



# SOUNDOFF

March—April 2015

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

## COMMANDERS MESSAGE

As you receive this newsletter, winter will be behind us. As I previously mentioned, there is much behind the scenes work being done in preparation for our outside spring and summer season. We plan on hitting the ground running. We are still waiting for approval from the DEP on our wetlands designation. The Rider's Monument Project is moving swiftly. The committee has reviewed all of the proposals and awarded the contract. (See the Rider's Article). Pavers are being sold to finance the project at no cost to the Post.

As soon as the weather breaks, we will be having a Pig Roast/BBQ in our picnic grove as a fundraiser for the Pavilion. Ryan's Catering has agreed to host this event at no cost to the Post. The kitchen continues to run smoothly. Just a reminder, the kitchen is a busy place and not to be used as a short cut to the banquet hall. If you have any questions or concerns, they are to be directed to the Commander who is the liaison to the kitchen staff. We have several major events scheduled including 5 weddings. These events continue to generate revenue for our post.

During the month of February, we had a sold out Valentines Dance by the SAL, a benefit for Duke & Cookie Haring to assist them with their medical bills. (Ryan's Catering also donated the food for this event). February 28 is "A Night of Comedy & Magic in the banquet hall. Our last Comedy Show was hysterical. March

15<sup>th</sup> is our St. Patrick's Day Party with an appearance by the Shamrock & Thistle Bagpipe Band as well as music by the True Tones. On Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, ELVIS, starring Craig Newell will be back by popular demand. Tickets for any event can be purchased at the bar. Be sure to stop by the Post. Our Entertainment schedule is updated frequently and displayed in the lobby.

We plan on changing up the bar entertainment schedule. We will continue to have live bands on Friday night.

Saturdays have previously been Karaoke and attendance has dropped off on Saturday nights. Therefore, at the request of our patrons, Karaoke will only be one Saturday a month and we will be booking other live acts on Saturday. Also, we are planning on having live music on Sunday afternoons now that football season is over. Stay tuned.

A meeting of the bar committee has necessitated a change in bar hours. Last call will now be at 12 midnight followed by a bar closing at 12:30. It has been determined that this will assist us in our liquor liability situation and protect our customers as well.

We are always looking for ways to improve our Post. Many times, we make changes on a trial basis to "test the waters". This enables us to see if these changes are in fact "user friendly" and/or profitable.

I want to thank the members of my Executive Board who saw to the operation of the Post during my absence. I was fortunate enough to watch the Super Bowl in Key West Florida at Post 28. After winning two major raffles at their post, they have asked me not to return.

P.T.S.D.

Not all wounds are visible  
Rich Gato  
Commander

**SATURDAY  
MARCH 28**

**Craig Newell as  
ELVIS**

**AMERICAN LEGION  
of TOMS RIVER**

**2025 CHURCH ROAD**

**TICKETS \$20 - DOORS OPEN 6:30**

**SHOWTIME - 8PM**

**(732) 330-2430**

## AUXILIARY MESSAGE

Hey Spring are you coming to visit this year? Please hurry.

Well Ladies things are starting to get busy.

On February 1, seven members attended the Four Chaplains Memorial Service at Lakehurst, always a moving ceremony. On February 4, three members visited veteran residents at Tallwood Nursing Home and played a bean ball toss game and gave residents Valentine themed gifts and stress balls enjoyed coffee and cookies. On February 13 we had our Psychic Fair and it was a great success. Thank you Dolores and her committee for a job well done. On February 14 numerous members attended the St. Valentine's Dance sponsored by the SAL and danced the night away.

In March we will be having our annual Gift Auction, and if you would like to donate new items for the gift auction please contact Carol Rutzler at 732-929-0568 or Paula Harpe at 732-773-1962. Also in April we will be having our Indoor/Outdoor Flea Market and the contacts for this are the same.

Please look for the flyers of both events in this issue of the news letter.

Our monthly meetings are the first Monday of the month starting at 7PM. Please consider coming and learning more about the Auxiliary.

For God and Country  
Jane Keeley, President



## AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

Auxiliary Unit # 129 is 90.17% to goal. Yeah!

