



SOUNDOFF

July-August 2021

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

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THE COMMANDERS MESSAGES



From the outgoing Commander, Ed Rutzler

I would like to thank all my officers from the last three years. With all your help we kept Post 129 afloat and operating. Thank you all again.

At this time I would like to welcome our new Commander, Pete Chafatelli and all his officers aboard, and as usual we had a great time at the Department Convention in Wildwood.

Hope to see more members next year.

For God and Country
Ed Rutzler

As the incoming Commander for our Post 129 I would like to say that it is my honor to serve our Post, our members, and all Veterans. I would like to thank our outgoing Commander Ed Rutzler and all outgoing officers for a job well done during one of the toughest years at our Post.

I would like to invite everyone to come on out and support our Post on July 3rd, our Independence Day BBQ, July 17th Riders Country BBQ, and August 10th Riders Bike Night.

I would also like to welcome and thank all my incoming Officers, Trustees and Committee Chairman. We have a lot of work ahead of us. I would especially like to thank PJ for all his help and guidance. I am looking forward to learning from all our Past Commanders on how to best run our Post in a successful manner.

In closing I would like to say God Bless our Post, God Bless the American Legion and God Bless America.

For God and Country
Pete Chafatelli



"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:

THANK YOU: PHYLLIS REID & TOM DALY

CHILDREN AND YOUTH FUND

The Post would also like to thank **CAROL GUERRETTE** for donating \$150 from her Memorial Day 50/50 winnings to the Children and Youth Fund.

We would also like to thank our Convention Guests who donated \$319 to our Children and Youth Fund.

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

SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT

Brothers and Sisters,

At the last Executive Board meeting, I was not present as I was in Florida celebrating my daughter's 30th birthday, I was criticized for not doing my job by a fellow board member.

So, to answer my critics, here is what I have been doing since the last issue of the SOUNDOFF. Just a note in addition to being a past Vice Commander, a two-time Past Post Commander, Post Chaplain, Post Service Officer, Post Legion Rider Chaplain, I am instructor at Legion College, I am also the State Chaplain for 300 Posts and 40,000 members. I get multiple phone calls, texts, and e-mails weekly to assist around the state. I also have received phone calls from Congressman Kim's office to assist with PTSD sufferers around the state. I am also on the Board of Directors of the Military Support Alliance working to assist warriors stationed at M.D.L.

I received a call from Jennifer Garcia, Social Services Counselor, at Brick V.A. Clinic at 5:00pm that she had a 94-year-old WW2 vet who was being evicted from his place of residence I drove to Abescon and paid for his room then called Jenifer told her the conditions he was living in, he is now in the Vineland Home.

At our last General Meeting Finance Officer Ralph Wolff and I explained about the Food Insecurity issues on M.D.L. I asked for help to receive and deliver food to active-duty families in need, only 1 board member, Pete Chafitelli, volunteered time and his vehicle, I had to reach out for active-duty warriors to come to the post to pick up food. In addition, Navy Chief Tom DeViccaro showed up on 1 hours' notice to help finish a

vital delivery. To date there has been 7 tons of non-perishable goods, 600 boxes of Girl Scout cookies delivered to the food pantry. Through donations we have delivered \$2,000 worth of gift cards to help with supplemental purchases that are not covered by food stamps. Through donations of members, Michael and Dolly Johnson, we have purchased and delivered to service carts to aid with the distribution. I have personally made 12 trips to M.D.L. to drop off food and supplies. Using my contacts, we have received over 2 tons of food from the Lacey Vet Works, we have also received donations of personal care items from I.B.E.W.400. Anyone who would like to step up and help would be appreciated.

I participated in 4 Memorial Day events and did not see any members of the board at any of the events, only those who were

participating. I attended 3 funerals, 2 memorial services, one at the Locustwood Memorial Park in Cherry Hill and one at the Ocean County Memorial cemetery, across the street, again only those participating were in attendance. I offered a Memorial Day prayer at the Sons of the Legion Pig Roast. I participated in the Memorial Day Service in downtown Toms River, again only those participating was in attendance.

