



# SOUNDOFF

September-October 2014

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

## COMMANDERS MESSAGE

It seems that summer has roared by once again since as usual the Post has been very busy. The Bunker Bar has been especially active this year with all of our members enjoying the great nostalgic setting it provides. The Horseshoe League is growing leaps and bounds under the direction of Mike "the painter" Dolan. The Dart League is now forming and the area is being prepped alongside the Bunker Bar as well. The new Bocce Court is nearly complete. Anyone interested in participating in this newly formed league is asked to contact myself.

The BBQ area has recently been converted to Natural Gas. The Propane tanks will be removed shortly. The stonework was done by Fireman "Rick" and the granite tops were provided by H & S Stone in Lakewood. They provided the labor at no cost to us. The new grills have been pur-

chased and a new pagoda style roof is in the works.

The Pavilion is close to fruition. We have cleared several legal challenges and are waiting for a zoning board date to appear. I was informed last night that our Chaplain Mike Schaeffer has once again performed one of his miracles. He has made contact with a company that will provide the roof for our Pavilion at no cost to us.

You may recall in my previous newsletter that we received a Chevy van with a wheelchair lift from the People's Pantry Relief Center. This van complete with wheelchair lift was made road worthy with a generous donation by Dennis Grella from Dennis' Service Station. We then brought it to Coury's Auto Body where Jack Wilson assessed the damage. Jack basically rebuilt our van, replaced many of the missing items and painted the entire van. It looks like a brand new vehicle. The cost of this project was \$7,400. Coury's Auto Body donated the entire amount to our Post.

I might add that Jack is also a veteran. Thanks Jack.

By the time you receive this newsletter the floor replacement will be complete. The floors in the canteen as well as the 5 bathrooms, the hallways, the bar office, the banquet hall bar and the walk in box will all be replaced.

All of these projects could not be completed without the generous donations of our various organizations within. These funds are generated by hard work. This includes a great job by the bar committee.

We are the Host Post for two major events. Saturday, September 27th is the Run For The Fallen. Our Post has been an active participant since its inception. The run will end Saturday evening at our Post with a buffet dinner and will resume its run the following morning to the Viet Nam War Memorial.

The next major event will be the Hiring Our Hero's. This event is held in conjunction with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Department of Labor Veterans Employment, and the New Jersey Committee of Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Goodwill Industries, and NBC News. You may recall that our Post sponsored the first ever Hiring Our Hero's. It has now come full circle after traveling the country. Members will be needed that day for a meet and greet of our troops.

On another note, if you were a "Blue Water Veteran" as well as having served on the inland waterways in Viet Nam, you may be entitled to Veterans Benefits for  
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## RIDERS MESSAGE

Well the weekend weather has been very good for our Riders. Many lunch runs and just fun getting together. The most important news of our group was the success of our June 1st fund raiser. Quite the success. When the monies were counted our group was able to donate \$10,000.00 to VetWork of Lacey Twp. We be-



lieve this is a very worthwhile charity. They assure me that the entire \$10,000.00 goes directly to veterans in need. We were also able to contribute \$10,000.00 to the post with a portion of that money being designated to our new handicap access doors.

Many of you have seen the granite stones that we dedicated to the fallen heroes that we have escorted home over the years. We are in the process, working with our members, on building an area in the picnic grove that the entire post will be proud of.

You are all aware by now that one of our members "Duke" Haring and his wife "Cookie" were in a motorcycle accident in Toms River. Cookie was able to come home the next day but Duke was laid up in the hospital with sur-

gery and a stint in rehab. Duke is now home and we are all looking forward to him being back behind the bar where he belongs.

A lot of traveling was done this season. In April, Chaplain Mike Schaffer led a group to Roanoke Virginia for the first overnight stay of the season. In June I was able to travel to North Carolina and Tennessee with Joe Wiz and a few police friends. We traveled "Tail of the Dragon" in Tennes-

see, 318 curves in 11 miles in the mountains. In July Chaplain Mike again led a large group to Gettysburg Pa. for their annual bike week. Great times with great friends. Al Gashler is at the time of my writing this on his way back from Sturgis, South Dakota for their annual motorcycle rally. And yes Al rode the whole way on his Victory motorcycle.

We still have lots of good weather ahead of us for our riding season. Looking forward to telling you about our fun runs of the summer.

