



# SOUNDOFF

March-April 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 hope everyone is staying safe, healthy, and warm. I would like to update everyone on the COVID-19 ongoing Executive Orders of the Governor. Please note that we are now allow 35% capacity in the canteen and in the big hall, this means we are allowed approximately **35** people in the canteen and **75** people in the hall. **Social distancing guidelines still apply and everyone must wear mask**, except when eating and drinking. If we continue to allow dancing in the hall, you must wear a mask and social distance, this is for your safety and the safety of everyone around you. We cannot have everyone dancing in one corner of the room.

It has been brought to my attention that someone has been smoking in the ladies' room in the big hall. Please be advised that we

are a smoke-free building. There is **no smoking allowed in the building** and anyone caught smoking will be subject to disciplinary action (i.e., a non-member caught smoking will be asked to leave the premises and not be permitted back and a member will be subject to suspension for a period of time determined by the executive board).

We have lost a few American Legion Family Members these past two months and I would like to send my sincere and deepest condolences out to Carol Homyack who lost her husband Barry (many of you may know Barry as a bingo caller, he will be missed by the bingo staff); and to Judy Legregni, who lost her husband Bill who many of you knew and who sang from time to time at our Post; and also to Dina Lynam who lost her sister, Roseann, recently, I did not know Dina's sister personally, but knew she was a member of the Auxiliary. Again, most sincere

condolences from the American Legion Family to everyone who has lost a loved one.

I would like to take this time to thank my wife, who comes to the Post every Friday and Saturday night to do the 50/50. Also, thank you to Pat Cirz and Dotty Abercrombie, who also help out with the 50/50 from time to time. Thank you, ladies, your help is much appreciated.

For God and Country  
Ed Rutzler, Commander



The principle on which this country was founded and by which it has always been governed is that Americanism is a matter of the mind and heart; Americanism is not, and never was, a matter of race or ancestry.

*Franklin D. Roosevelt*

## "SAVE THE POST" CAMPAIGN

The Commander and the entire Executive Board would like to thank and acknowledge the following Members and Friends who donated to the "Save the Post" campaign after the last SOUNDOFF Printing:

Gail & Tony Brito  
Tom Buonavolonta  
'General McAuliffe NY-NJ  
Chapter 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Div.'  
James Colleran  
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Bill Strallow  
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Richard Tutela

**REMEMBER, IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO DONATE TO THE CAMPAIGN.**

## LEGION MEMBERSHIP

Dear American Legion Members Just want to thank all the loyal members of our Great Post that have stepped up and paid their dues so far this year and all the generous donations which has helped us out during this COVID-19 Pandemic.

As we stand now, we are at 1460 paid, our goal is 1621 and we're almost there.

To participate in any Post functions, whether at the Canteen or in the Post Hall, as of February, 1 2021 you must have a 2021 card to enter the Post or to be able to participate in any Post Functions.

I am asking all Members who have not paid their Dues for 2021 please send us whatever you can so that we can continue to help our Veterans, their Families and the Community where we live.

I truly believe we are Legion Family and together we will accomplish great things. Stay Safe

and please do not forget BUDDY CHECK.

Please let me know if there is some service that our Post or at the Department level can provide for you or if there is any reason that has kept you from renewing your Membership.

Please contact me at

[rig548@comcast.net](mailto:rig548@comcast.net) or 732-604-8326, The American Legion needs your support, Remember, Membership is the life blood of The American Legion.

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



## FREE MEALS



### Veterans, Medical Workers, First Responders

- Free nutritious meal distribution will begin at Post 129 on 18 January 2021
- Every Monday: Time 1200 to 1700
- Just come into the Post and pick up your meal. Max 4 per family
- Sponsored by Post 129 and A Need We Feed





## SAL MESSAGE

Greetings from SAL Squadron 129!

I hope everyone is staying healthy and well. Cannot wait for this winter to be over and get into some nice weather. If the weather cooperates, we should have the Bunker Bar open mid-March. That would be awesome. We are still doing whatever we can as SAL members to assist our great Post any way we can.

