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

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COMMANDERS MESSAGE

Well the summer has come and gone! I hope everyone had a safe and healthy summer. Unfortunately, due to the on-going COVID-!9 Crisis, not much has been going on at the Post. We continue to have a limit of 25% capacity in the canteen. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT MASKS MUST BE WORN UPON EN-TERING THE CANTEEN WHENEVER YOU GET UP AND WALK AROUND, NO EXCEP-TIONS. Know that this is not the Post's rules but that of our Governor, so please do not give the bartenders a hard time when they tell you to wear your mask. We must continue to social distance as well, and no more than twenty-five (25) people will be allowed in the canteen at one time.

Do not forget to vote in November. The holidays are fast approaching, and I hope that everyone has a safe and happy holiday season.

For God and Country Ed Rutzler, Commander

FINANCE OFFICERS MESSAGE

WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH, LET THE TOUGH GET GOING!

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy. " MLK. This is your notice that the leadership of Post 129 is gearing up for some tough times ahead. With the up-tick in new cases of COVID 19, and stimulus money being held

back, the expectation is that the need for support of our Veterans will begin to rise, and rise quickly.

One of the areas of need will be warm clothing and proper nutrition. Therefore Commander Rustler and State Chaplin Michael Schaffer are putting together a plan to have a coat giveaway on Veterans Day along with a hot meal, here at the post. Times will be posted as soon as they are finalized.

The second initiative will be to distribute hot meals on Thanksgiving Day at the Post. This distribution will be similar to the spring distribution. All will be non-contact and done in the parking lot. The times will be posted when finalized.

The finances of the Post are also being watched very closely. We are taking an extremely conservative approach. All non-essential spending has been stopped and all capital improvements (unless an emergency) have been put on hold until the Post is allowed to reopen in full. The only exception is monies for our Veterans in Distress.

By the time you are reading this, you will have received a request to monetarily support your Post. Our Post is the largest post in the state and we give so much back to our veterans and our community through activities at the Post. The closing of the Post has put a damper on the amount of help we can offer so let us not be deterred from our mission any longer. Now is the time to give to support the Post and help us help the less fortunate.

Best in Health to everyone.

Ralph E. Wolff



Finance Officer, Post 129

VICE COMMANDERS CORNER

Gerd Trommer

To all our legionnaire brothers and sisters,

A year like no other I think we will all agree. As you read this edition of the SOUNDOFF I hope that you are all healthy and safe.

As blood drive chairman I would like to update our members on the effort we made to help with the region blood drives. We had a most successful drive in July with 57 pints donated which translates to saving 137 lives. The most ever in the history of our drives. The NY NJ BLOOD SERVICES organized this with the help of our Post 129.

Then again in August, a second drive resulted in an additional 45 pints donated saving another 135 lives. I would like to reach out to all those that helped with organizing these drives, especially our Commander Ed Rutzler and Vice Commander Ralph Moranz.

As a reminder to all, our Post 129 will be teaming up with the RED CROSS for our annual blood drive on November 3rd from 2 to 7 PM. We look forward to as many members as possible to make this drive the most successful yet.

So, please continue following the CDC Guidelines, mask and six feet. And most of all, stay safe for yourself and your family.

WEBSITE: https://alpost129.org/

FACEBOOK: https://www.facebook.com/groups/post129/

LEGION MEMBERSHIP

Dear American Legion Members,

I hope and pray that our Legion Family has fared well during these trying times. Hopefully, the Corona Virus is behind us and we can get back to a somewhat normal life. I know that we will get through this together. We are Legion Strong.

I am asking all of our Legion Family members to reach out to their fellow Legionnaires and legion family members to see if they are okay and if they need any help or just give them words of encouragement to help them get through these trying times. It is called the Buddy Check and it is what we do, Veterans taking care of Veterans.

Thank you to all our Legionnaires who have sent in their dues so far. As of this writing our numbers are at 1020 paid. We need 600 more to make our goal so please send in your dues. We need your help so that we can continue to keep all our programs going and take care of our Veterans and their Families. To help the Community in which we live and to help us to accomplish the many tasks facing The American Legion both at home and in Washington to help our Veterans and their Families.

