



# SOUNDOFF

January-February 2013

*George P. Vanderveer  
Post 129 American Legion  
(Established 1919)  
2025 Church Road  
Toms River, NJ 08753*

## COMMANDERS MESSAGE

At the completion of my last newsletter, as in previous newsletters, I often wonder, what will I ever write about in the next newsletter since it seems that I have covered all of the information about the Post that is fit to print. What else could I have to report? Well as it turns out, 2012 and Post 129 went out like a lion. October, November and December will be months we will not forget anytime soon.

Hurricane Sandy roared up the coast and into our community on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Many of our members suffered devastating losses. Post 348 in Brick sustained extensive water damage and Post 351 in Seaside Heights had severe damage as well. The Legion Family throughout the county and state has pulled together not only to help their members but the community as well. Our Service Officer Mike Kelly whose home was virtually destroyed by the storm spent countless hours assisting our members with benefits and even finding time to be Santa for the children. Thanks Mike.

Post 129 had only minor damage and became a staging area to assist flood victims. The Red Cross designated our post as a comfort station, allowing us to serve meals and provide warmth to all those without heat and electricity. In addition to hundreds of local donations, trucks began to arrive from South Carolina, Missouri, and Michigan and even as far away as Oregon. I would like to thank Veteran Bob Marinkov from Lebanon, Pennsylvania who

drove his 40' trailer to our post at his expense. He brought along 8 volunteers to help unload the truck as well. He said he was just "paying it forward". Many of those items were donated by Holiday Inn, Best Western and Comfort Inns in Pennsylvania. They stayed long enough to unload the truck, have lunch and get back on the road for another load. Our downstairs meeting room was filled to capacity with everything from cleaning supplies, warm blankets, non-perishable foods, diapers and hygiene products. Thanks also to our members who formed the "Chain Gang" to assist with unloading the truck.

I would like to thank County Commander Ray Miller for helping to facilitate many of these events especially during my absence.

The Governor's office notified me of a second truck load coming from Sommerville, South Carolina's Fire Department to their sister Fire Company in Sommerville, New Jersey. They asked Post 129 to facilitate that delivery. Initially we planned on sending it to the Union Beach American Legion Post which was destroyed in the Hurricane, however, at the last minute it became necessary to rearrange that delivery to another location since Home Depot had donated sheet rock to Union Beach and they had no additional storage facility. Several telephone calls later, Toms River Emergency Management arranged for us to store that truckload in the Anchorage Plaza on Hooper Ave. The Calvary Baptist Church is operating a mobile kitchen there serving breakfast every day and distributing supplies to those in need.

Traditionally our Post is closed

on Thanksgiving Day; however we were approached by a nonprofit organization called Door 21 who had worked at the Pine Belt Arena Shelter along with the Red Cross. They asked if we could remain open on Thanksgiving and feed those displaced by the storm. Naturally we agreed and our banquet hall was packed for the day with volunteers and those with nowhere else to go. I want to make special mention of our kitchen staff for volunteering their time to assist.

On November 27<sup>th</sup>, our Post hosted a Hiring Our Heroes Job Fair. This event was run by the National Chamber of Commerce and the State American Legion in conjunction with many other organizations and vendors. This fair was geared toward employment for the trades, since the devastation along the shore would require more building trade's people than are presently available. The job fair was very successful and once again the Post received State and National recognition, being featured in the American Legion National Magazine. Since the inception of the American Legion Job Fairs, approximately 2000 veterans and their spouses have attended and approximately 250 Veterans or 13% have found employment.

Sadly, we also received word that Marine Cpl. Christopher Monahan of Island Heights, formerly of Ocean Gate and Beachwood, was killed in action in Afghanistan. As in the past, County Commander Ray Miller and I responded to the family home and met with Cpl. Monahan's parents and wife and three children. We asked for the

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## RIDERS MESSAGE



Many of our messages to SOUNDOFF start with "fun events" such as poker runs for charitable events, lunch runs to different locations; some are to help veteran's organizations. These are a lot of fun for our members. With the weather changing those types of rides were a rarity. I, along with road captain Mike Perry and our wives were able to attend a run for Somers Point American Legion Riders the weekend after hurricane Sandy. I believe that was about the only fun event that I can bring to your attention since our last SOUNDOFF.

