



SOUNDOFF

January-February 2021

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

George P. Vanderveer Post 129 American Legion

COMMANDERS MESSAGE

I would like to start by giving my sincere thanks for your overwhelming support of the "SAVE THE POST" Program. From the Legionnaires, Sons of the American Legion, the Auxiliary, and The Rider Organizations, to all of the men and women of this great Post who rose up to donate to the greatest Post in the Nation, again, I say THANK YOU. We received an overwhelming show of support, which has helped keep us solvent. Our goal was to raise \$30,000.00 to offset our \$27,500.00 budget deficit. As of this date, donations total \$33,915.40, surpassing our goal, thanks to all of you! You are the "True Heroes" of our Post. I am proud and humble to have the honor of being your Commander.

Sadly, I know that many of your favorite restaurants have not survived the COVID-19 Crisis. While some closed temporarily, some may never open their doors again. For those members who enjoy going out for lunch or dinner, you may want to stop by and check out our lunch and dinner menus. Ryan's Catering provides a variety of food choices prepared by Chef Mike Speary for your dining pleasure. Remember, as a Legionnaire, you can bring nine (9) guests, (they do not have to be Veterans). An Auxiliary member and a SAL member, may bring in one (1) guest. This is a WIN/WIN situation. So, stop by with your spouses, neighbors and friends and enjoy Post 129's food and beverages at low affordable prices.

For those of you who are concerned about the COVID-19 Crisis, (which you all have a right to be), please know that the Post has been sanitized for the third time since the pandemic started. We are doing everything we can to keep our members, bartenders, and guests safe and healthy. Remember you **MUST WEAR A MASK** in our Post. Masks must be worn while standing and walking around the Post. **NO EXCEPTIONS** to this rule, this is for your safety and the safety of everyone around you.

On another note, anyone wishing to attend our 2021 Convention in Wildwood, must have the deposit in no later than **January 10, 2021**.

I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. Here's to the start of a new, safe and healthy new year. I am looking forward to a time when we can all get together once again.

For God and Country
Ed Rutzler, Commander

VICE COMMANDERS CORNER

For the Good of Our Post:

I am writing this in the way of a Thank You to one of our members Mr. Joseph Navarra (NAVY). Joe has been a friend for forty years and a better man is hard to find. Joe came to me and asked if he could donate a permanent large screen for the Hall that we could use for rentals and whatever else

we needed it for.

Joe rents our Hall to have HVACR training classes a couple of times a month. After speaking to our Commander Ed Rutzler, I told Joe that it would be ok. In no time at all Joe had the large screen installed permanently at the ceiling. He also paid an electrician to wire the screen, donated the cart for the projector and when he saw our small inadequate projector he donated his own high end projector to the Post.

Anyone who came to the Post for the Army/Navy game saw it on our new screen.

Again I would like to thank our brother Joseph Navarra HVACR Comfort Pro LLC.

For God and Country

Pete Chafatelli
Vice Commander

Check you membership card. If it still says 2020 your membership is expired so please renew as soon as you can.



MEMBERSHIP MEMBERSHIP MEMBERSHIP

As we start another year, I hope everyone had a joyous and blessed holiday season and as we start a new year that everyone has a safe and healthy new year.

I would like to thank all the members that have sent their 2021 dues so far, our membership now stands at 1,269 paid. Last year we didn't make our goal of 1822. We ended up at 1620 we need 352 to make our goal this year. We are a bit behind this year so please send in your dues. Your support helps keep us strong and helps us do all the great things that we do for our veterans their families and the community. Just a reminder our membership year starts on July 1st all members should have their dues paid by December 31st

And by keeping our membership numbers up we will continue to have a strong voice in Washington and on capitol hill to address the needs of our veterans, as you know membership is the life blood of this great organization.

I am asking each one of our legion family to reach out to our members that we haven't seen or heard from in a while. It's called a buddy check to see if any of our legion family are okay and to see if they need anything even if its only words of encouragement during these trying times. That's what we do veterans taking care of veterans. Please stay safe and be well.