For God & Country,  
Art Brown



## VetWork Stats

These stats cover October 2012 (last breakfast) to September 30, 2013

1,866 veterans were provided services

546 veterans received transportation services

88 Sandy victims received services

DONATIONS OF MONEY PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING SERVICES TO CLIENTS:

NUMBER OF HOMELESS VETERANS: 57

NUMBER OF HOMELESS VETERANS MOVED INTO PERMANENT HOUSING: 37

NIGHTS OF EMERGENCY SHELTER:  
938 NIGHTS - (134 WEEKS)  
(AVERAGE WEEKLY COST \$250.00)

Rental Assistance: 9

Utility Assistance: 5

Client Tank Fill Up: 6

Clothing: 5

Furniture: 2

NUMBER OF FAMILIES W/ CHILDREN ASSISTED AT THE HOLIDAYS: 184

DONATIONS OF FOOD TO THE WILLIAM REEVES FOOD PANTRY PROVIDED FOOD FOR 2100 PEOPLE

<http://vetwork.org/>

## YANKEES BUS TRIP

On July 20th a bus load of Post 129 members went to see the Yankees play the Cincinnati Reds. While most on the bus were Yankee Fans, this particular game was picked because Toms Rivers and Post 129's own favorite son plays for the Reds.



Anyone that lives in Toms River and follows baseball knows that Todd Frazier plays third Base for the Reds. For several years I had the ultimate pleasure of watching this young man play (my son was on his little league team). Everyone there knew there something

special about him. Playing for High School South and for our Post in American Legion ball and finally at Rutgers. Watching him grow up and not only become a phenomenal ball player but one of the nicest kids you can imagine. He comes from a great family which I am sure has a lot to do with why him and his brothers

turned out to be not only great athletes but also great people. Todd must love Toms River as much as I do because he still lives here and recently purchased a home for his family to live here.

I came up with the idea of salut-

ing him with this banner. He even acknowledge us by hitting a home run that dropped right in front of our section where we were sitting. You could not have asked for a better script of course my hated Yankee's won the game but for me that home run said it all. My favorite player from the greatest town hit a homerun for the greatest American Legion Post in the country at Yankee stadium. What a great time we had, what a great day it was.

Todd's biggest Fan

Michael Dolan



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

**Progressive**

**Refreshments served  
50/50 - Mystery Prizes**

B I N G O				
7	25	44	57	62
15	22	40	50	70
11	30	FREE SPACE	46	74
2	28	37	55	68
10	27	39	59	75



**U.S. AIR FORCE**

1949:

The Air Force flight of the "Lucky Lady II" demonstrated the Air Force's capability to fly, non-stop round the world, showing it could take off from the U.S. and drop bombs anywhere in the world. [www.military.com](http://www.military.com)

(submitted by Bob Schiederman)



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## AUXILIARY MESSAGE

Happy Fall everyone hope you had a healthy, safe summer.

The Ladies of the Auxiliary have a few events planned for the upcoming year, the first one being A Fall Flea Market in September, and a Bunco in October. Flyers will be posted for upcoming events as they get closer.

On September 20, 2014 the Auxiliary will be sponsoring a Fall

Indoor/Outdoor Flea Market. The event will be 9AM-3PM rain or shine. The cost is \$20.00 for inside tables (provided) and \$10.00 outside (must provide your own table). Payments must be made in advance to hold your space. Contact: Carol 732-929-0568 or Paula 732-773-1962.

In July a picnic was held in the grove for Veteran residents of 2 local nursing homes, Bey Lea and Chelsea House. The residents enjoyed traditional picnic fare and played plunger horse-shoes and bean ball toss. They

were given beads, dog tags, and mini footballs. Before leaving there was a sing-a-long where all joined in and a great time was had by all. Thank you to all the members of both the Auxiliary and Post for their help in making it the success it was.

For God and Country  
Jane Keeley



American Legion Auxiliary Unit 129

## Fall Indoor/Outdoor



## Flea Market



Saturday, September 20, 2014

9 AM—3 PM

Rain or Shine

**Inside Tables \$20.00 (Tables Provided)**

**Outside \$10.00 (must provide your own tables)**

**Payments must be made in advance to hold your space**

**Contact: Carol 732-929-0568 or**

**Paula 732-773-1962**

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## Sunday PASTA Dinners Served from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

### Includes

Anthony Brielle House Salad  
and Dressing

Fresh Baked Garlic Bread

### Your Choice of Pasta

Penne, Rigatoni, Linguini,  
Fettuccini, Angel Hair,  
Tortellini (\$1 extra)

### Your Choice of Sauce

Garlic and Oil with Anchovy  
and Pimento \$8

Imported Plum

Tomato Marinara \$7

Classic Alfredo \$9

Vodka Rose Sauce \$9

Jimmy's D'Angelo (shallots,  
wine, butter, prosciutto, peas,  
cream, tomatoes and basil) \$11

