



SOUNDOFF

May—June 2014

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

COMMANDERS MESSAGE

As I sit down and write my last newsletter message I look back upon this past year in office. It seems like it was only yesterday being sworn in as Commander, and now my year is at its end. I am very proud of this post and all the good things that we accomplished over the year as a legion family.

There are a few things that really stick out over this past year. One of them being the POW/MIA event that we had here at our post to honor 18 former POW's helping them celebrate their 40 years of freedom since their release from captivity. Also the sign that sits out front of our Post to honor one of our fallen heroes SGT. James Harvey.

Well it looks like winter is finally behind us and the warm weather is here to stay for a while. The Bunker Bar will be opening on April 27th we will try to keep it open Thursday thru Sunday. We now have hot and cold running water, the grilling area has been done over with pavers and the path leading down to the bunker area has been paved. The boy scouts built us 6 new picnic tables. The plans for the pavilion are still moving forward, hopefully by year's end it will be a reality. Our membership just hit its all-time high. We now have 1565 members and still the # 1 post in the state thanks to all that helped make this possible

The Wildwood Convention is right around the corner. Looking forward to seeing you there. We need marchers for the convention

parade on Saturday, June 14th. Please come out and support your post and join the march. Anyone interested in the bus trip to Wildwood on Saturday, June 14 can purchase tickets at the Canteen. They are \$25.00 per person.

I would like to thank all that supported me thru this past year. It has been an honor and a privilege to have served this Post as

Commander.

Special thanks to my Vice Commanders Phil Jones (PJ), Frank Del Nero, Nat Amadeo and John Lynam for a job well done this past year. Also to all my committees for all their hard work in helping to keep this Post running smoothly.

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American Legion Convention Bus Trip



Saturday June 14 th 2014- To: Wildwood N.J.

Bus Departs Post 129 @ 9:30 a.m.

Enjoy a Continental Breakfast at Post 129

Lunch in Wildwood

Enjoy the American Legion Parade

Post Party after the Parade @ the Gondolier Hotel

Departs Wildwood @ 8:30 p.m.,

Return to Post 129 by 10:00 p.m.

Price ONLY \$25. Per seat

Tickets Available Post 129 Canteen

Make checks payable to:

David Corbin, Committee Chairman



**SEATS ARE LIMITED
SELLS OUT FAST!!!**



COMMANDERS MESSAGE

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Please support your incoming Commander Rich Gato (yes he's back) and his Vice Commanders are Frank Del Nero, Nat Amado, Ralph Morantz and Pete Chafatelli. Help me wish them luck for the next year and that they will have a great year. I will be taking over as head Trustee this year as I am looking forward to working with the newly elected officers and Trustees to help keeping the Post in good shape and running smoothly.

Congratulations to the newly elected officers of the American Legion Auxiliary, the Sons of the

American Legion and the Legion Riders. I wish all a very successful year.

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

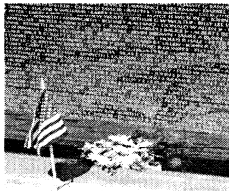
MEMBERSHIP

I would like to say Thank You to all our Legion Members that sent in their dues for 2014.

I am proud to report that we have exceeded last year's membership of 1529. We are at 102% over last year, our membership is now at 1565 and still the largest American Legion Post in the State of New Jersey. Thanks again for helping us to surpass last year's numbers.