I spent 6 days attending, at my own expense, the State Convention in Wildwood, participating in the ceremonies to honor new commander Dan Dunn and to celebrate the service of our past commander Bob Newall's two-year tenure, first ever!

Since March 15th, 2020, I have sent out an evening prayer, every night, over 400 prayers, that at this point with people that are for-

Our new 502 Baking Company Manager Jacklyn presenting our donation to Veterans in Distress. Accepting is Chaplain Michael Schaffer from Toms River American Legion Post 129. The proceeds were sales of our Patriotic Flag Pie during Memorial weekend.



warding it to others is going to over 1500 people, from Florida to Arizona, if you would like to be added to the list, please let me know!

It is my honor to be blessed by being your Service Officer, your Post Chaplain, and the State Chaplain.

Have a blessed Day

Michael Schaffer



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Just back from The American Legion 102nd Convention in Wildwood. It was great to see everyone that came down to participate in the Convention. After two years finally able to get together and have some fun. I am proud to report that we have exceeded last year's membership of 1620 with 1626 paid members putting us over the Top and still the largest Post in the State of New Jersey. For all those that paid this year Thank You. We still have more work to do. There are still a lot of expired members who have not paid. As we close out the 2021 Membership Year on June 30th and start our New Membership year on July 1st, please be an Early Bird and send in your 2022 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. Please support your Post and send in your Dues early. We need your help to support and maintain all the good things that makes us who we are "VETERANS STILL SERVING AMERICA"

Please do not forget the Buddy Check. I am asking all our Legion Family members to reach out to

their fellow legionnaires and legion family members to see if they are okay. Ask if they need any help or just give them words of encouragement to help them get through these trying times. It is what we do, Veterans taking care of Veterans.

I honestly 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. If there is any reason that has kept you from renewing your Membership please contact me at rjg548@comcast.net or 732-604-8326, The American Legion needs your support, Remember Membership is the life blood of The American Legion.

Remember BPOT'S:
'BE PART OF THE SOLUTION'

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

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.



The Post 129 Victoria Garden is for our veterans, and for the master gardeners, Chetra Kotvas and Pat McWilliams, it is a labor love. Thank them for all they do.



AUXILIARY MESSAGE

Happy Summer 2021! After about 15 months of Covid-19 restrictions and the availability of vaccinations, it seems like we are back on track to a sense of normalcy!

Our Wildwood Convention was a huge success. Our American Legion Auxiliary was finally able to celebrate our centennial birthday year! Our National Auxiliary President, Nicole Clapp, and our National Commander, Bill Oxford, were also there to join in the festivities. We installed our new Auxiliary Dept. Officers. Congratulations to Jane Babli (President), Colleen Breen-Lopez (1st VP), Sharon Knight (2nd VP), Charline Gladden (Historian), Trish Muller (Chaplain) and Geraldine Fisher (Sgt at Arms). Pamela Bowen and I marched in the parade representing our Ocean County Auxiliary. In summary, a very good time was had by all.

Ocean County held their Installations in May. Our Ocean County Auxiliary Officers are: Roberta Francis (President), Tara Goldstein (1st VP), Deb Lasky (2nd VP), Alice Lewis-Early (Treasurer), Lisa Mayer (Historian), Pam Bowen (Chaplain), Cathe Regan (Sgt. At Arms) and Jane Keeley (Secretary). Unit 129 is doing a very good job representing our County by having 5 Members as Ocean County Officers. Congratulations to all our Ocala Officers. Lastly, our Unit 129 Chaplain for 2021 to 2022 is Patricia Cozine.

Our Ocean County had our annual Memorial Day Service on May 30, 2021. Since it was raining, the Service was held inside. As usual, it was a very solemn and respectful Service. In the spirit of Post Family, our very talented Auxiliary Member, Pat Corbin, had

made a beautiful wreath (on behalf of Post 129) which was brought to the Service. Everyone was invited back to The Post for some gathering time.