### Ala Carte Sides

Meatballs \$1 a piece, Roasted  
Rope Sausage \$2,

Warmed Seasoned Ricotta \$3

### Ala Carte Desserts

Cannoli Stuffed to Order \$3

Warm Waffle and Ice Cream

"Sandwich" with Nutella \$4

Dressing available to go

\$10 per quart

## SAL MESSAGE

Dear Brothers,

Time is surely flying and we are nearing the end of summer and heading into the fall. The SAL is having a 50/50 that will be drawn at the Post 129 Halloween party. Only 200 tickets will be sold at \$10.00 per ticket which means the winner will receive \$1000.00!! You will be able to purchase the tickets at the bar or from one of the board members.

We have completely computerized membership this year. Can you please email Rocky Lucia at [rplucia@verizon.net](mailto:rplucia@verizon.net) with a current email address and phone number? This will allow us to keep everyone's records updated, and more importantly, contact everyone about our monthly meetings and all other SAL events. If you do not have an email address, you can text or call Rocky at 917-417-4818. Also, early bird membership cards for 2015 are in so mail in your dues or drop them off at the post and we will process and get your new card out immediately.

Our meetings are on the second Wednesday of every month starting promptly at 7:00 PM. We really hope to see some new faces at our meetings. Remember, you are the membership and we cannot be successful without everyone's input. So please help me and my board so we can have a great year. The board is working hard on a lot of fun events for this year and we would love your assistance. In closing, I would like to thank everyone for their support.

For God & Country,  
Bob Joerg  
SAL Commander



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DETACHMENT OF NEW JERSEY



# 24TH ANNUAL



SEPTEMBER 20TH 2014

12 HOUR VIGIL 7 PM - 7AM

WHERE: BEACHSIDE ON HEIRING AVENUE  
SEASIDE HEIGHTS, NEWJERSEY 08751

**THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: EMAIL: [WATCHFIRE@NJSAL.ORG](mailto:WATCHFIRE@NJSAL.ORG)

## Post 129

*Toms River, New Jersey*

*2 Soups ~ 2 Salads ~ 2 Entrees*

*1 Shared Dessert*

*A Better Deal Just Can't Be Found!*



***Saturday Night Specials***

***2 For \$20.00 Dinners***



## Join us in being a Gold Star Memorial Supporter:

At our last General meeting, our officers and members approved our participation in a project to help raise funds for a Gold Star Families Memorial To be located on the grounds of the

### *New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial, Holmdel, N.J.*

Post 129 has acquired Gold Stars, and for a **\$5.00 DONATION**, you can have a Star with your name, or the name of a loved one, or your favorite Branch of Service, or division; Seals, Navy aviation, Navy Waves, etc. Perhaps a Star with "Thanks" for those that have paid the ultimate price for the things we all take for granted. How about a Star as a small Memorial to your loved one? The list is endless. These Stars will remain on display at Post 129 through-out the entire month of September, 2014.

This event is closely tied to our annual

## RUN FOR THE FALLEN...

...a four day event during which runners, carrying our National colors, run from Cape May to Holmdel, in Honor, support, gratitude & Remembrance of our Fallen Heroes. They will have dinner at the end of day 2 at your Post Home in Toms River, and on day 3 at 6:45 AM resume their run from the Brick Elks Lodge.

Sunday, September 28, 2014 is **National Gold Star Mother/Family Day**, and that is the date chosen for ground-breaking, with anticipated completion target for mid-2015.

We hope you will support this most worthwhile event. Please mail your **\$5.00 DONATION**, and we will post a Star with your dedication as directed...or better yet, come to the Post and get your Star posted...or two or more.

## Gold Star...

...an organization no one ever wants to join !

## MYSTERY OF GOLD STAR REVEALED

### WORLD WAR II CASUALTY HONORED WITH UNIQUE FLAG

When the body of Navy Corpsman William Winfield Colgan, who was killed on action in World War II, returned home, his family noticed something different about the flag that had been draped over his coffin.

Instead of the typical white

stars, the flag had 48 gold stars. Now, years later, the family may have gotten some insight into the meaning behind those gold stars.

"I got tired of people saying that this flag was not a legitimate flag, so I got in touch with the Bureau of Navy Medicine," Shirley Colgan Goodwyne said in an e-mail to the newspaper. The family also sent out requests to various other authorities including those at the Smithsonian, the Flag Research Center and the Naval Historical Center, she said.