I believe we are Legion Family and Together we will accomplish great things. Stay Safe and please do not forget BUDDY CHECK

Hoping that everyone has a blessed and safe Holiday Season Please let me know if there is some service that our Post or at the Department level can provide for you. If there is any reason that has kept you from renewing your Membership Please contact me at rig548@.comcast.net or 732-604-8326, The American Legion needs your support, Remember, MEM-

BERSHIP IS THE LIFE BLOOD OF THE AMERICAN LEGION.

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



AUXILIARY NEWS

Autumn 2020 has arrived. With it has come certain social allowances but other restrictions remain during this pandemic. So our Auxiliary has once again adjusted accordingly.

Our annual School Supply Drive was another success under the auspices of our 2nd VP, Andrea Ogden and Co-Chairman, Marianne Kosakowski. On August 28th, Andrea Ogden and I delivered 55 Back Packs, filled with numerous school items, to 5 local schools. Unlike previous years, we did not gather as a group to pack the school supplies nor did we gather as a group to deliver the supplies. Still, the success of this year's School Supply Drive is due to the donations from our Post Family even during a pandemic. We thank all who contributed to this much needed Drive.

On 9/19/20, we were able to hold our Fall Flea Market. Thanks to our Chairman Jacqueline McDyer for organizing it. It was a gorgeous day for an outside Flea Market. Thanks to all who supported it. Also on 9/19/20, ten of us ALA Gals attended the Detachment of NJ SAL Watchfire in Seaside Hts. As usual, it was a solemn and meaningful POW/MIA Tribute.

On behalf of Unit 129, I want to thank Julie Sirico. Denise Holterman, Jan Maggi and Carol Hendricksen for having the talent and taking the time to sew all the Face Masks, which our Unit has been selling. Each Face Mask is made of a patriotic pattern or a variety of color fabrics. We are selling them for the very reasonable price of \$5.00 each. To all our 129 Post Family Members, I would ask that you please consider purchasing one (perhaps as a stocking stuffer). You may contact me if you are interested at my email address: msirishlam@hotmail.com. support would be greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to Gavin Nolan, the winner of this year's LaVigne Grant. His Mother, Mary Nolan, and Grandmother, Bernice Cloos, are Members of our Auxiliary Unit 129. Gavin has been a SAL Junior Member of Post 129 for 15 years. Gavin has volunteered his time to assist our Auxiliary with our various Events over the years. Gavin is definitely goaloriented. In addition, to his school curriculum and volunteerism, he has a part-time job. I have no doubt that he will excel in his college courses and be successful in his future endeavors. A well- deserved winner!

Thanks to our Ways and Means Chairman, Bernice Cloos, for supervising our Raffle Fundraiser. From the time we finally received the license, we only had 3 weeks to sell the Raffle Tickets. Congratulations to the 4 winners. More importantly, thanks to all Auxiliary Members, who volunteered to sell the Raffle Tickets, and to everyone who purchased a ticket(s). This Raffle was a success for our Unit and the support from our Post Family is greatly appreciated.

Our Membership Renewal Drive is still underway. Carol Rutz-

ler is our Membership Chairman. Your support is needed and your prompt Membership Renewal will be greatly appreciated. So please send your payment (made payable to ALA Unit 129) to The Post, attention Carol Rutzler.

Our Poppy Drive is still underway. We are still asking our Members, as well as our Post 129 Family, to please consider supporting our Poppy Drive. For any Member and Post Family Member, who would like to contribute to our Poppy Drive, please contact our Poppy Chairman, Pamela Bowen at her email address: bowenpamela23@yahoo.com.

Please note, due to Covid-19 restrictions, our annual Veterans Thanksgiving Dinner has been cancelled. Our Fall Craft and Vendor Fair has also been cancelled. But we are hopeful that we will be able to have a Spring 2021 Craft and Vendor Fair, along with a Spring 2021 Gift Auction. We will keep you posted!

Our Children's Christmas Party will be a Drive By this year. Our 1st VP, Laurinda Miller, will provide flyers with the necessary information, date and time. While we won't be celebrating our Children's Christmas Party like we have in the past, Christmas time is still a celebration time even during a pandemic. Therefore, we have adjusted to our circumstances and restrictions. So please sign your children/grandchildren up for our "Children's Christmas Party Drive By".

