



SOUNDOFF

November-December 2016



George P. Vanderveer Post 129 American Legion (established 1919) —A Centennial Post

COMMANDERS MESSAGE

Michael Schaffer

When one thinks of family, the first meaning that comes to the mind is: "Family is a group of people that consists of parents, children and their relatives." Of course, every person defines family differently. However, the difference is only in the words used, but the core significance remains the same. Family for me is my brothers and sisters that belong to 129. In my opinion, family is the most important thing that one has in life, because it influences the future of the world, it is the only thing one can rely on.

Life and people are always changing, but the main values are based on the concept of family and should always remain present. For many people, the definition of the word family is a unity among a group of people who care and tend to each other's needs, while forming an unbreakable bond, and supporting the same goals. Therefore, family values are important and should be cherished and nurtured. Love, support, friendship, and guidance are key qualities necessary to

form a family bond. Everyone has the need to feel loved, but the best love there can be is the love of a family.

Being able to rely on one's family is another reason why the family is very important. The first person one turns to in trouble, pain, or even joy and happiness is the Legion Family. Whatever the problem is, members should always be there for members. The family should make every effort to support the Post to the best of their abilities. Whether you are an Officer, a Committee Chairman, a volunteer on a project, the members that support events, the Friday and Saturday night "party" member in the canteen, it's your membership and support that makes up our Legion Family and all of the members that support the Post with their membership in the Legion.

Members should defend their Post as they would defend their family, are we always right, do we always make the right decision, can we make everyone satisfied with how we manage the Post, of course not. But you should not take the decisions personally as we are trying our best to make this family the best it can be and by supporting that, it can only

make us a better family and a better Post. Members should feel safe within their families where they find love, care and understanding. One would never be and

should never be, betrayed by his family, no matter what the issue or their social status. Whether a person is rich or poor, sick or healthy, happy or miserable, his family will never give up on him.

It is funny when you are with your brothers and sisters may it be from your own family, the branch of service you were in, whatever unit or command you were attached to, whatever ship you were stationed on, among yourselves you could make comments or complain. On the other hand, if someone outside your family made a comment, you would band together to defend your unit or family to the last. I believe we should have the same commitment to defend our 129 Legion Family, against any detractors both internally and externally. Stand up and defend your family, brag about your family, support your family. As the holiday season approaches this should be a time of thanksgiving, forgiveness, joy, celebration, heartache for the fallen, and the missing, comfort for those in despair, and a hand up for those in need. The Legion Riders have a motto, a saying, which defines our commitment to the family I would like to make that the Post motto, it is simple and to the point:

**"BECAUSE...
...THAT'S WHAT WE DO"**

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Dan Barney, nephew of Past Post Commander Warren Barney, attends the September 6 membership meeting to thank the Post for sponsoring him in Jersey Boys State and in particular Dave Corbin for all his help. Well done Dan and *thank you*.

COMMANDERS MESSAGE

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The fact that the family is the pillar of the society gives it an even bigger value. This means that having a good Post depends completely on how strong the families are. If the family is stable and healthy, then the Post is stable and healthy. For instance, having a family that has such important values as tolerance and understanding results in having a tolerant and understanding Post. To sum up, I believe that everything revolves around the family. The family here should be Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Sons and Riders, as well as our friends in the community and the environment. It would be hard to imagine one's life without a family, because it is what builds our future, what we can count on. Remember, freedom, family, and unity is the pillar of strength and the essence of our Post as we stand together as "ONE" and continue to lead the way.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Autumn greetings to all!

One of the founding purposes of the American Legion Auxiliary is serving the local Community. That is exactly what Unit 129 accomplished in June and September 2016. The made monetary donations to the Toms River Fire Company #2 and the P.B.A. 137 of Toms River in the total amount of \$2,495.00. Membership dues and Unit fundraisers provided monies for both of these service purposes. Congratulations to all members for a job well done.

Another founding purpose is Rehabilitation of Veterans. The Unit VA&R chairperson Jane Keeley has scheduled weekly visits to local nursing homes where Veterans reside. Your assistance during



American Legion Unit 129 members received an Appreciation Certificate from the Toms River Fire Co #2 for their monetary donation.

these visits would be greatly appreciated by the Veterans and this Unit President. Game assistance is needed and prizes are needed. Visitors are a welcome pleasure for the Veterans. Engaging conversation and game interaction is mental stimulation. All Post 129 family members are encouraged to join these adventures. Dates are posted in the lobby area at the Post.

