



SOUNDOFF

March—April 2014

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

COMMANDERS MESSAGE

Snow, snow, and more snow. We definitely have had our share of it this year. Can spring be close by? Looks like the ground hog got us again. The good news is that as of February 15, 2014 there are 115 days till convention in Wildwood, yea!

The Super Bowl party at the Canteen was a success. Special thanks to Eric Inauen and Bob Cannon (aka Shakey) for all their hard work and preparation for this event. A good time was had by all. Also on Super Bowl Sunday there was a service at the Cathedral of the Air in Lakehurst where we honored the four chaplains. Special thanks to all that attended the service to honor the four heroes who helped others board life boats and gave up their own life vests. When the supply ran out they joined arms, prayed and sang hymns as they went down with the ship. It was the 71st anniversary of the sinking of the USAT Dorchester Feb. 3rd 1943.

This year's oratorical contest was held in the Post hall. The results were 1st place Jared Wrath, (second year in a row) Toms River High School East senior, 2nd place Jordan Feigin, Toms River High School East junior. Tied for 3rd place Nancy Perz, Toms River High School East junior and Gillian Nutter Toms River High School East sophomore. They will be receiving a certificate as well as a cash prize. They were also awarded an oratorical medal

gold, silver and bronze for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

February is a dull month, no football, no baseball, just cold snowy and dreary. The only saving grace was the Olympic Games in Sochi, Russia, GO USA!, and the SAL Valentine dinner dance which was held on Saturday February 15. Special thanks to Dan Curran and his committee for making this a huge success and to all that attended and supported the Post.

And I would be remised if I didn't send out a special thanks to Past Commander Rich Gato for all his efforts with the booking of all the entertainment that we have at the Post. Thanks Rich for all that you do. Please stop by and visit the Canteen for lunch and see some old friends and check out all the upcoming events posted on the bulletin board in the lobby.

At this time I would like to congratulate Dave Corbin for being nominated and voted as Department of New Jersey State Vice Commander for the year 2014-2015. Way to go Dave! I know that you will do a great job.

Some of the upcoming events are St. Patrick's Day dinner on March 15th 2014. Live entertainment and also a visit from the Shamrock Drum and Thistle Band led by Tom King. Tickets will be on sale at the Canteen, see the bartender. They are \$30.00 per person, beer and soda included, along with a cash bar.

On March 21st the American Can-

cer Society will be hosting their Tides of Change Gala 2014 at the Woodlake Country Club where they will be honoring one of our members for Humanitarian of the Year. Congratulations to Ralph Wolff, a well-deserved honor.

On April 27th the Legion Riders of New Jersey will be having a family picnic and fun day. The proceeds will support the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial and Vietnam era museum. It will be at the American Legion Post 129 in our picnic grove 12 noon till 4 pm (rain or shine). Everyone invited, \$15.00 adults, \$10.00 children. Uniformed active duty free. For more info please call 732-232-3286.

There is always something going on at Post 129 so stop by and check us out. There is a reason why were # 1 in the state

I would like to take time and thank all the legion family members that help make our Post a success. Without you it would be impossible to accomplish what we do here at this great Post. As always remember we are a family here so let's respect and support one another. Thank you for all that you do.

For God and Country
Rich Godfrey
Commander



AUXILIARY MESSAGE

Greetings –

Despite all this snow and cold weather, the Auxiliary has been hard at work. Laurinda Miller is doing an amazing job as membership chairman. If you have not paid your 2014 dues yet, please get them in. We are not far from making goal. Let's do it!

In January, an initiation ceremony was held for all new members. Each of the thirty-one members that were initiated received a pin and a certificate of initiation.

February 7th was the Auxiliary's psychic fair. It was a huge success. Thank you to Dolores Laib for chairing this event and to all the volunteers that came out to help. There were 5 psychics, 2 mediums and 118 people had readings. On February 8th, several of our members attended a leadership rally at our Post that was hosted by the Department of New Jersey American Legion Auxiliary. Ruby Cramer led an informative session of questions, answers, and activities.

UPCOMING EVENTS

On March 2, the Auxiliary will be hosting a Victorian Tea. Come out and show your support. Enjoy flavored teas, finger sandwiches and scones. There will be a mini gift auction and a decorated hat contest. Tickets are \$12/advance and \$15/door. Call Mariann Zito for more information 732-606-2366.

March 30th is the annual Auxiliary Gift Auction. We are always looking for donations of any new items (big or small) that can be used as prizes. Did you receive a

gift for the holidays that you don't want? Consider donating it. All donations are greatly appreciated. Admission is \$8 and includes a sheet of tickets. For more information about the gift auction, please call Mary Nolan at 732-276-6866.

April 26th is our Spring Flea Market. Tables are \$20 inside and \$10 outside. Call Carol at 732-929-0568 for more information.

The next auxiliary meeting will be held on March 10th at 7 PM. At that meeting, nominations will

begin for next year's officers. Voting will take place at the April meeting.

