE SPACE	46	74	
2	28	37	55	68	
10	27	39	59	75	

Every Thursday. Doors open  
a 5 PM Play Starts at 7 PM

Progressive, 50/50  
Mystery Prizes

Refreshments served

## TALENT SHOW ENTERTAINMENT COMPETITION



DO YOU REMEMBER THE TED MACK AMATEUR HOUR

DICK CLARK'S AMERICAN BANDSTAND

THE ED SULLIVAN SHOW

MERV GRIFFIN

THE GONG SHOW



COUSIN BRUCIE & PALISADES AMUSEMENT PARK



WANTED



SINGERS AND STAND UP COMEDIANS

ON FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2017 @ 7 PM

AMERICAN LEGION POST 129 WILL PRESENT ITS

OWN ENTERTAINMENT COMPETITION



PRIZES AWARDED TO THE TOP THREE CONTESTANTS

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED—FOR INFORMATION

CONTACT RICH GATO 732-330-2430

## Where Is Our \$\$\$\$ Going You're New Finance Committee



**Ralph E. Wolff, Financial Officer,  
Post 129**

The finance committee is responsible for directing the fiscal functions of the Post in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board, the Securities and Exchange Commission, and other regulatory and advisory organizations and in accordance with financial management techniques and practices appropriate within the American Legion.

The essential duties of the finance committee are:

1. Plan, develop, organize, implement, direct and evaluate the organization's fiscal function and performance.
2. Develop and guide the Post's long term strategic plan.
3. Evaluate and advise on the impact of long range planning, introduction of new programs/strategies and regulatory action.
4. Develop credibility for the finance group by providing timely and accurate analysis of budgets, financial reports and financial trends in order to assist the Commander, the Board and the Trustees in performing their responsibilities.
5. Enhance and/or develop, implement and enforce policies and procedures by way of systems that

will improve the overall operation and effectiveness of the Post.

6. Establish financial transparency throughout the organization.
7. Provide technical financial advice and knowledge to others within the financial discipline.
8. Provide continual improvement of the budgeting process through education of department managers on financial issues impacting department budgets.
9. Provide strategic financial input and leadership on decision making issues affecting the organization.
10. Optimize the handling of bank and deposit relationships and initiate appropriate strategies to enhance cash position.
11. Develop a reliable cash flow

projection process and reporting mechanism that includes minimum cash threshold to meet operating needs.

12. Be an advisor from the financial perspective on any contracts into which the Post may enter into.

In selecting the members of the finance committee I looked for qualities within each team member that would enhance the combined outcome of the committee's work that lies ahead. Here are the competencies that I looked for:

1. Financial Management Experience
2. Post Business Acumen
3. Communication Proficiency
4. Ethical Conduct

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## PICNIC

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 2017**

**RAIN DATE - SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 2017**

**1:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

**TICKETS \$15 IF PURCHASED IN ADVANCE**

**\$20 AT THE DOOR**

**CHILDREN UNDER 12 FREE**

**\$1.00 DRAFT BEER**



**September:** From the Latin word for "seven," since it was the seventh month of the Roman year.

Birthstone

**September 2017**

Sapphire

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
As a child my family's menu consisted of two choices: Take it or Leave it!					1	2  VJ DAY (1945)
3	4  Labor Day	5 General Mtg. 7:00PM	6  O Full Corn Moon	7  BINGO	8  Pledge of Allegiance, 1892	9
10 National GRANDPARENTS DAY	11 Legion Aux. Mtg. 7:00 PM PATRIOT DAY	12 	13 SAL Mtg. 7:00PM	14  BINGO!!!!	15  POW/MIA Recognition Day	16 American Legion Chartered 1919
17 	18 Board Mtg, 7:00PM	19	20  ● New Moon	21  BINGO	22  Autumn Begins	23
24  Gold Star Mothers Day	25 Riders Mtg. 7:00PM	26 	27	28  BINGO	29	30 GOLD STAR MOTHER'S DAY

"HAPPY 70th BIRTHDAY US AIR FORCE"

Initially, the US Army Air Corps, the USAF was formed on 18 September 1947 under the National Security Act of 1947

## SEPTEMBER ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> THE POWERTONES  
\*\*NEW BAND\*\*

SATURDAY SEPT 2<sup>ND</sup> LABOR DAY PICNIC IN THE GROVE FEATURING "STRICTLY 60'S"

