

SOUNDOFF

November-December 2015

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

COMMANDERS MESSAGE

No one can deny that this was probably the best summer ever with regards to the weather. This, in turn made all of our outdoor events in the picnic grove as well as the bunker bar very successful. We had large turnouts from Memorial Day right on thru to Labor Day. The SAL is sponsoring one more outdoor event on October 24th. It is our first annual "End of Summer Bash" This event will be from 1PM to 4pm with live music by "Who are you guys" The cost is \$15.00 with \$1.50 drafts. (See the flyer in this issue).

You will notice that the cannon, "Phenia" has been moved to the front lawn to gain some exposure. It was also a nice touch for the Run for the Fallen. The cannon will be moved back onto the trailer so that it can be used in both the Halloween Parade and the Veterans Day parade. It is important to note that this year's theme for the Halloween Parade is dedicated to Veterans, All Veteran organizations will be honored. I have been in contact with the Parade Chairman through our liaison, Bob Hoehn and have been assured that our entire Post will be featured as one unit (Riders included) and will lead off the parade. We have been asked to form up at the Staples Store across Route 37 where we will move as one unit. I, invite all Veterans to march with us. The DAV will have their float available for those that cannot walk or march. The same applies to our Veterans Day Parade. After the parade all participants

are invited back to the post for refreshments.

Speaking of the Run for the Fallen. I want to personally say thank you to all the members of our Post that participated. You truly made our Post shine. Days before the runners arrived at our Post, I delivered a letter to all of the residents in close proximity to the Post making them aware of the event and asking for their support as well. There was a tremendous rush of adrenaline as the runners approached our Post calling cadence with their flags raised high and the Silverton Fire Company proudly displaying their garrison flag. As is customary, our Post hosted the evening meal for all. Thanks to Ryan's Catering for their assist. I had the opportunity to sit with a number of the runners during the meal break. The runners were quite vocal (and thankful) about how well they were received at our post and the quality of the food.

We have received word that the house located just west of our property is seeking a variance to convert the property into a Chabad. (School). Our neighbors across the street have asked for our support in attending the zoning board meeting on October 22nd at 7 PM at the town hall. Members of our Post are being

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Toms River Township Mayor Tom Kelaher presents Commander Rich Gato a photo from our post home dedication in 2008. The picture was recently discovered in the township archives.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

The following proposals have been approved by the by-law committee and the executive board. In accordance with "Article XX Amendments" are hereby submitted to the membership for approval at the Nov. 2nd 2015 General Membership meeting.

CHANGE #1

The proposed amendment changes will expand the candidate pool for the office of commander, candidates with business experience, and various specialties; this will bring their expertise to aid in the operation of the post.

Existing Article:

Article IV Nominating Committee, section #3

Qualification for the office of commander shall be <u>Two (2) years in office</u> as a Vice-Commander,
Adjutant, finance Officer, or any combination
Thereof and successful completion of American
Legion college, Basic, and Advanced or the on-line course.
Must be complete prior to taking office.

New Article:

Article IV nominating Committee, section #3

Qualification for the office of commander shall be One (1) year in office as a Vice-Commander,
Adjutant, finance Officer, or any combination
Thereof and successful completion of American
Legion college, Basic, and Advanced or the on-line course. Must be complete prior to taking office

Add on: new section #4

The nominating committee will review the Legion Qualifications plus the professional history of all of the Candidates. They will evaluate personal experience, personality, the ability to deal with public and professional issues, and make quick decisions under pressure.

CHANGE #2

The amendment proposes the change the time in service to the post qualification from twenty (20) years to eight (8) years, and the active provision from ten (10) years to eight (8) years. This change will also expand the candidate pool and provide incentive to the membership.

Existing Article:

Those eligible for nomination to Honorary Life Membership shall be members whom have served For 20 consecutive years in the George P. Vanderveer Post 129 of the American Legion and shall have been Active at least 10 of those years. Said Member shall Have held various offices and chaired and worked on various committees. The qualifications shall be reviewed by the Life Membership Committee and the The decision of the committee shall be final.