Stay Warm –
Tara Goldstein, President



American Legion Auxiliary
Unit 129

Gift Auction

March 30th
2pm

Admission is \$8 and includes sheet of tickets



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For more information, call Mary 732-276-6866

MEMBERSHIP

It's that time of the year again and the push is on for membership renewal. For those who have paid up for 2014 thank you, if you haven't paid up please send them in. We need your help to stay on top.

Any one that has paid up for 2014 and are still getting past due notices please disregard them. It seems there is a glitch at national and they are working to fix this problem.

At this time I am requesting all membership to send in a copy of their DD-214 or a copy of their discharge. As you know the IRS is going after nonprofit organizations. When the IRS asks to see a

member's paper work and we can't produce it we will be fined \$1000 per day until we can. Unfortunately we had a bad leak downstairs and a lot of our records were destroyed so please send in a copy of your DD-214 or discharge. Thank you for your support in this important matter.

Your annual dues help support programs in your community and across the nation. American Legion programs and services include troop support, child & welfare foundations, Heroes to Home Towns, American Legion Baseball, department services officers support network, flag advocacy & etiquette, Junior ROTC & ROTC Operation Comfort Warriors, scholarships, Veteran's job fairs and many others.

Thank you for ensuring that the American Legion remains the most powerful voice in America on behalf of veterans, service members, their families, and communities across the nation

Any member that is struggling with their month to month bills and need help with their dues please contact me at rjg548@comcast.net or call me at 732-604-8326. I can help.

For God and Country
Rich Godfrey
Commander
Membership chairman



CHAPLAINS MESSAGE

Michael Schaffer



Brothers and Sisters,

We all say the pledge at every event and meeting, we say it so automatic that sometimes the meaning gets lost. This needs to be shared with everyone you know and especially our children so they understand the great country we live in and why we and they say the pledge.

I _____ Me; an individual; a committee of one.

Pledge _____ Dedicate all of my worldly goods to give without self-pity.

Allegiance _____ My love and my devotion.

To the Flag _____ Our standard; *Old Glory*; a symbol of Freedom; wherever she waves there is respect,
(of the) _____ because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts, Freedom is everybody's job.

United _____ That means that we have all come together.

States _____ Individual communities that have united into fifty great states. fifty individual communities
(of America) _____ with pride and dignity and purpose. All divided with imaginary boundaries, yet united to a common purpose, and that is love for country.

And to the Republic For which it stands _____ Republic--a state in which sovereign power is invested in representatives chosen by the people to govern. A government is the people; and it's from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people.

One Nation Under God _____ One Nation--meaning, so blessed by God.

Indivisible _____ Incapable of being divided.

With Liberty _____ Which is Freedom; the right of power to live one's own life, without threats, fear, or some sort of retaliation.

And Justice _____ The principle, or qualities, of dealing fairly with others.

For All _____ For All--which means, brothers and sisters, it's as much your country as it is mine.

Indoor/Outdoor Flea Market

Saturday, April 26

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Rain or Shine

NEW
DATE

American Legion
2025 Church Road
Toms River, NJ 08753

Spaces available \$20 inside, \$10 outside

To reserve a space, Carol (732) 929 - 0568

or Paula (732) 773 - 1962

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Frank Baer. He is presently working with the town on this project. As you may or may not recall, there are various issues that need to be addressed as a result of our Land Use Designation. It is a work in progress.

As I have mentioned in the past, keeping our Post looking sharp requires the membership to be involved. One of our next major undertakings is the replacement of the Canteen floor. This will require us to possibly shut the Canteen for a brief period while this construction project prevails. Of course this will be done as quickly as possible with as little interruption as possible. Your input is important. Feel free to come to a meeting to discuss this endeavor

Rich Gato
Past Commander
Trustee, Chairmen

CONVENTION BUS TRIP

A bus will be available to go to the American Legion 2014 Department of New Jersey convention in Wildwood on Saturday, June 14. Tickets must be purchased in advance for \$25.00 per person. They will go on sale at the Canteen beginning February 1st. For additional information contact PC David E. Corbin.



TRUSTEE REPORT

The Trustees have been busy keeping our Post in tiptop shape through the winter, especially with spring right around the corner. I want to thank the Department of Corrections for their assistance in providing the Community Service personnel to assist us. Utilizing these individuals is a win/win situation for all. It enables the prisoners an opportunity to get out for the day as well as being productive in our community. This of course gives our volunteers a break and keeps our cost factor down. These individuals recently

stripped the floors in the canteen/restaurant as well as helping with snow clearing operations.

Our new camera system is up and running. This was a major project that was over seen by our Trustee's and Executive Board. We now have high definition surveillance cameras installed throughout the interior and exterior of our facility. This will not only increase our surveillance capabilities as well as limit our liability and reduce our insurance premiums.

