

PALM VALLEY POST 233
THE AMERICAN LEGION OF FLORIDA, INC.
NEWSLETTER

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Commander's Corner

Thanks to everyone for choosing me to be your Post Commander for the coming year. This will be my 31st year at Post 233 and I feel very honored to be elected to this position. My thanks to Commander Mills for all his help, advice and his Commander's pin which he graciously gave to me. I will continue with this new tradition and pass it on to the next Commander.

As always, there is a lot of work for a new Commander and I will need your help to accomplish the work that we need to do. Many members have stated that they are ready and willing to help. So, I and our slate of Officers will be calling.

The most important need is for teams to cook and serve our weekly dinners. I really need help with this until we can get a 2nd Vice to head up this committee. The Auxiliary has agreed to continue with Wednesday night, every other week. This leaves only 26 opportunities for you to prepare and serve one of your favorite family recipes to a most appreciative group of diners.

Bill Furr and I will continue our 1st Sunday breakfast, the Dubins will cook the 2nd Sunday, Kathy Church and team will do the 3rd and Eddie the plumber will do the 4th Sunday.

We have some Friday evenings covered, Please call Diane at the Post 285-2484 or me at 514-8913 and sign up to take care of all our open dates. Planning ahead will make this easier for all.

I want everyone to be a recruiter for our Post, new members are the lifeline to our continued success. New ideas are important too. Please call or e-mail me with any new ideas for activities that you might have.

Please continue to pray for Past Commander Johnny Jones, he has come a long way, but still has a long way to go.

For God and Country
Clen Ward
Commander

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Never Forget POWs - MIAs

From the Auxiliary

It's hard to believe but we have now officially started our new year. I would like to thank Ann Cook, her Officers and all Auxiliary Volunteers for a job well done. They have set the bar high for the incoming team. The installation of Officers was held on Sunday, July 12th. Thanks to all who attended and special thanks to Diane and Allyson for preparing a wonderful lunch. I am honored and proud to lead the Auxiliary for 2009/2010. I realize this is a big commitment and I will do my best to lead the Auxiliary Unit in its endeavors. Together we will work with Glen and Tex to support our Post. We will continue to participate in the many programs that the Auxiliary has previously been involved in and maybe add a few more.

For those of you who don't know, James & Dee Durnal's son James is stationed in Iraq. The Auxiliary is taking donations to send to James and his platoon. Items needed are listed on the box that we have set up for collection at the Post. Monetary donations may also be made for Cpl. James Durnal, places in a sealed envelope addressed to the Auxiliary and turned into the bartender on duty.

On behalf of the Auxiliary I would like to extend condolences to Sylvia Bass and her family for the passing of her mother Naomi Perry. Naomi was an Auxiliary member for 11 years. Sympathy notes also go out to Joyce Wright for the passing of her father as well as Jack Hord for the passing of his mother.

We also wish a speedy recovery for Johnny Jones and to make it known that we are here to help Johnny, Arlene and the family in any way possible. Please keep all of the above in your prayers.

For the month of July we sent \$55,906.33 in coupons to Sicily. We will continue to collect coupons as well as can tabs for the Shriners.

The Auxiliary met our goal of 100% and will continue to strive to add new members to our roster. We open the year with 158 members. As Membership Chairman, I would like to thank anyone who brought new members to the Auxiliary. One of our goals this year is to get more members involved. All new members will be asked to attend the first Auxiliary meeting after their application had been approved to receive their membership card and a gift bag.

Our next meeting will be August 13th at 7:00 PM.

Until next month, stay safe and keep in your prayers those who are serving our country here and far away.

Kathy Church

Auxiliary President/ Membership Chairman

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For members in need of our prayers, go to: www.al233fl.org/thoughts.htm

Past Commanders: we need your bios for the website!

Officers & Committee members: Roy is at the Post on Mondays to take your pictures for the website.

Canteen Manager

The July 12th installation of officers for the 2009-2010 year went off smoothly. State dignitaries and Post members were treated to a luncheon buffet following the installation service and a fine time was had by all. We all owe outgoing Commander Don Mills a huge Thanks for his hard work and dedication to Post 233 over the past year. As incoming Commander Glen Ward steps up to the plate, we all need to rally behind him and offer the help and support that it takes for our post to be successful and viable. Note: That's a "pretty" was of saying "Get involved!" The Post needs you. Everyone has something to offer and there is always something you can do.

As the summer doldrums set in, keep in mind our Wednesday and Friday night dinners at the Post. Wednesdays are cook' choice (Volunteers Needed) and are always good. Our own Chef Mike is on the job on Fridays turning out perfectly grilled steaks and beautifully prepared sides. If you are in the neighborhood, stop in for lunch Monday thru Friday from 11:00 – 1:00.

As always, check the board at the Post as well as the website for meeting times and dates, upcoming events and special notices.

