



# SOUNDOFF

November-December 2014

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

## COMMANDERS MESSAGE

As we enter into fall with its cold nights and early darkness, don't worry; there is plenty to do at your American Legion Post 129. Since my last Sound off, our canteen has been renovated with new floors and new tile in all of the bathrooms. We have replaced our Jukebox with a new Internet jukebox that has been receiving a lot of play. Our newly formed Dart League had its first tournament this month.

We closed our kitchen for four days and removed everything. A new tile floor was installed and all of the appliances were moved outside and steam cleaned. While this was being done, the kitchen was painted (Thanks Mike Dolan). We closed Sunday night after football and reopened on Thursday in time for Bingo.

We have managed to have some sort of event everyday of the week. Monday, of course is our pool league, Tuesday is shuffleboard, and Wednesday is Darts. Horseshoes are also on Wednesday but have ended for

the season. Thursday, of course is Bingo and Friday is some of the best musical entertainment in the area. I am constantly being contacted by outside bands that want to play here because they heard "this is the place to be seen". Initially, Saturdays have been dedicated to Karaoke, but due to requests from our members, Karaoke will be every other Saturday and alternating Saturdays will have a wide variety of entertainment. Come on in on Sunday and watch the games and enjoy half price special menus. Be sure to check the schedule both in this edition as well as in our lobby.

We sponsored the New Jersey State Medal Ceremony. This medal was awarded to residents of New Jersey who served overseas during a time of conflict. It was heartwarming to see these Veterans receive their awards in the company of friends and families. The turnout was fantastic. Equally impressive was the turnout for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual "Run for the Fallen". This emotional event was late arriving at our Post due to capacity crowds at every stop. When the runners finally reached

our Post, the Fire Department with its huge garrison flag had illuminated the entire area. As I came down Church Road on my motorcycle, the roar of the crowd was deafening and most enthusiastic. The patriotism was contagious as neighbors and motorists participated.

I have just been informed that next years run will have an additional day added, so as to not have the runners in the dark.

Sometimes I fail to mention a particular event simply because there are so many things going on. For example on October 4<sup>th</sup>, we participated in the Chili and Soup cook off at Ocean County Motor Sports, then on to Downs Ford, where we participated in the Drive-A-Thon which raised about \$4,000., then to the Silverton Fire Departments Poker Run and Fall Festival. Also on that weekend, members of our "Famous" Legion Riders participated in the New York to the Marine Corp Museum in Quantico, Virginia motorcycle escort. This totally escorted run carried the last iron cross made from steel at the World Trade Center in memory of the Fireman killed on 911 that were Marine Corp Veteran's. You can watch this escort on You Tube (7 miles of motorcycles down the New Jersey Turnpike in the rain).

The following Day was the Frost on the Pumpkin Run with the Blue Knights, which ended at our Post's Picnic Grove.

October 9<sup>th</sup> was another Mission of Honor Burial of the Remains of Veterans left and forgotten on funeral home shelves. If



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## AUXILIARY MESSAGE

Hi All,

Well it looks like fall has arrived. Our Fall Flea Market was a success thank you Carol, Paula and all the volunteers who came out to help.

Renewals for memberships have been mailed so please renew and send in your membership. If you have any questions or concerns on membership please contact Laurinda Miller at 732-506-0160.

On November 29, 2014 we will be having our Vendor Craft Fair, tables are \$25 contact Laurinda Miller for further information (732-506-0160). Come out and do your holiday shopping with us.

On December 21, 2014 we will be having "Breakfast with Santa" look for flyers on this event and for further information contact Patricia Corbin at 732-349-9241.

Here is hoping that all have a wonderful holiday season and stay well.

For God and Country,  
Jane Keeley  
President



## SAL MESSAGE

Time is flying by so quickly; cannot believe summer is over and we are into the fall and winter holidays. SAL has been very busy this year doing fundraisers. Downs Ford, drive for Post 129, was again a success despite the bad weather and I would like to thank Dan Curran and Downs Ford for having this great fundraiser for us.

Our 50/50 drawing of 200 tick-

ets, winner taking \$1000, is being drawn on Saturday evening, November 1st.

Other upcoming events include a Turkey Shoot that Dan Dimmick will be running for us; so look for Dan to be selling tickets around the bar.

Also, on Saturday, December 13th for all our football people, we will be hosting the Army/Navy game in the banquet hall. We purchased 2 - 55" HD TV's that will be showing the game and will be raffled off after the game. We also have a Doc Blanchard mini football helmet to be raffled off as well as other great items. Hope so see all our football fans here to support us and to see great football, food and beer. Kickoff is at 3pm.