We are still working on our Pavilion. The plans have been submitted to our in-house Engineer

Proceeds donated to VETWORK

Serving Ocean County Veterans - www.vetnetwork.org



American Legion Riders Post 129 Toms River
FAMILY FUN/BBQ & ANNUAL POKER RUN

Sunday, June 1, 2014



Rain or Shine



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Children (under 12) \$5.00

BBQ Lunch all day
Beer/Soda



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Family Fun and BBQ
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Rider Registration: 9:30-11:00

Rider End Site: 12:00- 5:00

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TICKETS/MORE INFORMATION: LegionRiders129@aol.com or contact
Art 732-674-5169 or Judy 732-232-3286

ENJOY A RIDE AND DAY OF FAMILY FUN - OPEN TO ALL

RIDERS MESSAGE

Not much going on with the Riders since our last SOUNDOFF. With winter of 2014 hammering the east coast, not much riding being done by our membership.

The good news is that our Riders have been preparing for our annual Poker Run / Family BBQ for June 1st, 2014. This is our one major fund raiser of the year and the recipient of our donation will again this year be VETWORKS of Lacey Township. If you are not familiar with them look them up on www.Vetworks.org. A great organization that contributes a great deal to our veterans and their families.

Hopefully by June 1st we will get rid of all the ice and snow that we have accumulated and have a great day for our event.

Art Brown,
 President ALR 129



POST EVERLASTING

William F. Mahoney, 90, US Coast Guard, WWII

Joseph R. Galante, 90, US Navy, WWII

Augie Agostino, PPC, US Navy, Vietnam War

George Intile, 80, US Army Air Corp, WWII

Robert J. Kaiser, 81, US Air Force, Korean War

Warren F. Handley, 87, US Marine Corp, WWII, Korean War



Bob Scheiderman, Ritual Chairman

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FOR MORE INFORMATION: (732) 232-3286

SAL Squadron 129 Membership,
 2025 Church Road,
 Toms River, NJ 08753
 Attn: Bob Joerg - Membership
 Chairman
 To keep your membership privileges active, please make sure you are up to date!

Meetings:

All members are welcome and encouraged to attend your squadron meetings. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month from 7:30 to 8:30. Please attend your meetings and support your squadron and post.

Don't forget and join our squadron email list. Send us an email at squadron129@gmail.com and we will gladly add you!

Remember to thank a Veteran every day!

For God and Country
 Dan Curran
 SAL Squadron 129 Commander



CANTEEN NEWS

Eric Inauen

**SAL SQUADRON
MESSAGE**

Greetings Squadron 129

On Saturday February 15th, we had our annual SAL Valentine's Dinner / Dance despite the threat of bad weather again, the event was once again a success. I would like to thank all involved in the planning and execution of the event and all who attended. Es-

pecially, SAL Members Dan Dimmick, Jackson Coles, Steve Moranz who all worked hard that night, Pam Bowen, Jane Keeley, and Pat Corbin, Maryann Curran, Cookie Haring, Ralph Moranz, Tara Goldstein, and Ryans Catering. It's hard to name everyone but everyone's help and assistance was greatly appreciated.





Membership

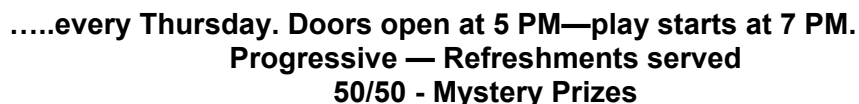
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Hopefully, the "Snows of the Kili-manjaro" have receded, so that spring can finally arrive. The Canteen would like to give a Special Thank You to all of our Members and their guests, who braved the snows, and supported the Canteen and all of Post 129's Events. It is definitely true, when they talk about us being "Jersey Strong." Again, the bartenders and staff thank you.

Our hours of operation remain the
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WEB: <http://americanlegionpost129.webs.com/> **FACEBOOK:** American Legion Post 129 Toms River NJ

BIRTHSTONE		March 2014		AQUAMARINE		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Do not bite at the bait of pleasure, til you know there is no hook beneath it.	<div>CANTEEN... live entertainment every Friday night. Karaoke DJ every Saturday night. See entertainment schedule elsewhere in this issue.</div>					1 Knute Rockne 1888
2 Unit 129 Auxiliary Victorian Tea Party Dr. Seuss, 1904	3 General Meeting 7:00PM	4	5 Ash Wednesday Seabees Established	6 	7	8
9	10 Legion Auxiliary Meeting 7:00PM	11	12 SAL Meeting 7:00PM	13 	14	15 St. Patty's Day Party Beware the Ides of March
16 Full Worm Moon	17 Board/Trustee Meeting 7:00PM St. Patrick's Day	18 Grover Cleveland 1837	19	20 BINGO 1st Day Of SPRING	21	22
23	24 Riders Meeting 7:00PM	25	26	27 	28	29 John Tyler 1790
30 Unit 129 Auxiliary Gift Auction	31	<div>Winter Shuffle Board League Tuesdays 7 PM </div>				"The only problem with your CBs is there aren't enough of them" Douglas MacArthur
<div>March 3 1931 Congress adopts "The Star Spangled Banner" as the official national anthem. March 5 1942 The Seabees - the US Navy's celebrated combat-capable Construction Battalions (CBs) are established. March 9th--Daylight savings time begins. Reset the clocks and replace the batteries in your <u>Fire Alarm and CO Detectors.</u></div>						



