



SOUNDOFF

September - October 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

Legionnaires, SAL, Riders and Auxiliary Unit 129,

I would first like to thank everyone for working so hard to make our summer BBQ's such a wonderful success. Memorial Day BBQ sponsored by our SAL members, the Fourth of July BBQ sponsored by our Legionnaires, and our Riders July BBQ sponsored by our Riders could not have been as successful without the help of our Auxiliary family members. I thank you.

I would also like to give a nod to all our Ritual members who have been working overtime with many Rituals to make sure the families of our Veterans know that we do care and will not forget

about them.

I would like to take a minute to make sure all our Veteran Brothers and Sisters know about the new VA facility which will be built on Hooper Avenue in Toms River. The opening date is somewhere in 2024. We will keep you informed as time goes on.

Our kitchen contractor, Ryan's Catering, has once again started the Saturday night '2 FOR \$25.00 DINNER SPECIALS'. It will be five different entrees, each with salad and a desert, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., inside only. Come on out, bring the wife or the girlfriend and have a great dinner. If you bring them both you must pay extra for one of them.

We have once again started Bingo on Thursday nights; I would like to thank Ralph Morantz and his entire crew for the hard work

they put in each week. Anyone who would like to come out on Thursday nights and lend a hand please touch base with Ralph.

In closing I would like to say a sincere Thank You to Mr. Phil Jones. Many of you do not know this but PJ comes to work every day, seven days a week, 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., sometimes later, and has done so for many years. PJ is a 100% Volunteer and has been the heart blood of our Post for many years. Again, PJ thank you very much.

With that I would like to say God Bless America, God Bless the American Legion and God bless our Post.

For God and Country
Pete Chafatelli



SAL Executive Members and Commander Rocky Lucia, Squadron 129, (center) attend the August 2, 2021 General Membership meeting to present a check in support of Post 129.



"SAVE THE POST CAMPAIGN"

Thank you from the Executive Board and membership to Anthony F. Kubala & Patrick (Pat) Laudisi for you recent donations.

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

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

POST 129 PINNING CEREMONY

In the not so recent history of George P. Vanderveer Post 129, we used to do a pinning ceremony for the incoming and outgoing Commander. This year, after having been non-existent for many years, we performed one such ceremony. Below is the procedure for one such ceremony.

NOTE: To be performed immediately after the opening ceremony.

The incoming and outgoing Commanders receive a Commanders Pin, and Past Commander Pin, respectively. The Senior Past Commander pins the outgoing Commander, and the newest Past Commander pins the in-

coming Commander. The incoming Commander receives the Commanders pin from the outgoing Commander. This tradition had been designed to have the "Commander's pin" to remain in service without interruption.

All Past Commanders would stand and flank the two Commanders during the Pin Ceremony. The outgoing Commander also receives his flag set that marked his service. The incoming Commander receives "his own" set of Flags. During the ceremony, a Vice Commander sounds three raps of the gavel to bring the membership to their feet during the ceremony.

In previous years, this ceremony would take place at the first "General Meeting" after the Convention. By doing so, the Family

members were invited to attend the pinning ceremony. We would have light refreshments, and then dismiss all guests, and continue with our meeting.

**SUBMITTED BY:
PAST COMMANDER
DAVID E. CORBIN 94-96**



Outgoing Commander Ed Rutzler (right) pinning incoming Commander Pete Chafatelli

Senior most Past Post Commander Darlene Scheiderman (left) pinning outgoing Commander Ed Rutzler



(l-r) PPC Warren Barney; PPC Bobby Scheiderman; PPC Darlene Scheiderman; Incoming Commander Pete Chafatelli; PPC David Corbin; Outgoing Commander Ed Rutzler; PPC Michael Schaffer; PPC Rich Godfrey

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT

Good morning, Brothers and Sisters,

The last two months have been wonderful. It is so great to be able to get back to the business of the American Legion. Our new Department Commander, Danny Dunn, and his incoming team is jumping forward to restart so many of the programs that were suspended because of COVID. Baseball has already had its championship game, coloring contests, poster contests and now that schools are starting up oratorical will be coming on line.

