



# SOUNDOFF

September-October 2018



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

## COMMANDERS MESSAGE

The summer is coming to an end. I hope everyone had a safe one. I want to thank our color guard and rifle squad and those members of the Post Family who, on September 28th, participated in the Island Heights Founders Day Parade. After the parade we attended the unveiling of a monument dedicate to a fallen hero who was a resident of Island Heights, Cpl. Christopher M. Monahan, Jr. Our color guard presented colors and the rifle squad gave a gun salute. May you rest in peace Cpl. Christopher M. Monahan, Jr.

On July 21<sup>st</sup> members of our American Legion Post 129 Family supported the Brick Post by attending their Annual Ribs Cook Off, congratulations to the winner. A good time was had by all, good food/ribs, good music and good friends. Following the parade on September 28th, a few of our Post Family members supported the Barnegat Post by attending their annual Clam Bake. Though it rained, a good time was had by all who attended.

By the time you read this, we would have had our annual Labor Day Picnic, thank you to all who came out to support our Post. I hope you had a good time.

On September 11, 2018 the Post will observe a moment of silence at 3:00 pm in the canteen

in memory of our emergency responders and all those who lost their lives on 9/11. They may be gone but never forgotten.

A few upcoming events that will be held at our Post include: An Antique Car Show on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, hosted by the Vintage Automobile Club of Ocean County; the Run-for-the-Fallen takes place on September 29th, please come out and show your support.

The Mystic Island Post will once again be hosting its annual C.O.T.A. (Children's Organ Transplant Association) picnic on October 14th. Please support this very worthy event, please see me for more information. If you cannot attend, you can show your support by donating to keep your commander out of "C.O.T.A. jail", you may have seen the jug in the canteen. All donations go directing to C.O.T.A. Thank you in advance for all your support.

Convention rooms will fill up

fast for the 2019 100th convention. If you are planning on going there have been some changes to the reservation process.

1. The room rate is \$92.00 per night.
2. We must have a deposit of \$50.00 to hold a room.
3. Deposit dead line January 17, 2019.
4. Rooms must be paid in full by April 1, 2019.
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.

For God and Country  
Ed Rutzler, Commander



**SAL Commander Rocky Lucia and the SAL Executive Staff present a check to Commander Rutzler in support of Post 129 at the General Membership meeting of July 2, 2018.**



**New Jersey Run For The Fallen Saturday, September 29, 2018... Come out to support this event.  
6:00 PM ~ Finish of Day 3 - *American Legion Post 129, 2025 Church Rd, Toms River, NJ 08753***

## THE ETHICS CHECK

Ralph E. Wolff  
Finance Officer



Dealing with the topic of ethics is like untangling a fishing line. The more you get into it the more complicated it becomes. In today's rapidly-changing society, do you wonder what it means to make honest decisions and hold yourself and others accountable in your personal, professional and family lives?

Navigating through the moral mud can be difficult with the many different individual religious, legal and moral standards we have to contend with at our Post. The job of defining what is ethical in each situation that arises can be monumental.

My hope is that the following tool will help better sort out ethical issues within our Post and your personal life as well. Additionally, this tool may help guide you to adopt a personal Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct. Trustworthiness is not a destination it's a way of life. When it comes to honesty, we really only have two choices. Situational ethics that treat some more fairly than others or ethics that treat everyone fairly without question.

Many people contend that nowadays there is a big gray area between right and wrong, and they use the gray area as an excuse to practice situational ethics. I do not agree with that logic. It is too easy to just charge ahead without thinking and then rationalize your behavior after the fact. Someone once said, "There is no right way to do a wrong thing".

Norman Vincent Peale in his book "Ethical Management" describes the tool that will help navigate the moral mud. It's called "The Ethics Check".

### 1. Is it legal?

Will I be violating civil law, our Post's code of ethics or standards of conduct?

(We should expect that all members will not undertake any activity that is or gives the appearance of being improper, illegal or immoral or that could in any way harm or embarrass our Post.)

