



American Legion Post 129 – Sept, 2022 Newsletter

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● General Membership Meeting, Sept. 13, 5:30 p.m. ● Executive Board Meeting scheduled if required. ● Riders meeting immediately after General Meeting.
 ● Betsy Graham, our New Hanover County Veterans' Service Officer or one of her partner VSO's will be available at the Post the third Thursday of the month from 9:30 a.m. until noon. Please stop by the pavilion if you have questions about benefits or other programs you may be interested in or eligible for. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Enjoy the fish fry on Sept, 9 (served until 7 p.m.) and stay for karaoke fun and entertainment. Bring a snack or dessert to share if you wish. Legion members and guests only. Be sure to sign your guest in.
 ● <u>SAL membership meeting Sept. 19 at 5:30PM</u>
 We would like to invite all SAL members to the first membership and organizational meeting. Everyones input at this meeting is very much needed. Complimentary beverages will be provided and the meeting will be brief.
 ● We have wheelchairs, walkers and crutches, etc., to loan. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Auxiliary meeting Sept. 20, 5:30 p.m. ● Meals at the Canteen have gone to volunteers! Thank you to all who volunteer to cook or serve. This way we can give our members high quality meals at low prices. Please consider volunteering 4 or 8 hours a month. This would help support the Post's vet and youth programs. Food is served during the week from 4 to 7 pm. Cooks add a half hour before and after. We can use your help, Monday-Friday. Stop in the Canteen to sign up.
Thanks! ● Legion Membership Renewals
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 Auxiliary Membership Renewals ● Legion and Auxiliary members can renew for 2023 online, beginning July 1st, 2022. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Legionnaire of the month</u> -Patrick McAndrew. ● <u>Member of the month-1</u> is – Holley Snider ● <u>Member of the month-2</u> is – Beth Stynchula
 To park in the Commanders parking space Beth has asked that the spot be an additional handicapped spot for the month
 ● Open to the Public FishFryday – Sept 2 from 11AM – 7PM |
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TAB Bryan - Post Commander , postcommander129@gmail.com

Greetings to my legion family,

Well it seems it's already back to school time which means the summer will be coming to an end soon. What a hot summer it has been. Thanks for supporting the effort to give our CB Elementary School some supplies. They were very appreciative of the large boxes we dropped off. In an effort to recruit some new members to our post, Ed, Carl and I participated in the UNCW Military Affairs Orientation on the 18th of August. We had the opportunity to speak to new veterans attending UNCW and educate them on what our Post does for the Veterans in our community. It was a great opportunity to get our name out to the local area. Membership is important for the American Legion so we have to work on maintaining all current members and always look for ways to recruit others. Ensure to get all the information you can on the PACT Act that was passed in August. Remember, we have our New Hanover Service officer at the post the 3rd Thursday of each month from 0930-1200. The First Friday Fish Fry in August was a huge success. Let's keep it going with another successful Fish Fry this month. Thanks again to all of our Volunteers that make our weekly meals and weekend specials. It's your service to the post that makes us the Best Post on the Coast!

Cheers

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Ed Pomeroy - First Vice Commander, ibforester@gmail.com 910 746 8290

Another busy month as we rapidly approach the end of the summer. Membership renewals remain strong, but dropping off as we get to about 60% renewal rate. If you have not yet renewed, please do so soon. I have revamped our website, check it out [Pleasure Island Post 129](#). By the time you read this you should have received a copy of our proposed new Post Constitution and By-Laws. Our tentative plan is to have this available at our September 2022 meeting, at which time a motion will be made to vote on the new Constitution and By-Laws at our October 2022 meeting.

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Remember to pick up your 2023 membership cards if you've already renewed, they are available at the canteen just ask the bartender. If you would like me to laminate your card, **sign it**, and give it to me if you see me around. I'll laminate it and get it back to the canteen.

Ed P - Post 129 Adjutant

AL Holbrook, Financial Officer, harleyal@aol.com

Rene Pomeroy, Veteran Service Officer, hud_28334@yahoo.com

I am looking into attending the new Service Officer School. This school is an online training program offering 15 lessons that cover a number of topics such as Standards of Conduct, Presumptive Service Connection, Chronic Conditions, and the Evaluation of Compensation and Pension. This course is free of charge and will provide a great introduction to the roll and duties of the Post Service Officer.

I received 4 calls for assistance this month and 5 veterans/family members were assisted through our New Hanover VSO event August 18, 2022.

Our next VSO event will be in the Pavilion September 15, 2022 from 9:30 am until noon.

TBD, Post Historian,

Rick Courtney, Post Chaplin <rickcourtneysongs@gmail.com>

Hey Everyone- I am blessed to be able to fill the role of Chaplain for the American Legion.

If you know one of our members is in need of prayer- please let us know. I am in Belief that we are stronger when we pray and lift each other up.

1st John Says that God is love. May your month be blessed with Love and Happiness.

Chaplain Rick Courtney American Legion Post129

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Auxiliary News

Edie Ludgate, Auxiliary President, ediejo1977@gmail.com

September promises to be a busy month at Post 129!

After taking the summer off from Monthly meetings, we'll reconvene on Tuesday Sept 20 at 5:30 PM in the Pavilion. You are encouraged to attend and contribute your ideas and efforts to our ongoing projects in support of Veterans and active military and their families, as well as the youth of our community.

With the start of the school year at Carolina Beach Elementary, we will focus on a collection of supplies to supplement the classrooms and also an effort to bring awareness to U.S. Constitution Day on 9/17. In truth, we should all be aware of the significance of Sept 17, 1787, when the Founding Fathers signed what is the supreme law of our land!