BIRTHSTONE		April 2014		DIAMOND		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April showers bring May flowers & Mayflowers bring Pilgrims. <small>Anon.</small>		1 All Fools' Day Peace Corp Established	2	3 	4 Airship USS Akron Crashes	5
6	7 General Meeting 7:00PM	8	9 SAL Meeting 7:00PM	10 	11	12
13 Palm Sunday Thomas Jefferson 1743	14 Legion Auxiliary Meeting 7:00PM	15  Full Pink Moon	16	17 	18 Good Friday	19
20 Easter Sunday	21	22	23 James Buchanan 1791	24 	25 Arbor Day 	26 Unit 129 Auxiliary Spring Flea Market
27 A L Riders New Jersey Family Picnic & Fun Day Ulyses S. Grant 1822	28 Legion Riders Meeting 7:00PM	29 Dale Earnhardt 1951	30			By trying we can easily learn to endure adversity. Another man's, I mean. Samuel Clemens

April 4 1933

Air Ship USS Akron plunges tail first into the Atlantic Ocean, shortly after mid-night off Barnegat Light, killing 73 of the 76 men aboard. Survivors: Lt. Cmdr. Herbert Wiley, Moody Erwin and Richard Deal.

April 1 1954

United States Air Force Academy Established at Lowry Air Force Base, graduating its first class in 1959

On the 15th-A total Lunar Eclipse begins at 01:58am and starts totality at 03:06am.

CANTEEN NEWS

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same. We open at 11AM. Closing time varies, based on the amount of Members in the Canteen. If you stop by, you will be greeted and served by Wendy, Duke or Dave during the day, and Warren, Bernice, Robin, Lisa or Lori during the evening. They volunteer their time, and do a tremendous job.



Along with Ryan's Catering's four (4) page menu of hot and cold food, seven (7) days a week, they also offer daily specials to put some spice into our lives. Chef Jimmy Vena and his staff do a fantastic job. They continue to offer their "\$20 Saturday Night Special," which includes two (2) appetizers (soup or salad), two (2) entrees and a shared dessert for \$20. You are allowed to mix and match. No other Post or Club can offer this deal to their members. Well, they can, BUT THEY DON'T.

The Canteen was packed for the Super Bowl, and why not? With \$1.50 pints, free snacks, a free half time buffet and numerous giveaways, the Canteen was the place to be. A great time was had by all.

NEW IN THE CANTEEN. Guinness will be joining our other eight (8) beers on tap for the St. Patty's Season. So during March, when everybody is a little Irish, stop by and have a Guinness. We also have Sam Adams Cold Snap on

tap. As always, we offer daily drink specials.

Hopefully, we will be opening our Bunker Bar in late April, weather permitting. We made some improvements from last year, so stop down, enjoy the outdoors with a cool beverage in hand.

PRESENT AND FUTURE. Our new state of the art security system is now in place, and it already has paid dividends. We have plans to improve the acoustics in both the Canteen and the Hall.

WELCOME. Bar Chairman, Rich

Godfrey, has named Bob Cannon to be a member of the Bar Committee. For the past few months, Bob has been volunteering daily to help keep the Canteen running as a first class operation. It takes a lot of volunteer man hours to run the Canteen. To some, it may seem like a thankless job, to the Bar Committee, it is the satisfaction and pride of running the best American Legion Bar in the State.

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

American Legion Post 129 Annual

 **St. Patty's Day Party** 

Saturday 3/15/2014
from 5pm till 9pm
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Cash Bar - Wine & Liquor
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June
20-22, 2014

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Day 3: Enjoy a Continental Breakfast before checking out of your hotel. Today's Guided Tour includes such poignant and inspirational sights as Arlington National Cemetery, including the Tomb of the Unknowns, and Kennedy Graves, as well as the Iwo Jima Memorial. Later, depart for home with memories of a great trip!