During the annual New Jersey Run for The Fallen Unit Chairperson, Pamela Bowen engaged some of the younger members, creating a welcome banner for the runners. Pictures were taken with the runners and by the

runners. This activity was well received by all in attendance. Remembering that, 'Adventure is the spice of life', Unit 129 is extending an invitation for a Holiday dish-sharing social. It is scheduled for Monday, December 12, before our regular meeting. Bring a dish to serve 6 people in a disposable container. Social will begin at 5:30 PM and end at 6:30 PM. Sterno set-up will be available.

We wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and A Merry Christmas filled with joy!

Patricia Corbin
Unit 129 President
2015-2017



AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

Our year 2016 was tremendous because we have dedicated members in the Auxiliary. Thank You!

Renewal forms for 2017 should have arrived in the mail by now. Please return renewal form completely filled out with phone #'s, e-mail address (if available) clearly written along with any name or address change.

Keeping files updated is very important for National and our Unit.

We have many members unpaid for 2016. Is it you? Any questions please call me @ 732-272-7552.

RECRUIT! RECRUIT!

You are "Keeping Us Strong".

For God and Country
Laurinda Miller



SAL MEMBERSHIP

This article is meant to be both an incentive and an inspiration. To those who love this country and those who have served in our military and their families. To keep this country of ours safe and secure, like no other country in the world.

Post 129 of Toms River, N.J. has the largest membership of legionnaires, and S.A.L. of N.J., AND STILL GROWING. I don't have information about Post Unit 129 Auxiliary, but I do know they have over 400 members and that is amazing.

Under the great leadership of our Post we do amazing things for our veterans, our Post, our Community, and our Nation. We

donate a lot of money to the American Legion Programs, and charities. We help a lot of people and other organizations in need, and one of the American Legion Programs is the N.E.F. (National Emergency Fund). Remember Hurricanes Katrina, Sandy, and Matthew, that just passed! Total destruction, lives were lost, homes were lost, pets were lost, life savings were lost, and many memories were lost. Before F.E.M.A., before politicians promises, the American Legion was there first. To help the American Legion Family members, financially, and in many other ways. If you were an American Legion member, Auxiliary, or S.A.L. in good standing. It wasn't much, but it was something, and appreciated, believe me, to help them through a very tough time in their lives.

That's why it is so important to be a Legion member. Without membership we could not do things like this. The National Weather Service is predicting more Hurricanes like the ones mentioned above could be coming our way again. More often, those who are members now, go out of your way, just a little, to help promote membership, get new people to sign up, talk to people who haven't renewed, to renew their membership. This is a great organization. If you, like myself, salute the American Flag, and stand up straight during our National Anthem, and love this GREAT Country of ours, support our Military, and our Veterans, and show them that we have their backs for the many sacrifices that they made for our country and our way of life. Then reach out and help build the American Legion Membership, Auxiliary, and the Sons of the American Legion membership.

The SAL Squadron 129 is amazing. Last year I signed up over 30 new SAL members to help bring our membership to a new high with 506 members. The

executive board sent this achievement to National and I was awarded the Blue Brigade jacket, for signing up over 30 new members in one year. This puts me in the same ranks of our Commander Bobby Joerg, and Vice Commander, and this year membership Chairman of Squadron 129, Rocky Lucia, who had done the same in previous years. What an Honor that is. Thank you Bobby and Rocky. Rocky is doing an amazing job with Squadron 129 membership. At this time, when our target date was Oct. 7th, 2016, we should be at 25%, our Squadron is at 30%. Very good Rocky. I wish that the other Squadrons in Ocean County would follow our lead, and send in their membership cards in to Department, ASAP. Departments new address is:

American Legion, Building #5, 2nd Floor, 171 Jersey Street, Trenton, NJ 08611. Also you can become a new member, or renew your membership dues at our Canteen. Any bartender should be able to help you. If not, someone will. Thank you.

For GOD and COUNTRY,
S.A.L. Detachment of New Jersey Membership Chairman David (DUKE) Haring



BINGO...

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

Progressive, refreshments served, 50/50, mystery prizes.

