



SOUNDOFF

July—August 2014

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

COMMANDERS MESSAGE

Heee's Back---It's good to be back in the throne after a year's sabbatical. Sometimes it appears that I never left, since I continued to be involved as Head Trustee. Rich Godfrey will now assume the position of Head Trustee as he takes a well deserved rest. Thanks to Rich Godfrey for his contributions to the Post this year. There were many. The Post continues to be a busy and exciting place. I would like to congratulate the new in coming officers for 2014-2015. I have mentioned in the past that this has never been a one man show and you are only as good as your team. Our team is made up of the Executive Board as well as the Trustee's. I will continue to be all-inclusive with the Board, the Trustee's and the Past Commanders as well as the Membership. Communication is the key to a successful team as well as the operation of the Post. Many of my former Board members are still on board so the transition should be an easy one.

I would like to thank Pete Chafatelli as our new Vice Commander and Joe "Sgt. Major" Reiher as the Sgt. At Arms. Al Harbord, our outstanding SOUNDOFF editor is now our Historian as well. We also have two new Trustee's Ed Rutzler and Mike Dolan. Thank you all for stepping up to the plate. Your input is welcomed.

I reported as Head Trustee in the last newsletter that we had ac-

quired a Chevy van (a donation from the People's Pantry Relief Center) with a wheelchair lift. The van was made road worthy, thanks to Dennis Grella of Dennis' Service Center. He donated parts and labor to make the van mechanically sound. Dennis is a SAL member. It is now at Coury's Auto Body being painted. The Pavilion is getting ready to come before the Zoning Board. Members will be notified when to appear.

Other projects being planned are the replacement of the floor in the canteen and the kitchen, solar panels to be installed on the roof and acoustic soundproofing for the canteen as well as the banquet hall to cut down on the noise.

In addition to keeping the Post moving forward this year, I would like to concentrate on transparency. In addition to being the Commander, I am also a Legion Rider and a dual member of the SAL in honor of my father. We often take for granted that because projects

are discussed at Legionnaires meetings, that everyone knows about them. Obviously this is not the case. Having said that I plan on attending various meetings of the Riders, SAL and the Auxiliary to discuss some of our projects. I will attend with various committee members to explain some of the inner workings of the Post and why we make the decisions that we do. There are no secrets here.

One of my other projects this year is the theme "Hunger Knows No Holiday". You will notice that we have a new food distribution box in our lobby (Thanks to Bob Scheiderman). I would ask each individual to bring one item of non-perishable food to place in the box before any of your meetings. Food supplies are extremely low at the various food pantries. While donations soar during the holidays, they fall off drastically after that. There were over 27,000 children food insecure in New Jersey in 2013. Collected food will be distributed to the People's Pantry here in Toms

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Photo: Christine Meyer Karl

THE TELL-TALE TEAR

It was at the Memorial Service last year,
Well attended by Veterans and families, you see,
Many Legion officers spoke of heroes, those who died,
And many Male Veterans were standing next to me,
But yet not one single Male Veteran even cried,
Yet, you certainly thought that they would,
I thought even other Males in attendance should,
Then suddenly, a "tear" flowed from my eye,
I looked again at the Veterans and Males standing by,
And this time, when I looked around, you see,
There in their eyes, were the "Tell-Tale Tears",
Yes we were all crying, but only on the inside,
Remembering fallen buddies, fathers, the fighting, the fears,
All told by the "Tell-Tale Tears",
The "Tell-Tale Tears" told of the inside grief, honor and sorrow,
For the servicemen and women, who never saw the "morrow",
As I watched, I was moved by their "emotions" and proud,
For it was obvious, their "feelings" were sincere and true,
They were definitely honoring all the Veterans who,
Gave up their lives for freedom for me and you,
Though you may not see the "Male" cry, we do,
It was clear, when we knew the end was near,
For when the bugler began to play "Taps"
Again, the "Tell-Tale Tear"!

Robert I. Price, EdD - Member Post 129

80th Post 129 Memorial Day Parade, Toms River, NJ



Commander Rich Godfrey addressing the crowd.



