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MON ~ FRI: 1100 hrs to 2300 hrs  
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APRIL 2009

**COMMANDER'S CORNER**

I was happy to report to the 5<sup>th</sup> District meeting, that Post 233 has reached its membership at 91%; by next meeting we should be at or close to 100%. Post 233 has been placed on the "No Dough Dinner" list to support the U.S.O. Our first Bar-B-Que will take place in June, exact date is to follow.

Since the installation of two new members of the Executive Committee, we can now have productive meetings; things are starting to pick up & are moving in a very good direction. Post 233 now has one (1) more position on the Executive Committee & is open for a candidate. The final nomination(s) will be accepted & voted on at the next General Meeting April 2, 2009 at 7:00 PM. Your attendance at these meetings is very important. You do have a say in this Post at these meetings & your vote does count! Come & join your fellow Veterans.

Our Finance Officer advises me that Mr. Fouraker is in the process of pulling permits and should be starting on the roof before the end of March, "Happy Days, Yahoo & Thank You, Jesus!" Now we all must work very hard to raise funds, like supporting the 50/50 Raffles, so we can complete the task at hand.

I can't say thank you enough to everyone! "ALA, SAL & each & every one who put their shoulder to the grindstone to make things happen this year. It has been a very tough year for everyone, but now the hard part is over & the future looks great! It has been brought to my attention that people are throwing their cigarette butts, small trash, etc. on the front grounds, "PLEASE" everyone help keep our Post clean.

Our hearts are heavy with the loss of so many comrades, they will be missed. May God Bless & keep them & help the families during this time of loss.

God Bless our Troops & God Bless America, Don Mills, Commander-Post #233

**News from the House Committee ~ Notice to all Members:**

***Permission must be granted by Bartender prior to entering the bar area.***

Honestly, have you ever seen a swinging-door policy at any establishment's bar?  
Notice the request to enter the bar area at any Legion or Pub next time you are out.  
(Some Legions require that men remove their hats prior to entering.)

The Bartenders are responsible for everything within their domain:  
alcohol, food, money, including potential accidents/insurance issues.  
This is a matter of respect not to disallow anyone access to the bar area.

*New Filters & Reconnection of Smoke Eaters are helping to clear the air!*

### **Auxiliary Report**

The Auxiliary wishes a happy Spring and a blessed Easter to all. We will be celebrating spring by auctioning a large basket filled with "goodies". All the "goodies" are donated. All the funds will be donated to our local charities.

Congratulation (again) to Barbara Green, she received the "Learning for Life" award, which is the highest award given to special education teachers from the Boy Scouts of America. WOW!! We are proud of her. Also, the contributions you put in the paper mache' pig at the Post help support her classroom activities.

A couple of reminders: if you have not picked up your Auxiliary shirt, please see Angie as soon as possible; we need to tabulate hours and money spent on our projects. Also, please record all of your hours and moneys in the volunteer notebook since last April; if you haven't done so already.

Our upcoming events are: a membership social April 25<sup>th</sup> and our tribute to our Veteran's May 16<sup>th</sup>. We are seeking musical/dance talent for the May event so please let me know if you would like to participate. All are welcome!!

Department Convention is in Orlando from June 25 – 28<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to represent us, please let me know. Also, we need a Poppy Chairman. We have ordered the Poppy's and need someone to coordinate the distribution of the Poppy's around Memorial Day.

***ELECTIONS will be at our May meeting and all offices are open. Please let me know which position you would like to hold next year.***

Melvin Ard has had some serious surgery so please keep him in your prayers. Mickey says that he very much enjoys all the cards he receives. Other prayers needed: Diane's family, Sal's family; Wilbur's family and Dave Bennett's family and multiple friends of all to get through these tough days and months.

On Wednesday April 22<sup>nd</sup> the Auxiliary will host a cookbook dinner – that's a buffet featuring recipes from our cookbook.

Our next meeting is April 9<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to bring items for our spring basket, clipped coupons; soda can pull tabs and YOUR IDEAS.

May God Bless our Country, our Warriors and our Post, Ann Cook, Auxiliary President, 285-0579

### **Adjutant**

As your Adjutant there's not much to write about, your membership drive is about over. Some of you will loose your membership status soon unless you finally pay your dues. That will be a shame, all the privileges that come to you via your membership will be gone as well as the years of service you've compiled. We, as Veterans, need you and we ask that you pay your dues now. They are \$35.00 annually, if you need help with that let me know.