As you know the Riders as well as all members of the Post were affected by hurricane Sandy, some more than others. I was very lucky, having to deal only with the loss of power for eleven days. Members of our group lost a lot more; several lost their motorcycles, cars, furniture, heating systems, water heaters, and much more. Some had to leave their homes for long periods of time. This to me is when it is spe-

cial to belong to an organization like the American Legion. We cannot always help each member as much as we would like, but it does give you support of the many members we have. Just to have friends that can feel the hurt seems to help even if just a little. With Christmas and New Year coming it is hopeful that all of our American Legion families that have suffered these losses are on their way back to "normal".

Another difficult time for our Riders is the accident of our brother Bob Joerg. Bob was taking his Harley Davidson to Long Branch Harley when he had an accident coming off the Garden State Parkway. Bob suffered three broken bones in his left leg, broken clavicle, several broken ribs, collapsed lung, and a compression fracture to his lower back. He had emergency surgery to place 3 screws into his leg and a few days later surgery to repair the damage in his back. The good news is that Bob is expected to make a complete recovery but at the cost of long rehabilitation. The Legion Riders will be having a spaghetti dinner in February to assist Bob in his long road to recovery.

Hopefully there is no other "bad" news to pass on in upcoming days. Hopefully the New Year brings better news than the way 2012 ended.

Art Brown,  
President ALR Post 129

## MEMBERSHIP

Dues for 2013 are due by the end of December. Your dues help ensure that The American Legion remains the largest and most respected organization of war time veterans in America, and the most powerful voice on behalf of veterans and their families. Your membership dues make a difference. May 2013 be a fruitful and blessed New Year.

Rich Godfrey  
Vice Commander  
Membership Chairman

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Escort Ride for Marine Cpl. Christopher Monahan

## S.A.L. COMMANDERS MESSAGE

To: All Legionnaires, Auxiliary, S.A.L. and Rider Members

I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday season. My best wishes to all for a happy, healthy New Year. Our prayers go out to all who were affected by Superstorm Sandy with the hope that your lives will soon be restored.



Photo Robert Mergel

Thank you all who helped with the POW/MIA Tree Lighting Ceremony. With your hard work we were able to transform the hall from a birthday celebration to a setting, befitting the Tree Lighting Ceremony in less than one hour. Thank you so much for a job well done. A special Thank You to all of you who participated in the Tree Lighting Ceremony. The Color Guard the Honor Guard, Jim Ventimiglia, our Bag Piper, Dan Conti Jr. our vocalist, Ruby Cramer, Ted Behr, our guest speaker Tom Engkiltaria, Chaplain Michael Schaffer, sergeant at

arms, Jackson Coles, S.A.L. Vice Commanders, Dan Curran and Dan Dimmick and Ryans Catering. Also the members of the Auxiliary Unit 129, your excellent work and dedication to the ceremony are very much appreciated.

**Save the Date:** On Saturday, February 9, 2013, we will hold our annual Valentines Dinner Dance. Music will be provided by everyone's favorite group, The True Tones. A buffet dinner provided by Ryan at Post 129, draft beer, wine and soda and door prizes, all for \$25.00 per person. A Cash Bar for Mixed Drinks will be available. Tickets are available at the bar in the Canteen. For planning purposes, tickets must be purchased in advance. Cutoff date is Saturday, February 2, 2013. Tables for 6 or more can be reserved at time of ticket purchase on a first come, first served basis.

In closing, please thank a Veteran for his service, and keep our troops in your prayers for a safe return home.

For God and Country  
Ron Cloos Sr.  
Commander, S.A.L. Squadron 129

## S.A.L. MEMBERSHIP

SAL dues are now \$20.00 for those 21 and over and \$15.00 for those under 21. We had to do this not because we wanted to. Your membership is very important to us; we are, after all, the biggest and best squadron in this state. You can leave the dues at the canteen or mail to me. Don Sikorski, 990 Stamler Dr., Toms River, N.J. 08753.

Don Sikorski, Membership Chair



S.A.L. POW/MIA Christmas Tree Lighting  
December 8, 2012 - Photo Robert Mergel

## AUXILIARY

To all members,

I hope this message finds you all well. Since hurricane sandy has swept our shores it feels as if the holidays have just passed us by and now the New Year is upon us. I work in retail so have not been around the post much this holiday season. I was able to attend and participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual POW/MIA Christmas tree lighting ceremony which was held on December 8<sup>th</sup> at our post. It was hosted by our very own SAL Commander Ron Cloos and I must say a job well done Captain Ron.