Still waiting for unpaid 2015 dues, please remit A.S.A.P. (43 to be exact). Don't forget if you lapse one year a double payment is made for the following year. Don't let this happen to you!

Our Unit is the largest in the State and in the month of February Ocean County has soared to # 1 in Department in membership.

New members always welcomed, think hard, now is the

time to sign up daughters, granddaughters, sisters, aunts and anyone else who you might know. They must have DD214's or legion member relative as sponsor. You are "Keeping Us Strong". Thank you.

Respectively yours,  
Laurinda Miller  
Membership Chair

## BINGO

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

Progressive  
Refreshments served  
50/50 - Mystery Prizes



## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY ANNUAL GIFT AUCTION

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2015

12:00 PM 6:00 PM

American Legion Post 129  
2025 Church Road, Toms River, NJ 08753

**\$10.00 Entrance Fee**

Food and Drink will be available for purchase

Items for Auction include a XPro2 Pedestal Blue Tooth Sound Rocker game chair, Sony camera, Spa Basket, George Foreman Grill and many more quality gifts!

**MUST BE 18 TO ENTER**

**RCA 10" Tablet**

**Sony Camera**



# SPRING FLEA MARKET

**APRIL 25, 2015 (RAIN OR SHINE)**

**9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**INSIDE SPACE \$20.00**

**(tables provided)**

**OUTSIDE SPACE \$10.00**

**(must provide own table)**

**For more information please contact:**

**Carol Rutzler (732) 978-0716**

**Paula Harpe (732) 773-1962**

**YOU MUST PAY IN ADVANCE TO HOLD YOUR SPACE**

dinary. Each of us were volunteers, and never-ever subject to being drafted, and yet we served. The Korean War veterans are commonly referred to as the "Forgotten Veterans", but I suspect that they, too, forgot about the woman veteran!

Therefore, with the complete support and endorsement of the men and women of the George P. Vanderveer AMERICAN LEGION Post 129, I would like to invite you, as a woman veteran, to meet with other women veterans at the AMERICAN LEGION Post home at:

2025 Church Road

Toms River, NJ

Saturday, May 16, 2015

Armed Forces Day

at 11:00 AM in an attempt to establish a Unit of Military Women Across the Nation in Toms River. Feel free to share this invitation with your women veteran friends.

**\*\*bring your DD-214\*\***

Thank You,  
Darlene Scheiderman,  
USN, 1965

News Release #2015-1

February 4, 2015

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## 2ND INFANTRY DIVISION VETERANS

The Mid Atlantic Branch of the Second Indianhead Division Association will have its annual reunion in Lancaster, Pennsylvania on May 1 - 3, 2015 at the Continental Inn. All veterans of the Army's 2nd Infantry Division are invited, in particular those in the states of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, New York, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. For more information, call Harry Royce at (804) 526-0828 or send an email to Hkroye@comcast.net.

## ATTENTION ALL WOMEN VETERANS

This message is intended for and directed to all Women Veterans; whether you are a member of our George P. Vanderveer AMERICAN LEGION Post or not, and regardless of the dates of your Service. If you Honorably served in our United States, Navy, Army, Air Force, Coast Guard and/or Marines, whether Active or Reserve...You are eligible to become a Charter Member of a National Organization of Women

Veterans - known as 'Military Women Across the Nation'

This is not a new organization, but rather an Improved One! This group of women veterans was chartered over 30 years ago, and known as Waves National. It was a group of women veterans of the Sea Services, ie: Navy, Coast Guard and Marines. Now, they have seen the error of their ways, and have regrouped to recognize ALL women veterans, of ALL our services. A long over-due decision! As we all know, Veterans are rather special folks ...and Women Veterans are just extraor-

## SAL MESSAGE

I cannot believe we are in the middle of February and about 45 more days until spring! Cannot wait!

Well, as you know, the SAL has been very busy. Our Valentine's Dance was a sell out and everybody had a great time. Our fundraiser for Duke and Cookie was also a great success. Thanks to all of you that supported Duke and Cookie.

Membership, Membership, Membership. If you have not paid your dues you will be considered suspended and "NOT" be able to enjoy all the great things and fun THE AMERICAN LEGION offers, so, please, if you have not paid your dues, get them into Rocky so you will be up to date. THANK YOU!

