



SOUNDOFF

September-October 2019



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

COMMANDERS MESSAGE

As the summer is coming to an end, I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable one.

I would like to thank Gerd Trommer and John Loiacono for running our 4th of July picnic. The people who attended had a good time.

On July 20th members of the Post attended a rib cook off at the Brick Post. Even though it was a hot day we still had a great time. We also on July 27th attended the Barnegat Post for their annual Clam Bake.

On September 11th the Post will observe a moment of silence at 3:00 o'clock in the Canteen in memory of our emergency responders and all those who lost their lives on 9/11. They may be gone but not forgotten.

Run for the Fallen will take place on September 28th, please come out and show your support.

The Mystic Island Post will be hosting its annual C.O.T.A. (Children's Organ Transplant Association) picnic

Please support this worthy event. If you can't attend, you can help by making a small donation to the C.O.T.A. boxes around the Bar. Thank you.

Convention rooms will fill up fast for 2020 101st convention. If you are planning on going there have been some changes to the reservation process.

The room rate is \$ 93.00 per night. We must have a deposit of \$ 50.00 to hold a room.

Deposit deadline is January 10th, 2020. Rooms must be paid in full

by April 1st, 2020.

Checks need to be made out to American Legion Post 129. 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

Tickets go on sale September 14 at noon. After the 14th on Tuesday & Friday 6-8 PM. See Mary Ellen Delnero in the Canteen. Must have current ID card.

George P. Vanderveer Centennial Celebration



Friday October 25, 2019

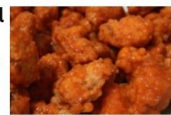
7:00pm-11:00pm

Doors open at 6:30 PM



Butler Passed Appetizers

- Shrimp Cocktail
- Seared Tuna Crostini
- Filet Mignon Crostini
- Bacon Wrapped Scallops
- Pierogis
- Pigs in A Blanket
- Vegetable Spring Roll
- Buffalo Chicken Bites
- Bruschetta



Stations

Cheese Display – featured cheeses: Asiago, Gouda, Muenster, Havarti, Bleu, Red Dragon

Mixed Fruit Display

Artisan Bread Display

Sit Down Dinner

- Pear & Walnut Salad
- Choice of 1 Entrée:
 1. Stuffed Chicken Saltimbocca-Chicken stuffed with Spinach, Mozzarella, & Prosciutto in a Sage Demi Glaze
 2. Parmesan Crusted Grouper
 3. Prime Rib Au Jus

Entertainment

THE JOEY KATZ 16 PIECE ORCHESTRA
FEATURING THIS YEARS "MUSIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE"
BOB KULIK

Cost per person \$60.00

Only 150 tickets will be sold

ONLY (2) TICKETS PER MEMBER

This is a semi-formal event — Men, Jackets required

No jeans, sneakers or tee shirts

MEMBERSHIP

American Legion Welcomes President's Signing of LEGION Act

(INDIANAPOLIS, July 30, 2019) -- The head of the nation's largest veteran's organization thanked President Trump for signing a bipartisan act which will recognize veterans who served during periods not previously considered "wartime."

The Let Everyone Get Involved in Opportunities for National Service Act (LEGION Act) opens the door for millions of veterans to access American Legion programs and benefits for which they previously had not been eligible.

"We are grateful that President Trump fully acknowledges the importance of The American Legion by signing the LEGION Act in the White House today - just one week after it passed the House of Representatives," National Commander Brett P. Reistad said. "In an era of partisan gridlock, Republicans and Democrats in Congress overwhelmingly recognized the importance of allowing millions of honorable but previously ineligible veterans the right to join the largest and most influential veteran's organization in the country."

The gaps in the war eras were largely during the Cold War, a time when threats to U.S. national security was real, especially to the men and women serving in uniform. Overall, about 1,600 U.S. servicemembers were killed or wounded in hostile operations during periods that were not previously recognized as times of war by the federal government.

"Recognizing the service of these wartime veterans is the right thing to do and it is long overdue," Reistad said. "The families of those who were killed or wounded during these wartime acts should take pride in knowing that we recognize their sacrifice and service. Moreover, we are proud to wel-

A CENTURY OF SERVICE

AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY



Veterans Serving Veterans
Veterans Serving New Jersey

come any of the six million living veterans from the previously unrecognized periods into our organization and call them 'Legionnaires.'