S.A.L. POW/MIA Christmas Tree Lighting  
December 8, 2012 Photo Robert Mergel

We had our Breakfast with Santa on December 9<sup>th</sup>. The children all received candy canes and got to have their picture taken with Santa. Thank you Santa, you did a great job. We had one major problem with breakfast, not enough people showed up to help. We only had 2 servers, 3 waitresses, 2 women at the door, the cooks and dishwashers in the kitchen. We were packed and ran around like nuts. If the breakfast tradition is to continue we will be

in need of more volunteers. There are only 8 breakfasts a year, and they're only once a month, but only the same few people show up to help.

On December 16, the post held a children's Christmas party ran by the Auxiliary. Bernice Stanton and her committee along with the volunteers did an excellent job. I am very sorry I couldn't attend but tis the season to work, work, work.

I hope you all had a wonderful Holiday season and Happy New Year.

For God and Country  
Your Auxiliary President,  
Dina Lynam



## UP COMING AUXILIARY EVENTS

Sunday, March 3, 2013

Victorian Tea  
2 PM — 5 PM

Sunday, March 10, 2013

All You Can Eat Breakfast  
9 AM — 12 PM

Sunday, April 7, 2013

Gift Auction  
2 PM — 6 PM

Sunday, April 14, 2013

All You Can Eat Breakfast  
9 AM — 12 PM

Sunday April 28, 2013

Spring Flea Market  
9 AM — 3 PM

**Mark your calendar**

## SUPPORT YOU POST

## CANTEEN NEWS

Rich Godfrey – Eric Inauen

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** In the wake of Sandy, the entire bar staff is hoping that 2013 will be better than 2012. We know that many of our members and their families suffered losses from the storm. Our hearts and prayers continue to go out for them.

Superstorm Sandy wreaked havoc onto many of our brother posts. It is with great pride that we can say that our bartenders stepped up big time during this crises. Wendy, Bernice, Robin, Warren, Ron, Duke, Emory and Dave did a great job keeping everyone's glass full, and giving out as much information as they could to our storm victims.



The bar staff works as a team. There was no greater example of this than on Veterans Day, Sunday, November 11. Commander Gato held a brief ceremony in the Canteen. It was also NFL Sunday. As expected, there was a huge crowd from all the posts. Duke and Dave were behind the bar, while Ron opened up the Hall Bar. There were so many members, that Robin, Bernice and Warren jumped behind the bar as third bartenders to help out their team mates. They played a lot better than the Giants, Eagles and Jets did that day.

Speaking of Football, because of you, this year's NFL Sundays have been a great success. The two free half time buffets and \$1.50 draft beers were a big hit.  
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## CANTEEN NEWS

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Our members raved about the food. Most importantly, everyone had a great time!

**SUPER BOWL SUNDAY:** This year's Super Bowl Sunday will be as good as ever. As usual, there will be a free half time buffet. During the afternoon there will be great lunch specials from the



Santa visits the Canteen  
Photo - Wendy

kitchen. The canteen will be offering half price drink specials along with our \$1.50 drafts. Everyone who attends will be given a free

raffle ticket when they arrive for a chance to win one of our many prizes. Duke and Dave will draw a ticket every hour before the game, and at the end of every quarter during the game. So come on in and be one of the lucky winners.

We have suspended our Cold Sub Mondays, since Ryan's Catering is offering a full hot menu throughout the day. Once again, the Canteen has responded to needs and wants of our members.

Friday and Saturday Nights remain as popular as ever. Every Friday Night we have a live band, and on Saturday Nights we have one of our popular DJ's with Karaoke.

Our hours of operation remain the same. We open at 11 AM. On Monday Nights there is the Pool Competition, Tuesday Nights its shuffleboard, on alternating Wednesday Nights we have Texas Hold'um and Corn Hole Ring Toss, Thursday Night its Bingo, where you have a shot of being a big winner. If you win the big prize, come into the Canteen and tell Robin to ring the bell, because you are buying a round for the bar. Trust me, you will get a standing ovation.

**NEW FOR THE FUTURE:** We



Photo via Wendy

(Wendy telling Santa she's been a good girl.)

will be looking to make improvements at our Bunker Bar. We will be adding lights, water and a paved walkway to the Bunker. Once the lights are in place, we will anticipate starting a Horse Shoe League in the Spring & Summer.