We have been performing multiple rituals, mostly Memorial Services for our brothers and sisters who past during Covid, just supplying some closure for families.

Our M.D.L. Food program is doing great work. By the time you read this we would have delivered 15+ tons of food to the Red Cross on Fort Dix. We are feeding over 100 families of active duty personnel on Joint Base M.D.L. **PLEASE** keep the donations of non-perishable items coming in. There is true joy in seeing the moms, dads, and children when we load their vehicles with food, paper goods, personal care items and cleaning supplies. Keep up the good work. Without your donations we would have issues on the base. If you would like to help this is my e-mail address (michael.a.schaffer1949@gmail.com) send me a note.

I represented the Post and the Legion at the Change of Command Ceremony at Lakehurst, the 100th anniversary of opening of the Air Station, and the celebration of the battle of Midway.

There have been concerns over the past couple of years

about the Cathedral of the Air at Lakehurst and its future. I have been asked to serve on transition committee for the possible transfer of the Cathedral to the Lakehurst Historical Society. This is an amazing building where we have attended many services there including our 4 Chaplains, For God and Country service. This may be a time when we will have to decide both as a Post and as a Department to step up with man-hours, sweat equity and financially for maintenance, housekeeping and grounds to be sure that the building remains part of the legacy of the American Legion and not just sold to the highest bidder! All of the Legion Family have a vested interest and we all may have to step up!



The Legion, the Sons, and the Riders stepped up when we had the President of the New Jersey Chapter of the Gold Star moms needed a hand to take care of her property. We showed up in force and weeded her property, put down new mulch, pressure washed her home and her driveway. Rebuilt the memorial for her son on the front lawn, Sgt Ronald Kibic, Silver Star winner, KIA in April of 2010 in Afghanistan. When we were done, we presented her with a Gold Star Flag. The phrase "no man left behind" also refers to the families and they will never be left behind!

VIRGINIA COMMANDER VISIT

On February 15, 2020 I received a call from Mr A.B. Brown, then Department Commander for the Commonwealth of Virginia, his father-in-law, a WWII vet, had passed away in Manchester and asked if we could do the Legion Ritual graveside.

The Ritual Team, the Honor Guard and a Bugler assembled at the graveside and we were short one member (COVID hit) for the Flanders Field presentation and I asked Mr. Brown to join us. He expressed that he would be honored to join us and we rendered the proper honors and Ritual.

On July 31, 2021, Mr Brown and his wife Ruth Ann were in New Jersey visiting her family and stopped by the Post and made a \$500.00 donation to the M.D.L. Feed The Troops Pantry. The check was accepted by Past Post Commander Rutzler, he was commander at the time, and Department Chaplain Michael Schaffer

For God and Country

Michael Schaffer
Post Service Officer
Post Chaplain
Department Chaplain



VICE COMMANDERS CORNER

Gerd Trommer, 2nd Vice Commander

BLOOD DRIVE

To our brothers and sisters, it's time again for our annual blood drive. This year we will have an additional two drives. If you can, please sign up for either the September 7th or the November 2nd dates. The doors will open at 12 noon til 5PM. And with today's technology, it's so easy to make your appointment on line by going to WWW.REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG. If you'd rather talk to someone in person, please call me at 908-910-1858.

JULY 4TH PICNIC

And what a picnic we had. Aside from the small rain showers, the dedication for Jack Meyer PPC and Sgt Major Joe Reiher went off very well. The family members were so appreciative of the dedication. They will remember this day for many years to come.

Our family of Legionnaires, SAL, Auxiliary, and Riders all worked together to make this picnic one of the most successful Independent Day picnic ever. I'd like to thank our Commander, Pete Chafatelli for his support and guidance as well as the rest of our family for their commitment and hard work. Even though we tried to relieve our BBQ cooks, they refused. They enjoyed doing the cooking too much to give it up. Thank you, guys. We're all looking forward to next year's event.

Again, for the Commander and on down, THANK YOU ALL.



13th Annual New Jersey Run For The Fallen 2021

The run team will be at Post 129 at 4:13 p.m. on Saturday, September 25, 2021. To see the full schedule check the NJ RUN FOR THE FALLEN 2021 website.

