



SOUND OFF

September-October 2016



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

COMMANDERS MESSAGE

Michael Schaffer

Have you been reading the SOUND-OFF? I hope so because the information about what we have accomplished and what we are planning, and hope you will participate in, is laid out for you, but there is going to be a little change for now. The rest of the SOUND-OFF will be dedicated to the activities of all of the family members, the Auxiliary, the Sons of the Legion and the Legion Riders. The actions of the post, the committees and activities for each of the Family members and upcoming events will be posted.

The commander's message will hopefully be one of hope, understanding, and provoke a thought process that may enrich your life or the life of those you come in contact with every day. So here goes the first attempt. If you like it let me know, if you don't like it let me know. Michael.a.schaffer1949@gmail.com

A human being should be able to change a diaper, plan an invasion, butcher a hog, conn a ship, design a building, write a sonnet, balance accounts, build a wall, set a bone, comfort the dying, take orders, give orders, cooperate, act alone, solve equations, analyze a new problem, pitch manure, program a computer, cook a tasty meal, fight efficiently, die gallantly.

Robert Heinlein

Too many people put off something that brings them joy just because they haven't thought about it, don't have it on their schedule, didn't know it was coming or are too rigid to depart from their routine.

I got to thinking one day about all those women on the Titanic who passed up dessert at dinner that fateful night in an effort to cut back. From then on, I've tried to be a little more flexible.

How many people out there will eat at home tonight because no one suggested going out to dinner until after something had been thawed?



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Does the word 'refrigeration' mean nothing to you?

How often have your kids dropped in to talk, and then they sat in silence while you watched 'Jeopardy' on television?

I cannot count the times I called my wife and said, 'How about going to lunch in a half hour?' She would clam up, and then stammer, 'I can't. I have clothes on the line.'

My hair is dirty. I wish I had known yesterday, I had a late breakfast, It looks like rain.'

And my personal favorite: 'It's Monday.'

She died 18 years ago. We never did have that lunch together.

Because we cram so much into our lives, we tend to schedule our headaches.

We live on a sparse diet of promises we make to ourselves when all the conditions are perfect!

We'll go back and visit the grandparents when we get Steve toilet-trained.



Senior Past Post Commander Darlene Scheiderman passes the gavel from outgoing Post Commander Richard Gato, to incoming Post Commander Michael Schaffer at our regular meeting on July 5th.

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COMMANDERS MESSAGE

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We'll entertain our friends when we replace the living-room carpet....

We'll go on a second honeymoon when we get two more kids out of college.

Life has a way of accelerating as we get older. The days get shorter, and the list of promises to us gets longer.

One morning, we awaken, and all we have to show for our lives is a litany of 'I'm going to,' 'I plan on,' and 'someday, when things are settled down a bit.'

I have what I call my 'seize the moment' friend, she is open to adventure and available for trips. She keeps an open mind on new ideas.

Her enthusiasm for life is so contagious. You talk with her for five minutes, and you're ready to trade your bad feet for a pair of Roller blades and skip an elevator for a bungee cord...

My lips have not touched ice cream in 10 years. I love ice cream. It's just that I might as well apply it directly to my stomach with a spatula and eliminate the digestive process.

Yesterday I stopped the car and bought a triple-Decker. If my car had hit an iceberg on the way home, I would have died happy.

If you were going to die soon and had only one phone call you could make, who would you call and what would you say? Why are you waiting, call them!

Have you ever watched kids playing on a merry go round or listened to the rain lapping on the ground? Ever followed a butterfly's erratic flight or gazed at the sun into the fading night?

Do you run through each day on the fly?

When you ask someone 'How are you?' Do you hear their reply?

When the day is done, do you lie in your bed with the next hundred chores running through your head? Ever told your child, a friend, or your spouse, 'We'll do it tomorrow.' And in your haste, to do something else, not see their sorrow?

Ever lost touch? Let a good friendship die? Have you ever called someone just to say 'Hi'?

When you worry and hurry through your day, it is like an unopened gift....Thrown away..... Life is not a race. Take it slower.

Hear the music before the song is over.

Brothers and sisters I cherish our friendship and appreciate all

you do.

Life may not be the party we hoped for... But while we are here we might as well dance! You only get one go round.

