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Commander's Corner

This is my very first article in this new position of Commander, which you have entrusted me. I assure you that I will give Post #233 my very best effort in 2007-2008.

Thank You Jack Blessing, the other officers & the Executive Board from last year. Your time and efforts have been appreciated and the progress is very evident. I'm proud to be associated with Post #233. Now on the board is the very best Adjutant, Ric Smith, who will definitely be one of our best officers at the Post. Glen Ward has accepted the position of First Vice Commander and everyone knows what a positive influence he will be in the coming year. Glen and I were shipmates on the USS America in Viet Nam in 1968, so if you see an Attack Squadron 86 Insignia appear in our Post this year, you will know the reason. That's the A-7 Squadron, that Glen and I were in. Our Second Vice is none other than the very enthusiastic Bob Schroeter, who will continue the cooking team success of last year and I'm sure, take our food service operation to a new level. Mike Holland once again will be entrusted to guide and secure our Financial Position going forward into 2008. Our new Chaplin will be Bob Nagel, who is one of the finest gentlemen I know. He is always willing and ready to help out Post #233. Most recently, he and his beautiful wife Judy repainted and enhanced our entranceway sign and it really looks great. Our new Service Officer, Maury Lazenby, is a perfect addition to provide an awareness of the current Veteran's Benefits; the Boys state Program and many other responsibilities. Which he learned last week in his meeting in Orlando. Thank you for making the trip and investing your time for us, Maury. Our new Sergeant of Arms is surely not new to Post #233 and in fact is a past Commander. None other than Melvin and I'm sure I don't need to mention his last name, but it's Melvin Ard and we welcome him in his new position.

Our Executive Board includes Morris Busbia, Wilber Burnett, Dick Salzarulo, Chuck Kees, John DeWitt and our past Commander – Jack Blessing. We all look forward to them guiding this Post in a very positive direction in 2007-2008. Dave Jordon and Jim Wadley have accepted positions on our very important House Committee and I look forward to their expertise and involvement with our Canteen and Catering Operation. These two gentlemen are of the highest quality and experience to help guide our Post Operations in a business-like direction.

Our goals for this year are; to grow our membership to 400, to enhance our property and facility for future use, to provide service to our Veteran's and their families. To provide services to our Community, Schools and to operate our Legion, Sons of the Legion and Auxiliary under one roof for the benefit of all. We're looking to increase our Building Fund by \$20,000 via donations. To have the participation of more active volunteers for all phases of our operations here at the Post including

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From the Auxiliary

The 2007-2008 Auxiliary season is underway!! On July 14, an installation of officers was held at Post #233. All members present*pledged to participate in and contribute to the accomplishment of the aims and purpose of the American Legion. Won't you? New members Cathy Witham and Paula Buckley did. They attended the July monthly meeting and then were spotted at the installation ceremony. Thanks ladies, your interest and participation are welcomed. As are all members, new and old.

Speaking of participation and a new season, don't forget to record your volunteer dollars, miles, and hours. Forms are available in the powder room at the Post. If you'd like to learn more about volunteer hours, please plan to attend the August monthly meeting.

Unit treasurer, Judy Nagel has created a new form for handling Auxiliary funds. Any monies to be deposited into or reimbursed from the Auxiliary account should be recorded or requested on the new form. For your convenience, Judy has printed the form on the envelopes. Let's make her job easier by completing the appropriate fields. Please ask a bartender for an Auxiliary envelope (in the treasurer's box) and leave the completed form/ envelope for Judy.

Judy has also been busy beautifying the Post grounds. She and Bob refurbished the entrance sign and planted fresh flowers in the bed below. Thank You Judy and Bob, it looks wonderful. Lillian Burnett has decided to join in, and a gardening committee is now forming. Come to the August monthly meeting to see how you can get involved.

Do you have an Auxiliary Cook Book? If not, inquire at the Post. Do you have an Auxiliary cookbook favorite recipe? If so, please plan on preparing it for the Auxiliary Cookbook Night on Wednesday, August 15th. Members will be serving their favorite recipes from the cookbook as the Wednesday night meal. Come to the August monthly meeting to help plan the menu.

It's a new season; if you have a passion for helping children, veterans, our community, legislation, education, public relations, patriotism (any interest you might have), plan to attend the August monthly Meeting to share it.