As a member of the Post, there is a lot I could write about, we have new members on the Executive Committee and one vacancy that needs to be filled. The new members are Dan Wortman and Patty O'Callahan. New members of our Post this year indicate that we are on the move to accomplish new and exciting programs and that folks believe in us and are trusting us to do our job, now and in the years to come.

The leadership this year has shown courage and at the same time compassion. We are committed to serve you the best that we can. Come as often as you can and enjoy all that we have to offer you & come to the meetings to express your opinion, suggestions & ideas. I don't believe you will find a more friendly and accommodating Post anywhere. The canteen is stocked and well managed by Diane.

See you there, Lord willing, For God and Country, Ray Williams, Adjutant

### **Canteen Manager**

First off, on behalf of myself and my family I would like to thank each of you in my Legion family for your prayers and support following my husband Carl's recent passing. It was a difficult couple of months as his illness progressed and it was necessary for me to take some time off from my Legion duties and responsibilities, however with the help and support of my dedicated staff and our Post officers the Canteen continued to run smoothly and things got done. Special thanks to Deb Muehlhauser, Kathy Church, Steve Hutchinson and Don Mills. Without their help through this difficult time, I couldn't have managed.

This past month we also suffered the loss of much loved and valued members David Bennett and Sal Caminiti. Our hearts and prayers are with their families as they cope with their loss.

On a much brighter note, spring has sprung and activity at the Post has picked up considerably. Special Thanks to the Original Oarhouse Wet Burrito Master-Jason Bass for an excellent job, selling 72 Wet Burritos at the Wednesday SAL dinner on the 11<sup>th</sup>, of which all proceeds will go to our new roof. Those Wet Burritos were leaving the Post in droves! Thanks to Patty O'Callahan the St. Patty's Day corned beef and cabbage dinner was a huge success. If you like corned beef and missed that one, you really missed out. Again, all proceeds from that Wednesday Legionnaire dinner on the 18<sup>th</sup> will go to our new roof. The following week we had a standing room only crowd for the Early Bird Dinner. Chefs Keith Atkins and Dale Little and their helpers prepared a fabulous barbeque dinner and the Beachcombers provided their usual great entertainment. Thanks to Patty O, Dee Durnal, Judy Mills and Allyson Bass for stepping up and helping the food service operation for the big crowd went off without a hitch. Commander Mills presented much deserved Awards of Appreciation to a number of our members who consistently volunteer their time and expertise to the Post throughout the year. Our volunteers are the backbone of our operation and don't get nearly enough credit or recognition for their efforts. The awards were a surprise to the recipients, which added to the fun. Special Congratulations to Bob Nagel, Legionnaire of the Year and young Allen Scarlett, Volunteer of the Year.

The Event calendar for the coming months is filling up with a Pig and Oyster Roast in mi-April and Cap'n Ski's Golf Tournament and Fish Fry on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Both of these events are fundraisers for our much-needed new roof, which as you read, this should be on its way to completion. Thanks to our webmaster Roy Havekost and newly dubbed "Flyer Queen", Patty O, the details of our special events and regular happenings are well publicized both in the Post, on your website and in the newsletter. "I didn't know about it or I would have been there" is no longer a viable excuse!

It'd an exciting time at Post 233 as our membership is coming together, much needed improvements to our building and grounds are in the works and our events are getting bigger and better. If you haven't been in lately, now's the time to get out and see what you've missed. See you Soon!!

For God and Country, Diane Beason, Canteen Manager

**A special nomination for two Legionnaire Executive Committee members was held during the month of FEB and a special election was held at the General Meeting of 05MAR, at which time, Dan Wortman and Patty O'Callahan were elected to represent our Post.**

**A special nomination for the final position for the Legionnaire Executive Committee was held during the month of March and a special election was held at the General Meeting of 02APR, at which time, Jim Durnal was elected to represent our Post.**



**A shout-out! to all the Leprechauns that helped with me' St. Patrick's Day Dinner! Joni & Randy Corlew; Paul Zito; Judy Mills; Angie Kees & Fabulous Allen! Thank You! Patty O'**