Our Unit has begun having *In Person* Meetings again. We don't meet in July. So our next meeting will be Monday, August 9th at 7pm in the hall.

Dust off your calendars!!! We are anxiously looking forward to planning & having our annual events again. Of course, none of our events are possible without Members volunteering to be a Chairman, volunteering to help at

the event or joining us to support the event. We will keep you posted.

With the summer upon us, that means we will be having our annual School Supply Drive (please see the attached flyer). As in the previous years, this is a much needed and greatly appreciated Project. So please consider donating to it.

Congratulations to our SAL. Their Pig Roast was a huge success. In addition to Donna Schwartz, Pam Bowen, Carol Rutzler, Shannon D'Ercole and myself volunteering our time that

AMERICAN LEGION POST 129
AUXILIARY

We're Going Back to School, yeah!

More than ever we're asking for your support to fund the annual Auxiliary Back to School supply drive. Would you please support our youth & their families by making a contribution of any size? Cash donations also accepted; checks made out to ALA POST 129, memo School Drive.

Thank you in advance!

"10 FOR EDUCATION"
SCHOOL SUPPLIES DONATIONS
TO BENEFIT LOCAL GRAMMER SCHOOLS

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 NOTEBOOKS/COMPOSITION BOOKS
 CALCULATORS
 SCHOOL GLUE
 INDEX CARDS
 BACK PACKS

DONATIONS REQUESTED BY
 MONDAY, AUGUST 16TH
 THANK YOU!!!

Drop-off box for donations in Post lobby.

day, a number of our Members came out to support our SAL. Support of each other's Programs is absolutely necessary. Our Auxiliary "Rocks" when it comes to our support of our Family Post!

Please mark your calendars for July 3rd. Our Post will be having our annual July Celebration BBQ.

Congratulations to our new Commander of Post 129, Pete Chafatelli (who is also the Director of our Post Riders) and Rocky Lucia, our SAL Commander. I look forward to the months ahead with each of us supporting each other's programs & events and sharing ideas.

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



FINANCE OFFICER REPORT

OPINION

Before going into the bimonthly news of our financials, I would like to take a moment to congratulate our new commander Pete Chafatelli and all the incoming officers. Also a big thank you to our past commander Ed Rustler for his leadership during the COVID Pandemic.

The unprecedented pandemic was extremely challenging for all, but now that it is officially over, our incoming leadership must be up to the challenge. Many areas of our culture have been forever changed by the Pandemic. Taking a breath to assess those changes is a good way to start. In the words of Wayne Gretzky "a good hockey player plays where the puck is. A great hockey player plays where the puck is going to

be." Stopping to assess where the puck is going to be is what I call great leadership.

Our new leadership must involve more people using the resources of the entire Legion family. Identifying decision makers, creating a forum for rapid debate and clarifying the decisions that are made within will be one of the most difficult challenges going forward. It is up to all of us to help this new team facilitate those changes and help point the Post in a forward direction.

Almost anyone can manage, because management is about persuading people to do things they do not want to do. Leadership however is about inspiring people to do things they never thought they could. Our post pandemic team must possess the qualities of awareness, vulnerability, empathy, and compassion along with integrity, accountability, resilience, vision, influence and positivity. These qualities bind the fabric of our membership, make social life and personal relationships possible and conveys to all that there is a deep understanding of the four pillars of the American Legion. If asked, I would say that the new leadership team is up to the challenge.

FINANCIALS

July is the beginning of our fiscal year and that means there is lots to do when it comes to the planning and budget. Our "Strategic Plan" was a three year plan that was disrupted due to the COVID shutdown. Now that our Post is fully open, it is time to review and revise the plan. For those of you not familiar with the strategic plan, it is our road map for the future. Prioritizing the order in which we will address the needs of our Post in conjunction with the four pillars of the American Legion. We hope to present the plan to the membership in Au-

gust.