It is our responsibility to Honor and Remember all those who have paid for our Freedom with the Ultimate Sacrifice...

As members of the world's largest veterans organization the Post Executive Committee ask all to attend and honor our fallen heroes.

WHAT IS A HERO MARKER?

Each mile of the Run is dedicated to one of our NJ Fallen and the endpoint of that mile is marked by a distinctive Hero Marker which is placed in a prominent position

and also painted on the road thus acting as the "gathering point" for that Hero's Family, Friends and comrades. Our Run Team will stop and make a presentation at every Hero Marker throughout the 4 days of the Run.



Press conference announcing the award of a new Veterans Clinic to be erected in Toms River. To be completed within 2 years.

(picture via Dave Corbin)

VAU.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

News Release

Office of Public Affairs
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Aug. 9, 2021

WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs' Board of Veterans' Appeals appointed 20 new Veterans Law Judges to deliver more Veterans appeals decisions — bringing the total to 113 VLJs.

Most of the new VLJs will arrive prior to the end of fiscal year 2021, with additional judges to be appointed in fiscal year 2022.

They will further VA's effort to deliver enhanced benefits and services to Veterans.

"Veterans Law Judges are a key part of ensuring Veterans receive the benefits and services they have earned and deserve" said VA Secretary Denis McDonough. "Once I swear in the new judges, this puts in place added resources to reduce the appeals inventory."

The judges will receive extensive training from seasoned mentor judges to prepare them for their new responsibilities and will be



Want to help with BINGO and get involved with the Post. Contact Ralph Moranz at:
rmoranz@msn.com
or call 908-278-3568

BINGO					
7	25	44	57	62	
15	22	40	50	70	
11	30	FREE SPACE	46	74	
2	28	37	55	68	
10	27	39	59	75	

Long-Awaited VA Clinic Awarded To Toms River Site

Congressman Kim announced that Veterans Affairs Secretary Denis McDonough was in Ocean County Monday, August 9th promoting the construction of a new, critically needed VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC).

Secretary McDonough joined Congressman Kim and Ocean County veterans for a roundtable discussion about veteran health care and how this facility will sufficiently serve veterans from Burlington and Ocean Counties.

American
Red Cross

Heroes Saving Lives

Join Us. Save Lives.
Be Proud.



American Red Cross Blood Drive Sponsored by

American Legion Post 129

2025 Church Road

Toms River, NJ

Tuesday, September 7th

12:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Appointments are preferred please call

Gerd (908) 910-1858

or log onto www.redcrossblood.org

All presenting donors will receive a 16 oz. Red Cross campfire mug!

AFTER ACTION REPORT AMERICAN LEGION POST 129 GOLD STAR MOM CLEAN-UP

Michael Schaffer

I received a call from a friend who is on the architectural board of the Lions Head South H.O.A. concerning Eileen Daly, President of the Gold Star Mothers of New Jersey, mother of Sgt Ronald Kubik, who needs a hand getting her yard cleaned up.

I spoke to the Post 129 Legion Riders and members of the execu-



utive board and we rallied a crew to go to her home. On July 31st we had 10 members of the Post 129 Riders and E-board assemble at the Post and rode as a group to the home.

We weeded the yard and flower beds, put down mulch in all of the beds, cleaned up the rear deck and created a new memorial for her son. We pressure washed her driveway and we will be going back next week to pressure wash the rest of her home.

When we were done, Pete Chafatelli, Post 129 Commander, and Michael Schaffer, Department Chaplain, presented her with a Gold Star Flag and we advised her that whatever she needs, whenever she needs it, call us! No man or NO MOM will ever be left behind.

The motto of the riders "Because that's what we do!"



Sgt. Ronald Kubik
 Hometown:
 Manchester, New Jersey, U.S.
 Age: 21 years old
 Died: April 23, 2010 in Operation Enduring Freedom
 Unit: 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Fort Benning, Ga.