On Feb. 16, 2011 the family received an e-mail response from Andre B. Sobocinski with the Of-

fice of Medical History and Archivist.

After consulting several respected authorities at the Smithsonian, the flag Research Center, Naval Historical Center and the Navy Memorial Sobocinski said, "there is still a lot of conjecture, but there is no doubt that the gold star flag is an official flag and you should fly it with great pride."

According to the e-mail, Sobocinski said based on his discussions, "my guess is that when the remains returns were beginning, the U.S. Army (Quartermaster Corps) or the overseas cemetery people contracted local and regional flag makers to make the standard 48 star flags rather than send home to the states for such work and wait for flags to be shipped. It seems likely that those involved were aware that in the U.S. the mothers of deceased service men from World War I formed an organization known as Gold Star Mothers. They took their name from the American practice of depicting deceased men on local service flags with gold stars."

The flags, which consisted of a blue field with white and gold stars and no stripes were used by some large organizations in World War II to show the Participation of that group in the war effort, Sobocinski said.

Note: Cogan's Gold Star flag was flown over Cape May's Sunset Beach on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

From NJ News at:  
MyCentralJersey.com

(submitted by Bob Schiederman)



## CHAPLAINS MESSAGE

Michael Schaffer

### PEOPLE OF HOPE

Any person living in the world today faces a choice between hope and despair. We can live with the conviction that our life has meaning and will one day be fulfilled; or we can make our way aimlessly through life with nothing to look forward to.

The person without hope is barely alive, their wish is to lie down and sleep and never wake up, and their desire is to one day cease to be.

They reach this state of despair when their life is disrupted and they feel that their future has been destroyed.

We need to be people of hope, who have been loved and have loved in return, and desire that this love would be without end.

Brothers and sisters do not let your pains of the day, or your concerns for tomorrow weigh you down. Be an inspiration to others, lift them up, show them that no matter what their concerns are that you will have their back. The person they can reach out for to get them through their day and hopefully they will pay it forward to support another.



The official birthday of the United States Air Force is 18 September 1947

It was a momentous event that over six decades later has demonstrated the achievement of an Air Force second-to-none, yet the Air Force's history and heritage goes back a lot further.

From the time that the US military purchased its first aircraft in 1909 up to 1947, the US Air Force did not exist as a separate and independent military service organization. It went through a series of designations: Aeronautical Section, Signal Corps (1909); Aviation Section, Signal Corps (1914); United States Army Air Service (1918); United States Army Air Corps (1926); United States Army Air Forces (1941).

World War II illustrated the value of airpower, and the need to change

the basic organization of the US Military Forces. The result was the creation of a single Department of Defense with a strong Joint Chiefs of Staff with Army, Navy and Air Force chiefs. In 1947 President Truman Signed the National Security Act which established this new defense organization, and along with it the creation of the US Air Force as an independent service, equal to the US Army and US Navy.

Through the years history has shown the wisdom and foresight of the creation of a separate Air Force. The US Air Force emerged quickly from its cradle and began to create its own history and heritage.

[www.military.com](http://www.military.com)

(submitted by Bob Schiederman)



## American Legion Post 129 Annual Mike J. Carlino Memorial Golf Tournament

**Bey Lea Golf Course**  
**N.Bay Ave Toms River NJ**



**Wednesday, September 17, 2014**

Rain Date Thursday October 16, 2014

Proceeds to benefit Veterans and Active Duty Military

*Continental Breakfast at Bey Lea Golf Course*

*4 Man Teams - Shotgun Start - Best Ball Format*

*Buffet at American Legion Post 129 to Follow*

*Includes: Tap Beer & Soft Drinks Cash Bar for Mixed Drinks*

*Door Prizes - 50/50 - Raffles*

*Awards For: Top Team - Longest Drive - Hole in One*



Please Make Checks Payable to:  
American Legion Post 129

2025 Church Road, Toms River, NJ 08753

Info Contact John Loiacono 732-278-3933

**\$90.00 pp Includes Golf Fees and Cart**

**7:30 Breakfast - 8:30 Shotgun Start**

Team Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Player 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Player 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Player 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Player 4 \_\_\_\_\_



John Lynam and Al Kopec are actively restoring the 1917 75mm cannon in the rear of Post129. We just had the cannon raised from the grave by K-Welding of Lakewood, NJ who (with family) was treated to dinner at the post for completing the task. It is important that we alert member that a fund drive to purchase the cannon wheels (which can only be special ordered and made) will be ongoing to raise the \$1200 needed to have artillery/cannon spoke wheel experts to do that part of the restoration. There will be a "fund" jar with info to get our gal a new set of shoes. FYI President Harry Truman commanded a battery of just such French 75mm weapons. Once restoration is completed we are planning to tow the artillery piece at various parades and other Post 129 functions. All members are asked to please contribute to this restoration fund. Thank you and God Bless America.