Also, right now we are doing nominations for all SAL officers' election which will be in April. So please come out and support.

For God and Country  
Bob Joerg  
SAL Commander Squadron 129



## S.A.L.MEMBERSHIP

Once again SAL Squadron 129, launched its membership into orbit, as of Feb. 6th 2015, the membership stands at 446, the largest membership of any Squadron in the history in N.J., Twenty seven more members than last year's total, way over 100%, that's unbe-

lievable, what's Believable is we have time to reach 500 members this year, and that's where the Squadron needs the legionnaires to sign up to become dual members, have their children and grandsons become S.A.L.s at Squadron 129. Squadron 129 has more SAL's members than 14 out of 21 counties, when you look at the state membership chart. In reality, the larger the membership the better we can help our veterans, and our Post 129. I'm very proud to be a SAL at Squadron 129, and very proud of our SAL Commander Bob Joerg and his leadership and his commitment to our Legion Family. My hat goes off to Rocky Lucia, for the great work he does as Squadron 129 membership Chairman. -----

Thank you,  
FOR GOD AND COUNTRY,  
N.J. SAL Detachment Membership Chairman  
David (Duke) Haring

## New Legion e-newsletter honors and remembers

*More than 10,000 people have already signed up for free monthly collection of stories, photos and videos that pay tribute to military and veteran history.*

INDIANAPOLIS -- Based on the popularity of its Honor & Remembrance web platform -- [www.legion.org/honor](http://www.legion.org/honor) -- THE AMERICAN LEGION has launched a new national electronic newsletter dedicated, as the preamble to the Legion's constitution states, to the preservation of "memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars."

The free, monthly e-newsletter

features news stories, personal recollections, videos and photo galleries that pay tribute to service members who have protected America's freedoms from World War I through the current war era. Submissions from readers are encouraged through: [www.legion.org/legiontown](http://www.legion.org/legiontown).

AMERICAN LEGION Media & Communications staff writers, freelancers and others also contribute to the e-newsletter. Stories and photos will be housed on the Honor & Remembrance web page at [www.legion.org/honor](http://www.legion.org/honor), which also includes a directory of national memorials and sacred places, information about reunions and military history.

Those interested in receiving the Honor and Remembrance e-newsletter, and any of the other Legion e-newsletters, can subscribe by going to: [www.legion.org/newsletters](http://www.legion.org/newsletters).

Readers are encouraged to share stories about their family's military legacy, their time in the service, a community memorial, or other item related to honor and remembrance. More than 10,000 are already subscribers to the new e-newsletter.

For those without access to a computer, honor and remembrance submissions may be mailed to Honor and Remembrance, c/o The American Legion, PO Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206, Attention: Henry Howard, Deputy Director, Media & Communications Division. Questions can be emailed to:

[honor@legion.org](mailto:honor@legion.org)



## LEGION MEMBERSHIP

Dear American Legion Member:

In checking our roster I noticed that there are many members that the Post Adjutant does not yet have you recorded as having renewed your membership in THE AMERICAN LEGION for the current year. Probably this has been nothing more than an oversight, but I did want to let you know that we are counting very much on your continuing as a member of our Post.

We are depending more and more on renewal dues notices to secure the dues from our present members. This seems to be the modern trend and does allow our membership team to spend more time in inviting other veterans to become members of our Post.

THE AMERICAN LEGION is not placing less emphasis on current members. You are very important to us if we are to accomplish the many tasks facing THE AMERICAN LEGION, both at home and in Washington. Please let me know if there is some service that our Post or Department can provide for you or if there is any particular reason that has kept you from renewing your membership. Please contact me @ [rjg548@comcast.net](mailto:rjg548@comcast.net) or call me at 732-604-8326, The AMERICAN LEGION needs you please send in your dues.

Sincerely,  
Richard Godfrey  
Membership Chairman

## CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS ARTICLE X, SECTION 7

A member whose dues for the current year have not been paid by January 1<sup>st</sup> shall be classed as delinquent. If his dues- are paid on

or before February 1<sup>st</sup> he shall be automatically reinstated. If he is still delinquent after February 1<sup>st</sup> he shall be suspended from all privileges. If he is still under such suspension on June 30 of such year, his membership in THE AMERICAN LEGION shall be forfeited. A member so suspended or whose membership has been so forfeited may be reinstated to active membership in good standing by vote of the Post and payment of current dues for the year in

which reinstatement occurs. Provided, however, that the Post, Department and the National Department may waive the provisions hereof, upon payment of dues for the year in which reinstatement occurs, with reference to former members who have been prevented from the payment of dues by reason of active military service.