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> IN THE CANTEEN  
FIRST TIME APPEARANCE  
BARBARA PETRIZZO & ANTHONY CAGGIANO

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> THE CHRIS DANIELS BAND  
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> THE FULL STREETHEARTS BAND

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> COMPETITION TALENT SHOW-DON'T MISS THIS OUTSTANDING VENUE

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> MEXICAN INDEPENDANCE DAY  
WITH BOB KULICK  
"LEAD SINGER OF THE HAPPENINGS"

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> SPECIAL APPEARANCE  
IN THIS AREA "A TOUCH OF CLASS"  
SEE POSTED FLYERS

SATURDAY SEPT 23<sup>RD</sup> "STEP ASIDE"  
\*\*NEW BAND\*\*

FRIDAY SEP 29<sup>TH</sup> JOHNNY "D" & THE DECADES  
SATURDAY SEPT 30<sup>TH</sup> PHIL CENECOLA

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

**October:** From the Latin word for "eight," since it was the eighth month of the Roman year.

Birthstone

**October 2017**

Opal

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 General Mtg. 7:00PM	3 	4	5  O Full Harvest	6	7
8 Fire Prevention Week	9 Legion Aux. Mtg. 7:00PM Columbus Day	10 	11 SAL Mtg. 7:00PM	12 	13 United States Navy 1775 	14 Cuban Missile Crisis Begins (1962)
15	16 Board Mtg. 7:00PM	17	18 	19  ● New Moon	20 	21
22	23 Riders Mtg. 7:00PM	24 	25 U.S. Invades Grenada (1983)	26 	27	28
29	30	31 Fireman's Halloween Parade		US NAVAL Academy was established in Annapolis, MD 1845		Trick-or- treaters need space heaters! Farmers Almanac

Oct. 31st 1919, First Halloween Parade was held! 24th, First Toms River High School football game.

Oct. 2nd 1807, Township roads were ordered repaired for \$200. & Superstorm Sandy came ashore on the 29th.

## OCTOBER ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup> THE SURE CATS  
SAT OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup> DJ MATT ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY OCTOBER 13 THE KOKOMO'S  
SAT OCTOBER 14 THE POWERTONES TRIO

FRIDAY OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup> STRICTLY 60'S  
SATURDAY OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup>  
A SPECIAL APPEARANCE  
MICHAEL D'ARMORE  
LEAD SINGER OF THE CAPRIS

FRIDAY OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup> SUMMER PROJECT

SATURDAY OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup>  
OUR ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY  
WITH PHIL CENECOLA  
COSTUMES PREFERRED



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## Finance Committee

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5. Leadership
6. Performance Management
7. Personal Effectiveness/  
Credibility
8. Problem Solving/Analysis
9. Strategic Thinking  
Technical Capacity

### Your New Finance Committee Team:

The ability of any organization to financially sustain itself and complete its missions depends on the business acumen of the financial officer and his or her team. I am pleased to announce that your finance committee team members are: Rich Godfrey, Phil Jones (PJ), David Corbin and Rich Gato. They have all demonstrated that they possess the competencies listed above and they are ready and willing to take on the tasks that lie ahead. We hope to increase the members of this committee as we move forward.

1. The Finance Committee's work has already started. Our first priority was to request RFQ's (request for quote) for all the insurance policies that we have. Many are due to renew and we want to get the best price along with the best coverage. At this writing there are four RFQ's waiting to be received.

2. At the same time, our mortgage is due to reset in April. Your finance committee will be looking at a number of offers from various banks and choosing the best rate and long term mortgage from the bidders.

3. A complete inventory of the Post assets has been completed and documented. Valuation of the assets is currently underway. Certificates of Insurance have been received from all of our vendors and trading partners. All licenses and permits have been reviewed and are currently in good standing.

990's and audits from the last 3 years have been assembled, reviewed and approved.

4. As we move into the fall, your finance committee will be working on our long term strategic plan. As I said in my previous article, a strategic plan is like a road map and it is necessary for the proper guidance of our missions and financial stability and sustainability of your Post.

### Because of you update:

We have the largest Post in the State. With that honor we have an incredible responsibility to our fellow veterans and to our community. I am proud to say that this fiscal year Post 129 will be helping more veterans, more community partners and contributing the largest per-capita than any post in the state.

