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Commander's Corner- Commander Steve Willis

I would like to thank Diane and Allyson for the work they did for the installation and any one else that I

missed. Once again they won the unofficial award for "Culinary Excellence At Installation"

We have the cards for 2011 and Adj. Ward is accepting payment of dues.

As you read this the new stove in the kitchen should be in place. Hopefully that will finish off the kitchen for a while.

Please keep on mind any one you may know someone that is eligible for membership. That will be a major endeavor for the upcoming year.

If anyone has any ideas for events or projects please feel free to approach myself or any post officer with them.

For God and Country,

Steve



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Vice Commanders Corner



1st Vice Commander Roy Havekost

MEMBERSHIP GOALS FOR 2010-2011

I have set the following goal for the Post Officers (9) to recruit at least two new members each, this year. That will represent a 4.8% increase over last years roster. In addition to this I want the general membership to recruit another 10% or 37 new members. That would bring in 55 new members by 2011.

Remember there are over 17,000 veterans living in St. Johns County, one or more of these veterans may very well be your neighbor, just ask the next time you see him or her. Be sure to carry a blank Legion application in your wallet at all times. We need to make our Legion family grow. For God and Country,

Roy



2nd Vice Commander Stu Lilly

I want to thank everyone for their support for this continuing year. As second vice I do not have all the answers but I will do my best for the Post. All I ask for in return is any help that you can offer to make the Post run smoothly. I am trying to lower our costs and have some different entertainment and menu for our post. We are always looking for volunteers to help out, cooks, dishwashers, and servers. Thank you all for your support.

I attended Earl Parkers Memorial (Post 129) Sunday (25 July 2010) along with Post 233 representatives, Clen Ward, Johnny Jones, Rick Kapeghian and Robert Scarlett also from the ALA Midge Lilly, Arlene Jones, Barbra Green, Joey and Stephanie Holland. For God and Country,

Stu.



3rd Vice Commander Rick Kapeghian

As 3rd Vice one of my duties will be helping the 1st Vice with the Post membership goals. I will be coordinating our business membership drives in August, September and October at some local businesses. In addition I intend to push forward with the Blue Star flag program for our Post. For God and Country,

Rick



4th Vice Commander Charlie Walker

During July there were no major issues taking place at the Post. We did have some minor momentary power outages though. The new stove is in. Prior to its placement in the kitchen a thorough cleaning took place of the walls, range hood and floor. Our lunch cooks are doing a fine job, but we can always use some fill in cooks on the roster, interested, just contact myself, Stu or Diane. For God and Country,

Charlie

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SAL Commander Jeff Ward and ALA President presented the Wounded Warriors Project with checks totaling \$2,600.00, the proceeds from the May 22nd WWP Fundraiser at Post 233. Accepting on behalf of the Wounded Warriors is Kevin Delaney, Rear Admiral USN (Ret.) Member of the Board of Directors of the WWP.

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Legion Membership: did you sign up a new member this month?

"AS THE POST CHURNS"

Well another month is upon us and you guessed it, another churning. Many people have been stewing over the fact that two of our elected E-Board members who were present at the Officers Installation Ceremony on July 11th failed to come forward and be sworn in. Commander Willis has stated that these two members thought it was just a swearing in for the Post Officers. That would be an acceptable excuse except for the fact that the other three E-Board members were center stage being sworn in with the new Post Officers. Was their inaction in the best interests of the Post? Was this the right way to start a new term? Those of you who want to express your concerns regarding this issue need to do so at the next monthly meeting on Thursday, August 5th at 7:00pm.

CANTEEN MANAGERS REPORT- by Diane Beason

Our new 2010 – 2011 Post Officers have been installed and have begun their term of service. Our Officers are volunteers who make a huge commitment of their time and effort to the Post. Let's all join together and give each of them the support and encouragement they deserve as they take on their duties.

As you read this our new stove will have been installed in the kitchen thanks to the Post 233 Ladies Auxiliary. The proceeds of their very successful Summer Bash event last month were earmarked for this much needed update. The range hoods, fans and vents have also been professionally cleaned which will go a long way to make the kitchen more comfortable during the hot summer months. Our food sales for weekday lunches, Wednesday and Friday nights have steadily grown over the past few months thanks to the efforts of Rita Connolly, Steve Sheffield, Steve Danzig, Chef Mike Shaar and our Wednesday night volunteers. Rita and the Steve's handle the lunch duty and Chef Mike's Friday night filets are a huge hit. It's still the best deal in town so if you haven't tried it in a while, you're missing out.

Please keep Kathy Church in your prayers as she recovers at home from recent back surgery. Take a moment to give her a call, send a note or an email to cheer her up as she has done for so many of us. Recover well and soon Kathy!

Many of us were saddened by the passing of Commander Earl Parker of Post 129 on July 15th. Earl was a great supporter of Post 233 and a friend to all. He so loved his Tuesdays at 233 and his Earl Burgers! We'll miss him.

As always, we appreciate your business at the Canteen and welcome your ideas or suggestions on ways we can better serve you. Please feel free to email me at <u>dianebeason@comcast.net</u> For God and Country,

Diane



Kudos to Rita C. for creating the fruit bowl peacock centerpiece for the Installation of Officers Ceremony on July 11th. Job well done!!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: The TPC and our Military Veterans, Honoring all or discriminating against some?

Why are the past American Veterans being denied access to the Patriot Tent at the TPC? Why are only active and retired military being granted entry? Why are past veterans being left to buy the Tours tickets? We served our country proudly, and many of us still serve proudly as active members of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars as well as other veteran organizations, actively supporting many local programs. We have No Dough dinners for the family members of active duty military personnel. We run fundraisers to support the Wounded Warriors Project. So my question is, with all that the veterans organizations do to help, do we really have to be discriminated against by being denied access to the Patriot Tent at the TPC?