SAL MESSAGE

Hard to believe another summer season has come and gone! Squadron 129 is gearing up for the holiday season and our important SAL events. December 3rd is our annual Christmas Tree Lighting. A solemn ceremony starting at 7pm. If you haven't attended this event yet, this is a very special ceremony for the SAL, Auxiliary and Post. December 10th is the Army/Navy game party put on by the SAL. This will be held in the canteen just like last year. The game starts at 3pm. We will be raffling off a new laptop computer, running a 50/50 and putting food out as well. This is always a great time so come in with your Army or Navy garb and let's have some fun with this game. Also, after the game at 7pm, Brother SAL Band will be the entertainment for the evening. Brother SAL is a classic rock band made up of 4 SAL members from our Squadron. So this is a full day of SAL fun! As always, anyone who can volunteer to help with these events, we could use the assistance.

Additionally, our most important issue is membership. Our early bird renewal special we ran this year was very successful, but we have a long way to go. Not only is picking up new members extremely important, we need all of our current members to renew. Retention is critical to our Squadron. Membership is the lifeblood of everything we do. So I urge everyone to keep your membership present and come out to a meeting or two to see what the Squadron really does for the Post. I think you would be impressed. As a convenience, you can renew online at www.salpost129.com.

Finally, I would like to take this time to wish each and every one of you and your families and friends a VERY Merry Christmas

and a Happy New Year. Thank you for all your assistance throughout the year. We would not be the Squadron we are today without everyone's help.

For God & Country,

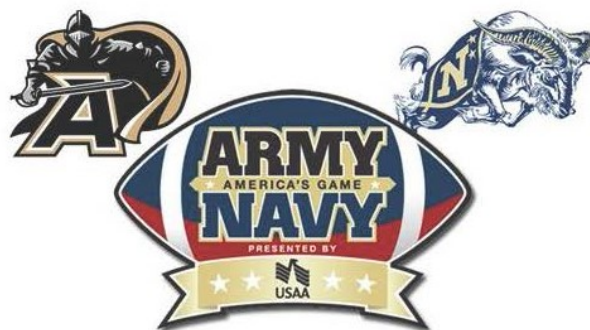
Robert Joerg
Commander
SAL Squadron 129



LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!
How to reach your state lawmakers:

Northern Ocean County:
Senator Holzapfel (R) 732-840-9028
Assemblyman McGuckin (R) 732-840-9028
Assemblyman Wolfe (R) 732-840-9028

Southern Ocean County:
Senator Connors (R) 609-693-6700
Assemblyman Gove (R) 609-693-9700
Assemblyman Rumpf (R) 609-693-9700
(Bob Scheiderman)



S.A.L Post 129 Presents - Army Navy Football Game "Who's Side Are You On??"

Saturday, December 10, 2016

3PM Kickoff

*** NO CHARGE ***

The Game will be viewed in the Canteen

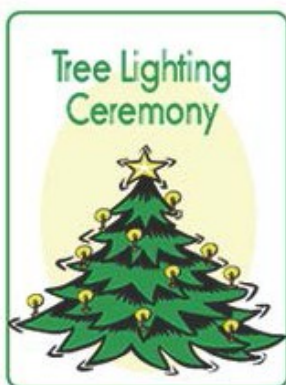
FREE HALFTIME BUFFET!!

Laptop Computer will be raffled off. \$10 per ticket and only 200 will be sold.

50/50 Raffle - \$5 per chance - only 300 will be sold!

For more information, contact:

Rocky Lucia - rplucia@verizon.net - 917.417.4818



S.A.L. Squadron 129 Presents the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

A Solemn Ceremony

**Saturday, December 3rd, 2016
7pm - 11pm**

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

For More Information, contact:
Bob Joerg at bobjoerg@gmail.com or 908.403.0816
Or
Rocky Lucia at rplucia@verizon.net or 917.417.4818



THE BIRTH OF THE AMERICAN LEGION MARCH 1919

The American Legion was organized in Paris France. The original caucus was held in the Cirque de Paris, March 15-17, 1919. It was founded three months after the Armistice by 20 officers, of the A.E.F., led by Lt. Col. Theodore Roosevelt Jr.