On Saturday, December 20th at 7pm we will be having our annual POW Christmas Tree lighting; a solemn ceremony.

All SAL members, please do not forget 2015 dues, in the amount of \$20, are due so please send in and include email address and phone number so we can keep you updated with all our meetings and events.

Rocky Lucia is taking the time to design a new SAL website so everyone can go on this site to check the events calendar and be informed for everything that is taking place. I would like to thank Rocky, as well as the rest of my board, for everything that they have done for me this year.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

For God & Country,  
Bob Joerg  
Commander Squadron 129



## CHAPLAINS MESSAGE

If you haven't heard lately that this is the greatest country on earth, I am telling you that right now. It was the freedom and the opportunities presented to me that put me here with all of you. You see, all you have to do is to give any veteran an opportunity and encourage him to take it and run with it.

The people reading this could not exist under a socialist/communist environment. By the way, if you think socialism is the way to go, I am sure many people here will chip in to get you a one-way ticket out of here. Trust me, no one is fighting to get out of here, they only fight to get in.

You see, America is not just a place on the map, it isn't just a physical location. It is an ideal, a concept. And if you are an American, you must understand the concept, you must accept this concept, and most importantly, you have to fight and defend this concept. This is about Freedom and not free stuff. Brothers and sisters, you are my heroes.

I thank you for your service and may God bless you all.

Michael Schaffer  
Chaplain



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

Progressive  
Refreshments served  
50/50 - Mystery Prizes

*We want to thank our American Legion Family for all your cards, prayers, visits and fruit baskets during the time of our recovery from our accident.*

*We will always remember your kindness you have shown to me and my family!*

THANK  
YOU

*Cookie & Duke Haring*

## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY POINSETTIA SALE

We will be selling Poinsettia's for the Holiday Season.

Sale will begin in November,

details will be posted in the Canteen when available.

Payment is due upon ordering.

"Help Support Your Legion".

Let's Make this a Success!



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## The F-22's debut

**By Brian Everstine**

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The first combat seen by the world's most advanced air superiority fighter came in the dark of night over northern Syria.

After a barrage of 40 Tomahawk missiles were fired from the destroyer Arleigh Burke and the guided-missile cruiser Philippine Sea, F-22 Raptors took off from a base south of Syria the night of Sept. 23 and flew to their target. The first weapons launched by the stealthy, fifth-generation jets were massive 1,000-pound GBU-32 bombs to take out a run-down command center used by the Islamic State.

(Air Force Times 06 October 2014)

(submitted by Bob Scheiderman)



MAJ. JEFFERSON S. HIGLAND/AFR FORCE  
A KC-10 Extender refuels an F-22 Raptor on Sept. 23 after strike operations in Syria. The aircraft were part of a large coalition that was the first to strike Islamic State targets in Syria.

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WHO SUPPORT US**

Mention the SOUNDOFF  
When answering an ad!

## Letter To The Members



### IT'S A MATTER OF RESPECT

The last line of the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion reads: "to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness" I point this out only because our general meetings of late have been a matter of disrespect instead of respect and it is time someone spoke to that point.

Respect as it is defined is "a positive feeling of esteem or deference for a person or an entity". In this case the entity is the institution of the American Legion and all that it represents. Our mission cannot be accomplished unless we insist on proper protocol and act with military courtesy at all times within the walls of the Post and especially at our meetings.

Working against the Constitution and the Preamble only serves to interrupt and delay the proceedings and shows an enormous amount of disrespect for the institution, the Commander and the members and guest. Discipline and respect for the chain of command on the other hand enhances esprit de corps.

Speaking of guest, how does it look to our guest attending our meetings when attempts are made to discredit the leadership of the post? It is all of our responsibility to ensure that care is taken to consider the impression that our guest will take away with them. Mark Twain once said that a false accusation will travel half way around the world before the truth even gets its shoes on.

There is also a matter of respect for the station of Commander. As we all know, having served in the military, we do not necessarily have to like the person in charge but we are certainly required to show respect for rank and respect for the leadership position he or she holds. The station of Commander in our institution is a place of honor and commands the respect of each of the members. Accusations that are unfounded or unproven and are designed to discredit the Post or the leadership should never be allowed to come to the floor. Protocol dictates that if there is a question of impropriety the issue must be taken to the proper authority.

Last but not least is the lack of respect for your fellow members, your comrades, whose intent is to have meaningful dialog and a productive meeting in short order. One member's time is just as valuable as another's and if we are to work together to complete a common mission we all must respect each other's time. Personal disagreements or bitterness upon a person or action should be stowed away until the proper time and place. Our general meetings are not the time and certainly not the place.