**FOR OUR YOUNG VETERANS:** The Canteen is planning a young veterans get together in the Hall at the end February. There will be a DJ (no oldies), food from Ryan's Catering and a Cash Bar. If this is successful, it will become a bi-weekly or even weekly event. As a progressive Post, we will reach out to all of our members and future members. Your service is appreciated, and will NEVER be forgotten by Post 129.

**REMEMBER, BY SUPPORTING THE CANTEEN, YOU SUPPORT THE GREATEST POST IN THE USA. GOD BLESS.**

Sunday Football At The Canteen  
Photo via Mike Kelly



## COMMANDERS MESSAGE

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honor of escorting Cpl. Monahan home to his family from Dover Air

raiser for Sgt. William Morro and his wife Maria. Sgt. Morro, an Iraqi war veteran and his wife Maria who is a FAC for 5 National Guard Armories have assisted many veterans' families throughout the years. This was an opportunity to



Photo - Karen Wall - TR Patch

Force Base in Delaware. At this time we also informed them that the Post was at their disposal and we would assist in any way possible. The Repast was held in our banquet hall. Members of our Motorcycle Community, the Legion Riders, myself included as well as the Patriot Guard, The Leathernecks, Warriors Watch and the Blue Knights met the hearse at the foot of the Delaware Memorial Bridge where our Chaplain Mike Schaffer led us in prayer.

Approximately 35 family members also met us at the rest area. It was an emotional time for all in attendance. The State Police escorted us the entire length of the NJ Turnpike. As we passed several of the construction workers along the turnpike, I noticed several remove their hardhats and place them over their hearts as we roared past. They too knew, another patriot had come home.

Members of our Post family attended a Pasta Dinner Fund-

assist them in rebuilding their home damaged by Hurricane Sandy.

Thank you to Ron Cloos for organizing the SAL sponsored

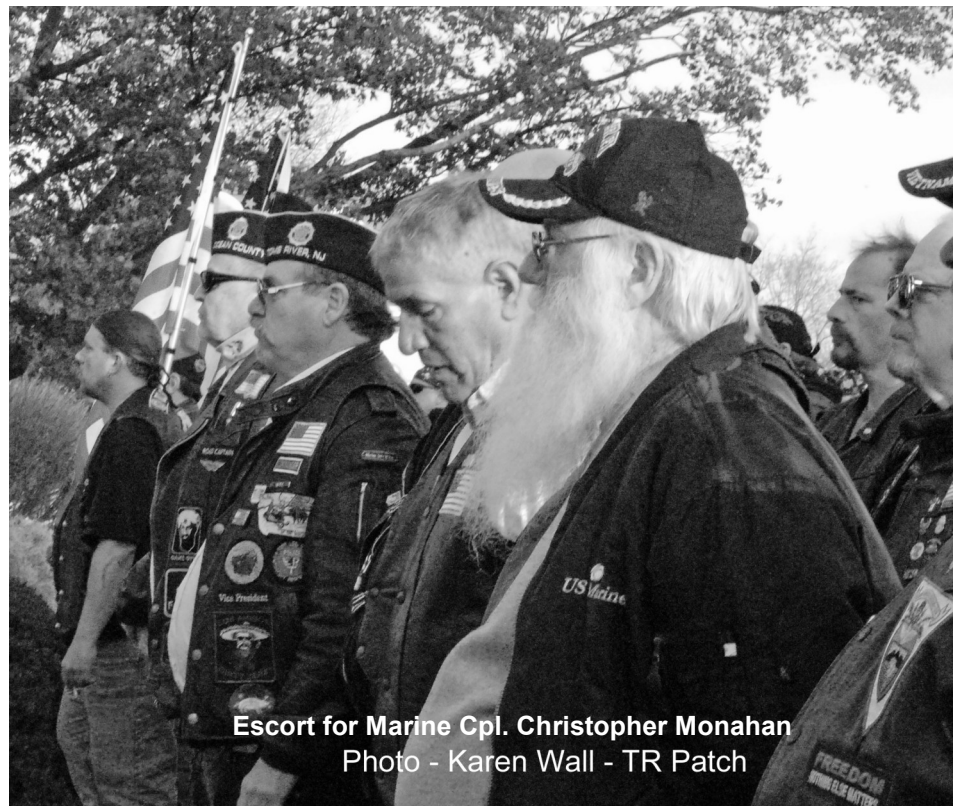
2nd annual POW/MIA tree lighting Ceremony. This solemn annual event was well attended. I was unable to participate due to surgery, but the feedback was excellent.