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Sunday PASTA Dinner Starts February 9th 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
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Vodka Rose Sauce \$9

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

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Meatballs \$1 a piece, Roasted Rope Sausage \$2,
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MARCH CANTEEN ENTERTAINMENT

Saturday March 1st – Dj / Karaoke Guisseppi

Friday March 7th - ***40 North***

New Country Band
Prize For The Best Cowboy/Cowgirl Hat
No Spurs Please

Saturday March 8th – Dj / Karaoke Bob & Cindi

Friday March 14th - The Crosstones
Saturday March 15th - The Jersey Girls

Friday March 21st - "Who Are Those Guys"
Saturday March 22nd – Dj / Karaoke Guisseppi

Friday March 28th - The True Tones
Saturday March 29th - Karaoke Jersey Girls

You Have Heard "Derek And The Dominoe's"
Stand By For Eric & The Everglades

APRIL CANTEEN ENTERTAINMENT

Friday April 4th - To Be Announced
Saturday April 5th - Jersey Girls

Friday April 11th – Crosstones
Saturday April 12th - Kyle

Friday April 18th - "Shotgun Kittie"
Saturday April 19th - Guisseppi

Friday April 25th - The True Tones
Saturday April 26th - The Jersey Girls





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CLASSROOMS & SEMINARS♥PARTIES♥SALES MEETINGS♥COMPANY PICNICS

2014 Bylaw Amendments/Additions

BY-LAWS

Preamble:

For God and Country we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the great wars; to inculcate an individual obligation to the Community, State and Nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and goodwill on earth; to safeguard and transmit to prosperity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion of mutual helpfulness.

Article I Name

The name of this organization shall be; "GEORGE P. VANDERVEER POST NO. 129, THE AMERICAN LEGION OF TOMS RIVER, NEW JERSEY".

Article II Nature

Section 1

The American Legion is a civilian organization; membership therein does not affect nor increase liability for military or police service. Rank does not exist in the American Legion. No member shall be addressed by their military or naval title in any convention or meeting of the American Legion.

Section 2

The American Legion shall be absolutely non-political and non-sectarian, and, shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles or for the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking remunerative public office or preferment. Further; no candidate for or incumbent of a remunerative public office shall hold any office in Post 129, and, the appointment to an elective remunerative public office by any person who holds office in Post 129 shall automatically vacate that position.

Article III Eligibility

Section 1

Any person shall be eligible for membership in the American Legion, who was a member of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or Air Force of the United States and assigned to active duty at some time during the following periods: April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918; December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946; June 25, 1950 to January 31 1955; December 22, 1961 to May 7, 1975; August 24 1982 to July 31, 1984; December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990 August 2, 1990 to the cessation of hostilities as determined by the government of the United States; all dates inclusive, or who, being a citizen of the United States at the time of his/her entry therein, served on active duty in the armed forces of any of the Governments associated with the United States during any of said periods; provided, however, that such service shall have been terminated by honorable separation, or continued honorably after any of said periods; provided, further, that no person shall be entitled to membership who, being in such service during any of said periods, refused on conscientious, political or other grounds to subject himself/herself to military discipline or unqualified service.

Section 2

There shall be no form or class of membership except an active membership and dues shall be paid annually or for life.

Section 3

An applicant for membership shall present an application with their discharge, DD-214 or other adequate proof of eligibility for membership to the membership chairperson, the membership chairperson shall carefully inspect the credentials and report to the post. **[[Whereupon, the application shall be read at two post meetings prior to balloting, excepting that, one of these meetings may be waived by a two-thirds vote.]]** (Note:

the post is no longer permitted to ballot applicants the black ball has been black-balled)

{{New members shall present themselves for initiation if at all practicable, when scheduled}}

Section 4

Any member, whose for the current year have not been paid by January First of the next year, shall be classified as delinquent. Dues received before February First shall automatically reinstate said member. A member still delinquent after the Legion Birthday, March Fifteenth, shall be suspended from all privileges of membership. A member under such suspension on June Thirtieth shall forfeit membership in the American Legion. A membership so forfeited may be reinstated through application, provided dues for the year of reinstatement have been paid.

Section 5

The membership Chairperson shall; maintain a complete and accurate roster of each post member's name and current address. Prepare and forward all membership cards to members and to Department Headquarters at the earliest possible convenience, upon receipt of dues. All funds collected shall be remitted to the Finance Officer. It shall also be the duty of the Membership Chairperson to notify members whose dues may be in arrears on January First and attempt to collect same.

Article IV Nominating Committee

Section 1

The Executive board shall appoint, in the month of January, a nominating committee consisting of five members, said committee shall name a candidate for each elective office. The committee shall present the resultant list to the membership at the General meeting in February and shall be published in the next issue of the official post publication 'Sound-Off', and be posted in the lounge. Service on the nominating committee shall not preclude its members from running for office.

Section 2

Nominations may be opened from the floor up to and including the General meeting in April. At that time nominations may be opened by a simple-majority vote.

Section 3

Qualifications for the office of Commander shall be; two years in office as a Vice-Commander, Adjutant, Finance Officer or any combination thereof. Qualifications for Vice-Commander shall be one year in elective office and having chaired a standing committee or special committee. All other elective or appointed offices may be filled by a member with two years in good standing.

Article V Elections

Section 1

Post officers and the Board of Trustees, delegates and alternates to the County Committee shall be elected with a plurality of the votes cast by the members present at the General meeting held in April of each year. The polls shall be open between the hours of 7:00PM and 8:00PM.