**WEB:** <http://americanlegionpost129.webs.com/>  
**FACEBOOK:** American Legion Post 129 Toms River NJ

## American Legion Post 129 Annual



# St. Patty's Day



## Adult Party

### Sunday 3/15/2015

### From 2pm till 7pm Only \$25.00 Per Person

**Includes: Tap Beer & Soda - Cash Bar**

Dinner: Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots,  
Chicken Francaise, Rye Bread, and Dessert

*Wearin' O' The Green - Prize For Best Dressed /Costume*

Entertainment By:

**THE TRUE TONES**  
and  
**Bagpipers**



*American Legion*



**Birthday!**

Tickets Available For Sale At The Post Canteen Bar

Info: Ray Miller (732) 272-7552

Dave Corbin (732) 489-5841

**Buy Early!! - This Event Always Sells Out!**



## RIDERS MESSAGE

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Not a lot to report from the Riders since our last publication. With the cold weather and the snow riding is not much of an option. We are in the process of putting together our yearly fundraiser, which again this year will be a family BBQ and Poker Run. The date will be June 7th and we will be trying to raise as much as we can to support Veterans. Once again we will have the band Timepiece playing and our BBQ grills will be getting a workout. Willie Girard, Mike Wolff, Ralph Capasso will again be cooking up a storm in our picnic area. Food will be plentiful and I expect everyone to have a good time. More to come as we continue with this event.

We are waiting for the weather to break so that the "Heroes Walk" project can be completed. Al Gashler and his committee have contacted our contractor and the project will be completed in a short period of time as soon as the weather permits. We still have openings for any of our Veterans or family members of Veterans if they wish to purchase paving stones that will be placed in the monument area of our walkway. We believe this to be a worthy project to not only remember the brave men that the Riders escorted "home" from the Delaware Bridge, but for the many of our members that also served our great nation. If you're interested please get an application form at the bar or see Al Gashler. The price is \$125.00 and will have the name, rank, branch of service, and era of the individual service.

For God & Country,  
Art Brown



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### PUBLISHED...

...6 times per year and mailed to 2300 members.

### DEADLINE...

...for the next issue (May-June) is April 15. Submissions can be e-mailed to:

**soundoff.al.post129@outlook.com**

or via U.S. mail to:

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

### CALENDAR...

...send your events for the calendar to Bob Scheiderman at:  
**knottoday@verizon.net**

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...business card advertising accepted for 6 issues (1 year).

Single card \$75.00. Double card \$140.00.

Other sizes available upon request.

### ON LINE AT...

<http://soundoffalpost129.wix.com/soundoff>

### Proceeds to The NJ Vietnam Veterans' Memorial and Vietnam Era Museum



### The American Legion Riders of New Jersey

### Pasta Dinner

## SUNDAY, April 26, 2015

### 1 – 5 pm

### At American Legion Post 129

### 2025 Church Rd, Toms River



**Music by "Who Are You Guys"**

[www.whoareyouguys.net](http://www.whoareyouguys.net)

**\*\*\*Cash Bar Available\*\*\*  
50/50 Raffle**

Adults - \$12.00  
Children (Under 12)  
\$5.00

### Dinner Includes

- Pasta
- Meatball/Sausage
- Italian Bread
- Tossed Salad
- Soda, Coffee, Tea

Information/Advance Tickets – call 732-232-3286

Donations appreciated made to NJVVM and mailed to American Legion Post 129,

Attn: ALR Pasta Dinner, 2025 Church Rd, Toms River NJ 08753

# LEGION RIDERS POST 129



2025 Church Rd, Toms River, NJ, 08753-1410  
Phone: (732) 255-1560 Website: alrpost129.com

**Art Brown**  
President

**Rich Gato**  
Vice President

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**Al Gashler**  
Secretary

**Mike Schaffer**  
Chaplain

Road Captains  
**Ray Miller**  
**Mike Schaffer**  
**Mike Perry**  
**Bob Hoehn**