Reistad points out that existing American Legion membership applications are in the process of being updated but can still be used. "In the meantime, I recommend that prospective Legionnaires and recruiters write 'LEGION Act' in the eligibility date section of American Legion membership applications if they fall outside the previous war eras," Reistad said. "The larger pool of veterans now eligible for The American Legion will also open their family members to eligibility in the Sons of the American Legion and

American Legion Auxiliary as well."

With a current membership of nearly two million wartime veterans, The American Legion was founded in 1919 on the four pillars of a strong national security, veterans' affairs, patriotic youth programs and Americanism. Legionnaires work for the betterment of their communities through nearly 13,000 posts worldwide. From the drafting of the original GI Bill to the creation of the Department of Veterans Affairs, The American Legion is the most influential voice for America's veterans. The American Legion, www.legion.org, will be celebrating its centennial through Veterans Day.

For God and Country
Rich Godfrey
Post Membership Chairman
Department of New Jersey Membership Chairman 2019-2020



Blood
Drive



American
Red Cross

American Legion Post 129

American Red Cross

For info or to schedule you donation call

Gerd Trommer 908-910-1858

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

2 PM to 7 PM



SERVICE OFFICER REPORT

Brothers and sisters,

I am going to try and report monthly on some of the activities that the Post is involved with that is impacting our engagement with the community. We participate in many programs that quite frankly no one hears about and I believe we need to change the perception of who we are in the eyes of the community.

We participated in the memorial service at Locustwood Cemetery in Cherry Hill, the Locustwood Cemetery Association, 50+ years ago, donated a large portion of the cemetery to be for American Legion members free of charge. The agreement being that once a year we would hold a memorial service to acknowledge the Association.

We hosted a meeting of the Ocean County Military Support Committee, Veteran Subcommittee, to discuss the needs of Ocean County Veterans, homelessness, PTSD, Brick Clinic expansion, education, and suicide prevention.

We participated in the D-Day service at the Ocean County Court house at the invitation of the Toms River Historical Society.

At the State Convention, we participated in the presentation of the G.I. Bill exhibit.

We participated in the Vietnam memorial service in Wildwood at the Vietnam wall.

On Monday, June 17th I was



Military Flag Set At Ocean County College

asked to officiate a funeral for a fallen Iraq vet at General Doyle cemetery, the minister failed to show.

As a board member of the Ocean County Military Support Committee I participated in a picnic at Lakehurst for the Naval air side of the base for the staff and their families.

I was a presenter at the One Stop Center on Hooper Avenue, talking about the Legion and what we do in the community.

I made a presentation to the Ocean County Shriners, talking about the Legion and what we do in the community.

As a Board Member I attended the monthly meeting of the Ocean County Military Support Committee

We participated in the High Point Memorial service and the rededication of the state park as High Point State Park and Veterans Memorial

We participated in the dedication of the new Post 107 in Hoboken

Five members of the Legion Riders and myself participated in a funeral escort for an abandoned veteran in Pennsylvania. A 237-mile ride in 102 temperatures.

We have installed a Community, Victory Garden, at the Post with the help of the Boy Scouts, Ocean County College, and the Fulfill food bank. This was done at no cost to the Post with a grant from the YMCA, and Rutgers University.

I met with representatives of the Harrogate Senior community to talk about the Legion and they have invited me to make a presentation to their community on November 12.

I attended a luncheon in Mt Holly introducing the new command staff at MDL

We had the dedication of the community Victory Garden. Many local and state dignitaries attended.

At Ocean County College there is a new team whose primary

function is to make OCC a "VETERAN FRIENDLY COMMUNITY", to that end we have been assisting the college in a number of areas. We have assisted in the operation of the campus food bank supplying food. Jersey Coast Appliance supplied two refrigerator freezers. We supplied a military services flag set for the new veteran lounge and have supplied memorabilia to decorate the lounge and veterans only conference room. Our new Adjutant donated a dorm room refrigerator freezer for the Veterans Lounge.