Out of the meeting of February 15, 1919 with the 20 officers came the agreement that a veteran's

organization should be started, that it must be all-inclusive of those who served in the American uniform, at home as well as overseas, that it must be a civilian and not a military organization and must be composed of man to man membership devoid of rank.

The delegates assembled on March 15 and expressed their opinions without curb of military rule, four large committees known as the Committee on Constitution, the Committee on Name, the Committee on Convention and the Committee on Permanent Organi-

zation were named and later reported on the next day, March 16, 1919.

The Committee on name had long sessions. The report of the majority favored "Legion of the Great War" as first choice, "Veterans of the Great War" as second. Debate ensued with vigor. The terms veteran and Legion and Comrades appeared in most of the proposals. It was then moved to adopt "The American Legion" as an amendment. The delegates returning from lunch and with less vigor adopted "The American Legion" on their first choice.

Later it was proposed and adopted that the first national convention be held at Minneapolis, November 10-12, 1919. The first charter went to George Washington Post No. 1, District of Columbia.

The American Legion had been started, organized, and chartered by congress and explained to the veterans and the public for what it was, an all-inclusive, voluntary, civilian organization of the men who served in uniform in the great war.

On the day after the convention opened an American Legion parade at Centralia, Washington was fired on by members of the I.W.W. and four Legionnaires were killed, including the post commander. That tragic event gave added seriousness to the delegates at Minneapolis. It has been said that the largest veteran's society of all times was born at Paris, weaned at St. Louis and baptized in the blood of martyrs at Centralia, Washington. If so, it was confirmed in the faith of the comradeship of arms at Minneapolis.

Courtesy of East Orange Post 73 and your Post 129 Centennial Committee, Bob Scheiderman



MEMBERSHIP MEMBERSHIP MEMBERSHIP

It's that time of the year again and membership dues are due by the end of December. Please send in your dues. We need your support. Our dues help us maintain the Post and help us fund all the good things we do for our veterans, their families and the community.

I wanted to thank all the members that have sent in their 2017 dues so far. Your support helps keep us strong. Just a reminder, our membership year starts on July 1st. All members should have

their dues paid by February 1st.

The State Commander is rolling out a new incentive. It's called The Commanders Challenge. Any legion member that signs up three new members by March 31, 2017 will be entered into a drawing for \$500.00. The drawing will be at the Department of New Jersey meeting in April. To be able to participate in the challenge your dues must be paid up for 2017.


The Post Commander is putting out his own challenge. Any member that signs up three new members will go into a drawing for dinner for two at our Canteen. So let's grow our membership and maybe put some cash in your pocket and maybe a great meal at the Post Canteen as well. Please

send in completed membership forms with copy of DD-214 and current dues, \$45.00 to the post ATTN: Membership Chairman. All forms must be turned in by March 31, 2017. Good luck to all.

By keeping our membership numbers up, we will continue to have a strong voice in Washington and on Capitol Hill to address the needs of our veterans. As you know membership is the life blood of this great organization. I want to wish everyone a safe and healthy holiday season all the best

For God and Country
Rich Godfrey
Department of New Jersey
Membership Chairman

The American Legion Membership Application

The American Legion Membership Application				
(Name)			(Phone)	
(Mailing Address)			(Date)	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	(Post #)	
Please check appropriate eligibility dates and branch of service below				
<input type="checkbox"/> Aug. 2, 1990-cessation of hostilities as determined by U.S. Govt. <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 20, 1989-Jan. 31, 1990 <input type="checkbox"/> Aug. 24, 1982-July 31, 1984 <input type="checkbox"/> Feb. 28, 1961-May 7, 1975 <input type="checkbox"/> June 25, 1950-Jan. 31, 1955 <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 7, 1941-Dec. 31, 1946 <input type="checkbox"/> April 6, 1917-Nov. 11, 1918 <input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines 12/7/41-8/15/45 (only eligibility)			<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard	
I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.				
Signature of applicant			Name of recruiter	

Receipt of Dues (Please Print)	
From	\$ _____ for 20 _____ Post # _____
Recruiter's Name	_____
Recruiter's Signature	_____
Recruiter's Phone #	_____

Mail to:

American Legion Post # 129

2025 Church Rd

Toms River, NJ 08753

Or Call: 732-604-8326

PATRIOTIC QUIZ NO. 5

1. Who said: "Any people anywhere have the right to rise up and shake off the existing government, and form a new one that suits them better"?
2. Of whom did Wendell Phillips say, "Who is this huckster in politics"?
3. What American who later became President filed a patent on "an improved method of lifting vessels over shoals"?
4. What future President was offered the governorship of Oregon Territory, early in his career, and declined it only because his wife refused to move there?
5. What American statesman made the following declaration in 1836 when running for a State office: "I go for admitting all whites to the right of suffrage who pay taxes or bear arms, by no means excluding females"?

