



# SOUNDOFF

May—June 2015

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

## COMMANDERS MESSAGE

The nice weather has finally arrived and lots of plans are in the works. By the time you receive this newsletter, the Bunker Bar will be in full swing. Some entertainment has already been booked for outside as well.

Fortunately, the election is over and we can concentrate on getting back to doing what we do best- Assisting our Veterans. Congratulations to the newly elected Officers and thank you to all for participating and "stepping up to the plate". The turn out was huge by past standards, however it would be nice to have that type of turn out at regular meetings. I encourage you to get involved in your Post. Personally, I want to thank you for electing me to my 4<sup>th</sup> term as Commander.

April, May and June are busy months at our Post We have the groundbreaking for the Gold Star Monument to be held at the Viet Nam Memorial on April 24<sup>th</sup>, The State Commander Mike Wilson's Testimonial to be held in Bayonne on April 26<sup>th</sup> and the Viet Nam Memorial Pasta Dinner to be held at our Post on April 26<sup>th</sup>. This is the first year that we have chosen to make this an indoor event. . On May 2<sup>nd</sup> the Riders from throughout the State will participate in the Viet Nam Memorial Run. On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Installation of Officers will take place at 5 PM in our banquet hall. This ceremony involves the swearing in of all Executive Board members and trustees as well as the Auxiliary, SAL and Riders leadership.

Last year we initiated a Bike

Night, the first Tuesday of the month in May, June, July and August. It was extremely popular and proved to be a good fundraiser. This year we have decided to extend that invitation to antique cars as well and advertise it as a cruise night. Our Bike Blessing was well attended on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Chaplain Mike Schaffer provided a beautiful rendition with 137 bikes in attendance.

Legion College is May 8<sup>th</sup> thru May 10<sup>th</sup> at the State Police Academy in Sea Girt. The Legion will be hosting a Mother's Day Brunch in the Banquet Hall. (See the flyer in this issue).

On May 16<sup>th</sup> Ocean County Commander Ed McBride's Testimonial Dinner to be held at the Elk's Lodge.

There will be a flurry of activity Memorial Day weekend. Our service at the Ocean County Park Cemetery will be followed by our traditional Sunday picnic with live entertainment by "Jeff Lakata". The weekend will culminate with our hometown parade which steps off behind the Office Lounge at 9:30. All are urged to attend. We are the sponsors of this parade so a good turnout is needed. The DAV float will be available for those that cannot march. After the parade, a buffet lunch will be served at the Post with entertainment by the Oceannaires.

The Riders Poker Run/Family BBQ is scheduled for June 7<sup>th</sup>. This well planned event drew just under 700 people last year and generated \$20,000. Those that attended will remember the lime green staff shirts of the 50 volunteers. This year we added a PayPal account for those that wish to register on line. Music will once

again be provided by "Timepiece". Many new vendors will be in attendance. (See the flyer in this issue).

The American Legion Convention takes place the week of June 8<sup>th</sup> thru June 13<sup>th</sup>. The parade is scheduled for June 13<sup>th</sup>.

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## POST 129

April 6th

The following officers were duly elected and they will assume duties June 15th. Installation will take place on May 3rd, 5:00 PM at the post. All are welcome!

Fiscal Year 2015-2016

**Commander:**

Rich Gato

**Vice Commander:**

Mike Kelly  
Ralph Moranz  
Ed Rutzler  
Mike Schaffer

**Finance Officer:**

Bob Blair

**Sergeant At Arms:**

George Galesky

**Chaplain:**

OPEN

**Historian:**

Al Harbord

**Board of Trustees:**

Chairman: PPC Rich Godfrey

Dave Corbin

Mike Dolan

Eric Enauen

Dale Harpe

Dave Kearns

Mike Wolff

Ralph Wolff

Joe Reiher

(Bob Scheiderman—Adjutant)

# SAL MESSAGE

I cannot believe it's been almost a year that I have been your SAL Commander at Squadron 129. I would like to take this time to thank everyone that has supported my board and myself this past year. We have worked hard and have raised a good amount of money for the Post which goes to the Veterans, which is what we are here for. We've had a successful year and I'm looking forward to another.

I would like to also welcome my new board members. I hope you all are ready to work hard so we can improve upon all the great things we've accomplished this year.