Post 129 Color Guard



Honor Guard pictured at right.
Well represented Unit 129
below left with SAL and
placing of the wreath by
Auxiliary
Commander Tara Goldstein
and
Commander Rich Godfrey at
the All Wars Memorial at Toms
River Town Hall.

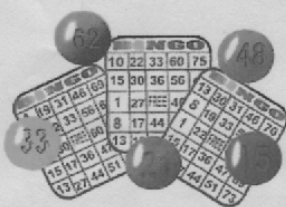


American Legion Post 129
2025 Church Road
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Special Bingo

Saturday, July 26th 12pm

Limited
Seating



Free Cake
& Coffee

Payout - \$3,000

Admission \$50

Includes full game package

Free Door Prizes including Flat Screen TV
Lunch Available for Purchase

Contact - Ralph Moranz (908) 278-3568
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SAL SQUARDON MESSAGE

I want to thank all the people that gave me their support to run for the S.A.L. Commander.

I would like to thank Dan Curran for all he has done in the past year and knowing Dan he will be there to support me and help me over the next year.

I would like to recognize my new board members because I can only be as good as they make me. First Vice Commander and Adjutant and also president of the Legion Rider, Art Brown, who will have his hands full. Thank you Art.

Dan Dimmick is my Second Vice Commander. We all know Dan since he is always around to do whatever we need.

Finance officer Duke Haring has been around forever and he is the money man for the S.A.L. For my Chaplain, everybody knows from the POW family Tom Engkilterra, and for Historian Jackson Coles, who will be commander someday. A young up and coming SAL member. We have a name no one knows, Rocky Luisa my Sargent at Arms and membership chairman. Rocky has already done so much for the SAL I cannot thank him enough.

So now this is my board. Thank you guys. My board and I have plans of doing some great fundraisers this year to make our Post be the best ever.

For God and Country
Robert Joerg





IT'S WHO WE ARE



When Grand Dad used to say "Grandma,
I'm headed to the Legion Hall"

I thought the Legion Hall was just some
place he went

to have a beer and play some cards with all his
buddies at the bar

But I didn't know what being in the Legion meant ...
to him and all his friends

until I stood by Grand Dad's grave
said my "gone for good goodbye" ...

I swore I wouldn't cry

But one by one nearly two hundred men stepped up,
saluted him and then

they stood there at attention 'til everyone
was through

I stopped one just to ask him "Sir, is that what
you always do?" He said ...

It's not just something that we do ... It's who we are

We proudly wore the uniform and we
still do our part

Because our love for country lives not just on our lips
but deep in our hearts ...

It's not just something that we do ... It's who we are

Just before he turned to leave

He shook my hand, I grabbed his sleeve and said,
"I wish there were a lot more folks like you"

He smiled at me and said, "There are, but unless
you look real hard

chances are you'll seldom see us on the news"

"But all across the nation there are those great
patriots in civilian clothes

who've paid a price for freedom because we still
believe

the freedom our forefathers left isn't an entitlement

but it's our sacred duty to protect and serve
this land

I said, "I wish I could do something"

He said, "Son, we're all Americans and ...

It's not just something that we do ... It's who we are

We don't have to be in uniform to do our part

When our love for country lives not just on our lips
but deep in our hearts ...

It's not just something that we do ... It's who we are

From old brown shoes to desert boots

The future counts on me and you and

Who we are

Country music star Michael Peterson wrote "It's Who We Are" in honor of The American Legion.
(from THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE - SEPTEMBER 2008 - submitted by Bob Scheiderman)

US Coast Guard seized \$73 Million Worth of cocaine!

San Juan, PR--- Authorities in Puerto Rico have seized an estimated \$37 million worth of cocaine south of the US territory. The US Coast Guard said that it found nearly 1,125 kilograms (2,480 pounds) of cocaine after spotting a boat traveling north toward Puerto Rico without lights. It says two men from the Dominican Republic were arrested while

a third suspect escaped.

The US Coast Guard says it fired warning shots and disabled one of the boat's engines to stop it. It says the three people aboard began throwing the drugs into the water.