### 2. Is it balanced?

Is it fair to all concerned in the short term as well as the long term? Does it promote win-win relationships? Has the action or inaction benefited one person at another person's real expense?

### 3. How will it make me feel about myself?

Will it make me proud? Would I feel good if it were published in the newspaper? Would I feel good if my family knew about it?

The legal question looks at existing standards, the balance question activates your sense of fairness and rationality and the last question focuses on your own standards of morality. If the answer to any of these questions is no, then search no further. Your ethical dilemma has been answered.

I hope that this will help answer how we should go about deciding what is ethical and what is not. Below is a code of ethics that I strongly recommend we follow. I use it for myself and my business.

### Code of Ethics

We have the following primary moral obligations to the people we serve. Since rational people act knowingly and freely, violations of these obligations raise the presumption of a moral wrong.

**1. Honesty:** Lying or misrepresentation is understood to be a deliberate attempt to mislead others.

**2. Loyalty:** A person who has placed faith and loyalty in you is entitled to a comparative degree of faith and loyalty from you in return.

**3. Fairness:** Treat others, as you would have them treat you in return. Justice seeks reciprocal action.

**4. Promise Keeping:** The freedom to make promises comes with the obligation to keep them.

These duties bind the fabric of our civilization and make social life and personal relationships possible. They also reinforce commercial and business operations as well. When injustice rules relationships and harmful actions are the norm, social life and business relationships cannot survive.

## Our Finances

The budget committee has submitted, and the membership has approved our 2018/2019 budget. The budget is conservative, but we will still need your participation in achieving our goals. Some highlights are:

Adoption of a plan to pay down the principle balance on the post mortgage thus ensuring that our post will pay less in interest and be debt free in the future.

Allocation of funds for the training of our bartenders and other volunteers on the operation of our AED (automatic electronic defibrillator). We will announce the date of the training when established.

Special attention has been given to the service officer, special veterans events, local charities, children and youth to be sure all were fully funded.





## BOYS STATE

SSG Brian Darling

I attended Boys State as an embedded counselor this year. It was one of the best experiences of my military career and my career as a Legionnaire.

I arrived with another member of my recruiting team on 16 June 2018. Upon arrival, I was introduced to the other counselors and participated in a number of briefings pertaining to the code of conduct, internet policy, and other administrative functions. The schedule for the week was available digitally through a product called "Yapp", the IT guy, Brian Epstein, provided links to real-time maps and up to the minute agendas throughout the week.



We also received a briefing on background checks from New Jersey State Police Officer Adam Polhemus; those of us in the military were covered by our agency checks.

We linked up with our "city staff" later that afternoon; I have the benefit of working with Richard F. Kane, a staff member who had been attending Boys State for over 30 years. We also had three other Junior Assistants working

with us. After setting up our individual dorms, we met up for a social function for staff.

The week started on Sunday at 6 am and didn't stop until Friday. The pace of the schedule is very hectic; we had almost 900 boys in process on Sunday morning. They were then split into their cities, given their Boys State shirts, and began the program. Things started with city intros; after the staff and the 52 boys became acquainted, the boys had their first campaigns and elections (for the position of election ballot officer). They then began to elect ward leaders and the guidon bearer for the city.

The normal work day concluded with a retreat ceremony, where two boys played "retreat" and "to the colors" as the flag was lowered and presented to the Director of Operations, Chuck Smith. Each city lined up behind its mayor and guidon bearer and reported accountability to MAJ (Retired) Joe Demyon, the Dean of Americanism.

Between campaigns, elections, and meals, the boys attended career and college seminars, to include briefings regarding the service academies, the individual military services, applying to college, and working in the law enforcement industry. They also attended general assemblies with speakers like Brigadier General (Retired) John DiNapoli, Bill Spadea of NJ 101.5., and members of the New Jersey Assembly. More campaigns were held, first for city offices, then for county positions; boys campaigned to be judges, public defenders, and city council members.

