



SOUNDOFF

September-October 2023

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1919

The American Legion Post 129, 2025 Church Road, Toms River, NJ 08753

COMMANDERS MESSAGE

July 24 started MOVIE NIGHT. The first movie was *Top Gun Maverick*. Hot dogs, snow cones, cotton candy, soda, water, all available for purchase. Those who attended enjoyed the movie under the stars. Again, I want to thank all who volunteered. Check dates for our next movie.

Eighteen days later a Gremlin struck again. This time it was our

main sewage line. Luckily it did not make too much of a mess inside the Post. Past Post Commander Pete Chafatelli and John Holterman were able to snake out the main line.

As you can see your Post needs Volunteers. We need help with accounting skills, background in plumbing, electrical, legal, grant writing, computers, general house cleaning, maintenance, just to name a few. Please contact Pete Chafatelli or Ed Rutzler at the Post phone number 732-255-

9250, or me, Commander Ralph Moranz 732-551-5133. Together we can build a stronger Post. Together we can make our Post the envy of Ocean County. Together we can control the Gremlins.

Commander Pete Chafatelli ended his 2-year term with a 4th Of July picnic. The weather was beautiful. Food, Dancing, Family, Friends, and everyone who attended could not have had a better time. The band played everyone's favorite songs. The Pipers played, making the picnic one to be remembered.

Although this was the end of Pete's term, he will remain active serving on Post Committees and mentoring the incoming Commander.

As I started my term, on July 15 JCP&L had a power failure. The Post was out of power for 8 hours. To make it more challenging the State Police had a graduation party in the Hall. NO GRILL, NO WARMINGS, NO LIGHTS to prepare food. Bob Jorge's quick action saved the event. He called the Brick Elks and asked if we could use their kitchen, which they agreed to. The kitchen staff went to the Brick Elks to prepare the food. Many thanks to the Brick Elks for allowing the Post the use of their kitchen. Lori, Danielle, and Donna made it a day to remember

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Out going Commander Pete Chafatelli (right) turns the command over to the incoming Commander Ralph Moranz at the July General Membership meeting.

15th Annual NJ Run for the Fallen ~ September 20th to 24th, 2023.

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

COMMANDERS MESSAGE

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for all who attended. I want to thank the SAL for their hard work. Rocky and Joe Rutzler were shuttling soda and bottled beer from the shed to the Canteen and hall bar.

As members of Post 129 we should all be proud of what they did. Teamwork! I would like to thank them all.

For God and Country

Ralph Moranz—Commander



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

I hope that this issue of our SOUNDOFF finds our Legion family in good spirits and health. July 1st started our 2024 Membership year; I would like to thank all the Early Birds that have sent in their 2024 dues so far. Our goal this year is 1480 at 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 programs, 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. Just a reminder any member that is a Early Bird by sending in your dues from July 1st to October 1st will be put into a drawing for a free membership for 2025, there will be three members drawn at our December meeting remember you got to be in it to win it, Good luck to all.

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 is called The Buddy Check; it is what we do veterans taking care of Veterans and their Families.

Stay Safe, be Well and Remember, as a Legion Family we can accomplish important things.

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.



**HELP US STOP
VETERAN SUICIDE**

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

YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

If you have served at least one day of active military duty since December 7, 1941 and were honorably discharged or you are still serving active military duty honorably, you are eligible for membership with The American Legion

JOIN THE AMERICAN LEGION



Out going Commander Pete Chafatelli accepts the gift of the American Legion Flag Desk Set from Bob Scheiderman of the Past Post Commanders Association.

LETTER TO POST 129

Dear Members, summer is just about at an end. I trust that all had a warm time with the weather. I am saddened that we lost some of our important members this summer. They will be missed.

As for our annual Independence Day Picnic, we did have a good turnout of 177 people enjoying the sounds to "Wine and Roses" that had us all singin and dancin. And most of all, the weather gods were with us again.

A beautiful day all around. But as we all know, it could not have been done without the important help from our SAL, Riders, Auxiliary, and our Veteran Legionnaires. A big thank you to you all. We're already planning for next year.

There has been talk about having an Oktoberfest for this year. However, due to the timing we will not be able to have it this year. But, next year, watch out. We will have an Oktoberfest next year.