You never want to look back and say "I wish I had...whatever that wish was!"

Now.....go in peace and do something you WANT to.....not something you HAVE to!

Michael Schaffer
Commander



American Legion Post 129 Golf Tournament

Bey Lea Golf Course
N.Bay Ave Toms River NJ



Wednesday, September 14th, 2016

Rain Date Tuesday, October 18, 2016

Proceeds to benefit Veterans and Active Duty Military

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

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 Mike Schaffer (732) 685-7765

\$100.00 pp Includes Golf Fees and Cart

11:00 AM Sign Up - 1:00 PM Shotgun Start

Team Contact _____ Phone _____

Player 1 _____

Player 2 _____

Player 3 _____

Player 4 _____

RIDERS MESSAGE

Al Gashler
for President Art Brown

Well, Art's rehabilitation is underway. As I write this, he is a temporary resident of the Meridian facility in Wall, NJ. Hopefully, by publication date, Art will be continuing his rehabilitation at home in Beachwood. I can tell you on good authority that his next ride will be of the Can-Am three wheeled persuasion, either pearl white or matte black. Hurry back, buddy. We miss your smiling mug and leadership.

Now, having said that, the '129 Riders' are in great hands. VP Rocky Lucia is providing guidance, direction and making sure we continue to move ahead. New Sergeant at Arms Dan Heulitt is providing organization, energy and his can-do attitude to the position. ALRider 129 Historian and new Membership Chairperson Mike Dorick smoothly transitioned into his additional responsibilities. And, let us not forget outgoing VP Rich Gato's enormous contributions over the years to the ALR of 129. Rich, a heartfelt thank you from all of us.

What have those rascally riders been up to: nothing much. Wrong, think again. The Riders' paid for and constructed the stage in the picnic grove, The Riders' secured and installed the canvas

awning over the picnic BBB area. The Cruise/Bike nights, second Tuesday of the month through September are generating significant revenue for the Post. The Riders cut the ribbon on the Heroes Walk Monument with the Gold Star families doing the honors at our first ever Country & Western Texas BBQ on Sunday, June 5th. What an emotional day that was. The initial order of 130 pavers funded the project. The second order of 51 pavers, that is due to arrive in late August, will help us pay down the monument's cost. Its beautifully landscaped surroundings were graciously added to the posts sprinkler system. Plans are in the works, by Commander Mike and his team, to add eight flagpoles with the American, POW, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine flags to the monument "park".

Additionally, the Auxiliary is planning on adding stone benches to the monument landscape as a place for contemplation and reflection. The 'Monument' has become the crown jewel of the Post. Speaking for all the Riders' we could not be happier. We are overjoyed that all units of our beloved Post 129 consider the Heroes Walk Monument theirs. We truly are a family in service to our community and our country. Thank you all for your service, your contributions and your love.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Al Gashler

Well, I jumped right in to the deep end of the pool by trying to follow in the large, greatly respected steps of Mike Schaffer, Chaplain. Two Ritual Ceremonies' in two nights, no sir, no half stepping here. Jump in, indeed. It was really not a problem at all as I was shepherded through both evenings by Mike and Ritual Chairperson Bob Scheiderman. I could not have been in better hands or had better guidance. Wow. I cannot tell you how impressed I was at the poignant, emotional delivery, most by rote, of the team. The grieving families and friends were moved by and appreciative of the American Legion's Ritual team delivery of this final remembrance for their veteran.

I have had multiple opportunities to deliver invocations/benedictions at various Legion meetings and functions to date. Each one gets a little easier as I try to hit the appropriate mark for the occasion or event.

I appreciate the opportunity and I will strive to be an asset to our Post and for our membership. God Bless You and God Bless America.



Photo: Center Commander Michael Schaffer: L -R Rocky, Bobby, Mel, Duke representing the SAL and the Riders in support of the Post present checks at the August meeting.

NJ RUN FOR THE FALLEN - SEPTEMBER 21ST TO 25TH, 2016

Wednesday, September 21, 2016...

11:30am thru 2:00pm - Gold Star Family Luncheon - arrive at any time - Gold Star Family members only - your choice from the Menu - location to be notified....

5:30pm - *Sunset Beach* Flag Ceremony - includes reading of the Names - US Coast Guard Training Center Honor Guard and more. 502 Sunset Blvd, Cape May, NJ 08212.

