

SOUNDOFF

March-April 2016



COMMANDERS MESSAGE

(Michael Schaffer Vice Commander/Chaplain)

Well with our Commander Rich away in the sunny southland enjoying Key West, it falls on my desk to write the Commander's Message. The Christmas season was wonderful; the Auxiliaries Children's Christmas party was a huge success. Thank you ladies. The Rider Christmas party, 100 riders and guests and the amazing New Year's Eve party with 180+ brothers and sisters, a shout out to Maryellen DelNero for a job well done. A great time was had by all.

One of the best nights of the season was the POW/MIA Christmas tree lighting, a night for remembering and prayer for our missing comrades and warriors.

S.A.L. Commander Bob Jorge and his team did a job that was not only honoring our missing, but we had the pleasure of removing a name from the tree of a repatriated brother. Glen Blue, the master of ceremonies, did an excellent job and the addition of the Legion Ritual Team headed by Adjutant Robert Schiderman, the honor guard headed by Phil Jones and our bugler, Ralph Moranz made it a special night.

Some of the improvements at the Post were made since the last newsletter. With the help of Vice Commander Ed Ruxler all of the interior light bulbs were changed over to L.E.D. and we have seen a considerable savings in the electric bill. I had 6 dead trees removed from the picnic grove for safety reasons, they overhung the grill area, the bunker bar and the children's play area, the stumps were ground down and we had the corrections department clean

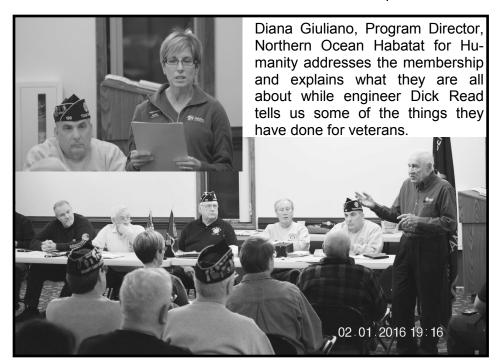
the entire grove of leaves and debris

Myself, Past Post Commanders Dave Corbin and Rich Godfrey were invited to meet with the MDL base commanders to be brought up to speed on upgrades at the base and expanded use by all branches of the services. 2017 will see some exciting changes at the base.

When we moved to Church Road from down town we started to focus inward as we had many bills to pay and needed to manage the property as never before. Well the team in-place has done an amazing job. We now to need to get back into the community and share with them who we are and what we do. The Trustees. led by Past Commander Rich Godfrey and Trustee Ralph Wolf, have put together and are managing our first "budget". We have a part time bookkeeper and we have consolidated our bank accounts. Job well done!

I worked with Coca-Cola and the bar committee. We are switching all of our soda guns and products to serve Coca-Cola products, with an addition of ice tea. There will be a new system in the hall and a new system installed on the bunker bar, all at NO COST and there will be a significant cost savings to the post for syrup in addition to the availability of Coke promotional items and banners for future events.

I have been working with the Blue Star Memorial Committee in Toms River to have Route 37 des-(continued page 2)



COMMANDERS MESSAGE

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ignated a Blue Star Highway, the marker to be placed on the west bound side of Route 37 opposite Community Hospital. The dedication is slated for Nov 11, 2016; the committee will be holding a fundraising event on May 22nd at the Post, look for details to follow.

There are over 400 vets that attend Ocean County College and I am working with the veteran's rep at the school to see how we can help these young vets to transition back into civilian life. We are losing 22 per day to suicide nationwide. In addition I am working the Veteran Administration to get these veterans registered in the system, as the V.A. budget is based on the number of veterans in the system.

To expand our contact with the community I have already spoken to local Rotary clubs and rehab centers to explain who we are and what we do. We need to get more involved with the Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Education. I am working 1 day a week at the Toms River Peoples Pantry. I am meeting with Habitat for Humanity on veterans housing issues. We need to work with other local community groups to spread the word about the Legion. We are a Legion Family, the Auxiliary, the Sons and the Riders must form a cohesive group with a consistent message of cooperation and unity, which is the only way we can survive and grow.