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. For God and Country
Rich Godfrey – Commander
Membership Chairman

POST EVERLASTING



1 April 2013 — 31 March 2014

Harry C. Weist	Robert Schur
Thomas J. Hart	Carmen Fiore
Stanley Brown, PPC	Leon C. Downs
Salvatore Distasio	Gene Drost
Walter Reed	Warren Snell
Samuel Fallivene	Donald Abbot
Peter Beirne	Walter Osterwald
Paul Stec	Carmen Torrise
Manuel Bower	Robert Maroney
Harold Lawhead	John Zimmerman, Sr.
Frank Zitaglio	Edward More
Joe Calia	William Mahoney
Richard Romano	Joseph Galante
John Basquez, PPC	Robert Kaiser
Marvin Kubler	Augie Agostino, PPC
Phil Dressler	James Britton
William Ryder	Emil Masciandaro
Joseph Degonge	Peter O'Malley
John Zanetti	Bruce Peisel
Bob Scheiderman, Ritual Chairman	

POST 129 SCHEDULES THE 80TH MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

George P. Vanderveer Post 129 will observe Memorial Day on Monday, May 26th, 2014 with our **80th** annual parade. The parade will assemble at 09:00AM and step-off at 09:30AM from Highland Parkway at Main Street and proceed south to Toms River Town Hall for Memorial Ceremonies. In the event of inclement weather the parade will be cancelled and ceremonies will be held inside Town Hall at 11:00AM.

The officers and members of the post invite all patriotic and civic organizations, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, church groups and citizens of Toms River to join them in a tribute to our departed comrades.

Post 129 encourages people to set aside Memorial Day for flying their flags, and paying tribute to the honored dead of our military and those serving around the world today.

Bob Scheiderman



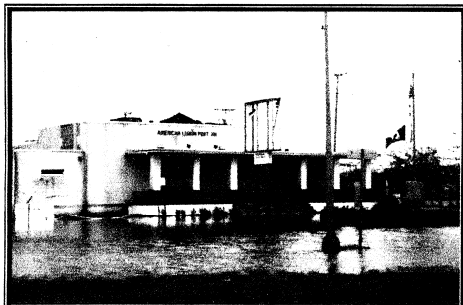
**YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED AT A
"FUNDRAISER"
FOR
SHORE BOROUGH**

AMERICAN LEGION POST #351

**Sunday, May 18, 2014 - 2:00p.m. to 6:00p.m.
at**

**George P. Vanderveer American Legion Post #129
2025 Church Road, Toms River, New Jersey**

★ **Buffet Lunch - Gift Auction - Music - Dancing - Door Prizes** ★



Severely damaged by Hurricane Sandy, Post 351's rebuilding process has been both a slow and costly one. From existing funds on hand and with the help of several organizations, local contractors and countless volunteers, the "Ocean Side" part of the Post's Hall is currently under construction so our members will soon have a place to meet. However, approximately two-thirds of the Post still remains badly damaged and in need of repair. By holding this fundraiser our Post hopes to raise funds to begin repairing the rest of the Post and continue its efforts in serving our Veterans, and carrying on the Legion's many great programs that benefit our communities, state and nation.

Special Performance By

"SIR" TOM JONES

(from "The Real McCoy LLC Production Company")



DONATION \$25.00

Tickets available at Post 129's canteen or from Chuck Robbins. Chuck can be reached for tickets at 732-921-8872 and will hand deliver or mail you tickets. Any individual or organization wanting to support this fundraiser with a donation please send to; "Fundraiser" c/o Chuck Robbins, 1941 Oak Dale Road, Toms River, NJ 08753. Please make all checks payable to; "American Legion Post #351"

CHAPLAINS MESSAGE

Michael Schaffer

As I approach my twilight years, I am struck by the inevitability that the party must end. And one clear, cold morning after I'm gone, my spouse will awaken in the warmth of our bedroom and be struck with the pain of learning that sometimes there isn't "anymore."

No more hugs, no more special moments to celebrate together, no more phone calls just to

chat, no more "just one minute."

Sometimes, what we care about the most gets all used up and goes away, never to return before we can say good-bye, or say "I love you." So while we have it, it's best we love it, care for it, fix it when it's broken and heal it when it's sick.

This is true for marriage, and old cars, children with bad report cards, dogs with bad hips, old friends, aging parents and grandparents. We keep them because they are worth it, because we are worth it.

Some things we keep -- like a

best friend who moved away. There are just some things that make us happy, no matter what.