The announcement comes amid an increase of drug seizures in Puerto Rico. Last month, authorities seized more than 1.7 metric tons (3,700 pounds) of cocaine worth some \$50 million off the island's north coast.

(Fox News, Internet, 5/13/2014
submitted by Bob Scheiderman)



.....every Thursday. Doors open
at 5 PM—play starts at 7 PM.

Progressive
Refreshments served
50/50 - Mystery Prizes

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

CHAPLAINS MESSAGE

Michael Schaffer

A man's country is not a certain area of land, of mountains, rivers, and woods, but it is a principle and patriotism is loyalty to that principle. The notion that a radical is one who hates his country is naïve and usually idiotic. He is, more likely, one who likes his country more than the rest of us, and is thus more disturbed than the rest of us when he sees it trampled. He is not a bad citizen turning to crime; he is a good citizen driven to despair. If you want a symbolic gesture, don't burn the flag; wash it.

There are two visions of America. One precedes our founding fathers and finds its roots in the harshness of our puritan past. It is very suspicious of freedom, uncomfortable with diversity, hostile to science, unfriendly to reason,

contemptuous of personal autonomy. It sees America as a religious nation. It views patriotism as allegiance to God. It secretly adores coercion and conformity. Despite our constitution, despite the legacy of the Enlightenment, it appeals to millions of Americans and threatens our freedom.

The other vision finds its roots in the spirit of our founding revolution and in the leaders of this nation who embraced the age of reason. It loves freedom, encourages diversity, embraces science and affirms the dignity and rights of every individual. It challenges the status quo, you have to challenge the government, you have to remind them that their job is to serve the people. We got them there to serve us not to serve their own personal interests. If you do not challenge, if you are not critical they become complacent, if we did not challenge government we would still have a Queen. It sees America as a moral nation, neither completely religious nor

completely secular. It defines patriotism as love of country and of the people who make it strong. It defends all citizens against unjust coercion and irrational conformity.

This second vision is my vision. It is the vision of a free society. We must be bold enough to proclaim it and strong enough to defend it against all its enemies.

The Coast Guard through History

4 August 1790 – President George Washington signs the Tariff Act that authorizes the construction of ten vessels, referred to as "cutters," to enforce federal tariff and trade laws and to prevent smuggling. The Revenue Cutter Service expanded in size and responsibilities as the nation grew.

1915 – The Revenue Cutter Service merges with the U.S. Life-Saving Service, and is officially renamed the Coast Guard, making it the only maritime service dedicated to saving life at sea and enforcing the nation's maritime laws.

1939 – President Franklin Roosevelt orders the transfer of the Lighthouse Service to the Coast Guard, putting it in charge of maritime navigation.

1946 – Congress permanently transfers the Commerce Department's Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation to the Coast Guard, putting merchant marine licensing and merchant vessel safety in its control.

1967 – The Coast Guard is transferred to Department of Transportation.

2003 – The Coast Guard is again transferred, this time to the Department of Homeland Security, where it currently serves.

Sunday PASTA Dinners Served from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Includes

Chef Jimmy Vena's Anthony Brielle House Salad and Dressing
Fresh Baked Garlic Bread

Your Choice of Pasta

Penne, Rigatoni, Linguini, Fettuccini
Angel Hair, Tortellini (\$1 extra)

Your Choice of Sauce

Garlic and Oil with Anchovy and Pimento \$8
Imported Plum Tomato Marinara \$7
Classic Alfredo \$9
Vodka Rose Sauce \$9

Jimmy's D'Angelo (shallots, wine, butter, prosciutto, peas, cream, tomatoes and basil) \$11

Ala Carte Sides

Meatballs \$1 a piece, Roasted Rope Sausage \$2,
Warmed Seasoned Ricotta \$3

Ala Carte Desserts

Cannoli Stuffed to Order \$3
Warm Waffle and Ice Cream "Sandwich" with Nutella \$4
Dressing available to go \$10 per quart

CANTEEN NEWS

Eric Inauen

"SUMMERTIME, WHEN THE LIVIN IS EASY." Hopefully, that is the case with all of our Members. No matter what the case though, it is always a good time to stop by the Canteen to have a beverage, and "forget about life for awhile."

