



SOUNDOFF

November-December 2012

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

COMMANDERS MESSAGE

The seasons are rapidly changing again and as I look back, I realize that there is never any down time at our Post. Each month brings different events. We have had several successful BBQ's in our outside picnic grove. It is very rewarding to watch the expressions of first time attendee's to our grove and Bunker Bar. In the interest of making our grove more family friendly, we have recently purchased a children's swing set which will be placed in a cleared out area in the grove.

Members of the Legion Riders traveled to Ocean City, Maryland for bike week. We traveled across on the Cape May Ferry and visited Post 166 in Ocean City where we had dinner and assisted them in contributing towards their monthly mortgage payment.

Members of our Post also attended Watchfire in Seaside

Heights. This somber service is presented by the SAL. Thanks to all who came out.

Special thanks go out to the Auxiliary and especially Tara Goodstein for their effort in making the Flea Market the success that it was.

On September 27th, Commanders from select Legion Posts were invited to breakfast at Drumthwacket, Governor Christie's Official Residence in Princeton. This informal breakfast meeting was followed by a question and answer session related to Veterans concerns. We addressed various items such as pending legislation as well as benefits for our new veterans returning home. The following day, members of the Legion Riders participated in "Stand Down" in Cherry Hill. Members of our Veterans Homeless population were brought to the Armory and fed, clothed, received medical, dental and psychological treatment as well as being assisted with the myriad of paperwork that goes



Run For The Fallen 2012
Photo: Christine Meyer Karl

with filing a claim.

Also on Friday the 28th, Active Duty personnel began their "Run for the Fallen"; leaving Cape May at 6:00 AM, heading up the coast, stopping every mile at a designated marker honoring one of our heroes' killed in action. I am proud to report that every marker had family members present as well as Veterans and Legion Riders. As the runners approached the marker, they handed off their flags to Veterans, saluted the family, gave a brief narrative, took their flags back and resumed the run. The entire run was 156 miles. Many of these runners ran multiple miles. Captain David "Fuzz" Harrison, the Commanding Officer of Weapons Station Earle and our keynote speaker at the Remembering our Hero's program ran 5 miles and recognized one of the runners who ran 40 miles. Saturday's run ended at 6:10 PM at our Post. As I left the cemetery and rounded the corner



S.A.L. Firewatch September 21, 2012
(Photos Christine Meyer Karl)

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*“Not for fame or reward, not lured by ambition or goaded by necessity...
But, in simple obedience to duty”
...The Run for the Fallen...*

Our George P. Vanderveer Post of the American Legion was honored to participate and support the annual **Run for the Fallen** on Saturday, September 29, 2012.

This event is an a-political reflection of remembrance team composed of active duty Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine and Coast Guard runners, among other participants.

The runners embark on a 172+ mile run to honor every New Jersey service member killed in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom and New Dawn. This year was the 4th Annual NJ Run which began this year, on Friday, September 28 and concluded on Sunday, September 30, 2012 at the NJ Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in Holmdel, NJ. The team

traveled from Cape May to Holmdel and will honor 169 of New Jersey's Hero's.

The members of the team carry 3 flags; the U.S. Flag, the NJ State Flag and the Honor and Remember Flag, together with a personalized biography and flag for each Hero.

Upon arrival at each and every pre-designated Hero site (HM), the entourage stopped, passed the 3 large flags to waiting Veterans, read the bio aloud, respectfully and solemnly planted the flag and attached bio in the ground in front of the HM. Then a call to Attention with a hand salute and paid their respects to waiting family members, friends and comrades. They then proceeded to the next HM site.

Each mile is dedicated to an individual NJ Hero and their family.

When the run was completed that day, the participants were all invited to our Post for Dinner and refreshments.

While at our Post, the Father of one of our Fallen Hero's, who was in the lounge area, with other members of 129, raised a glass and toasted Post 129...talk about a **humbling experience!**

Imagine...this man who paid such a great price...

Toasting Us...