**Dear American Legion Member:**

*We are counting on you to help make our Hero's Walk Project a success!!*

Most of the American Legion family is aware of the project that our Rider group started with our June 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 presentation of the granite stones representing our Ocean County residents that gave the ultimate sacrifice since September 11<sup>th</sup> 2001. The Riders of American Legion Post 129 escorted these five heroes' from Delaware to their final resting place back in Ocean County. Many of these fine men had their repass at our post. Within the coming months our project will become a reality. An architectural drawing was done and a construction company has been contacted. To offset the project, as well as allowing members and their family members to be recognized for their service to our nation we are selling paving stones for a price of \$125.00. These stones will recognize the name of the service member and branch of service of either our Legionnaires, our fathers or grandfathers of SAL members or the service member of our Ladies Auxiliary. These stones will be permanent fixtures to be placed within the setting of the monument.

-- Please make all checks or money orders to American Legion Riders Post 129.

Sincerely,

Art Brown  
President

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Example

Name Joesph Smith Rank Ensign Branch of Service Navy ERA WWII

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Return with check or money order to American Legion Riders 129

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Branch of Service Army ERA \_\_\_\_\_

Navy

Marines

Air Force

Coast Guard

Merchant Marines

(Circle appropriate)

Birthstone

**March 2015**

Aquamarine

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 General & Auxiliary Mtg. 7 PM  	3	4	5 <b>bingo</b> Full Worm Moon	6	7
8  Daylight Savings Time Begins	9	10	11  SAL Mtg. 7 PM	12 BINGO Blizzard of 1888	13	14
15 Post 129 St. Patty's Day Party	16 Board Mtg. 7:00PM	17  St. Patrick's Day	18 Doolittle's Raid 1942	19 BINGO	20  First Day Of Spring	21
22	23  Riders Mtg 7 PM	24	25	26 <b>BINGO</b>	27	28  Auxiliary Gift Auction 12 PM—6 PM
29 Palm Sunday 	30	31 Department Commander Visit Post 129				"People who think they know everything are a great annoyance to those of us who do. Isaac Asimov

**SYBIL LUDINGTON**

April 5, 1761-February 26 1893

Sybil Ludington was a heroine of the American Revolutionary War who is famous for her night ride on April 26, 1777 to alert American colonial forces of the approach of the British. Her action was similar to that performed by Paul Revere, though she rode more than twice the distance of Revere and was only 16 years old at the time of her action.

Ludington, born in 1761, the oldest of twelve children, in what was then known as Fredericksburg, and is now known as the Ludingtonville section of the town of Kent, New York. Her father was Colonel Henry Ludington, a respected militia officer who commanded the 7th Regiment of the

Dutchess County Militia, a volunteer regiment of local men during the Revolutionary War. He and his wife, Abigail, ran a mill in Patterson, New York. He later became an aide to General George Washington.

On April 27, 1777, British troops raided Danbury Connecticut, which housed numerous Continental Army supplies. A messenger was dispatched to alert Col. Ludington.

Ludington's ride started at 9:00 PM and ended around dawn. She rode 40 miles, through Carmel, New York on to Mahopac, thence to Kent Cliffs, from there to Farmers Mills and back home. She used a stick to prod her horse and knock on doors. She managed to defend herself against a highwayman with a long

stick. When, soaked with rain and exhausted, she returned home, most of her father's 400 soldiers were ready to march.

The memoir for Colonel Henry Ludington states,

*"Sybil, who a few days before, had passed her sixteenth birthday, and bade her to take a horse, ride for the men, and tell them to be at his house by day-break. One who even rides from Carmel to Cold Spring will find rugged and dangerous roads, with lonely stretches.*

*Imagination can only picture what it was a century and a quarter ago, on a dark night, with reckless bands of "Cowboys" and "Skinners" abroad in the land. But the child performed her task,*