Life is important, like people we know who are special. And so, we keep them close!

Suppose one morning you never wake up, do all your friends know how you really feel? The important thing is to let everyone of your friends know your true feelings, even if you think they don't love you back.

So, just in case I'm gone tomorrow,

I love you all



VA TO ISSUE NEW HEALTH CARE ID CARDS

The Veterans Affairs Department will replace millions of identification cards for veterans who use the Veterans Health Administration system for medical care, the VA announced Feb. 20.

Veterans new to the system will get the cards, called the Veterans Health Identification Card, or VHICs, when they first enroll in the VA health care system.

The FHICs will feature updated security measures and will not contain the holder's Social Security number and date of birth embedded in the card's magnetic strip---a vulnerability VA identified in the current cards as early as 2011.

VA encourages veterans make sure their current mailing address is on file to ensure quick delivery of the VHIC. It also recommends vets shred their old cards once they receive the replacement.

[Patricia Kime-Navy Times] (via Bob Scheiderman)

SAL SQUADRON MESSAGE

Greetings Squadron 129

As another Convention quickly approaches, and Officer Elections are concluded, I'd like to wish the new Post, Squadron, Auxiliary, and Rider Officers congratulations and success in the upcoming year.

Membership

Dues are \$20.00 for members 21 and over and \$15.00 under 21. Please make payment to:

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.

There will not be a Squadron Meeting in June due to convention, but regularly scheduled meeting will resume in July.

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 everyday!

For God and Country

Dan Curran

SAL Squadron 129 Commander



Humor Nook

Sound-Off, September 1950

Why do they put holes in Swiss cheese when it's Limburger that really needs the ventilation?

The help can always run the business better than the boss.

Editor: "This is a well-written article; but I can't use it. Our paper only publishes articles by people with well-known names."

Writer: "That's fine! My name is Smith."

Slighted Suitor: "If you don't marry me, I'll go out and drown myself."

Pretty Maid: "Ah go jump in the lake. It's just down the road."

Slighted Suitor: "Don't be silly. I can't swim."

Little Girl: "I'm afraid of that big dog barking behind us."

Father: "See the way he's wagging his tail. A dog never hurts you when he wags his tail like that."

Little Girl: "I'm not so sure he knows his tail is wagging."

"Funny folks back in the 50's"

Bob Scheiderman

AMERICAN LEGION - POST 129 PRESENTS

Washington, DC - Our Nation's Capital

INCREDIBLE PRICE INCLUDES:

- ◆ Motorcoach transportation
- ◆ 2 nights lodging
- ◆ 4 meals: 2 breakfasts and 2 dinners
- ◆ Evening Guided Memorial and Monuments Tour
- ◆ Our Tours feature the WW II Memorial, Capitol Hill, Embassy Row, the Korean War Veterans Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial, and more!
- ◆ Guided Tour of Washington, DC
- ◆ Visit the Marine Corp Museum in Quantico, VA
- ◆ and much more

\$299 *

3 DAYS 2 NIGHTS

PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

(Fri - Sun)

June


20—22, 2014

Departure: 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: Washington, D.C. our National Capital! Upon arrival enjoy a visit the Marine Corp Museum in Quantico, VA. Afterwards, enjoy Dinner at a local restaurant before checking into your Washington, D.C. area hotel for two nights.

Day 2: Enjoy a Continental Breakfast before enjoying a full-day Guided Tour of Washington, D.C. Some of the awe-inspiring sights on this fantastic tour include the U.S. Capitol, the White House, Embassy Row, and the National Archives. During the day, you will enjoy a drive through Georgetown and tour more of the Nation's Memorials including the WWII Memorial. This evening, enjoy Dinner at a local restaurant before continuing on your guided Memorial Tour.

