



# SOUNDOFF

May—June 2022

*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

Well Legion Family it has happened! Spring has finally found us. I hope you are all ready for a wonderful spring and summer. I know I am ready for summer fun. Our new Sign Project is moving along, it will be delayed a little as our town needs permits, surveys, engineering reports. We will suffer thru this and make it happen.

We have a myriad of things happening in May and June. Our Auxiliary Unit will have their 100th

Birthday party on May 1st at our Post. Our Riders will be starting their Bike Nights on May 10th, come on out and have fun and good music. The American Legion County Convention will be at our Post on May 7th.

Our Installation of Officers will be May 15th in the Hall. Finally for the month of May our SAL Squadron will have their annual Pig Roast. Our SAL Squadron does a fantastic job every year and this day is not to be missed. For the month of June, we have our Convention in Wildwood, June 8th thru Saturday June 11th, if you have

never been to the Convention, it is well worth going. You can learn a lot about American Legion protocol, and we all have a great time visiting other Post's hotels. We still have three rooms left for anyone who would like to go.

In closing as always, I want everyone to know you can call me or stop in and see me with any questions you may have. I will always do my best to get you the answers.

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

Pete Chafatelli-Commander

## AMERICANISM COMMITTEE NEWS

Post 129, at the April General Meeting, presented a plaque to recognize the accomplishment of Venture Crew Scout Romel Cruze. Romel, besides being an Eagle Scout and Summit Scout, has accomplished something that only four hundred scouts in the Boy Scouts of America history have done. He completed all the merit badges that the BSA offers. The total is 138 badges.

Romel is the first scout to ever accomplish this task in the entire Jersey Shore Council.

American Legion Post 129 is proud to say this young man is a part of our Post.

Arnie Boyle, Vice Commander  
Chairman Americanism  
Committee



**SAL Squadron 129 donate to the Commanders Sign Project at the March General Meeting.**



**Representatives from Post 65, Edison, at the March General Meeting donate to the Post for the MDL Food Warriors.**



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

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

## MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

Spring is in the air and before you know it, we will be celebrating our 103<sup>rd</sup> year at our Convention in Wildwood in June.

Our new membership year starts on July 1, 2022, for our 2023 year. As of this writing our membership stands at 1,484 and 90.4% of our goal. We need 157 more members so please send in their 2022 dues by the end of May. We need your help so we can continue to help our Veterans, their Families, and the Community where we live. Please do not forget the Buddy Check by reaching out to our Legion Family and friends to see if they need any help and offer words of encouragement especially during these trying times. With the cost of food going thru the roof these days and the price of everything on the rise we need to look out for one another. That is what we do, Veterans taking care of Veterans.

I am asking our Legion Family to reach out and ask your friends, neighbors, coworkers, and family members to see if they would like to join our Great Organization. Per the Legion Act of 2019 'Any veteran that has served at least One Day of Active Military Duty since Dec. 7, 1941 and was Honorably Discharged or still serving Honorably meets the Qualifications to join **THE AMERICAN LEGION**.

We must ensure there is 'No Veteran Left Behind,' and that means growing our numbers in every department. Our country needs a Legion of forces to serve our Veterans and Communities.

So, let us renew our commitment, renew our efforts, and renew our Membership to make 2022 a very prosperous year. We cannot do it without you.

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 [rjg548@comcast.net](mailto:rjg548@comcast.net) or 732-604-8326, The American Legion needs your support. Remember, Membership is the life blood of **THE AMERICAN LEGION**.

**REMEMBER BPOTS**  
**Be Part of The Solution**  
 For God and Country  
 Rich Godfrey  
 Department of New Jersey  
 Membership Chairman

## BOYS STATE

This is just a reminder that it is now the time of year when we select deserving Young Men from the community to attend NJ American Legion Boys State. The Post sponsors 8-12 Boys each year to attend this very worthwhile program. If you're interested in finding out more about Boys State, go to [ALJBS.ORG](http://ALJBS.ORG). You may find out that maybe one of your relatives, or even a friend of the family that may benefit from the program.