By the time this goes to print a number of us will have attended the 101st National Convention in Indianapolis.

As Service Officer I have been in contact with a number of veterans in distress, some we helped financially, some we helped by getting them in-touch with various other organizations who were able to help them with some special needs, I have also put a number of them in-touch with the Brick Clinic and the VA compensation offices in Toms River.

Congress passed a bill that the President signed into law changing the requirement dates for eligibility for the American legion. Now anyone who served one day of active duty and was honorably discharged can now be a legion member. No more "wartime" requirements, sign up a friend!

Michael Schaffer, PPC
Post Service Officer, Post Head
Trustee, State Chaplin



AUXILIARY MESSAGE

As the summer of 2019 is quickly coming to an end, I hope everyone enjoyed it. The Post was busy this summer, including several events that our Auxiliary hosted. Our Fish Fry was a success. Much thanks to our Committee, our Volunteers and All who came out to support it. Our annual BBQ for the local nursing home Veterans was another success. The Veterans always enjoy a day out with some yummy BBQ foods and good conversations. Thanks to

our Committee and our Volunteers, including some of our Legionnaires, SAL and Riders, who helped to make the day such a fun time for these Veterans.

Our Fall Flea Market is set for October 5, 2019 from 9am to 3pm. Your support is appreciated.

To all Auxiliary Members, our new year has begun, so please send in your Membership Fee. Please make sure you make your checks payable to ALA Unit 129.

Lastly, in order to continue to be a successful Auxiliary, we need Volunteers for our various events and programs. You don't have to attend/volunteer/support every-

thing that we do throughout the year. But we do need more Members to be active participants. The Auxiliary will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary on November 10, 2019. So please consider being part of this awesome celebration year by volunteering!

For God and Country,

Lisa Mayer

President Unit 129



VETERANS PICNIC

Jane Keeley

On July 26 approximately 58 Veterans residents from 6 local nursing homes attended a picnic hosted by the Auxiliary. The homes participating were Bey Lea, Chelsea House, Crystal Lake, Concord, Arista Care and Spring Oak of Toms River.

They were served burgers, hot dogs, salads, iced tea, lemonade and water and for dessert there was watermelon and ice pops. They played bean toss and were awarded prizes. We learned about them and thanked them for their service. Before leaving were presented with a gift to show our appreciation. They all had a great time and enjoyed the day and Mother Nature provided a great day

Thanks to all who helped to setup, cook, entertain, cleanup and in general make it a wonderful day for the Vets



2025 Church Road, Toms River, NJ

Fall Flea Market

Saturday Oct. 5, 2019

9:00am-3:00pm

Inside Space-----\$20

(Table provided)

Outside Space-----\$10

(Must bring your own tables)



Payment in advance is required to

Hold your space!!!!!!!!!!

Food available for Purchase...



For more information contact

FISH FRY THANKS

Jean Robbins

Hi Everyone,

Unit 129 would like to thank everyone that donated their time helping with the Fish Fry event. Also, to those that donated items that helped make this event such a success that it was.

A great day, great people, wonderful cooks and wait-staff.

A special thanks to all the Legion Family that lent a helping hand.

Hoping to see you all next year.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

Our appreciation and thanks
Unit 129



"It can get lonely being a Korean Veteran in Forked River" says Warren Z. Many of his service friends have either moved or sadly passed away. Warren recently joined Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey and their Veteran to Veteran "Buddy Program". This program matches a Veteran Volunteer to visit Warren in his home. Warren hopes that he can remain independent in his own home for as long as possible even though his children live a distance away. "I have a great family and they keep in touch but it's nice to have someone to visit in my home". We matched our volunteer John A. who is a Vietnam Veteran with

Warren. This is a great match! John is an excellent listener and Warren is a talkative gentleman who is up on current events. They both love to sit out on Warren's backyard deck and discuss past service events as well as the present world situations. Sitting out on his deck, looking out at the lake, Warren recalls many happy family occasions and says it's his favorite place to be.

Warren also gets home visits from Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey's in-home pet therapy program Caregiver Canines. He looks forward to a visit from Deb-

bie and her labradoodle Marley.

"Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey provides great people to prevent my loneliness and I would welcome anyone they send to me" stated Warren.

If you know of a Veteran in Ocean or Monmouth County who could use a friendly Veteran to Veteran visit or a visit from a pet therapy dog, or if you would like to become a Veteran Buddy to visit with another Veteran please call Ann at Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey (732)505-2273 ext.210 or email her at annl@caregivervolunteers.org



The American Legion Post 129

Proudly presents:

**"An Evening with Bob Kulik
and The Joey Katz
Orchestra"**



Also

George Rizzi

&

The Fabulous Horns



George P. Vanderveer Centennial

Friday, October 25, 2019

7:00 to 11:00 PM

Full Course Sit Down Dinner

\$60.00

(Only 2 Tickets per Member

(150 Tickets To Be Sold)

Semi-Formal Attire:

Men: Jackets & Ties

(No Jeans, Sneakers, Teeshirts)

*Celebrate
American
Legion
100
Years!*



See Centennial Dinner Flyer for details!

CANTEEN NEWS

Eric Inauen

Summer has flown by. Hopefully, the 100 degree heat days and the Tuesday and Wednesday down pours are also gone. To the credit of our Members and their Guests who turn out every week, THANK YOU. Our attendance has broken all previous records.

Due to the new roof down the Bunker Bar, our Members were able to weather the storms without water hitting them in the head. The Post plans to install clear plastic roll downs in September. This will cut down on the wind and keep in the heat when it gets cold. Normally, we close the Bunker the first week in November. With roll downs, we may be able to keep it open a little longer.

TUESDAY BIKE NIGHTS: Our next two Bike Nights will be held on September 10th & October 8th. All Bike Nights are scheduled for the second Tuesday of the Month at 6PM in the Picnic Grove. Tickets are \$10 at the door which includes 2 hot dogs or a burger and salads. Entertainment is provided by a live band from 6 to 9PM.

Wednesday Night is Horse-shoe Night down the Bunker. Our players are competitive and loyal. Members show up no matter what the weatherman says, since they are wrong half the time anyway.

Thursday Night is Corn Hole Night and Lady's Night. Drinks for the ladies are as close to half price as possible. Drink specials are not included, since they are discounted already. More and more ladies are participating in the corn hole competition, which is great to see.

Our **Shuffleboard League** will be starting up in late September on Tuesday Nights in the Canteen. See Commander Ed Rutzler for details.

Are you ready for some football? During the games on NFL



Sunday, all Coors Lite, Miller Lite, Bud, Michelob Ultra and Yuengling pint drafts are only \$1.50. Also, as in past years, the Canteen supplements a reduced price special football menu during the games. The Post does this for you, our loyal football fans.

On Friday, October 25, from 7 to 11PM, Post 129 will be hosting our 100 Year Centennial Celebration Dinner. This is a once in a lifetime event that you won't want to miss. Tickets are \$60 each and is a jacket and tie affair. See our ad for more details.

HALLOWEEN: Our Halloween Party Night will be held on Saturday, October 26, in the Canteen. "Strictly 60's," who performed at last year's Halloween Party, has been brought back by popular demand. Another great job by our entertainment coordinator, Rich Gato. There will be prizes for those wearing the three best costumes.

A large part of the Canteen, Hall Bar and Bunker Bar success

is attributed to our Bartenders, who are the best American Legion Bartenders in the State. Warren, Robin, Lisa, Lori, Danielle, Joe, Shea, Nancy, Robert, Gina and Elena do a tremendous job serving beverages to all our Members and their Guests.

BUNKER NEWS: As reported in our last SOUND OFF, squirrel-varmint negotiations stalled after a set of horseshoes were stolen from the Bunker. After ruling out the squirrels, we asked the thief to do the honorable thing and return the horseshoes and be redeemed. Unfortunately, "there is no honor among thieves," and the horseshoes still remain missing.

Peace Negotiations are proceeding slow; however, the varmints showed a sign of good faith. They penetrated the Victory Garden and left it totally unharmed (see photo). We purchased a case of Mini Guinness Cans and presented it to them. However, The Post could not stand by and let our Victory Garden go unde-



fended. Post 129's retired "Gun Bunnies" donated 3 mini howitzers to blow the heck out of any intruders (see photo). We suggest no one park their car by the Victory Garden overnight. The Post will not be responsible for blown up cars.