Since we were unable to have our annual Valentine's comedy show, we decided to do a raffle to generate some money. We are raffling off a 65" smart TV. The tickets are on sale at the post so please come in and support our squadron. The price is \$10.00 for one ticket and \$20.00 for three tickets. The drawing for the TV will be held on Saturday, March 20th at 8 PM so there is plenty of time to still get in to win!

We are also starting to plan our annual Pig Roast & BBQ event. This will be held on Saturday, May 29th from 1-5 PM outside in the picnic grove. We will have great food, 50/50, raffles and live entertainment. Stay tuned for more details as we get them.

**Membership.** Your 2020 cards are now expired. If you haven't already, please renew and get your 2021 card. We have been doing OK with renewals and new members, but we have work to do and a way to go to hit and exceed our number from last year. You can come into the post and renew, mail in your dues or renew online at [www.salpost129.com](http://www.salpost129.com). This website is for Sons ONLY. I have had a few legionnaires and auxiliary members pay on this site thinking they could renew. Please see your legion and auxiliary membership people for your renewals.

As always, thank you for your continued support, as it is membership that is our lifeblood and keeps us alive. Everyone please stay healthy and safe and we'll see you soon around the Post.

For God & Country,

Rocky Lucia  
Commander  
Squadron 129



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

**MARCH 14,  
2021**

**1 PM TO  
5 PM**



# St Patrick's Day Party

## At Post 129



**Corned Beef and Cabbage Plate or Sandwich Available**

**First Come First Serve—Free Admission**

**Entertainment by**



## AUXILIARY MESSAGE

2021 continues to be the challenge that 2020 was. However, Covid-19 vaccines have begun to be available. Governor Murphy has increased the "indoor gathering amount" to 35%. We only have another 6 weeks of the winter season & hopefully, the end to the snow!

We were unable to plan our annual February Psychic Fair. Once again, we need to postpone our annual Gift Auction in April. Still, I remain positive and hopeful that both Events will happen sometime in 2021! We will be hosting our Spring Flea Market on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> (9 AM to 2 PM See our flyer).

In the meantime, our Unit 129 is still collecting Membership Dues. Please mail your checks to Post 129 (made payable to: ALA Unit 129) and to the attention of Carol Rutzler, Membership Chairman. We are still distributing Poppies. If you want any Poppies, please contact our Poppy Chairman, Pam Bowen at 732-914-1877. We continue to sell our handmade Face Masks for the low price of \$5.00. If you are interested, please contact me at 201-224-3479. Your continued support in our Conservative Projects is what is helping us make it through this year without the ability to host any of our big Events.

We had our first E Board Zoom Meeting and subsequent Unit Meeting earlier this month. I am happy and relieved to report that both were a success. It remains to be seen right now if we will have an In Person Unit Meeting or another Zoom Meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. I will keep you posted via email. I want to give a "Shout Out" to our Email Chairman, Shannon D'Ercole. This past year has re-

quired many more emails needing to be sent to our Members, to keep everyone informed. So, thank you, Shannon for all your help!

We are still looking to celebrate the ALA 100 years Birthday Celebration. Included in our Celebration is our Celebrate (song by Kool and The Gang) Line Dance Routine. Anyone who is interested in learning the Dance Routine, please contact me. It is important that we remain optimistic and look forward to having fun and spending some (social distance) time together. So please contact me if

you are interested in joining in the fun!

I want to wish you and your families a Happy Passover and a Blessed and Happy Easter. Please stay healthy and safe.

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





### AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 129

2025 Church Rd, Toms River, NJ



### SPRING FLEA MARKET

SATURDAY MAY 1, 2021  
9AM to 2PM




OUTSIDE SPACE.....\$10  
(Must bring your own tables)



Payment in advance is required to  
**HOLD YOUR SPACE!**



Refreshments available for purchase



For more information contact:  
Jacqueline @ 732-330-8748





## SERVICE OFFICER DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN

Brothers and Sisters

It has been another quiet time, as we all pray for the peace that the vaccine and our diligence will finally provide. We must stay vigilant, as there are still some who still do not believe any of this is real, I cannot imagine what will finally make it real for them. Their own infection, death of a loved one?