David E. Corbin Post 129  
 Boys State Chairman

**ASK NOT  
 WHAT THE  
 POST CAN  
 DO FOR YOU  
 ASK WHAT CAN I DO  
 FOR THE POST, MY  
 COMRADES & MY  
 COMMUNITY**



If you joined the American Legion only to reap the benefits that the Post can provide, then perhaps you are looking at your membership the wrong way. Maybe it's not what the Post can do for you, but what you can do for the Post, your community, and your fellow members.

I joined not for what I can get

## Constitution and By-Laws update 2022

As most of you know we have been working on updating our CB&L's. It has been an arduous task that has taken us to areas that haven't been breached in years. There have been numerous changes over the years, some internal, and some external. The Committee will be presenting our finished project to the Executive Committee for modifications and adjustments. Once that is done it will be passed on to the total membership for approval... or not? I would like to thank the Post members who have participated in this endeavor. They are as follows:

David E. Corbin- Chairman

Bob Scheidermann  
 Darlene Scheidermann  
 John Byrne  
 Eric Inauan  
 Arnie Boyle  
 Pete Chafatelli

out of it, but to help the quickly aging veterans in my local community. I joined to help mentor the youth of the community which in turn will strengthen and enhance the community that I live and work in. I joined to advocate for patriotism and honor and to promote Americanism. I joined to promote strong national security and help to repatriate our POWs and MIA's.

The American Legion was chartered as a patriotic veteran's organization that is devoted to mutual helpfulness. Our Post is the largest in the state and functions as a service organization not only to our community but to many other communities in the area. We look for those who want to contribute back to the community in which they live. We en-



courage our members to attend meetings and functions and participate in our events as it makes your membership a rewarding experience beyond the many benefits of the Post.

Hundreds of American Legion programs and activities strengthen the nation one community at a time. Your post is involved in many veteran and community programs like:

Run for the Fallen, Vietnam Museum and Memorial, Grace Alexander Memorial, Gold Star Memorial, Purple Heart Memorial, War Dog Memorial, Funeral Escorts, Rituals, Mission of Honor, Watch Fires Ceremony, Vet Works, Hiring our Hero's, Veterans Town Hall Meeting, Boots to Reboots, Vet Haven, Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, Summer Picnic, C.O.T.A., Legion Baseball, Boy's State, Girls State, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts, Temporary Financial Aid, Food Bank, Food Distribution, Emergency Family Aid, Peoples Pantry, Caregiver Volunteers, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Ocean County Military Alliance, Food Warriors, and the list goes on and on.

Our Post's success depends entirely on active membership, participation, and volunteerism. Volunteering is the spark that makes our society of Veterans work. This Post belongs to the people it serves and the community in which it thrives. To support not only the ongoing projects listed above but the continued upkeep of the Post itself, volunteers are needed. You are needed. So I encourage each of you not to ask what the Post can do for you, but to ask yourself what can you do to support our post. In doing so, your rewards will be priceless.

## FINANCIALS

Our finances are in good shape. We are poised to withstand the

onslaught of the rising inflation rate while we continue to pay down the mortgage. Our P&Ls are showing a profit mainly due to the volunteers who work tirelessly to keep our expenses down. The Commanders Project is on track. Repairs and upgrades to the Post are in the works.

I encourage everyone to attend the next General Meeting and find out more.

Respectfully submitted:  
Ralph Wolff, Finance Officer  
Post 129

## SAL MESSAGE

Hello all and Happy Spring!

It is nice to be out of winter and moving into warm weather. Along with that, the trees are blooming, the annual flowers are coming up, grass is starting to green and best of all, the Bunker Bar is open! My favorite time of the year! We are keeping busy here in the SAL. We had a good beginning of the year with our comedy show and TV raffle and we are looking forward to the summer months and events.

Coming in May is our annual Pig Roast and BBQ. The event will be held in the picnic grove on Saturday, May 28th from 1-5 with a rain date of Sunday, May 29th. We always look forward to this event. There is always a great crowd and a ton of fun. We will have our normal pig roast and BBQ food and beverages. The great Katfish Lucy will be there again to entertain us. Please see the flyer for more information and the tickets are on sale now! As always, we will need volunteers to assist that day to help make us successful. Please let me know if you are available to help us out whether it be morning or during the event or both! The help is greatly appreciated.