# APRIL 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Visit Your Website for Updates: <a href="http://www.al233fl.org">www.al233fl.org</a> 	<b>Support Our Troops!</b> 		1 * Lunch: 11-1:00 * House Cmte: 5:30 * Dinner: 6:30-8:00 * Trivia w/Patty 8:00 	2 * Lunch: 11-1:00 * E Cmte: 6:00 * Legionnaires: 7:00 	3 * Lunch: 11-1:00 * Steak Night: 6:30-8 & Music: 8-10 <b>God Bless America!</b>	4 <i>Cooks Needed!</i> 
5 *Breakfast 9-12 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 	6 * Lunch: 11-1:00 Chef: Fireman Dan <b>MEMBERSHIP DRIVE</b>	7 * Lunch: 11-1:00 <i>Cooks Needed!</i>	8 * Lunch: 11-1:00 * Dinner: 6:30-8:00 Karaoke w/Tina 8-10 	9 * Lunch: 11-1:00 * Auxiliary: 7:00 <i>Passover</i>	10 * Lunch: 11-1:00 * Steak Night: 6:30-8 & Music: 8-10 <i>Good Friday</i> 	11 
12 *Breakfast 9-12 <i>Easter</i>	13 * Lunch: 11-1:00 Chef: Fireman Dan <b>Support Our Troops!</b>	14 * Lunch: 11-1:00 	15 * Lunch: 11-1:00 * Dinner: 6:30-8:00 * Trivia w/Patty 8-10 	16 * Lunch: 11-1:00 * S.A.L: 6:00 	17 * Lunch: 11-1:00 * Steak Night: 6:30-8 <b>Frankie Martin, Jr.</b> <i>S-10</i>	18 <b>Good Food, Music &amp; Fun!</b> <b>3:00-8:00</b>
19 *Breakfast 9-12 	20 * Lunch: 11-1:00 Chef: Fireman Dan <b>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!</b>	21 * Lunch: 11-1:00 	22 * Lunch: 11-1:00 <i>'Auxiliary Cookbook' Dinner</i> <b>6:30-8:00</b>	23 * Lunch: 11-1:00 <i>Cooks Needed!</i>	24 * Lunch: 11-1:00 * Steak Night: 6:30-8 & Music: 8-10 <b>Support Our Troops!</b>	25 <b>God Bless America!</b>
26 *Breakfast 9-12 <i>Cooks Needed!</i>	27 * Lunch: 11-1:00 Chef: Fireman Dan <b>God Bless America!</b>	28 * Lunch: 11-1:00 	29 * Lunch: 11-1:00 * Dinner: 6:30-8:00	30 <b>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!</b>		

Friday Steaks: \$12.00/\$14.00 ~ Wednesday Dinner: \$7.00/\$9.00 ~ Sunday Breakfast: \$5.00 ~ Member/Non-Member Donation

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**APRIL BIRTHDAYS:**

- 1: CLARE TILLIS; 3: JUDY MILLS; 4: MARY ANN VACCARO; 8: BILL BREDEN; 9: JIM CAMPBELL;**
- 11: STEVE WILLIS; PATRICIA OWINGS; 13: ALLYSON BASS; JOE ANN JONES; 16: SUE HORD;**
- 17: JULIE SCOFIELD; 18: MERCIA WHITE; 19: SHELBY LATTUCA; 21: BEVERLY GELTMACHER;**
- 22: SUSAN CARUSO; 23: LUKE THORNTON; CHARLIE SAFFLES; 24: RIC SMITH;**
- 30: JIM WATFORD; STEVE TORBERT**

# OFFICERS

## LEGIONNAIRE OFFICERS

Commander: Don Mills  
1st Vice: Clen Ward  
2nd Vice: Pete Mischler  
Adjutant: Ray Williams  
Finance Officer: Steve Hutchinson  
Chaplain: Bob Nagel  
Sergeant-at-Arms: Rick Kapeghian  
Historian: Ron Garing

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dave Jordon Roy Havekost  
Dan Wortman Patty O'Callahan  
Jim Durnal

## COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Executive: Don Mills  
House: TBA  
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Building: TBA

## AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President: Ann Cook  
1st Vice: Sylvia Bass  
2nd Vice: Barbara Turley  
Treasurer: Judy Nagel  
Secretary: Paula Buckley  
Chaplain: Rita Connelly  
Sergeant-at-Arms: Judy Mills

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Angie Kees  
Valerie Galvin

## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS

Commander: Jeff 'Tex' Ward  
1st Vice: Fred Henderson  
2nd Vice: Van Martin  
Adjutant: Steve Willis  
Sergeant-at-Arms: John Paperelli  
Chaplain: Gerry Murray



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