You may have noticed a flyer talking about this new Post 129 T-

SHIRT. Well, if you are interested in one free draft beer every Monday until June 30, 2024, you too can purchase one in our canteen. Just ask for one. So, to all our members, be well and be safe.

For God and Country
Gerd Trommer
Vice Commander



AMERICAN LEGION POST 129

AMERICAN LEGION T-SHIRT \$25.00 AMERICAN LEGION

Buy one, wear it proudly, and get ONE FREE DRAFT BEER, (Coors Light, Miller Light, Bud, Bud Lite, or Pabst), in the Canteen every Monday from July 2023 to July 2024!



Ask any bartender to get your shirt from the Canteen.

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



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



BE THE ONE

The American Legion is guided by its Four Pillars. Among those is the Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation pillar. At its core, the Legion's mission is to enhance the well-being of America's veterans, their families, our military, and our communities through devotion to mutual helpfulness.

Today, the number one issue facing those who served is veteran suicide. Each day, no less than 17 veterans die by suicide. That is more than 6,000 each year. The rate of suicide for veterans is more than 50% higher than that of non-veteran adults.

At its core, The American Legion has activated a national platform to end veteran suicide. The Be the One campaign will:

- Destigmatize asking for mental health support.
- Provide peer-to-peer support and resources in the local communities.
- Deploy FDA-approved therapeutics for veterans to identify issues and find resources for support.

The stigma associated with mental health issues is a barrier to veterans seeking assistance. They fear the loss of their job, think they can handle their situation themselves, or do not think others can understand their situation. Family members may be the first to recognize the signs that their loved one needs help, but they may lack the knowledge of how to approach the situation. If you have a family member who is a veteran, The American Legion encourages you to Be the One to:

- Ask veterans in your life how they are doing.
- Listen when a veteran needs to talk.
- Reach out when a veteran is struggling.
- Pledge to Be the One at betheone.org

POST FINANCES

We have just entered our 2023/2024 fiscal year. Below are some of the fiscal accomplishments thus far:

1. A new budget is about to take hold. Thanks to Eric and the budget team, we were able to balance our budget again this period.
2. Your Post has been enjoying the benefits of the added interest rates at the bank. As long as the interest rates stay as they are, this additional revenue will help offset some of the cost of the Hall renovation.
3. The Hall renovation is on budget thus far, and we do not expect any surprises in that sector.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Ralph E. Wolff

Finance Officer Post 129



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

I can remember when I was, oh 9- or 10-years old, words to songs that I had heard at church which I really did not understand quite fully, yet they made the older people like those in their 40's, you know the ancient ones, tear up or cry! Some of the words to one was:

*The chimes of time ring out
the news another day is through.
Someone slipped and fell, was
that someone you?*

*You may have longed for
added strength, your courage to
renew. Do not be disheartened,
for I have news for you! It is no
secret what God can do; what he
has done for others he will do for
you. With arms wide open, he will
pardon you. It is no secret what
God can do.*

*There is no night for in his
sight you will never walk alone.
Always feel at home wherever
you may roam. There is no power
can conquer you while God is on
your side. Just keep him at his
promise, do not run away and
hide. It is no secret what God can
do; what he has done for others
he will do for you. With arms wide
open he will pardon you. It is no
secret what God can do.*

I often wait until a thought hit me, so to speak, before I bring it to all of us. I was awakened last evening with this song on my mind. One thing I have learned over time is that God does not make mistakes. The one thing he cannot do that both you and I can is fail. So, there are one or maybe a number of us reading this today, my brothers and sisters that need to be reminded of surety in our lives.

"God loves us" you are trying to handle more than ever before, or you are weary of your pre-




sent situation! You are not alone! It may seem like you are in this moment, but you are not! God is right beside you and at times he may have to carry you! You do not see it, but he is "always and in love" there for us!