Way to go Post 129 and **God Bless our Troops, God Bless America!**

(Bob Scheiderman)



Run For The Fallen 2012
Photo_Christine Meyer Karl

MEMBERSHIP

It's that time of the year again and the push is on for paid up membership for 2013. In case you haven't heard we have the largest membership in the State of New Jersey, but we're slipping.

Our dues help us maintain the post and help fund all the good things that we do for our Veterans, their Families, and the Community.

To all the EARLY BIRDS thank you for sending in your dues early.

We need your help to stay **Number 1** in the State, so please send in your dues as early as possible.

For God and Country
Rich Godfrey



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

RIDERS MESSAGE



On Friday September 28th Road Captain, Mike Perry and myself attended Operation Stand Down of South Jersey. This event was a recipient of our fundraiser that was held in June. To say the least a very humbling experience. 278 veterans homeless is frustrating and unacceptable. The veterans were given health screenings as well as counseling, lunch and needed clothing. "Escorts", volunteers such as Mike and me, were one on one with the Veterans and were able meet the person that has fallen on hard times. As I said before, very humbling.

On Saturday morning September 29th we had a large turnout to escort The First Navy Seal Challenge 5 K run. Paul Wnek, former Navy Seal from our community asked Commander Gato for our assistance and it was a privilege to have taken part in the event. Later on the same day our Riders participated in Run for The Fallen. Our Riders manned posts from Beachwood, South Toms River, as well as Toms River, ending for the evening at our Post 129. A very large turnout of family and supporters at each stop along the way. Our Post as you are all probably aware hosted the dinner for this event and again what a fine job by all our members to honor these heroes.

On Sunday, September 30th the Riders went to the Vietnam Memorial to welcome the runners at the end spot. It was also nice to see our brother rider and Post

Chaplain, Mike Schaffer able to attend and speak at the event. Mike still not riding as of this posting but recovering well from a motorcycle accident within the past month.

On Sunday October 7th many of our members will assist, and or ride in the 2nd Annual Vietnam Memorial Run. This is an event to continue funding for the Vietnam Memorial and the Vietnam Era Museum. Not trying to be political here but shame on the State of New Jersey for dropping funding for this Memorial and Museum.



Many worthwhile rides coming up in the weeks ahead, Silverton Fire Department, Blue Knights "Frost on the Pumpkin" which will end at Post 129 picnic area and also the Run for Kyle. Kyle was a young man that lost his fight with Leukemia. Many of our Rider's rode with other motorcycle clubs to Kyle's house before his passing at his request. A very brave young man, glad we were able to grant his request and now trying to honor him in a continuing motorcycle run. Till our next issue of SOUNDOFF we will try to get in as much riding as possible because it won't be long till the winter weather will be upon us.

Art Brown,
President ALR Post 129

Thanks, to U.S. Senators, Frank Lautenberg and Robert Menendez Paramus Veterans' Home Receives Grant For Roof Repairs.

Paramus—The New Jersey Veterans' Memorial Home, in Paramus, is getting \$1.1 million from the federal government to replace the roofs of two buildings, officials said on Friday.

The funding, from the Department of Veterans' Affairs, was announced by U.S. Senators Frank R. Lautenberg and Robert Menendez, both D-NJ, in a statement. The Paramus Facility is one of three long-term nursing care centers operated by the Division of Veterans' Healthcare Services of the state Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

Officials at the Memorial Home and with the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs were not available for comment.

Lautenberg said in the statement that funding would ensure that veterans and their immediate families will continue to receive "quality housing and support services". Menendez said the nation has "an obligation to take care of the men and women who have so proudly served our country, especially as they enter their twilight years."

The Paramus home, opened on August 4, 1986, has two residential buildings on a 23-acre property and has a capacity of 336 residents, and two fenced in garden areas. In the courtyard, near the main entrance, a monument stands in memory of those who served in WWI, WWII, Korea and Vietnam. The facility is located in northeastern Bergen County. According to, the state Department of Military Affairs website. It provides veterans with comprehensive medical and nursing care.