The SAL will also be assisting the Post, Auxiliary and the Riders for their upcoming events. We would love to see you come out and help support our brothers and sisters of our great Post.

We are going great with membership. However, we cannot take our foot off the gas as we still have to get to our membership number to get over the top (exceed last year's membership number). Please renew your dues or recruit new eligible members. Thank you to everyone who has renewed already and have referred new members to us. This is what it is all about and makes our great Squadron stronger. As always, you can pay at the post, via US mail or pay online at [www.salpost129.com](http://www.salpost129.com). Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Just a note, we have our monthly SAL general meeting in May on the 11th at 7 p.m. We will NOT be having a meeting in June, as per usual, due to the convention in Wildwood. We have had very good attendance at our meetings lately and we would love to see more members at the meetings to contribute. We hope to see you at our May meeting, at our Pig Roast and at any time out and around our great post. If you have any questions or if I or anyone on my executive board can be of any assistance, please let us know. Be well and enjoy the beautiful weather coming our way!

For God & Country,

Rocky Lucia  
Commander  
SAL Squadron 129



## SERVICE OFFICER CHAPLAIN REPORT

Good afternoon, Brothers and Sisters

Well as we trudge through March and April the world has changed again as Russia has decided to invade a sovereign nation and slaughter civilians when they find out the Ukrainian military is stronger than they anticipated. Please pray for the Ukrainians and all who are suffering because of the genocide being forced upon innocent civilians since they cannot defeat the military, they are taking their frustrations out on the civilian population.

The ritual team has been busy again since the first of the year performing seven rituals/memorial services. I have always said this is the most important thing we do. Everyone has lost someone dear to them in their lifetime, but the need for a warrior family is to have that last moment of respect for the one who offered their life in service of their country. We are only 1 percent of the population truly brothers and sisters in arms and it is our duty to raise them up.

## FOOD WARRIOR REPORT

I am writing this message on April 14<sup>th</sup> which does not mean much to anyone but me, but this is the day I made my first food delivery to the MDL food pantry. So far with amazing support of Post 129 "YOU" and many of other legion friends we have supplied over 100,000 pounds of food. Just since the last SOUNDOFF we have delivered 17,000+ pounds of food to M.D.L. I am averaging fifteen trips per month and the need is increasing.

Shortly we will be opening a pantry at Earle N.W.S. I hate to beg but, I know everyone who gets this message has ability and means to have three meals a day, how about skipping one meal a

week and donating something to the Food Warrior Project. I know food prices are going up for everyone which puts more strain on those with food issues, **PLEASE HELP.** Let us serve those who are serving our country.

When we go about our daily routines, we always have options in our life, lift up...tear down, praise...humiliate, feed...starve. How you sum that up or explain that to your children or even people you have to deal with every day, I have found this short Cherokee story may give you a little guidance in managing the internal battle between good and evil...

Two Wolves is a Cherokee Indian legend and illustrates the most important battle of our lives – the one between our good and bad thoughts. Here is how the story goes:

*An old Cherokee is teaching his grandson about life. "A fight is*

*going on inside me," he said to the boy. "It is a terrible fight, and it is between two wolves. One is evil – he is anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego."*

*He continued, "The other is good – he is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith. The same fight is going on inside you – and inside every other person, too." The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, "Which wolf will win?"*

*The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed."*

Grace and Peace

Michael Schaffer  
Department Chaplain/Service  
Officer/Food Warrior



American Legion Riders Post 129  
Presents



# Bike and Car Cruise Night

Music by DJ Louie with Karaoke

Tuesdays May 10<sup>th</sup> and July 12<sup>th</sup>

6:00 to 9:00 PM

AMERICAN LEGION POST 129

2025 CHURCH ROAD ♦ TOMS RIVER ♦ NEW JERSEY

\$10.00 per person includes:

Music, Burgers, Hotdogs, soft drinks and salad

\*CASH BAR\*





## American Legion Coloring Contest 2022 Post 129 Results

The Coloring Contest Committee is pleased to share with our members the winners of this year's contest from the Toms River School District. We are proud of all the students who took part in the competition, along with the Principals and Teachers who teach and encourage them every day. We had some wonderful entries, the artwork was excellent, and the judging was a difficult task. You are never too young to be a Patriot.