New Article:

Those eligible for nomination to Honorary Life Membership shall be members whom have served For 8 consecutive years in the George P. Vanderveer Post 129 of the American Legion and shall have been Active at least 8 of those years. Said Member shall Have held various offices and chaired and worked on various committees. The qualifications shall be reviewed by the Life Membership Committee. The decision of the committee shall be final.

The Life Membership Committee will remain as in Section 1; will consist of the post life members in good standing.

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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Message from Rev John Washington Isner at the 1919 caucus at the formation of the American Legion

At the May 1919 St. Louis Caucus, where hundreds of World War I veterans gathered to establish the purposes and principles of the newborn American Legion, there was some grumbling. "The inability to come to consensus on critical issues they threatened the very existence of the new organization.

At that formative moment in the organization's infancy, Rev. John Washington Inzer, a Baptist minister from Texas and a former Army chaplain, stepped up to the podium and told the Legion founders about a vision of the future he had.

"While you were deliberating here these past two days, some of you only thought of this hour and this moment. But gentlemen, I had an eye cast into the future, and I was dreaming dreams and seeing visions of the years that are to come and the wonderful work, the wonderful influence, and the mighty power that this organization is going to have and exert upon this nation and upon the whole world...

"If you can only think about this Legion... as the jewel of the ages, I believe that is the best interpretation I know. I cannot say anything greater than this: I believe God raised up America for this great hour; I can say that the strong young men of this time is to be The American Legion in this country and in the world."

Rev. Inzer's message brought the veterans in St. Louis together so they could draft and agree on a constitution that would serve veterans, military personnel, families and communities for nearly a century. It is amazing how his vision for the legion has come to fruition and we are a stronger organization then even he imagined.

Grace and Peace Michael Schaffer Chaplain/Vice Commander

OCEAN COUNTY VETERANS ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

The Ocean County Historical Society would like to invite members of the Toms River American Legion Post to participate in a veteran's oral history project. The event will be held at the Historical Society, Friday November 20th at 11:00 AM.

Veterans participating will be interviewed by a high school student for approximately one hour. At the conclusion of the interview the veterans and students will have lunch together. We will conclude the day by offering a tour of our museum to any interested party.

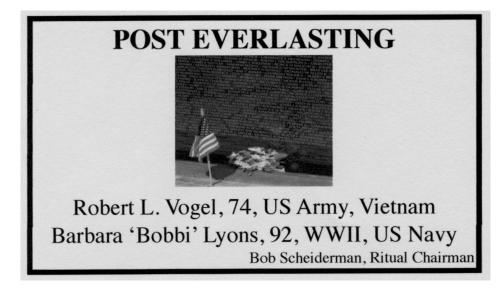
Students will submit to us a typed summary of their interview. We will evaluate the essays and recognize the best one submitted. Thank you so much for your service and we hope you are interested in this project. If you have any

questions or concerns please contact me at: schenkerjeffrey@vahoo.com or 609.339.9134 Sincerely, Jeff Schenker

POST 129 PHONE TREE



If you would like to be added to the phone tree contact Commander Rich Gato at 732-330-2430



SAL MESSAGE

It's that time of year again for the October newsletter. We at the SAL are busy planning for our fall and holiday events! October 24th we have our End of the Summer Bash from 1pm-5pm. This will be held in the picnic area and if the weather doesn't cooperate, we will have it inside. The price is \$15 and we will have live entertainment from the band "Who are you Guys". This will include food and \$1.50 draft beer.

Also coming up is the Halloween Parade on October 31st and the Veterans Day Parade on November 11th. We will need SAL members to march for both of these parades.

We will then have our annual POW/MIA Christmas Tree lighting on December 5th at 7pm. This is a great event to attend.

The following week on December 12th is the Army/Navy game. There is no charge to attend and we will be holding a 50/50 raffle at \$5 per ticket and only 300 will be sold. We will also be raffling off a 55" flat screen HD TV for \$10 and only 200 tickets will be sold for that so your chances are good for winning! We will be also giving a free half time buffet for the game. We had a great time last year and we hope to see a great turnout again.