We continue to supply baked goods for sale at the Monthly Open-to-the-public Fish Fry, this month scheduled on Sept 2. Thanks to all who have supported this effort. Plan to enjoy a delicious meal at the Fish Fry and be sure to buy a sweet from the Auxiliary table while you are there.

Two of our members are recently or soon-to-be relocated north and will be sorely missed. Micki Campbell is currently in Kane, PA following a recent hospital stay. She is recovering nicely and would love to hear from her Auxiliary friends. Drop her a note - she'd love to hear from you.

(Micki Campbell - The Lutheran Home Residential Care Center 100 High Point Drive Kane, PA 16735)

At the end of September, our chaplain Linda Brett-Kell and her husband will be moving to Bracey, VA. Her enthusiasm and inspiration have made a huge impact on our group, and we will surely miss her.

I look forward to promoting Auxiliary activities with all of you in the months to come. I hope you'll bring your suggestions and excitement to the monthly meetings and get to know fellow members at the same time.

For God and Country,
Edie Ludgate

Riders News

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Hutch has been working with Island Print on a new shirt design, so you'll start seeing us wearing these "American Made" t-shirts in the next couple of weeks.

We had a great turnout for our Sunday August 14 ride along with about 70 other area riders including VFW Post 2573 as we participated in Perry Steed's "Ride for Light". Afterwards Perry reached out to our riders' chapter and asked if we would join him on his ride to Ft Bragg to spread his fallen comrades' ashes. Date/Time TBD.

With more and more rider events, Ray Schul has developed a rider's event calendar, you can find it at [Riders Calendar](#). Additionally, Ray set up a tour of the Sgt Eugene Ashley House, where we met with management and discussed ideas on how our AL Riders Chapter can assist these veterans. The Ashley House is a unique facility that provides short term, transitional Bridge Housing for homeless veterans in Wilmington.

Our riders will be participating along with the Post 129 float in the 2022 SE North Carolina Veterans parade on November 12, 2022 in Wilmington.

[Here are a few pictures from the Ride for Light:](#)





DEFENSE: Fostering a Strong National Security

VETERANS: Taking Care of Veterans

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PATRIOTISM: Promoting Patriotism and Honor

**Pavilion Rentals -contact David Kendziora, dkendziora@att.net
(910) 742-2991**

Memorial Stars

Please remember that memorial stars are available for a donation of \$100. The stars are proudly hung around the pavilion.

Member Business Sponsors

If you, would you like to have your business card included in our upcoming newsletters, just contact the bartender at the Canteen. Rates: (1) Month - \$10, (2) Months - \$15, (3) Months - \$20.

Canteen Notes: If anyone has any questions concerning Post 129 events, call the Post Canteen. (910-458-4253).

CANTEEN OFFERING ALCOHOL-FREE BEVERAGES

THE CANTEEN IS OFFERING NON-ALCOHOL BEER AND WINE. ALCOHOL-FREE DRINKS HAVE GAINED POPULARITY OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS. THE WINE BEING OFFERED IS "FRE", FROM CALIFORNIA VINEYARDS WITH ALCOHOL REMOVED. THE BEER OFFERED IS "EDGE", FROM THE COORS BREWERY.

WEEKLY FOOD NIGHTS

COME OUT WEEKDAYS AND ENJOY OUR SPECIAL FOOD NIGHTS. SUPPORT POST 129 AND HAVE SOME GREAT MEALS AT MEMBER PRICES. MEALS ARE SERVED MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY FROM 4 TO 7 PM.

VOLUNTEERS: THE DRIVING FORCE OF POST 129

PLEASURE ISLAND AMERICAN LEGION POST 129 HAS NAVIGATED THE STORMY WATERS OF COVID-19 PRETTY WELL. YES, OUR INCOME SUFFERED LIKE MANY OTHER BUSINESSES HAVE.

MANY OF OUR MEMBERS THIS PAST YEAR HAVE COME TO POST 129'S AID AND VOLUNTEERED FOR OUR FOOD NIGHTS. THEY JOINED OUR LONG-TIME VOLUNTEERS TO HELP KEEP OUR FOOD NIGHTS HIGH-QUALITY AND VERY INEXPENSIVE.

OUR VOLUNTEERS ARE THE SMILING FACES WHO SERVE AND COOK FOR YOU FIVE DAYS A WEEK, SO IF YOU'RE ENJOYING A BURGER ON MONDAY, A TACO ON TUESDAY, CHEF'S CHOICE ON TRIVIA WEDNESDAY, OUR FAMOUS BUFFALO WINGS ON THURSDAY OR THE AWESOME FISH ON FRIDAY, PLEASE THANK THOSE WHO COOK OR SERVE YOU. IF THEY LOOK LIKE THEY ARE HAVING FUN, YOU'RE RIGHT, THEY ARE.

CONSIDER JOINING THIS GROWING GROUP OF FELLOW MEMBERS WHO SET ASIDE TIME TO HELP OUR POST'S MAIN SOURCE OF INCOME: FOOD NIGHTS. FOOD NIGHTS GENERATE THE INCOME TO KEEP OUR DOORS OPEN AND SUPPORT OUR ONGOING PROGRAMS AIDING OUR FELLOW VETS IN NEED ALONG WITH OUR PROGRAMS OF AMERICANISM AND SUPPORT FOR THE YOUTHS OF THE AREA.

TALK TO OUR VOLUNTEERS ABOUT WHAT THEY ARE DOING AND HOW SATISFIED THEY FEEL DONATING SEVERAL HOURS PER MONTH, AND HOW THEY HAVE BONDED WITH OTHER VOLUNTEERS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR AMERICAN LEGION POST AND YOUR CONSIDERING TO JOIN THE GROWING LIST OF VOLUNTEERS.

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