The three students who submitted the best drawings of the 226 participants are: 1st place Bella Bernardi, 5th grader from Silver Bay Elementary, 2nd place Summer Walton, 5th grader from Walnut St. Elementary, and 3rd place Owen Healy, 5th grader from Cedar Grove Elementary.

This year's drawing theme was the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Cash prizes and certificates of appreciation were presented to each student by Commander Pete Chafatelli at their individual schools (see Photos).

Although we only had an approximate 10% participation rate of all the 4th and 5th graders, we look forward to greater student participation in the next school year. I would also like to thank all who assisted with this project.

Laura Bailey, Trustee  
Coloring Contest Chairperson



FIRST PLACE WINNER: BELLA BERNARDI



**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.**



SECOND PLACE WINNER: SUMMER WALTON



THIRD PLACE WINNER: OWEN HEALY

## AUXILIARY MESSAGE

Wishing everyone a Happy Spring, 2022. Although, our Unit has not had any Events set on the Calendar so far this year, we were able to plan our 100 Year Birthday Celebration set for May 1, 2022. Our Invitation was extended to our Post Family and beyond! Although I am writing this Article before our Birthday Celebration has taken place, I have no doubt that everyone in attendance will have had a good time. 100 Years of **Service Not Self** is a very proud time for our Unit 129.

Some of us attended the Legionnaire's 103<sup>rd</sup> Birthday Celebration on March 20, 2022. It was a lot of fun. I, especially, enjoyed looking through the Historian Books that Darlene & Bobby Scheiderman provided. We want to thank Cmdr Pete for including our Unit 129 in the Comic & Toy Event on April 3, 2022. Cmdr Pete's support, respect and consideration this past year has been greatly appreciated.

I want to thank our VA&R Department Co-Chairmen, Patricia Corbin and Jane Keeley, for achieving such a successful Pocketbook Drive for our Female Veterans. Pat & Jane had hoped to receive 85 gently used or brand-new pocketbooks. Instead, the total amount received was 549!!! I want to extend a thank you to Pat and Jane for organizing this wonderful Pocketbook Drive, to all who donated to it, those who helped to clean/stuff/separate the pocketbooks and those who delivered them to their final destinations.

It is Springtime and that means it is election time at our Unit and County levels. I am happy to announce that our Incoming Elected Unit Officers will be:

**Pam Bowen:** President  
**Danielle DiBenedetto:** 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
**Shea Solliday:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
**Jackie Corbin:** Treasurer  
**Catherine Galioto – Galesky** Historian  
**Shannon D'Ercole:** Sgt at Arms  
**Lisa Mayer:** Chaplain  
**Jane Keeley:** Secretary  
**Marianne Kosakowski:** Correspondence Secretary

Our Incoming Ocean County ALA Elected Officers will be:

Deb Lasky: President  
 Lisa Mayer: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
 Dawn Burger: 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
 Alice Lewis – Early: Treasurer  
 Pam Bowen: Historian  
 Roberta Francis: Chaplain  
 Ruby Cramer: Secretary  
 Mariann Zito: Sgt at Arms

Congratulations to each of the above. I wish us a very successful and drama-free year!

On April 27, 2022, our Unit is receiving our 100 Year Proclamation from Toms River. In addition, on April 27<sup>th</sup>, our Unit is also receiving our Poppy Proclamation at the Town Hall. If you plan on attending, please remember Dress Blues is the appropriate attire. If you need Poppies or want to assist in distributing the Poppies, please contact our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Poppy Chairman, Pam Bowen: [bowenpame-la23@yahoo.com](mailto:bowenpame-la23@yahoo.com).

Please remember to get your 2021-22 Membership Dues to Carol Rutzler: [carejr@verizon.net](mailto:carejr@verizon.net) and make your checks payable to ALA Unit 129.

Our Unit is looking forward to having the Ocean County ALA Convention at Post 129 on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Registration begins at 11am. The Dress Uniform is All Whites. Of course, May is a busy time for

our Ocean County Posts to have their Installations. Our Post 129 Family Installation is set for Sunday, May 15, 2022 at 1pm. The month of May is also Memorial Day Weekend. While we all look forward to the BBQ time with family and friends, remember all who have died in service to our country.