I submit that discipline and respect of the general meeting be restored and that strict adherence to parliamentary order is followed. Otherwise, attendance at the meeting will be sparse because members will not want to be around people who have no respect for them or their time.

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Ralph E. Wolff Member Post 129

## LEGION MEMBERSHIP

It's that time of the year again and 2015 membership 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 fund all the good things that we do for our veterans, their families, and the community. 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. Any member that is struggling with month to month bills and needs some assistance with paying your membership, I can help. Call me at 732-604-8326 or email me at [rjg548@comcast.net](mailto:rjg548@comcast.net)  
For God and Country  
Rich Godfrey  
Membership Chairman

## National Guard Museum of New Jersey Center For US War Veterans' Oral Histories

The NJ National Guard Museum is sponsoring the U.S. War Veterans Oral History Project.

This initiative hopes to collect the memoirs of living veterans', as well as artifacts, letters, photographs, and mementos from their war experiences. These memories will be recorded and housed at the NJ Militia Museum in Sea Girt, NJ. Future visitors, from school groups to retired veterans, will have the opportunity to access this Oral History collection. In addition, each veteran will be given a DVD of their interview. Each year, those interviewee participants are indi-

vidually recognized at a veterans' luncheon, where they receive a Senate resolution in their name.

The NJ National Guard look's forward to working with you to preserve your wartime experiences.

**The Biographical Questionnaires are available at Post, or contact:**

**National Guard Militia Museum of NJ 732-974-5966 FAX 732-974-5984**

(Bob Scheiderman)

## AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

By now you all have received your Membership Renewal forms from National in the mail.

I want to say Thank You to those ladies who were so prompt in returning their 2015 Renewals back to me. It is greatly appreciated. Unit #129 is the largest Unit in New Jersey with 429 members on the roster. The goal from National this year is 407 paid up members by January 31, 2015.

To date I have 190 paid members, ALMOST half way there.

Thank you for supporting our Veterans along with our men and women in the Military today.

You are "Keeping us strong".  
Renewal forms always welcome...

Respectively yours,  
Laurinda Miller  
Membership Chair

## US COAST GUARD SEIZES \$423M IN COCAINE

During an October 6, 2014 homecoming, Coast Guard Cutter Boutwell offloaded 28,000 pounds of cocaine, with an estimated wholesale value if more than \$423 million, seized by joint and combined forces during 16 different interdictions as part of Operation Martillo. The crew returned home and offloaded more than 28,000 pounds of cocaine seized on a 90 day deployment. The crew turned the cocaine over to agents from the Drug Enforcement Agency. The drugs were seized and 55 suspects were apprehended during 18 separate interdictions by US Coast Guard and Navy forces off the coast of Central and South America as part of Operation Martillo. Six of the interdictions were made by the crew of the Boutwell.

The Boutwell's crew coordinated with US Coast Guard, US Navy, Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, and partner-nation assets to execute 15 go-fast pursuits resulting in the interdiction of six drug laden vessels and disruption of nine additional cases. The crew of Boutwell alone seized more than 5000 pounds of cocaine worth more than \$75 million and detained 19 suspected smugglers.

**The Coast Guard Compass**  
(Bob Scheiderman)

## POST EVERLASTING



Gerald Fishman, 78, US Navy, Korean War  
Anthony Terminiello, 64, US Army, Vietnam War  
Helen Fischer, 91, USMC, WWII  
Bruce Hummer, 67, US Army, Vietnam War  
Anthony Citro, 82, US Army, Korean War  
Elliot Roseman, 74, USMC, Vietnam War  
Elsie Height, 89, US Navy, WWII



## CANTEEN NEWS

Eric Inauen

Fall has been flying by like a jet plane. Soon Members will be wishing everyone a Happy New Year. Time does not stand still, especially in the Canteen, at Post 129.

### WHAT'S NEW? THE LIST IS LONG.

Our new floors in the Canteen, hall bar and bathrooms are receiving high marks from our Members and their guests.

The Canteen's first Dart League has been organized by Trustee Mike Dolan, Hank Cohen and the Bunker Bar Crowd. Darts will be played every Wednesday Night from 7 to 9PM. Darts must be thrown at the boards, and not at other Members. A special thanks to Bob Scheiderman for building the wall for the Dart Boards in the Canteen.

Ryan's Catering's half price NFL Sunday menus with \$1.50 domestic pint drafts have also received rave reviews. Where can you get a Burger and a pint of ice cold draft beer for \$5.00? To our knowledge, only at Post 129.

The newly installed Canteen "on line" Juke Box is being played constantly. You get 3 credits for a dollar. There are numerous 1 credit songs, and we are adding more every week. It is easy to play, but if you do run into a problem, just ask one of our Bartenders or a Member at the bar.