And then there is the budget. The budget is an estimation of revenue and expenses over a specified future period of time. Basically the budget is a financial plan for the year and is used to track our progress and enhance the strategic plan. We expect our budget to be \$1.3 million again this year.

VICTORY GARDEN

Speaking of green, the garden is growing again this year. With the help of a grant from the TRFHSC and the tenacity and ingenuity of our soon to be Eagle Scout, Rafael Gonzales and his family, our garden has expanded its growing area with-in the compound by adding above ground box's around the perimeter. There is also a new greenhouse, complements of Fulfill nicely hidden on the far side of the compound. This greenhouse will enable us to start our plants sooner in the spring and expand the variety of vegetables that are offered.

I would like to also mention the two people who have been the lead on the garden: Chetra Kotvas and Pat McWilliams. Both have worked together to design, plant and harvest thus far this year. There is no other word that I can describe their work other than OUTSTANDING!

Respectfully Submitted by:

Ralph E. Wolff
Finance Officer, Post 129



CANTEEN NEWS

Eric Inauen

FINALLY: Even though we were the last State to do it, we are finally opened up 100%. The Bar Committee says this every month, but we feel it cannot be overstated: Thank you volunteers, for keeping us going by maintaining the Post and the grounds. As you know, we have a huge facility. We have three bars, five bathrooms, Canteen refrigerators & floors, the Hall carpet, the picnic grove and more. Again, thank you volunteers!

Post 129 welcomes anyone and everyone who would like to get more involved with the Post, especially now that Bingo will be starting up. Gaming, the Bar Committee and the Maintenance Staff are here every morning between 8 a.m. to Noon getting Pull Tabs, the Bar and the Hall ready for the Day. So, if you think you might want to get involved, stop by any morning and talk to the guys.

HORSESHOES & CORNHOLE: Horseshoes and Cornhole have started up on Wednesday (horseshoes) and Thursday (cornhole) Nights down at the Bunker Bar. There still may be some openings. Substitutes are always needed. If you are interested, contact Mike Feimer (horseshoes) at 732-684-9790 and Dale Hugo (cornhole) at 732-977-5174.

THE POST 129 AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS will be hosting their Annual Western BBQ on Saturday, July 17th, from 1 to 5 p.m. (rain date is Sunday) in the Picnic Grove. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Your ticket includes chicken, burgers, dogs and salads, along with draft beer, canned soda and bottled water. Entertainment will be provided by Country Radio

Personality DJ, Captain Jack.

The BBQ is the Riders' main fundraising event. We are asking that you give it your support. This event is open to the public, so bring your friends.

SAVE THE DATE: Michael D'Amore will be performing at a Dinner Show in the Hall, on Sunday, August 8th, from 4 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$30 each, while they last, and are needed to be purchased in advance. This event is open to the public. Your ticket price includes the dinner and the show. A cash bar will be available. So, call the Post and make your reservations (732-255-9250), and ask for the Kitchen.

BIKE NIGHT: The Riders will be hosting their 2nd Bike Night on Tuesday, August 10th, at 5 p.m. There will be a live band. Tickets are \$10 each which includes 2 hot dogs or a cheeseburger, salad and chips.

NEW THIS YEAR: During the pandemic, Hall Rentals became non-existent and so did our income. The Bar Committee decided to move all entertainment into the Hall, since the Canteen could only accommodate 25 Members. Staff adjustments were made, a new system of serving beverages was established and credit cards could now be used in the Hall. These moves became very popu-



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Dinner Show
Featuring

Michael D'Amore
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Sunday August 8, 2021
Doors Open at 4:00 PM
Spaghetti Dinner
Show to follow
\$30.00 PP

For Info and reservations call 732-255-9250

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lar with our Members, Guests and our Bartenders.

Post 129 will continue to host entertainment in the Hall, unless the Hall is booked for an event or a party. In which case, our entertainment will be moved outside to the Picnic Grove. If there is inclement weather, the entertainment will be relocated to the Canteen. The Bunker Bar will remain open during this time. We will keep everyone posted on Facebook or you can call the Post.