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(Darlene Scheiderman)

CANTEEN NEWS

Eric Inauen

Fall is here, and the Canteen is in its "All Ahead Full" mode. More and more members and their guests have been stopping by and having a great time, and that is what the Canteen is all about.

Ron Cloos will be keeping the Bunker Bar opened for as long as the weather allows. Ron has done a great job all year in running the Bunker.

Our Canteen hours remain the same. We open at 11 AM daily. The Bunker Bar opens on Friday Night, and is also open on Saturday and Sunday. So if you love the outdoors, you can always hunker at the Bunker.

The Canteen would like to thank our bartenders Wendy, Bernice, Robin, Ron, Duke, Warren, Emory, Dave, and Ed for the outstanding job they do, day in and day out. On Friday nights, we will continue to have a live band for your entertainment. Saturday nights it's a DJ with karaoke. A lot of our members have great voices. There are a few that are less fortunate, but that does not mean you can't get up in front of the microphone and sing your favorite songs. It is all part of the fun.

NEW THIS YEAR FOR NFL

SUNDAYS: All draft beer on Sundays throughout the NFL Season will be \$1.50. There will be **TWO FREE HALF TIME BUFFETS** for the first and second game. Everyone who comes into the Canteen will be given a Free Raffle Ticket. There will be a prize at the end of every quarter. That's eight giveaways to our lucky members. So don't just sit home in front of that 19" Zenith TV, meet up with your friends at the Canteen, with their 6 HD TV's, and enjoy the food, the game and the fun.

COLD SUB MONDAYS: The canteen will be serving Cold Subs for \$5.00 all day and night on Mondays while supplies last. This is in response to our loyal members who requested a sandwich with their beverage on Mondays.

best Post in the USA.

ON ANOTHER NOTE: Dave Kearns has stepped down as Bar Chairman of the Canteen. As Post 129 knows, Dave has not only been heavily involved in the building of Post 129, but also involved implementing many of the procedures and policies that the Canteen follows today. He took his position seriously, and dedicated himself to make the Canteen the best that it could possibly be. His conscientiousness, trustworthiness and loyalty to the Canteen and the Post can only serve as an inspiration for the rest of us. Thank you Dave. Vice Commander Rich Godfrey has assumed the position of Bar Chairman, and we wish him the best of luck. Dave Kearns still remains a Trustee with the Post.



CANTEEN Photos - Wendy



Wendy and one of the many Happy customers

THAT'S NOT ALL FOLKS! On Monday Nights there's the pool competition, Tuesday Nights its shuffleboard (get there between 5 & 6 and get a \$5.00 sandwich from the kitchen). On alternating Wednesday Nights its Texas hold'um or corn hole ring toss. On Thursday Night, you can always try your luck at Bingo. Remember, by supporting the Canteen, you are supporting the



CANTEEN Photos - Wendy

There are always Happy Faces at the Canteen and if you have not stopped for lunch recently your missing out on great food.

AUXILIARY

To All Members,

Summer is over and the Holidays are coming quick. By the time you receive the SOUNDOFF we will have already had our Halloween party on Friday the 26th, the children's Halloween party on Sunday the 28th and marched in the 75th annual Halloween parade Wednesday the 31st. As always I'm sure all went well. I hope those of you that marched enjoyed yourself and will do it again next year.

Our auxiliary breakfasts haven't been very profitable. We don't know if it's the price or the Sundays that we have chosen. I would like to hear your opinions about this problem at the next meeting.

The best event of the year is

coming up on Sunday, Nov. 18th. It's the disabled veteran's Thanksgiving dinner here at our post from 12 noon to 4pm. When the buses pull into our parking lot and you see the faces of those men and women, you remember in your heart and mind the reason why we are all here. They enjoy dinner and the company of all the volunteers. When it is time for them to leave they leave a bit of themselves with you and you with them. What a feeling!