Rich Godfrey
Department of New Jersey
Membership Chairman
Vice Commander



RIDERS MESSAGE

Brothers and Sisters,

Well 2021 is here! Let us hope we can make it a better year than 2020. I hope you all had a very Happy and Healthy Christmas and New Year.

I will try to have a meeting this month so we can get back to our Rider business. If you are putting your motorcycle to bed for the winter months like me, do not forget to put the Stabil in your gas and hook up that trickle charger.

Anyone with an idea for a fund raiser or a fun ride please send it to me, and I will bring it up at our Janu-

ary meeting. Thank You and God Bless you all.

For God and Country

Pete Chafatelli
President



POST EVERLASTING



Ted Amendola, 92, USN, WWII
John Ostapovich, 79, USAF, Vietnam
Frederick Yorke, 77, US Army, Vietnam
Tony Miskiewicz, 80, US Army, Vietnam
James Bush, 78, US Army, Vietnam

"Rest In Peace, Comrades"

Bob Scheiderman, Ritual Chairman

AUXILIARY NEWS

Wishing everyone a very Healthy and Happy New Year. I am sure it is everyone's wish for this year that we don't have a repeat of 2020 due to the pandemic. I remain hopeful and positive. Vaccines are being distributed. I believe that we just need to remain diligent, patient and focused. Eventually, we will get back to a sense of normal including our involvement with our Post 129 and the various events that our Post family hosts.

In the meantime, our Auxiliary has been busy. We had a good representation of our Unit for the Toms River Veteran's Day Ceremony at The Protectors of Freedom Monument.



Post 129 hosted a Coat Drive and free Meals for those in need on the afternoon of Veteran's Day. The Auxiliary was not needed to assist in the distribution of meals for those in need. But some of our Members, along with a Legionnaire, sorted through several hundred jackets a few days before the Coat Drive. Several of our Members helped to distribute the coats on Veteran's Day.

Thanks to our Past President, Patricia Corbin, we were able to

give a number of brand new donated Stuffed Animals to some local churches during the Christmas Season.

We wrote out hundreds of Christmas Cards to be given to our local nursing home Veterans. Lastly, and in the spirit of Post Family, Commander Rocky Lucia and Legionnaire POW/MIA Chairman, David Corbin, asked for our help in decorating the POW/MIA Tree. Due to restrictions, only 5 of our Auxiliary Members decorated the POW/MIA Tree this year.

Commander Rocky's Power Point Presentation, to honor our POW/MIAs still unaccounted for, was a great idea under our current limitations.

We continue to distribute Poppies, sell handmade Face Masks and handmade scarf & hat sets. It's the primary way we are able to raise money for our various Military, Veteran and Community Programs during the past 9 months. So your continued support is appreciated. If you are interested in Poppies, please contact Pam Bowen at 732-914-1877. If you are interested in our handmade Face Masks, please contact me at 609-549-5003. If you are interest-

ed in a handmade Hat and/or Scarf (set), please contact Bernice Cloos at 732-664-1837.

Obviously, our Psychic Fair, which was to be held in February has been postponed until later in the year. But we are scheduled to have our Gift Auction on Sunday, April 18, 2021. Our Spring Flea Market is set for Saturday, May 1st. Hopefully, we will be able to have both of these events without any Covid-19 restrictions. We will keep you posted.

In the meantime, stay healthy and safe.

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

YOUR MILITARY MOTTOS!

Bob Scheiderman

NATIONAL GUARD

December, 1636

"Always Ready Always There"

US ARMY - June 14, 1775

"This We'll Defend"

US NAVY - October 13, 1775

"Non Sibi Sed Patriae"

"Not For Self But For Country"

US MARINE CORPS

November 10, 1775

"Semper Fidelis" "Always Faithful
(and Loyal)"

US COAST GUARD

August 4, 1790

"Semper Paratus" "Always Ready"

US AIR FORCE

September 18, 1947

"Aim High... Fly-Fight-Win"

MERCHANT MARINE

JUNE 5, 1920

"Acta Non Verbe"

"Deeds Not Words"

US SPACE FORCE

December 20, 2019

Semper Supra (Always Above)

CANTEEN NEWS

Eric Inauen

All the bartenders and bar staff hope that all of you were able to survive the holidays with as little pain as possible. A lot of us have lost loved ones, friends and acquaintances to this horrible disease. Many family relationships have been strained and tempers may have been short. With this being said, we tried to make the Canteen festive and tried to remain upbeat.