Commander Rich Gato keeps the Canteen jumping by booking fantastic entertainment for every Friday and Saturday Night. When Members are dancing singing and applauding, you know they are having a great time.

POWER OUTAGE---NO PROBLEM. One Saturday Night, the power went out. The emergency lights came on. Warren and Wendy were the bartenders on duty, while Jersey Girl was performing. As I have stated before, our Members are professionals. No one left. Jersey Girl got the whole bar singing acapella for one hour, until the power was restored. How "Sweet Caroline" it was. What a crowd!

OUR BARTENDERS, as always, do a great job in keeping your glasses full, and making your stay a great one. The Bar Committee can't say enough about the unbelievable jobs Warren, Wendy, Duke, Bernice, Robin, Dave, Lisa, Lori, Jen and Joe do. Thanks again!

RYAN'S CATERING continues to offer its four (4) page hot and cold menu of delicious entrees, sandwiches and appetizers at bargain prices. Whether it is in the Canteen, Hall or the Picnic Area, the food is always incredible. Also, don't forget Pasta Sundays. On top of their regular menu, they serve specially prepared Italian Dishes on Sunday

for your dining pleasure..

THE BUNKER BAR is now fully operational with all of its new improvements. It was just in time, too. Seven (700) people showed up to our Riders Family Day Picnic. The Bar Committee and Staff would like all of the volunteer staff, that made this event run as smooth as it did. From sign up, to set up, to clean up, everything was executed to perfection. Thanks, also, to our bartenders, Lisa and Jen (at the Bunker), and Duke (in the Canteen), for a job well done. Our regular Bunker Bar hours of operation on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday Night, and Sunday afternoon. Bunker Beers on tap are Bud, Coors Lite, Miller Lite, Yuengling and Sam Adams Summer.



HORSE SHOES. Trustee Mike Dolan has started the Post's first Horseshoe League, on Wednesday Nights. Currently, we have 15 teams, but we are always looking for more. Mike is also considering Inter Post Play. So if you are interested, see Mike or any of the bartenders down at the Bunker, and give us your best pitch.

PICNICS. Our Independence Day Picnic will be held on Saturday, July 5th, from Noon to 5PM (Rain Date Sunday). We will be contacting everyone by the phone tree. Our Labor Day Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 31 (Rain Date: Monday). Again we will be contacting everyone via phone tree with more details.

STANDING STILL? Not a chance, at Post 129. We are looking forward to making improvements in the Canteen. Hopefully, they will be completed by Labor Day, before football season starts.

HOURS OF OPERATON are from 11 AM until closing (which depends on the crowd and the day of the week). We have nine (9) beers on tap: Coors Lite, Miller Lite, bud, Bud Lite, Yuengling, Micholob Ultra, Bombshell Pale Ale, Sam Adams Summer, and Angry Orchard.

If draft is not your pleasure, our bottled beers consist of Coors Lite, Miller Lite, Bud, Bud Lite, Becks, Micholob Ultra, Stella, Corona, Corona Lite, Heineken, Heineken Lite, Coors Lite non alcoholic and Kaliper non alcoholic. We, also, have Guinness in cans. If beer is not your choice, the Canteen and Bunker offer premium alcoholic beverages. That's right, premium liquor, at Happy Hour prices. You won't find cheap liquor made in your neighbor's bath tub at the American Legion. Also, now that summer is here, our margarita machines are fully operational and have been kept busy.

WELCOME BACK. The Bar Committee would like to welcome back Trustee David Kearns from his well deserved vacation in Florida. Rich Godfrey has decided to step down as Bar Chairman, and has passed his duties on to Dave, who has become our new Bar Chairman. The Duties are nothing new to Dave, since he has held this position in the past. The Bar Committee would like to extend their appreciation to Past Commander Rich Godfrey for his countless hours of dedica-

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tion to the Canteen. He computerized our operation, which gave us a better tracking mechanism for all Canteen Operations. Once that was accomplished, Rich and Dave, along with the rest of the Bar Committee were able to establish better business practices, which have generated more revenue for the Post. This has our Finance Officer, Bob Blair, walking around with a smile on his face all day long.