We will be having our vendor/craft fair on December 1st (My birthday) from 9am to 3pm. Volunteers are needed so please call Tara if you can help. The next meeting is Monday, December 3rd, it is our pot luck dinner. Everyone brings a covered dish and we eat before the meeting, 6pm to 7pm to eat, 7pm to 9pm Meet-

ing. Next breakfast is Sunday, December 9th. The Children's Christmas party is Sunday, December 16th from 12 to 3pm.

I want to thank all of the women and men who come out to volunteer for all of the functions. Without you none of the things we do could be possible.

In closing I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. May your Christmas be joyful and bright and may you go into the New Year with lots of love in your hearts and happiness in your life.

Thank You,
Dina Lynam - Auxiliary President
For God and Country



2013 UP COMING AUXILIARY EVENTS

Sunday, January 13, 2013
All You Can Eat Breakfast
9 AM — 12 PM

Friday, February 1, 2013
Psychic Fair
6 PM — 10 PM

Sunday, February 10, 2013
All You Can Eat Breakfast
9 AM — 12 PM

Mark your calendar

SUPPORT YOU POST

CANTEEN LUNCH MENU

- MOZZARELLA STICKS \$5**
- CHICKEN QUESADILLA \$7**
- BUFFALO WINGS \$6**
- BAR PIE \$6**
- GARDEN SALAD \$4**
- SPRING SALAD \$6**
- TOPPED W/ CHICKEN SALAD**
- ALL AMERICAN BURGER \$7**
- BACON SWISS CHEESE BURGER \$7**
- JERSEY BURGER \$7**
- BLACK & BLUE BURGER \$7**
- CHICKEN CORDON BLUE \$7**
- PASTRAMI REUBEN \$7**
- HOT CORNED BEEF \$7**
- CHEESE STEAK \$7**
- PEPPERS & ONIONS**
- PORK ROLL, EGG & CHEESE ON A KAISER \$5**
- GRILLED CHEESE WI TOMATO & BACON \$6**
- TUNA MELT \$5**
- HOT OPEN FACED ROAST BEEF WI GRAVY \$7**
- CHICKEN FINGER BASKET \$6**
- HAM & CHEESE CLUB SANDWICH \$6**

(Plus daily specials listed on the board)

COMMANDERS MESSAGE

(from page 1)

onto Church Road on my motorcycle, I first saw Silverton Fire Departments Ladder truck with its Garrison Flag in the air and then heard the roar of the crowd. I could not have been prouder of our Post. Our Legion Family was out in force. Toms River was hit especially hard with casualties these past few years. I would also like to mention Jim Harvey who ran in memory of his son Jim. Upon completion of the run for the day, everyone was invited into our Post Home for dinner. The following day, the runners rose at 5:30 AM to complete the run at the Viet Nam Memorial in Holmdel. Members of our Post were present as they crossed the finish line. It was a long, bitter-sweet weekend raw with emotion and patriotism. I had the opportunity to speak with many Gold Star Families that weekend and assured them of the Legions commitment to their sons and daughters who made the ultimate sacrifice.

In addition to the Run for the Fallen on Saturday, Seaside Heights hosted the Navy Seal Challenge which was a 5K complete with an obstacle course. This event was chaired by Paul Wnek, former Mayor of Toms River and a member of our Post. Our Legion Riders provided the escort and traffic control at the intersections.

On Sunday October 7th, the American Legion Riders of New Jersey sponsored their 2nd annual Veterans Memorial Ride. This ride consisted of American Legion Riders throughout the State as well as out of state. This was the first year that the ride was opened to other clubs and there was much enthusiasm, however the weather was uncooperative with

cold and rain. Congratulations to those riders that braved the elements.

On October 13th, The Legion Riders participated in the Silverton Fire House Poker Run which culminated with their fall festival. A large turnout of members from our Post came out to support the Fire Department. The following day was the Blue Knights Law Enforcement "Frost on the Pumpkin" Poker Run which completed at our Post, followed by a BBQ in our Picnic Grove.

The Union City Fire Department held their First Annual BBQ on Monday, October 15th in our Grove. Several of the retired firemen are members of our Post.