Birth: Jun. 22, 1988
 Death: Apr. 23, 2010, Afghanistan

Sgt. Ronald A Kubik, of Brielle, New Jersey lived most of his life in Manchester before moving to Brielle. He attended Manchester High School and Manasquan High School, where he was a member of the wrestling and football teams before graduating in 2006. He joined the Army in 2007 and became a proud U.S. Army sergeant and ranger. Ronald is survived by his beloved parents, his father, Ronald A. Kubik and his wife Rose of Hazlet; **his mother, Eileen Daly** of Brielle; his loving sisters, Mary Kubik and her husband Jim of Farmingdale, and Amy L. Kubik of Point Pleasant; his dear step brother, Fred Lonardo of Union Beach; his godfather and uncle, Deacon Alex Kubik. He died April 23 in Logar province, Afghanistan, of wounds sustained while conducting combat operations. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Fort Benning, Ga.

Sergeant Ronald A. Kubik, United States Army, was awarded the Silver Star (Posthumously) for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in connection with military operations against the enemy while serving with the 3d Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, in action in Logar Province, Afghanistan, on 23 April 2010, in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.

SILVER STAR CITATION:

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress July 9, 1918 (amended by an act of July 25, 1963), takes pride in presenting the Silver Star (Posthumously) to Sergeant Ronald Alan Kubik, United States Army, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in connection with military operations against the enemy while serving with the 3d Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, in action in Logar Province, Afghanistan, on 23 April 2010, in support of Operation ENDURING FREE-

JULY 4, 2021, FOURTH OF JULY PICNIC. A REDEDICATION OF THE BUNKER BAR AND HONORING TO PPC JACK MEYER AND HONORING SGT MAJOR JOE REHIER



John Donald "Jack" Meyer Sr Bio

Jack was born in Morehead City, NC, but lived in Toms River for most of his life. He enlisted in the Marine Corp on his 18th birthday and served during the Vietnam War. He started his service in July 1961. He was a jet and helicopter mechanic and ranked Corporal in July 1966. During his service, he earned the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Navy Unit Commendation Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Viet Nam Campaign Medal, and the Combat Aircrew Insignia. He was honorably discharged in November 1968. After being discharged, he stayed in Viet Nam until 1972.

He eventually moved back to Toms River with his Vietnamese bride, Jackie, and daughter, Christine. He then had two additional children, his daughter Jennifer and his son, John Jr.

He was an auto mechanic for Dover Township Public Works prior to his retirement. When he handed in his resignation, his Manager at Public Works stated that with his departure, the department's IQ would drop significantly. Jack's pastime was spent reading and completing crossword puzzles.














He served two terms as Commander for the American Legion Post 129 and one term as Vice Commander for the great County of Ocean. He was also a member of the VFW in Bayville, the Toms River Elks, the Loyal Order of the Moose in Ortley Beach, the Marine Corp League in Toms River and the Helicopter Marine Organization of Pop-A-Smoke.

During his second term as the Commander for the American Legion Post 129, he initiated and installed the Bingo program, which became a financial asset to the Post. He also implemented the creation of the Bunker Bar. Jack was a staple at Post 129. You would always find him sitting at the bar with his buddy "Miller Lite."

Jack Meyer was a proud veteran of the Marine Corp and a proud and dedicated member of the American Legion Post 129. He passed on Father's Day, June 17, 2012, from a nearly three-year battle with Pancreatic Cancer. Up to the very end, he wanted to live. If he were here today, for this dedication, he would humbly say "thank you".

DOM. Sergeant Kubik sacrificed himself to protect 29 soldiers and civilians as his team of Rangers successfully tracked down a high-ranking Taliban operative. His gallant actions and dedicated devotion to duty, with-

out regard for his own life, were in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

September 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Tuesday Bike Nights September 14, October 12. (see flyer for details)			1 	2  V-J Day	3	4
5	6 Labor Day 	7 General Meeting 7:00 p.m.	8 SAL Meeting 7:00 p.m.	9 	10	11 Patriot Day 
12 Grandparents Day	13 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 p.m.	14 	15 Yom Kippur Begins	16 	17 POW/MIA Recognition Day	18 U.S. Air Force Established (1937)
19	20 Board/Trustee Meeting 7:00 p.m.	21 	22 Autumn Begins	23 	24 	25 
26 Gold Star Mother's Day	27 Riders Meeting 7:00 p.m.	28 	29	30 	POW/MIA 31 st Annual Watchfire September 18 7 p.m.—7 a.m. (see flyer in this issue)	