## MEMBERSHIP

It's that time of the year again and the push is on for membership renewal. For those who have

paid early for 2015 thank you. If you haven't paid up for 2015 please send them in. We need your help to stay on top

I am asking all members of

this great Post to try and sign up at least one new member this year. So please reach out to your friends, neighbors, co-workers and family members and encourage them to join this great veteran organization. The more members we have the louder our voice is heard in Washington. That helps our veterans, and keeps the VA on the straight and narrow.

At this time I am requesting all members to send in a copy of their DD-214 or a copy of their discharge. As you know the IRS is going after non-profit organizations. When the IRS asks to see a member's paper work and we can't produce it we will be fined \$1000 per day until we can. Unfortunately we had a bad leak downstairs and a lot of our records were destroyed. So please send in a copy of your DD-214 or discharge. Thank you for your support in this important matter.

Your annual dues help support programs in your community and across the nation. American Legion programs and services include troop support, child & welfare foundation, heroes to home towns, American Legion baseball, department services, officers support network, flag advocacy & etiquette, junior ROTC & ROTC operation comfort warriors, scholarships, veteran's job fairs and many others

Thank you for 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 member that is struggling with their month to month bills and need help with their dues. Please contact me @ [rjg548@comcast.net](mailto:rjg548@comcast.net) or call me at 732-604-8326. I can help. For God and Country  
Rich Godfrey  
Membership chairman

## CANTEEN NEWS

Eric Inauen

**"ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?"** That's right, another football season has just begun. So come on over to the Canteen or the Bunker Bar, and root for your favorite team on Sunday.

**"SOME THINGS CHANGE, AND SOME THINGS REMAIN THE SAME"** What has changed? We have brand new floors in the Canteen, Bathrooms and Bar Area. Ryan's Catering will be offering half price food menus on NFL Sundays, all day long. Also, there are new grills and pavers down at our Bunker Bar.

What has remained the same? On NFL Sundays, \$1.50 Domestic Pint Draft Beer, which include Bud, Bud Lite, Coors Lite, Miller Lite and Yuengling. Premium Drinks and Specials at low, low prices. Six (6) HD TV's in the Canteen and 4 at the Bunker. Free prizes at the end of every NFL Quarter, and the enthusiasm of our fantastic bartenders. As usual, the patronage of our loyal members and guests remains as high as ever.

**THANK YOU** The bartenders and Bar Committee would like to thank all of our members and guests for their patience in bearing with us during our floor renovations. A special thanks to all of our members--Legionnaires, SAL, Auxiliary and Riders--who helped out in moving our furniture and heavy equipment, so the work could be accomplished quickly. Also our plumber, Jerry Delaney, for all of his work, and Bar Committeeman Mike Kelly, for installing the new bar rail.

Commander Rich Gato continues to search out and book the best available entertainment for Friday and Saturday Nights. On Friday

Night, our Rock Bands start performing at 7PM. On Saturday Nights, our Karaoke/DJ's also start at 7PM. Jimmy Smith at Ryan's catering is still putting out his four (4) page menu of delicious appetizers and entrees at bargain prices.



**"THERE IS A FIRST FOR EVERYTHING"** This can be said for our first, very successful, Wednesday Night Horse Shoe League, started by Trustee Mike Dolan. Mike said "you ain't seen nothing yet." Next year he plans to make it bigger and better. Our Bunker Bar Bartenders, Joe (Sgt. Major), Jen and Lisa have volunteered to expand the Bunker Bar hours from two nights and one day a week to six nights and 1 day (Sunday) a week.