Answers to Quiz No. 4

(from Sep-Oct Issue)

1. William Jennings Bryan, aged thirty-six, was the youngest candidate for the Presidency of a major party when he ran on the Democratic ticket in 1896. Gen. George B. McClellan, thirty-eight years old when he opposed President Lincoln in 1864 as the Democratic nominee, was the next youngest.
2. As a preliminary to an expedition against the city of Tripoli, an American naval squadron, co-operating with a land force, in May 1805, bombarded and captured the African city of Derne in the war which the United States waged with the Baarbary State because of the latter's insistence on payment of tribute. Peace was concluded some four weeks later, after the Tripolitans had twice vainly attempted to recapture the city.
3. James G. Blaine, Republican candidate for President in 1884, was called "the plumed knight" by Col. Robert G. Ingersoll in nominating him for President in the Republican convention of 1876.
4. Boston, with a population of

748,060 in the last census, is the largest state capital; Carson City, Nevada with a population in the same census of 1,865, is the smallest. (ed. 1920 census)

5. Mason and Dixon's Line, drawn by two English surveyors in the years 1764-1767 to settle a

boundary dispute between Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware, has been famous since the early part of the nineteenth century as the place where the South begins.

(Answers in next issue)
Bob Scheiderman

'THE AWKWARD SQUAD'

The 'Awkward Squad' was a post newsletter briefly published by mimeograph in 1934, some excerpts:

LaFetra Wins Coal

The ton of coal which was awarded March 15th was won by Henry LaFetra, one of the boys from Seaside Park. We understand from Eddie Brennan that Hank is still alive, although he has not been seen in or around post headquarters for many a moon.

Ed: Eddie Brennan went on to become Post Commander in 1941.

CHARTER-NIGHT- SET FOR SONS-of-LEGION!

Toms River Squadron No. 129 Sons of the American Legion will receive its charter and be initiated on Friday evening of this week. Post and Auxiliary members are urged to attend and give the boys and their organization a live-wire start. The affair is in charge of Mark Russell. Drop in Friday at eight PM. EATS? YOU BET!

Ed: Mark Russell Sr. was a WWI veteran and Post Commander in 1925. His Son Mark Russell Jr. was an SAL member, WWII veteran and Post Commander in 1952

Bob Scheiderman, PPC

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POST EVERLASTING

Captain James A. Pryor, 83, US Air Force,
Roman Catholic Chaplain.
Miles L. Hipple, 79, USMC, Vietnam War.
John C. Smallwood, 87, USAF, Korean War.
Forest A. Harpe, 91, US Army Airborne, WWII





Bob Scheiderman, Ritual Chairman

NOVEMBER: From the Latin word for "ninth" since it was the ninth month of the Roman year.

BIRTHSTONE

NOVEMBER 2016

TOURMALINE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
"Good Night Chesty Wherever You Are!" Unknown		1 ALL SAINTS' DAY	2 	3  BINGO	4	5  Sadie Hawkins Day
6  Daylight Saving Time ends	7 General Mtg. 7:00PM	8 <u>VOTE TODAY!</u> <i>Early & Often</i>	9 SAL Mtg. 7:00PM	10 US Marine Corps 241 Years 	11  VETERANS' DAY	12
13 	14 Legion Aux. Mtg. 7:00PM	15	16	17  BINGO	18	19
20 Veterans Turkey Dinner Noon-6:00	21 	22	23 	24 Happy Turkey Day! <u>No Bingo</u>	25 	26 Legion Auxiliary Craft Fair 9AM-6PM
27	28 Riders Mtg. 7:00PM	29 1890 First Army-Navy Game Navy 24 - Army 0	30	Courage is endurance for one moment more..... Marine, Vietnam	oorah— Its a Marine Thang	