On a separate note, we are still trying to help raise money for our Hero's Walk that is being built on our grounds. The Legion Riders are running this project and we are Sons of the Legion so we should all try to buy a paving stone to be put in the memorial in memory of our father or grandfather who had served. The stones are \$125 each and you can get a form at the bar or any officer at the Post. I know I will be proud to have a stone in this beautiful memorial that is being built.

Also, 2015 dues are now overdue. If you haven't already, please see Rocky Lucia to get caught up. Finally, now that the weather is getting better, we will be opening our outside Bunker Bar soon so let's get out and support our Post.

I would also like to take this time to wish the Legion Riders a safe and enjoyable riding season.

For God & Country,  
Bob Joerg - Commander  
SAL Squadron 129



## DUKE's PASTA DINNER

Dear American Legion family members and friends, February 21<sup>st</sup> 2015 was a great day for my wife and I. It was the day Post 129 had a benefit for us to help take care of some of the medical bills that my insurance did not cover from our motorcycle accident.

On the day DUKES PASTA DINNER it was a terrible day to travel. A unforeseen snow storm, although it was bad weather, many people still came. And those who did not come, bought tickets any way, or made donations. The bar committee donated the refreshments, Ryans Catering donated the food, and even that the weather was bad we had a VERY SUCESSFUL FUNDRAISER.

At this time, my wife and I can't thank you enough. Special thanks to Mr. Ray Miller for kicking this off and getting this rolling. Mr. Mike Kelly, the bar chairman, for the

refreshments, Mr. Jimmy Smith for all the food he donated, the bartenders for donating their time, and the Ocean County American Legion Family for all your support and donations.

Thank you S.A.L. Commander Bobby Joerg and our SAL for everything you did for me and, thank you to all the Legion Riders for all your support, and not to forget our American Legion Auxiliary, and American Legion Post 129, under the leadership of Commander Rich Gato. If I forgot any one I am deeply sorry, Thank you all very, very much. My wife and I will never forget your generosity, and how great this Post 129 is. For GOD and COUNTRY  
Cookie and Duke Haring

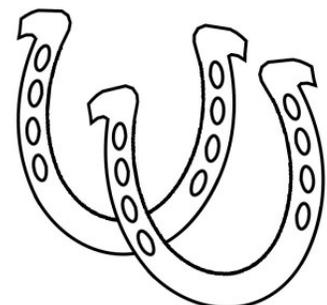
**"VETERANS NEWSLETTER"**  
American Legion Magazine  
January 1950

### NEW JERSEY REJECTS WW2 VETERAN BONUS:

By a close margin, electors of New Jersey rejected a State bonus to its 550,00 WW2 service men and women at the election held on November 8 . . . . Sixth State to refuse to vote a bonus, New Jersey voters were not in mind to add a new tax on gross business receipts which was tacked on the proposal as the means of raising money to pay the bill . . . . Other States which have voted down bonus proposals are Maine, Missouri, Nebraska, Oregon and Wisconsin.  
(submitted by Bob Scheiderman)



**2015 Horseshoe League  
now forming.  
Meeting May 13 - Call  
Michael Dolan at  
908-902-4117**



**AUXILIARY MESSAGE**

Hi All,

It has been a busy time for the Unit with our annual Gift Auction, and the Spring Flea Market. "THANK YOU" CAROL AND PAULA, a lot of work goes into planning and organizing these events. I also want to thank everyone who helped to make these events a great success.

The Unit has been going to local nursing homes in the area and visiting with veteran residents and enjoying lively discussions and trivia games. Thanks to a Post member we has been giving blankets to the residents with their respective branch of service incorporated in the design. They love them.

We are hoping to set up a collection bin for the tabs from cans, i.e. soda, soup, fruit, and yes even beer to bring to Ronald McDonald house. Also the box for the cell phones will be available for collection.

Two members brought tabs to Ronald McDonald house in Long Branch and cell phones to the Toms River Armory.

The tabs will be recycled and the proceeds will be used to help provide a "home away from home" for families with seriously ill children. The cell phones will be recycled and a \$10 telephone gift card will be sent to deployed soldiers.

Also in April members of both the Auxiliary and Legion attended the testimonial dinner for Department President Juli Jandik held at Picatinny Arsenal. A nice time was had by all.

I want to thank everyone who has contributed to making this y a successful one for all. As I stated at our first meeting you would be hearing, "PLEASE and THANK YOU" a lot this year and you

did. I am sincerely grateful for all your help. "THANK YOU" :)

Congratulations to all the newly elected officers of the Unit, Legion, SAL and Riders.