**UM PA PA!** The SAL of Post 129 will be hosting its first Oktoberfest Party, on Saturday, October 25,

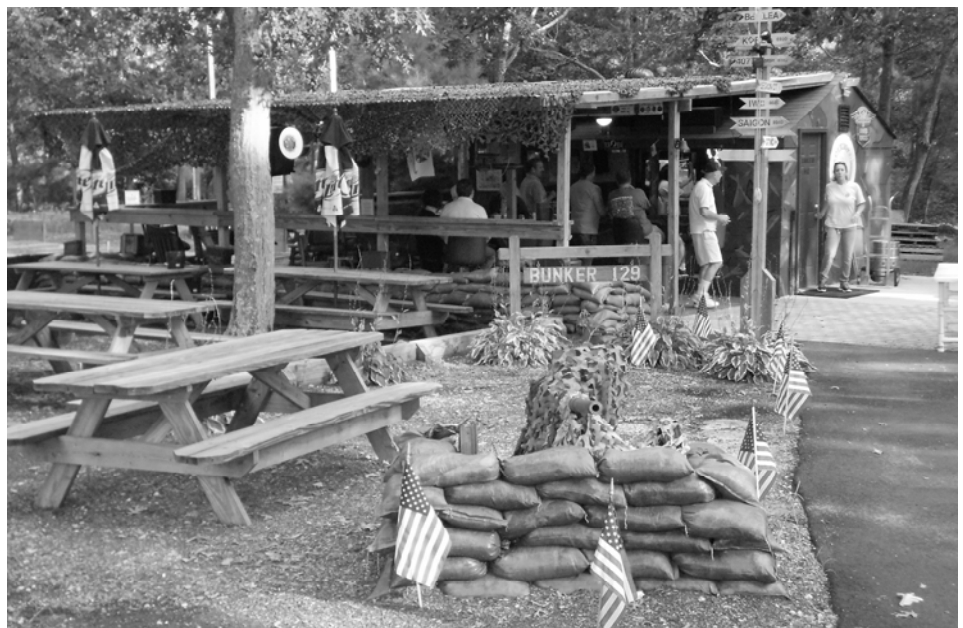
from 4 to 8PM, in the Hall. More information will be announced through the phone tree.

Speaking of events, the Canteen will be celebrating its Halloween Party, on Friday, October 31. Monster Mash to our Rock n Roll band, The True Tones. Prizes will be given out for the best costumes.

### **OUR BARTENDERS-**

Unfortunately, Duke, one of our bartenders, and his wife, Cookie, were involved in a motorcycle accident in July. Recently, Duke has stopped by the Canteen and advised us that he is doing well with his rehab. The Bartenders and the Bar Committee, along with the entire Post 129 Family, all wish Duke and Cookie successful and speedy recoveries. Bar Chairman Dave Kearns has praised our other bartenders, Wendy, Warren, Robin, Bernice, Lisa, Lori, Joe and Jen for stepping up to the plate as a team, in filling in for Duke.

**HOURS OF OPERATION** are from 11AM until closing (which varies based on the crowd and the day of the week). We have nine (9) beers on tap: Coors Lite, (continued page 10)



## CANTEEN NEWS

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Bud, Bud Lite, Miller Lite, Yuengling, Micholob Ultra, Bud Octoberfest, Sam Adams Summer Ale and Sam Adams Boston Lager. Our bottled beers are Coors Lite, Miller Lite, Bud, Bud Lite, Micholob Ultra, Becks, Corona, Corona Lite, Heineken, Heineken Lite, Stella, Coors Lite non alcoholic and Kaliper non alcoholic. We also have Guinness in cans.

**REMEMBER,** when you support American Legion Post 129, you support the best post in the USA.

## AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

Thank you ALL again in supporting and making our GOAL for National in 2014. Having a goal of 390 is not an easy task, but with your help WE DID IT! and went over. This made two years in a row and has made me very proud to be your Membership Chairperson. Can we do three?

Membership renewal forms for 2015 should be arriving soon, so the sooner you mail the check with the renewal form your card will be sent A.S.A.P.

Also, I have 30 members that still owe 2014 dues. Maybe, you just forgot, just give me a call so we can discuss any problem you may have.

Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month except in July. 7:00 P.M.

Come to a meeting and get involved in our activities.

Respectively yours,  
Laurinda A. Miller  
Membership Chair



## Post 129 Member Gets VFW Department of NJ Nod

Veterans of Foreign Wars members celebrated the homecoming of Conrad 'Connie' Hoffman at Brick VFW Post 8867 Saturday August 9<sup>th</sup>. Connie is the newly elected VFW Department Junior Vice Commander. Connie served as a combat medic in the Vietnam War with the First Air Cavalry unit and would graduate to the state commander position in two years, after next serving as the senior vice commander. Connie is a long time member of VFW Post 6063 here in Toms River.

"The policy is: No veteran left behind," Hoffman said. "That means making sure they receive medical care, benefits."

Connie is also a twenty-one year member of Post 129 and served for many years as our graves officer, placing flags at our local cemeteries on patriotic

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### Take The Wheel - Help Our Cause



**Saturday, October 4th, 2014**

**Food - Fun - Music - All Day Long!**



#### ➤ WHAT:

**Take a free test-drive and Ford Motor Company will donate up to \$6,000 to your cause.\***

The more people who drive, the more you'll earn for your organization.  
You do the math.