7:15pm - Gold Star Family/Run Team Buffet Dinner - Location TBA.

Thursday, September 22, 2016 - Day 1...

7:00am - Run Team Breakfast - Cape May Lighthouse Parking Lot, 215 Light House Ave, Cape May Point, NJ 08212

7:35am - Run Team Safety Briefing...

8:00am - Start of Day 1 - Cape May Lighthouse Parking Lot, 215 Light House Ave, Cape May Point, NJ 08212.

5:30pm - Finish of Day 1 - American Legion Post 524, 3304 Bay Ave, Ocean City, NJ 08226

6:30pm - Run Team & Gold Star Family Buffet Dinner - 1735 Simpson Ave, Ocean City, NJ 08226

Friday, September 23, 2016 - Day 2...

6:00am - Run Team Breakfast - The Windjammer Diner/Bar/Grille, 18 Macarthur Boulevard, Somers Point, New Jersey 08244

7:00am - Start of Day 2 - Windjammer Parking Lot.

5:30pm - Finish of Day 2 - *Location to be determined*

7:00pm - Run Team Buffet Dinner - *Location to be determined*

Important - we regret that due to a lack of space this dinner will be restricted to the Run Team only...

Saturday, September 24, 2016 - Day 3...

7:00am - Run Team Breakfast - Manahawkin Elks Lodge, 520 Hilliard Boulevard, Manahawkin, NJ 08050

7:45am - Start of Day 3 - Elks Lodge Parking Lot.

6:00pm - Finish of Day 3 - American Legion Post 129, 2025 Church Rd, Toms River, NJ 08753

6:30pm - Run Team & Gold Star Family Buffet Dinner - Post 129.

Sunday, September 25, 2016 - Day 4...

6:00am - Run Team Breakfast - Brick Elks Lodge, 2491 Hooper Ave, Brick, NJ 08723

6:45am - Start of Day 4 - Brick Elks Lodge, 2491 Hooper Ave, Brick, NJ 08723

5:00pm - Finish of Day 4 & Ceremony - NJ Gold Star Family Monument located on the grounds of the NJ Vietnam Veterans' Memorial, Holmdel, NJ 08015

Please Remember The Lives And Memories Of...

SPECIAL AMERICAN LEGION LICENSE PLATE



Left is the design for The American Legion license plate that is available for members of The American Legion. When applying for the plates, please follow the instructions below:

1. Complete your portion of the application making sure to answer all questions. THE ORGANIZATIONAL LI-AISON LINE WILL BE SIGNED AT DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS.
2. Make a check or money order payable to: THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPT. OF NEW JERSEY in the amount of \$15.00.
3. Make a copy of your current membership card and your vehicle registration.
(Please note registration renewal is a separate transaction. If your registration has lapsed, the Motor Vehicle Commission will not issue Legion plates.)
4. Submit your completed application, check or money order and a copy of your current membership card and registration to: John D. Baker, Department Adjutant, The American Legion, Dept. of New Jersey, 135 West Hanover Street, Trenton, NJ 08618.

Please Contact Department Headquarters for the application and any questions you may have at 609-695-5418.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Greetings to everyone!

The approaching fiscal year 2016-2017 is upon us. Are you ready to continue the Units fine works?

The officers, and committee chairman of your choice, are eagerly awaiting the adventures of this fiscal year. Every Unit member is invited to join us and be part of this WONDERFUL adventure also.

Junior member Nicki Bowen was a Poppy Poster winner on the county level.

On the Department level Unit 129 won 4 membership awards. Individual members earned 31 'I recruited' buttons. Unit also received an AEF pin for our monetary donation. Family 129 members rode the parade route in a trolley car. Funds were provided thru a bus trip to Atlantic City in March by the Unit. Membership Chairman Laurinda Miller received a membership pin from the Department membership chairman, Linda Carroll, for her outstanding efforts with membership.

Blueclaws baseball tickets were provided to the Unit by Legion members. Unit reciprocated their generosity by preparing a tailgate meal. It was a great outing!