We can do that because of you and your participation in your Post's activities. The Post needs you to come out to the events that are planned for your enjoyment. We need you to participate in the raffles, bingo, yard sales and the major parties that are offered. We need you to stop by for lunch in the canteen. Bring some friends and enjoy good fellowship. We need you to volunteer not only for various work details but to march in the parades, help with rituals and just plain be an active member of your Post.

We are all here for a reason. I know why I am here. How about you!

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Ralph E. Wolff, Financial Officer,  
Post 129



**For God and Country**

**"You have to stand for something or you'll fall for anything"**

## SAL MESSAGE

Greetings Brothers! Well, here we are in the dog days of summer. Can't believe it goes by so quickly.

We are keeping busy trying to plan new fundraisers for the SAL. We are contemplating a football tailgate party, NFL football ticket raffle amongst other things. If you have a fundraiser idea, we would love to hear it. We would love to hear other people's ideas. We have 514 members in our Squadron so I'm sure someone can come up with a great fundraiser idea.

The big push now, as always, as we get into the fall months is 2018 membership. The new cards are in and we are pushing everyone to renew early. We are running an early bird special on membership so you can have an incentive to renew early. \$18 vs. \$20 for adults and \$14 vs. \$15 for under 18. You can renew at the post or on our website at:

[www.salpost129.com](http://www.salpost129.com).

Also, if you have friends or family you would like to sign up, now would be a great time to do that.

Finally, our general SAL meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month at 7PM. We would love to see new faces at our meetings. Enjoy the rest of the summer, be safe and we will see you at our upcoming events.

For God & Country,

Rocky Lucia  
Commander  
Squadron 129



**Reservations:**

Call:  
**(732) 864-5519**

All net proceeds to The American Legion, Post 129, a registered non profit organization dedicated to serving the needs of Veterans and their families.

The American Legion, Post 129, proudly presents a gala afternoon of entertainment that can't be missed!

## "A Night with Sinatra"

Featuring the captivating song stylings of **Bob Kulik** (Lead singer of The Happenings) and the magnificent sounds of The Joey Katz Orchestra!

**Date: November 12, 2017**

**Doors / Dinner: 1:00 PM**

**Show starts at 2:30 PM**

**Place: The American Legion  
George P. Vanderveer Post 129  
2025 Church Road Pine  
Toms River, NJ. 08753**

**\$30.00 per person**

**Includes Dinner & Show**

**Alcoholic Beverages Served on a Cash Basis**



(photo—Bob Scheiderman)

June 26, 2017 a new monument "**Protectors of Freedom**" was dedicated at Toms River's Bey Lea Sports Park, dedicated to all War Veterans'. A contingent of Post 129 members, Legion Auxiliary, SAL and Legion Riders were on hand for the dedication.  
(**Bob Scheiderman**)

## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

2025 Church Road, Toms River, NJ

# Fall Flea Market

**Sunday, September 17, 2017**

**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**

## RIDERS REPORT

A lot of individual riding this year by members.

Bike Night on Tuesdays have been well attended. Especially August Bike Night when all Rider proceeds went to RUN FOR THE FALLEN. Very proud of the turnout. Al Gashler and myself figured that we had over 500 people attend a summer event on a Tuesday for this wonderful cause.

I just returned from a four day bike trip to Gettysburg Pennsylvania with Bob Hoehn, Cliff Johnson, and Mike Schaffer. If you have never been there, the sights as well as the history, are worth the trip.

As of this posting our Riders are planning on attending a Luau for Brick Post 348. A new event for them.

Summer going too fast but all seems well. Looking forward to several more weeks of riding with my brothers and sisters.

For God & Country  
Art Brown



## POST EVERLASTING

Hebert A. Muth, 85, US Army, Korean War  
Judge William Huber, 95, US Army, WWII  
Frank Ragucci, 69, US Army, Vietnam War  
Thomas Repko, 90, US Army, WWII  
James Michie, US Army, WWII  
Lou Cassella, 87, US Army, Korean War Life Member Post 129



## Post 129 Halloween Party



**October 28**



# SOUNDOFF

September-October 2017



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6 times per year  
for the next issue (November-December) is Oct. 15.  
Submissions can be e-mailed to:

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