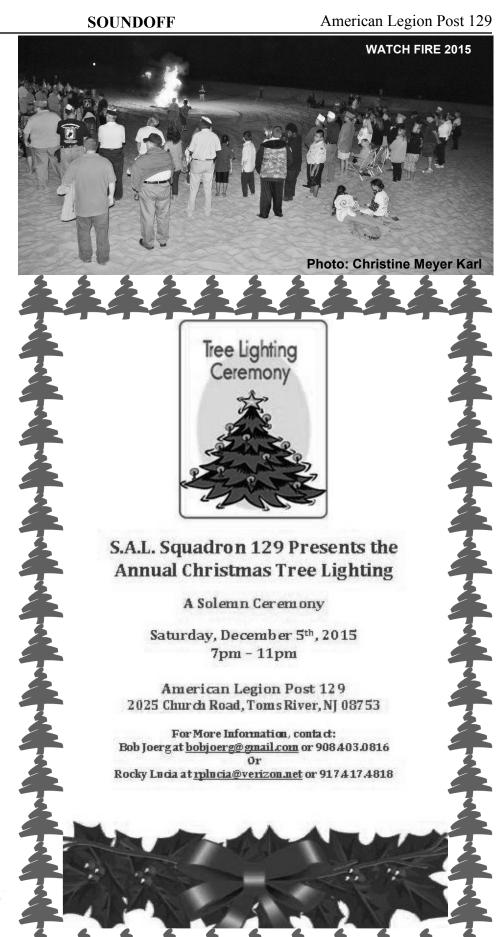
Finally, a reminder to pay your 2016 dues. We have the cards in house and your 2015 cards will expire on December 31st so please renew as soon as you can. As an added convenience, you can renew online on at our website www.salpost129.com.

We look forward to a great turnout for our upcoming events and, as always, we need volunteers to help us set up, break down, etc. Whatever you can do to come out and help us for a couple hours is greatly appreciated.

For God & Country,

Robert Joerg Commander SAL Squadron 129







THE CELEBRATION

THE 100TH NATIONAL CONVENTION Minneapolis - Aug. 24-30, 2018



The 100th American Legion National Conventions 2018 kicks off a 15 month commemoration to honor the organization's first century of service and propel it into the second.

Minneapolis, home of the 1st American Legion National convention in 1919, will serve as host city of the 100th National Convention August 24-30, 2018. Centennial events and activities will be conducted at the national, department and post levels through the 101st National convention in Indianapolis August 23-29, 2019, and will culminate on Veterans' Day 2019.

Here at Post 129 we are in the process of forming a centennial committee. More information will be posted on our website and through the Phone Tree messaging system. If members have American Legion or Post artifacts, photos and other memorabilia no matter how old or new, please share with us. We will make copies of photos and pictures of memorabilia and return to the owner. Please contact the Post AND

Please visit our Centennial site at: legion.org/centennial. Click on New Jersey, then Post 129 and check our time-line and pictures. More will be added soon.

Bob Scheiderman, Adjutant

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

Memberships are coming in at a steady pace and I appreciate all your rapid response.

If you have not received your renewal form as of yet please contact me @ 732-272-7552. National sent many by e-mail and also in letter form.

The Units goal is high again this year. With all of your help we can do it.

You are "Keeping Us Strong" Laurinda Miller





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...for the next issue (January-February) is December 15. Submissions can be e-mailed to:

soundoff.al.post129@outlook.com

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Al Harbord, 1038 Audubon Drive, Toms River, NJ 08753.

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Other sizes available upon request.