Every day was full of campaigning and elections; every night ended with a general assembly. There were assemblies commemorating D-Day and demonstrating the skill of the Boys State band - a group of boys who

had never played together before that week.

In the afternoons, the boys engaged in county sports; they could choose between volleyball, football, and a number of other activities. During these periods, the boys also had the opportunity to do Physical Training with the Marine Corps or the Army National Guard; the Guard brought out a soccer inflatable and a rock wall.

The boys were also able to sign up for an off-campus trip to the New Jersey National Guard Militia Museum in Lawrenceville, NJ. At the conclusion of the museum tour, recruiters from the Lawrenceville Armory briefed the boys on the Reserve Officer Training Program.

On graduation day, the boys formed up on Daly field and were treated to demonstrations by the United States Army Drill Team and a static display of a Blackhawk Helicopter by the 1-150th Aviation Battalion of the New Jersey Army National Guard.

Upon graduation, the boys were presented with a diploma and with a Boys State pin.



## AUXILIARY MESSAGE

With Summer still being upon us and, the weather being the weather, it is time to get out and come down to the Post and see what is going on. We are working towards making it a bigger and better FAMILY then ever!

On July 27<sup>th</sup> the Auxiliary had a Veteran's BBQ where a couple of Veteran's Homes came out and enjoyed hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, drinks and ice pops, the Veterans enjoyed the food and the conversations. All of this was done by Jane Keeley and her committee. Well done Jane! All who attended had a great time.

With the Run for the Fallen fund raiser and the SAL Brothers Band performing, and our own Fall Flea Market and our school supply drive for our young children in our community we are starting to build up to a lot of exciting and fun filled events.

The Auxiliary is looking forward in celebrating their 100 years of service to the Community, State and Nation. As the new year and new officer's step forward, we are looking for a lot of successful events and many more endeavors. I know that many of you are looking forward to Autumn breezes again, but let's look forward to supporting our Post, SAL and Riders in their upcoming events. Come on out and support the Post on the Friday night dinners and the weekend entertainment. Come catch up on meeting both old and new friends.

Remember to pay your dues. If you do not know, Carol Rutzler is our NEW membership chairperson. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to speak with her.

The Riders had on August 14, 2018 their annual Bike Night Fund raiser for the Run for the Fallen and like always it was a huge success with events like this it is always a good time to come on out

and support the Post Family.

In closing I would like to say to all, come on out and support our Post and the family because with-

out your help and support we cannot accomplish our goals. Our goals like always are to help and support our Veterans, our children and our community. Always remember to say a BIG THANK YOU to our Veterans for without them we would not be able to enjoy our freedom like we do today.

For God & Country  
Pam Bowen  
Unit President



## American Legion Auxiliary

2025 Church Road, Toms River, NJ

# Fall Flea Market

Saturday October 6, 2018

9:00am-3:00pm

Inside Space-----\$20

(Table provided)

Outside Space-----\$10

(Must bring your own tables)

Payment in advance is required to

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**For more information contact**

**Jacqueline @732-330-8748**



## SAL MESSAGE

Greetings! Wow, where did the summer go?! Our squadron has been keeping busy. After our successful pig roast, we have been helping out everyone we can at the Post whether they are post events, auxiliary or riders. We are here to help as much as we can and I thank everyone who has volunteered their time to help. It's much appreciated. Now that we have the dates nailed down, we can start to put the committees together for the annual POW/MIA tree lighting service as well as the Army/Navy game party in the

Canteen. The tree lighting will be Saturday, December 1st and the Army/Navy game is the following Saturday, December 8th. There will be more to come as we continue the planning of these events.

2019 membership cards are in. Due to the increase we have to pay to Detachment for each card, we had to raise the dues for the first time in over 10 years. The dues for 18 and over are now \$25 and under 18 is \$20. We are running an early bird special again, which worked very well in prior years. If you renew before October 1st, the adult dues are \$23 and under 18 are \$18. So please

renew early and save yourself a couple dollars. Remember, membership is the lifeblood of our organization. We need to retain our loyal members as well as sign up new members. If you have family or friends that are eligible and would like to join, please send them in to see us. You can pay your dues at the post, mail them in or pay online at [www.salpost129.com](http://www.salpost129.com). If you have any questions regarding membership, please feel free to reach out to us and we will be sure to help you. Enjoy the rest of your summer and we'll see you around the post!