LEGION AUXILIARY MESSAGE

The Unit's adventures continue to soar. Our Christmas social before our meeting in December was indeed a wonderful show of to-

Padlocks for Patriots



Northern Ocean Habitat for Humanity has created a new initiative to honor or memorialize our veterans. How it works: Purchase a lock for \$20 from the office at 1201 Lakewood Road/Route 166, Toms River; inscribe the lock by etching or painting a name or other sentiment on the lock with tools provided by NOHFH; and attach the lock over our newly painted flag on our chain-link fence. These locks do not have keys and only lock once, thereby creating a lasting remembrance of someone special. Please consider being a part of this original enterprise! Funds raised through Padlocks for Patriots will be utilized for repairs to a local veteran's home.

getherness.

The unit President extends a special THANK YOU to all members who assisted in anyway at the SAL POW/MIA Tree Lighting Ceremony. (Together We Soar)

Unit C&Y Chairman, Pam Bowen, demonstrated what a fresh set of eyes can provide. By changing our previous format, the children were provided with assorted arts-n-crafts projects. Nicki Bowen (Pam's daughter) demonstrated the crafts to the parents and older children. Face painting was avail-

able for one hour. The DJ played age appropriate music for the Children to dance to, and they dance throughout the party. Macaroni & Cheese was served to all. Santa and Mrs. Clause gave out gifts, provided by the parents. Each child received a goody bag, supplied bly the Auxiliary and Legion. Our 129 Family made this project a wonderful success.

A.L.A. scholarships are available for senior in high school. Please contact Chairman Dolores Liab for applications. Deadline is soon.

Poppy distribution drive is being scheduled by the Unit Chairman, Dottie Abercrombie. Contact her for the location of your choice. Remember, poppy donations provide funds to service veterans. Everyone's assistance is needed.

Department Poppy contest crafts are due at the March Unit Meeting. Contact Mariann Zito Chairman for poppies need and

the official rules. Monetary awards are provided to winners. Local nursing home visits to veterans are scheduled by the Unit Chairman, Jane Keely. All are welcome to join these weekly trips. Nursing home veterans react in a positive manner to other veterans who have experienced the same as them. Contact Jane for future dates. The Unit gift auction will be held on Sunday, April 10, 2016 at

12 noon. Bernice Cloos, the Chairman and her committee have been working hard to make this project a successful one. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Are you a 2016 card member holder? If you are, your presence is needed at the monthly meeting held the second Monday of the month at 7 PM in the main hall. Every voice and vote is needed to continue the Units obligations.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – POST 129 members.

For God and Country
Patricia Corbin, Unit President
2015-2016
(Adventure is the Spice of Life)





Dottie Abercrombie addressing the Legion membership recruiting volunteers for this years Poppy distribution and collection of donations. If you can help call Dottie at 732-255-5188



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LEGION MEMBERSHIP

I wanted to thank all the members that have sent in their 2016 dues so far. Your support helps keep us strong. Just a reminder, our membership year starts on July 1st. All members should have their dues paid by February 1st.

Article x, Section 7 of our Bylaws states:

A member whose dues for the current year have not been paid on or before January 1st, shall be classed as delinquent. If his or her dues are paid on or before February 1st, they will be automatically reinstated. If any member is still delinquent after February 1st, membership shall be suspended from all privileges. If a member is still under such suspension on June 30th of such year, their 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 national department may wave the provisions hereof, upon payment of dues for the year in which reinstatement occurs, with reference to former members who have been prevented from payment of dues by reason of active military service.

So please send in your dues to support this great organization. Remember, we are "veterans still serving America". We cannot do this alone. We need your help to help to support all the great programs that the American Legion run to support our veterans, their families and the community in which we live.

And by keeping our membership numbers up we will continue to have a strong voice in Washington and on Capitol Hill to address the needs of our veterans. As you know membership is the life blood of this great organization

For God and Country Rich Godfrev Ocean county Membership Chairman George P. Vanderveer Post 129



A Centennial Post

PALM SUNDAY GET-AWAY CASINO BUS TRIP SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2016 Place: GOLDEN NUGGETT CASINO Time: 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Donation: \$25.00 GET BACK \$25.00 Slot Card \$5.00 Food Voucher Reserve your seat with payment to Patricia Corbin or Paula Harpe TRIP IS OPEN TO ALL





gion Family. We will be having a great deal of food as well as this great band and hope to see many of you at this event.

Last but not certainly least. Our Heroes Walk and monument project will be under way in March. Al Gashler is in the process of ordering our paving stones which will contain many of our members and family members. This is a project that the Riders take special pride in, as many of us escorted the five Heroes back home from the Delaware state line. We look forward to spring a little differently than most. Snow tend to stop us from riding and that is what most of us do best. We look forward to the riding season for fun, but also representing Post 129 with Honor that is deserving.