Section 2

The commander, prior to the election, shall appoint one Judge to supervise the election and a sufficient number of tellers to expedite tabulation of the votes. The Judge will subsequently report the results to the membership and the adjutant shall record same in the official record.

Section 3

Part or the entire ballot may be dispensed with, upon motion and approval, by the members present, when there is but one candidate for said office. Balloting is necessary when more than one candidate has been nominated for any office, these

names shall be listed on the ballot by random selection. Proxy voting shall not be allowed.

Article VI Elective Officers

Section 1

The elective officers of Post 129 shall consist of; Commander, Four Vice-Commanders if equal rank, Finance Officer, Chaplain, Sergeant-at-Arms, historian and a Board of Trustees consisting of nine members.

Article VII Duties of the Elective Officers

Section 1

THE COMMANDER shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the post and shall have the duty of presiding over all General and Executive Board meetings and shall retain the general powers and duties of supervision. The commander shall appoint all standing committees and have the authority to appoint special committees with the approval of the membership. The outgoing Commander shall submit to the membership at the General meeting in July a report outlining the post activities of the preceding year with recommendations for the ensuing year.

Section 2

THE VICE-COMMANDERS in the absence of the Commander shall be vested with the powers to assume the duties, responsibilities and the authority of the Commander or when called upon by the Commander to do so.

Section 3

THE FINANCE OFFICER shall take charge of and disburse all monies and financed of the post and keep an accurate record of the same, such account shall be subject to examination of any officer or member of the post. The finance officer shall render an accounting at the General Meeting of each month, of the amount on hand and of receipts and disbursements since the previous monthly meeting.

It shall also be the duty of the finance officer to deposit all monies within forty-eight hours after receipt in a depository to be designated in the name of George P. Vanderveer Post 129, The American Legion. The finance officer shall, when in funds, pay all bills and demands as ordered by the post, and the check or draft signed by the finance officer and countersigned by the commander or adjutant.

It shall be the duty of the finance officer upon assuming office to prepare, with the assistance of the executive committee, standing committee chairpersons and post accountant, a financially a balanced budget for the ensuing year. The revenues and expenditures will be estimated from past experience and the previous year's balance sheet which shall be provided by the post accountant.

Section 4

THE HISTORIAN shall obtain and prepare an accurate pictorial of all post and membership activities during his/her term of office. The said history, upon approval by the membership, shall become a permanent part of the post records. The historian shall take charge of and be responsible for all video, audio and any other post equipment applicable to the position.

Section 5

THE CHAPLAIN shall be responsible for the spiritual leadership of the post. He or she shall offer invocations or benedictions where such prayers are required. He or she shall take part in the initiation of new members, the dedication of halls monuments and the funeral services of our comrades as required in the American Legion ritual.

Section 6

THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS shall take charge of the door and verify the credentials or eligibility of those arriving, and, shall deny entrance to unauthorized persons, He or she shall take charge of the post colors and handle certain physical arrangements in the hall for meetings and ceremonies. He or she shall also learn the identities of all visitors and guests and

introduce them to the commander. The sergeant-at-arm shall preserve order as may be directed by the commander.

Section 7

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES shall be chaired by the immediate past commander, with the consent of the executive board. The board shall retain custody and be responsible for all post and real property, Approve for signature be the commander, financier officer and or adjutant, all deeds, mortgages and legal documents and covenants, providing, an opinion has been obtained from legal counsel whom the board shall retain yearly with approval of the membership. The board of trustees shall monitor all budgeted expenditures and notify the appropriate officer or committee chairperson when their budget is about to be exceeded; review and monitor all bids and appropriations. The board of trustees shall meet quarterly to review post and committee records and report to the executive board as soon thereafter as practicable. The board of trustees shall inventory all post property and equipment on a yearly basis and file a record of such with the adjutant, said report shall be available for inspection by the membership.

Article VIII Appointed Officers

Section 1

The appointed officers of Post 129 shall consist of, Adjutant, Service Officer and Judge Advocate and shall be appointed by the commander yearly, with the approval of the Executive Board.

Article IX Duties of the Appointed Officers

Section 1

THE ADJUTANT is the corporate secretary and recording officer of the post and custodian of its records and books, excepting, those specifically assigned to others. He or she shall keep accurate record of all proceedings, these minutes shall be subject to approval by the membership and be available upon request, and, he or she shall take charge of the official seal and affix same to such documents in need of attestation. In the absence of the Judge Advocate the Adjutant shall act as parliamentarian and advise the commander, or any other member, upon request, matters of parliamentary procedure. He or she shall take charge of all correspondence. Any correspondence originating at the post shall do so through the adjutant.

Section 2

THE SERVICE OFFICER shall act as liaison between the veterans' and their dependents and the department of Veterans' Affairs and Ocean County Veterans' Affairs office. He or she shall assist them to the best of his or her ability and shall present their cases to the Department of New Jersey Service Officer, if necessary. He or she shall present an annual report and keep a record of all cases and their disposition to the membership.