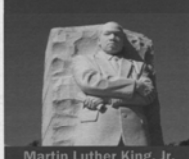
Day 3: Enjoy a Continental Breakfast before checking out of your hotel. Today's Guided Tour includes such poignant and inspirational sights as Arlington National Cemetery, including the Tomb of the Unknowns, and Kennedy Graves, as well as the two Jima Memorial. Later, depart for home with memories of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




Capitol Building



World War II Memorial



Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial



Iwo Jima Monument

ADD PEACE OF MIND TO YOUR TRIP...

With the Travel Confidence™ Protection Plan if you have to unexpectedly cancel or cut your plans short. See back for details...

\$75 Due Upon Signing. *Price per person, based on double occupancy. Add \$80 for single occupancy.

Final Payment Due: 3/1/2014

FOR INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS CONTACT:

Darlene Scheiderman @ (732) 341-7462

Form ID: 4000-3A0306

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Tour#: 929229

CANTEEN NEWS

Eric Inauen

Finally, spring has sprung. Again, all of us at the Canteen would like to thank all of our Members, who braved the cold, snow filled months, to visit the Post. We know that cold, snow and sleet would not keep you from enjoying Great Food, Great Beverage, Great Entertainment, Great Friends and a Great Time, from 11AM until closing. Also, we now have Guinness, Sam Adams Summer and Angry Orchard on tap, as part of our nine (9) different beers on tap.

Rich Gato, our entertainment chairman, continues to book the best bands and Karaoke DJ's every Friday and Saturday Night, from 7 to 11PM. They say that Rich can be very entertaining himself. Although, I have never witnessed this personally. Once a month, Rich books DJ Jimmy Miller on Pasta Sundays from 1

to 5 PM. He is also looking into having a Country Western Night. The Post will be contacting everyone via the Phone Tree, once we establish the dates and times.

Ryan's Catering continues to provide a hot and cold 4 page menu, seven (7) days a week, at low-low prices. Their "\$20 Saturday Night Special" remains in effect. That's Right! You get 2 soups or salads, 2 entrees and a shared dessert for \$20. You are allowed to mix and match.



At the end of the NFL Season, Ryan's Catering started their Sunday Pasta Dinner Specials. We all know that in Jersey, every Sunday is Pasta Sunday. Chef Jimmy Vena's masterpieces are

priced between \$7 and \$11.

Pasta Sunday is also Juke Box Sunday. If we don't have a DJ, you will be listening to the sounds of our Juke Box. One Dollar a Play? NO WAY, JOSE. You get 3, yes 3, songs for a dollar at the Canteen.

THE BUNKER BAR: The Bunker Bar, along with all of its improvements, is now officially open. We have purchased a new Kegerator, so we will have 5 ice cold beers on tap. Currently, we are open on Friday Night, all day Saturday, and Sunday during the day.

HORSESHOE LEAGUE: Many of our Members have been asking if the Post could start a Horseshoe League. The answer is YES! All those interested call Trustee Mike Dolan, at 908-902-4117. At the present time, we are looking at Wednesday or Thursday Night.

SAVING THE BEST FOR LAST: You know what we are talking about. It's our Bartenders. They are a huge part of the success of the Post. Wendy, Bernice, Robin, Lisa, Lori, Warren, Duke, Dave and Nat are the main reason why more and more Members are visiting the Canteen, and having the time of their lives.

REMEMBER: When you support Post 129, you support the best Post in the USA.



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

Progressive
Refreshments served
50/50 - Mystery Prizes

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

Includes

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

Your Choice of Pasta

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

Your Choice of Sauce

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

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













Ala Carte Sides

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

Ala Carte Desserts

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

May: from the Roman Goddess of growth, Maia.