For God and Country, Art Brown



RIDERS MESSAGE

Writing this with snow on the ground is interesting to say the least. Having said this, it will only be a short time till riding season for the Riders when this will be published. We are in the preparation stages of getting ready for our once a month "Bike Nights" that we have from May thru August out in the picnic grove. Speaking of the picnic area, Legionnaire and Rider, Dan Heulitt will be making a 16 X 20 stage near the BBQ area. This stage will be used by any

bands or DJ's for all occasions in the picnic grove.

We are also preparing for our major fundraiser in June. We have been very lucky with weather the last few years and we hope that it continues again this year. We are changing our fund raiser from a Poker Run that was directed to mostly the motorcycle communities to a Texas style BBQ. We have hired a Country Western band with a great reputation in our area. By doing this we are hoping to draw a larger crowd from within our own American Le-

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SAL MESSAGE

Time is really flying by! Winter is almost gone and the SAL Squadron is moving right along. Our Valentine's Day Dinner/Dance was a very big success. I would like to thank everyone who helped with the event. No matter how big or small the contribution, it is always needed and appreciated. I would like to send a special thank you to Judy Marsella for all her hard work in preparing the seating arrangements.

Also we will be raffling off 2 Samsung Galaxy Tablets in the very near future.

We also have officer elections coming up. Nominations take place during our February and March meetings with April's meeting being elections. To be eligible to vote or to be nominated, your dues must be for 2016. We still have quite a few members that have not renewed for 2016 so please renew your membership as it's the life line of our Squadron. As an added convenience you can pay on our website at:

www.SALPost129.com.



All the young lovers at Post 129 attended the Valentines Day Dance

I hope everyone is doing well; Spring and Summer are right around the corner and we will be getting ready for American Legion Convention in Wildwood. So there is lots going on and lots to do. Hope to see everyone at the post and at our meetings.

For God and Country Bob Joerg Commander, SAL Squadron 129



SAL Commander Bob Joerg (I-r) presents a check to Vice Commander Michael Schaffer for the Post while SAL Adjutant Rocky Lucia looks on.



PATRIOTIC QUIZ NO. I

- 1. What West Point commandant became president of a college?
- 2. What was "Seward's Folly?
- 3. In what engagement did American troops suffer the highest percentage of casualties?
- 4. What foreign war was formally ended by a treaty signed on American soil?
- 5. What candidate for the Presidency died within a month of his defeat at the polls?

Answers next issue (Bob Scheiderman)

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

The second notice for Auxiliary membership renewal has been issued by National for payment. Please remit A.S.A.P., if you have not done so.

Don't forget to sign your membership card and place in your wallet. Proper ID is being checked at every Legion Post nationwide. Just a reminder for all of us to be prepared.

I am asking for all members who still owe for 2015 and 2016, PLEASE send in your dues. Unit # 129, WE are very close to making GOAL for National once again. Without 100% support by the Unit this cannot be achieved

Also, Unpaid dues will result in stopping of the American Legion "SOUNDOFF" newsletter for upcoming events.

You are "Keeping Us Strong" Laurinda Miller Membership Chair



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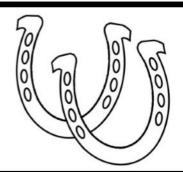
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.....every Thursday. Doors open at 5 PM—play starts at 7 PM. Progressive-Refreshments served 50/50 Mystery Prizes



2016 Horse Shoe League forming. First meeting May 18, 2016. Play will start after Memorial Day. Call Michael Dolan at 908-902-4117