The Auxiliary sponsored "Breakfast with Santa" as well as the Children's Christmas Party. Thanks to our "New" Santa, Mike Kelly for a job well done.

This past Saturday, a contingent of Legion Riders, Legionnaires, SAL and Auxiliary members loaded their vehicles with supplies and traveled to "Tent City" in Lakewood to help the homeless.

There are 80 families living in the woods off of Cedar Bridge Road. Many of them are Veterans. The residents were extremely thankful for our donations. When I asked Pastor Steve Brigham what was the one thing they needed most at the camp, he said, "Firewood". With the amount of trees that were destroyed during Sandy, this would seem like an easy task. If anyone can assist

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Escort for Marine Cpl. Christopher Monahan

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## COMMANDERS MESSAGE

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with this endeavor or has a contact or suggestion, please contact me.

We have lost 18 members to Post Everlasting thus far this year but our membership continues to climb, thanks to Vice Commander Rich Godfrey and other recruiting members. Some new events planned this year are aimed at recruiting more members from Desert Storm, Desert Shield, Iraq and the Afghanistan era. This is being done in conjunction with the Ocean County College Veterans Club.

The new Jukebox is operational and already turning a profit. We are still fine tuning the system. We are anticipating moving it to a different location, adding additional speakers and a remote unit behind the bar. Moving the unit while it is playing will damage the laser stylus.

Many of these events occur with little or no warning or preparation. Often there is not adequate time to put a general notice out

either in the SOUNDOFF or the phone tree. It is important to stop by the post periodically, say hello, have lunch or dinner and check the bulletin board for any unscheduled events.

Don't forget, The Volunteer continues to be the backbone of the Post. We are always looking for new volunteers. You will be helping your post as well as your community and you'll feel good about yourself.

Remember-This is our Post Home. Feel free to invite others into our home so they can see the good work that we do. Be friendly, show them around and if they are not members-"Sign the Book". If they are eligible-"Sign them up".

Question/Concerns-Give me a call and remember:

P.T.S.D.

Not all wounds are visible.

*"In Memory of Ricky"*

Rich Gato  
Commander  
732-330-2430



## HALL RENTALS

Call 732-551-2819 for hall rental and catering information or email

ryanscateringatpost129@gmail.com

Our banquet hall is a new state of the art facility and an ideal location for your next celebration. The room is spacious and includes a dance floor. It will accommodate parties 50 to 250 people. It is also wi-fi enabled for your next corporate event.

**Monday through Thursday  
(Daytime\*)**

**Friday (Evening)**

**Saturday (Daytime\*)**

**Saturday (Evening)**

**Sunday (Daytime\*)**

**Sunday (Evening)**

\*Daytime : 8:00AM-5:00PM

## POST EVERLASTING



Marcus Russell, 85, PPC 1953, US Army, WWII  
Walter 'Gene' Burris, 65, US Army, Vietnam  
Christopher M. Monahan, Jr., 25, USMC, Afghanistan  
George C. Kroll, 72, US Navy, Vietnam  
Thomas R. Carli, Sr., US Navy, WWII  
Joseph Jubert, Jr., 90, US Navy, Army, Army Air Corp. &  
US Air Force

Bob Scheiderman, Ritual Chairman

## B I N G O

<b>7</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>30</b>	FREE SPACE	<b>46</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>75</b>

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**Volunteers of the Year**  
**American Legion Post 129**

**Friday, March 22, 2013**  
**at Woodlake Country Club • 6:00 PM**

### Legal Tender Act Passed

On February 25, 1862, Congress passed the Legal Tender Act, authorizing the government to use paper notes to pay its bills. These notes were called greenbacks and were legal tender, meaning they had to be accepted at face value. This was the beginning of paper money in the United States.

