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Duane Ellsworth Post 129

Queen Creek, AZ

Commanders Corner

2026 Membership Dues Reminder

Membership dues for 2026 are now due! Please don't wait until the end of the year—our goal is to reach **60% renewal by October 15th**.

The Post needs your help! We currently have a few **Post Officer positions** and several **Chair positions** available. With nearly **350 active members**, these roles should be filled quickly. Your involvement ensures our Post continues to grow stronger and more effective in serving veterans, their families, and our community.

I often hear, "*Once you build a Post, I will come back.*" My response is simple: **Why should a few work hard to build it for everyone? Let's build it together.**

Your membership, your participation, and your leadership make all the difference.



Sons of The American Legion Update



Notes from the Auxiliary

Purposes

In fulfillment of our Mission, the American Legion Auxiliary adheres to the following purposes:

- To support and advocate for veterans, active military, and their families
- To support the initiatives and programs of the American Legion
- To foster patriotism and responsible citizenship
- To award scholarships and promote quality education and literacy
- To provide educational leadership opportunities that uphold the ideals of freedom and democracy and encourage good citizenship and patriotism in government
- To increase our capacity to deliver our Mission by providing meaningful volunteer opportunities within our communities
- To empower our membership to achieve personal fulfillment through Service, Not Self.



⚠ Important Notice: Squadron 129 Charter at Risk

Post 129's Squadron is currently in jeopardy of losing its charter. There has not been an official meeting since **January 2024**, and at this time **all officer positions remain vacant**.

It's important to remember that in order to be an **American Legion Rider** or an **Off-Roader**, you must be a member of a supporting unit—this includes the **Sons of the American Legion**.

Eligibility: Membership in the Sons is open to **males of all ages** whose parents or grandparents served in the U.S. military and were eligible for American Legion membership.

Now is the time to step up. Your participation and leadership will help keep our Squadron active, thriving, and able to support the mission of Post 129.



The American Legion Riders

The Riders of Post 129 are very active in supporting our community through service. One of their ongoing projects is helping prepare **food boxes for the United Food Bank in Mesa**.

The next volunteer event will be held on **Saturday, October 18th**. Slots are limited and usually fill quickly with Riders.

If you would like to participate, please contact **Riders Director Bryan Rudd** at Rudd.bryan@gmail.com. Bryan can also connect you with the Food Bank staff to help arrange an **alternative volunteer time** if this date doesn't work for you.

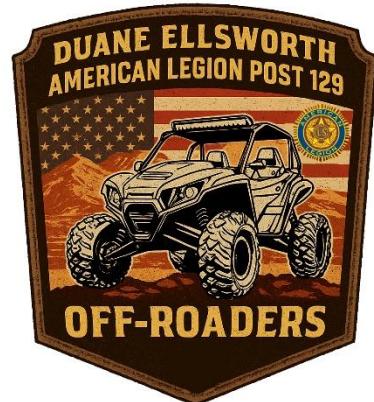
Post 129's Off-Roaders

We still have two slots available for SXS cars at the Queen Creek Christmas parade on June 6. We will be at the front of the parade, which is nice.

The Queen Creek SXS parade is on the evening of June 13. This is a massive event with over a thousand vehicles participating last year. Veterans are up front to start the parade, which is nice.

With the cooler weather, we will be starting up our riding season. We plan to kick off the event with a Four Peaks ride. This ride will take us over the mountain to Lake Roosevelt. We will have lunch there and return. This ride will take about five hours. I have not set a date yet. To get the most involved, I would appreciate hearing from you about which Saturday works best for you. Also, if you have extra seats for passengers to take fellow veterans, let me know.

Here are pics from a ride last year.



Happy Trails!

Louis Clark

Post 129 Off Road Riders

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Standing Monthly Events

Every Monday, 5:00 to 7:00 pm Queen of Hearts progressive Raffle @ TC's Pub & Grub

1st Saturday, IHOP. Join us at 8:00 am for the family breakfast, bring your family, and if you know another Veteran, invite them and their family.

1st Saturday, Riders Meeting (Contact Riders for location)

2nd Thursday, Café Rio. Join us at 11:30 am for a family lunch, bring your family, and if you know another Veteran, invite them and their family.

3rd Thursday, 5:30 pm Events meeting @ the Chamber of Commerce

3rd Saturday, Post 129 Office

8:00 am American Legion Auxiliary meeting

8:00 am Sons of the American Legion meeting

9:00 am Breakfast (Donations Welcome)

10:00 Post Meeting

E-Board meeting to follow

Post 129's Family Events

October

Oct 4-5th Sat-Sun Noon to 10 pm, Horseshoe Harvest Hangout @ Horseshoe Park

Oct 7th 10:00 am Veteran visits @ Countryside Assisted Living and Amherst Retirement Community. (Auxiliary)

Oct 11th 9 am to 1 pm, Dogs for Vets Car Show @ CCV Church

Oct 18th Riders Food Bank (Contact Riders for availability)

November

Nov 1st 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm Veterans Dinner @ Rock Point Church (Must register to attend)

Nov 8th 7 am to 10 am Cars & Coffee @ Rock Point Church

Nov 11th 9 am to 10 am Veterans Day Celebration @ San Tan Memorial Gardens

Nov 11th 10:30 am Veteran's Day Celebration @ Pecan Lakes

Nov 29th 7:00 am Ruck 4 Freedom @ Horseshoe Park

December

Dec 12th 9:00 am Wreaths Across America @ San Tan Memorial Gardens

Dec 12th 3:00 pm Army/Navy Football game @ Dave and Busters

Dec 12th 2:00 pm Side-by-Side Christmas Cruise @ ALA Applied Sciences

Dec 20th Post Family Holiday Party