November 10, 1775, the Continental Congress commissioned Samuel Nicholas to raise two Battalions of Marines. He set up shop at the Tun Tavern Philadelphia and appointed Robert Mullan, tavern proprietor, as chief Marine Recruiter

NOVEMBER ENTERTAINMENT

MARK YOUR CALENDERS

DON'T MISS OUT ON SOME GREAT ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 4TH **40 NORTH COUNTRY BAND**
 SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5TH **JIM & DEE**
****NEW TALENT****

VETERANS DAY
 FRIDAY NOVEMBER 11TH
SUMMER PROJECT
 SATURDAY NOVEMBER 12TH **JERSEY GIRLS**

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 18TH **THE TRUE TONES**
 SATURDAY NOVEMBER 19TH
"ELVIS"
FEATURING CRAIG NEWELL



FRIDAY NOVEMBER 25TH
BOB KULIK & GEORGE RIZZI
 SATURDAY NOVEMBER 26TH
THE STREETHEARTS



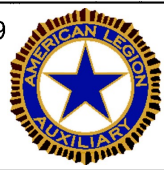


BE SURE TO CHECK FOR LAST MINUTE CHANGES AND/OR CANCELLATIONS.
 UPDATED LISTS ARE POSTED ON THE BULLEEN BOARD IN THE ENTRANCE HALL

DECEMBER: From the latin word for "tenth" since it was the tenth month of the Roman year.

Birthstone

December 2016

Turquoise

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Murphy's Law 29 No combat ready unit has ever passed inspection. Army National Guard			'Auld lang syne' "Times Fondly Remembered."	1  Basketball 1891	2	3 POW-MIA Tree Lighting 7PM 
4	5 General Mtg. 7:00PM	6 	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	8  Flanders Field published 1915	9 Full Cold Moon	10
11 Army—Navy Football Game	12 Legion Auxiliary Mtg. 7:00PM	13 US Army National Guard 380 Years 	14 SAL Mtg. 7:00PM	15  Bill of Rights Day	16	17
18 Legion Auxiliary Children's Christmas Party	19 	20 	21  First Day of Winter	22 	23	24 Hanukkah Begins (Sundown)
25 	26 Riders Mtg. 7:00PM Kwanza Begins	27  Beware the Pogonip	28	29 	30	31 New Years Eve So-Long 2016!

The National Guard of the United States is a joint activity of the United States Department of Defense composed of reserve components of the United States Army and the United States Air Force and is the oldest of the Armed Forces of the United States, established 1636.

DECEMBER ENTERTAINMENT

MARK YOUR CALENDERS

DON'T MISS OUT ON SOME GREAT ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY DECEMBER 2ND **CHRIS DANIELS & THE PROOF**

SATURDAY DECEMBER 3RD
THE CROSSTONES DUO

FRIDAY DECEMBER 9TH **THE SURE CATS**
SATURDAY DECEMBER 10TH
THE ARMY/NAVY GAME
FOLLOWED BY THE BROTHER SAL BAND

FRIDAY DECEMBER 16TH **THE MANGO'S**
SATURDAY DECEMBER 17TH
"SALUTE TO SINATRA" FEATURING BOB KULIK WITH A 16 PIECE ORCHESTRA
IN THE CANTEEN **JERSEY GIRLS**

FRIDAY DECEMBER 23RD
CHRIS DANIELS & THE PROOF
SATURDAY DECEMBER 24TH
CHRISTMAS EVE -NO BAND

FRIDAY DECEMBER 30TH **"BOB KULIK"**
SATURDAY DECEMBER 31ST
NEW YEARS EVE **THE TRUE TONES**
IN THE BANQUET HALL

NO MUSIC IN THE CANTEEN

BE SURE TO CHECK FOR LAST MINUTE CHANGES AND/OR CANCELLATIONS.
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RIDER'S REPORT

Al Gashler

Holy Crow! It's the middle of October already and the riding season of 2016 will be drawing to a close shortly. We closed out our "Bike Night's" on Tuesday, October 11th with a very successful evening. After all expenses were paid, we were able to bank \$530.00. I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Willy Girard for his tireless efforts in leading the cooking crew. Way to go Willy! Willy has some ideas for next year's menu and maybe even some decorative ideas for the grove. Thanks also to Mike Kelly for "lighting up" the picnic grove. And, lest we forget Bobby Joerg and his unsung efforts to keep the concept going with all the financial functions and ticket taking. Thanks, Bobby! Last, but certainly not least, is our home grown talent, the SAL Brothers or Brothers SAL. Whatever way you slice it they were and are a terrific group

of musicians and men. Their magnetic draw contributed greatly to Bike Nights prosperity and fun factor. Thank you to all who participated in making "Bike Nights" successful.