Let us pray together: Father you know the situation of all our members and their families today! Please stretch forth your hand of love and mercy and let my brothers and sisters know that they are not alone when they heard the bad news from the doctor or a phone call and that you will never leave them nor forsake them...make your presence a little more real in their lives so they begin to see that love that you alone can give! Thank you, father, for your ever-present help in our great organization! May the "American Legion" live on helping our veteran population and their widows and orphans and families in love as you would giving of our time and resources to bring a smile to others wherever we go! Thank you for our commanders and their teams as they lead us ever onward! Bless us now I pray! Amen

Tom Kraszewski
Chaplain Post 129






**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
DETACHMENT OF NEW JERSEY**



33rd Annual



SEPTEMBER 16th, 2023
12 HOUR VIGIL 7 PM - 7AM
 WHERE: 1200 NJ RTE. 35
 SEASIDE HEIGHTS, NEWJERSEY 08751
THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: EMAIL: WATCHFIRE@NJSAL.ORG

Timeline

2023 NJ Run For The Fallen September 20 to 24, 2023.

6:35 PM - Finish of Day 3 - American Legion Post 129, 2025 Church Rd, Toms River, NJ. September 23, 2023

6:35 PM - Run Team & Gold Star Family Dinner - American Legion Post 129, 2025 Church Rd, Toms River, NJ.

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

If you are a Veteran or any member of The American Legion, Auxiliary, or SAL please come and welcome the core runners to Post 129 to Honor and Remember.

<https://www.njrftf.org/>

RIDERS MESSAGE

Well.....

Time to say goodbye to the Summer.

Riding weather has been great, however, we are looking forward to the cooler riding weather.

The Riders have been traveling statewide taking the opportunity to visit other American Legion Posts, meeting for Sunday Breakfasts with Awesome Rides through the Pines after.

Tuesday Nights at the Bunker

Bar joining the CornHole Games has been a Great Highlight.

Runs to be looked forward to are:
Joining the SAL at the Annual Watchfire to be held on Saturday September 16 on Seaside Bay at 07:00

Also Run for the Fallen on Saturday September 23.

Everyone.....Please mark your calendars and get your 50s attire ready for the American Legion Riders Sock Hop.

Hope to see everyone there ready to DANCE !!!

For God & Country
God Bless
Cliff Johnson Director
American Legion Riders
Post 129



AUXILIARY MESSAGE

We are entering into the last days of summer and getting ready for school to start. Some of us had to say goodbye to our children heading off to college or even entering the service. Let us keep them in our thoughts and prayers for a new and exciting time in their future endeavors.

Our 10 for 10 Education is in the process of delivering backpacks and school supplies for our children heading off to school in September. I would like to THANK our Education Chairperson Lena Milling and her committee for their time and work putting these backpacks together and delivering them to the schools in our community. The kids and the teachers really appreciate everything so they can start off the school year with the right tools.

Our fall season is coming up and we are looking to have some ideas for fund raising, so come on out to the meeting on September 11 at 7pm and share some ideas as what we can do.

If you need a ride, reach out to myself or another unit member



Toms River Post 129 American Legion Riders

Presents:

Permit #108737



Featuring: DJ Louie

When: Friday, November 10, 2023

Time: 7pm to 10pm

Where: American Legion Post 129

\$25pp includes: Burgers, Hotdogs, "Ice Cream Floats", Fries & Cash Bar - 50/50 - Trophies for:

*Twist & Jitter Bug Dance Contest &
Best 50's Look*

Tickets available at American Legion Post 129 Canteen or [PayPal](https://www.paypal.com) at alrpost129.com

Questions? Contact Director Cliff Johnson at 908-285-8713

Proceeds to benefit American Legion Veterans Charities

and we can offer assistance. Let us help each other and make this a productive time for our veterans.

Our new Membership chairperson is Mary Lindsey, and you can contact her at (732) 281-3176. Again, let us help each other out and make our unit strong for our veterans and our community. Let us keep the people of Hawaii in our prayers.

For God & Country
Pam Bowen
Unit President



Pam Bowen, Auxiliary Unit 129 President, presents a check to Commander Pete Chafatelli at the General Membership meeting on July 3, 2023 in support of Post 129.

HAVE YOU VOLUNTEERED TODAY?

The American Legion, Post 129, 2025 Church Road, Toms River, New Jersey 08753

You served your country. Now you can serve your American Legion Post 129. Help is needed for BINGO workers on Thursday nights. So without even playing you can be a winner. Contact Ralph Moranz at rmoranz@msn.com



Not just Legionnaires, but also Auxiliary and SAL members are invited to join the BINGO team.



POST 129 WANTS YOU!