A summer cookout was scheduled for July 29th outdoors, for local nursing home veterans. However, the weather said no outdoors. Chairman Jane Keely held the event indoors. Never missing a beat Legion and SAL members prepared the meats outdoors (the beer was outdoors). They also assisted with the transporting on and off the buses. Unit members served and entertained our guests. The veterans received a Post mug and a mini American flag. It was another great adventure by the Family 129.

What adventures have you had this summer? Have you attended any parties, volunteered with another organization, recycled, do-

nated clothing, money or items to a non-profit cause? Purchased tickets to a fundraiser? If so, let the Unit community service chairman, Maryanne Cameron, in on your adventures.

Unit meetings are scheduled for the 2nd Monday of the month in the main hall at 7pm. Come out to join the adventure. Your assistance is welcomed and greatly appreciated.

For God and Country
Patricia Corbin
Unit President 2015-2017

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

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

Progressive
Refreshments served
50/50
Mystery Prizes



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
2025 Church Road, Toms River, NJ

FALL FLEA MARKET

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

INSIDE SPACE \$20.00
(table provided)

OUTSIDE SPACE \$10.00
(must bring own table)

**PAYMENT IN ADVANCE IS REQUIRED
TO HOLD YOUR SPACE**

FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

JACQUELINE @ 732-330-8748



SAL NEWS

As I write this, we are in the dog days of summer and getting ready for our 4th of 5 bike nights, which have been very successful. I would like the theme of this article to be about membership.

We have one important event coming up which is the POW/MIA Watchfire which will be held on Friday, September 16th beginning at 7pm until 7am the following morning. This is a 12-hour vigil for those servicemen and women who are still missing and unaccounted for. We need volunteers to assist, so please let me or Rocky Lucia know if you are interested. It is held on the Hering Avenue beach in Seaside Heights.

As you all know, membership is what keeps our squadron alive and also enables us to contribute to our post and ultimately to our veterans. Our final membership count for the 2015-2016 year was 506 members! Not only is this the first squadron to go over the 500 mark, we are by far the largest squadron in the state. I would like to thank my executive board and all members for helping to recruit new members. Although we have been building each year, it gets more difficult each year to maintain and top these numbers. This is where I need everyone's help. Please, please renew your dues. Also, see if you can recruit one new member. Imagine if each of us recruited just one member. Think how our great our numbers would be.

Speaking of renewals, we have implemented an early bird renewal special! If you renew your dues prior to October 1st, adults who normally pay \$20 will pay \$18 and minors under 18 years of age will pay \$14 instead of \$15. That is a 10% discount for adults and a 7% discount for minors! So please help us continue to be the largest squadron and rise to the challenge of recruiting at least one new member. As an added conven-

ience, you can renew online at www.salpost129.com. You can also get on our email list on the website so we can keep you in the loop with all the upcoming SAL squadron news.

I hope everyone had a great summer and please stay tuned to our upcoming events.

For God & Country,
Bob Joerg
Commander
Squadron 129

S.A.L. MEMBERSHIP

Once again S.A.L. Squadron 129 launched its membership to a new category, no other Squadron in N.J. could ever dream of, by going over the 500 membership mark, 506 to be exact. Thanks to the aggressiveness of Rocky Lucia, our S.A.L. Vice Commander and Membership Chairman of Squadron 129 and the relentless work he is doing for our Squadron under the programs laid out by our S.A.L. Commander Bobby Joerg. GREAT JOB GUYS!!!

This year 2016/2017 I was asked by the S.A.L. Detachment Commander, Robert Bascou, to take over as the Detachment Membership Chairman, this will be the 5th time that this honor was bestowed to me. In the past, my programs were always successful, to bring the States membership over the top each time, each and every year our membership Committee did a great job. This is NOT ABOUT ME, IT'S ABOUT US, THERE IS NO (I) IN TEAM. Membership is our PRIORITY wherever we go, it's the most important committee there is. Without members you're not going to have committees to do the things that we have to do for our American Legion Family.

When you go to our, or any other American Legion Post, ask the bartenders at the canteen if they know how to sign up new members. Bartenders should be well versed on how to sign up new members and accept dues from

someone. They are the 1st offensive line to promote and retain membership, I know, I bartend, and I signed up over 30 new members and collected Dues from many more. The Bar Committee should make this a priority, to have their bartenders have this knowledge of membership, and have them check their membership cards when they come into the bar area. This not just bartending and serving drinks and collecting tips, it's about the American Legion, and it's growth, and if you like coming to our Post, with its many parties, entertainment and events, ask your family, friends, co-workers, and acquaintances if they would like to join our legion family. Explain to them the qualifications on eligibility, to be part of the American Legion Family, and if you ride A MOTOR-CYCLE, it gives you the opportunity to be an American Legion Rider, which is said to be the Ambassadors of the Legion Family, here is another UPDATE.