APRIL: From the Greek goddess of love, Aphrodite

Birthstone

**April 2015**

Diamond

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
"The 1st of April is the day we remember what we are the other 364 days of the year" Mark Twain			1  April Fools Day	2 B I N G O	3 Good Friday  Passover	4  Full Pink Moon
5 Easter Sunday	6 General & Auxiliary Mtg. 7 PM  	7	8  SAL Mtg. 7 PM	9 BINGO  Civil War ends 1865	10	11
12	13	14	15  Abraham Lincoln Dies 1865	16 BINGO	17	18  Paul Revere's Ride 1775
19	20 Board Mtg. 7:00PM	21	22 Earth Day	23 BINGO	24 Arbor Day	25 Auxiliary Spring Flea Market 9 AM—3 PM
26 American Legion Riders of NJ Pasta Dinner 1 PM—5 PM	27  Riders Mtg 7 PM	28	29	30 APRIL HATH FIVE BINGOS		

**APRIL 26th:** 5th Annual Legion Riders Benefit for the NJ Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Ride-In and Pasta Dinner, Noon to 5PM

**APRIL 4th:** Shortly after midnight the airship USS AKRON crashes off Barnegat Light killing 73 of the 76 men aboard

*clinging to a man's saddle, and guiding her steed with only a hempen halter, as she rode through the night, bearing the news of the sack of Danbury. There is no extravagance in comparing her ride with that of Paul Revere and its midnight message. Nor was her errand less efficient than his. By daybreak, thanks to her daring, nearly the whole regiment was mustered before her father's house at Fredericksburg, and an hour or two later was on the march for vengeance on the raiders"*

Sybil was congratulated for her heroism by friends and neigh-

bors and also by General George Washington. A statue of Ludington, was erected near Carmel, New York, in 1961 to commemorate her ride. In 1975, Ludington was honored with a postage stamp in the "Contributors to the Cause" United States Bicentennial series.

Sybil died in Unadilla, New York on February 26, 1839 at the age of 77. She is buried near her father in the Patterson Presbyterian Cemetery in Patterson, New York.

From: Wikipedia  
(submitted by Bob Scheiderman)



Meet the 2nd Wednesday monthly at 7:00 PM at Post 129. Come join us.

## CANTEEN NEWS

Eric Inauen

As outside temperatures have plummeted to record lows, things have been heating up in the Canteen. This is especially true on Friday Nights with our rock n' roll bands. We now have three bartenders on duty to keep up with the demand.

As new Members come to the Canteen, the quote is always seems to be the same, "Wow! This place is great!" The demand for bands has been so high, that we will be bringing bands in on Saturday Nights also. Karaoke will be rotating with our rock n' roll bands every other Saturday Night. Our Entertainment Chairman Commander Rich Gato, has informed us that more and more bands want to perform at the Canteen.

Our two (2) for \$20 Saturday Night dinner specials will still remain in effect. That's 2 appetizers, 2 entrees, and a shared dessert for just \$20. Is there any other place that offers this deal? The answer is "NO." Our chef, Mike Speary, and the kitchen staff from Ryan's Catering do a tremendous job 7 days a week. Soon we will be bringing back Pasta Sundays with DJ Entertainment. When it happens, we will announce it on the phone tree.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY.** Get your tickets now! Our New Year's Eve tickets sold out 3 weeks in advance. Our Valentine's Day Party sold out a month in advance. The days of walking up to the door the day of the event to buy a ticket ARE OVER. Our St. Patrick's Day Party will be held on Sunday, March 15th, from 2 to 7PM. Tickets are \$25, and can be purchased at the Canteen. Ticket includes dinner (corned beef,



cabbage, potatoes, carrots, chicken francaise, rye bread and dessert), domestic draft beer, and entertainment by the True Tones and Bagpipers.

**Wearin' O' The Green.** There will be a prize for the best dressed costume. For additional information call Ray Miller (732-272-7552) or Dave Corbin (732-489-5841).

The SAL Valentine's Day Party and Legion Family Fundraiser for Duke and Cookie Haring were huge successes. Everyone had a great time. Duke and Cookie were especially grateful.

As reported in our last SOUNDOFF, our Juke Box has been being played constantly. You get 3 credits for a dollar. More and more songs have been converted to one credit songs. That's 3 songs for a dollar. We've been to places where songs are \$1 each. Forget a'bout it. If there is a 2 credit song that you want changed to a 1 credit, let one of our bartenders know.