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

BARTENDER BLOG THROUGH MY EYES BEHIND THE BAR

Many of you know me, and some may not. My name is Wendy and I am the daytime bartender here at Post 129 and have been for almost 7 years, since the new Post building had opened back in 2007.

I am a member of the Auxiliary. I am the founder of the Post Legion Riders for which I am EXTREMELY proud of beyond words.

My point of starting this blog mainly is to share "Through my eyes... behind the bar"

Through the past 7 years my day has always started with a smile, a hello, to new members walking through the door... they are only new for a very short time because to me... they become instantly 129 FAMILY!

As crazy as it sounds, this is so much more than a job to me... the bonding with each member is unique. Each and EVERYONE hits my heart and relationships begin. There have been many laughs... tears... jokes... stories,

and even a little tiff or two from time to time, but it's all part of being family.

There are so many things I would like to share with everyone. The many moments that have touched my life in ways that couldn't have happened anywhere else, and I will talk about them in future issues in the SOUNDOFF... but in this issue, I'm going to go a little deep, something I need to share that has me a little broken.

This past year has been a tough one. I look around the bar and see many seats empty were so many once sat. It hit a point where I could just not bring myself to add another member to the TAPS board. Some I watched deteriorate in front of my eyes and all I could do was comfort them, listen to their fears, share some tears and then.... come out from behind the bar, give them a hug and whisper... "I will be praying for you" and smile. And I knew it wouldn't be long that I would see the empty seat and get the phone call. Then there were some that took me totally off guard, there one day and gone the next. These were people that reached out to me and said the most BEAUTIFUL things. They even wrote little notes on a napkin saying thank you...that I have saved and keep in a special place.

If I could tell them all how they touched MY LIFE, what they meant to me. There were so many moments and conversations... from story's about when they were in the service that they never shared... how they got their "Silver Star", from home life... divorce... deaths... health... children... new grand children... its endless! If I could just say THANK YOU! Thank you for touching my life and allowing me

to be a part of yours!

With tears in my eyes, I am so grateful that these wonderful souls were a part of my journey and will NEVER be forgotten. God Bless ALL who have served in uniform; yesterday, today & those of tomorrow.

Till my next issue...
For God and Country
Wendy "Gypsy" Sharkey



The Coast Guard is one of the oldest organizations of the federal government. Established in 1790, the Coast Guard served as the nation's only armed force on the sea until Congress launched the Navy Department eight years later. Since then, the Coast Guard has protected the United States throughout its long history and served proudly in every one of the nation's conflicts.

One The Hard Way

By Dan Zoernig

Christmas Day, 1941. American Volunteer Group Flight Leader Parker Dupouy finds his guns jammed during combat high over the Gulf of Martaban. Determined to bring down his adversary, he rams the Hayabusa Oscar of Lt. Hiroshi Okuyama of the JAAF 64th Sentai. Though he lost four feet of his wingtip and his entire aileron, Dupouy made it to back to his base to fight another day. Lt. Okuyama's aircraft, however, broke up in flight and carried him to his death. Dupouy went on to score 6.5 victories in the air before war's end.

(Military History Website—submitted by Bob Scheiderman)

RIDERS MESSAGE

A lot has happened since our last SOUNDOFF issue. Winter and a cold and rainy start to spring keeps our members off their bikes. But we have started on our riding season in a very special way. On Sunday, June 1st we had our Poker Run/BBQ in the picnic area. Our parking lot was as full as I have ever seen it. Hundreds of motorcycles and plenty of cars. We had cars parked at the college and ran a shuttle back and forth. Commander Rich Godfrey allowed parking on his property next door (thanks Rich). There were some complaints about parking, understandable but to have an event this successful I believe the inconvenience of the few was and will be worth it. Our membership came through this year in a big way. We originally planned on feeding 400 people. We probably served 700 people. Our thanks to Mike Kelly. This man ran out not once but several times for more food and items we needed for our large crowd. By the end of the day it was obvious that we, the Riders, will have had our most successful summer fund raiser of all time. Vetwork of Lacey Township will be very happy with our donation to their worthy cause.