Rich Godfrey is the American Legion Department Membership Chairman, and along with me, the S.A.L. Detachment Membership Chairman, what a great honor it is to have 2 STATE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMEN, from the same Post. In the same year, Rich has done a fantastic job in membership in the past, and present, and has a lot of great ideas and programs to increase membership. I'm looking forward to exchange ideas and work together at some point. My Theme for Membership at the State level is NEW YEAR/NEW TIER, to get over the 10,000 membership mark, but at the Squadron level at our POST 129, thanks to Rocky and the executive committee, we reached the NEW YEAR/NEW TIER, by going over the 500 membership mark.

Thank you,
FOR GOD AND COUNTRY
N.J. S.A.L. MEMBERSHIP
CHAIRMAN
David (DUKE) Haring

MEMBERSHIP MEMBERSHIP MEMBERSHIP

Please be an Early Bird and send in your 2017 dues. We need all the help that we can get to help support all the great programs that the American Legion does for its Veterans, their Family Members and the Community, and remember.

"Membership is the lifeblood of The American Legion"

Without members there would be no Legion programs, we would have no voice on Capitol Hill. Without members, there would be no accomplishments in assistance and support to veterans, their families, the community, state and nation. But The American Legion has recorded consistent accomplishments for veterans and their families since 1919. We can't do this alone your dues makes this possible.

It is often emphasized, "It's not the price you pay to belong, but the price you paid to be eligible to belong." The American Legion Membership Card gives our members access to nearly 14,000 Legion Posts worldwide and guarantees that our members will always have a fellow veteran nearby.

But more important are the intangible benefits of membership, the ones you can't put a dollar value to – the lifelong friendships that develop from being actively involved with others and most importantly, the self-satisfaction of knowing that just by being a member we are helping others less fortunate than ourselves.

Please support your post and send in your dues we need your help to support and maintain all the good things that make us Who we are "VETERANS STILL SERVING AMERICA!"

We need your help with membership please reach out to your Friends, Neighbors, Co-workers, and Family Members and encour-

age them to join this Great Organization of Veterans with you and the help of others. A 100% MEMBERSHIP GOAL can be achieved in the State of New Jersey. We are losing more and more members every year, I am asking every member to please try and sign up at least one new member this year especially the Service Men and Women Veterans that have served recently.

Remember we are a Legion Family and need to support one another that goes for Membership as well so let's GROW MEMBERSHIP TOGETHER FOR 2016-2017. If you have already paid your dues for 2017 please disregard any notice sent out by National to pay again as they tend to be a little behind on their posting of paid members. ANYONE THAT NEEDS ANY INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS ABOUT MEMBERSHIP YOU CAN CONTACT ME AT rig548@comcast.net OR CELL # 732-604-8326

For God and Country
Rich Godfrey
Ocean County
Membership Chairman



AFLAC IS COMING TO POST 129!

On Monday October 3rd Aflac will be here to present its supplemental benefit products to the members and their families of Post 129. These products will include Cancer Care, Accident Insurance, Dental Insurance and other Aflac benefits. Aflac's benefits help pay the mortgage or rent, car payments, and other bills to help protect you and your family from Financial Hardship due to a Cancer Diagnosis or Accident. Aflac benefits are tax-free cash, paid in addition to any other benefit or Insurance you may have. I will explain how Aflac claims are paid in just One Day!!!

Being a two-time Cancer Survivor, I can't stress enough the importance of Aflac's Cancer Care insurance. I'm looking forward to meeting you all on Monday October 3rd.

Your Aflac representative:
Michael J Mitrow Sr.
Senior Benefits Coordinator

POST EVERLASTING



Donald F. Peters, 82, US Army, Korea
Allen E. Detwiler, 82, USCG Retired
Anthony P. Carballo, 84, WWII, US Army
Jack Prell, 70, US Army, Vietnam
James E. Gibson, 92, US Army, WWII
Eugene Muller, 76, USCG, Retired
Donald F. Peters, 82, US Army, Korea

Bob Scheidman, Ritual Chairman

September: From the Latin word for "seven" since it was the seventh month of the Roman year.