ON LINE AT...

http://soundoffalpost129.wix.com/soundoff

WEB: http://post129.com

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AUXILIARY NEWS

We are now five months into the new fiscal year. Our unit committee chairpersons are eagerly striving to accomplish the aims and purposes of the American Legion Auxiliary. This is evidenced by the hard work and loyalty they show to the organization. Projects have included collecting soda can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. The tabs are recycled into money for lodging of families in need of shelter, while their children are hospitalized for serious illness. Please keep bringing your tabs to meeting or drop off at post. Another project is collecting "Food" coupons for Military Family overseas. Clip the coupons and bring to the meetings. We also collect "Box Tops" for Education, Campbell Soup labels or any items that has an education label or stamp. These items are distributed to local schools in Toms River. Our deployed soldiers are in need of regular size toiletries. toothpaste, toothbrush, feminine products, razors, shaving cream, lotion etc. All of these projects are ongoing. Everyone's assistance is needed to accomplish the aims and purposes of the American Legion Auxiliary.

At the Oct. 5, 2015 Auxiliary meeting a decision was made by proper vote to change the unit's meeting night to the second Monday of the month. The next unit meeting will be held on Monday Nov. 9, 2015 at 7 PM in the main hall.

The unit's next fundraiser is Saturday, November 28, 2015. Holiday Craft Fair; bring a friend or relative and a shopping bag. Holiday shopping under one roof. Now that's convenience.

Happy Holidays, enjoy your

families and friends.

Say a prayer for our members who are experiencing difficult times, pray that their burdens are lifted.

For God and Country
Patricia Corbin Unit President
Thought: Adventure is the spice of
life



BINGO

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

Progressive Refreshments served

50/50 - Mystery Prizes

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7	25	44	57	62
15	22	4 0	50	70
11	30	FREE SPACE	46	74
2	28	37	55	68
10	27	39	59	75

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT # 129



JOIN US FOR A GREAT DAY OF SHOPPING

at the

American Legion Post # 129

Saturday, November 28, 2015

10 AM - 3 PM 2025 Church Rd., Toms River, NJ

Shopping totes to 1st 100 adults!

Beanie Baby to 1st 30 children!

Jersey Girl Crafts (Decorative Wine Glasses)

Lave Soap

NORM'S WOODEN TOYS

Bowrific

Wicked Good Spices

Swarovski Crystal

Fandangle Jewelry

And much more!!!

LEGION MEMBERSHIP

It's that time of the year again and 2016 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.

As I stated in the last issue of the SOUNDOFF national is increasing our dues by \$5.00 per member by this December. That means for each member we pay out \$28.50 out of your \$40.00 dues which leaves the post \$11.50 per member. We are trying to keep our dues at \$40.00. I am asking that everyone send in their dues before December 15th so that we can beat the deadline for the dues increase and be able to keep our programs going and continue to support our veterans, their families, and the community. Thank you in advance for helping us stay the course "veterans still serving America"

Remember, membership is the life blood of this great organization, as I always say please reach out and encourage your family members, friends, co-workers and recent veterans that are returning home to join this great organization of veterans. By keeping our membership strong we are ensuring that the American Legion remains the most powerful voice in America on behalf of veterans, service members, their families, and communities across the nation.

Any questions fell free to call 732-604-8326 or e-mail rjg548@comcast.net

For God And Country Rich Godfrev Ocean County Membership Chairman

SOCIAL MEDIA AND WEBSITE

Hello everybody!

We have a new website address and Facebook Group page address! The new website URL is: http://post129.com and our new Facebook Group address is: https://www.facebook.com/groups/post129/ I am going to be helping out with the website as well as continuing to post on our FACEBOOK page.

I need your help! Please forward all Post, Unit, Squadron, Riders. Canteen, Kitchen, functions - promotions - events - flyers to me so I can get them on our website calendar and Facebook page.

You can email me at dcurran1@gmail.com or find me on Facebook @ https://www.facebook.com/dancurranTR