The annual USO Cookie Drive has been altered this year. Instead of cookies, they are requesting Gift Cards from Shop Rite, Stop & Shop, Walmart, Target, VISA etc. (any donation amount is appreciated). If you care to donate, I will be at The Post on Monday, 11/9/20 between 6pm -7pm to accept these Gift Cards. Otherwise, email me to make other arrangements.

Our Unit 129 has resumed having our monthly meetings. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, 11/9/20 @ 7pm. Face Masks are required.

By now, every member of our Post Family 129 has received a letter from our Commander, Ed Rutzler. We are family. We are in these difficult & financially hard times together. So please consider contributing as requested by Commander Ed.

Since we are in a continuation year, I remain hopeful and optimistic that our ALA Unit 129 will have the opportunity to celebrate our American Legion Auxiliary 100 Year Birthday in a fun-filled manner. In the meantime, I want to wish Post Family 129 and your families a Blessed Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy & Healthy New Year. May God continue to keep us all healthy and safe.

For God and Country, Lisa A. Mayer President Unit 129



RIDERS MESSAGE

Brothers and Sisters as the cooler riding weather is on us I would like to invite anyone to come up with a Ride of your choice to a fun place for lunch breakfast or any other reason. As the weather cools make sure to check your air pressure and bundle up. It was our Honor as Riders to escort Vincent Marketta on his final ride to Dovle. His family was very thankful. I would also like to thank the Riders who stepped up to volunteer for Sign Up shifts at the Bunker Bar. Thank You all. Our next meeting will be on Monday November 23rd at 7:00pm. Hope to see you all, until then keep the shinny side up and God Bless.

For God and Country Pete Chafatelli President

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The CoVID19 pandemic has undoubtedly impacted our communities. The seniors have been hit especially hard. The need for our services has never been greater. With the state slowly beginning to open, our services are quickly moving back to full capacity. Our office receives over 100 calls a day from people who need help. We are in need of volunteers. Only 30% of our volunteer force is currently available.

Answer our call to Action for volunteers to help homebound seniors grocery shop and get to and from medical appointments. All services have new safety guidelines in place and PPE is available for all volunteers. It has never been easier to volunteer. Check out our website- care-givervolunteers.org to sign up for a virtual information session or to sign up.

Megan O'Keefe, MA, MBA Executive Director Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey 67 Route 37 West, Riverwood Plaza 2 Toms River, NJ 08755 732.505.2273, ext 206



<u>www.caregivervolunteers.org</u> facebook.com/caregivervolunteers and facebook.com/caregivercanines

Dear Member, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The COVID-19 Virus has taken thousands of lives and thousands of families have suffered the losses of their loved ones throughout New Jersey. This is no different with our Legion Family at Post 129. The Legion Family's hearts and prayers go out to all our Legionnaires, Auxiliary Members, Sons of the American Legion (SAL) and Rider Members, who have suffered.

Since we were abruptly shut down at 8PM, on March 16th, 2020, our bills remained the same. The Post has taken a substantial financial hit during the disastrous 6-month shutdown. There was absolutely ZERO income for the Post during this time. The Canteen, Bunker and Bingo were shut down. All Hall events and meetings were cancelled. Bingo is still shut down and will not open-up until January. We Hope.

For those of you who have paid your dues early, we thank you. We think what you need to know is that the National, State and County Organizations grab \$28.50 of your \$45.00 in dues. That leaves Post 129 only \$16.50 per Member. As you can see, your dues were never meant to sustain the Post alone.

On the tightest of budgets, the cost to maintain the Post comes to a whopping \$30,000.00 per month. Your Budget Committee has met several times and has cut costs in every department. Even after the cuts, we still are looking at a \$27,500.00 deficit for the year.

With this looming deficit, we have no choice but to ask our Legion Family Members and Friends to step up and become heroes in saving the Post. Our goal is to raise \$30,000.00.

In the past, we requested donations for our Children & Youth and your heroic response has been fantastic. Even during the COVID-19 shutdown, we continued to distribute food to our needy Members through our "Need To Feed" Program, because it was the moral and right thing to do. Now the Post is in need, so we are asking you to be a hero again and give what you can. No amount is too small.

I am thanking you in advance for your donation to HELP SAVE YOUR POST,

Your Commander, Ed Rutzler

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Post 129 would like to thank and recognize all of our members and friends who donated to 'HELP SAVE THE POST'. You are the true heroes.