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SEPTEMBER ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 1ST **STRICTLY 60s**

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 2ND **POWERTONES**

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH **RB EXPRESS**

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH **NEW DAZE**

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH **DJ LOUIE**

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH **WILD ROSE**

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 22ND

LENNY DAVIS BAND

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 23RD

STEVE & DEBBY

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 29TH **SURECATS**

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH

OFF'R'ROCKERz

Entertainment is scheduled from 7 to 10 p.m.
Time, Venue, and band subject to change.

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30	31  HALLOWEEN						

OCTOBER ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY OCTOBER 6TH DJ LOUIE

SATURDAY OCTOBER 7TH DECOY

FRIDAY OCTOBER 13TH POWERTONES

SATURDAY OCTOBER 14TH NO PROMISES



FRIDAY OCTOBER 20TH SURECATS

SATURDAY OCTOBER 21ST
DOC AND THE REMEDY

FRIDAY OCTOBER 27TH NEW DAZE

SATURDAY OCTOBER 28TH
LENNY DAVIS BAND

BE SURE TO CHECK FOR LAST MINUTE CHANGES
AND/OR CANCELLATIONS.
UPDATED FLYERS ARE POSTED IN THE CANTEEN

CANTEEN NEWS

Eric Inauen

Another great Summer has flown by. Our Members have been enjoying the numerous activities and events that we hold at the Post. Whether it is the entertainment on Friday and Saturday Nights, Corn Hole on Tuesday Nights and Horseshoes on Wednesday Nights, or just coming to be with their friends, Members and their guests have been turning out in record numbers.

RUN for the FALLEN: On Saturday Evening, September 23rd, at approximately 6 to 6:30PM, Post 129 will be conducting its Run for the Fallen Ceremony on Church Road. The Ceremony will start as soon as the Runners have arrived. This is a great day to come out to the Post to support the GOLD STAR FAMILIES of our Veterans who died fighting for our country.

Our 9-11 Ceremony will not be held at the Post this year. It will be held at the base in Lakehurst. We should NEVER FORGET. For more information, contact Commander Ralph Moranz at the Post.



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, Mich Ultra and Pabst Drafts will be Special Priced. So, stop by, watch and root for your favorite teams on one of our 8

Smart TV's. You can also catch the games down at the Bunker Bar until November.

Speaking of Football, the SAL (Sons of the American Legion) will be hosting their second (3rd) annual Football Tailgate Party down at the Bunker Bar, on Sunday, October 8th, from 1PM to 8PM. Tickets are at the door for \$25 and includes burgers, hot dogs and draft beer. On that day, the Giants host the Miami Dolphins at 1PM and the Jets play the Denver Broncos, at 4:30PM.

Remember, Legionnaires can sign in 9 guests and SAL Members and Auxiliary can sign in one guest when coming to the Post. In the Canteen, Ryan's Catering, who cooks our food on the premises, offers a regular menu and daily specials, 7 days a week. There are also drink specials that change every 2 weeks. The Canteen, also serves non-alcoholic Coors Cutters and Heineken Zero, along with soda, ice tea and coffee.



CORN HOLE: In-door Corn Hole will be starting at the end of October, on Wednesdays, in the Hall. For more information, contact Dale Hugo. Dale is available down at the Bunker Bar, on Tuesdays, at 6PM, conducting our outdoor Corn Hole weekly competition. This has become more and more popular since we changed the day of the week to Tuesday and have had the Post 129 Riders join in.



HALLOWEEN PARTY: Our annual Halloween Party will be held in the Canteen, on Saturday, October 28th, from 7PM to 10 PM. The Lenny Davis Band will be providing the entertainment. There will be food and drink specials. Three prizes will be awarded to the Best Costumes.

GO NAVY: This year the Post we will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets to support the Navy Ball. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Ask Commander Ralph Moranz or your bartenders for details.

COME SEE OUR NEW HALL: Our hall renovations are now complete. This project took years of planning and took a month to complete. Thank you, Paul Wnek and Pete Chafatelli of the Post's Construction Committee for getting this done. If you are looking to hold an event for family or friends, you should consider renting our Hall. The Seating Capacity is 225. You do not have to be a Member to rent the Hall. Call Meghan, our Banquet Manager at 848-223-0610 or stop by the Post for more information.