ATTENTION-ATTENTION:

MEMBERS AND GUESTS CANNOT BRING COOLERS WITH FOOD AND DRINK TO THE PICNIC GROVE WHILE THE BUNKER BAR IS OPEN. IT IS

AGAINST THE LAW. IF YOU DO SO, YOU WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE.

Many of our Members and their Guests have come up to our Bar Committee Members and told them what a great job our Bartenders do. Robin, Lori, Danielle, Shea, Gina, Linda, Carol Ann and Rocky keep our 3 bars running with high efficiency. Many believe, and that includes us, that Post 129 has the best Legion Bartenders in the State.

Besides pouring you a beer, what do they do? They answer your phone calls. They help the Bar Committee with new operating systems and drink specials. They

pass on ideas to the Bar Committee from our Members and themselves about improving the Canteen. They create their own drinks which are only served at Post 129. The Sweet Seduction, Stars & Stripes, Spring Fling, Leprechauns and Special Pumpkin and Candy Cane Martini's are just to name a few.

BUNKER NEWS: Unfortunately, there is little to report on the Squirrel Front. The Post's award-winning Nat Geo Wild Photographer, Al Harbord, is still on secret assignment.

Post Trackers were hindered in their recon in the EVA (Enemy Varmint Area) due to equipment failures. While attempting to track through thick underbrush, we lost a wheel chair and two walkers. Fortunately, the only injuries suffered were "pride."

On a positive note, when our wheelchair tracker fell, his head landed next to an abandoned varmint bunker bar. He found many mini squirrel bar signs. These signs have not yet been translated by our Squirrely Members who speak squirrel (often at night when no one is watching). Bar Intelligence will get the translations to you by the next SOUNDOFF.

John Holterman was given the assignment of tracking Long Tail and Peace A. Tail. He was able to follow them to Newark Airport where they boarded a flight to the Carolina's. John was able to board the flight, however, we have lost all communication with him. We hope he is OK.

Additional reports to follow.

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



JULY 4TH PICNIC

IN THE PICNIC GROVE AND BUNKER BAR AT POST 129



JULY 3, 2021

(RAIN DATE JULY 4)

1 P.M. TO 5 P.M.



**DEDICATION OF THE BUNKER BAR FOR JACK MEYER PPC
AND SGT MAJOR JOE REIHER**





HAMBURGERS HOT DOGS CHICKEN SALADS



CASH BAR



ENTERTAINMENT BY WILD ROSE



TICKETS \$15.00 IN ADVANCE \$20.00 AT THE DOOR

(ADVANCED TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE CANTEEN)

CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER FREE

PICNIC PRESENTED BY LEGIONNAIRES, AUXILIARY, SAL, RIDERS






July 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 U.S. Army Air Corps Established (1926)	3
4 Independence Day 	5 General Meeting 7 p.m.	6 	7	8 	9	10
11	12 Auxiliary Meeting 7 p.m.	13 	14 SAL Meeting 7 p.m.	15 	16	17
18	19 Board/ Trustee Meeting 7 p.m.	20 	21 	22 	23	24
25 	26 Riders Meeting 7 p.m.	27 Korean War Ended (1953)	28 World War I Began (1914)	29 	30	31



Scheduled to restart July 8, 2021

August 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Air Force Day	2 General Meeting 7 p.m.	3 	4 U.S. Coast Guard Established (1790)	5 	6	7 Vietnam War Began (1964)
8	9 Auxiliary Meeting 7 p.m.	10 	11 SAL Meeting 7 p.m.	12 	13	14 Japan Surrendered Ending WWII (1945)
15	16 Board/Trustee Meeting 7 p.m.	17 	18 	19 	20	21
22	23 Riders Meeting 7 p.m.	24 	25	26 	27	28
29	30	31 	August 7 Purple Heart Medal Established (1792) August 16 National Airborne Day August 19 National Aviation Day August 26 Women's Equality Day			



Schedule of Events:

July 3, 2021 Fourth Of July Picnic

July 17, 2021 Country Western BBQ

August 8, 2021 Michael D'Amore Dinner Show

August 10, 2021 Tuesday Bike Night

Check the flyers in this issue for details.