For God and Country  
Jane Keeley, President



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<b>11</b>	<b>30</b>	FREE SPACE	<b>46</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>75</b>

**BINGO**

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

Progressive Refreshments served 50/50 - Mystery Prizes

**PHENIA**

Members, just a few words to update everyone on our cannon project. The wheels are done – painted and look beautiful. If we can get a decent weekend, I will bring them to the Post and mount them on the cannon. So far, the armor plates have been cut, painted and mounted on Phenia. I am still trying to finish the camo paint on the cannon itself.

I want to thank Kenny, from K-Welding, for making the armor plates as well as donating all his time to this project of ours. Furthermore, Al and I have been trying to get signage for the trailer.

The trailer would be used to bring the WWI cannon to parades. Unfortunately, towing the cannon on just its wagon wheel would be unpractical and risk possible damage to both the wheels and cannon itself. We are still shooting for a Memorial Day dedication.

I have to say thanks to all my friends and members who donated to the project. This was solely with your donations and efforts. It can be done!

For God and Country.  
Many thanks,  
John Lynam



**RIDERS MESSAGE**

Finally spring weather is showing up. Many of our riders have been out for local rides. On Sunday, April 12th, our Riders held our first "Bike Blessing". We took advantage of having Chaplain Mike Schaffer in our membership. Mike did an excellent job blessing 137 motorcycles and approximately 150 people. With great assistance from Ryan's Catering we were able to host this event at a very reasonable cost to our group.

The hosting of this event not only allowed us to bless all these beautiful motorcycles, but also allowed us the opportunity to pass out flyers for our upcoming June 7th Poker Run/Family BBQ. It will be difficult to match the success of last years fundraiser. We were able to raise \$20,000.00 that was equally distributed between our Post 129 and Vetwork of Lacey Twp. The Riders have a great support staff when it comes to our June fundraiser. We have a great group that BBQ's for us each year and many volunteers that make our event successful. The food is what draws a crowd, that and our Bunker bar.

We have Judy Kapp chairperson for not only our June Poker Run, but also "Cruise Night". We started this event last year and are continuing it this year. The first Tuesday of each month from May until August we will be having motorcycles and antique cars in the back parking lot and our picnic area. This event drew a nice crowd for our Bunker Bar and if the weather continues to cooperate it should draw well again this year.

Obviously for all our members this was a long, cold, and snowy

winter. For motorcyclist it seemed like an eternity. We will now get out and ride on weekends and for those of us that have time during the week, those days also. We ride with our American Legion Patches to do our Post proud. This will continue into the summer months and we will strive to support Post 129 and the Veteran community while doing so.

For God & Country,  
Art Brown



*Proceeds to Benefit American Veterans Organizations*



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

***Sunday, June 7, 2015***



***Rain or Shine***



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

**Walk In: \$20 per person**  
**Children (under 12) \$5.00**

**BBQ**  
**Beer/Soda**



**Those Riding:**  
**\$20-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**

**\*\*\* SAVE TIME FOR YOU AND YOUR GROUP DAY OF EVENT\*\*\***  
**PAY ON-LINE, PRE-REGISTER OR GET REGISTRATION FORM [www.alrpost129.com](http://www.alrpost129.com)**  
**MORE INFO: [legionriders129@aol.com](mailto:legionriders129@aol.com) or Art 732-674-5169/Judy732-232-3286**  
**ENJOY A RIDE AND DAY OF FAMILY FUN - OPEN TO ALL**



# Mother's Day Buffet

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

May 10, 2015

Seatings from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Scrambled Eggs  
French Toast  
Bacon  
Sausage  
Home Fries

Eggplant Parmesan  
Seafood Alfredo  
Cavatelli & Broccoli  
Chicken Rosemary  
Carved Turkey

Antipasto  
Grilled Vegetable Melody  
Roasted Red Peppers,  
Mozzarella, Prosciutto & Basil

Assorted Cakes, Cookies &  
Cupcakes  
Coffee/Tea

Adults  
\$20.00  
Children Under 10  
\$10.00

Reservations Required  
Please Call 732-864-5519  
Cash Bar



## THE AMERICAN LEGION Centennial Celebration

Bob Scheiderman, Adjutant

The American Legion was chartered by congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization. Focusing on service to veterans, service members and communities, the Legion evolved from a group of war-weary veterans of World War I into one of the most influential nonprofit groups in the United States. Membership swiftly grew to over 1 million, and local posts sprang up across the country. Today, membership stands at over 2.4 million in 14,000 posts worldwide. The posts are organized into 55 departments: one each for the 50 states, along with the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, France, Mexico and the Philippines.