Vice Commander Phil 'PJ' Jones requested we purchase a tank equipped with live rounds. He swears he is still certified and qualified to operate one. To his dismay, he was denied. He was advised that this would only escalate the tensions between the varmints and the Post.

A special thanks goes out to Al Harbord, our Post Nat Geo Wild photographer. He disguised himself as a Parking Lot Street Light for 3 days, so he could take the photos you see today. Additional reports to follow.

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

(EDITOR: Eric has been declared totally competent as the best Bar Committee spokesman but at the same time, nuts!)

SAL MESSAGE

Greetings all! Well the summer is just flying by, but our squadron is keeping busy. First, I would like to start off by saying that the 2020 membership cards are in. We are offering an early bird special until October 1st for renewals. Adult are \$23 vs. the normal \$25 and under 18 are \$18 vs. the normal \$20 so please renew early and take advantage of the discount. You can send in payment, come into the post and pay or as an added convenience pay online at www.salpost129.com. I would really like to get a quick start with membership this year so please renew. Also, if you have a relative or friend that is eligible to join, please let's get them in and signed up. Membership is the life-

blood of our organization so please help us drive membership.

We are starting to plan our fall events. First event coming up is a drive at Downs Ford on Route 37. This will be held on Saturday, September 21st. You go to Downs and test drive a vehicle for \$20. This is a fundraiser and has always been very successful. It's a quick process and there will be ZERO pressure from salespeople at Downs. This is strictly a fundraiser for us, and we will also get the legion and auxiliary involved as well. So, if you want to help us out and have some fun test driving a new vehicle, please come down. Flyer and times will be sent out once we receive them.

We have the dates locked in for our annual POW/MIA solemn Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony. That will be held Saturday, December 7th at 7pm. This is a fantastic ceremony that is always well attended. The following week

December 14th is our annual Army/Navy game party which is held in the canteen. This is always a blast, and everyone wears their army or navy colors and we broadcast the game. The game starts at 3pm and there will be a 50/50 and other gifts to raffle off. There will be an after party following the game with Brother SAL Band playing in the canteen. So, this will be a fun day from start to finish. Details and flyers on both events will be coming shortly.

I hope to see a lot of you at our events and around the post. We always need volunteer help for these events and just an hour or two of your time helps us greatly. Please enjoy the rest of your summer, be safe and we'll see you soon!

For God & Country,
Rocky Lucia
Commander
SAL Squadron 129



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS POST 129 2019 SCHEDULE

TUESDAY BIKE NIGHTS

MAY 21
~~MAY 14~~ • JUNE 11 • JULY 9 • **AUGUST 20** ~~AUGUST 13~~
SEPTEMBER 10 • OCTOBER 8



6:00pm

\$10.00 per PERSON



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AMERICAN LEGION POST 129
2025 CHURCH ROAD • TOMS RIVER • NEW JERSEY

SEPTEMBER: From the latin word for "seven" since it was the seventh month of the Roman year.

Birthstone

September 2019

Sapphire

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 WWII Began 1939	2 Labor Day	3 General Mtg. 7:00PM	4 	5	6 <u>BINGO</u>	7
8 National Grand Parents Day	9 Legion Aux. Mtg. 7:00PM	10 	11 SAL Mtg. 7:00PM Patriot Day	12 	13 <u>BINGO AGAIN</u>	14 O Full Harvest
15	16 Board/Trustee Mtg. 7:00PM	17 Citizenship Day	18 	19	20 <u>BINGO!!!!</u>	21  Recognition Day
22	23 Riders Mtg. 7:00PM Autumnal Equinox	24 	25	26	27 BINGO	28 ● New Moon
29 <u>GOLD STAR MOTHERS DAY</u>	30					

1949: the Air Force flight of the "Lucky Lady II" demonstrated the Air Force's capability to fly, non-stop round the world, showing it could takeoff from the U.S. and drop bombs anywhere in the world. Happy 77th B-Day!!