Section 3

THE JUDGE ADVOCATE shall be the advisor the commander and the executive board in matters concerning the regulations and laws related to the internal affairs off the post and the American Legion. He or she shall, upon request, render opinions of a legal nature of matters affecting the post, its officers or the membership. He or she shall act as liaison between the post and legal counsel retained by the board of trustees. The judge advocate shall act as parliamentarian and shall advise the commander or any other member, upon request, matters of parliamentary procedure. The judge advocates decisions may be overturned with a simple-majority vote of members present.

Article X Vacancies

If one or more of the elective offices of the post become vacant the membership shall nominate and elect a successor or successors who shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term, If one or more of the appointed offices become vacant the commander shall appoint a successor or successors, with the

approval of the membership, who shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term.

Article XI Absenteeism

Any officer of the post or member of the executive board, who shall be absent from three consecutive meetings without presenting a reasonable excuse shall be relieved of his or her position and duties. A successor shall be elected or appointed a herein provided.

Article XII Meetings

Section 1

The General Membership meetings of the post shall be held on the first Monday of each month and shall be called to order at 7:00PM. Twenty-one members shall constitute a quorum. If a quorum is not obtained by 7:15PM that meeting may be canceled by the commander. There shall be no general meeting held on an official federal holiday.

Section 2

The Executive Board meeting shall be held on the third Monday of each month and shall be called to order at 7:00PM. Nine members of the executive board shall constitute a quorum. If a quorum is not obtained by 7:15PM that meeting may be cancelled by the commander. There shall no executive board meeting held on an official federal holiday.

Section 3

A special meeting of the post may be called by the commander or by a majority of the executive board. Existence of a proper quorum shall be established by the commander at the start of such special meeting and shall be reflected in the minutes. Said quorum shall consist of nine members of the executive board.

Article XIII Order of Business

Section 1

The order of business at the General membership and executive board meetings shall be as follows:

- A. Opening ceremonies
- B. Introduction of guests, and prospective members.
- C. Roll Call
- D. Reading of the minutes and correspondence
- E. Reports of Officers and standing and special committees.
- F. Unfinished Business
- G. New Business
- H. Sick Call and Relief
- I. Good of the American Legion
- J. Closing Ceremonies
- K. Adjournment

Article XIV The Executive Board

Section 1

The administrative affairs of the post shall be conducted by the Executive, consisting of the elected and appointed officers, Board of Trustees and by virtue of their title, all Past Commanders in good standing.

Section 2

The Executive Board shall authorize all expenditures, subject to approval of the membership. Shall take charge of and be responsible for the management of the affairs of the Post. No business or action of the board affecting a change or establishment of policy or pertaining to the sale, purchase or transfer of any property or which entails the assets of or in any way obligates the membership, excepting routine budgeted matters shall be transacted by the board without approval from said membership. No asset of the Post shall be disposed of without written notice to all members, providing the value of said action shall exceed \$1000.00. The notice of said action shall specify the proposal and set a time and date for a vote, approval shall require a two-thirds majority vote of those present for passage. Any issue not resolved may be tabled to the next meeting without further written notice.

Section 4

Executive Board meeting are open to the general membership; however, those members shall not have the privilege of a vote. Any member may bring before the board a grievance, complaint or suggestion.

Article XV Committees

The Commander upon taking office shall appoint the following standing committees, subject to the approval on the membership:

Americanism/Oratorical
Blood Drive
Boys State
Constitution and Bylaws
Convention
Child Welfare
County Steering
Flags
Firing Squad/Color Guard
Graves
Hall Rentals
House Maintenance
Legionnaire of the Year
Membership
Memorial Day Parade
Planning Committee
Public Relations
Pull-Tab
Rehabilitation and Hospital
Ritual
Sons of the American Legion
Scouts
Sound-Off

Section 2

The Commander shall retain the authority appoint any special committees which he or she may deem necessary, subject to the approval of the membership

Section 3

The Committee Chairperson shall have the authority to voucher out-of-pocket expenses not to exceed \$500.00. Said expenditures will be reimbursed upon presentation of an acceptable receipt to the finance officer.

Article XVI Subordinate Organizations

Section 1

A Legion Auxiliary shall be recognized by the post and shall be known as the "The Legion Auxiliary, Unit 129. It shall be the purpose of the Legion Auxiliary to aid and assist the membership in furthering the causes and principles of the American Legion accordance with the preamble of the Legion Auxiliary.

Section 2

Sons of the American Legion shall be recognized by the post and shall be known as "Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 129". It shall be the purpose of the SAL to aid and assist the membership in furthering the causes and principles of the American Legion in accordance with the preamble of the SAL.

Section 3

An American Legion Riders chapter shall be recognized by the post and shall be known as "American Legion Riders, Chapter 129" It shall be the purpose of the Legion Riders to aid and assist the membership in furthering the causes and principles of the American Legion in accordance with the preamble of the Chapter.