I have opened a Post 129 history page at the national 100 year site. As yet the page is empty but I will be posting pictures and historical items in the near future. Presently I am working up a Time-Line which will be posted soon.

**American Legion National Centennial Website:**

[centennial.legion.org](http://centennial.legion.org)

Click on:  
History / Post Index / New Jersey/  
Post129

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

## LEGION MEMBERSHIP

### MEMBERSHIP – MEMBERSHIP MEMBERSHIP

I would like to say Thank You to all our Legion Members that sent in their dues for 2015.

I am proud to report that we have exceeded last year's membership of 1595. Our Membership is now at 1627 an all-time high and still the largest American Legion Post in the State of New Jersey. These numbers are great but we can still do more, our retention rate for our new members is not good. If any member knows of any legionnaire that is not happy with The American Legion ask them to contact their local post I'm sure that we can help solve any problems that exist. If we don't know what's broken we can't fix it.

Any member who hasn't paid up for 2015 please send in your dues. We need all the help that we can get to help support all the great programs that the American Legion does for its Veterans Their Family Members and the Community, and remember:

"Membership is the lifeblood of The American Legion"

Without members there would be no Legion programs, we would have no voice on Capitol Hill. Without members, there would be no accomplishments in assistance and support to veterans, their families, the community, state and nation. But The American Legion has recorded consistent accomplishments for veterans and their families since 1919. We can't do this alone. Your dues makes this possible.

It is often emphasized, "It's not the price you paid to join, but the price you paid to be eligible". The American Legion Membership Card gives our members access to nearly 14,000 Legion Posts

worldwide and guarantees that our members will always have a fellow veteran nearby.

But more important are the intangible benefits of membership, the ones you can't put a dollar value to – the lifelong friendships that develop from being actively involved with others and most importantly, the self-satisfaction of knowing that just by being a member we are helping others less fortunate than ourselves.

Please support your post and send in your dues. We need your help to support and maintain all the good things that make us who we are, "VETERANS STILL SERVING AMERICA!"

WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH MEMBERSHIP. PLEASE REACH OUT TO YOUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, CO-WORKERS AND FAMILY MEMBERS AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO JOIN THIS GREAT ORGANIZATION OF VETERANS. WITH YOU AND THE HELP OF OTHERS A 100% MEMBERSHIP GOAL CAN BE ACHIEVED! ANY MEMBERS THAT ARE STRUGGLING WITH MONTH TO MONTH BILLS AND NEED SOME ASSISTANCE

WITH PAYING YOUR MEMBERSHIP, I CAN HELP. CALL ME AT 732-604-8326 OR EMAIL ME @ rjg548@comcast.net

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY  
RICH GODFREY  
MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

## AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

We made our Goal for the year of 2015. Thanks to all of our dedicated members. Grand total being 418 to date. Good going!

Still have unpaid memberships and if not paid by May 30 you will be taken off roster and will not be receiving any more newsletters.

Also, may I add that our unit brought in 59 new members this year. Thank you ladies for spreading the word and getting our unit to grow even stronger. Don't stop! Come to a meeting and get involved in our many activities.

Meetings 1st Monday of every month, except July.

You are "Keeping Us Strong"

Respectively yours,  
Laurinda Miller



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...for the next issue (July-August) is June15. 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.

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

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Single card \$75.00. Double card \$140.00.  
Other sizes available upon request.

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## CANTEEN NEWS

Eric Inauen

The subfreezing temperatures of this long winter have finally given way to the welcomed temperatures of Spring. Many of us, including myself, were doubting if the warmer weather would ever arrive.

The Bar Committee, along with Commander, Rich Gato, have been taking ideas from our Members to try making this year's Spring and Summer Seasons better than the last. Some say that this is impossible. However, it has always been Post 129's way to achieve the impossible. Alright, enough with the pep talk. What's being done?

Now that the Bunker Bar is open, much to the hard work of Joe Reiher (Sgt. Major) and Bar Chairman Mike Kelly, plans to expand our outside programs are as follows:



1. Increase the number of nights the Bunker is open.
2. Increase the amount of Members playing in our Horse Shoe League. (see Trustee Mike Dolan for details).
3. Expand outdoor dart competition.

