

PALM VALLEY POST 233

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Hours:
Mon ~ Sat 1100 hrs to 2300 hrs
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August 2004

Commanders Corner

Since I am writing this before August 31 Installation of Officers, it might be a little presumptuous of me to write about how things are going today, so I will use my space this month to talk about how I hope they will go in the coming year.

First and foremost let me thank all of you Legionnaires for your vote of confidence in electing me to be your Commander for the year 2003-04. It is my promise to you that I will do everything that I possibly can within the realm of possibility to make American Legion Post 233 one of the best and friendliest post's in North Florida. My goal is to have each one of you that voted for me as your Commander, come to me this time next year and thank me for validating your vote. For those of you that didn't vote for me, I will work even harder to earn your trust and support in the coming year.

The Commander, in my opinion, is the person who guides the ship in the proper direction and accomplishes the mission assigned to him. To do this, it takes a good crew and I think we have that crew on board as your newly elected officers, employees, and the many behind the scene volunteers. However, you can never have too many good crew- members, and it has been my observation that we have far more passengers along for the ride than we do working crew- members. You might be surprised to learn that there are many ways you can contribute your talents, no matter what your skills are today or were in your professional life, in helping us become a better Post, making contributions to the community, and providing the support required by our Veterans. If you would like to help us accomplish our mission, I strongly urge you to come to the meetings, volunteer some of your time, or recruit new members. I promise you will feel good about your efforts in knowing that you personally made a difference in accomplishing our goals for the coming year.

In my next Commander's Corner, we will discuss some of the goals and projects for the coming year and how we hope to accomplish them. In the meantime, I hope to see you at our next general meeting. If I haven't met you, I hope to do so in the near future. Don't be a stranger, come to see us, get involved.... Be a Legionnaire.

For God and Country
Johnny Jones, Commander

From the Ladies Auxiliary

We are looking forward to a busy and productive new year. Already many events are in the works with great fun ahead. All Auxiliary members keep up with your dues and try to come to our meetings the second Thursday of every month. We have plenty of room for everyone and even the shortest amount of time is greatly appreciated.

Ana Bedford, the newly elected Food Coordinator for the Woman's Auxiliary, is excited to organize the every other Wednesday night dinners that are always delicious and well attended. She is asking for more volunteers to sign up to cook these family dinners that everyone enjoys. It's fun to work in a restaurant style kitchen if you are inclined to cook for 30 people. Even if you have a dessert or salad to contribute, it is greatly appreciated. Everyone helps and it is great fun! If you'd like to volunteer you may call Ana at 249-1378. Every other Wednesday night begins August 18th.

Many thanks for many hours of work and donations of supplies go to Johnny and Arlene Jones, Sheri Duval, Steve Stever, Lillian Burnett, Peyton Riedel, Georgia Barnes, Mike Charles, and Carl Caminiti for the all new, absolutely beautiful ladies room. From the carpet to the tiles, to the furniture and art on the walls.... It's a sheer joy to powder your nose! And all you men, sneak a peek when no one is looking!

For Post and Country
Cynthia Gaines
Secretary

Sons of the American Legion

Thanks for all your support this year. We finished 2004 membership at 115%. The 2005 Membership cards are already available. Our membership is now over 18.5% and the meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of each month. We will try to keep the meetings informal until an active membership is established. Officers are needed to help with fundraisers. Money raised goes partially back to the post. Supporting the Post is our primary goal. Next meeting is August 19, 2004 at 7pm.

God Bless America
Gary R. Smolen, S.A.L. Commander

Adjutant

Thank you everyone for your membership support for 2003-04. We finished 2nd in the 5th District with 117.20%. Our quota for the year was 279, as of now we have 327 members. The quota for 2004-05 will be 350-400 members. It takes teamwork with each of us working toward that common goal. The new cards are in, Thank You Mark, and will be available at the next meeting. Again thank you to all members for a very successful year.

Ric Smith, Adjutant

From the Previous Commander

By reclaiming our fellow Post Camaraderie's as well as welcoming new members, we have strengthened the membership of the Post and our Department—ensuring the American Legion's continued service for all Veterans. This post is to be commended for their commitment and dedication for a job well done. Thank all of you.

As I leave as your commander for the past 2 years, I wish to thank all of the Legion Officers & members, the SAL Officers & members, the Auxiliary Officers & members, and especially the volunteers that spent countless hours working everyday to support this post. Without all of your support and help, we could not have achieved the success we have had.