Birthstone

September 2016

Sapphire



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Bike Night Tuesday September 13th 5 PM to 10 PM Entertainment by Brother S.A.L. Auxiliary Fall Flea Market Sunday September 18th				1 FIVE	2 Japan Signs Surrender 1945 	3
4 Labor Day Picnic at the Post	5 Labor Day 	6 General Mtg. 7:00PM	7 	8 BINGO'S	9	10
11 Patriot Day 	12 Legion Aux. Mtg. 7:00PM	13 	14 SAL Mtg. 7:00PM	15 THIS 	16 Citizenship Day POW-MIA Recognition Day	17 September 16 7PM S.A.L. Watchfire
18 United States Air Force 1947	19 Board/Trustee Mtg. 7:00PM	20	21 	22 MONTH Autumn Begins	23	24 Run for the Fallen Core Runners Arrive 6PM
25 Gold Star Mothers' Day	26 Riders Mtg. 7:00PM	27 	28	29 FOLKS!	30	

On 1 Aug. 1907, the US Army Signal Corps formed the Aeronautical Division, which later evolved into the US Army Air Force. The National Defense Act of 1947 created an independent Air Force.

SEPTEMBER ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 2ND BOB KULIK

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 3RD
THE CROSSTONES

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 4TH
LABOR DAY PICNIC 12-5
IN THE PICNIC GROVE THE KOKOMO'S

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH THE MANGO'S

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH
THE JERSEY GIRLS

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH
CHRIS DANIELS & THE "PROOF"

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17TH SIMPLY 3

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 23RD THE KOKOMO'S

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH
FEATURING TONY MALANDRO
"DIRECT FROM THE TAJ MAHAL IN
ATLANTIC CITY"

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH
THE JERSEY SURECATS

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



October: From the Latin word for 'eight' since it was the eighth month of the Roman year.

Birthstone

October 2016

Tourmaline



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sunday Football at the Canteen. Food, Fun and Prizes.					Every Thursday Doors open at 5PM Play begins at 7PM	1
2	3 General Mtg. 7:00PM	4 	5	6 BINGO!	7	8
9 FIRE PREVENTION DAY/WEEK	10 Legion Aux. Mtg. 7:00PM <i>Columbus Day</i>	11 	12 SAL Mtg. 7:00PM	13 United States NAVY 1775	14	15
16 Cuban Missile Crisis Begins 1962	17 Board/Trustee Mtg. 7:00PM	18	19 	20 BINGO AGAIN!	21	22
23 ***** 30	24 Riders Mtg. 7:00PM ***** 31 Halloween	25 	26	27 BINGO SEE Y'ALL NEXT MONTH	28	29 Halloween Party in the Canteen

The United States Navy was born after the 2nd Continental Congress authorized the acquisition of a fleet of '2' ships.
 The United States Naval Academy was founded 10 October 1845

OCTOBER ENTERTAINMENT

SATURDAY OCTOBER 1ST THE DEE CEE'S

FRIDAY OCTOBER 7TH THE CROSSTONES

SATURDAY OCTOBER 8TH
THE JERSEY GIRLS

FRIDAY OCTOBER 14TH
WHO ARE YOU GUYS

SATURDAY OCTOBER 15TH
BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND
BOB KULIK & GEORGE RIZZO

FRIDAY OCTOBER 21ST BOB KULIK

SATURDAY OCTOBER 22ND
BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND
"THE STREETHEART'S REUNION BAND"

FRIDAY OCTOBER 28TH THE TRUE TONES

SATURDAY OCTOBER 29TH
HALLOWEEN PARTY
FEATURING 'SUMMER PROJECT'
COSTUME PARTY
CASH PRIZES FOR THE BEST MALE, FE-
MALE AND COUPLES COSTUMES



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CANTEEN NEWS

Eric Inauen

Summer is just about over, and hopefully, this summer's 100-degree heat waves have passed. All of us, from the Commander to the Bar Staff to the Bartenders, would like to thank all of our Members and their Guests for turning out and supporting the Canteen, the Hall and the Bunker. We have broken all of our previous records, and we owe it all to you.