For God & Country,

Rocky Lucia  
SAL Commander  
Squadron 129




### Patriotic Quiz No. 12

1. What President of the United States had the shortest term of service?
2. What was the northernmost State invaded by Confederate forces during the Civil War?
3. In what war in which America was involved did a czar of Russia successfully urge arbitration?
4. What two ex-Presidents died in the same day?
5. Give the full names of Grover Cleveland, Woodrow Wilson, Calvin Coolidge?

(from American Legion Magazine  
1925—Bob Scheiderman)

(answers on page 12)



Congressman

# TOM MACARTHUR

Representing New Jersey's 3<sup>rd</sup> District

*Presents*

## HONORING OUR GREATEST GENERATION

Please join Congressman MacArthur in honoring members of the Greatest Generation from New Jersey's 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District. If you are a World War II veteran or you know of one here in the district, please reach out to my district offices to register to attend.

**OCEAN COUNTY:**  
Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM  
Toms River American Legion  
2025 Church Rd, Toms River, NJ 08753  
Please call (732)-569-6495 for more information

**BURLINGTON COUNTY:**  
Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM  
Medford VFW  
317 Church Rd, Medford, NJ 08055  
Please call (856)-267-5182 for more information

For more information visit [www.macarthur.house.gov](http://www.macarthur.house.gov)

## RIDERS MESSAGE

Riding season for Legion Riders has been difficult this year with such a rainy summer. Saying that we have managed to have a successful Bike Night program. We have not had to cancel any of our Tuesday Bike Nights events.

August Bike Night was as close as we came to a wash out. Of course August Bike Night is the night we give all profits to RUN FOR THE FALLEN. Obviously everyone knows how the Rider group feels about RUN FOR THE FALLEN. We have our monument out back with the names of 5 of those young men and the hearts of all the others

are felt. Our Rider group, as well as our Legionnaire, SAL and Auxiliary will always be there for Gold Star families.

With September coming in the near future we will be preparing to ride along the route for the runners, stopping at sites to meet family members and friends of the fallen when the RUN FOR THE FALLEN takes place.

We will be having two more Bike Night events with the Mangos providing the music for our 9/11 Bike Night and Brother SAL at our Octoberfest season finale.

Even though summer is concluding this is probably the best riding season for my brother and sister riders. The weather is cool-

er and makes for a much more enjoyable time. Hopefully the rainy season is behind us.

For God and Country  
Art Brown—President



## CORNHOLE

Michael Dolan

I have been under intense pressure to recognize these ladies that have been helping me with Horseshoes and Corn Hole.

By the time you read this, our Corn Hole league will be over, and the Horseshoe league will be winding down. I would like to thank all the people who participated in both leagues. I have met some of the nicest people being a part of this. In both leagues we have all made friendships with each other - our motto is "you gotta laugh," and laugh we do down at the Bunker Bar.

I would like to give special thanks to two great ladies and get no credit. Dot Abercrombie literally runs Corn Hole, and she has done a great job! Without "Hot Dot" there would be no Corn Hole League. She will also be running winter Corn Hole in the banquet hall (dates to follow).

Also, Bobby Jo (from Petticoat Junction) Gilson has helped me immensely with the Horseshoe League - without her there would also be no horseshoes.

Thank you ladies, and thank you all who come to participate, making for a great time every week!