Thank you for your help!! Regards, Dan Curran

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

Birthstone

November 2015

Yellow Topaz

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saints Day Day Light Savings Time ends.	2 General Meeting 7 PM	3 Election Day VOTE Early and Often Sadie Hawkins day	4	5 B I N G O 7 25 44 57 62 15 22 40 50 70 11 30 46 74 2 2 28 37 55 68 10 27 39 59 75	6	7
8	9 Auxiliary Meeting 7 PM	1 Happy Birthday United States Marine Corp. 1775	11 Veterans' Day	12 F N G O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O	13	14
15	16 Board Mtg. 7:00PM	17	18	19 B N G O 7 25 44 57 62 15 22 40 50 70 11 30 46 74 2 28 37 55 68 10 27 39 59 75	20	21
22 Veterans' Turkey Dinner Noon-4PM	23 Riders Mtg. 7:00PM	24	25 Full Beaver Moon	26 TURKEY DAY NO BINGO	27	28 Auxiliary Craft/Vendor Show
29	30		A Ship without Marines is like a garment without buttons. Adm. Porter, 1863			Be Slow Of Giving Advice, Ready To Do A Service'

The United States Marine Corp, born at the 'Tun Tavern', Philadelphia November 10, 1775, Happy 'Two Hundred Fortieth' Birthday

NOVEMBER ENTERTAINMENT

Friday November 6th The Crosstones Saturday November 7th Brian Smallwood

Friday November 13 The Mango's Saturday November 14th Jersey Girls **Karoeke**

Friday November 20th The True Tones Saturday November 21st Jeff Lakata



Thursday November 26th Thanksgiving Day

Friday November 27th The Dee Cee's Saturday November 28th Phil Cenecola

The Dee Cee's Phil Cenecola From The Streethearts

Turquoise

December: From the Latin word for "tenth" since it was the tenth month of the Roman year.

Birthstone

December 2015

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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Christmas is joy, religious joy, an inner joy of light and peace. Pope Francis		1	2	3 B I N G O 7 25 44 57 62 15 22 40 50 70 11 30 46 74 2 28 37 55 68 10 27 39 59 75	4	5 SAL POW Tree Lighting 7-11PM
6 Hanukkah	7 Pearl Harbor Day General Mtg 7 PM	In Flanders Fields Published 1915	9 SAL Mtg. 7:00PM	10 8 I N G O 7 25 44 57 62 15 22 40 50 70 11 30 44 67 4 2 28 37 55 68 10 27 39 59 75	11	12 SAL Army/Navy Game Party
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20 Legion Aux. Children's Christmas Party	21 Board Mtg. 7:00PM Winter Begins	22	23	24 8 1 N G O 7 25 44 57 62 15 22 40 50 70 11 30 46 74 2 28 37 55 68 10 27 39 59 75	25 Christmas Day Full Cold Moon	26
27 Beware the Pogonip	28 Riders Mtg. 7:00PM	29	30	31 New Years Eve Party Bye-Bye '15		Good resolutions are checks drawn on a bank where we have no account.

The **United States Army National Guard** December 13, 1636, is the oldest component of the Armed Forces of the United States.

DECEMBER ENTERTAINMENT

Friday December 4th The Crosstones Saturday December 5th Lou Abbato

Friday December 11th The True Tones Saturday December 12th Jersey Girls

Friday December 18th The Dee Cee's Saturday December 19th Brian Smallwood

Friday December 25th * No Band*-Merry Christmas Saturday December 26th Phil Cenecola From The Streethearts Thursday December 31st New Years Eve The True Tones



Tickets Available November 1st Until November 15th For Post Members Only. Tickets Are Available To The General Public After November 15th. This Event Sells Out Quickly-Don't Delay. See Flyer

CANTEEN NEWS

Eric Inauen

Fall is here, and as things are cooling down outside, the Canteen is heating up inside. As a matter of fact, it's on fire. Thank God for sprinklers.

Members and their Guests

continue to flock to the Canteen to have a great time. And why not? They have worked hard, and deserve it. At the Canteen, we don't have happy hours, we have happy days. The only person missing is Fonzie.

The Bunker had its best year ever. It did so well, we decided to

let it hibernate for the winter. Joe (Sgt. Major), who was there almost every day, did a fantastic job, keeping the Bunker operating like a fine tuned M-60 machine gun. Besides all of our picnics and outside parties, Trustee Mike Dolan had Wednesday Nights jumping with our ever expanding Horse Shoe League.