### CANTEEN LUNCH MENU

<b>MOZZARELLA STICKS \$5</b>	<b>CHICKEN CORDON BLUE \$7</b>
<b>CHICKEN QUESADILLA \$7</b>	<b>PASTRAMI REUBEN \$7</b>
<b>BUFFALO WINGS \$6</b>	<b>HOT CORNED BEEF \$7</b>
<b>BAR PIE \$6</b>	<b>CHEESE STEAK \$7</b>
<b>GARDEN SALAD \$4</b>	<b>PEPPERS &amp; ONIONS</b>
<b>SPRING SALAD \$6</b>	<b>PORK ROLL, EGG &amp; CHEESE ON A KAISER \$5</b>
<b>TOPPED W/ CHICKEN SALAD</b>	<b>GRILLED CHEESE WI TOMATO &amp; BACON \$6</b>
<b>ALL AMERICAN BURGER \$7</b>	<b>TUNA MELT \$5</b>
<b>BACON SWISS CHEESE BURGER \$7</b>	<b>HOT OPEN FACED ROAST BEEF WI GRAVY \$7</b>
<b>JERSEY BURGER \$7</b>	<b>CHICKEN FINGER BASKET \$6</b>
<b>BLACK &amp; BLUE BURGER \$7</b>	<b>HAM &amp; CHEESE CLUB SANDWICH \$6</b>



## FOUR CHAPLAINS

The **Four Chaplains**, also sometimes referred to as the “Immortal Chaplains,” were four United States Army chaplains who gave their lives to save other civilian and military personnel during the sinking of the troop ship *USAT Dorchester* on February 3, 1946, during WWII. They helped other soldier’s board lifeboats and gave up their own life jackets when the supply ran out. The chaplains joined arms, said prayers, and sang hymns as they went down with the ship. The four were relatively new chaplains, who all held the rank of first lieutenant. They included Methodist minister the Reverend George L. Fox, Rabbi Alexander D. Goode, Roman Catholic priest the Reverend John P. Washington, and Reformed Church in America minister the Reverend Clark V. Poling. Their backgrounds, personalities, and faiths were different, although Goode, Poling and Washington had all served as leaders in the Boy Scouts of America. They met at the Army Chaplains School at Harvard University, where they prepared for assignments in the European theater, sailing on board *USAT Dorchester* to report to their new assignments.

### George L. Fox

George L. Fox was born March 15, 1900 in Lewiston Pennsylvania. He lied about his age at 17 and joined the Army to serve in World War I. He joined the ambulance corps in 1917. As a medical corps assistant he was highly decorated for bravery and was awarded the Silver Star, Purple Heart and the French Croix de Guerre. Upon his discharge he returned home, finished high school and entered Moody Bible Institute in 1923. He later graduat-

ed from Illinois Wesleyan University. He studied at Boston University of Theology and was ordained a Methodist Minister in 1934. George served as state chaplain and historian for the American Legion in Vermont. In 1942, Fox volunteered to serve as a US Army chaplain. In 1942 he was united with Chaplains Goode, Poling and Washington at Camp Myles Standish in Taunton Massachusetts where they prepared to depart for Europe on board the *USAT Dorchester*.

### Alexander D. Goode

Rabbi Alexander D. Goode was born in Brooklyn New York, on May 10, 1911. He followed in his father’s footsteps by studying for the rabbinate at Hebrew Union College, graduating with a B.H. degree in 1937. He later received his Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University in 1940. He originally applied to become a Navy chaplain but was not accepted. After Pearl Harbor he applied to the US Army to serve as a chaplain and was accepted and assigned to the 333<sup>rd</sup> Airbase Squadron in North Carolina. In October 1942, he was transferred to Taunton, Massachusetts and reunited with chaplains Fox, Poling and Washington who were classmates at the US Army Chaplains School at Harvard University.

### Clark V. Poling

Clark V. Poling was born August 7, 1910 in Columbus, Ohio. Clark studied at Yale and University’s Divinity School in New Haven Connecticut and graduated with a B.D. degree in 1936. He was ordained in the Reformed Church in America and served in the First Church of Christ, New London, Connecticut. With the outbreak of WWII, Poling decided to enter the Army. His father, who had served as a WWII chaplain, told him

chaplains risk and give their lives too—and with that knowledge he applied to serve as an Army chaplain, accepting his appointment on June 10, 1942 as chaplain with the 131<sup>st</sup> Quartermaster Truck Regiment, Camp Shelby, Mississippi. Later he reported to the US Army Chaplains School at Harvard University where he would meet with chaplains Fox, Goode and Washington.

