



# SOUNDOFF

August 2012

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## COMMANDERS MESSAGE

Thanks again to my Brothers and Sisters of Post 129 for their support in choosing me as their Post Commander for a second term. As I stated in the past, this is not a job I take lightly. Unfortunately I didn't realize that to keep things on track, it is a full time job. The first year is about getting your feet wet and learning the ropes. Year two, is about "making things better or improving what already exists." Often this is about trial and error. Nothing is ever in stone. I am always requesting input from not only my Officers but the membership as well. Some of those suggestions often cannot be achieved simply due to funding. This is not to say, that they won't be implemented somewhere down the line as our financial picture improves.

This is a preliminary issue of our new SoundOff. We have organized a new editorial staff headed by our new Editor in Chief, Al Harbord. Al has well over 30 years of experience in the publishing field and we plan on capitalizing on his experience. I was not happy with the last newsletter that went out so as a result, we are also changing printing companies as well.. I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to Frenchie for his hard work with the SoundOff in the past. I now realize that this is not a job for one person. We now have a team of 6 doing what Frenchie did by himself. We have also implemented the advertising segment of our newsletter. The cost

is \$75. for a business card size ad and \$140 for a double size ad. This is for a full year. Our newsletter reaches approximately 2000 people and is expected to increase. Checks are to be made out to American Legion Post 129. The advertising will offset the cost of printing and mailing our newsletter. Anyone interested in advertising should contact Joyce Bode at 732-255-1429 for information. If you are interested in receiving your newsletter electronically, please contact our Editor Al. We are presently updating our contact information. Please be sure your telephone number and e-mail address are on file with us.

I am proud to report that our 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in Wildwood was a huge success. In addition to filling our hotel to ca-

parade everyone was transported back to our hotel for a BBQ lunch and entertainment before heading home. The cost of this trip was only \$20. It appears that we will need additional buses as well as hotel rooms next year. Special thanks to Frank McArdle for planning and taking care of the hotel accommodations. Frank has already started his plans for next year. I am happy to announce that our Color Guard and Float won 2<sup>nd</sup> place and our Legion Riders won 3<sup>rd</sup> place. This is quite an accomplishment in a parade this size. Thanks to John, Timmy and Dan for building the POW/MIA bamboo cage that we exhibited in the parade. Thanks to the



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capacity, Past Commander Dave Corbin organized a bus trip that departed our Post and traveled to Wildwood where riders had the opportunity to either march in the parade or watch from the side lines. Immediately following the

Tin Can Sailors for their donation of the 1952 Willy's Shore Patrol Jeep. Thanks to all who made this a success.

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## AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To all Legionnaires, Auxiliary, SAL and Legion Riders:

I would like to start off with thanking the Auxiliary for allowing me to serve as their President this year. Our dates for all of our functions have already been set. I'm hoping a few more of us come out to support our veterans and our post. Let's make this a good year by working together. We are all here for the same cause. Hope all of you have a safe and happy summer.

Till our meeting in August  
For God and Country  
Dina Lynam,  
Unit President



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## State House News

Bob Scheiderman

The NJ State Assembly and Senate have approved for introduction in the 2012 session a proposal that requires a constitutional amendment, to be placed before the voters on the November ballot, which will, if approved by the voters:

“Allow Veterans’ organizations to use net proceeds from games of chance for support of organization”. The Assembly bill **A2519** and Senate bill **S87** will, most likely be considered in September, according to a District 10 representative.

At the present time Post 129 and other veterans’ groups cannot use proceeds from raffles and pull-tabs for the general account. These proceeds must be shared with other charitable organizations. We cannot use these monies to pay bills or for upkeep and renovation of our properties.