BIRTHSTONE		May 2014		EMERALD		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Married in the month of roses, June. Life will be one long honeymoon.				1 May Day 	2	3 County Convention Post 129 11:00AM
4	5 General Meeting 7:00 PM 	6	7	8  V-E Day 1945	9	10
11 Mother's Day	12 Legion Auxiliary Meeting 7:00PM 	13 Joe Louis 1914	14 SAL Meeting 7:00PM  Full Flower Moon	15 	16	17 Armed Forces Day 
18	19 Board/Trustee Meeting 7:00PM	20 Riders Meeting 7:00 PM 	21	22 	23	24 First Night Ball Game Cincinnati 1935
25	26 Memorial Day 	27	28	29  JFK 1917	30  1st National Memorial Day Arlington 1868	31 Johnstown Flood 1889

'HAPPY MOM'S DAY, LADIES'










Mothers-Day first celebrated in 1908 by Anna Jarvis with her mother, she succeeded in creating the holiday in 1914. Today, Mothers-Day is celebrated around the world

80TH MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Will step-Off from Highland Parkway and Main Street Toms River. At 09:30 Monday May 26th
All are welcome to attend and march with Post 129.

As of September 30, 2013, there are 425,094 veterans' in New Jersey, of which 23,968 are Women.

June: from the goddess of women, marriages and children, wife of Jupiter.

BIRTHSTONE		June 2014			RUBY	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 ALR Post 129 Family Fun/BBQ Annual Poker Run	2 General Meeting 7:00PM 	3	4	5 	6 D-Day 1944	7
8	9 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00PM 	10	11 SAL Meeting 7:00PM 	12 	13 Full Strawberry Moon	14 US ARMY Founded 1775 Flag Day
15 Father's Day	16 Board/Trustee Meeting 7:00PM	17	18	19 	20	21 
22	23 Riders Meeting 7:00PM 	24	25	26 	27	28 King Henry VIII 1491
29	30					When you are dog tired at night, it may be because you growled all day.

Happy Birthday, United States Army

Founded on 14 June 1775, the Continental Congress Authorized enlistment of riflemen to serve the United Colonies, 'for one year.'

'HAPPY DAD'S DAY GENTLEMAN'

Father's Day was first signed into law by President Nixon in 1972. In 2013 Spokane celebrated with a month of events, parties and concerts, those guys are good!

AUXILIARY MESSAGE

Wow, this is my last SOUNDOFF. Boy, how time flies! First, I would like to thank everyone that supported me during my year as President. I want to thank all of the officers, committee chairs, and all of the Unit 129 members. It was a challenging year to say the least, but it was a busy and productive one.

We held several successful fundraisers including the spring & fall flea markets, Bunco, a craft fair, a psychic fair and the gift auction. Unit 129 fulfilled the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary by supporting its aims and purposes. We supported our veterans and their families in such ways as sending out care packages to deployed military under the Adopt a Vet program, visiting with veterans at nursing homes, assisting Mission of Honor, and driving veterans to doctor appointments. Our members participated in community service projects such as recycling, donating clothes, volunteering at food banks, and donating blood. This is just an example of what the members of our Unit have been doing, but there is so much more - and we aren't done yet. We will be out during the month of May distributing poppies. Show your support by donating to the poppy fund and wearing your poppy proudly.

I would like to give a special thank you to Laurinda Miller, Membership Chairman. I am very proud of her. She is one determined lady, but she did it!! Unit 129 has made its 2014 goal! Our goal was 385 paid members and because of her dedication and hard work, we have not only achieved but surpassed that

goal. Congratulations to Unit 129 and Laurinda! Thank you to all the members that have paid their memberships, she couldn't have done it without you.

Congratulations to the 2014 - 2015 incoming officers! I wish you all luck and success in your upcoming year. Jane, I pass the gavel to you!

President - Jane Keeley
1st Vice President - Pat Corbin
2nd Vice President - Pam Bowen
Historian - Noreen Leis
Sgt at Arms - Paula Harpe
Chaplain - Tara Goldstein
Treasurer - Carol Rutzler
Secretary - Joyce Hedges

In the spirit of Service, Not Self
Tara Goldstein,



Washington DC Trip June 20, 21, 22

Tickets are still available for the bus ride. We have about One Half of the bus booked. Sadly no post members or couples have reserved a seat. The trip promises to be a one of a kind as indicated in the circular elsewhere in this issue of the SOUNDOFF.