SEPTEMBER ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH **SIMPLY 3**

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH **BJ AND THE BAND**

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH **JOHNNY & THE DECADES**

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH **THE POWERTONES**

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH **STRICTLY 60'S**

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 21ST **LENNY DAVIS BAND**

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH **AMBER MOON BAND**
NEW BAND

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28TH
GEORGE RIZZI & THE JERSEY HORNS

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

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

Birthstone

October 2019

Opal

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 	3 BINGO	4	5 Auxiliary Flea Market All Day
6 	7 General Mtg. 7:00PM	8 	9 SAL Mtg. 7:00PM	10 BINGO	11	12
13 US NAVY 1775 O Full Hunter's	14 Legion Aux. Mtg. 7:00PM Columbus Day	15 	16	17 BINGO	18	19
20	21 Board/ Trustees Mtg. 7:00PM	22	23 Beirut Bombing 1983	24 BINGO	25 Post 129 Centennial Celebration	26 Halloween Party In The Canteen
27 ● New Moon	28 Riders Mtg, 7:00PM	29 	30	31 <u>Fireman's Halloween Parade 7:00PM</u>		

Six US Presidents served in the US Navy during WWII. John F Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter and George H.W. Bush served in the US Navy during WWII. In fact every president from 1961 to 1993 save for Ronald Reagan was a Navy Veteran.

OCTOBER ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY OCTOBER 4TH **THE MANGO'S**

SATURDAY OCTOBER 5TH **"BLUE SMOKE" WITH BILL TURNE**
Former Guitar Player With Bill Haley & The Comets
NEW BAND

FRIDAY OCTOBER 11TH **TRIPLE PLAY**

SATURDAY OCTOBER 12TH **THE SURE CATS**

FRIDAY. OCTOBER 18TH **THE LEGACY BAND**

SATURDAY. OCTOBER 19TH **BOB KULIK**

FRIDAY OCTOBER 25TH **JOHNNY & THE DECADES**

SATURDAY OCTOBER 26TH **STRICTLY 60'S**

HALLOWEEN PARTY

CASH PRIZES FOR THE BEST COSTUMES

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

George P. Vanderveer Post 129 The American Legion 'Our Centennial Year'

In September 1919, First Lieutenant Clifford R. Powell, a Burlington County boy. Came through Toms River and, "stirred up the boys, just back from the war," To start up an American Legion Post.

"The boys just back from the war" took him seriously and about 25 veterans met at the Courthouse on October 21, 1919. The meeting was called to order and presided over by, Common Pleas Judge William Howard Jeffries. Assisted by Leo Babchin, American Legion County Chairman. Leroy Grant was appointed, temporary Secretary. Official elections were held and resulted in Carlton D. Elwell elected as Post Commander, Heulings A. Sever as Post Adjutant and Nelson A. Cowdrick to the position of Post Finance Officer. Yearly dues were set at \$1.50.

At the formal organizational meeting at the courthouse on the 27th, additional officers were elected. Vice Commander, Lester McCarthy, Historian, Wallace Havens and Charles Newman, Finance Officer. George Potter Vanderveer, was adopted as our namesake.

'George Potter Vanderveer'
'From the Ocean County 'New
Jersey Courier'
July 1919

"George Potter Vanderveer, son of Capt. and Mrs. Charles Vanderveer of Bayville, who was returned from "Over There" some-time ago suffering from shell shock and gas is seriously ill at base hospital No. 4, Ft. Potter, N. Y. He was thought to be improv-

ing nicely when acute articular rheumatism set in. For many weeks his parents asked to be permitted to visit him, but this was denied them until last Wednesday evening, when Mr. Vanderveer received a telegram bidding him come. George was able to recognize his father for a few minutes at a time and talked of home and mother, but the doctors give but very little hope of his recovery. George was eighteen years old when he volunteered and served with Co. E 24th Engineers. He told his father he would be going back into the fight as soon as he got well and seemed very anxious to get over in France again. He is in a room by himself and has every attention and is a general favorite with doctor and nurses."

George Potter Vanderveer succumbed to his injuries and effects of gas on August 4, 1918. He is interred in the family plot at Riverside Cemetery with his Father George and Mother Euphenia.