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Day 4: Start your day with a Continertr GILMORE THEATRE. Then you'll visit B complex. Later, you'll enjoy Dinner at Thrilling Myrtle Beach visitors for nea comedy, and dance. Its awards includ  
Day 5: Today, after a Continental Breakfast City." Charleston's history dates as far l Charleston Harbor. During this scenic ar. interest! Tonight, enjoy Dinner before ret.  
Day 6: Enjoy a Continental Breakfast before Fayetteville, NC. Experience a unique educat. interpretation and recognition of U.S. Army his.  
Day 7: Today, after enjoying a Continental Breakfast about all the fun things you've done, the great shows you

m equipped motorcoach as you head for your hotel for a good night's rest. towards your destination. Then you will g. after having Dinner at a local restaurant. This international award-winning cast of brings the music experience to life. to amazing BROOKGREEN ns and special events make Myrtle Beach Boardwalk. MA THEATRE. This show vavagant costuming Hit!" the CALVIN d entertainment OPRY SHOW. igh-energy music, merica's Favorite se beauty of the rks and points of /useum in gh the preservation, hotel. ct time to chat with your friends your next group trip will take you!

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**Darlene Scheiderman @ (732) 341-7462**



## CANTEEN NEWS

Eric Inauen

Summer is just about over. It seemed like if it was not raining, it was 100 degrees. Fortunately, Mother Nature smiled upon the Post during most of our outside events and kept the rain clouds away. Even during the Tuesday Run for the Fallen Bike Night, after a little squirt, she moved the clouds out of the picnic grove. Mother Nature knows a great cause when she sees one.

### NFL SUNDAYS ARE BACK.

During the games, Coors Lite, Miller Lite, Bud, Michelob Ultra and Yuengling pint drafts will be \$1.50. Ryan's Catering will be offering a discounted football menu. A half pound cheeseburger will be \$7.00. We will also have our end of each quarter giveaways.

**TUESDAY BIKE NIGHTS.** If you have not attended one of our Tuesday Bike Nights, you still have a chance. Bike Nights are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Our next two Bike Nights will be held on Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, and October 9<sup>th</sup>. The Bunker opens at 5PM and the entertainment starts at 6PM. Proceeds of Bike Nights go toward numerous Veterans' Programs, so Art Brown and his Riders greatly appreciate your support.

Wednesday Night is Horseshoe Night down the Bunker. Mike Dolan reports that the competition is greater than ever. Improved lighting has been installed so our Members can actually see where they are throwing.

Thursday Night is Lady's Night and Corn Hole Night. Drinks for the Ladies are as close to half price as possible. More and more of the ladies are participating in the corn hole competition. Look-out Horseshoes, Corn Hole is coming on strong.

In the Canteen Rich Gato continues to book live bands every Friday and Saturday Night. There is an entertainment list in the SOUNDOFF. The bands play from 7PM to 11PM.

Ryan's Catering provides lunch and dinner menus everyday of the week. Along with their regular menu, Chef Mike Speary comes up with lunch and dinner specials weekly. Good job Mike.

**HALLOWEEN.** Our Halloween Party will be held on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM. There will be prizes for those wearing the 3 best costumes. The Band "Strictly 60's" will be performing for your dancing and listening pleasure.

**BUNKER BAR DEFENSE SYSTEM.** As reported in our last Soundoff, Legion Squirrels and Chipmunks unmercifully attacked our corn hole equipment. The Bunker faithful established a "Varmint Watch Group." The Group has been very busy. They got a few claymores donated. Mini trip wires (camouflaged green thread) have been set up around the perimeter. A few watchmen wanted the Post to build a guard tower. They were advised that this would be too costly, since we would have to build a handicap ramp so the Members could gain access. All is quiet, but we are still on alert. Additional updates to follow.

In the Canteen our hours of operation are from 11AM until closing. During the week closing times will vary by the amount of people in the bar, weather, etc. On Friday and Saturday Nights, last call is at midnight and closing is 12:30AM. From Tuesday through Friday, the Bunker opens at 5PM and closes at 10PM (unless there is a special event.) On Saturday the Bunker opens at 1PM, and on Sunday the start time is noon. The Bunker closes at

11PM on Friday and Saturday. The Bunker is closed on Mondays.