Time to take back the earth:

There is no love without loss. I hear the drums that vibrate to the heartbeat of the earth. They set me dancing. I see the clouds that wreath the summits. They set me dreaming, I know the wonder of the waves that shake the headlands. They awaken my soul. I hear the screams of eagle on the wind. And I ponder what are these things to me who loves and does not reckon loss? Do I not keep the earth? Those who came before me did not take for granted the world in which they lived. They blessed the air with smoke

and pollen. They touched the ground, the trees, the stones, with respect and reverence. I believe that they imagined me before I was born, that they prepared the way for me, that they placed their faith and hope in me and in the generations that followed them. Will I give my children an inheritance of the earth? Or will I give them less than I was given.

N. Scott Momaday (Kiowa poet)

First Native American to win the Pulitzer Prize

Our children will be left a planet in ruins and they will become the greatest generation restoring the balance between Man and Nature.

Grace and Peace  
Michael Schaffer  
Department Chaplain



## RIDERS MESSAGE

Brothers and Sisters, I hope everyone is doing well and staying as healthy as possible. Not too much riding weather right now but let us hope March and April will bring us some good riding weather. Our Membership meeting will be on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> of March, hope to see you all there. Let us all get our motorcycles serviced as best as we can before the riding weather. I hope to see you all soon. Be Safe and God Bless.

For God and Country

Pete Chafatelli Director



**\$14.00**

**Ryan's Catering  
Presents**



## Friday Night Pasta Special

**At Post  
129**

**Begin with:**  
Salad with House Dressing  
Italian Bread



**Pick Your Entrée:**

~ Rigatoni Marinara with Sausage

~ Penne Bolognese

~ Ravioli

~ Penne Vodka

~ Lasagna Rollups

~ Spinach Ricotta

**Dessert:**

Homemade Dessert made in house by Meghan

*Imagine the PASTA-bilities*

## CANTEEN NEWS

Eric Inauen

As Covid 19, snow and ice continue to hit us hard, Post 129 has been hanging tough. "Hit us with your best shot—Fire Away." We're still standing and getting ready for Spring.

As you know, the Governor has increased capacity in Restaurants and Bars from 25% to 35%. This has been a great help, as more Members are coming out to the Canteen and Hall for food, drink and entertainment.

All tables are placed 6 feet apart. Masks are required when Members are not seated, eating and drinking. There are sanitizers placed conveniently through out the Post. Bartenders will check your Membership Cards. Remember, your card needs to be a 2021 Card or we can not serve you. Bartenders will also check your temperature, will ask you to sign the book and leave your phone number, in case you need to be contacted. All this is done with your safety in mind.

As you know, nothing is totally safe, even with all the precautions we take. Although the Post would love to see you, if you do not feel safe, please stay home. This goes for not only the Post, but for everything you do and everywhere you go.

**We plan on opening the Bunker Bar the weekend before St. Patrick's Day** (weather permitting). We have been improving the Bunker Bar every year, and this year will be no different. What are the new improvements? We're not telling. You will have to visit the Bunker and to find out.

**Speaking of St. Patrick's Day**, the Post will be holding its annual St. Patrick's Day Party on

Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, between 1 and 5 PM. DJ Louie, (back by popular demand) will provide the entertainment. DJ Louie performed at our New Year's Eve Party and was well received. Tom King and the Shamrock & Thistle Pipe and Drum Band will also be performing. Mike Speary of Ryan's Catering will be making his famous corn beef sandwich platters along with other delicious items at reasonable prices. Admission is free. Seating will be on a first come first serve basis. Food specials will be offered in both the Canteen and the Hall.



Our bartenders will be selling Guinness, Irish Coffee, Leprechauns and Nutty Irishman on this special occasion.

**Raffle tickets** will still be available for a 65 inch Element-Roku smart ultra HD TV. Tickets are \$10 each and 3 tickets for \$20. This is our SAL Squadron 129 fundraiser. So, take a chance or chances and support the SAL and all the great things they do for the Post.