**WHERE: Downs Ford Inc**  
360 Hwy 37 East  
Toms River, NJ 08753  
(Across from Stop & Shop / Mc Donalds)



**WHEN: Saturday, October 4th, 2014 - RAIN OR SHINE**  
9:00am to 4:00pm

[drive4urcommunity.com](http://drive4urcommunity.com)

\*NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. MUST BE 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER WITH A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE AND VALID AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE. Donation of \$20 per valid test-drive, up to 300 total test-drives, for a maximum total donation of \$6,000 per event. Limit one (1) donation per household.

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(from page 10)

holidays. He is an active member of our color guard at our Toms River parades.

Post 129 officers and members congratulate Connie and wish him the best as he moves through the ranks at the VFW Department of New Jersey.

Excerpted from, APP article by Catherine Galioto  
(submitted by Bob Scheiderman)

## COMMANDERS MESSAGE

(from page1)

exposure to Herbicides (Agent Orange). Contact Service Officer Mike Kelly for verification.

As you know, our Post receives numerous requests for financial assistance. We have formed a committee headed by Mike Schaeffer who will review all requests for donations. Mike has developed a thorough system to vet these requests. It will then be presented to the Executive Board for approval prior to going to the membership. Over the years we have received requests from various individuals and organizations without any explanation of who they are and what the money is being utilized for.

This new program will keep more of our funds in house, thus allowing us to continue renovating, rebuilding and assisting other veteran causes.

It is imperative that I keep my remarks brief this newsletter. As you can see, the SOUNDOFF is growing leaps and bounds and as a result the cost of printing and mailing have increased. I can hear PJ groaning from here and

Al Harbord, our Editor in Chief is e-mailing me for my finished product so that we can go to press.

Feel free to contact me at any time with questions, concerns,

and ideas and of course - to volunteer. We are now preparing for our fall and winter programs.

Rich Gato - Commander  
732-330-2430

## NOTICE

The American Legion Riders of Post 129 have been reviewing plans for a monument that will be built in our picnic grove. This monument will honor the veterans that were killed in Afghanistan and Iraq. More specifically it will honor those individuals that were escorted home by members of the Riders. The monuments have already been cast and were on display at the Riders June 1<sup>st</sup> Poker Run/Family BBQ. The next phase will be the construction of the setting for those monuments including the pedestals, pavers and concrete bench as well as landscaping. Any member who feels they have the expertise for this important construction project, please contact Commander Rich Gato.

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## Post 129 Visits Washington, DC

Darlene Schiederman

Post 129 sponsored a three day bus trip to Washington during the third weekend of June.

A huge Thank-You is in order for each of you who attended our trip to Washington DC. We had excellent weather and the only thing better than the accommodations would be the company. We boarded the bus relative strangers and returned with a bus full of friends. We saw many interesting things during our visit. DC is certainly an interesting city to observe.

ment for all involved, especially during the playing of taps. This writer was impressed with the behavior of spectators as they respectfully observed the ceremony with complete silence.

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We are hoping to get another bus trip in before the year ends, and, have tentatively arranged a trip to Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun. We will be staying at **'Two Trees Inn at Foxwood'**. Arriving on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and departing on Tuesday November 4<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$239.00 per person\*. If interested please call Darlene at 732-341-7462 for more Information. \* (Must Be 21 Years of Age)



We visited the Vietnam Wall, Lincoln Memorial, World War II Memorial and the Martin Luther King Monument. On Friday evening we attended the US Marine Corp Sunset Parade at the marine barracks. We had the privilege of being there with our country's latest Medal of Honor Recipient and guest of honor, Kyle Carpenter.

At Arlington National Cemetery Post 129 was afforded the privileged of placing a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown. Representing the post at the tomb were members: Rich Godfrey US Army, Al Roulette US Marine Corp, Evan Darrow US Air Force and Bob Scheiderman US Navy. It was a definite goose bump mo-





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**SEPTEMBER:** From the Latin word for "seven" since it was the seventh month of the Roman Year.