Mike Kelly has taken over for Dave Kearns as Bar Chairman. Dave will be making his annual trek south in December to the hot and sweaty state, while the rest of us fight the battle of staying warm in the cold and freezing state. I know I can speak for the rest of the Bar Committee, when I say that working with

Dave Kearns and Rich Godfrey over this past year has been a privilege. The Canteen has accomplished a lot under their leadership. Judging by what Mike Kelly has done for Post 129 in the past, we are certain that he will do an outstanding job as our new Bar Chairman.

**VETERANS' DAY** is right around the corner. After the parade, on Tuesday, November 11, come join and celebrate with our Members at the Canteen. A free buffet will be offered by the Post.

**THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT REMAIN CONSTANT** at the Canteen, and we are all glad for that.

We open at 11AM daily. Closing times vary with the day of the week and the amount Members in the bar.

We have nine (9) beers on tap, and offer a wide range of

bottled beers.

All of our premium liquor is served by our friendly bartenders: Wendy, Warren, Bernice, Robin, Duke, Lisa, Lori, Joe and Dave.

We have live entertainment every Friday Night (Rock n' Roll Band) and Saturday Night (Karaoke/DJ).

Ryan's Catering provides hot and cold food specials seven (7) days a week.

I mentioned briefly before about New Year's Eve. Tickets to this year's New Year's Eve Party will go on sale in November. The True Tones are back as our entertainment. Please see our advertisement in the Sound Off for more details.

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



## AMERICAN LEGION POST 129 TO INVAD CANADA!

Your American Legion Post is planning a bus trip in 2015 to Niagara Falls & Toronto. The dates are Monday, June 22nd til Friday, June 26, 2015. The price of \$499.00 p/p - dbl. includes:

- Round-trip Motorcoach transportation
- 4 nights lodging
- 8 meals: 4 breakfasts & 4 dinners
- Guided tours of Niagara Falls & Toronto
- A Journey to The Falls on a "Hornblower Niagara cruise"
- Gaming at Fallsview Casino
- Visit to Niagara-on-the-Lake & Queen Victoria Park
- A visit to "Casa Loma", Canada's most magnificent Castle
- A trip not to be missed!

**YOU MUST BRING A VALID U.S. PASSPORT or U.S. PASSPORT CARD FOR THIS TOUR .**

So, if you're thinking of that second honeymoon, or are interested in having 5 days & 4 nights of Canadian Fun... come with us ... Good times, good food, good company ...

Call Darlene Scheiderman at (732) 341-7462 and get your name on the List !

## HIGHLIGHTS

### REPORT OF THE CHILDREN & YOUTH COMMITTEE HERBERT J. PETIT, JR. (LOUISIANA), CHAIRMAN

The Children & Youth Committee met on Sunday, August 24, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in the Westin Charlotte, Grand Ballroom, Section B, Level Two. The meeting was called to order by Jason R. Kees (IL), Manager, Americanism Division. Roll Call was taken and a quorum was formed as there were 42 members of the committee present. The meeting was organized by electing delegate Herbert J. Petit of Louisiana as Chairman and John Konkol of New York as

Secretary.

### THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE APPROVED:

#### Resolution No. 5: Financially Assist Families Faced by Catastrophic Illness of Their Children

Origin: Louisiana

**RESOLVED**, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Charlotte, North Carolina, August 26, 27, 28, 2014, That The American Legion urges the federal government to expand the present federal Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant programs to include catastrophic illness; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That de-

partment and post leadership are encouraged to urge state governments to enact legislation to assist financially those individual families faced by the catastrophic illness of their children in order to maintain the integrity of the family.

#### Resolution No. 8: Prevention of Child Sexual Exploitation Origin: Louisiana

**RESOLVED**, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Charlotte, North Carolina, August 26, 27, 28, 2014, That The American Legion support appropriate legislation aimed at the prevention, investigation and prosecution of child sexual exploitation; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That The American Legion be authorized to collaborate with national and state agencies and organizations involved in the prevention of child sexual exploitation as determined by the National Americanism Commission to the end that The American Legion can maintain an effective role in preventing child sexual exploitation; and, be it finally

**RESOLVED**, That departments and posts are encouraged to actively raise community awareness about the prevalence of sexual exploitation of children and are encouraged to cooperate with law enforcement agencies, government entities and public/private organizations that seek to empower the public to take immediate and direct action to enforce a zero tolerance policy regarding child sexual exploitation.