SAL MESSAGE

Greetings all from SAL Squadron 129!

If I seem a little excited, well; I am! Going into the summer months. My favorite time of year. The weather is nice, and we are all getting back to normalcy. The last 15 months seemed like a decade, but we have made it and are climbing out of this mess.

On that note, after over a year of no events and inactivity, we were able to hold our annual Pig Roast and BBQ. I will be honest; I was not sure how the ticket sales would go thinking that people may be hesitant to get back out in crowds; but boy was I wrong! Between pre-sale and some tickets at the door, we sold close to 600 tickets! If you remember, the original date was supposed to be Saturday the 29th of Memorial Day weekend and both Saturday and Sunday were washouts, so we decided to move the BBQ to Memorial Day Monday. So again, I thought Memorial Day, people have plans, some work the next day and figured we would have a drop off in attendance. Boy was I wrong again! We had a great turnout of 500+ people.

I owe several people a 'thank you' so please bear with me. First off, anyone who purchased tickets and was able to attend - thank you! BIG THANK YOU to our legion family. It was a true team effort, and we could not have done this without this team effort. Commander Ed at the Post, thank you. Lisa Mayer and her team from the Auxiliary, you guys are rock stars and kept up with the busiest area, the front check in table, 50/50 and gift auction. Lots of work and thank you! Pete Chafatelli, President of the riders (and newly elected Post Commander) and his team especially Janet Sayers,

thank you! Bob Joerg, SAL Vice Commander and Legion Bar Manager, thank you for organizing the beer truck, bartenders, gifts for the auction, running round to stores, etc. Thanks very much Pal! Finally, my SAL team and executive board. Thanks for everything you do, not only for this event but in general. Everyone broke their backs that day whether it be working the grill, running food, keeping the grounds clean, etc. Special thanks to Pete Coleman our SAL finance manager for again, planning the perfect BBQ. He has this down to a science and coordinated everything perfectly. Thank you! I would be re-

miss with sending a special thank you to our brothers at SAL Squadron 348 in Brick for showing up at 5:30 in the rain and cooking the pig. They help us every year and we will do whatever we need to in order help them for their Pig Roast BBQ in September.

Our next coming events - we are trying to have a tailgate party in September or October and then we will have our annual Army/Navy game party and our POW/MIA Tree lighting ceremony in December.

Finally, membership. Our 2022 membership cards will be in any



American Legion Riders - Post 129

Summer Tuesday Bike Night and Car Show

May 11th - July 13th - August 10th - September 14th - October 12th
6pm - 9pm

\$10.00 Admission gets you hot dogs or a burger, salad and chips
Cash Bar at the Bunker Bar in the picnic grove

Live Entertainment

Open to the public - no need to have a bike or car to attend!

Location: American Legion Post 129 - 2025 Church Road, Toms River

**** Event will be held according to NJ Social Distance Guidelines ****



For More Info contact Pete Chafatelli at 732.433.5046 or petechaf1@gmail.com

day now. We will be running the early bird special again so look for upcoming emails regarding membership. If you are not on our email list and would like to get on, email me at sal-post129@gmail.com and I will make sure you are on it. If you do not use email and need to get in touch, please call my cell at 917.417.4818.

Thank you and we are looking forward to a successful year!

For God & Country,
Rocky Lucia
Commander - Squadron 129



RIDERS MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters of our American Legion Family

As a service branch of American Legion Post 129, your Riders will be hosting our annual County Western BBQ on July 17th from 12 p.m. – 5 p.m. As is always the case, all proceeds are going towards American Legion veterans' charities. In the past we have donated to Vetworks, Run for the Fallen and The American Legion Legacy Run.