Currently, we are one of the very few Posts that are open (knock on wood). The Brick American Legion and VFW, along with AMVETS and Lakewood American Legion had to shut their doors. The Bar Staff has done the best job that we could possibly do to try and keep all of our Members and guests as safe as possible. Nothing is 100%. It is only 100% if you live in La-La Land.

Our Bartenders have gotten a few compliments along the way. "Your pretty strict here. I guess that is why you are still open." Yet another couple said, "Our other Post had very few safety features in place. We didn't feel safe, so we came here."

So, what has been done? We have had ServiceMaster disinfect the entire Post from top to bottom 3 times. The certificate states, "ServiceMASTER of the Shore Area has used EPA registered disinfectants proven effective against viruses to clean and sanitize touch points throughout the facility." The Certificates of Certification are posted in the common areas.

Before Members and Guests are signed in the Bartenders or doorman checks their temperatures. They then show their up-to-date Membership Card, print their names and list their phone num-

bers in case we have to contact them. Tables are placed 6 feet from the bar and 6 feet from each other. Hand sanitizers are located conveniently throughout the Post. Tables and Chairs are wiped down before Members arrival and after Members leave. Bartenders bring all drinks to the tables. No one is served if they approach the Bar. This is the Law.

The Army-Navy Game was well attended, but not over capacity. There were some pre-game jitters, even for us. The Big Screen and Projector, which was donated by Joe Navarro, was not working. A

special thanks to Bobby Joerg, Niel Caiazza (our tech guy), Rocky Lucia, Joe Navarro, Mel Afallo, Ed & Joe Rutzler and Comcast for figuring out and correcting the problem just before game time. A special shout out goes to Dale Harpe and John Holterman for getting the facility prepped for the game.

The Bar Committee always acknowledges our outstanding bartenders, Robin, Lori, Danielle, Shea, Warren, Joe, Gina, Elena, Robert & Linda for the outstanding job they do. However, with the Governor's new bar protocols, just



Donated by Ralph Wolff, Jersey Coast Appliance, the Post now has a no contact infrared thermometer which the bartenders can use to check the guests temperatures from the other side of the bar or check yourself.

think about all the extra work that is required of them. They have to serve all tables individually. They clean all tables and chairs after every use. On a busy day they probably walk an extra 10 miles per shift. We hope our Members take this in consideration when tipping, since it is their main source of income.

BUNKER NEWS: Unfortunately, there is nothing eventful to report. There are some rumors, however, as you know, Bar Committee Intel-

ligence only deals in science and fact. It was rumored that on patrol of the DMZ (our border fence), Long Tail was spotted in the distance. He was accompanied by a 2nd Long Tail. When some Patrol Members were questioned by their spouses about some long blonde hairs on their flack jackets, they stated that, "it was Long Tail's Girl-friend." Good luck with excuse guys and girls.

Since we have NO visual proof, the existence of 2 Long Tails is

only a rumor. Unfortunately, our Nat. Geo. Wild photographer, Al Harbord, is currently on secret assignment. When he returns, he will be assigned to locate and photo to the Long Tails, if they truly do exist. He may be sleeping in the woods for awhile.

Additional reports to follow.

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

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

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Phil Donohue

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"The Code of Hammurabi decreed that bartenders who watered down beer would be executed."

Something you will never have to worry about at Post 129 with the best Canteen of any American Legion Post in the United States and with food by Ryan's Catering at 129 it is always a good day.







JANUARY: From the Roman god Janus, the keeper of the gates who was pictured with two heads, thus able to see the past and the future.