Next Auxiliary Monthly Meeting will be Thursday, August 9th, 7p.m., at the Post.

God Bless our Post
By Cathy Corcoran for Ann Cook
Auxiliary President

Canteen Manager

Thank you to the outgoing boards and committee members of the Legion, Auxiliary and Sons of the Legion for the enormous amount of time and work you donated during your tenure. I have seen tremendous improvements as well as a growth in membership thanks to all for your hard work. Two plaques have been placed in the Post honoring many of you who have taken that extra step to see that we continue to improve and grow. I'm sure someone's name was missed inadvertently, but believe me it was by accident. No deed goes unnoticed.

Welcome and thank you to all the in-coming boards and committee members. I look forward to working with you. Never hesitate to come to me with ideas or suggestions.

The S.A.L. recently installed cabinets in the kitchen and has plans to continue to make up-dates. This was a huge improvement, thanks to Ron, Lorraine and Ben Joy; Van Martin and Chase; and Peter. We will continue to improve the organization of the kitchen as time goes by.

We have had many volunteers through-out the past year. Every job, every effort, is appreciated and is the only reason we are able to exist. Please continue to support the Post in any way you can and encourage new members to participate in some way. If you have a little time and desire to help, just stop by the Post and I will be happy to share things that volunteers are needed to for. Some of the current needs are a lunch cook one day a week, Wednesday night cooks, Breakfast cooks and a few Friday night cook teams. Most existing cook teams could use as extra hand or two washing dishes or serving (for those of you who don't cook.) Steaks and potatoes need to be picked up every Friday morning and delivered to the Post. Volunteer, it will make you feel good.

Prior to the installation of officers last month, Judy & Bob Nagel repainted the Post sign on the street as well as the street mailbox. They also planted flowers around the base of the sign. If you haven't noticed, take time to look, it really look great. Lillian Burnett trimmed all of the front hedges and palms as well as added potted plants around the front entryway. The three of their efforts made the front area better than I have ever seen it.

Sunday, August 12th from 2:00 until 6:00. The Famous Capt Ski will be frying up Argentine Whiting with all the usual sides to go with it. Rosie (in her possible delicate condition) and the Beachcombers will be the entertainment with your favorite tunes.

Saturday, September 1st, Capt Ski will sponsor his ever so great golf tournament. Dust off your clubs and practice your swing. This is a good time, no pro- golf skills necessary. The fish chowder is incredible, the prizes are great and you can expect a good time. Entry fee is \$25.00 and includes drinks on the golf course, lunch at the Post and awards.

Members may cash 1 check per day for a maximum of \$40.00. Guest may also cash 1 check per day for \$40.00 if signed by the host member who will be financially responsible if any problems occur. In the event of a returned check, the member will lose bar privileges until the matter is resolved.

I frequently have members tell me they don't ever know what is going on at the Post. This always surprises me since we take the time to put it in the newsletter. Events are frequently mentioned in several different columns in the same newsletter by different writers. We have a large sign by the front door with all events for the month posted, but if you have a better idea let me know. Steve Willis also maintains the Post web site at www.palmvalleypost233.com, which is usually up- dated with all current events.

The state of Florida has now legalized the selling of pull-tabs at the American Legion. The pull-tabs are a type of Lotto. The Legion has purchased them and are selling them with about a 30% profit going toward the Legion. We are offering the 50 cents and \$1.00 tickets. Winners are paid immediately. Prizes can be as much as \$150.00 for a \$1.00 ticket and \$100.00 for a 50-cent ticket. Good Luck!! The first day Steve Sheffield won and \$127.00 was paid out.

The ads placed in the newsletter are \$10.00 to \$25.00 annually depending on the type of ad placed. When placing your ad please include the date to help us keep up with this. You may drop your ads and payment at the Post.

God Bless Our Troops
Joyce Wright
Canteen Manager

2nd Vice

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve you this year. As most of you know, my main responsibility is to keep you, the Post #233 members happy with entertainment, activities, social functions, meals, etc. Our present cooking schedule runs out the end of August. I sincerely ask for your cooperation and participation in volunteering for cooking teams, Sunday Breakfast, Wednesday Dinner, and Friday Steak Night. No one should have to cook more than once every couple months. We will offer cooking overview instructions for anyone interested. This could be a class or just one-on- one at your convenience. Thanks to Ron Joy, our kitchen is convenient, efficient, and First Class. He has done many improvements lately.