Speaking of success, our President, the incomparable Art Brown was able to join us for our last BN event. He was greeted with "Hail to the Chief" as he rolled onto the picnic grounds. It was fabulous to see Art out and about. Art spent the evening catching up with all his many friends. It was a joy to behold his reception and see the smile on his face. Art will be presiding at our next Rider meeting, October 24th, in the banquet hall. I'll bet you that Jodi can't wait until Art being out of the house alone becomes a regular occurrence. I think there might be a Can-Am in Art's future. Just guessin'.

We just got back from a four-day motorcycle excursion to Gettysburg, PA and to Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville, PA. The jaunt was planned and arranged

by the firm of Schaffer and Schaffer who also provided the baggage car and rear guard vehicle. Those in attendance were: The Schaffer's; Mike & Ellen, the Wetzel's; George and Kathy, the newlywed Di Viccaros, Tom(Chief) and Ann (Holly), John Klag, Cliff Johnson, my 22 year riding buddy John Nisbet and me. The ride alone Saturday, West on PA Route 30 was spectacular; up and down mountains, around the many turns and bends, through the ever changing PA countryside, the beginning to change fall foliage, the mountain vistas and ending with the sobering and somber Flight 93 memorial. The architecture alone of the memorial is awesome but is overshadowed by the magnificent tribute to the heroes of Flight 93. The tour around the Gettysburg Battlefield was truly amazing. The three-day battle was the turning point of the Civil War. Gettysburg is the location of President Abraham Lincoln's most famous address. The history is daunting but it makes you want to learn more. I could have done without the 33-degree temperature on Friday morning. Brrr! Probably the last multi-day trip of the year but there is still good enough weather for day trips, or even a week-end before the cold sets in. Lunch runs always a possibility.

I would be remiss if I didn't say a few words about out "Heroes Walk" Monument. I have placed an order for thirteen more pavers to be placed in the memorial, probably by mid-November. That will close out the pavers inside the memorial and paver orders until springtime. We will need to decide our next steps going forward. I have been overwhelmed by the Post 129 family, AL, SAL, AUX, acceptance of and contribution to the HW Monument. It is now a Post 129 family possession-the "Crown Jewel" of the post, if you will. Thank you, brothers and sisters! Keep the shiny side up and Godspeed!

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT # 129

presents

holiday
Craft Fair

JOIN US FOR A GREAT DAY OF SHOPPING

at the

American Legion Post # 129

Saturday, November 26, 2016

10 AM – 3 PM

2025 Church Rd., Toms River, NJ

Shopping totes to 1st 300 adults!
Backpacks to the first 25 children!



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Date: December 17, 2016
Doors at 5:30 PM

Place: The American Legion
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Menu Dinner Entrees
Alcoholic Beverages Served on a cash basis

Cover: \$18.00 per person

Chaplain's Corner

Al Gashler

As an American Legion Post, we are all about helping veterans and their families. Our Commander typifies that description. An example being the case of Air Force Captain and Chaplain John Pryor. Captain Pryor died alone and was destined for burial in potter's field. After two months in the hospital mortuary, Captain Pryor's unclaimed body was turned over to the KEDZ funeral home for interment. The funeral director found a AL Post 129 membership card in Captain Pryor's belongings. He called the post and reached Com-

mander Mike Schaffer. Mike started the daunting task of getting a military burial in BGen Doyle cemetery. Mike found and called a distant relative in Buffalo, NY as Captain Pryor's siblings were unable to travel. The niece granted permission to release the body for burial in a military cemetery with full military honors. A contingent of ten riders, led by Mike, escorted Captain Pryor to his rightly deserved final resting place. Ritual Chairperson Bob Scheiderman accompanied the cortege to the cemetery. Mike then arranged to have the memorial flag from Captain Pryor's casket packaged and mailed to the niece in Buffalo, NY.