During the June 1st event the Riders, with Brother Al Gashler leading the way unveiled our "Heroes Walk" donation to the picnic area. This will be a six (6) piece granite etchings of the 5 military veterans that the Riders escorted from the Delaware Memorial Bridge back to Ocean County. Not many dry eyes in the crowd when they were unveiled with their family members in attendance. A proud day for our Post when these items will be on permanent display in the pic-

nic area.

With the summer months ahead of us we are looking forward to a great riding season. The Wildwood Convention will be fun. The Riders are entered in the parade and we look forward to representing Post 129 in that event. Lots of upcoming events for the Riders with trips by many of us including North Carolina; Tennessee; Gettysburg, Pa.; Sturgis, South Dakota and Ocean City, Maryland. Looking forward to telling all about those events in upcoming SOUNDOFF issues.

Art Brown
President
Toms River ALR Post129



'I knew no other life'

Posted by Lt. Stephanie Young
'To The Coast Guard Compass'

The US Coast Guard christened one of its new Sentinel-class fast response cutter, is a "game changer" for the Coast Guard. The 154-foot cutters, built by Bollinger Shipyards, provide the Coast Guard with critical mission capabilities essential to safeguarding the nation's shores. As impressive as the platform itself, however, is each cutter's namesake. The fast response cutters are named for Coast Guard enlisted heroes in honor of their service and humbling acts of bravery.

The newest cutter is named in honor of the keeper of Black Rock Harbor Light, Kathleen "Kate" Moore. It was in 1817

when Moore first stood the watch. She was 12. While she wasn't a full keeper of the light at the time, her father tended the light after a shipboard injury prevented him from going to sea. As Moore grew older, and her father's health worsened, she took on keeper duties, although she was not officially appointed as head keeper until 1871.

During her tenure as keeper, Moore was once asked by a reporter about the perils she encountered at Black Rock Harbor. "You see, I had done all this for so many years, and I knew no other life, so I was sort of fitted for it," Moore replied.

Moore retired from service in 1878 at the age of 84 and is officially credited with saving 21 lives. As keeper, Moore devoted her life to those on the sea. And it was to the sea in which dozens gathered for a dedication ceremony and for what, Marc Stanley, vice president at Bollinger Shipyard, called "unfinished business." At the end of her life she wasn't even afforded a gravestone.

Stanley and a team at Bollinger wanted to bond the ship's crew with the heroine the ship was named for. With the help of Bollinger Shipyards a grave marker was dedicated to former keeper Kathleen Moore at the Mountain Grove Cemetery in Bridgeport Conn.

(From the 'Coast Guard Compass' - submitted by Bob Scheiderman)



COMMANDERS MESSAGE

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River, VETWORK food pantry and the Foodbank of Monmouth and Ocean County.

The next time you prepare a flyer for one of your events, leave a space where you can indicate that we are having a food drive all year long. This will allow outsiders to be involved. People love to be part of the solution.

As part of the "Veterans Outreach Program", Brigadier General Michael Cuniff, the Adjutant General of New Jersey and Raymond Zawacki, Deputy Commissioner of Deputy Affairs invite veterans to attend a state medal ceremony at our Post on Tuesday September 16th 2014 at 11:00 AM. These ceremonies have previously been held at various malls around the State. It has been decided to hold these events in VFW and American Legion Posts. Our Adjutant Bob Scheiderman has the applications necessary for you to receive your medal.