For God And Country
Mark Dorsey, Previous Commander

SCHOOL ROOM FLAGS

"The American Legion, at all levels, encourages and supports efforts to display the United States Flag in the nation's school class rooms." Post 233 is looking to get more involved in community services in the coming year, and just food for thought, the school program is something we might be interested in. Would you be interested in working on such a project as this, or heading up a committee to see how Post 233 could get more involved in the Community?

At this time we don't know if each classroom in the area has a flag, or if they would even be interested in being involved in such a project. Any information you may already have, suggestions, comments, or new ideas regarding this or any other Community Service project would be greatly appreciated.

If you are interested, please contact any Post Officer you may know or by all means, attend one of our meetings.

BIRTHDAYS

We'd like to start a Birthday column for the future newsletters. If you could help us fill in some dates it would be greatly appreciated.

August Birthdays

9 James Durnal
10 Kim Price
19 Arlene Jones
24 Sal Caminiti / Johnny Jones

Sick Call

If you know of anyone that is please let us know. Thank you for your support.



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AUGUST 2004

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Breakfast 9:00-12:00 \$4.00 Donation Ray & Pat	2 Palm Valley Drink Day \$1.00 Beer \$1.25 well drinks	3 Tue-Fri 11-5 \$.25 off Drink of the Week Scotch	4 Dinner 6:00-8:00pm Jay, Georgia, Gary \$5.00 Donation	5 Legionnaires Meeting 7:00pm	6 ENTERTAINMEN Bob Pratt Streak Night 6:00-9:00pm Johnny & Arlene \$8.00 Donation	7 Golfers Lunch 10:00 - 1:00
8 Breakfast 9:00-12:00 \$4.00 Donation Johnny & Arlene	9 Palm Valley Drink Day \$1.00 Beer \$1.25 well drinks	10 Tue-Fri 11-5 \$.25 off Drink of the Week Gin	11 Dinner 6:00-8:00pm Ray & Pat \$5.00 Donation	12 Ladies Aux Meeting 7:00pm	13 ENTERTAINMEN Reggie Streak Night 6:00-9:00pm Ned \$8.00 Donation	14 Golfers Lunch 10:00 - 1:00
15 Breakfast 9:00-12:00 \$4.00 Donation Dee & James	16 Palm Valley Drink Day \$1.00 Beer \$1.25 well drinks	17 Tue-Fri 11-5 \$.25 off Drink of the Week Blend	18 Dinner 6:00-8:00pm Ana, Arlene & Georgia \$5.00 Donation	18 Sal Meeting 7:00pm 7:00pm	18 ENTERTAINMEN Belinda Mechele Streak Night 6:00-9:00pm Bill, Billy, Eileen, Pety \$8.00 Donation	21 LEGION BBQ CHEF MIKE CALLAHAN 2:00-6:00 PM ENTERTAINMENT Golfers Lunch 10-12
22 Breakfast 9:00-12:00 \$4.00 Donation Joey, Mike, Steph	23 Palm Valley Drink Day \$1.00 Beer \$1.25 well drinks	24 Tue-Fri 11-5 \$.25 off Drink of the Week Vodka	25 Dinner 6:00-8:00pm Phil & Barbara \$5.00 Donation	26 Executive Board Meeting 7:00pm	27 ENTERTAINMEN True Country Streak Night 6:00-9:00pm Phil & Barbara \$8.00 Donation	28 Golfers Lunch 10:00 - 1:00
29 Breakfast 9:00-12:00 \$4.00 Donation Barbara & Kids	30 Palm Valley Drink Day \$1.00 Beer \$1.25 well drinks	31 Tue-Fri 11-5 \$.25 off Drink of the Week Bourbon	1 Dinner 6:00-8:00pm Betty & Ana \$5.00 Donation	2 Legionnaires Meeting 7:00pm	3 ENTERTAINMEN Snowman Streak Night 6:00-9:00pm Bill, Stu, Tony \$8.00 Donation	

OFFICERS

Legionnaire Officers

Commander – Johnny Jones
1st Vice President – Phil Milazo
2nd Vice President – Ray Root
Adjutant – Ric Smith
Finance Officer – Mike Holland
Chaplin – Bill Reno
Sergeant – at –Arms –Mike Callahan

Ladies Auxiliary Officers

President – Edith Butner
1st Vice President – Olive Reynolds
2nd Vice President – Patricia Mosley-Root
Treasurer – Barbara Milazo
Secretary – Cynthia Gaines
Chaplin – Arlene Jones
Sergeant – at- Arms – Georgia Barnes
Historian – Cathy Corcoran
Food Coordinator – Ana Bedford

S. A. L.

Commander – Gary Smolen
Sec/ Tre – Steve Willis

Executive Board

Capt Ski	Bill Lee
Bob Hartman	Steve Stevers
	Harry Frisbee

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