On October 17th, Post 129 held their annual Mike Carlino Golf Tournament at Bey Lea Golf Course. The weather was exceptional and a great turnout. On October 19th, members of the Amer-



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ican Legions National Security Committee have been invited to the New Jersey State Police Regional Operations Intelligence Center. This is the foundation for the States Homeland Security, crime fighting and emergency response efforts. This tour and briefing will be followed by lunch.

On October 20, our Riders will participate in the Courage for Kyle Run. Kyle was a young 9 year old boy who passed away recently from Leukemia. We are riding to assist his family with

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POST EVERLASTING



Ronald F. Sheehan, 62, US Army, Vietnam
Irving V. Sherman, 64, US Navy, Vietnam
Harold Eccles, 81, US Army, Korea
Anthony Celentano, 70, US Army, Vietnam
Michael O'Connell, 57, USMC, Vietnam
Dominic Tirri, 90, US Army, WWII
Angelo Di Leo, 83, US Army, Korea

We welcome these new members to our ritual team:

Jim Cressen
Tony Cirlin
Jim Hanebury
Albert 'Al' Kopec
Thomas Smith

Bob Scheiderman, Ritual Chairman

COMMANDERS MESSAGE

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medical expenses. I had the pleasure of meeting this young boy last year when hundreds of members of the motorcycle community rode to his house in a show of support.

As you can see, there is always plenty to do at 129 and yes, we could always use a hand. Give me a call and I'll show you around. At that point, you can decide if you want to get involved and how much. I am happy to report we are finally getting newer, younger members from the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts. It started with "just a look" and now they are getting involved. Many are also Riders.

The town's Veterans Day Parade is Monday November 12th. We need marchers. If you are disabled, we will provide a ride on the DAV float. After the parade, everyone is welcome back to the Post for lunch. We will have guest speaker, Frank McGinley, a Korean War Vet, Author and Artist. He will be doing a book signing as well as exhibiting some of his military art work. . Music will be provided by the Oceanaires. The parade steps off at 0930 by the Office Lounge.

All up and coming events are posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Post. This includes the list of entertainment in the Canteen. Stop by for lunch or dinner at Ryans at 129

Don't forget-Sunday, November 18th is our famous Veterans Dinner. We have already arranged to bus in veterans from all conflicts from the VA Hospitals. Of course we can always use a hand and you will find this a very rewarding day.

At Post 129, we work hard and we play hard. We are not always going to agree on everything,

however it is extremely important to stay focused on the job at hand -the reason we are here-Our Veterans. If you are having difficulty with a decision regarding anything in this Post, I am always approachable and would prefer that you approach me or a member of the Executive Board rather than complain to others that cannot help solve the problem.

Remember-this is your home, Stay focused, be nice to each other and so much more will get accomplished. Don't hesitate to call.

P.T.S.D.

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New Year's Eve Party*

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(Tickets are \$70 after December 1st)*

Hors d'oeuvres

Pre-Set Jumbo Shrimp Cocktail	Franks in Puff Pastry
Scallop Wrapped in Bacon	Mini Quiche
Crabcake	Filet Mignon on Garlic Toast

Buffet

Tossed Spinach Salad
w/ Crumbled Blue Cheese, Diced Apples, Cranberries and Candied Walnuts
Smothered Chicken
w/ Roasted Red Pepper, Sautéed Baby Spinach, Mozzarella and Balsamic
Carved Prime Rib w/ Au Jus & Horseradish Sauce
Broiled Flounder w/ Lemon Garlic Butter
Linguini w/ Fresh Tomato, Basil & Artichoke
Oven Roasted Red Potato
Chef Selected Fresh Vegetables



Dessert

Chocolate Fountain w/ Accompaniments
Coffee & Tea





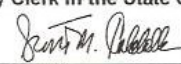
1am "Jersey Shore" Breakfast

(Pork Roll & Cheese Sandwich Wrapped and Ready To-Go)

VETERAN'S IDENTIFICATION CARD

As a veteran, you can go to the Ocean County Clerk's Office in downtown Toms River, and receive a **Veteran's Identification Card**.