4. Bringing in monthly entertainment on Sunday afternoons.

Post 129's Legion Riders are opening up their Sunday, June 7th, Poker Run Family Picnic to the Public.

Speaking of picnics, our Memorial Day Picnic will be held on Sunday, May 24, from noon to 5PM, (rain date, Monday, May 25). Tickets will be \$10, and includes food and entertainment. The proceeds from the picnic will go toward the construction costs of our new Pavilion (Pole Barn).

INSIDE, the Canteen is running like an unstoppable locomotive. More and more of our Members and their guests are coming out on Friday and Saturday Nights to enjoy the food, beverages and entertainment. Friday Nights feature Rock Bands including the True Tones, Dee Cee's, Cross Tones and the Mango's, to mention a few. Every second (2nd) Saturday Night, it's Karaoke with

Jersey Girls. Other Saturday Nights we feature Jeff Lakata, Phil Cenecola from the Sweethearts, the Smallwood Brothers, and many others. Bands keep calling our Entertainment Chairman, Commander Rich Gato, asking to

play in front of the fantastic crowds at the American Legion.

Our Saturday Night Specials are still in effect. Chef Mike Speary, of Ryan's Catering, continues to weave his magic in offering 2 appetizers, 2 entrees, and a shared dessert for only \$20. You are allowed to mix and match appetizers and entrees.

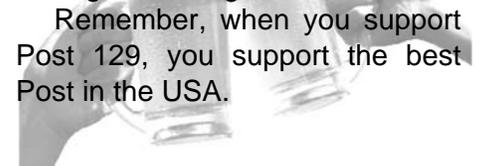
We have added Sam Adam's Summer Ale and Dos Equis (Stay thirsty my friend) on tap. They join Bud, Bud Lite, Coors Lite, Miller Lite, Yuengling, Micholob Ultra, and Killian Red. That's nine (9) beers on tap. Our bottled beers consist of Coors Lite, Bud, Bud Lite, Miller Lite, Micholob Ultra, Becks, Stella, Corona & Corona Lite, and Heineken & Heineken Lite. We have Guinness in cans, and for those of you who prefer blondes, we have Guinness Blonde in bottles. Our non-alcoholic beers are Coors Lite and Saint Pauly.

Our draft beers down at the Bunker are Coors Lite, Miller Lite, Bud and Yuengling.

**HUNGRY JUKEBOX.** Our Juke Box has an insatiable appetite, and is constantly being fed greenbacks by Mike Dolan, Duke, Bob "Ace" Cannon, Bob Keating, myself and many others. Our reward is being able to listen to great music at a cheap price. In most cases, you get 3 songs for a dollar (\$1).

The Canteen opens 11AM, seven (7) days a week. Our bartenders, Bernice, Dave, Duke, Joe, Lisa, Lori, Robin, Warren and Wendy are always happy to serve you. Closing times may vary by the amount of Members in the bar, bad weather, etc. On Friday and Saturday Nights, last call is at midnight. Closing is at 12:30AM.

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



*May: From the Roman goddess of growth, Maia.*

Birthstone

May 2015

Emerald

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
A kind word is like a spring day.					1 May/Law Day	2 County Convention Post 129 11 AM
3 Post Installation 5 PM  Full Flower Moon	4  General & Auxiliary Mtg. 7 PM	5  Cinco De Mayo	6	7  	8  V-E Day 1945	9
10 MOTHERS DAY	11  Tornado hit Newark NJ, 1865	12	13  SAL Meeting 7 PM	14  	15 Women's Army Aux. Corps established 1942	16
17	18 Board/Trustee Mtg. 7:00pm	19  Riders Meeting 7 PM	20	21   Red Cross Founded 1881	22	23
24  31	25 Memorial Day Parade 09:00am	26	27  Ember Days Begin	28  	29	30 A pound of pluck is worth a Ton of luck!