#### Resolution No. 11: Protect Children from Unrestricted Media Origin: Louisiana

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### COMMANDER'S CHALLENGE:

OK, WE'RE ALL FAMILIAR WITH THE ALS WATER-BUCKET CHALLENGE, AND MANY OF US HAVE GOTTEN SOAKING WET FOR A VERY GOOD CAUSE. WELL, POST 129'S COMMANDER HAS A CHALLENGE FOR EACH OF YOU...AND WE ARE REFERRING NOT ONLY TO LEGION MEMBERS, BUT TO AUXILIARY MEMBERS, SAL AND RIDERS ALIKE. WE CHALLENGE EACH YOU...IF YOU'RE UP TO IT, TO EACH BRING IN ONE MEMBER. WHETHER IT'S ONE MEMBER TO POST 129, OR ANY OF OUR FAMILY, IT COUNTS. THERE WILL BE A LISTING OF THOSE WHO HAVE MET THIS CHALLENGE POSTED IN THE LOUNGE AREA. SINCE EVERY WORTHWHILE CHALLENGE HAS TWO PARTS, THIS CHALLENGE WILL ALSO HAVE A SECONDARY REQUIREMENT, AND THAT IS ASIDE FROM ONE NEW MEMBER, YOU ARE BEING CHALLENGED TO DONATE \$10.00\* TO THE FOOD BANK OF OCEAN-MONMOUTH COUNTY.

NOW, WE REALIZE THIS IS A WORTHWHILE CHALLENGE, AND NOT ALL OF YOU WILL BE ABLE OR WILLING TO COMPLY, BUT WE'LL KNOW WHO YOU ARE AND WHAT YOU'RE MADE OF SOON ENOUGH. THINK YOU GOT THE STUFF???

**REMEMBER** THE CHALLENGE:

ONE MEMBER AND \$10.00 TO THE FOOD BANK...\*EITHER CASH OR NON-PERISHABLE GROCERY ITEMS...

IT STARTS

NOW!!!

P.S. THIS CHALLENGE; SHOULD YOU DECIDE TO ACCEPT IT, MUST BE ACCOMPLISHED ON OR BEFORE 31 DEC. 2014.

\*\*\*ALSO...THE TOP RECRUITERS' NAMES WILL BE PLACED IN A DRAWING FOR \$500.00

## HIGHLIGHTS

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**RESOLVED,** By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Charlotte, North Carolina, August 26, 27, 28, 2014, That The American Legion promote efforts to restrict the excessive use of violence, vulgarity and other forms of moral depravity in movies, TV programs, TV news and the Internet; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** That departments and posts are encouraged to conduct awareness campaigns to educate their members, their families and the general public about the potential dangers the Internet and other forms of electronic media pose to children and teenagers; and, be it finally

**RESOLVED,** That the Americanism Commission disseminate educational materials, when feasible, to inform department and post leadership about the potential dangers inherent in the media and Internet, in an effort to return the country to the God-given principles of life, liberty, and the true pursuit of happiness.

**Resolution No. 222: National School Lunch Program Origin: Illinois**

**RESOLVED,** By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Charlotte, North Carolina, August 26, 27, 28, 2014, That Congress appropriate funds at or exceeding current funding levels for the National School Lunch Program.



## PURPLE HEART FOR WWII VET

It was an award that was 70 years overdue for a World War II veteran.

Air Force Staff Sgt. Fred Zurbuchen was awarded a Purple Heart medal in a surprise ceremony Sept. 18 at the Experimental Aircraft Association museum in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

EAA's Chris Henry met Zur-

buchen earlier this year and learned about his injuries as a B-17 gunner.

Zurbuchen's paper work for a Purple Heart had been destroyed in a fire. Henry succeeded in securing Zurbuchen's recognition. A uniformed military representative presented the medal to Zurbuchen, thanking him for his valor and bravery so many years ago.

Air Force Times  
(Bob Scheiderman)



## VENDORS NEEDED

### CRAFT/VENDOR

### FAIR

## THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

**PLACE:** 2025 CHURCH RD., TOMS RIVER, NJ

**DATE:** NOVEMBER 29, 2014 (great shopping weekend)

**TABLE COST:** \$25.00 PER TABLE

**RESERVE YOUR SPACE NOW, CALL:**

LINDA @ 732-272-7552



## STATE S.A.L. MEMBERSHIP

Hello,

To ALL MALE descendants of veterans who fought in any of the GREAT WARS of our country. To those who served in our military forces during appropriate years designated. The Sons of the American Legion, Membership!!! Membership!!! Membership!!! We need your membership. Our motto to this year 2014 – 2015 is, 'NEW YEAR, NEW TIER', meaning for a decade our membership has been floundering in the 9500 range. This year is the year we must finally reach the 10,000 mark and the 'New Tier'.