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Ralph Wolff

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(donations received as of October 18, 2020)

If you can, add your name to the list, no donation is too small.



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Ocean County Memorial Chapter of the DAV meet at Post 129 the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 PM



Tin Can Sailors meet at Post 129 on the 3RD Wednesday at 12 noon.



CANTEEN NEWS

Eric Inauen

At this time, it is difficult to write about upcoming events since State Leadership has not stated or indicated when they will increase inside seating capacity. As of October 15th, there will be NO Annual New Year's Eve Party, NO Army-Navy Game Party, NO POW Christmas Tree Lighting, NO Veterans' Day Celebration, NO Christmas Parties, NO Bingo, NO Hall Events and the list goes on and on.

If seating in our facility does increase, then we may be able to hold some of the events listed. When this occurs, we will reach out to everyone on our Facebook Page and our Website.

In the meantime, Commander Ed Rutzler, the Bar Committee, and our daily volunteers have not sat by idlily. Trying to anticipate changing rules and orders has become one of the toughest challenges since we opened the Post. We would like to thank all our Members for abiding by the rules when they visit the Post.

So, what has been done? The plan is to keep the Bunker Bar open through November in the evenings during the week, and during the day and evening on Saturday & Sunday. Because of the improvements we made last year, we now have heat and clear plastic roll-downs, so our Members and their Guests will not freeze. Since our water lines have been blown out, we have come up with alternative methods to keep the Bunker functional.

If the State increases inside seating to 50%, we will be able to have a total of 50 (Members and Guests) in the Canteen and a total of 112 (Members and Guests) in the Hall. Entertainment would be moved into the Hall on Friday



and Saturday Night when the Hall is not rented out. We will keep everyone informed monthly. Any Questions? Call the Post or check us out on Facebook.

Remember, this will occur ONLY if the State goes to 50% capacity. Tables will be 6 feet apart and masks must be worn if you are NOT seated.

What is new in the Canteen? We 're glad you asked. We have Bud Lite on tap. We continue to offer drink specials. Our bartenders have improved our famous Pumpkin Potion Martini. It is made with CROP Organic Pumpkin Spice Vodka, Fulton Pumpkin Cream Liqueur, and other secret ingredients that only our bartenders know.

Speaking of our bartenders, we would be remiss if we did not mention the great job that they do even under adverse conditions. Thank you, Warren, Robin, Lori, Danielle, Shea, Joe, Elena, Gina, and Robert for the job you do.

The Bar Committee would like to acknowledge Vice Commander Pete Chafatelli for contacting Mark's HVAC LLC, 3118 Madison Ave., Toms River, for donating two motors for our Canteen beer coolers. Thank you Pete for installing them. We would like to thank Ralph Wolff for donating a portable A/C unit and heating unit for the Bunker Bar to help keep the Bartenders toasty. Also. thanks to our plumber, Brian Edwards, for fixing the plumbing in the Canteen bathroom. Thanks, Digger for setting up the portable heater in the Bunker.



Bunker News: Amazingly, the truce between the Post and the Varmints has been holding. The varmints requested we quarantine a Squirrel who hitched a ride from a Member who now resides in Maryland (See Photo). They also warned us of their annual Nut Breaking and Throwing competition. They advised us to keep our tents and umbrellas up as nuts rain down from the treetops. If you are in the Bunker, you are safe.

Some Members were concerned that they might be tossed from the treetops. The bartenders advised these Members that, although highly qualified, they would not be utilized in this year's competition. Additional reports to follow.

Remember, when you support Post 129, you **SUPPORT THE GREATEST POST IN THE USA.**

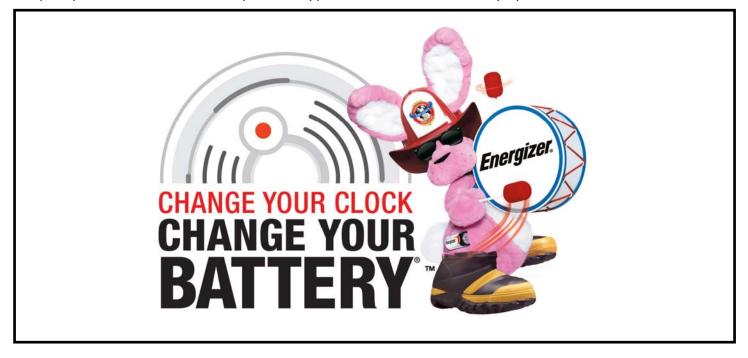


NOVEMBER: From the Latin word for "ninth", since it was the ninth month of the Roman year.