A large part of the Canteen, Hall Bar and the Bunker Bar success is attributed to our bartenders, who have been outstanding. Warren, Robin, Lisa, Lori, Danielle, Joe, Shea, Nancy and Chuck do a tremendous job serving beverages to all our Members and their Guests.

A special thanks to Danielle and Joe for the great job they did at the Run for the Fallen Bike Night. The line for drinks seemed never ending, but somehow they were able to keep it moving, along with changing kegs and restocking the bar. Again, Great Job!

**REMEMBER, when you support Post 129, you support the greatest post in the USA.**



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For God and Country

*Anthony L. "Tony" Gladden*

**Commander, Ocean County  
American Legion**

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

Birthstone

September 2018

Garnet

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
It's said, marriages are made in Heaven but so are thunder and lightning.						1
2 VJ Day (1945) 	3 LABOR DAY 	4 General Mtg. 7:00PM	5 	6 <i>bingo</i>	7	8
9 Grandparents Day ● New Moon	10 Legion Aux. Mtg. 7:00PM	11  PATRIOTS DAY	12 SAL Mtg. 7:00PM	13 <b>BINGO</b>	14	15
16 	17 Board Mtg. 7:00PM	18 <b>HAPPY B'DAY US AIR FORCE</b>	19 American Legion Chartered 1919	20 <b>BINGO</b>	21 POW/MIA Recognition Day	22
23 ----- 30 Gold Star Mother's Day	24 Riders Mtg. 7:00PM O Full Harvest Moon	25 	26	27 <i>BINGO</i>	28	29

**"HAPPY 71st 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**

SATURDAY SEPT 1<sup>ST</sup> LABOR DAY PICNIC  
**THE STREETHEARTS TRIO**

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>  
IN THE CANTEEN **"KARAOKE"** WITH  
BRANDY ALEXANDER AKA BARBARA  
PETRIZZO

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> **"LET'S BE FRANK"**

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>  
**GEORGE RIZZI AND THE JERSEY HORNS**

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> **WILD ROSE**

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> **STEP ASIDE**

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> **NFINITY**

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>  
**STRICTLY 60'S**

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>  
**THE CROSSTONES**

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>  
**THE STREETHEARTS**

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



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

Birthstone

October 2018

Tourmaline

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 General Mtg. 7:00PM	2 	3	4 <i>ognib</i>	5	6 Ladies Aux. Flea Market
7	8 Legion Aux. Mtg. 7:00PM ● New Moon	9 	10 SAL Mtg. 7:00PM	11 B N O I G	12	13 <b>US NAVY</b> <b>243 YEARS</b> <b>1771</b>
14 Cuban Missile Crises Begins (1962)	15 Board Mtg. 7:00PM	16	17 	18 <i>bingo</i>	19	20 
21	22 Riders Mtg. 7:00PM	23 	24 O Full Hunter's	25 Only FOUR this month Folks	26	27
28	29	30	31 Fireman's Halloween Parade 7:00PM			Watch for banded wooly bear caterpillars this month

The United States Navy was born after the 2nd Continental Congress authorized the acquisition of a fleet of 2 ships. The **United States Naval Academy** was founded , 10 October 1845.

## OCTOBER ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup> MICHAEL D'AMORE

SATURDAY OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup> STEP ASIDE

FRIDAY OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup>  
JOHNNY D AND THE DECADES

SATURDAY OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup>  
CHRIS DANIELS & THE PROOF



FRIDAY OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>

THE STREETHEARTS

SATURDAY OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup> "BOB KULIK"

FRIDAY. OCTOBER 26<sup>TH</sup> LET'S BE FRANK

SATURDAY OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup>  
HALLOWEEN PARTY  
COSTUMES PREFERRED  
PRIZES AWARDED  
MUSIC BY STRICTLY 60'S



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## MEMBERSHIP

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 and remember: **"Membership is the life blood 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. But the American Legion has recorded consistent accomplishments for veterans and their families since 1919. We can't do this alone, your dues make this possible.