Commander Carl Alber, Vice-Commanders, Robert Phillips Jr., Robert Bascov, Thomas Flaherty, Edward Downs, and Andy Mason, YOU ARE MY COMMITTEE. What we need to do is promote membership at our Legion, Auxiliary and Squadron levels. Set up a table for membership at all events with applications. Talk to people you meet about what it means to be part of the Legion Family, what we do for our military and our veterans.

Vice Commanders talk to your Commanders and membership of your assigned counties. Make sure the first thing you talk about when visiting your counties is membership. This is our life blood of our organization. Talk to them about retaining members and reach out and get new member. Many American Legion Post's sponsor Boy Scouts, Boys State, American Legion Baseball but many of them are not Sons of the American Legion. Get them to be part of our family, get them involved. Make our Detachment Commander proud.

Every year to me is the year of the veteran. This is our main priority as a S.A.L., our veterans.

I'm proud to be a son. It's the least I can do to show my gratitude to veterans for the sacrifices they made, for our freedoms, for our way of life.

Be positive towards membership, reach out to young ones, get them involved at their Post. Let them know how valuable they are to the Legion. They are the future generation.

In an article I wrote in the SALUTE in 2006 I wrote 'Who Knows?' A lot of talk is that the Jersey Shore is due to get hit by a hurricane like Katrina which hit the Gulf States in 2005. Total destruction. People lost their lives, their houses, members of their families, pets, and their life savings. They had nothing. Everything was destroyed.

We as a Legion family were there for them even before FEMA. The American Legion played a big role in relief for thousands of people who belonged to the American Legion family. Legion members, Auxiliary members, and SAL with proper forms filled and filed through the N.E.F. received checks for \$1,500. Just think this could happen to you and me.

Guess what! Two years ago we in New Jersey were devastated by Super-Storm Sandy. There were loss of lives, homes, pets and American Legion Post's along the east coast, etc. Just as bad if not worse than Katrina. Again the American Legion came through the same way as they did for the people in the Gulf States, if not more. This is just another reason to be part of the American Legion family.

We must succeed in this member drive. If a Squadron can manage it, offer new members membership for the first year only, for the \$5.00 per-capita fee, with the next year normal dues. That also goes for Legion mem-

bership to become dual members. Throughout the nation, many charters are formed for the American Legion Riders. This organization, American Legion Riders, I'm proud to say that I am also a member of. But to become a Legion Rider you must be a Legion, Auxiliary, or SAL member. Just make sure the one you sign up is a legitimate member in good standing.

Let's get this year's schedule going in full force. Get membership cards in to detachment. Don't hold on to them. Remember the \$5.00 per-capita for each member. Support Carl Alber, our SAL State Commander, and his officers.

Thank you,  
For God and Country  
Dave 'Duke' Haring  
State Membership Chair  
Email: [dukedave7@comcast.net](mailto:dukedave7@comcast.net)  
Cell 732-597-2604  
Home 732-244-8534

DD-214 – Veterans and next of kin of deceased military personnel can access military records online at:

(<http://vetrecs.archives.gov>)



## MONTHLY POST MEETINGS

Post 129 General Membership  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday

Unit 129 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday

Squadron 129 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday

Trustee/Board 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday

Riders Membership 4<sup>th</sup> Monday

## COMMANDERS MESSAGE

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you haven't attended one of these ceremonies at William Doyle Veteran's Cemetery, in Arnytown, try to attend one. These funerals are with full military honors.

There was the Wounded Warriors Celebrity Softball game at Blue Claws Stadium. I also participated in the Allergy Walk at Blue Claws Stadium the following day and then onto the Mystic Post for their very well organized COLA

fundraiser. (Children's Organ Transplant Association) Great prizes and 10 live bands. Kudos to Lenny Hart.

Our Banquet Hall has been very busy as well recently for PBA 600 to hold their Luncheon/Meetings. On October 23<sup>rd</sup> The "Famous Legion Riders as well as the Post will be honored at a breakfast at the Holiday Inn in Manahawkin for their contributions to Vetwork. You will recall that after our June 1<sup>st</sup> Poker Run/Family Day, the Riders donated \$10,000. to VETWORK.

By the time you receive this newsletter, the Hiring Our Heroes

will have experienced another successful job fair. As of this writing we have 65 employers registered to be present. This includes a classroom seminar on Resume writing.

Members of our Post recently attended the Toms River Zoning Board meeting to hear our application for the Pavilion. It was unanimously passed with a stipulation that it be approved by the DEP due to our wetlands designation. We are awaiting a site visit.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new chef Michael Speary. Many of you have complimented him on his menu choices and culinary skills. We are constantly striving to improve our kitchen and banquet hall for your dining experience.

Rich Gato—Commander

And remember-  
P.T.S.D. - NOT ALL WOUNDS  
ARE VISIBLE

**Happy Birthday  
United States Marine  
Corps**

The Marine Corps was born in Tun Tavern 10 November 1775.