Birthstone

January 2021

Garnet

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Happy New Years Day Navy Seals 1962	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 Elvis Presley 1935	9
10	11  Plough Monday	12	13 ● New Moon	14	15 First World Championship Game <small>AFL vs NFL</small> 1st. Superbowl, 1967	16
17 Persian Gulf War Began (1991)	18  Martin Luther King Jr. 1929	19	20  Inauguration Day	21	22	23 USS Pueblo
24	25	26	27 Signing of Vietnam Peace Accord (1973) Vietnam War Ends	28 ● Full Wolf Moon	29 Prohibition 1919	30 ***** 31 Panama Campaign Ended (1990)

A good New Year to one and all, / And many may ye see: And during all the years to come, / O happy may ye be.

VALUED RELATIONSHIPS



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February: From the Latin word "to smoke," since it was the Roman month for purification.

Birthstone

February 2021

Amethyst

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 	2  Ground-Hog Day	3	4	5	6
7 Four Chaplains Sunday Services At Cathedral of the Air	8  Boy Scouts of America Founded (1910)	9	10	11 ● New Moon	12  Abraham Lincoln 1809	13
14  Valentines Day	15  Presidents Day	16	17 Ash Wednesday	18	19	20
21	22  George Washington 1782	23 Tootsie Roll 1896	24	25  Purim Begins	26	27 ● Full Snow Moon
28			"Why did the donut visit the dentist? He needed a chocolate filling"			

During WW-II, the US transport ship 'Dorchester', which was carrying troops to Greenland, sank after being hit by a German torpedo; of the more than 900 men aboard, only some 230 survived.

WE'RE STILL HERE FOR YOU!

George P. Vanderveer, American Legion Post129 and it's American Legion Family is here for it's members. If you need help with anything do not hesitate to call the Post. We have a Service Officer always ready to serve.

THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



YEAR IN REVIEW

The year 2020 was supposed to be the year of clarity. COVID 19 made sure that instead of clarity our lives became hazed over. But in the true style of Americans we were able to put aside the things we could not do and find ways to adapt and overcome.

As comrades we worked side by side to help ensure that our Legion Family, First Responders and Medical Workers had many of the things that were in very short supply at the time. We shut down the post on March 15th and within two weeks we had set up a command distribution center to distribute food and other essential supplies. Our first distribution was March 30th, 2020 and continued until our last on June 9, 2020. There were a total of 28 distribution days and during which 2234 meals, 3247 rolls of paper towels, 7920 rolls of toilet paper and 1225 crisis boxes were given to our family members. Along with that we gave out a total of approximately 8,000 pounds of fruit and produce. Thank you to the team who braved the snow, rain, wind and cold to help distribute the bounty.

Our Victory Garden was working as well. The garden produced close to 400 pounds of vegetables which were given out to our members. Thank you to all who stayed dedicated to the cause.

I also want to thank our Commander for his leadership, everyone on the Bar Committee, the House Committee and of course P.J. and the Gaming Committee for the outstanding job they did throughout this pandemic. When allowed they kept the doors open, adjusted the protocols in order to keep everyone safe, kept the Post clean and brought in revenue allowing the post to pay the bills and bring us back to almost the pre-

pandemic levels of revenue.

The amazing thing about our Post is that everyone in our Legion Family worked together for the common good of our members, first responders and medical workers. A team effort it was.

Finally, while our team efforts brought about physical and social nourishment, the one person that must be recognized is the person who gave us our spiritual nourishment and who kept us thinking about why we do what we do, why we should be kind and generous and the reason we put ourselves in harm's way for our comrades. That person is our very own State Chaplain, Michael Schaffer. With most church gatherings being closed, Mike took it upon himself to start writing the daily prayer. It is the prayer that we all know so well and rely on for our spiritual uplift-

ing and guidance. Mike was the first to volunteer to be on the distribution team and continues to "be the light" for many of us. Outstanding Michael Schaffer!

Our finances are doing well. As of this writing our operating accounts are strong and our bills are paid. A special thank you to Eric and the budget committee for the continuous adjustments to our budget as was required because of the never ending changes in revenue brought on by the pandemic. I am looking forward to a strong and healthy 2021 for our Post.