### John P. Washington











John was born in Newark, NJ, on July 18, 1908. He completed his high school and college courses at Seton Hall, in South Orange to prepare for the Catholic priesthood. He graduated in 1931 with an A.B. degree, entering Immaculate Conception Seminary in Darlington, NJ, where he received his minor orders on May 26, 1933. He served as sub deacon and later became a deacon in 1934. He was elected prefect of his class and was ordained a priest on June 15, 1935. Father Washington’s first parish was at St. Genevieve’s in Elizabeth, NJ. Shortly after the Pearl Harbor attack he received his appointment at a chaplain in the US Army, reporting for active duty May 9, 1942. He was Chief of the chaplains reserve pool at Fort Benjamin Harrison, IN and in June was assigned to the 76<sup>th</sup> infantry Division in Ft. Meade, MD. In November 1942 he reported to Taunton, Massachusetts and met Chaplains Fox, Goode and Poling at Chaplains School at Harvard.

From Wikipedia  
Submitted by Bob Scheiderman














### First Transcontinental Telephone Call

On January 25, 1915, Alexander Graham Bell made the first transcontinental telephone call from New York City to his assistant, Thomas A. Watson, in San Francisco, California.

<div>Birthstone</div> <div><b>January 2013</b></div> <div>Garnet</div>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> New Year's Day 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  General Meeting Auxiliary Meeting 7:00PM	<b>8</b>  Battle of New Orleans 1815	<b>9</b>  SAL Meeting 7:00 PM	<b>10</b> 	<b>11</b>  Alexander Hamilton Born 1755	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Auxiliary 'All You Can Eat Breakfast' 9 AM—12 PM	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  Super Bowl I 1967	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Ben Franklin Born 1706 	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Board Meeting 7:00PM  M L King Day	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  USS Pueblo Captured 1968	<b>24</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Canned Beer sold 1935 	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  Full Wolf Moon
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  Riders Meeting 7:00 PM	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 		
United States 'Coast Guard' Established by Alexander Hamilton, as The Revenue Marine, also known as The Revenue Cutter Service, 4 August 1790 On 28 January 1915 President Woodrow Wilson signed into law the "Act to Create the Coast Guard," an act passed by Congress on 20 January, 1915 that combined the Life-Saving Service and Revenue Cutter Service to form the Coast Guard .						

**Boy Scouts Day**

The Boy Scouts of America was founded on February 8, 1910. An outdoor field manual, Scouting for Boys, was published by Robert Baden-Powell on January 24, 1908. This was the beginning of the Boy Scouts, an international movement with the goal of teaching good citizenship to boys.

Birthstone		February 2013			Amethyst	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1  Auxiliary Psychic Fair 6 PM-10 PM	2   Groundhog Day
3  Four Chaplains Sunday	4  General Meeting  Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 PM	5	6	7  	8	9  SAL Valentine Dinner Dance
10  Auxiliary 'All You Can Eat Breakfast' 9 AM—12 PM	11	12  Lincoln's Birthday	13  SAL Meeting 7:00 PM  Ash Wednesday	14 Valentine's Day 	15	16
17	18  Presidents' Day	19	20	21 	22  Washington's Birthday	23
24  Purim	25  Riders Meeting 7:00 PM  Full Snow Moon	26	27	28 		

**Republican Party Founded**

On February 28, 1854, several people gathered in a little schoolhouse in Ripon, Wisconsin, to establish a new political party...the Republican Party. (...and they've been arguing ever since...editor)

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**Washington Monument Dedicated**

The Washington Monument was dedicated on February 21, 1885. It was built in 1884 in Washington, D.C., to honor George Washington. The Washington Monument was damaged in a 5.8 magnitude earthquake on August 23, 2011, and was closed to repair the damage.

**Presidents Day**

Presidents Day is observed on the third Monday of February, honoring all past United States Presidents. Until 1971, we celebrated the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln on February 12 and George Washington on February 22. In 1971, President Nixon proclaimed President's Day as the federal holiday to honor these two presidents as well as all the presidents.

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### 1st Commercial Helicopter Flew

On February 16, 1946, the first commercial helicopter flew. It was a Sikorsky S51, single rotor helicopter and the first licensed by the Civil Aviation Administration for commercial operations.

### U.S. Post Office Department Created

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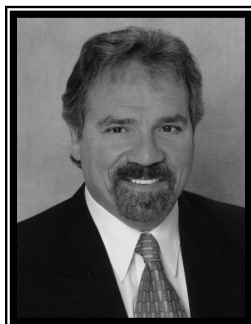
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