Lastly, I want to thank our Unit's Past Presidents, Officers, Chairmen and Members, who have been so supportive during my 3 years as Unit President. It has been a privilege and an honor. Since this is my final SOUNDOFF article as Unit President, I would be remiss if I didn't include some music verse: *Each day has its always, a look down life's hallways, doorways, to lead you there....* It is important to keep the faith, to stay positive in the face of negativity, to remember why you joined our Family Post and to be true to your values.

For God and Country,

Lisa A. Mayer  
 President Unit 129

## Auxiliary Gratitude Purse Project After Action Report

The Unit's original request for eighty-five purses and fifteen men's wallets resulted in the Unit receiving 489 items from, ALA members, AL members, other community organizations, friends, and family members. We distributed these donations as follows:

Fort Dix received 101 purses to female military spouses and active-duty soldiers. Fifteen wallets to male military spouses and active-duty soldiers. McGuire AFB and Lakehurst Naval Base received fifty assorted handbags for their on base Thrift shops. The





(Picture via Lisa Mayer)

Thrift Shop revenue provides opportunity for additional recreation outlets for the families residing on or near the Base.

Ocean County College Veterans Resource Center received fifty-two tote bags and female hygiene items. Harbor House received sixteen shoulder bags and female hygiene items. Providence House received fifty assorted handbags, and diaper bags, packaged goods, and toys for children.

The Ocean County Library Prom Dress Giveaway received 39 evening bags and four pairs of evening wear shoes. This is a free program for eighth graders, juniors, and seniors in high school.

The Atlantic City Regional Stand Down will receive 25 handbags for the anticipated 20+ female veterans expected to attend.

Toms River Code Blue received twenty assorted handbags and diaper bags.

Fifty assorted handbags were donated to two (2) local houses of worship for their young parishioners, twenty-five are set aside for game prizes during the Unit's weekly visits to local nursing

homes. Eight handbags were donated to the Goodwill.

With the assistance of 18 ALA Unit 129 members, each handbag was examined, and given the ok to give as a gift.

This project started as a small gesture of gratitude to Military spouses. It turned into a Love of Community Project.

Thank you to the Post, SAL, and Rider Family members who also assisted with this endeavor.

For God and Country  
Unit Chairmen VA&R  
Jane Keeley

National Security  
Patricia Cozine

Children & Youth  
Pamela Bowen

Community Service  
Patricia Corbin

And the members of ALA Unit 129



## Horseshoe League 2022

Meeting: Wednesday May 11<sup>th</sup>  
Bunker Bar  
6:00 pm

League Starts: Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup>

If interested in playing in the Legion Horseshoe League, sign-up sheet will be behind the Canteen Bar.

All are Welcome. Singles and Teams

Contact: Mike Feimer: (732) 684-9790  
Dan Szpyt: (732) 996-4406

May 2022						
◀ Apr 2022						Jun 2022 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Law Day Loyalty Day	2 General Meeting 7 p.m.	3	4	5 	6 Military Spouses Day Nurses Day	7
8 Mother's Day V-E Day Declared (1945)	9 Auxiliary Meeting 7 p.m.	10 Bike and Car Cruise Night 6 pm.—9 p.m.	11 SAL Meeting 7 p.m.	12 	13	14
15 Women's Army Corps Founded (1942)	16 Board/Trustee Meeting 7 p.m.	17	18	19 	20	21 Memorial Day Pig Roast 12 p.m.
22 National Maritime Day	23 Riders Meeting 7 p.m.	24	25	26 	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day 	31	SUNDAY, MAY 1, THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 129 CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF SERVICE AT THE POST FROM 2 - 6 P.M. 			