SEPTEMBER ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY SEPT 3rd THE POWERTONES

SATURDAY SEPT 4th TRIPLE PLAY

FRIDAY SEPT 10th THE BLACK TIES

SATURDAY SEPT 11th BOB KULIK

FRIDAY SEPT 17th

MANGO'S

SATURDAY SEPT 18th

WILD ROSE













FRIDAY SEPT 24th

DEE'S GUYZ *

SATURDAY SEPT 25th

THE LOCALS *

SEPTEMBER 24TH & 25TH
 NEW BANDS

October 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				Every Thursday Doors open 5 p.m. Play starts 7 p.m.	1	2
3 Gift Auction (see flyer)	4 General Meeting 7:00 p.m.	5 	6	7 	8	9
10	11 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 p.m.	12 	13 SAL Meeting 7:00 p.m.	14 	15 National Boss Day	16
17	18 Board/ Trustee Meeting 7:00 p.m.	19	20 	21 	22	23
24 United Nations Day	25 Riders Meeting 7:00 p.m.	26 	27 Navy 	28 	29	30
31  Halloween	October 13, U.S. Navy Established (1775) 					

OCTOBER ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY OCT 1ST THE BLACK TIES

SATURDAY OCT 2ND JUKE BOX GOLD

FRIDAY OCT 8TH
JOEY D'S ROCKIN OLDIES
NEW BAND

SATURDAY OCT 9TH WILD ROSE

FRIDAY OCT 15TH THE SURE CATS

SATURDAY OCT 16TH BOB KULIK

FRIDAY OCT 22ND SHORE BET

SATURDAY OCT 23RD THE MANGO'S

FRIDAY OCT 29TH SHIFTING GEARS

SATURDAY OCT 30TH THE LOCALS

CANTEEN NEWS

Eric Inaeun

Well, we are doing a lot better than last year at this time. Last year, only the Bunker Bar was open. Your Bar and Maintenance Staff responded accordingly by putting all the required safety precautions in place. We were often told what other posts are doing, or NOT doing. We don't care what anyone else does. Post 129 does what is best for our Members & Guests.

This may be the reason why Post 129 is getting more and more Members transferring here from other Posts. We hear quotes like "this Post does so much for our Veterans," "your entertainment & food are great," "everyone is so friendly," "your bartenders are unbelievable." These are only some of the positive comments we hear. Membership Chairman, Rich Godfrey, is thrilled.

Many of you watched the Olympics this Summer and witnessed the many medals the U.S. has won. If the American Legion held a Bartenders' Olympics, our Bartenders would take GOLD every time. Whether it be the Individual Freestyle or Freestyle Medley (working as a team), they would blow away the competition. Thank You Robin, Lori, Danielle, Shea, Gina, Carol Ann and Rocky for the job you do.

ENTERTAINMENT: We will continue to host our Friday and Saturday Night Entertainment in the Hall from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., when the Hall is not booked for an event or party. If the Hall is booked, entertainment will be outside, weather permitting. If it is rainy, too windy, too hot, too cold, etc., entertainment will be in the Canteen. The Bunker Bar will remain open. Are you ready for some Football? On Football Sundays, we will be offering a special discounted



Football Menu. Coors Lite, Miller Lite, Bud, Bud Lite, Yeungling and Pabst Pint Drafts will be \$1.75. So, watch and root for your favorite team on one of our 8 Smart TV's.

SAL TAILGATE at the BUNKER:

On Sunday, September 19th, from 1a.m. to 7 a.m., the SAL is hosting its 1st ever football tailgate party down at the Bunker Bar. Tickets are \$15 each and include Burgers, Dogs, Sausage & Peppers and Draft Beer. Food will be served during the 1st Quarter of each game. So get your tickets from one of our bartenders and enjoy the games, while supporting the SAL.