**Bunker Bar.** If the weather ever gets above freezing, our Bunker Bar will be opening in late April. Back by popular demand, will be horse shoes and outdoor darts. Mike Dolan did a great job last year implementing both.

Plans this year are to make them even bigger and better. A special thanks to Hank Cohen for running our Wednesday Night indoor dart league.

As we near St. Patty's Day, we have added Killian Red to our tap beers. Our beers on tap are Coors Lite, Miller Lite, Bud, Bud Lite, Micholob Ultra, Yuengling, Blue Moon and Kilian Red. If you are not a draft beer person, our bottled beers consist of Coors Lite, Miller Lite, Bud, Bud Lite, Becks, Stella, Micholob Ultra, Heineken, Heineken Lite, Corona, Corona Lite and Guinness in cans. We, also, have Coors Lite and St. Pauly's nonalcoholic beers.

Our wines consist of Almaden Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, White Zinfandel, Stracalli Pino Grigio, Pacific Rim Merlot and Beringer Pink and white Moscato. Our new weekend specials range from \$2.00 to \$3.00. So come on down, and check them out.

We open at 11AM, 7 days a week. Our bartenders, Wendy, Robin, Bernice, Lisa, Lori, Duke, Dave, Joe and Warren are always happy to serve you. Closing time may vary by the amount of Members in the bar, weather, etc. On Friday and Saturday Nights, last call is at Midnight. Closing time is at 12:30 AM.

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



## AMERICAN LEGION - POST 129 PRESENTS

## Niagara Falls &amp; Toronto



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**INCREDIBLE PRICE INCLUDES:**

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- ◆ Guided Tours of Niagara Falls & Toronto
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- ◆ and much more

**\$499 \***

**5 DAYS 4 NIGHTS**

PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

**(Mon - Fri)**

**June**

**22 - 26, 2015**

**Departure: Legion Post, 2025 Church Rd, Toms River, NJ @ 8 am**

**Day 1:** Depart your group's location in a spacious, video and restroom equipped motorcoach as you head for your destination: captivating, awe-inspiring Niagara Falls! This evening, you will have Dinner and check into your Niagara Falls area hotel for a four night stay.

**Day 2:** Start the day with a Continental Breakfast before you begin a Guided Tour of the Niagara Falls area. Visit an engineering marvel, the Welland Shipping Canal and beautiful Queen Victoria Park – home of one of the world's largest Floral Clocks. You'll have Dinner this evening at a local restaurant.

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## BEHIND THE SCENES

Rich Gato

### PICTURE 1

All of us know the famous Phil "PJ" Jones. PJ can be found 6 days a week working in his office. He is responsible for the Pull Tab machines, as well as all reports for Legalized Games Of Chance, any and all raffles, permits and tracking of any currency. PJ also assists the Banquet Manager Kristy with maintaining the scheduling calendar. Our Post would be unable to function without the hard work, loyalty, honesty and dedication of PJ.

### PICTURE 2

Many of you have asked-What does PJ do on his day off? That's why we had to bring Ed Rutzler in to assist. PJ has been appearing regularly at various Comedy Clubs. His stand up comedy act, "It's a wonderful day in the neighborhood", at the Legion is widely acclaimed. Don't miss his traveling puppet show.





## CHAPLAINS MESSAGE

Michael Schaffer

### AMERICAN LEGION FUNERAL RITUAL AND THE RITUAL TEAM

The George P. Vanderveer AMERICAN LEGION Post 129 is one of the few posts in New Jersey that has a formalized "RITUAL TEAM". The team's focus is to comfort the families of Legion Members who have passed.

The team consists of the following individuals:

Post Commander

Post Chaplain

Bugler

(4) Readers and if available (1) Team leader

The team must be able to react to usually very short notice, the family is looking for some comfort in the loss of their loved one. Our small measure of respect for a fallen warrior can be seen on the faces of the family and friends as they listen to the prayers, and for some funerals and memorial services at the funeral home the blowing of taps will be the final reminder of a warrior lost.

It is the most honorable thing we do.

Please take a moment to read the history of the poem and the meaning of life eternal and respect to warriors who have passed.