BIRTHSTONE		September 2014			SAPPHIRE	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
If there were no bad people, there would be no good lawyers. Charles Dickens	1 Labor Day	2 General Mtg. 7:00pm  VJ-Day	3	4  Ford Introduces The Edsel, 1957	5	6
7 Grandparents Day	8 Legion Auxiliary Mtg. 7:00pm  Full Harvest Moon	9	10 SAL Mtg. 7:00PM	11  911 Remembrance Day	12	13
14  Francis Scott Key, Writes the "Star Spangled Banner", 1814	15 Board/ Trustee Meeting 7 PM	16	17 Mike J Carlino Memorial Golf Tournament  Citizenship Day	18  67 Years	19	20 Auxiliary Fall Flea Market 9 AM-3 PM
21	22 Riders Mtg. 7:00pm  Autumnal Equinox 10:29pm	23	24	25  Rosh Hashanah	26	27
28 Gold Star Mothers Day	29	30				As a child my family's menu consisted of two choices: Take or Leave it Buddy Hackett






**September 18<sup>th</sup>, Happy Birthday: United States Air Force**

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9 September 1776: The **United States** came into existence as the Continental Congress changed the name of the new American Nation from the United Colonies.

15 September 1916: Tanks were first used in combat, at the Allied offensive at the Battle of the Somme, in World War I.

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Birthstone		October 2014			Opal	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
It is the function of the <b>Navy</b> to take the war to the enemy so that it is not fought on U.S. soil. Chester Nimitz	<b>Happy Birthday</b> 	No matter what happens to the US Navy, It is not going to be caught napping. Frank Knox	1	2 <b>FIVE BINGOS THIS MONTH FOLKS</b>	3	4  Yom Kippur
5	6 General Meeting 7:00PM	7	8 SAL Meeting 7:00PM  Full Hunter's Moon & Eclipse	9 	10	11
12	13 Legion Auxiliary Meeting 7:00PM  Columbus Day	14	15  National Grouch Day	16   Oscar Wilde 1854	17	18
19	20 Board/Trustees Meeting 7:00Pm  Mickey Mantle 1931	21	22  Cuban Missile Crises 1962	23 	24	25 Toms River Halloween Parade
26	27 Riders Meeting 7:00Pm	28	29	30 	31 All Hallows' Eve	When birds and badgers are fat in October, expect a cold winter. Farmer's Almanac
<p align="center"><b>"Happy Birthday UNITED STATES NAVY"</b></p> <p>The United States Navy was born after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Continental Congress authorized the acquisition of a fleet of <u>2</u> ships. The <b>United States Naval Academy</b> was founded 10 October 1845.</p> <p>Ocean County American Legion Meeting at New Egypt Post 455, 30 October, Department Auxiliary President Charlene McConville's visit to Ocean County.</p> <p>American fighter pilot <b>Eddie Rickenbacker</b> was born 8 October 1890. He was credited with 26 victories during World War II and awarded the Medal of Honor.</p>						

Please forward post events, suggestions, any information that you would like to see in YOUR newsletter to Bob Scheiderman: [knottoday@verizon.com](mailto:knottoday@verizon.com)

## 2014 Run Timeline...

### Thursday, September 25, 2014...

1:00 PM - Gold Star Family Luncheon  
 6:00 PM - Sunset Beach Ceremony  
 7:15 PM - Gold Star Family & Run Team Dinner

### Friday, September 26, 2014...

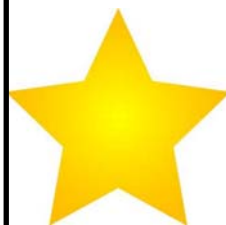
8:00 AM - Run Start Day 1 - Cape May Lighthouse  
 11:35 AM - Stop at The Vietnam Memorial Wall, Wildwood  
 4:35 PM - Finish of Day 1 - Ocean City, American Legion Post 524  
 5:30 PM - Gold Star Family & Run Team Dinner

### Saturday, September 27, 2014...

6:20 AM - Run Start Day 2 - Somers Point, Windjammer Diner  
 6:30 PM - Finish of Day 2 - Toms River, American Legion Post 129  
 6:30 PM - Gold Star Family & Run Team Dinner at American Legion Post 129.

### Sunday, September 28, 2014...

6:45 AM - Run Start Day 3 - Brick Elks Lodge  
 2:30 PM - Start of 2K Walk/Run  
 3:10 PM - Start of "The Last 5 Mile" Open Run  
 4:20 PM - Finish & Closing Ceremony - NJ Vietnam Veterans Memorial



*Sunday,  
September 28, 2014*

*Gold Star  
Mothers Day*



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SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> JERSEY GIRLS

### **OCTOBER CANTEEN ENTERTAINMENT**

FRIDAY OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup> THE CROSSTONES  
SATURDAY OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup> TBD

FRIDAY OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup> TBD  
SATURDAY OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup> JERSEY GIRLS

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