On the first Tuesday of the summer months, The Riders, under Art Brown, sponsored their Bike and Antique Car Night, with Live Entertainment. The turnouts were large, and we expect them to only get bigger next year.

The Canteen continues to provide top notch entertainment for our Members every Friday and Saturday Night. On Fridays, our regular bands are the True Tones, the Dee Cee's and the Crosstones. On Saturdays, it's Jersey Girl (Karaoke), Phil Cenecola (from the Streethearts), Brian Smallwood & Lou Abbato.

We are now half way through the NFL Season. During the games on Sunday, we offer \$1.50 Domestic Draft Pints, along with various drink specials. When you arrive at the Canteen, Duke or Dave will give you a free raffle ticket. At the end of each quarter, we draw a ticket. The winner receives one of our great giveaways. Ryan's Catering also offers its Low Price Football Menu. So, if you like Pro Football, and who doesn't, come on down and enjoy the game, the food and a beverage every Sunday.

Speaking of Ryan's Catering, Chef Mike Speary, continues to dazzle us with great food, from Appetizers to entrees. Ryan's still has its Saturday Night Special, two (2) for \$20 dinners. It includes 2 soup or salad appetizers, 2 entrees, and a shared dessert for \$20.

UP COMING EVENTS: Our Halloween Costume Party will

"ATTENTION ALL POST 9/11 VETERANS"

(Including Active Duty, Guard & Reserve)



Please Join us at;



THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY'S "VETERANS FORUM"

Saturday, November 7, 2015 9:00a.m. – 1:00p.m.

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

The American Legion cordially extends an invitation to <u>"all"</u>Veterans to attend

Forum to include;

The American Legion - "Our Mission"

What the American Legion is doing and can do for "you" our current Veterans

Update on Veterans Benefits (VA & State)

Current 9/11 Veteran Speakers

Vendor and Service Provider tables

Question & Answer Session











"Serving Those Who Served"

be held on Friday, October 30, from 7 to 11PM. There will be prizes for Best Male, Best Female and Best Couple costumes. There may be more prizes if Commander Gato doesn't win this year. Entertainment will be provided by the Crosstones.

<u>Veterans Day</u> is on Wednesday, November 11. After the parade, everyone is invited back to the Canteen for a buffet and \$1.50 Domestic Draft Pints.

<u>Country Night</u> will be held on Saturday, November 21, from 5 to 11PM. Tickets are \$25, and includes a buffet. Performing live, in the Hall, will be Nikki Briar and the Sweet Briar Band. Because of her popularity and talent, this event will be a sell out, so buy your tickets early.

Post 129's POW-MIA Christ-mas Tree Lighting will be held on Saturday, December 5, in the Hall. Members from all over the county attend this event to honor our Prisoners of War and those still Missing In Action. So come out and support our heroes.

Our New Year's Eve Party will be held on Thursday, December 31, from 8PM to 1AM, in the Hall. Tickets are \$85, which includes Dinner, Dancing and a Top Shelf Open Bar. Entertainment will be provided by the True Tones, who do a great job every year. Tickets will go on sale November 1. From November 1 through November 20, tickets will be sold to Members Only. After November 20, tickets will be available to non-members.

The last two years drew sellout crowds. Last year, tickets were sold out by December 1. So don't wait! Tickets will not be sold at the door.

So stop by the Canteen, where you will be welcomed and served by our friendly bartenders: Duke, Warren, Bernice, Robin, Dave, Lisa, Lori, Joe, Gabriella, Danielle and Nikki. When you come in, you'll enjoy our 6 HD TV's, our

Juke Box, Live Entertainment, Hot Food 7 days a week, and of course, Your Friends.

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



RIDERS MESSAGE

Hot summer riding is obviously behind us, but most of our riders enjoy riding in September. October and November into the fall. September will always be remembered by our group for Run for the Fallen. Our entire American Legion family of Post 129 takes part with the "Run", having the runners stop for the evening and having their dinner at the post. The Riders, as well as other members of the Post meet and greet family members along the route from Bayville thru Beachwood, South Toms River and into Toms River. It is a humbling experience for our members to meet fathers, mothers, and other family members of the men we honor with the "Run". It is obviously nice to ride our motorcycles for fun runs and BBQ's, but honoring Veterans is what we do, and I am proud of our membership for doing it well.