## MAY ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY, MAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JOEY "D"

SATURDAY, MAY 7<sup>TH</sup> SHIFTY & THE GEARS

FRIDAY, MAY 13<sup>TH</sup> WILD ROSE

SATURDAY, MAY 14<sup>TH</sup> WATER FRONT DUO

FRIDAY, MAY 20<sup>TH</sup> DJ LOUIE

SATURDAY, MAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JUKEBOX GOLD

FRIDAY, MAY 27<sup>TH</sup> STRICTLY 60'S

SATURDAY, MAY 28<sup>TH</sup> STEVE & DEBBIE





June 2022							Jul 2022 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1	2	3	4	
							
5	6 General Meeting 7 p.m.	7	8 SAL Meeting 7 p.m.	9	10	11	
							
12 Father's Day Juneteenth National Independence Day	13 Auxiliary Meeting 7 p.m.	14 U.S. Army Founded (1775) <b>FLAG DAY</b>	15	16	17	18	
							
19	20 Board/ Trustee Meeting 7 p.m.	21 Summer Begins	22 Pledge of Allegiance Recognized by Congress (1942)	23	24	25 Korean War Begins (1950)	
							
26	27 Riders Meeting 7 p.m.	28	29	30			
							

## JUNE ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY, JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup> **THE MANGO'S**

SATURDAY, JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup> **LENNY DAVIS BAND**

FRIDAY, JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup> **WILD ROSE**

SATURDAY, JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup> **OFF R ROCKERS**  
\*\*NEW BAND\*\*

FRIDAY, JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup>

**DJ LOUIE**

SATURDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup>

**WHO ARE U GUYS**

FRIDAY, JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup>

**JUKEBOX GOLD**

SATURDAY, JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup>

**THE DANCE BAND**  
\*\*NEW BAND\*\*



## CANTEEN NEWS

Eric Inauen

Our attendance in the Canteen and Hall exploded during March and April, so there is no reason to suspect that it won't continue through May and June. The Bar Committee and Bar Staff would like to thank you, our Members and Guests, for supporting the biggest and best Post in the State.

Our Strategic Plan Committee, which develops the Post's 3-year plan, has numerous improvements scheduled for the Canteen, Hall, Bunker Bar and Picnic Area. So, stop by and check out what is going on.

**The Bunker Bar** opened this year on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. A special thanks goes out to our commander Pete Chafatelli, Bar Manager Bobby Joerg, Ed Rutzler, John Holterman, Kenny Benner and the Bartenders for making that happen. CAUTION: Do Not stand around the Bunker early in the morning or you may be power washed by Kenny.

Currently, the Bunker Bar opens at 5 p.m. (Tuesday Thru Friday), 4 p.m. on Saturday & 2PM on Sunday. The Bunker is closed on Monday.

**HORSESHOE LEAGUE:** If you are interested in playing in the Le-

gion Horseshoe League call Mike Feimer (732-684-9790) or Dan Szpyt (732-996-4406). All are welcome—Singles and Teams. Ladies and Guys. There will be a meeting on Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, at 6PM down the Bunker Bar. The league starts the following week on Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**CORNHOLE:** If you are looking to play Cornhole, call Dale, at 732-997-5174. If there is no answer, please leave a message with your name and phone number. The league will start on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6PM down the Bunker Bar. This year, Dale would like to have a random draw league instead of teams.

**BIKE and CAR CRUISE NIGHT:** The Legion Riders will be hosting their first of the season Legion Bike and Car Cruise Night on Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.. There will be music by DJ LOUIE and Karaoke. Tickets are \$10 each and include burgers, hot dogs, salads and soft drinks. As always, there will be a cash bar. So, come out and support the Legion Riders' fundraiser.

**MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC PIG ROAST:** Our Sons of the American Legion, SAL Squadron 129 will be hosting its annual Memorial Day Picnic Pig Roast on Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> (rain date, Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>), from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.. SAL Commander Rocky Lucia, along

with his officers and volunteers from both Post 129 and Brick Post SAL Squadron 348 start roasting the pig at 6AM.

Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door and can be purchased in the Canteen up until a day before the Picnic. Your ticket price includes DRAFT BEER, Roasted Pig, Burgers, Hot Dogs, Grilled Chicken, Salads, Soda and Water. You will be entertained by the sounds of the ever popular "KATFISH LUCY."

This event is the main SAL Fundraiser for the year. So, come on out and help make it a great success.

**JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> PICNIC:** Our annual Independence Day Picnic will be held on Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> (rain date, Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>), from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.. Tickets will be \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

Tickets will go on sale June 1<sup>st</sup> in the Canteen. Your tickets will include Burgers, Hot Dogs, Grilled Chicken & Multiple Salads. Entertainment will be by "WILD ROSE."