Friday Evening: *Marine Corps Headquarters, 8th and I Streets for the Retirement of Colors Ceremony.*

An Unforgettable Show.

Sunday: *Post 129 will lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown*

Come On Down With Us to DC
It May Be A Bit Late For The Cherry Blossoms But Will Be An Enjoyable Trip. Take a weekend off!

Call: Darlene Scheiderman
732-341-7462

!ASAP!



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...for the next issue (July-August) is June 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.

EVENTS...

...send your events for the calendar to Bob Scheiderman at:
knottoday1@comcast.net

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FAX I have sent to Gov. Christi and Senator Booker and Menendez.

To: Gov. Christi
Senators Booker & Menendez

March 27, 2014

Subject: Legislation before Congress

The 9/11 Museum staff states that the US PARKS DEPARTMENT IS UNABLE TO OPERATE AND PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE 9/11 MEMORIAL, but are asked to fund the project....or simply put: "I don't want you; I just want your Money". Just In case you found it hard to believe the funding request to Congress for the 9/11 memorial and museum the official web site details information here:

<http://www.911memorial.org/funding-legislation>

But (the Museum Management) ignores a call to allow the Federal US Parks Department of the Interior to run the site:

<http://www.wfuv.org/news/news-politics/120612/911-families-group-feds-save-memorial-and-museum>

Strange that the US Parks Department which has a long history of management and security of National sites is deemed unfit to manage, operate and provide security for this the 9/11 NATIONAL MUSEUM & MEMORIAL, but is capable of funding 10-20 million dollars a year for the purchase of the name "The 9/11 Memorial & Museum".

The PARKS Department of the Department of the Interior operates the memorial of the USS ARIZONA

<http://www.recreationparks.net/HI/honolulu/uss-arizona-pearl-harbor>

As well as the Oklahoma Memorial

<http://www.nps.gov/okci/index.htm>

Just in case there is any doubt about the US Parks department capabilities read this: **<http://www.nps.gov/aboutus/index.htm>**

The National Park service has the experience and expertise to manage such historical site, and has been since Teddy Roosevelt's day. Much longer that some of the current Museum Staff have been on this planet.

One can only ask why can they guard the victims of the First Day of Infamy, but not the victims of 9/11?

Even stranger is that our Governor supports this legislation.

Voice your opposition to this legislation in its current form by contacting the governor: **<http://www.state.nj.us/governor/contact/>**

Ask him to support it only if it mandates that the US PARKS department takeover the management, operation and security of this 9/11 NATIONAL Museum & Memorial. Contact your members of Congress and ask them to vote no on this legislation unless it is amended to allow the US Parks Department of the Interior to manage, operate and the security of this the NATIONAL 911 Museum and Memorial.

<http://www.usa.gov/Contact/Elected.shtml>

MOST OF ALL SHARE THIS WITH FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND HELP TO SHINE A LIGHT ON HOW THE MUSEUM SEEKS TO GAIN ACCESS TO YOUR FEDERAL TAX DOLLARS.

I am a Veteran USAF 1962 - 1968, a member of the American Legion, and the father of Colleen Ann (Meehan) Barkow age 26, who perished on September the 11th at the WTC

I hope that you will be able to respond to this correspondence, and re-evaluate your support of this legislation in its current form.

Warm Regards,
Thomas J. Meehan III
7 Trent Drive Toms River NJ 08757
732.240.7543
tjmgrandpa@comcast.net

RIDERS MESSAGE

The Riders are in the process of our one major fundraiser of the year. June 1st, a Sunday the Riders will be hosting a Poker Run/Family BBQ. The recipient of our benefit will be VetWorks of Lacey Township. On this day we will be entertained by the band Timepiece and we hope to have a special unveiling of our "Heroes Walk" in the rear picnic area.