The reason we are asking our members to pay early is because of the large expense that National spends 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". This year we enter our 100th year as the largest Veteran Service Organization serving our Veterans, their Families, and the Community in which we live. Anyone that pays their dues by October 1, 2019 will go into a drawing for a Free Membership for next year and Dinner for Two at our Canteen on a Friday or Saturday night. Remember, you got to be in it to win it.

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 2018-2019. If you have already paid your dues for 2019 please

disregard any notice sent out by National to pay again as they tend to be a little behind on their posting of paid members. ANYONE THAT NEEDS ANY INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS ABOUT MEMBERSHIP YOU CAN CONTACT ME AT [rjg548@comcast.net](mailto:rjg548@comcast.net) OR CELL # 732-604-8326

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## Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey Partners With American Legion Post 129 For Veteran Outreach

Mario was a Sargent in the Demolition Engineer Corps during WWII. He was stationed in France after the invasion of Normandy and was one of the first US soldiers to enter Russia. A natural storyteller with a great sense of humor, he was recently diagnosed with dementia. His son and daughter live nearby, and although they visit frequently, most of the time he is alone.

After hearing about the Caregiver Volunteer of Central Jersey's (CVCJ) Veteran Outreach program, his family thought a visitor for Dad to share his stories with would brighten his day. They called our office to get started and they were so right!

Frank, a CVCJ volunteer since 2004 and a veteran of the US Air force was matched to visit with Mario. Although Mario has dementia, he is able to vividly recall experiences from his time in the service and is more than willing to share them with Frank. What a thrill for Frank to hear Mario's experiences first hand! These two servicemen come from different generations but remain "brothers in arms" nonetheless. CVCJ is honored to have brought them together.

This is just an example of how Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey's Veterans Outreach program strives to combat the danger of senior isolation that affects too many of our American heroes. We are grateful for our partnership with American Legion Post 129. Together we are working together and thereby honoring your oath of "leaving no comrade behind".

To learn more about all the free services that CVCJ offers to Veterans and their families or their truly rewarding volunteer opportunities, please call your Service Officer Mike Schaffer at 732-685-7768 or the Post Commander at (732) 255-9250 or you can call Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey at 732 505-2273 and ask for Ann X 210.

(Ralph Wolff)



## Gold Star Mother's Day

Is observed on the last Sunday in September.



Each year on Gold Star Mother's Day the United States president calls on all Americans to display the nation's flag and hold appropriate meetings to publicly express their love, sorrow, and reverence towards Gold Star Mothers and their families.

The name the Gold Star Mothers was derived from the custom of military families who put a service flag near their front window. The flag featured a star for each family member serving their country—living members were denoted in blue but gold stars honored family members who were killed while on duty. In 1918 President Woodrow Wilson approved the wearing of black arm bands bearing a gilt star by those who had a family member who died in the military service to the United States. This distinguished them from the blue stars, representing a family member presently serving in the armed forces.

The last Sunday in September is also Parents of Fallen Military Sons and Daughters Day in New Jersey. This Day is a tribute to all parents whose children died as a result of their service with the United States Armed Forces. It commemorates the contributions, commitments and sacrifices made by these parents individually and through the American Gold Star Mothers.

American Gold Star Mothers was incorporated in 1929.

(Bob Scheiderman & Wikipedia)



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## Answers to Patriotic Quiz No. 12

(from page 5)

1. William Henry Harrison had the shortest term of office of any President -one month. He was inaugurated March 4, 1841, and died on April 4th.
2. The northernmost State invaded by Confederate forces during the civil War was Vermont. On October 19, 1864, some twenty- five men crossed from Canada and carried out a raid on St. Albans, about fifteen miles from the border, but did no military damage.
3. The Czar of Russia's mediation was successful in bringing to a close the War of 1812, between the United States and Great Britain.
4. Thomas Jefferson and John Adams both died on July 4, 1826.
5. Stephen Grover Cleveland, Thomas Woodrow Wilson and John Calvin Coolidge were the names which these three Presidents originally bore.

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