Mike probably would probably defer any accolades but he is the one who created the patch on AL Rider Post 129 vests that says, "Because... that's what we do". Just another day as the leader of the post. Sure! He practices what he preaches to use an old cliché. Mike leads from the front and he leads by example. Thank you, Commander Mike!

As we close out October, we are coming into the "Holiday Season" once again. Please remember to bring contributions for the food box in the lobby for those less fortunate.

May God bless you, one and all.
Peace and Love.

NOTICE:

This year the Toms River Veterans Day Parade will be held on Monday, November 14. Marchers should report to the Office Lounge (Route 166 and Highland Blvd) at 8:30 AM with a start march at 9 AM.

CANTEEN NEWS

Eric Inauen

Every year, when Fall arrives, we get busier and busier. And Why NOT? Great friends, great food, great entertainment, and great beverages (for those who may get a little parched), all are at one Fantastic Place—The Canteen. As we talk about greatness we must include our All Star Staff of bartenders. From the time our doors open, which is 11 AM daily, they constantly come up with new ways to make your day or night more pleasurable. A Big Thumbs Up goes to Duke, Warren, Robin B, Lisa, Lori, Gabriela, Danielle, Joe Kelly, Robin M., and Andrea for the job they do.

The Bar Staff, which includes our Chairman, Vice Commander Mike Kelly, along with Dave Kearns, Bob "Ace" Cannon, Vice Commander Frank Del Nero, Rich Gato and myself would be remiss if we did not acknowledge Vice Commanders Paul "PJ" Jones and Ed Butler for the job they do to help keep the Canteen running smoothly.

The Bunker has had its best season ever. Our horse shoe league, run by Trustee Mike "the painter" Dolan, was bigger and better than last year. Bike Night, which went from 3 Tuesdays last year to 5 Tuesdays this year was

a bigger success than we ever imagined. We close the bunker when the cold weather arrives, so it may be closed by the time you receive this SOUNDOFF.

ENTERTAINMENT: Our entertainment continues to improve with live bands on Friday and Saturday nights from 7 to 11 PM. We continue to have Karaoke on the 2nd Saturday of the month with Jersey Girls. Look for an appearance from ELVIS on Saturday, November 19, in the Canteen.

Make sure you don't miss our "NIGHT WITH FRANK SINATRA," in our banquet hall, on Saturday, December 17th. Tickets are \$18, and doors open at 5:30 PM. There will be a menu with dinner entrees at affordable prices, and a cash bar. Tickets can be purchased on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays & Saturdays from Kristy (732-864-5519).

ARMY—NAVY GAME: On Saturday, December 10th, in the Canteen, it is that big Post 129 rivalry. Game time is at 3 PM. The Canteen will be serving \$1.50 domestic draft pints during the game. There will be a free half time buffet with numerous surprises just like last year. Bobby Joerg and the SAL always do a great job with this event. After the game, Brother SAL will be performing. The NFL Season is well under way. More and more people have shown up on Sundays to cheer on

their favorite team. We still offer \$1.50 Domestic Draft Pints, with our special discounted NFL Sunday menu. No half time buffets or spreads. You get to order what you want, when you want it.

VETERAN'S DAYS: The Post will be celebrating 2, yes 2, Veteran's Days this year. On Friday, November 11, there will be a ceremony, in the front of the Legion Post, at 11 AM. There will be a free buffet in the Canteen after the ceremony. On Monday, November 14th, Post 129 will be marching in the Veterans Day Parade, down Main Street, in Toms River. Participants will be assembling at the Office Lounge, at 8:30 AM. Step Off Time is 9 AM. Our turnout has improved each year, and we want to continue this trend. There will be a free buffet at the Canteen after the Parade. If you can't march, and want to participate, contact Commander Mike Schaffer at the Post, and you will be able to ride in one of the Post's Vehicles.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY: Unbelievable, our biggest Gala of the year is right around the corner. New Year's Eve is a Saturday this year. Entertainment will be provided by the True Tones. The event runs from 8 PM to 1 AM. Tickets are the same as last year, \$85 each. Our Chairperson, Mary Ellen Del Nero, will be at the Canteen every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evening between 6 and 8 PM, selling tickets. You can call on her cell, at 732-859-1532, after 2 PM.

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