Section 4

The Past Commanders Association, organized in 1956, shall be recognized by the post to assist in furthering the causes and principles of the American Legion and aid in the administration of post business, upon request.

Article XVII Discipline and Grievances

Section 1

This post shall be the judge of its own membership. The disciplinary procedure shall be strictly adhered to as outlined in "Article IV" of the By-Laws of the American Legion Department of New Jersey.

Section 2

Any member with a grievance toward another member or members of the post may present said grievance to the Executive Board for action. If the action taken by the executive board is unsatisfactory to the grievant, an appeal may be pursued as outlined in "Article IV" on the By-Laws of the American Legion Department of New Jersey.

Article VIII Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of "Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised" shall govern this post in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws and any special rules of order the post may adopt.

Article XIX Amendments

Section 1

These By-Laws may be amended at any general membership meeting of the post by two-thirds majority vote of the members present. Providing that the proposed amendment/amendments shall have been submitted in writing at a previous executive board meeting, and further, that written notice shall have been given to all members-at-large in advance of said date.

Publication in the post official publication, Sound-Off, shall be considered sufficient notification.

Section 2

Any amendments to the By-Laws of the American Legion National, Department of New Jersey or the Ocean County Executive Committee, in conflict with any provisions herein, shall be regarded as automatically repelling or modifying this document to the extent of such conflict, subject to the approval of the post executive committee.

Article XX Life Membership

Section 1

The Life Membership committee shall consist on the Life Members in good standing of Post 129 and shall be chaired by the most recently appointed Life Member.

Section 2

Those eligible for nomination to Life Membership shall be members in good standing who have served for twenty consecutive years in the George P. Vanderveer Post 129 of the American Legion and shall have been active at least ten of those years. Said nominee shall have held various offices and chaired and worked on various committees, qualifications shall be received by the Life Membership Committee and the decision of that committee shall be final.

Section 3

There shall be one (1) Live membership, upon eligibility, appointed each year and will be presented at the American Legion Birthday Party held in March.

Article XXI Bar Committee

Section 1

The Commander shall appoint a bar chairperson for a one (1) year term which will coincide with the commander's term of office. The commander and the bar chairperson shall appoint a committee consisting of six (6) members. All committee members shall be members in good standing. The bar chairperson and bar committee members shall serve, subject to the approval of the executive board.

Section 2

The bar committee shall be responsible for the daily operation and fiscal management of all bar activities. The bar

committee shall also be responsible for establishing, regulating and enforcing all bar policies, duties and rules and regulations. The bar committee shall administer all discipline, of an immediate and emergent nature, regarding bar staff, committee members and patrons. All disciplinary action taken by the bar chairperson shall be reported to the commander and executive board for final action and possible further disciplinary action.

Section 3

The bar committee shall be responsible for interviewing and hiring experienced bartenders, who shall be certified by qualified certification organization. The bartenders shall be compensated from the proceeds of the bar in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey. The bartenders shall be responsible for filing a report of tip income with the IRS. It is required that the bartenders be a members of one of the branches of Post 129, such preference shall be to veterans first. The list of bartender duties shall be presented to all bar staff members and posted in the bar office. Bartender duties may be modified by the bar committee subject to the approval of the commander. The commander shall report all changes to the executive board.

Section 4

The bar chairperson/committee shall adhere to and abide by the regulations for the management of said bar as required by the laws of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission of the state of New Jersey and the municipality of Toms River Township. The bar chairperson shall keep on file and available an up to date copy of New Jersey Alcoholic Beverage Control employee form E-141-A.

Section 5

The bar chairperson/committee shall setup and maintain its own checking account and take charge of its own financial transactions. All checks issued by the bar committee shall have two (2) authorized signatures. The bar chairperson, and a bar committee member, the commander and finance officer shall be signatures of the bar account. Beer, Liquor and soda expenses shall be paid on the 15th and the last day of the month. Early payment of these bills will avoid Cash-On-Delivery status with our suppliers, as provided in ABC regulations.

Section 6

The bar chairperson, or his designee, shall submit a financial report of the past month's activities, a list of upcoming events and any changes in the bar operations, at the monthly general meeting. At the conclusion of the report, the he or she shall present a check to the post. The check shall be in the amount of the budgeted monthly amount established by the budget committee for that fiscal year. The check may exceed the budgeted amount in any given monthly. If the monthly check will be less than the budgeted amount, the bar chairperson shall notify the commander and finance officer one (1) week prior to the general meeting.

New Articles:

Article XXII Remunerative Offices

The paid positions need to be defined and compensation decided upon.

Article XXIII Standing Rules

IAW Roberts Rules this will serve as the SOP manual we have been discussing. Standing Rules are not subject to the amendment procedure required for By-Laws

Approved unanimously by the Executive Board in
Session

This 29th Day of January, 2014

Upon motion by Trustee Jim Cressen

Commander: Rich Godfrey

By-Law Committee:

Dave Corbin, Bob Scheiderman