For you first time readers: The Canteen opens at 11AM daily. Ryan's Catering offers hot and cold lunches and dinners 7 days a week (lunches only on Mondays, until 5pm). We are the only American Legion Post in the State that provides this. Credit cards are accepted for Bar Tabs only. Members are required to show their up-to-date membership card to the Bartender or Doorman and are

required to sign in their guests into the guest book.

Our Bunker Bar opens at 5PM from Tuesday to Saturday (Closed Mondays) and 12 Noon on Sundays.

We have live entertainment every Friday and Saturday Night starting from 7PM to 10PM. On Friday and Saturday Nights last call is 11:30PM and closing time is at Midnight. Closing times vary during the week based on the weather, the amount of Members in the Canteen, etc.

When we are open, you will be served drinks by our professional bartending staff. There are no "ham and egg" bartenders in the Canteen. Robin, Lori, Danielle, Shea, Carol Ann, Rocky, Donna, Joe, Rob and Steve are always happy to serve you. They will advise you of our drink specials which are posted around the bar. We change our Specials every two weeks. Some of our drinks are exclusive to this Post. As stated before, Legionnaires may sign in 9 guests who are not Members. SAL & Auxiliary may sign in 1 guest. So, stop by with your friends and enjoy the food, the beverages and the fun.

A Special Thank You to all the behind-the-scenes Members, who keep everything running smoothly. EVERYDAY, Bar Manager Bobby Joerg, Ed Rutzler, John

Holterman, Dale Harpe, Kenny Benner, Frank Del Nero, Pete Chafatelli and Claude Geraud get everything prepped so we can open in the Canteen, Bunker Bar and the Hall Bar. They also do the Picnic Area and Hall set-up for events.

REMEMBER:

**When you support Post 129,
you support the greatest
Post in the USA.**

SAL MESSAGE

Hello everyone! I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. Why does it always go so fast?! Even though the summer is typically slow regarding events, we've been keeping busy helping all the units in our great Post, which is what we do.

I'm looking forward to my first year as SAL commander. We have a great group, and we will do everything we can to keep the SAL successful and, in turn, giving back to our Post.

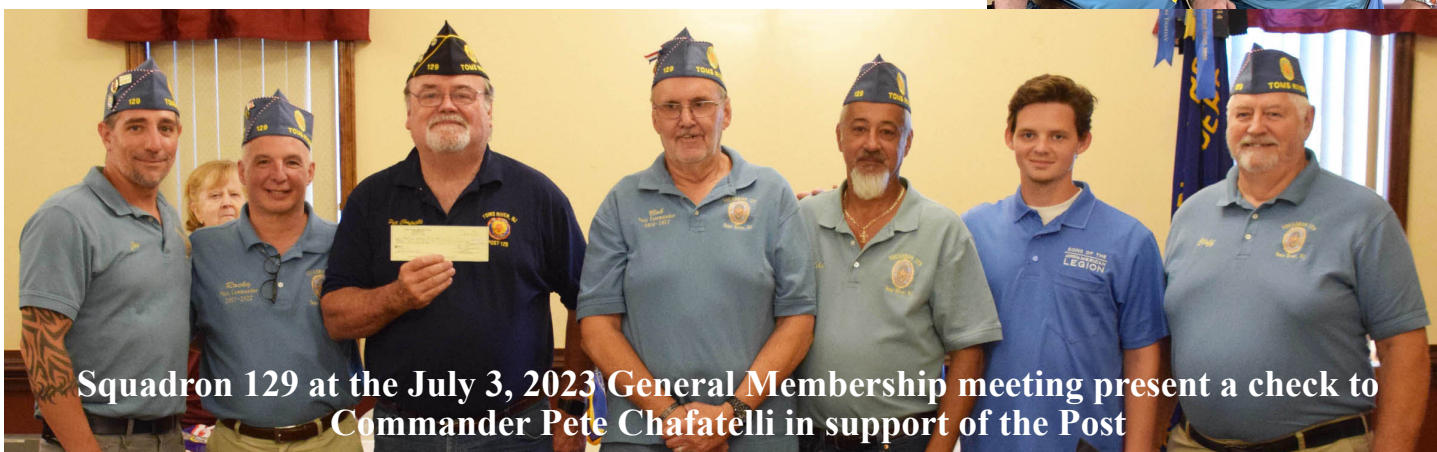
We have our annual Football Tailgate Party coming up on Sunday, October 8th. We will be having the BBQ in the picnic grove and in the event of inclement weather, we will move it inside to the soon to be newly renovated hall. We will have a flyer out for this event soon once our permits are in, so stay tuned!