There is no cost for this document, and it is made, recorded and delivered to you the same day. Here is a copy of what it looks like. This one obviously has been altered to remove the pedigree information, but yours would not be blank.

OFFICE OF THE OCEAN COUNTY CLERK VETERANS IDENTIFICATION CARD			OFFICE OF THE OCEAN COUNTY CLERK VETERANS IDENTIFICATION CARD
Your NAME			<i>Unauthorized use or reproduction of this card is punishable by law.</i>
Your Address			
TOMS RIVER NJ 08753			The cardholder has satisfactorily filed Honorable Discharge Papers (DD214) at the Office of the Ocean County Clerk in the State of New Jersey.
BRANCH OF ARMED FORCES: NAVY			
BOOK: 15332 PAGE: 305			
DATE RECORDED: 10/05/2012			
CARDHOLDER SIGNATURE		SCOTT M. COLABELLA, OCEAN COUNTY CLERK	

There are a few benefits to having such a card.

1. It's always good to have another form of photo ID
2. It recognizes and certifies your military service
3. It serves as proof of military service for various discounts and/or promotions that many retail businesses sponsor, negating the need for you to carry your DD-214 in your wallet
4. It becomes a document that is now recorded in the archives of the Ocean County Clerk's Office - permanently.
5. Most importantly - should your family need a copy of your military Discharge Papers, and you are unable to tell them where they are, they will always be available at the Ocean County Courthouse. These records will be maintained free of charge and for all time.
6. You will be given another copy of your DD-214 (discharge paper) which will bear a gold seal. What that does is certify this as an original document, and actually gives you another 'original copy' of your discharge papers.
7. It will help Ocean County keep a more accurate record of how many veterans we have living here.

So, as you can see, these are all good reasons for getting yourself to the Ocean County Courthouse in downtown Toms River, or the Clerk's Office in Manahawkin (not the Ocean County Mall satellite office) and bring your discharge papers (DD-214) and driver's license and receive your new ID card. You may call the Clerk's Offices at 732-244-2121 for more info.

Bob Scheiderman

President Franklin Roosevelt signed the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 establishing the Selective Service System. On November 13, 1942, President Roosevelt signed into law a bill that lowered the minimum draft age from 21 to 18. From 1948 until 1973, men were drafted to fill vacancies in the armed forces during both peacetime and periods of conflict. The draft ended in 1973 and the registration requirement ended in 1975.

In 1980, President Carter reinstated the registration requirement due to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. Registration continues today of all male U.S. citizens and male aliens living in the United States who are 18-25 years old, with a few exceptions. During times of draft, the Selective Service holds a lottery to determine the order men would be called to service.

U.S. MARINE & FAMILY IN URGENT NEED

Marine Raymond Saunders and wife Samara are in urgent need of assistance. **Ray is a 100% disabled vet from two tours in Iraq and Afghanistan.** Ray and Samara have two small children and twins on the way. Unfortunately, Samara has been diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer and is not expected to live very much longer. Doctors have advised that the twins must be taken as soon as possible. Neither Ray nor Samara has any family. Congressman Pallone has contacted me and requested assistance for this marine and his family. My Service Officer Mike Kelly is in receipt of the Marine's finances and the family is currently in debt to the tune of \$440,000.00 (this is after charity care, etc.) as a result of Samara's medical bills. **Post 129 has undertaken the task of running a major fundraiser for this American Warrior Hero.** The fundraiser will be on January 26, 2013 at Post 129 (time to be announced). Donations to this cause will be accepted between now and then. All checks or money orders should be made out to American Legion Post 129 and in the memo portion of the check please put Marine Ray Saunders Fundraiser. **We must endeavor to do what is right as that is what we as Legionnaires are here for.**

I thank you in advance for your donation to this cause. God Bless You. God Bless America and God Bless Our Troops. Additionally, Ray and hopefully Samara and her children will be invited to our Children's Christmas Party in December where the kids will receive presents from Santa.