Birthstone November 2020 Citrine

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saints' Day Daylight Savings Ends	2 All Soul's Day	3 <u>Vote!</u> <u>Early & Often</u>	4	5	6	7 Sadie Hawkins Day
8	9	10 <u>US Marine</u> <u>Corp</u> 245 years	11 VETERANS' DAY!!	12	13	14
15 ● New Moon	16	17	18	19	20	21 Grenada Campaign Ended (1983)
22	23	24	25	26 Happy Turkey Pay!!	27	28
29 1890 First Army/Navy Football Game Navy 24 - Army 0	30 O Full Beaver Moon					"Good Night Chesty Wherever You Are!"

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



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

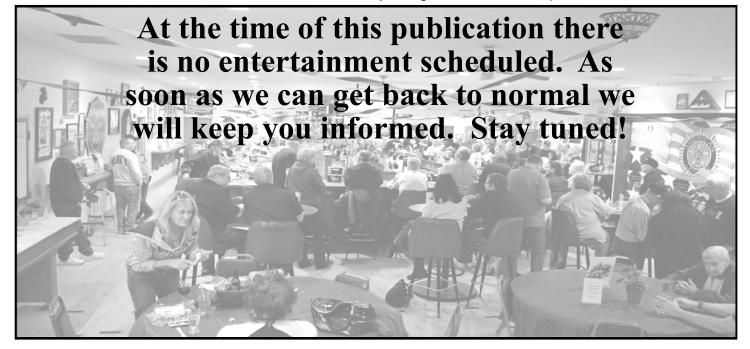
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December 2020

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
There has been only one Christmas—The rest are Anniversaries		1	2	3	4 National Cookie Day	5 Somalia Campaign Began (1992)
6 RIGHAL CHIRDS	7 Pearl Harbor Remberance Day!	8 War Declared on Japan (1941) 'Flanders Field' Published 1915	9	10	11 Germany and Italy Declared War on U.S. (1941)	12 Navy — Army Game ????
13 <u>National</u> <u>Guard</u> <u>384th</u> <u>Birthday</u>	14 ● New Moon, Eclipse	15 Iraq War Ended (2011)	16	17	18	19 Beware The Pogonip
20 Panama Campaign Began (1989)	21 Winter Solstice	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 <u>Merry</u> <u>Christmas</u>	26
27	28	29 O Full Cold Moon	30	31 New Years Eve!!		"If Your Pushing Fifty, Thats Exercise Enough"

The National Guard, the oldest of the Armed Forces of the United States and one of the nation's longest enduring institutions, Celebrates its 384th birthday! The guard traces its history to 1786!





THANK YOU FROM THE AUXILIARY!

Your back to school contributions made for another successful donation to the children of Toms River schools! 55 stuffed backpacks were delivered to 5 elementary schools and were most appreciated during this challenging environment! Wishing students a great 2020-2021 school year!

Thank you ALL for your generosity; we couldn't have done this without you!!



Fulfill has experience a 40% spike in the demand for food since the coronavirus pandemic hit the Jersey Shore in mid-March. Since then, Fulfill has served more than 2.2 million additional meals in Monmouth and Ocean Counties over the same period last year to meet the dire need.

(from FOOD FOR THOUGHT fall 2020 Fulfill newsletter)



2020 Holiday Ornaments Now Available!

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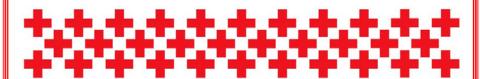


Edgar Decker, US Navy, Vietnam Edward A. Roelke, 75, US Navy, Vietnam Raymond Kosten, Sr., US Marine, Vietnam "Rest In Peace, Comrades"

Bob Scheiderman, Ritual Chairman

American Red Cross

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American Red Cross Blood Drive
Sponsored by
American Legion Post 129
2025 Church Road
Toms River, NJ
Wednesday, November 3rd
2:00 pm to 7:00 pm
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SAL MESSAGE



Dear brothers of the SAL,

Here we are going into the winter months. Not much has changed. We are still at 25% capacity at the Post and moving along. I am trying to be optimistic that the government of New Jersey will up the occupancy percentage so we can hold our annual Army Navy Game party on December 12th and our annual POW/MIA tree lighting service on the 5th. I will send emails out to membership regarding those events if they happen once we get closer.