We, also, will be holding our **NFL Draft Day** on Saturday, May 1, from Noon to 5 PM. Coors Lite, Bud, Bud Lite and Miller Lite Drafts will be \$1.75, along with our drink specials and there will be a discounted food menu.

Our regular shift Canteen Bartenders have been doing a spectacular job. Robin, Lori, Danielle and Shea have done a great job in serving the Members and their Guests. These ladies walk miles every shift, since it is illegal for Members to come to the Bar and to get served. You have to be in great shape to do the jobs that they do. The Bar Committee hopes you keep this in mind when leaving your gratuity. On especially busy days, Gina and Linda help us out with their bartending skills.







### **BUNKER NEWS:**

Our patrols have reported little or no activity in the varmint areas. However, the accuracy of their reporting has been suspect. Many patrol members have asked if they could use the donated eyeglasses in the used eyeglass box in the lobby, so they can give more accurate descriptions.

With numerous unconfirmed sightings of two Longtails in the VNZ (Varmint Neutral Zone), our Nature Correspondent, Al Harbord, risked his own safety to bring us these exclusive photos. This time, Al disguised himself as a snowblower to sneak up on the Long Tails (see photo). He suffered only a minor injury when John Holterman tried to start him up to clear the snow off the sidewalks.

Al, also, got photos of the two long tails in the wild and at the bar (see photos). This time, Bar Intelligence requested a more detailed

report. Remember, like fake news, we deal in science, not fact.

After plowing into the long tails' nest, which was the size of a king bed, Al discovered a Valentine's Day Card addressed to "Peace A. Tail." Everywhere he saw the Long Tails seemed happy. After analyzing his assessments, Bar Intelligence came up with the following conclusions:

1. Long Tail's future bride is named Peace.
2. Like humans, Long Tails mate for life, unless they find someone more attractive.
3. Peace and Long Tail are not married, since they still make out, and that always stops after marriage.
4. The fact that Peace is drinking Guinness is proof that she has not tied the knot, since after marriage female Long Tails switch to martinis.

5. Also, Long Tail leaves large tips of not only peanuts, but cashews too. This too stops after marriage.

6. Long Tail was viewed still doing the Electric Slide & Cha-Cha Slide Dances with Peace (but not the Chicken Dance). Definitely not married.

7. Al could not find a Pre-Nut Agreement while searching through the nest, so we don't foresee a wedding on the horizon. No Pre-Nut, No Wedding. We now live in the new La-La Land America.

Additional reposts to follow.

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



(The Editor assumes no responsibility for the content or accuracy of this article)

**SOUNDOFF  
COMPLAINT  
DEPARTMENT**



Daylight  
Savings  
Time Begins  
March 14  
at 2 AM








March: From the Roman god of war, Mars

Birthstone **March 2021** Aquamarine



March 20  
First Day  
of Spring

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
I have a lot of fond memories of St. Patrick's Day, vague but Fond!	1 <b>Asiatic Fleet Memorial Day</b>	2	3 "Star-Spangled Banner" Made U.S. National Anthem (1931)	4	5	6
7	8 Legion Aux. Mtg. 7:00PM	9 	10 SAL Meeting 7 PM	11 	12  Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. founded (1912)	13 ● New Moon
14 St Patrick's Day Party at Post 129	15 Board/Trustee Mtg. 7:00PM <u>Beware The Ides Of March</u>	16 	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 	19 Iraq War Began (2003)	20  <b>GIANT TV RAFFLE DRAWING</b>
21 	22 Legion Riders Mtg. 7:00PM	23 	24 Kosovo Campaign Began (1999)	25	26 <u>Make Up Your Own Holiday Day</u>	27 Passover Begins
28 Palm Sunday O Full Worm Moon	29 Vietnam War Veterans Day 	30	31 Somalia Campaign Ended (1995)		"To Be Old And Wise You Must First Be Young and Stupid"	

The American Legion is founded March 15, 1919, at the American Club near Place de la Concorde in Paris, France, by members of American expeditionary Forces and chartered on September 16, 1919 by congress. **"And We proudly Promote "Americanism".**