MARCH: From the Roman god of war, Mars

BIRTHSTONE

March 2016

AQUAMARINE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
I have a lot of fond memories of St. Patrick's Day. Vague, but fond.		Peace Corps 1961	2	3 B I N G O 7 25 44 57 62 15 22 40 50 70 11 30 34 67 74 2 28 37 55 68 10 27 39 59 75	4	5
6	7 General Mtg. 7:00 PM	A burden or responsibility? First Income Tax 1913	9 SAL Mtg. 7:00 PM	B I N G O 7 25 44 57 62 15 22 40 50 70 11 30 46 74 2 28 37 55 68 10 27 39 59 75	11	12
Daylight Saving begins	14 Legion Aux. Mtg 7:00 PM	Beware The Ides of March	16 My Lai 1968	17 BINGO St. Patrick's Day	18	Start of Operation Iraqi Freedom 2003
20 Palm Sunday Vernal Equinox	21 Board/Trustee Meeting 7 PM	22	Full Worm Moon Purim begins at sundown	24 B N G O 7 25 44 57 62 15 22 40 50 70 11 30 55 68 10 27 39 59 75	25 Good Friday	26
27 Easter Sunday	28 Riders Mtg. 7:00PM	29	30	31 B I N G O 7 25 44 57 62 15 22 40 50 70 11 30 55 46 74 2 28 37 55 68 10 27 39 59 75	The true harbinger of spring is not the crocuses or the swallows returning to Capistrano, but the sound of the bat on the ball. Bill Veeck	

On March 2, 1929 The President of the United States, Herbert Hoover, signed the Enabling Act, approving the erection of the Cathedral of the Air at Lakehurst Naval Air Station.

MARCH ENTERTAINMENT

March 4th Friday Lunar Park March 5th Saturday Lou Abbato March 11th Friday The Crosstones March 12th Saturday Jersey Girls (Karaoke) March 18th The Dee Cee's Friday March 19th **Brian Smallwood** Saturday March 25th The True Tones Friday Saturday March 26th Phil Cenecola From The Streethearts Come and enjoy the entertainment and the fun and join in on Karaoke nights.



APRIL: From the Greek goddess of love, Aphrodite

Birthstone

April 2016

Diamond

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
If you want to make a fool of yourself, you'll find a lot of people ready to help you!					1 All Fool's Day	2
3	4 General Mtg. 7:00PM	5	6 U.S. entry into World War One 1917 Persian Gulf War Ends (1991)	7 BINGO	8	9
10 American Legion Auxiliary Birthday 1919 Auxiliary Gift Auction	11 Legion Aux. Mtg. 7:00PM	12	13 SAL Mtg. 7:00PM	BINGO	15 1040 U.S. Individual Fire Tax Day	16
17	18 Board/Trustee Mtg. 7:00PM Patriot's Day	19	20	BINGO	Full Pink Moon Earth Day Passover	23
24	25 Riders Mtg. 7:00PM	26	27	28 ALAS! ONLY FOUR BINGOS	ARBOR DAY	30

April 1, 1954 United States Air Force Academy established at Lowry Air Force Base, graduating its first class in 1959. April 6, 1896: After a 1500 year break, the first Olympics of the modern era was held in Athens, Greece.

APRIL ENTERTAINMENT

Friday April 1st The Fredstones

New Group

Saturday April 2nd Bob Kulik

From **The Happenings**

Friday April 8th The Crosstones Saturday April 9th Jersey Girls

"Don't Forget Tax Day"

Friday April 15th The Dee Cee's Saturday April 16th "Remember When"

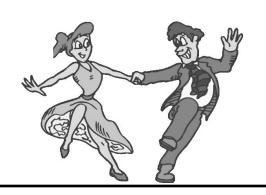
**Oldies*

Friday April 22nd The True Tones Saturday April 23rd Di Lou

** Light Show**

Friday April 29th Chris Daniels & The Proof Saturday April 30th Phil Cenecola

From The Streethearts



CANTEEN NEWS

Eric Inauen

Spring is just a few weeks away. We are hoping that the warmer weather will follow. The Bunker Crowd is getting a little antsy being indoors for so long. Mike Dolan does a great job in keeping them calm, using his Liquid Therapy and Playing the Luke Box Strategies.

Our Members and their guests continue to come out on Friday and Saturday Nights. Friday Nights they enjoy listening and dancing to the Truetones, Dee Cee's, Crosstones, the Mango's and Lunar Park. On Saturday Nights, it is the same with Phil Cenecola (from the Street Hearts), Jersey Girl (Karaoke), Lou Abate, Brain Smallwood, and special appearances by Bob Kulik from the Happenings (he will be back on



Saturday,

April 21.

St. Patrick's Day is our next big event. It will be held on Saturday, March 12", from 7 to 11PM. Entertainment will be provided by the Truetones and the Bagpipers. Tickets are \$30, which includes free domestic draft beer and a buffet featuring corned beef, cab-





bage, potatoes and more.