Ray Miller
Past Commander Post 129
Ocean County Commander

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 129
2nd Annual

Craft and Vendor Fair

thirty-one

December 1
9am - 3pm

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Joyce Bode at 732-255-1429

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Go Green...

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Check the Post website calendar for updated information <http://americanlegionpost129.webs.com/>

In 1918, on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day in the eleventh month, the world rejoiced and celebrated. After four years of bitter war, an armistice was signed. The "war to end all wars" was over.

November 11, 1919 was set aside as Armistice Day in the United States, to remember the sacrifices that men and women made during World War I in order to ensure a lasting peace. On Armistice Day, soldiers who survived the war marched in a parade through their home towns. Politicians and veteran officers gave speeches and held ceremonies of thanks for the peace they had won.

Congress voted Armistice Day a federal holiday in 1938, 20 years after the war ended. But Americans realized that the previous war would not be the last one. World War II began the following year and nations great and small again participated in a bloody struggle. After the Second World War, Armistice Day continued to be observed on November 11.

In 1953 townspeople in Emporia, Kansas called the holiday Veterans' Day in gratitude to the veterans in their town. Soon after, Congress passed a bill introduced by a Kansas congressman renaming the federal holiday to Veterans' Day. 1971 President Nixon declared it a federal holiday on the second Monday in November.

Canteen Friday Night Dinner Menus

November 2

Roast Prime Rib \$15
 Broiled Flounder \$14
 1/2 Roast Chicken \$13
 Pasta Primavera w/ Shrimp \$13

November 9

Roast Prime Rib \$15
 Grilled Salmon over Rice Pilaf \$14
 Italian Trio (Breaded Shrimp, Chicken Parmesan & Meatball) \$14
 Chicken Murphy w/ Oven Roasted Potato \$13

November 16

Roast Prime Rib \$15
 Seafood Fra Diavolo (Mussels, Clams, Shrimp & Flounder) \$15
 Linguini w/ Chicken, Broccoli, Garlic & Oil \$12
 1/2 Roast Herb Chicken over Parmesan Risotto \$13

November 23

Roast Prime Rib \$15
 Shrimp Scampi over Rice Pilaf \$13
 Smothered Chicken \$13
 Roast Pork Chop w/ Apple & Cranberry Stuffing

November 30

Roast Prime Rib \$15
 Cajun Salmon Over Rice Pilaf \$14
 Classic Meatloaf \$13
 Broiled Shrimp & Clam Oreganata \$14

December 7

Roast Prime Rib \$15
 Broiled Flounder \$14
 1/2 Roast Chicken \$13
 Pasta Primavera w/ Shrimp \$13

December 14

Roast Prime Rib \$15
 Grilled Salmon over Rice Pilaf \$14
 Italian Trio (Breaded Shrimp, Chicken Parmesan & Meatball) \$14
 Chicken Murphy w/ Oven Roasted Potato \$13

December 21

Roast Prime Rib \$15
 Seafood Fra Diavolo (Mussels, Clams, Shrimp & Flounder) \$15
 Linguini w/ Chicken, Broccoli, Garlic & Oil \$12
 1/2 Roast Herb Chicken over Parmesan Risotto \$13

December 28

Roast Prime Rib \$15
 Shrimp Scampi over Rice Pilaf \$13
 Smothered Chicken \$13
 Roast Pork Chop w/ Apple & Cranberry Stuffing

◆ **Monday—Cold Sub Day**

◆ **Tuesday/Wednesday
 Happy Hour 5:30-6:30
 All Sandwiches \$5.00**

◆ **Saturday 2 for \$20.00
 2 Soup or Salad
 2 Entrees
 Desert to share**

◆ **Sunday Football Buffet**

HALL RENTALS

Please contact Dawn for Hall rental and catering information at 732-551-2819 or ban-quetspost129@verizon.net

Our banquet hall is a new state of the art facility and an ideal location for your next celebration.

The room is spacious and includes a dance floor. It will accommodate parties 50 to 250 people. It is also wi-fi enabled for your next corporate event.