Memorial Day Parade Lines Up at 08:30 And Steps Off At 09:00, 25 May Marchers Are Welcome

**MAY ENTERTAINMENT**

Friday May 1<sup>st</sup> The Mango's  
Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup> Larry & Roe Live  
Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup> Installation Of New Officers

Friday May 8<sup>th</sup> The Dee Cee's  
Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> Jersey Girls "Karaoke"  
Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup> "Mothers Day Brunch"

Friday May 15<sup>th</sup> The True Tones  
Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup> Jeff Lakata

Friday May 22<sup>nd</sup> The Crosstones  
Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup> \*Mark Dacey\* Back By Popular Demand  
Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Picnic Featuring Jeff Lakata

Monday May 25<sup>th</sup>



Memorial Day Parade Meet Us Behind The Office Lounge at 9:00 AM To Participate.

Entertainment By The Oceanaires And Lunch At The Post After The Parade

Friday May 29<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup>

The Dee Cee's Phil Cenacola From "The Streetharts"



*June: From the goddess of women, marriages and childbirth and wife of Jupiter, Juno.*

Birthstone

**June 2015**

Pearl Moonstone

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Get your facts first then you can distort them as you please. Mark Twain	1 General Mtg. Legion Aux. Mtg 7:00PM	2  Full Strawberry Moon	3	4 	5	6 D-Day 1944
7	8	9	10  SAL Meeting 7 PM	11 	12 13 June 11th - 13th, 2015 Department Convention Wildwood Convention Center Wildwood, NJ	
14 	15 Board/Trustee Mtg. 7:00PM	16	17	18 	19	20
21 Fathers Day First Day of Summer	22  Riders Meeting 7 PM	23	24	25  Korean War 1950	26	27
28	29	30				

Happy Birthday United States Army, 14 June 1775, Continental Congress authorized enlistment of rifleman for one year.

## JUNE ENTERTAINMENT

Friday June 5<sup>th</sup> The True Tones  
Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> Jeff Lakata

Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup> Legion Riders Poker Run/  
Family BBQ  
Featuring Music By  
"Timepiece"

Thursday, June 11 Thru Saturday, June 13  
American Legion Convention Wildwood N.J.  
The Dee Cee's Perform On Thursday Night  
Come On Down For The Huge Parade On  
Saturday

Friday June 12<sup>th</sup> The Smallwood Brothers  
Saturday June 13 Jersey Girls "Karaoke"

Friday June 19<sup>th</sup> The Dee Cee's  
Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup> TBD

Friday June 26<sup>th</sup> The Crosstones  
Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup> Phil Cenecola From  
The Streetharts





The rifles  
 sound,  
 I shudder still,  
 The flags will Wave  
 My eyes will fill  
 This Honor paid  
 To those held dear  
 With "Thanks" that they  
 will Never hear;  
 For all we have on this  
 Special Day  
 Is to mourn, remember, cry  
 and Pray  
 For Heros who have given  
 all...  
 This tribute is indeed  
 Quite small  
 By Darlene Scheiderman

## 'TAPS' IS DONE

Tyndall Air Force Base in Florida has decided to no longer play "Taps" and "Reveille" in and near residential areas on base—and airmen there are not pleased.

Tyndall said in a Feb.12 announcement on Face-book that the change was made to lessen the disturbance for shift workers and families, but the songs would continue to play in all operational areas.

Within hours of the announcement, airmen and family members had left more than 300 comments. Nearly all of them mocked or angrily opposed the change.

"I am so embarrassed right now," airman Nicholas Mancuso wrote. "My Army coworkers are making fun of this and I got nothing."

From: Air Force Times  
 (submitted by Bob Scheiderman)

## FLAG DAY JUNE 14TH

'WHAT OUR FLAG  
 REPRESENTS'

The United States flag represents what our country stands for — liberty, justice, equality, and opportunity — at home, on the seas, and abroad. Our country was created with a dream in mind — that Americans could live as free people and that Americans could achieve their highest potential if they wanted to. But in order for our country to live up to its creed, we ourselves must do likewise. By abiding by the principles found in our Declaration of Independence and Constitution, upholding our laws and changing them when they need to be changed, gaining knowledge, and being productive citizens, we are keeping our Nation the greatest on earth.



Therefore, we must all be aware of what the United States stands for, and we must take an interest in our country. Otherwise, the principles that our country stands for will fade away like the colors of a weather-worn flag.