In the year 1685, Samuel Carpenter built a huge brew house in Philadelphia. He located this tavern on the waterfront at the corner of Water Street and Tun Alley. The old English word tun means a cask, barrel, or keg of beer. So, with his new beer tavern on Tun Alley, Carpenter wanted to christen the new waterfront brewery with a logical name, Tun Tavern.

Tun Tavern quickly gained a reputation for serving fine beer. Beginning 47 years later in 1732, the first meetings of the



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St. John's No. 1 Lodge of the Grand Lodge of the Masonic Temple were held in the tavern. Even today the Masonic Temple of Philadelphia recognizes Tun Tavern as the birthplace of Masonic teachings in America.

Nine years later, then Col. Benjamin Franklin organized the Pennsylvania Militia. He used Tun Tavern as a gathering place to recruit a regiment of soldiers to go into battle against the Indian uprising that were plaguing the American colonies.

On November 10, 1775, the Continental Congress commissioned Samuel Nicholas to raise two Battalions of Marines. That very day, Nicholas set up shop up in Tun Tavern. He appointed Robert Mullan, proprietor of Tun Tavern to the job of chief Marine Recruiter - serving, of course from his place of business at Tun Tavern. Prospective recruits flocked to the tavern, lured by (1) cold beer and (2) the opportunity to serve in the new Corps of Marines. So, yes, the US Marine Corps and the tavern thrived during this new relationship.

The Tun Tavern still lives today!

Excerpted from usmcpres.com  
Marion F Sturkey (Bob Scheiderman)



## National Guard Birthday December 13, 1636

The National Guard, the oldest component of the Armed Forces of the United States and one of the nation's longest enduring institutions, celebrates its 378th Birthday on December 13,

2014. The National Guard traces its history back to the earliest English colonies in North America. Responsible for their own defense, the colonists drew on English military tradition and organized their able-bodied male citizens into militias.

The citizen-soldiers who make up the National Guard have fought in every major American war since 1637. War has changed a great deal since 1637, and today's Guard must be prepared to fight in a high-technology environment, using complex weapons and equipment. The men and women of

today's Guard are ready to become full-time professional soldiers if the need arises, whether for federal or state missions just as they did in 1637.

Today's National Guard continues its historic dual mission, providing the states with units trained and equipped to protect life and property, while providing the nation with units ready to defend the United States and its interests around the world.

Army History.mil (Bob Scheiderman)



## New Year's Eve Celebration

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

Wednesday December 31st 8 PM—1 AM

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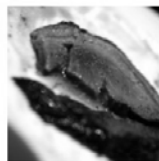
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### Buffet

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Chicken Saltimbocca with Prosciutto, Mozzarella over sautéed spinach



Carved Filet Mignon with Horseradish sauce

Stuffed flounder with crabmeat

penne vodka with sausage



### Dessert

Chocolate Fountain w/Accompaniments

Coffee & Tea



### Entertainment



1:00 AM "Jersey Shore" Breakfast (Pork Roll & Cheese Sandwich Wrapped and Ready To Go)



## RIDERS MESSAGE

Since our last edition of SOUNDOFF, many of our members took what is becoming an annual four day trip to Ocean City Maryland for "bike week". It is always a nice trip when you can take the parkway to Cape May then take the ferry trip to Delaware. This year was a little wet with one day being a total wash-out for riding. The camaraderie of the trip as well as seeing over 400 motorcycles on the Cape May Lewes ferry is well worth the trip.

A large portion of our group attended "Frost on the Pumpkin" poker run sponsored by New Jersey Blue Knights XV. Their run ends up at our post and the recipient of their run is for a worthy military cause.

The Riders, as well as all members of our post participated in the Down's Ford test drive event. Once again SAL member Dan Curran, an employee of Down's Ford put forth a great effort. This year's event was hit by a very bad rain storm but Dan stated that we met at least 2/3 of last year's event. Hats off to

Dan.

On October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, several members of the Riders participated in transporting the last piece of steel from world trade center on a two day escorted ride ending in Quantico Va. and the Marine Corp Museum. This event was described by those that attended as the most power full motorcycle event that they have participated in. I know these individuals and having ridden with them on many great events, I truly know that I personally missed a wonderful experience. These riders did a large portion of this two day event in rainy weather. The event was escorted by Fire trucks and motorcycles that was estimated to be five miles long. I thank those members for riding in this and representing our post.