May You All Have a Warm and Happy New Year,

Ralph Wolff
Finance Officer
Post 129





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To 888-918-2729

For Food Pantries Near You



SAL MESSAGE

Hello all and Happy New Year! I hope you had a safe, healthy and Merry Christmas.

Unfortunately, not much new to report. It has been a rough, challenging year, to say the least, but we keep our head down and continue to forge on praying for better days and to hopefully someday soon, get back to some sense of normalcy.

We were able to hold our army/navy game function in the canteen and in the hall. We had a very generous member donate an HD projector to show the game on a large screen in the hall. It worked out great and we also use it for Sunday football for overflow in the canteen. So that is cool! I was unable to attend the army/navy function, but we did well with the gift raffles and 50/50. I would like to thank all that helped for the event; especially my executive board for running the event in my absence. I would also like to thank my vice commander and post bar manager, Bob Joerg for getting the items from the distributors for us to raffle off. Bob comes through every year and it is a major reason we can be successful in this fun event.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to have our annual Valentine's comedy show in February. The production company and the comics are not doing any live events and it would not make sense for us to have a virtual one. I have been in contact with them and maybe we can do one later in the year when the restrictions lift.

As always, our SAL squadron is doing whatever is needed to support our great post however we can. Last but certainly not least, the 2021 membership cards are in. Your 2020 cards will be EXPIRED come 1/1/21 so PLEASE renew ASAP. We need your help! Mem-

bership is our lifeblood and helps keep us alive during these difficult times. You can pay at the post in person, mail in your dues to the Post or pay online at www.salpost129.com. The SAL dues are \$25. We appreciate your continued support

Please stay healthy and safe and we will see you soon!

For God & Country,

Rocky Lucia
Commander
SAL Squadron 129

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



**Ryan's Catering
Presents**

Friday Night Pasta Special

**At
Post
129**

Begin with:
Salad with House Dressing
Italian Bread

Pick Your Entrée:

~Cavatelli & Broccoli

~ Ravioli

~ Lasagna Rollups

~Penne Bolognese

~Penne Vodka

Dessert:

Homemade Dessert made in house by Meghan

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Another busy time for me and Post 129.

October 23

Riding with Post 129 Legion Riders we supplied a funeral escort for Joe Mittelsdorf - WW2 USMC to General Doyle Cemetery

October 24

Praise and worship gathering Trenton War Memorial

October 27

Post 232 Rider meeting

October 31

Celebrate Post 239 Centennial - Invocation/Benediction

November 11

Veterans Day celebration at Defenders of Freedom Monument – Benediction

November 11

Food and coat distribution at Post 129

November 18

Working with Ocean County College we supplied 1200 pounds of non persiable food to the Methodist church food pantry

November 18

Working with Ralph Wolff and IBEW 400 we moved 200 winter coats from the Post 129 to the Salvation Army

We had no requests to aid veterans in distress

Proverbs 12:19

Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue is but for a moment.

Truth usually means being in accordance with fact or reality. It is typically held opposite to false or falsehood. Truth is the backbone of any civilization and society. It creates the base for a healthy future for its people. Truth can be used as a weapon to demolish the negativity and falsehood that is spread by the evils of the society. At times speaking truth can be a hard thing to do as people fear how others would react to it. Overcoming this fear makes a person healthy and also wins him the respect of others as not everyone has the courage to speak the truth. All the famous personalities philosophers have mentioned in their speeches and writings about the importance of honesty. In life, the truth is the only thing that stays with us no matter where and in which situation we are in, the truth is the truth...

Galatians 4:16

Have I then become your enemy by telling you the truth?

Michael Schaffer

State Chaplain—Department of New Jersey

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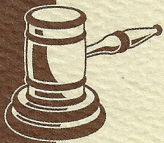
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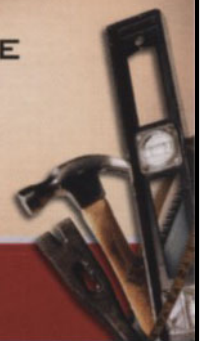
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