"What you should know about the American Flag"

By: Earl P. Williams, Jr.  
 (Submitted by Bob Scheiderman)

## POST EVERLASTING



Thomas McAbee, 70, US Army, Vietnam  
 Joe Derhay, 91, US Army, WWII  
 Guy J. Buonpane, 81, US Army Korean War  
 Angelo P. Juliano, 95, US Army, WWII  
 Bill King, 88, US Navy, WWII  
 Post 129 Past Commander  
 Irv Green, 87  
 US Navy, US Air Force Ret. Korean War, Vietnam War

Bob Scheiderman, Ritual Chairman

## COMMANDERS MESSAGE

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We already have two full buses, as well as 4 hotels booked. Special thanks to Frank McArdle for a great job organizing the hotel accommodations as usual. Thursday night we will have entertainment by our own Dee Cee's. Other surprise events are already scheduled.

The DAV mobile van will be at our post on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Nick Bernardi, a member of our Post and the Officer of the day for the DAV Chapter will be on hand as well as others to assist you with your claims, appeals and questions. Take advantage of this

Pantry was the person that donated the Chevy Van to us. Initial funding will come from the David Tepper Foundation. It will cost 1.5 million dollars to open this 12,000 square foot facility located at 1769 Hooper Avenue in the Silverton section of Toms River. The facility will be called B.E.A.T. (Bringing Everyone All Together). It will serve as a food pantry as well as a training facility and of course the famous restaurant. For those unfamiliar with the Soul Kitchen, families can eat there and pay whatever they can afford or they can volunteer at the facility in exchange for their dinner. This is a unique concept that has proven to work extremely well in Red Bank. The food that is provided is healthy, organic and locally

note of some of the statistics. The Food Pantry has clients from 28 different municipalities. They presently hold 13,111 names in their database. They usually have 10-20 families register a day. They distribute about 70,000 lbs. of food a month. During the holidays, that increases to 100,000 lbs. The Pantry feeds anywhere from 3000-4000 people every month. It takes about 2017 volunteer hours a month to maintain operations. 41% of households include children or elderly. 62% of households have one or more members who work. 85% earn less than \$30,000 per year. 1 in 5 have served in the military.

Do I need to say more? Give me a call and we'll set you up to give a hand or you can call Pat Donahue at 908-278-6450.

I would ask that everyone who enters our facility donate a non-perishable food product that we can bring to the pantry. Our collection bin is located in the lobby. Consider a monetary gift. \$0.96 of every dollar donated provides support of food programs to help those in need. Remember, "Life is a Balance"

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Not All Wounds Are Visible



A famous admiral and an equally famous general were fishing together when a sudden squall came up. When it died down both eminent warriors were struggling helplessly in the water.

The admiral floundered his way back to the boat and pulled himself painfully in. Then he fished out the general, using an oar.

Catching his breath, he puffed: "Please don't say a word about this to anyone. If the Navy found I can't swim I'd be disgraced.

"Don't worry," the general said. "Your secret is safe. I'd hate to have my men find out I can't walk on water."

opportunity.

Of course there will be a July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration as well. Stay tuned for more information. Coming July 18<sup>th</sup>-MOVIE NIGHT, to be held outdoors. Stay tuned for movie announcement.

I was fortunate to meet with Jon Bon Jovi who is the driving force behind the Soul Kitchen in Red Bank. His Foundation is teaming up with the Monmouth/Ocean Food Bank as well as our own People's Pantry on Fisher Blvd. You may recall that Pat Donahue, the Director of the Food

grown. This facility will provide assistance and support services such as the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP), affordable health care, tax preparation services, a food pantry, meals for at risk children and seniors and a culinary training program.

The opportunity to attend this debut provided a real eye opener. Our Post has been contributing food to both Vetwork and the People's Pantry for some time now, but the "Food Insecurity" in our town alone is staggering. Take

## MacArthur and O'Rourke Introduce Bipartisan Bill to Increase Veteran Mental Health Care

March 26, 2015  
Press Release

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, Congressmen Tom MacArthur and Beto O'Rourke introduced H.R. 1604, the Veterans' Mental Health Care Access Act, which will expand options for veterans seeking mental health care to non-VA facilities:

"As we strive to improve the health care system for the men and women who bravely served our country, we are faced with the challenge of caring for the growing number of veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and other service-related mental health disorders," MacArthur said. "What makes this challenge even more devastating is that every day, 22 veterans commit suicide – 17 of whom never accessed care at the VA."

"Whether they are unable to get timely or convenient care at VA facilities, or are simply hesitant to utilize their benefits because of the unfair stigma associated with mental health, we are failing those veterans who need our help," MacArthur continued. "In partnership with my colleague, Congressman Beto O'Rourke, I am pleased to introduce the Veterans' Mental Health Care Access Act, which will give veterans the flexibility to seek mental health care through any provider, even if it is not a VA facility."