Other than that, we are still working hard along with the Auxiliary and Legion Riders to support our great Post.

The main focus is still on membership. We need everyone's help to renew as well as bring in new members. January 1st your 2020 card will no longer be honored. Please renew and get your 2021 cards as that will help us financially to stay alive and support our post and in turn our veterans. You can renew at the post, online mail or www.salpost129.com. The dues are \$25 and under 18 is \$20. Did you know if you're a member you can sign up your children or grandchildren regardless of their age? Yes you can! So why not get them signed up as a member of our Squadron or the Auxiliary! Many kids think it's cool to have a membership card and even attend a meeting! Our meetings are on the second Wednesday of every month at 7pm. I would love to see new faces at our meetinas.

I hope everyone is safe and healthy and I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. This year has been very difficult for many of us and I pray that we turn the corner and get on the road back to normal times.

For God & Country, Rocky Lucia Commander, SAL Squadron 129

MESSAGE FROM SERVICE OFFICER / STATE CHAPLAIN

Brothers and sisters as a nation we are still suffering under the shadow of Covid with no real end in site. I know many of you are suffering with the fear of the unknown and now that winter is approaching and we will be forced to spend more time indoors we will feel even more isolated. Now is the time to make a list of your friends. names. address. birthdates, and stay in contact. I have actually started sending simple note cards, writing note, and surprising people with something to look forward to in the mailbox and it will give you something to do!

Need Food! Starting in a couple of weeks we hopefully will be having the return of the FREE WAWA sandwiches on Friday afternoons, keep checking on Facebook.

Also pay attention we will be working with Electrical Local 400 on a coat drive for veterans!

We will also be working with "A NEED WE FEED" to supply Thanksgiving Dinners to veterans in need, we may need drivers on Thanksgiving Day.

We also had the opportunity to help a member pay both his electric and gas bill and keep the services on for his family.

As the State Chaplain I assisted with the funeral service of Vincent Marketta he was a highly decorated, multi-tour, special operations Staff Sergeant in the United States Army, from Brick, killed in a training accident. I want

to thank the Legion Riders from 129/348 and Rolling Thunder for spending over 8 hours on a multitown escort from Manchester to Brick and then out to General Doyle.

I was Blessed to present the Legion Ritual for John Polocastro a Korean war vet. A 33-year retired firefighter and a PUFL member, at St. Peter's Catholic Church, in Point Pleasant.

I hope you all have the best possible holiday season, it is very important now to stay in touch, reach out, send cards, call family and friends. Make this the best holiday you can! Love you all be blessed

John 1-13/16

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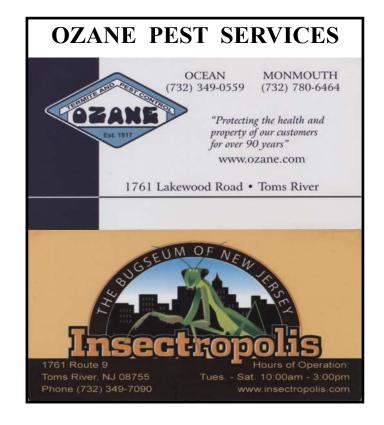
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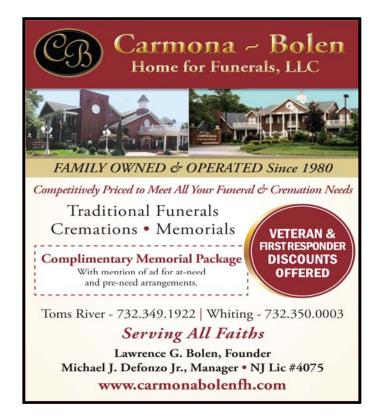
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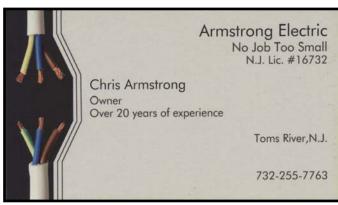
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