## MARCH ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup> **WILD ROSE**

SATURDAY MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup> **SURE CATS**

FRIDAY MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup> **STRICTLY 60'S DUO**

SATURDAY MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup> **THE MANGO'S**

SUNDAY MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup> **ST. PATRICKS DAY PARTY**  
**DJ LOUIE 1-5PM**  
(SEE THE FLYER)

FRIDAY MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup> **PICADILLY CIRCUS**

SATURDAY MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup> **PERFECT BLEND**

FRIDAY MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup> **WELCOME BACK \*BOB KULIK\***

SATURDAY MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup> **STRICTLY 60'S DUO**

Currently all Entertainment is held in the Post Hall from 7 to 10 PM





April: From the Greek goddess of love, Aphrodite.

Birthstone

April 2021

Diamond



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
A Smile Is A Curve That Can set A Lot Of Things Straight!				1 ALL FOOLS Day	2 <b>Good Friday</b>	3
4 <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> <b>POST CLOSED</b>	5 	6  <b>Army Day</b>	7 National Beer Day	8 "Cattfish" Hunter, 1946	9	10
11 Persian Gulf War Official Cease Fire (1991) ● New Moon	12 Legion Aux. Mtg. 7:00PM	13  Thomas Jefferson, 1748	14 SAL Mtg. 7:00 PM	15  Income Tax Day	16	17
18  Paul Revere Ride 1774	19 Board/Trustee Mtg. 7:00PM	20 	21 	22 <i>Earth Day</i>	23	24
25	26 Riders Mtg. 7:00PM O Full Pink Moon	27 	28	29	30  "The 1st of April is the day we remember what we are the other 364 days of the year"	

April 4, 1933. Near midnight the dirigible USS AKRON crashed into the ocean off Barnegat Light, 73 sailors perished. The three survivors, Lt. Cmdr. Wiley, Moody Erwin and Richard Deal. Among the dead was Rear Admiral William Moffett, the first Chief of the bureau of Navy Aeronautics.



# **NOMINATIONS OF POST 129 OFFICERS**

Because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Post has not been able to hold any General Meetings. Normally, these meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month. We were not able to hold our election last year, so all officers that held elected positions retained those positions for another year.

The Executive Board voted to open up nominations to eligible Members for all elected officers. Our Election will be held in the first week of May, 2021.

If you wish to nominate someone or yourself, please call the Post in the morning at 732-255-9250. Ask for Commander Ed Rutzler or Vice Commander Phil (PJ) Jones. Once vetted by the Nominating Committee, your name will be added to the Ballot. Names can not be submitted after April 15, 2021

The offices and their requirements are listed below. Duties of the offices are listed in the By-Laws.

## **OFFICE AND ELIGIBILITY**

**COMMANDER (1):** You need to have been a Vice Commander for at least one year and Chair a Post Standing Committee for one year, totally 2 years of Membership in Post 129. Past Commanders of Post 129 are also eligible.

**VICE COMMANDER (4):** Must have chaired a Standing or Special Committee for at least year. You must have been a Member in good standing of Post 129 for 2 Years. All past Vice Commanders of Post 129 are eligible. Due to the Pandemic the requirement for the Legion College Basic Course is waived.

**FINANCE OFFICER (1):** Must be a Member in good standing of Post 129 for at least 2 years. Must be proficient in the use of Quick Books.

**HISTORIAN (1):** Records the activities of the Post for posterity. New Members are eligible.

**CHAPLIN (1):** Is responsible for the spiritual leadership of the Post. The Chaplin shall offer invocations and benedictions where such prayers are required. New Members are eligible.

**SERGEANT-AT-ARMS (1):** Takes charge of the Door and verifies credentials at all formal meetings. Is responsible for posting the Post's Colors. New Members are eligible.

**TRUSTEES (9):** Must be a Member in good standing of Post 129 for at least 2 years from date you joined the Post.

ALL POSTIONS WILL BE VETTED BY THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE BEFORE BEING PLACE ON THE BALLOT.