The resolutions, if approved by the State Assembly and Senate would put the question before the public as a Constitutional Amendment. Post 129 Officers and Board of Trustees urge all of our members to contact your state representatives and urge them to approve,

### “Assembly Bill-A2519” and “Senate-Bill S87”

#### Bill Sponsors: Senate

Senator Christopher Bateman, 36 East Main St., Somerville, NJ 08876, 908-526-3600

Senator Dawn Addiego, 176 Rte. 70, Medford, NJ, 08055, 609-654-1498

#### Assembly

Assemblyman Vincent Prieto, 1249 Paterson Plank Rd., Secaucus, NJ, 07094, 201-770-1303

Assemblywoman Angelica Jimenez, 5600 Kennedy Blvd., Suite 104, West NY, NJ 07093  
201-223-4247

#### District 10 Representatives

Senator James W. Holzapfel,  
Assemblyman Gregory R. McGuckin  
Assemblyman David W. Wolfe  
852 Highway 70, Brick, NJ 08724,  
**732-840-9028**

**RIDERS PRESIDENT MESSAGE**  
ART BROWN

Since our last news letter the Riders of Post 129 have been very busy group. Starting with Memorial service at Ocean County Memorial Park we posted a wreath along with other American Legion brothers and Sisters. The next day we participated in the Memorial Day Parade with the other groups from our post. At the end of the parade we went to the Ocean County Administrative building and OC Prosecutors office where

129. We were able to donate \$5,000.00 to aid Homeless Military Veterans.

Later in the month of June, Ocean County Commander Ray Miller and Commander Rich Gato asked me to have the Riders participate in the N. J. American Legion Convention annual parade. With many of our riders, being executive board members and honor guard participants, we were still able to put in over twenty motorcycle into this event. We did it to represent our post in the event and were honored with a third place showing. Not only that but our honor

**2012 SHUFFLEBOARD LEAGUE 2013**  
FRANK DELNERO

The Post 129 Shuffleboard League would like to expand from 56 to 8 teams for this coming season. We are looking for 4 people with experience to create the 2 teams. Anyone interested should leave an envelope at the bar with name, phone number and year's experience. Please ATTN: Frank on the envelope.

Congratulations to last year league winners Bob Blair and Frank Delnero and also to our playoff winners Rick Maliniak and Tony Kabala.

A special thanks to all team members for participating and making it a great season. It was a fun and enjoyable year for all. Hope to see all of you this fall.

League begins on October 2, 2012



**NOTICE**

Effective Immediately

As per a vote taken at the monthly meeting on July 3, 2012 the following restrictions remain in effect.

No tank tops or sleeveless/cutoff shirts will be permitted in the bar after 5PM.



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there is a memorial for fallen Ocean County veterans killed in action since 911. We posted a wreath there for the first time since the memorial was built. Truly a great honor for us to do.

On June 2nd the Riders held a Poker Run. The donations raised were divided upon Veteran's Haven and Stand Down of New Jersey, as well as our own Post

guard, with our Riders being the representatives placed 2nd in their event. Very proud of all our Post representation.

On the 4th of July, our riders along with the riders of Post 348 banded together to ride to Normandy Beach for a local neighborhood bash. This neighborhood honors our military veterans on this patriotic holiday and was a fun time for all.

**RIDERS MEETING — AUGUST 27 — 7 PM**

## COMMANDERS MESSAGE

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The Bunker Bar is in full swing and I encourage those that don't visit the post very often to stop by and visit. Thanks to Rich Godfrey and his son for much of the carpentry work and Dan Dimick for his work on the roof and John Lynam for installing the fans. We can now accommodate a good size crowd out of the elements. Feel free to bring an appetizer to our Sunday afternoon pot luck surprise at the Bunker Bar.

By the time you receive this newsletter, the Auxiliary and the SAL will be in full swing with their numerous fundraisers for the fall. I can't thank either of these

Dina and the new staff as well.

Ron Cloos Sr. will continue another year as SAL Commander. I can't imagine that he can out do last year's revenue but I'm counting on him. Nice job at the Bunker Bar, Ron.

Art Brown and his Legion Riders membership have been consistently growing. I've said in the past that the Riders have helped put our Post on the map. This year's Poker Run enabled the Legion Riders to contribute to Veterans Haven, a transitional halfway house for homeless Vets, as well as "Stand Down New Jersey" which is a annual event to get homeless veterans off the street. They are given medical and dental exams, haircuts, hot meals and clean clothes. Many of these Veterans are experiencing P.T.S.D. We were also able to

Michael Schaffer for his organizational skills for all these events.