Mission of Honor: Many members of our Post are unaware of what Mission of Honor is. For those that are unaware I must tell you this is a very moving service. So many Veterans over decades have died and been cremated and left unclaimed in NJ funeral homes throughout the State of NJ. This group, Mission of Honor, goes to funeral homes and gets directors and managers

to go through their records to find any military persons that have been left on the shelves and then periodically have a military service at General Doyle cemetery for these men and women. Motorcyclist such as the Riders participate in these events to send these individuals on their final journey with the dignity that they deserve. This past month our members escorted one such service from Carmona Bolen funeral home in Manchester to General Doyle cemetery. We also donated \$500.00 to the Mission of Honor group to help continue the great service that they do.

For God & Country  
Art Brown, President



Run For The Fallen—end day 2 at Post 129



## Post 129 Blast From The Past

We are sure that many of our members are familiar with the Cathedral of the Air at NAS Lakehurst. What many may not know is that the cathedral was erected by the American Legion.

**Nov. 7, 1932**

### Navy official lays stone for Cathedral of the Air

Charles F. Adams, secretary of the Navy, yesterday dedicated the cornerstone for the Cathedral of the Air being built at the entrance to the Lakehurst Naval Air Station as a memorial to aviation pioneers.

In a brief dedication address, Secretary Adams complimented the American Legion and assured it that, "the same spirit that has brought about the construction of the chapel will be noticed and appreciated by the Navy Department."

He then place a small copper

box containing plans of the chapel, in the cornerstone. When completed, the \$100,000 chapel will be presented to the federal government by the American Legion's Memorial Chapel Association which is building it.

The ceremonies were attended by American legion representatives from New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania Delaware and Maryland, Dr. Samuel A. Loveman, president of the memorial association, presided.

More than 2,500 persons attended the ceremony, which included a parade of war veterans from the town of Lakehurst to the air station. Among them were the American Legion delegations from five states.

Three planes from the Pennsylvania National Guard flew over. Poor weather kept the dirigible Akron grounded.

Reciting the history of the campaign to raise funds for the chapel Dr. Loveman said unsettled economic conditions prevented the group from securing all the money for the chapel be-

fore construction began.

The walls of the chapel have even erected and work has started on the interior, which will include individual memorials to aviation pioneers. The chapel tower is dedicated to fliers killed in World War I.

Bob Scheiderman

From a newspaper clipping found in Post 129 archives.



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Birthstone		November 2014			Yellow Topaz	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Live Entertainment Every Friday Night At The Canteen  Karaoke Every Saturday Night					1
2  Daylight Saving Time Ends	3 General Mtg. 7:00PM 	4 	5  Dart Board League Every Wednesday	6  Full Beaver Moon	7	8
9	10 HAPPY BIRTHDAY USMC Legion Aux. Mtg. 7:00PM	11 Veterans' Day Parade Downtown Toms River 9:00AM 	12 SAL Mtg. 7:00PM 	13 	14	15
16	17 Board Mtg. 7:00PM	18	19	20 	21	22  JFK Assassinated
23 Veterans' Turkey Dinner Noon-4PM	24  Riders Mtg. 7:00PM	25	26	27 HAPPY TURKEY DAY NO BINGO!	28	29 Auxiliary Craft Vendor/ Fair 9AM-3PM
30 	The United States Marine Corps is born at the 'TUN Tavern' Philadelphia, November 10, 1775 Annual Hospitalized 'Veterans' Turkey Dinner'—Meeter's and Greeter' are welcome US Coast Guard Women's Reserve 'SPARS' established, Thanksgiving Day 1942					



**December 13, 1636, The National Guard of the United States is formed within the Department of Defense.**

December 15, 1943, Past National Commander Colmery starts to write, in longhand, the first draft of what will later become the "GI Bill of Rights:- considered the Legion's single greatest legislative achievement.

***USS New Jersey, one of the world's largest battleships ever built, is launched.***



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Friday November 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The Crosstones</b>
Saturday November 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Jersey Girls**Karaoke**</b>
Friday November 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>True Tones</b>
Saturday November 15 <sup>th</sup>	TBD
Friday November 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Dee Cee's</b>
Saturday November 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Jersey Girls**Karaoke**</b>
Friday November 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Nicki Briar **Country**</b>
Saturday November 29 <sup>th</sup>	TBD



### December Canteen Entertainment

Friday December 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>40 North**Country**</b>
Saturday December 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Jersey Girls**Karaoke**</b>
Friday December 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>True Tones</b>
Saturday December 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Brian Smallwood</b>
Friday December 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The Dee Cee's</b>
Saturday December 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Jersey Girls**Karaoke**</b>
Friday December 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Crosstones</b>
Saturday December 27 <sup>th</sup>	TBD



Gala New Year's Eve Ball  
Wednesday December 31<sup>st</sup>  
Music by The True Tones  
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