2024 membership cards are in. We are running our usual early bird special up until October 1st. Dues are \$23 vs. the usual \$25 and dues for under 18 are \$18 vs. the usual \$20. We are also picking up on Past Post Commander and Department membership chairman Rich Godfrey's idea this year where everyone that renews during the early bird period will be entered into a raffle and we will pick three members to receive a free membership for next year. So please renew early and take advantage of this great incentive. Membership is our lifeblood, and we are thankful for everyone's continued support.

Again, I'm looking forward to a great year so please enjoy the rest of your summer and we will see you around the post.

For God & Country,
Joe Rutzler
Commander - SAL Squadron 129

**Outgoing Commander Rocky Lucia
passes the gavel to incoming Com-
mander Joe Rutzler.**
(picture via Bob Joerg)



**Squadron 129 at the July 3, 2023 General Membership meeting present a check to
Commander Pete Chafatelli in support of the Post**



New Jersey Run For The Fallen September 20th to 24th, 2023

MEDIA CONTACT:

Randy Senkle | 609-451-7808 | secretary.njrftf@gmail.com

Release Date: April 18, 2023

2023 NJ RUN FOR THE FALLEN TO HONOR AND REMEMBER NEW JERSEY ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE, MARINES & COAST GUARD WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR (GWOT)

*Relay Team to Cover One Mile for Each NJ Fallen Service Member in 15th Annual Run from
Sunset Beach, Cape May Point, to NJ Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in Holmdel NJ.*

In an apolitical reflection of remembrance, a team of military members from Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst and other military locations across the US will come together to embark on a 225+ mile journey to honor every New Jersey service member who died in support of the Global War on Terror (GWOT).

Each mile is dedicated to an individual NJ Hero and their family, and the run team will stop at each Hero Marker (each mile) to present a flag and personalized biographical card to waiting family members, friends, and comrades with the goal of creating a 225+ mile Memorial Trail through New Jersey.

"NJ Run for the Fallen" will kick off on Wednesday, September 20th, 2023 with a Remembrance Ceremony and Dinner for NJ Gold Star Families at the Naval Air Station Museum at Cape May Airport and the actual Run will commence the next morning on Thursday, September 21st, 2023 at Sunset Beach, Cape May Point with a "Start" ceremony for the four day, 225+ mile Run through Cape May, Wildwood, Stone Harbor/Avalon, Sea Isle City, Ocean City, Somers Point, Egg Harbor, Galloway, Tuckerton, Long Beach Island, Ocean Twp., Toms River, Brick, Mantoloking, Point Pleasant, Sea Girt, Belmar, Bradley Beach, Asbury Park, Long Branch, West Long Branch, Oceanport, Little Silver, Shrewsbury and Lincroft to finish at the NJ Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in Holmdel on National Gold Star Mother/Family Day, Sunday September 24th, 2023.

More preliminary details are available here: <https://www.njrftf.org/timeline.html>

"Although we visibly run one mile to honor and remember each fallen hero from the current conflicts, the total run represents every service member from New Jersey who laid down their lives for freedoms cause. Thousands have sacrificed to preserve our way of life and as we give tribute to a particular Hero, please remember others who have given the ultimate sacrifice throughout history. New Jersey being rich in the foundation of this country has given many of her sons and daughters.

"Regardless of war or conflict, branch of service or method of death, we ultimately run for them all, honoring their service and sacrifice, and remembering that they each gave up a future so that we could have ours. We give tribute to them by name wherever possible and to the sacrifice of the families they left behind."

<https://www.NJRun.org>

<https://www.njrftf.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/NJRFTF>

Buddy Check

Looking out for each other



Veterans of New Jersey



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6 times per year
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SUBMISSIONS

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or via U.S. mail to: Al Harbord, 1038 Audubon Drive,
Toms River, NJ 08753.

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My dog did it.



FARRO'S TEES



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