After the war Clifford R. Powell was commissioned a First Lieutenant in the NJ National Guard, in 1919 after many promotions, was promoted to Major General, National Guard, commanding the 44th Division. He died on March 28, 1973.

Bob Scheiderman, 2019



THE AMERICAN LEGION. TOMS RIVER POST NO. 129.

Toms River, N.J.
October 21, 1919.

A meeting was called at the Court House, on above date for the purpose of organizing a branch "Post" of the American Legion at which meeting about twenty five were present.

Honorable William Howard Jeffrey, Judge, presided at the meeting assisted by Leo Babchin, County Chairman, of Lakewood, N.J. Le Roy Grant was nominated and duly elected temporary Secretary.

The following list of persons were to be added to the present charter:

Le Roy Grant,	Toms River, N.J.
Leo W. McClenahan,	" " "
George W. Anderson,	Forked River, N.J.
Joseph E. Evans,	" "
LeRoy B. Frazee,	" "
Melvin W. Bunnell,	" "
George H. Hitt,	Toms River, N.J.
Marcus H. Russell,	" "
Joseph T. Wainright,	" "

The following temporary officers were nominated and duly elected to their respective offices:

Carlton F. Elwell,	Post Commander
Heulings A. Sever,	Post Adjutant
Nelson A. Cowdrick,	Post Finance Officer

Monday evening, October 27th, 1919 was fixed for Organization meeting to be held at the Court House at 8 o'clock.

After considerable discussion the meeting adjourned to meet Monday evening, October 27th. inst.

"VICTORY" discharge buttons were distributed to those presenting discharge certificates.

Le Roy Grant.
Temporary Secretary.

Post 129 Victory Garden Dedication

Ralph E. Wolff
Finance Officer Post 129

a personal, physical sensation of discomfort, while food insecurity refers to a lack of available financial resources for food at the level of the household.



Victory Gardens, also called "war gardens" or food gardens for defense were planted both at private residences and on public land during World War I and World War II to reduce the pressure on the public food supply brought on by the war effort. In addition to indirectly aiding the war effort these gardens were also considered a civil "moral booster" in that gardeners could feel empowered by their contribution of labor and rewarded by the produce grown. These gardens produced up to 41% of all the vegetable produce that was consumed in the nation.

In the US there are more than 40 million Americans living with food insecurity. It's important to know that hunger and food insecurity are closely related, but distinct, concepts. Hunger refers to

Many in our community do not see the tremendous amount of people struggling with food insecurity especially with our Veterans. With the creation of the victory garden, your Post has begun a mission to help reduce those numbers. The garden dedication was the first step in raising the community's awareness that food insecurity is on the rise here in Ocean County.

The list of public officials and dignitaries that attended to support our effort is too long to list in this article however I would be seriously remiss if I did not name the organizations that collaborated with us to make this mission a true community partnership.

Fulfill, Toms River Health and Support Committee, Ocean County College, Ocean County College Foundation, Phi Theta Kappa,

Boy Scouts of the Jersey Shore and of course our American Legion Post 129 family, Legionaries, Auxiliary, Sons and Riders.

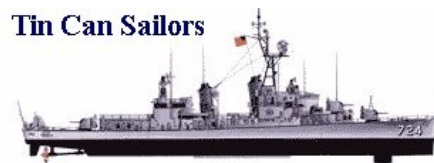
FINANCES

Ralph E. Wolff,
Finance Officer
Post 129



The Post's finances are doing well. We are about to complete our strategic plan which will point the direction of the Post for the next three years. Part of that plan is to try and sell off some of the wetlands that are of no use to the Post in the hopes of reducing the mortgage. More on that later.

Tin Can Sailors



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

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



Additional pictures available at: <https://alpost129.org/photo-gallery/>





At the July 1 General Membership meeting outgoing Auxiliary Unit 129 President, Pam Bowen (center), and Incoming President Lisa Mayer present Commander Ed Rutzler with a check in support of the Post.

New Jersey Run For The Fallen
core runners arrive at Post 129
at 6 PM on
September 28th. *Please, come*
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