Please contact me with any suggestions, comments or volunteer. We need cooks, and cooking teams! I look forward to working with you!

For God and Country
Bob Schreoter
2nd Vice Commander

Thank You

Thank you so much for all of the volunteers & their support I have had over the last year. Without you, things could not have run so smoothly or successful.

Please continue to give Bob Schroeter your support & encourage others to do so. This is a tough job, but I have enjoyed working with you in a job that enabled me to get to know you better.

Good Luck Bob

God Bless our Troops
Mike Wright
Past 2nd Vice

Adjutant

Our 2007-2008 year is now underway. We start with 366 members. The new cards are here; renewals are going out as you read this newsletter. Our goal this year is 400 paid members plus!!

You may recall, two years ago we added 67 new members. Our goals are real, lets make it happen!!!

Ric Smith, Sr.
Adjutant

Post Trivia

The answer to last months question was; 1921. The winner was Darlene Powell.

This months question; Who was Post #233 Commander in 1991 & 2005?

Answers must be turned in by August 12th to Kathy Church via; at the Post, can be mailed (attention Kathy Church) or e-mailed (bartenderpost233@yahoo.com).

Good Luck
Kathy Church

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having all our cooking teams in place by September 1st. To institute more enhanced programs and special events this year. To have 20 plus members attend monthly Legion meetings on the First Thursday of each month at 7PM and make it a positive and rewarding experience. We'd Love to see you attend.

ALL FOR FREEDOM
Jim Ross
Commander

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9. James Durnal
10. Kim Price
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13. Edward Matthews
15. Johnnie Cotton
16. Bob Andrews
17. Paul Zander
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August 2007 Events



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			Lunch 11-1:30 Dinner 6:30-8:00pm AUX Kathy Church	Lunch 11-1:30 Executive Board 6:00PM Legionaires meeting 7PM	Lunch 11-1:30 Jim Ross Steak Night 6:30-8:30pm ENTERTAINMENT Bob Pratt	
5 Breakfast 9:00-12:00 Cooking Bill Furr, Clen & Ben Ward	6 Lunch 11-1:30 SUPPORT OUR TROOPS	7 Lunch 11-1:30	8 Lunch 11-1:30 Dinner 6:30-8:00pm Legion Diane & Allison	9 Lunch 11-1:30	10 Lunch 11-1:30 Bob & Kim Schroeder Steak Night 6:30-8:30pm ENTERTAINMENT Reggie	11 Member birthday Party
12 Breakfast 9:00-12:00 Mike & Karen Dugan Capt Ski's Fish Fry 2-6 PM Rossey & Beachcombers	13 Lunch 11-1:30 GOD BLESS AMERICA	14 Lunch 11-1:30 Dinner 6:30-8:00pm AUX Buffet of Cook book items	15 Lunch 11-1:30 Dinner 6:30-8:00pm AUX Buffet of Cook book items	16 Lunch 11-1:30 Aux Meeting 7 PM	17 Lunch 11-1:30 Bob & Judy Nagel Steak Night 6:30-8:30pm ENTERTAINMENT Dwayne Sanders	18
19 Breakfast 9:00-12:00 Need cooks	20 Lunch 11-1:30 WELCOME ALL LEGIONNAIRES	21 Lunch 11-1:30 Dinner 6:30-8:00pm Legion Need cooks	22 Lunch 11-1:30 Dinner 6:30-8:00pm Legion Need cooks	23 Lunch 11-1:30 Sat Meeting 7:00pm	24 Lunch 11-1:30 John Paparelli Steak Night 6:30-8:30pm ENTERTAINMENT Deyle Primen	25
26 Breakfast 9:00-12:00 Cooking Need cooks	27 Lunch 11-1:30 REMEMBER OUR POWS	28 Lunch 11-1:30 Dinner 6:30-8:00pm AUX Need cooks	29 Lunch 11-1:30 Dinner 6:30-8:00pm AUX Need cooks	30 Lunch 11-1:30	31 Lunch 11-1:30 Chuck Kees Steak Night 6:30-8:30pm ENTERTAINMENT Juke box	
\$5.00 Donation for Sunday's Big Breakfast		\$5.00 Donation for Wednesday Dinner		\$10.00 Donation for a great Steak Dinner & entertainment on Fri.		