Congratulations are in store for the Riders for their Poker Run/Family Day BBQ/Picnic. This was one of the largest events ever held at this Post. We fed just under 700 people. This was the largest fund raiser ever held. The proceeds (as of yet unannounced) will be split evenly between VETWORK and the Post. It is important to know that the success of this event was no accident. The committees were formed immediately after last year's event and we had active meetings throughout the year. If you attended that event, you would have noticed approximately 40-50 lime green staff shirts

working feverishly. It takes this type of planning and volunteers to have a successful event. The Riders also unveiled the individual granite monuments of the men that they escorted home to their final resting place from Dover Air Force Base in Delaware. A committee has been formed to determine the permanent resting place for the "Heroes Walk".

We are always looking for volunteers. I have received phone calls from individuals, including students who want to volunteer. Volunteers do not have to be members of the post. Volunteers are part of the fabric of our community. Our By-Laws clearly state that we are to work within our community. Hey-they may be qualified to be a member. So, as I have said before, if someone sticks their head in the door and is inquisitive, invite them in, give them a warm welcome and show off this great Post of ours.

Feel free to contact either myself or one of the Vice Commanders with any questions or concerns at any time.

RICH GATO, COMMANDER
732-330-2430

P.T.S.D. - NOT ALL WOUNDS
ARE VISABLE

AUXILIARY MESSAGE

Well here we are starting a new year. I looking forward to working with Commanders, Rich Gato, Bob Joerg and Art Brown. Hopefully this year we all will be working together on various events during the upcoming year. I wish all incoming officers success for the new year and to all the outgoing officers congratulations and thank you for your service.

For God and Country
Jane Keeley



American Legion Convention Wildwood 2014 Parade



(Photo-Christine Meyer Karl)

Post 129

Toms River, New Jersey



2 Soups ~ 2 Salads ~ 2 Entrees

1 Shared Dessert

A Better Deal Just Can't Be Found!



Saturday Night Specials

2 For \$20.00 Dinners

The American Legion Preamble

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY, WE ASSOCIATE OURSELVES TOGETHER FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES...

This is the introduction. It declares that The American Legion recognizes the influence of Almighty God in all worthwhile endeavors and declares the allegiance of Legionnaires to both God and Nation. First things have been put first. All that follows is in conformity.

TO UPHOLD AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA...

The Constitution of the United States is the written bulwark of our free way of life and representative government. It is our guarantee of liberty, freedom, justice and democracy. Members of The American Legion bore arms went to wars to defend and uphold this document of freedom.

TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER...

Without law and order, liberty would become license. Law and order protect our pursuit of happiness, one of our God-given rights. Members of the American Legion served in wars to uphold law and order among nations. It is just as important to maintain the due process of law in our domestic affairs. It binds Legionnaires to obey the laws of the land and to support the constituted authorities in enforcing those laws. It means the citizen must never take the law into his own hands!

TO FOSTER AND PERPETUATE A 100 PERCENT AMERICANISM...

Americanism is the gist of the American ideals of freedom, justice, individual rights and unfenced-in opportunities. It embraces all the freedoms we cherish and all the rights that are guaranteed to us. It is the very opposite of hatred, bigotry and intolerance. Americanism is the creed that has blazed the worldwide trail for justice, fair play, decency, belief in God, private enterprise, universal education, and progress in all human endeavors. It puts a premium on the virtues of loyalty, patriotism, hard work and thrift.

TO PRESERVE THE MEMORIES AND INCIDENTS OF OUR ASSOCIATIONS IN THE GREAT WARS...

Service in defense of America is the greatest experience in the lifetimes of all veterans. Recalling the highlights of that service means more than flashbacks to tense moments of excitement and danger in

battle, the grime of muddy trenches the perils of sub-infested oceans, the combats in the wild blue yonder. It means also the un-erasable recollection of the comradeship, the bravery of pals, the teamwork, the sacrifices, the miseries and hardships of military campaigns shared in common. It means the bond that binds all ex-servicemen and women together in mutual affection, respect and gratitude. It also means keeping green forever the memories of the supreme sacrifices of gallant American patriots, sacrifices necessary to the winnings of wars. It means faithful annual observance of Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

TO INCULCATE A SENSE OF INDIVIDUAL OBLIGATION TO THE COMMUNITY, STATE AND NATION...