The Bar Committee would like to thank all of our bartenders for the fantastic job that they do. Thank you, Robin, Lori, Danielle, Shea, Rocky, Carol Ann, Donna, Joe and Rob. They regularly come up with new drinks for our Members & Guests. For Memorial

## A thank you to additional members donations to the Post 129 Children & Youth Fund

GOLD CLUB MEMBER \$100 to \$499 Tom & Eleanor Trainer in memory of Michael Russo  
Edward Wiersielis

SILVER CLUB MEMBER \$50 to \$99 Sharon Amato in memory of Raymond  
Thomas Meehan  
Carmine Priore

BRONZE CLUB MEMBER \$25 to \$49 Robert Zahary  
Donna Waldron



Day, "The Stars & Stripes" will be on special, consisting of Smirnoff Red, White & Berry Vodka, Blue Curacao, Lemonade and a Grenadine Splash. This drink was invented at Canteen, Post 129 by our bartenders.

As always, The Canteen opens 11 a.m. daily. Ryan's Catering offers hot and cold lunches and dinners 7 days a week (lunches only on Mondays). We are the only American Legion Post in the State that provides this. We change our drink specials every 2 weeks. We only serve premium liquor. We have 9 beers on tap and other bottled beers are available. Our Bunker Bar has 4 beers on tap.

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

## RIDERS NEWS

Hope this finds everyone well.

Spring is finally here, and the Riders have been busy attending events around the area to support other chaptered organizations.

We attended a charity fundraiser at the Point Pleasant Elks Lodge #1698 for a Beach Party. Those in attendance had a great time.

Also, the Riders rode in the Seaside St. Patrick's Parade. Extremely Cold and just as Enjoyable.

On Thursday April 7, 2022, the Riders, along with other members of Post 129 attended a Ritual for Edwin Basteri, 84, a Veteran from Brick.

An awesome time was had by many who attended an Escorted Ride with American Legion Riders Post 348 from the Brick Elks Lodge #2151 to the NJ Elks Bikers Rally Across America for Brain Injured Children that was

held at Old Bridge Elks Lodge #2229.

As of this reading, the Riders will have held their Annual Bike Blessing. The Riders wish to give special Thanks to the Salvation Army for their help.

Mark your calendars for May 10, 6:00-9:00 p.m.. Come join us for our Bike / Car Cruise Night with DJ Louie for your entertainment. All are welcome. See fliers in the canteen. Tickets sold at the gate @ \$10. Per Person.

Anyone wishing to join the Riders, please contact Mike Dorick, Vice Director and Membership Chairman at:

[mdorick@verizon.net](mailto:mdorick@verizon.net) or, come to a Riders meeting held on the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m..

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# 2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## June-July-August

### Legionnaires:

Remembrance Day  
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**July 2, 2022 (Saturday)**  
Remembrance Day  
Remembrance Day

May 8, 1945 V-E Day  
June 6, 1945 D-Day Invasion  
**July 4<sup>th</sup> Picnic 1 p.m.—5 p.m.**  
July 27, 1953 Korean War Armistice Signed  
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### Auxiliary

Remembrance Day  
May 15, 1942 Women's Army Auxiliary  
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### SAL

**May 21, 2022 (Saturday)** **Memorial Day Pig Roast-12 p.m.**

### Legion Riders

**May 10, 2022 (Tuesday)** **Bike/Car Cruise Nite 6 p.m.—9 p.m.**  
**July 12, 2022 (Tuesday)** **Bike/Car Cruise Nite 6 p.m.—9 p.m.**  
**August 20, 2022 (Saturday)** **Country Western BBQ 6 p.m.—9 p.m.**

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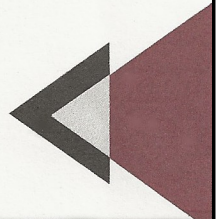
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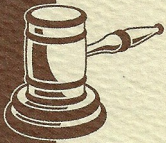
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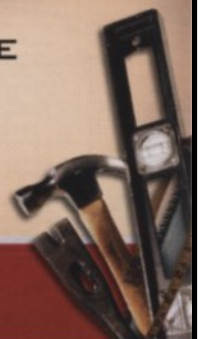
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