Mike Kelly is our Bar Chairman. He is also Post 129's Veterans Service Officer, and the County's Service Officer. Mike, along with the Bar Staff, sees firsthand the difficulty that some of our veterans are going through. We take pride in the fact that Post 129 is here to help them. Some need financial assistance, and again, we try to help. It is only through your support by attending our events, and coming out to the Canteen and Bunker that we can achieve this. So again, we thank you for your support.

We still, thanks to Rich Gato, continue to provide top notch entertainment at the Canteen. In the past, we only had bands perform on Friday Night. Now, Rich has expanded our entertainment by bringing in more bands on Saturday Nights. Your response, as usual, has been fantastic.

FALL SUNDAYS: Are you ready for some football? The NFL Season is here, and with that comes \$1.50 domestic draft pints, and Ryan's Catering's discounted NFL Football Menu.



GIVEAWAYS: All Members and Guests get a free ticket when

they enter the Canteen on Sunday. At the end of each quarter, we pull a ticket. If your number is picked, you win one of our many giveaways. So eat, drink and enjoy watching the game on our 6 HD TV's.

The Canteen continues to have 9 beers on tap. If draft beer is not your pleasure, we have Coors Lite, Miller Lite, Bud, Bud Light, Michelob Ultra, Becks, Stella, Heineken & Heineken Lite and Corona & Corona Lite in bottles. We, also, have Coors Lite and St. Paulies Non Alcoholic Beer. Down at the Bunker, we have Coors Lite, Miller Lite, Bud and Yuengling on tap, and Bud Light and Michelob Ultra in cans.



PICNIC: Our Labor Day Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 4th, from Noon to 5PM (rain date, Monday). Tickets are \$15. Children under 10 are free. Purchase your tickets at the Canteen before September 4th, and get a free beverage coupon at the door. Purchasing your tickets in advance, helps us with our food count, which keeps our costs down. Entertainment will be provided by the Kocomos.

TUESDAY BIKE NIGHT: The next Bike Night will be held on Tuesday, September 13th, 5 to 10PM. Entertainment is again provided by our own "BROTHER SAL" rock band, with Rocky and Tommy Lucia, Dan Curran and Rob Riehl. Tickets are \$5 each, and includes 2 hotdogs, a soda and a bag of chips. Although it is called Bike Night, all Legion Family Members are welcome. It has been said, that The Riders may be planning another Bike Night in October. We will let you know when the plans are set.



HALLOWEEN: Our Halloween Party will be held on Saturday, October 29th, at 7PM. There will be prizes for those with the wearing the 3 best costumes. The ever popular band, "Summer Project," will be performing for your listening and "Monster Mash" dancing pleasure.

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PATRIOTIC QUIZ NO. 4

1. Who was the youngest man ever to be a candidate of a major party for the Presidency?
2. When and under what circumstances did American naval vessels bombard and capture an African city?
3. Who was "the plumed knight"?
4. Which state capital has the largest population? which has the smallest?
5. What now famous name was given before the Revolutionary War to the boundary mark which settled a land dispute between Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware?

Answers to Quiz No. 3
(from July-August SOUNDOFF)

1. The "Stalwarts" were the wing of the Republican party which supported ex-President Grant in the fight for the Republican nomination for President in 1880. Grant had already served two full terms.
2. John Quincy Adams, sixth President, was the son of John Adams, second President; Benjamin Harrison twenty-third President. was the grandson of William Henry Harrison, ninth President
3. Massachusetts and New Jersey are the two States of the Union which are most nearly

of the same area, the former being 8,266 square miles in extent and the latter 8,224.

4. Delegates from the New England States adopted resolutions at what is known as the Hartford Convention (December 1814 - January 1815) providing for defense of those states by their own forces against the British. This action followed the Treaty of Ghent, which formally brought a close to the War of 1812, but because of the slowness of communication word of the signing of the treaty reached Washington at the same time as the commissioners of the New England States.
5. John Hay, Secretary of State in the cabinets of Presidents McKinley and Roosevelt, was probably as well known as a poet as he was as a statesman. His best-known poems are doubtless "Little Breeches" and "Jim Bludso."

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