In November we will be doing Thanksgiving and in doing so we give thanks to not only our families, but thanking the military and their families for their sacrifice to make this and all holidays possible.

Winter months will be upon us soon, riding will be fewer than usual, but many of us will be involved in Christmas "toy runs" as long as the weather will allow.

We of the Riders wish all our brothers and sisters of Post 129 a wonderful and safe holiday season.

For God & Country, Art Brown





COMMANDERS MESSAGE

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asked to attend this meeting and support our neighbors, who have been supportive of us.

Members of our Post also participated in Watchfire on the beach in Seaside Heights. This ceremony started at 7:00 PM and the fire burned until 8:00AM the following morning until all tattered and worn flags were properly disposed of.

The German/American Club hosted the first ever Octoberfest in our banquet hall. The event, complete with authentic cuisine, attire and music was sold out.

Our Riders have been quite busy this year attending numerous events for other Posts as well as the Elks, and the Blue Knights. It is important to attend these events since these organizations reciprocate and make our events that much more successful.

I received a request from the Superintendent of Schools from Ocean Gate, Frank Vanalesti, asked if the American Legion could supply him with a new flag for their outdoor flag pole. I responded to the school and found out that the students raise and lower the flag every day and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Vanalesti informed me that his school is very patriotic. I informed him that members of our Post would be happy to attend a school function in the future. I also discovered that Mr. Vanalesti is a Rider.

The Boy Scouts recently completed building 8 handicapped accessible picnic benches and on October 17th, an Eagle Scout project will take place at our picnic grove where an additional 8 tables

will be built as well as renovating our bocce court... If you are available that day, stop by and lend some encouragement.

The EPA has reviewed our updated application and has asked us to "tweak" a few items which we are in the process of doing. As soon as we get approval, we can move forward with the Pavilion and the Monument.

I want to thank my Executive Board and Trustee's for all the support that they have given me. This not a one man show.

In closing, let's not forget our collection box in the hallway. Please continue to bring non perishable items into the Post.

P.T.S.D. Not all wounds are visible

Rich Gato Commander



New post member Dan McGuiness presents a well worn 48 star flag to Commander Rich Gato. The flag was carried throughout Europe during WWI by the brother of a friend of his. It will be framed and displayed in the meeting hall, the flag is approaching 100 years in age.



Shuffleboard League started September 22, 2015 but if you want to get in on the play call John Loiacono at 732-278-3933



New Year's Eve Celebratioz

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

Thursday December 31st 8 PM–1 AM This Event Sells Out Early–\$85.00–Buy Your Tickets Now

Tickets will be available Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at the Post Between 6 & 8 PM or by calling Maryellen DelNero at 732-859-1532. Please Dress Appropriately, no jeans.

Hors d'oeuvres



Pre-Set Jumbo Shrimp Cocktail Scallop Wrapped In Bacon Crab Cakes Fruit & Cheese Platter

Mini Quiche

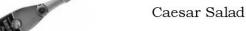
Beef Tenderloin Canapes



★ OPEN BAR ★

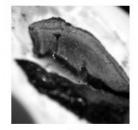






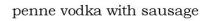


Chicken Saltimbocca with Prosciutto, Mozzarella over sautéed spinach



Carved Filet Mignon with Horseradish sauce

Stuffed flounder with crabmeat



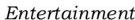




Chocolate Fountain w/Accompaniments

Coffee & Tea







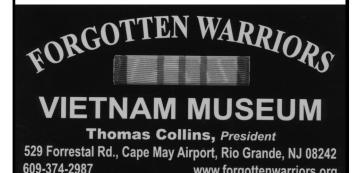




1:00 AM "Jersey Shore" Breakfast (Pork Roll & Cheese Sandwich Wrapped and Ready To Go)



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www.forgottenwarriors.org



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Realtor Associate

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