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A copy of the Post 129 **CONSTITUTION** and **BY-LAWS** is available on the Post website at:

**WEBSITE:** <https://alpost129.org/>

under the **ABOUT-HISTORY-FEDERAL CHARTER/CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS** tab



## FINANCE OFFICER



Ralph Wolff  
Finance Officer  
Post 129

Today is the three hundred and forty first day of March and while we are hopeful that the end of the Pandemic will be upon us by late summer, we must all still remain cautious even if you have received both of your shots. The wearing of mask will not go away for a long time and while I am not so sure that the mask is as effective as they say, for the lack of anything better we should all be wearing one. Remember if you see someone without a smile give them one of yours. Even with the mask you can see that smile in their eyes.

Many of our Veterans and Le-

gion family are hungry so we have instituted a nutritious meal give away at the Post. We started it a few weeks ago and it will be held every Monday until the end of April, depending on the funding available. If you are in need or know someone who is in need of a meal, direct them to the Post. Just walk in. You can take up to four meals per family. Oh, by the way, a donation jar is right on the table so if you happen to have an extra dollar, it will go a long way to help supporting this effort. Currently we are giving out 100 meals per week at a cost of \$1,000 per week. We should all thank Cliff Baker and "A Need We Feed" for supporting this effort and helping to keep our kitchen sustainable.

Our Victory garden will be ramping up again this year to grow a wide variety of vegetables for our members. A hot tent has

been donated by Fulfill to enable us to start the planting early. We received a grant from the Toms River Health and Wellness Coalition that will support our planned budget for 2021 in full. We thank the coalition and Fulfill for their support.

## FINANCES

Because of the plans set in place last April, the Post was able to survive during the worst case scenario; forcefully closed down with no revenue. Many of you do not know that this worst case scenario plan had been in the works for a long time. With the help of God, the budget team and all of you, we will be ready to open in full when the order is given. There is a lot to do and catch up on, but we will have the funding because of your help and contributions to the "Save the Post Fund".



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## 9 THINGS ABOUT THE SPACE FORCE



The American Legion  
DEC 17, 2020

On Dec. 20, 2019, the U.S. Space Force – the newest branch of the U.S. Armed Forces – was officially instituted with the signing of legislation by President Donald Trump. On the occasion of the Space Force's birthday, here are some facts the intervening year may have buried.

1. The Space Force previously existed within the Air Force since 1982, as the Air Force Space Command. (mentalfloss.com)
2. The first official member of the Space Force to be sworn in is its most senior officer: Chief of Space Operations Gen. John W. Raymond. (mentalfloss.com)
3. The branch's motto is Semper Supra – "always above." (mentalfloss.com)
4. The initial uniforms are "utilizing current Army/Air Force uniforms, saving costs of designing/producing a new one," according to a Space Force source. "Members will look like their joint counterparts they'll be working with, on the ground." (cnet.com)
5. The Air Force Academy's class of 2020 included 86 graduates set to become the Space Force's first company-grade officers. (cnet.com)
6. On Sept. 15, 2020, a virtual mass swearing-in was held for about 2,400 troops transferring into the Space Force from locations around the world. (militarybenefits.info)
7. On Dec. 10, 2020, the first seven people to enlist directly in the Space Force graduated from basic training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland in Texas. (af.mil)
8. It took no special action for Space Force members to become eligible to join The American Legion, as the organization's charter only indicates active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces.
9. The Space Force flag was unveiled at the White House in May 2020; by October, Alpharetta American Legion Post 201 in Georgia had obtained one and was [flying it](#) above their post home. (legiontown.org)

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



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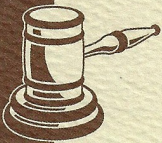
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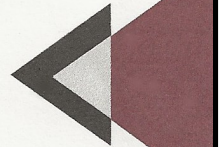
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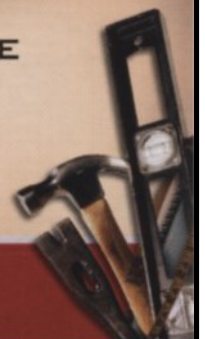
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