**Monday through Thursday
 (Daytime*)**

Friday (Evening)


Saturday (Daytime*)

Saturday (Evening)


Sunday (Daytime*)






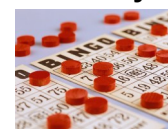

Sunday (Evening)

*Daytime : 8:00AM-5:00PM



BIRTHSTONE



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Happy Turkey Day VETERANS' DAY PARADE, TOMS RIVER Monday the 12 th , 9:00AM Marchers Are Welcome! GET OUT THE VOTE!				1 All Saints Day 	2	3 Sadie Hawkins Day
4 All You Can Eat Breakfast 9:00-Noon	5 General Meeting <hr/> Auxiliary Meeting 7:00PM	6 Election Day  <i>Early and Often</i>	7	8 	9 Ocean Co. College Veterans' Service 12-Noon	10 United States Marine Corps Happy Birthday 1775
11 Veterans' Day 	12 Veterans Day Parade 9:00AM OPEN HOUSE AT POST 129	13	14  SAL Meeting 7:30PM	15 Thursdays  5:00PM	16	17
18 Veterans' Turkey Dinner Noon-4:00 Help Needed	19 Board Meeting 7:00PM	20	21	22 Turkey Day 	23	24
25	26 Riders Meeting 7:00PM 	27	28	29 	30	

The United States Marine Corps, born at the 'Tun Tavern', Philadelphia November 10th, 1775

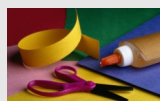






New Year's Eve Tickets Available At The Lounge

Help Needed for the Hospitalized Veterans Annual Turkey Dinner Nov. 18th!

November 4th, Daylight Saving Time Ends, Replace Fire Alarm Batteries

The United States Marine Corps is an amphibious division of the United States Navy established on November 10, 1775, by a resolution of the Second Continental Congress. The Continental Marines and the Continental Navy were both disbanded after the American Revolution. It wasn't until 1798, that Congress resurrected the United States Marine Corps in preparation for the Quasi-War with France.

The "Marines Hymn" is the official hymn of the Marine Corps and is the oldest official military song. The official march of the Marine Corps "Semper Fidelis" was composed by John Phillip Sousa in 1889.

Birthstone		December 2012					Tanzanite
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<div>Merry Christmas and Happy New Year</div> <div>POW-MIA Christmas Tree Lighting</div> <div>December 8, 6:00PM</div>						<div>1</div> <div>Auxiliary Craft/ Vendor Fair 9AM-3PM</div> <div></div>	
2	<div>3</div> <div>General Meeting</div> <div>-----</div> <div>Auxiliary Mtg. 7:00PM</div>	4	5	<div>6</div> <div></div>	7	<div>8</div> <div>POW-MIA Tree Lighting 6:00PM</div>	
<div>9</div> <div>All You Can Eat Breakfast 9:00-Noon</div>	10	11	<div>12</div> <div></div>	<div>13</div> <div></div>	14	15	
16	<div>17</div> <div>Board Meeting 7:00PM</div>	18	19	<div>20</div> <div></div>	<div>21</div> <div>Winter Solstice Earliest Since 1896</div>	22	
23	24	<div>25</div> <div>Christmas Day</div> <div></div>	26	<div>27</div> <div></div>	<div>28</div> <div>Full Beaver Moon</div>	29	
30	<div>31</div> <div>New Year's Eve Party Goodbye 2012 !</div>	<div>Legion Auxiliary Sponsors</div> <div>Craft /Vendor Fair, December 1st, 9AM-3PM</div> <div>Post 129 Thursday Nite</div> <div>BINGO</div> <div>Doors Open 5:00PM</div>					

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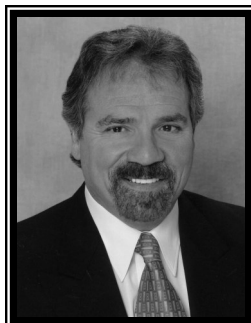
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