FOOD: Chef Mike Speary from Ryan's Catering does a great job coming up with food specials in addition to our standard menu. Commander Pete Chafatelli advised us that the "Saturday Night Special" (Two for \$25.00) Dinner Menu is back. Kitchen hours of operation are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., on Friday & Saturday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.. Ryan's Catering is now offering Lunch on Mondays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m..

HALLOWEEN PARTY: After being bounced out by Covid, Post 129 is bringing back its Halloween Party. It will be held on Saturday Night, October 30th, between 7

p.m. & 10 p.m., in the Canteen. There will be food and drink specials along with 3 prizes for Best Costumes. As always, there will be entertainment.

BUNKER NEWS: As reported in our last SOUNDOFF, a mini bunker bar was discovered by one of our top recon members, after he tripped and fell and almost crushed the tiny camouflaged bar. Fortunately, the mini bunker was unoccupied and our recon team pulled back without being noticed. After covering their tracks, they reported their finds to Bar Committee Intelligence.

Al Harbord, who has returned from his secret assignment, was now given the task of observing how the varmints party and their drinking techniques. After spending two weekend nights near the mini bunker disguised as a pine tree, Al took this photo. Remember, these photos are shown exclusively in our SOUNDOFF. You will not see them on your NAT GEO WILD channel.

After analyzing all the data, Bar Intelligence observed that the varmints look to relax just like us. They even have a sense of humor. We discovered mini bar signs all over the bar. We are thinking of making up some of the signs for our own Bunker. Here are some examples:

1. Whiskey helps me appreciate the small things in life—like shot glasses.
2. BAR SAFETY: Never drink, UNLESS you're alone or with somebody.
3. A wise squirrel once said, "You are what you eat." He was nuts.
4. I finally quit drinking for good. Now, I drink for evil.
5. The years have been kind. It's the weekends that have done the damage.
6. If you are looking for a sign to drink, this is it.
7. Mirror, mirror on the wall, what the hell happened?
8. If you came here to drink to forget, PAY in advance.
9. I once thought drinking was bad for me, so I stopped thinking.
10. What smells like nuts, but is invisible to see? Squirrel Farts.
11. I can explain it to you, but I can't understand it for you.

Let the Bar Staff know what you think.

Remember, when you support Post 129, you support the best American Legion Post in the USA.

From the Legion Riders:

Dear Brothers and Sisters of our American Legion Family,

THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



The Riders had a busy several weeks, participating in the New Jersey Mission of Honor which interned another group of forgotten Veteran's cremains at General Doyle Cemetery. and riding funeral escort for the veteran bother-in-law of one of our own.

The Riders hosted our Annual Country BBQ in July which was a tremendous success. Thank you for all that came out to enjoy the event. Even two separate downpours during the event didn't discourage those from staying put. It is a lot of work putting on this BBQ and it wouldn't have been possible without the volunteers. The Riders would especially like to recognize the Legionaries and members of our Auxiliary that came to help and volunteered their time. Thank You!

We will be hosting our next Bike Night on Tuesday, September 14th. It may or may not be our last one for the season and we would appreciate your support. It is always a good time with food, drink and entertainment. I hope to see many of you there.

Mike Dorick
Riders Vice Director



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

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

I hope that this issue of our SOUNDOFF finds our Legion family in good spirits and health. July 1st started our 2022 Membership year; I would like to thank all the Early Birds that have sent in their 2022 dues. Our goal this year is 1628. This time we are behind last year's numbers so I am asking all our Legionnaire's to please send in their 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 where we live. Without members there would be no Legion pro-

grams, we would have no voice on Capitol Hill. Without members, there would be no accomplishments in assistance and support for our Veterans across the Community, State and Nation. But The American Legion has recorded consistent accomplishments for Veterans and their Families since 1919. We cannot do this alone, your dues make this possible

I am asking our Legion Family Members to continue to reach out to our fellow legionnaires to see if they are okay and if they need any help or just to give them words of encouragement during these trying times. It's called The Buddy Check and its what we do. Veterans taking care of Veterans and their Families.