"I've met too many veterans who can't get the mental health care they need and have earned," O'Rourke said. "That is why I support expanding access to care outside the VA."

The MacArthur-O'Rourke Veterans' Mental Health Care Access Act will allow veterans with a Choice Card to access mental health care at any facility that is regularly reimbursed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. These facilities could include community health clinics, which are often more convenient and accessible for veterans.

"My district is home to 65,000 veterans, and advocating on their behalf is a top priority for me," MacArthur added. "This bill will help ensure these men and women don't have to face unnecessary burdens when they need help, and offer them support in their time of need."

### Arlington to honor WW II Bomber Crew

A group burial service March 18 at Arlington National Cemetery will honor 8 world War II crew members lost when their bomber was shot down in the South Pacific Theater more than 70 years ago.

The airmen took off from Texter Strip, Nazdab Air Field, New Guinea, on April 10, 1944, on a mission to attack a Japanese anti-aircraft site at Hansa Bay in New Guinea's Madang Province, according to a defense Department news release. Four managed to parachute from the ill-fated B-24D Liberator when it took on fire, but

they reportedly died in captivity. The others were reported missing.

Five years later, the Army Graves Registration Service recovered the remains of three of the airmen but concluded the other nine were unrecoverable.

More than half a century passed. Then in 2001, a U.S.-led team found the wreckage of a B-24D with the missing bomber's tail number. "After several surveys, DoD teams excavated the site and recovered human remains and non biological material evidence," the news release said.

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced Feb. 23 that the remains of the following airmen have now been accounted for and are being returned to their families:

- ~1st Lt. William D. Berniet of Augusta, Montana.
- ~1st Lt. Bryant E. Poulson of Salt Lake City.
- ~1st Lt. Herbert V. Young Jr. of Clarksdale, Arizona.
- ~Tech. Sgt. Charles L. Johnston of Pittsburgh.
- ~Tech. Sgt. Hugh F. Moore of Elkton, Maryland.
- ~Staff Sgt. John . Copeland of Deartin, Kansas.
- ~Staff Sgt. Charles J. Jones of Athens, Georgia.
- ~Sgt. Charles A. Gardner of San Francisco.

(Kristin Davis and Madeline Fox Air Force Times)

(submitted by Bob Scheiderman)

## THE FLAG ON THE FRONT PORCH, FOR WHOM DOES IT FLY?

By Joseph E. Ray  
1986

FOR - 250 million Americans - those who worship God in 331,065 churches (great cathedrals to leaky pinewoods chapels) - and those who stay home. For those who coldly ignore it in parades; and for those who salute it.

FOR - the God-fearing men whose stern rectitude moved them to rank Freedom of Religion first in the U. S. Constitution, followed by speech, press, and assembly.

FOR - Jeanette Rankin only member of the House of Representatives to vote against entering WW2 and for all those who voted favor.

FOR - fireman Fred Burgess, of the USS Laffey, wounded in the battle off Okinawa, April 1945 his last request the ship's flag, farewell good homeward to family and country; and, clutching it to his breast, *died.*

FOR - Mrs. Rosa Parks, who, with the courage of an infantryman, chose to retain her seat on the Montgomery bus in 1955.

FOR - our astronauts, who carried it 221,000 miles to the moon; and for millions of Americans who can't carry it thirty feet from closet to front porch on holidays.

FOR - Christian and Jew; concerned citizen and eager immigrant; believer and non-believer—beneficiaries all in the great experiment of self-Government.

AND IT FLIES - proudest for our Medal of Honor holders (3,394 since 1863; 192 survive today) quintessential Americans who tarried not to ask what the country could do for them, but gladly placed themselves in harm's way for the love of *Comrade, Flag, Country.*

*Authored by patriotic journalist, Joseph Ray, Oneida NY. Joseph E. Ray 1917-2001. WWII, 1941-1945.*

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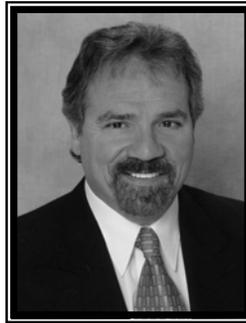
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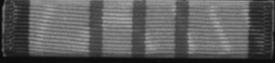
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