## IN FLANDERS FIELDS POEM

*The World's Most Famous WAR MEMORIAL POEM*  
*By Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae*

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place: and in the sky  
The larks still bravely singing fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead: Short days ago,  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved: and now we lie  
In Flanders fields!

Take up our quarrel with the foe  
To you, from failing hands, we throw  
The torch: be yours to hold it high  
If ye break faith with us who die,  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields

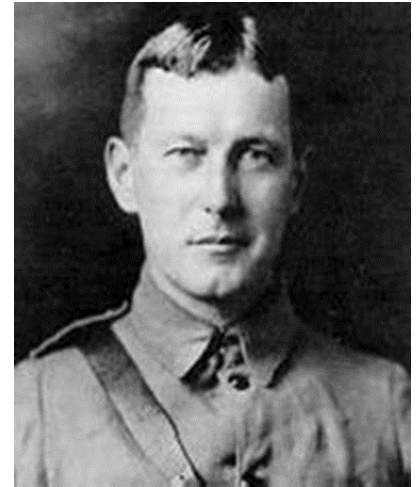
*Composed at the battlefront on May 8, 1915  
during the second battle of Ypres, Belgium*

On May 2, 1915, John McCrae's close friend and former student Alexis Helmer was killed by a German shell. That evening, in the absence of a Chaplain, John McCrae recited from memory a few passages from the Church of England's "Order of the Burial of the Dead". For security reasons Helmer's burial in Essex Farm Cemetery was performed in complete darkness.

The next day, May 3, 1915, Sergeant-Major Cyril Allinson was delivering mail. McCrae was sitting at the back of an ambulance parked near the dressing station beside the Yser Canal, just a few hundred yards north of Ypres, Belgium.

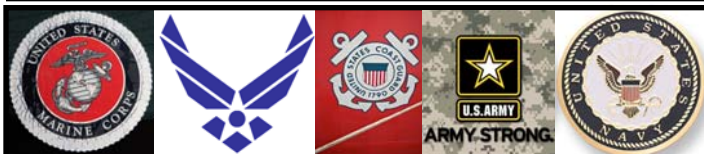
As John McCrae was writing his In Flanders Fields poem, Allinson silently watched and later recalled, "His face was very tired but calm as he wrote. He looked around from time to time, his eyes straying to Helmer's grave."

Within moments, John McCrae had completed the "In Flanders Fields" poem and when he was done, without a word, McCrae took his mail and handed the poem to Allinson.



Allinson was deeply moved:

"The (Flanders Fields) poem was an exact description of the scene in front of us both. He used the word blow in that line because the poppies actually were being blown that morning by a gentle east wind. It never occurred to me at that time that it would ever be published. It seemed to me just an exact description of the scene."



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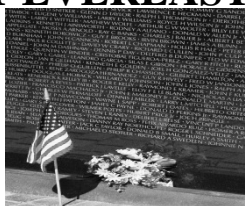
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 ber of the American Legion, to join this post. I have appli-  
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Friday March 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The Mango's</b>
Saturday March 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Jeff Lakata</b>
Sunday March 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Jim Miller "Elvis" 2-6pm</b>
Friday March 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The True Tones</b>
Saturday March 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Jersey Girls **Karaoke**</b>
Sunday March 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>St. Patricks Day Party</b> In The Banquet Hall 2-7 PM. Music By The True Tones Tickets At The Bar
Friday March 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The Crosstones</b>
Saturday March 21	<b>Phil Cenecola</b> From "The Streetharts"
Sunday March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Jeff Lakata 2-6pm</b>
Friday March 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The Dee Cee's</b>
Saturday March 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Craig Newall</b> The Elvis Show In The Banquet Hall
Saturday March 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Jersey Girls**Karaoke**</b>
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Sunday April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Sunday-No Music
Friday April 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The Crosstones</b>
Saturday April 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Jersey Girls "Karaoke"</b>
Friday April 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The True Tones</b>
Saturday April 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Jim Miller</b> Featuring Elvis, Neil Diamond Etc.
Sunday April 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Jim Miller</b>
Friday April 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The Dee Cee's</b>
Saturday April 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Phil Cenecola</b> From "The Streetharts"
Sunday April 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Jeff Lakata</b>