Sadly, twice Past Commander Jack Meyer passed away at home surrounded by his family on Father's Day. Jack fought a courageous battle against cancer. Jack was a soft spoken, tough guy who is to be admired for his dedication to our Post. Post 129 is to be commended for its support provided to Jack and his family. The Ritual Team as well as the Honor Guard did an outstanding job. The Rider's provided a flawless escort to William Doyle Veterans Cemetery. Jack will be missed. I am proud to have been his friend.

I have discovered that although I am a "sitting" Commander, I am also a member of the Past Commanders Association (more dues). They also have a newsletter and I wanted to share a bit of history from that newsletter. The Commanders message dated February 12<sup>th</sup>, 1934 made mention of The Revenue Committee on February 28<sup>th</sup> will "chance off" a ton of coal (donated by Ed Brennan) Tickets are out now, get your quota books and let's go. Tickets are 10 cents. Membership at that time was 41 paid up members. Perhaps we should look into a Revenue Committee. Thanks to Bob and Darlene for the work that they do for the Past Commander's Association.

There is a movement under way to change the membership requirements for Veterans wanting to join the American Legion. I have had the unpleasant experience of turning away Veterans who served honorably but their dates of service do not meet the dates approved by Congress. I had a Marine Corp Veteran who served for 4 years but did not meet the date requirements and

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organizations for their generous contributions. They have collectively raised thousands of dollars for our Post. Thanks Bernice for a great year. You, your Officers and Auxiliary have done a wonderful job. I look forward to working with

contribute to Staff Sergeant Allen Hill, a multiple amputee, who lost both legs and one arm in Afghanistan. Our Riders, myself included rode to Pennsylvania to present a check for his Home Renovation Project. Thanks to our Chaplain

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was not eligible to join our Post. Check the Web site. [www.change.org/petitions/open-membership-to-the-american-legion](http://www.change.org/petitions/open-membership-to-the-american-legion).

As you know, Ryan's Catering now runs our kitchen facility. If you would like to make any suggestions with regards to menu selection, feel free to talk with Dawn or Scott. We are planning a Pig Roast in the picnic grove August 18th compliments of Ryan's Catering. Some additional changes are coming, a new floor in the kitchen, carpet in the hall and yes a jukebox. I will be putting out a new survey, but not until I get the jukebox.

If you have any suggestions regarding entertainment in the bar on Friday or Saturday night-please get in touch with me. We are always receptive to ideas from our membership. Feel free to be involved.

The American Legion has over 14000 Posts and a Membership of over 2.4 million members. Our recent Past Commander Harold Libertore was born in Italy. Our National Commander Fang Wong was born in Canton, China. Our new State Commander, Gene O'Grady is from a country called Barnegat in the great County of Ocean. The landscape is changing out there. I encourage you all to go out of your way to make people feel welcome at our Post.

Don't forget, we have pool on Monday nights, shuffleboard on Tuesday, Texas hold'um and corn hole toss on alternating Wednesdays. Thursday is Bingo, Friday and Saturday, we offer live entertainment in the Canteen and Sunday football is right around

the corner. Stop by, say hello, have lunch in the canteen.

It is often said that the biggest casualty of war is to be forgotten- we have a moral and ethical obligation to prevent that from happening. As John Mellencamp sang, "Everyone can use a hand" Step up to the plate. Be nice to each other and remember:

P.T.S.D.

Not all wounds are visible

Rich Gato  
Commander  
732-330-2430

### Mystery Of Gold Star Revealed World War II Casualty Honored With Unique Flag

When the body of Navy Corpsman William Winfield Colgan, who was killed on action in World War II, returned home, his family noticed something different about the flag that had been draped over his coffin.

Instead of the typical white stars, the flag had 48 gold stars. Now, years later, the family may have gotten some insight into the meaning behind those gold stars.

"I got tired of people saying that this flag was not a legitimate flag, so I got in touch with the Bureau of Navy Medicine," Shirley Colgan Goodwyne said in an e-mail to the newspaper. The family also sent out requests to various other authorities including those at the Smithsonian, the Flag Research Center and the Naval Historical Center, she said.