In case anyone had a doubt that prayers work, case closed! Melvin Ard is very close to a full recovery after a long difficult fight with cancer. Thanks to Rick Kapeghian and Wilber Burnett, renovations on Melvin's waterfront abode are almost done and he will be back in the Valley soon. Johnny Jones continues to improve and hopefully will be out of the hospital and into rehab by the time you read this. We'll continue to pray for both of them as well as for their families and caretakers. It's Working!!

The Dept. of Florida American Legion District Meeting will be held at Post 233 on September 6th. This is our chance to show Dept. and visiting Commanders and Officers of the North Florida Posts what a wonderful facility and hospitable membership we have. Come help us welcome our guests and learn more about the American Legion programs and what the other Posts are doing. It's well worth your time.

As always, feel free to contact me with your concerns or ideas on how my staff and I can serve you better. Hope to see you soon!

For God and Country

Diane Beason

Canteen Manager

AUGUST BIRTHDAYs

2 Juanita Bibbee
3 Joyce Wright
4 Angie Kees
5 Gene Williams
8 Greg Curret
9 James Durnal
13 Edward Matthews
15 Johnnie Cotton
16 Bob Andrews / Arlene Jones / Priscilla Mills

17 Paul Zander / Cheryl Reynolds
20 Michael Corcoran
21 Bob Nagel
24 Johnny Jones
25 Mike Charles
26 Eileen Breden / Bill Reilly
27 Judy Garrison
29 Wendy Hummel
30 Ed Buchholz / Patricia Sowerby

Never Forget POWs – MIAs

The newsletter committee is looking for someone with a calendar program

that we can use for publishing the monthly newsletters.

Please contact Roy at 904.287.6909 if you can help.

BUSINESS CARD ADVERTISING

If you would like to advertise your business both in the newsletter and also online on our website please leave your business card and a check for \$25.00 (made payable to the Post) in an envelope marked 'Attention Roy Havekost 3rd Vice Commander' . Business cards will be displayed for one year. If you already paid to advertize your card, please leave a new card and a note stating when you paid the \$25.00 fee.

In order to be in this newsletter starting next month, I need new cards for scanning and publication.

For God and Country

Thank you,

Roy Havekost, 3rd Vice Comm. / Webmaster

webmaster@al233fl.org

CARDS WILL BE ADVERTIZED HERE NEXT MONTH

NEWSLETTER REPORTS

The newsletter committee is endeavoring to provide as much information to all of our members as possible. For those members who are internet connected our website is located at www.al233fl.org , you will be able to access the most up to date Post information from this source, as the site gets updated not only on a regular basis, but almost daily.

Newsletter officer and committee reports are requested to be sent to Dee Durnal at reports@al233fl.org , between the 15th and 20th of each month, but no later than the 20th. This will allow for any editing and formatting of the newsletter prior to being sent to the printer. We would like to publish reports not only from the Commander, Adjutant, ALA President, SAL Commander and Canteen Manager but also from other organization officers when they have information to share with our members.

SUPPORT POST 233

Help support your Post by coming out every Wednesday and Friday for those delicious meals served up by our ALA members and Legion members. Can't make a dinner night, then come on in for lunch Mon-Fri 11:30am – 1:00pm, or Sunday breakfasts starting at 9:00am.

A busy Post is a HAPPY POST

Check the Special Events page of our website for upcoming events.

The Post is always looking for volunteers to help with either the cooking or cleaning up afterwards.

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SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

AMERICAN LEGION POST 233 - AUG. 2009 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
District Meeting 2:00 PM Post 316 Breakfast - Glen & Bill			Legion Dinner House Committee Meeting 5:30 PM	Legion Meeting 7:00 PM	STEAK NIGHT Austin	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Breakfast The Dubin's			Auxiliary Dinner	Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 PM	STEAK NIGHT Reggie	POT LUCK Birthday Dinner
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Breakfast Kathy Church & crew			Legion Dinner		STEAK NIGHT Frankie Martin Jr.	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Breakfast Eddie the Plummer & crew			Auxiliary Dinner		STEAK NIGHT Dwayne	
30	31					

**OFFICERS
2009-2010**

LEGIONNAIRE

Commander: Clen Ward
1st Vice: Pete Mischler
2nd Vice: vacant
3rd Vice: Roy Havekost
Adjutant: Jim Ross
Finance Officer: Dick Salzarulo
Chaplain: Bob Nagel
Sgt. At Arms: Dan Wortmann
Historian: Rod Garing

AUXILIARY

President: Kathy Church
1st Vice: Ann Cook
2nd Vice Karen O'Neill
Treasurer: Judy Nagel
Secretary: Anita Vigil
Chaplain: Rita Connelly
Sgt. At Arms: Sylvia Bass
Historian: Barbara Green

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN
LEGION**

Commander: Jeff 'Tex' Ward
1st Vice: Fred Henderson
2nd Vice: Van Martin
Adjutant: Steve Willis
Sgt. At Arms: John Paparelli
Chaplain: Gerry Murray

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Stu Lilly
Rick Kapeghian
Steve Willis
Dave Jordan
Jim Ross

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