Stay Safe, be Well and remember as a Legion Family we can accomplish great things, Remember Membership is the Lifeblood of The American Legion. Anyone that needs any information or Questions about membership you can contact me at rjg548@comcast.net or cell # 732-604-8326

Remember BPOT'S

BE PART OF THE SOLUTION

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



Pay your 2022 Dues and
continue your membership
in this great organization.



POST EVERLASTING



**Bill Vieten
Anthony Jasinski
Raymond Woolley Jr.
Bill Azar
Marion Cook, US Navy Wave, WWII
"Rest In Peace, Comrades"**

Bob Scheiderman, Ritual Chairman

SAL NEWS

Greetings everyone!

I blinked my eyes twice and the summer is just about gone already! It was a nice summer with events at the post and glad we have been able to help everyone. Thank you to all that took time out to volunteer. It is greatly appreciated.

The SAL is going to do a football tailgate party on September 19th. We have talked about doing one the last couple of years, but the dates just never worked out. It will be \$15 per person and will be serving food during the first quarter of the early game and during the first quarter of the later afternoon game. Domestic draft beer included as well. This will be down at the Bunker Bar. Please keep an eye on your email for the flyer.

2022 membership cards are in and we are running our usual early bird special for early renewals. This will run until October 1st when the dues go back to normal pricing. The early bird is \$23 for adult renewals vs. \$25 and \$18 vs. \$20 for under 18 years. You can pay your dues via mail, at the post or online at :

www.salpost129.com.

For God & Country,

Rocky Lucia
Commander
Squadron 129

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AUXILIARY NEWS

I hope you have enjoyed your summer. It has been great to get out and socializing with other vaccinated people. However, we still need to remain vigilant in our fight against the pandemic.

I had mentioned in my last article that it was time to dust off your calendars because our Unit was going to begin planning some of our annual events. So please mark your calendars with our terrific **Gift Auction Event, on Sunday 10/3. Doors will open at 12pm.** We will need some Volunteers for this event. Our Post Family support is needed for our Gift Auction especially after being shut down due to the pandemic. A Gift Auction is always a fun time for all!

Our OCALA President Roberta Francis has asked me to be our OCALA PR Chairman. So in addition to our American Legion Auxiliary Unit 129 FACEBOOK Page (which contains pertinent Post & Unit 129 information), I started our Ocean County American Legion Auxiliary – OCALA FB Page (which contains pertinent information for all of our Ocean County Posts).

Our Post had its annual July 4th Picnic, which was a big success. Thanks to all of our Auxiliary Members who volunteered their time in helping to make the day such a success. Congratulations to our Riders and their Country BBQ on 7/17. It was a very humid day. We dealt with 3 rounds of downpours. But we all carried on and partied on! Thanks to the Auxiliary Members, who came out to support our Riders, as well as those who volunteered their time. Our Riders are still having their Bike Nights on Tuesday (6pm to 9pm). So please check out their flyers for the remaining Bike Night dates.

Our annual School Supply Drive began again in July. Much thanks to our Riders, SAL and all Post Family Members, who contributed to this worthy and necessary Program. Our Education Chairman, Andrea Ogden, and her 2 Education Co-Chairmen, Marianne Kosakowski and 2nd VP Susan Matta, along with some other Unit Members packed all the donated school supplies and delivered the

filled backpacks to our local community schools.

On August 14th, our Ocean County American Legion Family hosted a Summer Bash for Ruby Cramer (our ALA Dept of NJ President 2019-21) and Matt Thalasinis (our Detachment of NJ Cmdr 2019-21). We celebrated at Post #455 in casual attire and everyone had a great time. Matt Thalasinis and his bandmates supplied the live music. The DJ supplied the rest of the music. The partygoers did the rest by dancing to the tunes, enjoying the good food, games and conversations.

Please, remember to get your 2021-22 Membership Dues to our

Membership Chairman, Carol Rutzler (carejr@verizon.net. Make your check payable to ALA Unit 129).

We are still distributing Poppies. So please contact our 1st VP, Pam Bowen at (bowenpamela23@yhoo.com) if you would like a canister to help with the distribution.

I am hopeful that we have a successful year. So I will continue to remain positive that we will host a number of Events and have the support of our Post Family.