On Feb. 16, 2011 the family received an e-mail response from Andre B.Sobocinski with the Of-

fice of Medical History and Archivist.

After consulting several respected authorities at the Smithsonian, the flag Research Center, Naval Historical Center and the Navy Memorial Sobocinski said "there is still a lot of conjecture, but there is no doubt that the gold star flag is an official flag and you should fly it with great pride."

According to the e-mail, Sobocinski said based on his discussions, "my guess is that when the returns remains was beginning, the U.S. Army (Quartermaster Corps) or the overseas cemetery people contracted local and regional flag makers to make the standard 48 star flags rather than send home to the states for such work and wait for flags to be shipped. It seems likely that those involved were aware that in the U.S. the mothers of deceased service men from World War I formed an organization known as Gold Star Mothers. They took their name from the American practice of depicting deceased men on local service flags with gold stars."

The flags, which consisted of a blue field with white and gold stars and no stripes were used by some large organizations in World War II to show the Participation of that group in the war effort, Sobocinski said.

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(submitted by Bob Scheiderman)



August 2012						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Birthstone-Peridot</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Annual New Jersey Fallen Heroes Memorial Service 11 August, 6PM <b>Bingo Thursdays</b> Doors Open 5:00PM			1 Full Sturgeon Moon	2 	3	4 
5 	6 <b>General Meeting</b> <b>Auxiliary Meeting</b> 7:00 PM	7 	8 <b>SAL Meeting</b> 7:30 PM 	9 	10	11 <b>Fallen Heroes Memorial Service</b> 6:00PM
12	13	14	15 VJ Day 1945	16 	17 Rosh Hashanah	18 Pig Roast  In the Picnic Grove
19 Sunday Din- ner 'Cook-Out' 4PM \$10.00	20 Board Mtg. 7:00 PM	21	22	23 	24	25
26 Yom Kippur	27 <b>Riders Mtg.</b> 7:00 PM 	28 County Mtg.	29	30 	31 Full Red Moon	
<p>The US Coast Guard, 222 years old, began as the Revenue Cutter Service on August 4<sup>th</sup> 1790. Oldest Continuous Seagoing Service</p> <p>First World War began, August 1914 - 11 November 1918</p> <p>Farmers Market: Down-Town Toms River, each Wednesday, 11AM-5PM</p> <p><b>"Raffle"</b></p> <p>4 HP Yamaha Outboard Motor, Tickets At The Lounge                      \$5.00 Each</p>						

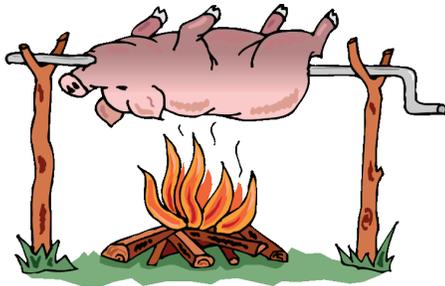
Event Calendar by Bob Scheiderman.

Please send your events to Bob at [knottoday1@comcast.net](mailto:knottoday1@comcast.net) and let everyone know about your event.

## Up Coming Auxiliary Events

Sunday, September 9, 2012  
Breakfast

Sunday, September 23, 2012  
Fall Flea Market  
**Mark your calendar**



Pig Roast—August 18  
Compliments Ryan's Catering

## News From Ryan's Catering At Post 129

Summer is flying by but we are preparing here at Ryan's for upcoming things at the post. We want to thank you all for helping us with the transition into the post and hope you are enjoying what we are offering. All suggestions, requests, etc. are strongly encouraged as we are aiming to please. Watch for some of the upcoming events that we will be hosting for the members at the post.

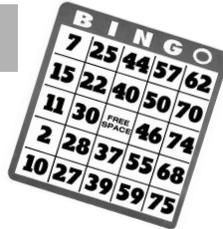
We are coordinating dates now and will post the events as they are scheduled. We have already started our "Happy Hour Specials" in the bar Tuesday-Saturdays from 6pm-7pm offering \$5 Sandwiches!