After a long snowy winter a few of our members ventured on Motorcycles to Roanoke Virginia for Bike Fest. Led by Chaplain Mike Schaffer those who took the ride had a great time covering 1152 miles in five days. Sgt. Major Joe Reiher broke in his new Victory motorcycle. It was really nice to see the sun and warmer weather after this cold and snowy winter. Hope to see many of you at our fundraiser on June 1st.

For God & Country
Art Brown



Proceeds donated to VETWORK

Serving Ocean County Veterans - www.vetwork.org



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

Sunday, June 1, 2014

Rain or Shine



Bikini Bike Wash, Vendors, Door Prizes, Horseshoes, Kids Games

Walk In: \$15 per person
Children (under 12) \$5.00

BBQ Lunch all day
Beer/Soda



Those Riding:
\$15-Rider/\$10-Passenger



Family Fun and BBQ
Starts at 12:00

Rider Registration: 9:30-11:00

Rider End Site: 12:00- 5:00

Ocean County Power Sports
2130 Route 37 East/Toms River

American Legion Post 129
2025 Church Road/Toms River

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

POST MINUTES

September 1925

"The whole community was shocked at the disaster to the airship Shenandoah and a special committee was appointed to draw resolutions of condolence to be sent to the families of these men who were lost in the crash. Charles Broome, a member of the post, was one of the crew members to meet death in that disaster. Arrangements were made to conduct funeral services for Comrade Broome."

Bob Scheiderman

Photo # NH 44093 USS Shenandoah leaving the airship hanger at NAS Lakehurst, NJ - 1923



TRUSTEE' REPORT

Spring is upon us and as usual, it is a busy time at Post 129. Our April 5th "Post Clean Up" was successful once again. I want to thank all those that came out to assist and prepare our picnic grove for upcoming events. It was a beautiful day and the work was completed by lunchtime. Of course the Camaraderie and the free lunch didn't hurt. The Bunker Bar is open, the Port-a-Johns have been delivered, and a new ice machine is being installed at the Bunker.

The Victory Garden is being prepped for our vegetable plantings. Our Flagpole Garden is starting to bloom and plans are in place for the Toms River Garden Club to design and plant a garden around our new sign on Church Road designating that portion of the roadway as Sgt. James Harvey Jr. Road.

Our Pavilion is still a work in progress. Our Engineer Frank Baer and our Attorney Harvey York are preparing the necessary paperwork to present to the Zoning Board. Members will be notified of the date and time to appear.

Special thanks to our Adjutant Bob Scheiderman for constructing our new Food Collection Box located in the lobby of our building. Hunger is a major issue right here in New Jersey. In 2012, in Ocean County alone there were 27,510 children that were food insecure. My focus, as the new in coming Commander this year will be "Hunger Knows No Holiday". I look forward to all factions of our Legion participating in this extremely worthwhile endeavor.

Thank you to the People's Pantry Relief Center, located at 1001

Fisher Blvd, Toms River. I received a call from Pat Donaghue, the Executive Director who offered to donate a 1998 Chevy Van to our Post.. We arranged to have the van serviced at Dennis's Service Station and Dennis Grella donated his services to make it road worthy. Next stop, Coury's Auto Body for a new paint job. As an added bonus, the van is equipped with an electronic wheelchair lift. This van will have a multitude of uses, including transporting our veterans that are unable to walk as well as towing our trailer and jeep as needed.

I look forward to bringing many of these projects to fruition as your new in-coming Commander, once again.

Rich Gato
Trustee Chairman

"Hunger knows no season"

You will notice a new collection box in our lobby. This is for "food" only. We ask that you bring in one canned good or other non-perishable food product to help area food banks that are extremely low on supplies.



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Saturday May 10th - Jersey Girls

Friday May 16th - The True Tones
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Saturday May 24th - Jersey Girls

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