For God and Country,
Lisa Mayer
President Unit 129

GEORGE P VANDERVEER
AMERICAN LEGION
AUXILIARY UNIT 129
ANNUAL GIFT AUCTION
2025 CHURCH ROAD
TOMS RIVER, NJ
SUNDAY



OCTOBER 3, 2021

DOORS OPEN 12 NOON

CALLING STARTS AT 2PM

\$20.00 ENTRANCE FEE

INCLUDES 1 SHEET OF TICKETS

Snacks and Refreshments will be

available for purchase

(NO OUTSIDE FOOD ALLOWED)

Proceeds to benefit Veteran, Auxiliary, and Community Programs

Finance Officer Report



Good News for all who are now or who intend to use the Veteran Clinic in Brick; the new VA clinic has been approved and is coming to Toms River. The Department of Veterans Affairs selected the Toms River site as the location of the new clinic. The clinic will be located on property between the Sea Court Pavilion shopping center and the Esplanade Office Park off Hooper Avenue and near Caudina Ave. The new clinic will be 68,000 square feet and will have 480 parking spots. The clinic will be located next to a new 121,000 square foot, three story building that will house the Ocean County's Board of Social Services, as well as the county's Veterans Service Bureau. The clinic will be close to restaurants and stores and will allow veterans easy access to county services. The outpatient clinic is scheduled to employ several hundred people. This is a big win for our Veterans who struggle with the overcrowding and understaffing at the Brick facility.

Our Finances

The trustees and the exec team unanimously approved a plan to accelerate the pay down of the mortgage. The plan has been implemented and will begin on September 1, 2021. We hope to shave at least three years off of the mortgage with the new expected payoff to be May of 2035. Also in financial news, our budget has been approved and has been implemented.

Victory Garden

The victory garden is at its peak and producing an abundance of vegetables for our members. The green house has been completed and is ready for the

seedlings when the time is right. The fall crop is about to be planted and will make this year our first year to have a three season garden.

Respectfully Submitted:
Ralph Wolff, Post 129 Finance Officer

HALLOWED GROUND

When the flags are in place and posted, no person is to reach between the flags "**Hallowed Ground**" to hand or receive items from the speaker or table. The person needs to approach the American flag, stop and render a

salute if properly covered, or hand over heart if not properly covered, then proceed around the left side of the flag and behind the speaker. When business is complete, the person will walk around to the left of the speaker and once clearing the Post flag, stop and render a salute if properly covered or place hand over heart if not. And then return to their seat. It is the function of the Sergeant At Arms to watch over flag etiquette. If someone is not rendering honors, the Sergeant At Arms should politely instruct the member or guest in the proper procedure.

(submitted by Dave Corbin—Thank you)

AMERICAN LEGION

This Is Hallowed Ground

Why You Don't Walk Between The Colors

Between the flags that proudly fly
Let no one dare to stand
For here our fallen comrades lie,
We call it Hallowed Ground.
A symbol, yes, but mark it well;
Here let us ever humbly pause
In Memory of the ones who fell
In fighting for our sacred cause.

On sea or land these buddies died.
Some lie beneath a foreign sod
In graves caressed by winds and tide,
In spots unknown to all but God.
And so this place is Hallowed Ground.
And it shall be forever blessed,
As though it were a grassy mound
Beneath which gallant heroes rest

Be ever watchful, Legionnaire.
Of those two flags which signify
That we should guard this spot with care
Where our departed comrades lie.
And, if a man should dare to tread
This spot where lie our gallant brave,
He desecrates those noble dead
As tho he walked upon their grave.

— Nolle Deas
Past Florida Department Commander 1973-74

J.R. Rosen - Boston



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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)
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Drop Off Location:
 American Legion Post 129 — 2025 Church Road, Toms River 08753
 Questions? Email michael.a.schaffer1949@gmail.com

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 DETACHMENT OF NEW JERSEY**

31st Annual

**POW*MIA
 WATCHFIRE**

SEPTEMBER 18th, 2021
 12 HOUR VIGIL 7 PM - 7AM
 WHERE: 1200 NJ RTE. 35
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THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
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