Football Season starts in September and Ryan's will be open on Sundays offering great football specials for you to enjoy during the games. Fridays will

now be our Prime Rib Night...we are incorporating some specials along with the Prime Rib so come in to check out our ideas. Lastly, Saturday nights we are doing a 2 for \$20 Dinner Special....2 Entrees with Salad all for \$20 (2 Entrees must be ordered, sandwiches, salads & apps will not be honored in the special).

As always...Remember Ryan's for all your catering needs on and off site. Please see Dawn to inquire. Our staff hopes you enjoy the rest of the summer and looks forward to seeing you here at Post 129.

## BINGO...



...every Thursday. Doors open at 5PM—play starts at 7PM.  
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Shopping Pass  
Tuesday, October 16th  
Ocean County Mall

Help support American Legion Post 129 by making a \$5.00 donation and receive a one day shopping pass from Boscov's for October 16.

If you are interested please contact:  
Ralph Moranz 908-278-3568  
Mike Catalano 201-232-7232

## RAFFLE



Yamaha 4 HP outboard motor. Tickets, \$5.00 each, available at the lounge. Drawing to be held August 25, 2012.



## Coast Guard Day

August 4th is Coast Guard Day. On August 4th, 1790, the Revenue Cutter Service was established as a fleet of cutters to enforce the first tariff laws. In 1915, the name changed to the Coast Guard when the Revenue Cutter Service merged with the Lifesaving Service. According to the U.S. Coast Guard website the U.S. Coast Guard "...protects the maritime economy and the environment, defends our maritime borders, and saves those in peril." It sounds like an exciting and rewarding career. Thank you U.S. Coast Guards for defending the United States and keeping us safe.

## MEMBERSHIP

It's that time of year again, 2013 membership cards are in. Be an early bird. We need your support to help with all our veterans programs, family and community.

Remember the four pillars of service. Defense, Veterans, Youth and Patriotism. Please send in your dues early.

For God And Country  
Rich Godfrey  
Membership Chairman

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### Deadline...

for the next issue (September/October) is August 15. Submissions can be e-mailed to: [soundoff.al.post129@gmail.com](mailto:soundoff.al.post129@gmail.com) or via U.S. mail to:

Al Harbord, 1038 Audubon Drive, Toms River, NJ 08753.

### Events...

Send your events for the calendar to Bob Scheiderman at: [knottoday1@comcast.net](mailto:knottoday1@comcast.net)

### Advertising...

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### Mailing list...

Managed by Vince Ferretti. If you know of someone not getting their SOUNDOFF please notify us.

## Purple Heart Anniversary

On August 7, 1782, General George Washington created a military decoration award, originally the Badge of Military Merit, later changed to the Purple Heart. The Purple Heart is awarded to any member of the armed forces who is wounded or killed in action.



## Did You Know...

The first personal income tax was imposed on August 5, 1861, as part of the Revenue Act of 1861 to help pay for the Civil War. The income tax provision was repealed by the Revenue Act of 1862 which replaced the flat rate with a progressive scale. Then in 1872, the temporary Civil War income tax was repealed. On February 3, 1913, the 16th Amendment was ratified authorizing the Federal government to collect income tax from both individuals and corporations. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is the bureau of the Treasury Department that is responsible for tax collections. April 15th is Income Tax Pay Day and is the deadline for filing and paying personal income taxes for the pre-

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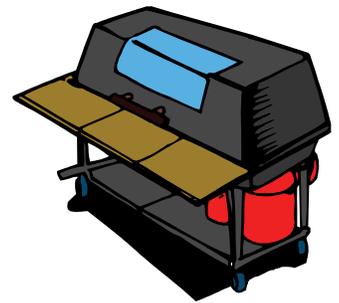
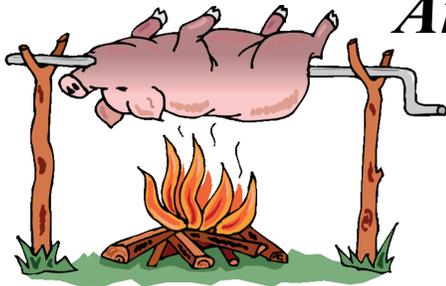
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