Our Bunker Bar will be opening in late April, weather permitting. We have added a soda gun from our new soda distributor, Coca-Cola. As the weather heats up, we will be offering some Bunker Tiki-Drink Specials. What are they? We're not telling. You'll just have to show up and find out.

Speaking of finding out, speak to Trustee Mike Dolan about our ever popular and growing horse shoe league. Right now it is limited to Wednesday Night, but we are hoping to expand into Thursday Nights.

We continue to have nine (9) bears on tap. Currently, our beers on tap are Coors Lite, Miller Lite, Bud, Bud Lite, Micholob Ultra, Yuengling, Pabst, Shock Top 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. Our non-

alcoholic beer is St. Pauly's.

Our wines consist of Almaden Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, White Zinfandel, Stracalli Pino Grigio, Pacific Rim Merlot and Berringer 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, Robin, Bernice, Lisa, Lori, Duke, Dave, Warren, Gabriella, Nikki, Joe and Danielle 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

Golden Knights To Perform At Joint Base Air Show

LAKEHURST —

The U.S. Army Para-chute Team, the Golden Knights, have officially been added to the "Power in the Pines" list of performers for Joint Base MDL's 2016 Open House and Air Show. For over fifty-three vears, members of the U.S. Army Parachute Team have been marking the milestones of achievement and an evolution of excellence serving as "Ambassadors" of the Army's only official demonstration team. The Golden Knights portray the image of being the most formiparachuting competitors and demonstrators in the world today.

"We are excited to announce that the United States Army Parachute Team, the Golden Knights, will perform their aerial demonstration at our Open House and Air Show this May," said Lt. Col. Pat Rayner, Open House and Air Show director. "Our Army mission partners are a crucial part of the team here at Joint Base MDL and showcasing their elite parachute demon-stration team is a huge win."

"Power in the Pines" is free and open to the public and scheduled for May 14 to 15. Gates will open at 9 a.m. with aerial demonstrations slated for 11 a.m. on both days.

Contact the Joint Base Public Affairs Office at 754-2104 or visit jointbasemdl.af.mil for more information. Information on the 2016 Open House and Air Show can be found online at:

jointbasemdl.af.mil/library/ openhouseandairshow.asp. (The Toms River Times, January 30, 2016)



Members are Urged to Register their Discharge Papers

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Toms River—Veterans who record their military discharge papers (Form DD 214) with the Ocean County Clerk's Office are now entitled to a free photo ID card, according to the county government "As we recognize the more than 60,000 veterans calling Ocean County home, I want to encourage each of them to use this service." said Ocean County Clerk Scott Colabella "Any Ocean County Veteran may bring their original DD-214 discharge papers to any of the three locations of the

Ocean County Clerk's Office."

This service may be obtained at the Ocean County Clerk's office which is located at the Ocean County Courthouse. 118 Washington St., Toms River or, the Southern Service Center at 179 Main St., In Stafford, The Courthouse and Southern Service Center are open from 8 a m to 4:30 p m Monday through Friday. The County Connection at the Ocean County Mall, 1201 Hooper Ave., Toms River is open 6 days per week. Veterans' may also call the County Clerk's office at 732-929-2018 or go online at www.oceancountyclerk.com additional information

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Day 3: Enjoy a Continental Breakfast and start off with a visit to the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum – with permanent exhibits dedicated to First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy, The Space Race, and more. Then depart for a guided tour of Lexington and Concord. This tour highlights a visit to the Minute Man National Historical Park, the birthplace of the American Revolution. This day is often voted by groups as their favorite part of the trip. This evening, you will end your day with a relaxing Dinner. Day 4: Start your day with Continental Breakfast before departing for a Full Day Guided Tour of beautiful coastal Massachusetts. Visit Salem, a city with more than three hundred years of New England history and the site of the infamous Salem Witchcraft Trials. Then, continue your tour onto scenic Cape Ann. There you will visit the vintage New England seaside town of Gloucester - "America's Oldest Seaport". Next visit Rockport, another coastal town with quaint shops, restaurants, and galleries. This evening, enjoy a relaxing Dinner and return to your hotel.

Day 5: Today, after enjoying Continental Breakfast, you depart for home... a perfect time to chat with your friends about all the fun things you have done, the great sights you have seen, and where your next group trip will take you!

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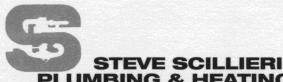
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