Always interested in building a better nation, the founders of The American Legion believed that such building must start first with the individual in his own community. So they made it one of the cardinal principles of The American Legion to inculcate that sense of personal obligation to the community state and nation into the individual citizen. That means educating the citizen-young, old and future-in his and her responsibility to be active in making the hometown a better place in which to live, in discharging the duty of voting in elections, in paying taxes promptly, in contributing to community chest funds and to blood banks. The word "inculcate" means "to impress by frequent admonitions" and "to enforce by frequent repetitions." Like the duties themselves, the reminders that they remain to be carried forward, are never finished.

TO COMBAT THE AUTOCRACY OF THE CLASSES AND THE MASSES...

This clause places the Legionnaire on the side of right in opposing autocracy by either class or mass when this threatens, in a democracy such as ours, composed as it is of all nationalities, races, creeds and economic groups, they are bound to both classes and masses. Indeed, the masses are composed of classes-but all groups within the mass must feel assured that in this nation, reason and fairness will prevail in all human activities and relations. There must be no hyphenated Americans-just AMERICANS ALL.

TO MAKE RIGHT THE MASTER OF MIGHT...

All wars from the veterans which the American Legion draws its membership were started by dictators who wanted their might to be the right. If human freedom is not to perish from the earth, fight must always be master if might. The rights of small nations must

be protected against the tyranny that powerful neighbors may seek to impose on them-just as the rights of minorities in our society must be protected and respected. Our belief in enthroning right over might is the main essence of our ideological conflict with Communism today. Legionnaires are pledged by this clause always to stand with the right, protect the weak and preserve the liberties of the individual. This concept is the basis of The American Legion's continued advocacy of a strong national preparedness so as to achieve the ideal situation that right will be backed by adequate might.

(submitted by: Bob Scheiderman)

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Independence Day Picnic July 5th Noon to 5:00 PM

(rain date Sunday, July 6th)



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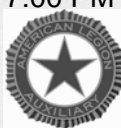



2 July 1788 Congress reports the US Constitution is ratified by the required nine states.

July 1st 1862

**President Abraham Lincoln signed into law the first Income Tax Bill AND
The Bureau of Internal Revenue was established by Congress.**

July: From the Roman Emperor, Julius Caesar.

July 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
The best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time. Abraham Lincoln		1 Battle of Gettysburg 1863	2	3 	4 	5  Post 129 July 4th Picnic
6	7 General Meeting 7:00 PM 	8	9 SAL Meeting 7:00 PM 	10 	11	12 Full Buck Moon
13	14 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 PM 	15	16	17 FIVE BINGOS THIS MONTH FOLK'S	18	19
20	21 Board/Trustee Meeting 7:00 PM	22 Hammock Day Relax!	23	24 	25	26
27	28 Riders Meeting 7:00 PM 	29	30	31 		The best comfort food will always be greens, cornbread and fried chicken. Maya Angelou







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August: From Julius Caesar's successor, Augustus Caesar.

August 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
The Coast Guard has long been known as the armed service that gets more done with less. Howard Coble					1 1 st US Census	2
3	4 COAST GUARD 1790 General Meeting 7:00 PM	5	6	7 	8	9
10 Full Sturgeon Moon	11 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 PM 	12	13 SAL Meeting 7:00 PM National Left Handers Day	14  V-J Day	15	16
17	18 Board/Trustee Meeting 7:00 PM	19	20	21 	22	23
24	25 Riders Meeting 7:00 PM 	26	27	28 	29	30

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Labor Day Picnic August 31st Noon to 5:00 PM
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Saturday July 19th - **Guisseppe**

Friday July 25th - **D'Cee**
Saturday July 26th - **Jersey Girls**



August Canteen Entertainment

Friday August 1st - **Nicki Briar**
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Saturday August 2nd - **Guisseppe**

Friday August 8th - TBD
Saturday August 9th - **Jersey Girls**

Friday August 15th - **The Crosstones**
Saturday August 16th - **Guisseppe**

Friday August 22nd - TBD
Saturday August 23rd - **Jersey Girls**

Friday August 29th - **The True Tones**
Saturday August 30th - TBD