This is always a fun filled event with good music, food, and camaraderie. This year we have the distinct pleasure to have the music provided by Country Music Radio Personality, Captain Jack, who is donating his time and talent to DJ our event for this worthy cause. We all know he is a staunch supporter of Veterans causes.

The Riders are also raffling off (2) tickets to Chris Stapleton's All-American Roadshow concert at the PNC Arts Center. Appearing

with him will be Cheryl Crow. The drawing for this raffle will take place at the BBQ. You do not need to be present to win. The Riders are asking for your support to come out and enjoy what will be a great event.

Tickets for all you can eat BBQ and the Raffle are available at the bar. Flyers for the event are also around the Post with additional information. This event is rain or shine and will be moved inside if necessary. You will save \$5 by purchasing your tickets in advance of the event. It will also help us

gauge attendance and plan accordingly.

As always, we thank all our Legion Family for your support.

Mike Dorick
Riders Vice Director



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS POST 129 ANNUAL COUNTRY WESTERN BBQ



SATURDAY JULY 17, 2021

12:00 to 5:00

{ RAIN OR SHINE - INDOOR ACCOMODATIONS AVAILABLE FOR RAIN }

AMERICAN LEGION POST 129

2025 CHURCH ROAD ♦ TOMS RIVER ♦ NEW JERSEY

\$25.00 per PERSON *\$20 in Advance *\$10 Children under 12

BBQ CHICKEN * BURGERS * HOT DOGS * CORN ON THE COB *BAKED BEANS * SALADS * SODA * WATER * CASH BAR FOR WINE/MIXED DRINKS

Music by

DJ Captain Jack

Country Radio Personality

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appearing with Cheryl Crow @ PNC Bank Arts Center**

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AMERICAN LEGION VETERAN'S CHARITIES

To purchase tickets in advance and/or raffle tickets or for further information please visit www.alrpost129.com or call 732-433-6046



Picture via Michael Schaffer



Recently one of our members (unnamed) lost his mother. Our sincere condolences for your loss. After the funeral the flowers were brought to our memorial. Thank you for thinking of your fellow veterans who paid the ultimate price for our freedom.



MILITARY SUPPORT ALLIANCE OF NEW JERSEY FOOD DRIVE FOR THE TROOPS

Help us support the Red Cross Food Cupboard
Assisting military families at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst



ITEMS NEEDED

Canned Protein

Tuna
Chicken

Dry Pasta

Spaghetti
Elbows
Penne
Rotini
Egg Noodles
Mac & Cheese Dinner
Noodle Based Sides

Sauces

Spaghetti/Pasta Sauce
(24-28 oz)
Tomato Sauce

Canned Pasta

Chef Boyardee
SpaghettiOs

Ramen Noodles

Packets (6 pk)
Instant Cups (3 pk)

Breakfast Food

- Cereal
- Instant Oatmeal (10 pk)
- Breakfast Bars (6 pk)
- Toaster Pastries
- Cocoa Mix Packets

Canned Soup

- Campbell's
- Progresso
- Chunky
- Healthy Choice

Canned Beans

- Pork & Beans (16-22oz)
- Chili and Beans
- Black Beans
- Garbanzo Beans/Chickpeas
- Kidney Beans

Canned Vegetables

- Corn
- Green Beans
- Peas

Rice

- White or Brown, 1 lb. Bagged
- Minute Rice (28 oz)
- Flavored Sides (Rice or Potato)

Dried Beans

- Black Beans
- Kidney Beans

Spreads, Condiments

- Peanut Butter
- Ketchup/Catsup (20-32 oz)

Baking Needs

- Brownie Mix

Cookies & Crackers

- Family Sized Package
- Individual Snack Size

Granola/Energy/Trail Bars

- (6 pk)

Drop Off Location:

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Questions? Email michael.a.schaffer1949@gmail.com

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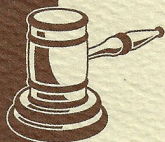
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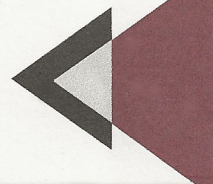
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