Daniel M. Wortmann Sergeant at Arms American Legion Post 233 Vietnam Veteran, USAF

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~HAPPY BIRTHDAY in AUGUST ~

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name, month and day to <u>webmaster@al233fl.org</u>						
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President Harry S. Truman was the first Legionnaire President of the United States Read the story in this months American Legion Magazine. Send Get Well cards to our wounded troops: A Recovering American Soldier c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center 6900 Georgia Avenue, NW Washington , D.C. 20307-5001

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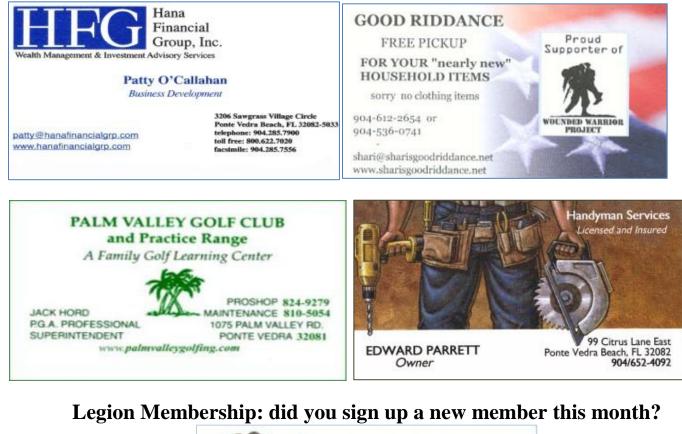
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FROM THE SAL- Commander Jeff 'Tex' Ward

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Friday Steak: \$13.00/\$14.00 ~ Wednesday Dinner: \$8.00/\$9.00 ~ Sunday Breakfast: \$7.00 ~ Member/Non-Member Donation www.al233fl.org * Support Your Troops * 904.285.2484



The Auxiliary is in the process of planning/budgeting for the 2011 year. I will be summarizing our accomplishments for 2010 and will be sending out a letter when I send out membership renewal cards.

Our first event that the Auxiliary will be hosting along with the Legion & SAL will be for The Wounded Warrior Project. This will be on Sat., Sept. 18. Kenny Holliday will be performing doing his Rod Stewart/Bon Jovi (yea) Review Show. Details will be published shortly. Reserve that date on your calendars.

As you know the Auxiliary had a Summer Bash and we raised enough money to purchase the new stove and to have the cooking area cleaned in the kitchen. Commander Steve Willis jumped right on the project and I am proud to say the new stove has been installed. I have seen pictures of it and to quote Chef Mike "our new stove is BAD A_S"! I am just jealous that I was not the first to use the new stove after all the complaining I did in the past (gee now I will have to find something else to complain about). The Auxiliary would like to send out a special thanks to Dave Jordan for securing the stove and getting us a great deal.

Now is the time to renew your membership for 2011. National is behind in getting the new computer system set up (Auxiliary only) so renewal letters have not gone out yet. Don't let that stop you from sending your dues of \$25.00 to me at my home address. The money collected from membership helps us with our yearly donations to the organizations we choose to participate in.

Lastly I would like to thank Barbara Turley as 1st Vice for standing in for me while I am not able to be at the Post. Barbara and I are working closely to keep things rolling with the Auxiliary. I appreciate all that the Auxiliary members do for the Post and Unit. Anita Vigil, Secretary has also gone way above & beyond her call of duty to help me out on a personal level and I can't thank her enough. This is what the Auxiliary is all about, members who have become friends helping one another out in times of need.

Always keep in your heart and prayers those who are less fortunate then you are.

Kathy Church Auxiliary President Membership Chair



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Empty space in this newsletter is available for your advertising, or comments. <u>Content for the newsletter MUST be received no later than the 25th, each month.</u> <u>This will leave a 3-4 day buffer for editing and formatting. We will strive to have</u> <u>each months newsletter published before the 1st of the month.</u> <u>Please help with this effort by getting your reports in on time.</u> <u>Thank you.</u> ALA Member Barbara Green who teaches at Alden Road Exceptional Student Center School, has her class cut and add up coupons for the Auxiliary coupon program on a regular basis. Barbara incorporates this as one of her students lessons, so in a sense "one hand washes the other". Let's show our support for them by filling up a box of much needed school supplies to show our appreciation. The school supplies box will be located at the Post, and remember many of these supplies can be purchased at the dollar store. School begins on August 23rd so let's fill the box before that!

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For Barbara Green's class

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Alden Road Exceptional Student Center

Crayons	Microwave Popcorn
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Markers	Instant Pudding (chocolate & vanilla)
Colored Pencils	Crystal Light (various flavors)
Watercolor Paint	Peanut Butter
Velcro	Instant Mac & Cheese
White Printer Paper	Hot Chocolate
Wide Rule Notebook Paper	Paper Plates (big & little)
2 Pocket Folders (various colors)	Paper Cups (Medium size)
Composition Books	Paper Towels
Plastic Pencil Boxes	Hand Soap
White Out	Hand Sanitizer
Post-it-notes	Liquid Dish Soap
Index Cards (3x5)	Electric Pencil Sharpener
Dividers	Big Toaster Oven
Sheet Protectors	Big zip lock bags

**Any Craft Items (buttons, ribbon, yarn, etc.) are always useful.

**Remember we have a school Thrift Store and always accept tax deductible donations (toys, games, stuffed animals, costume jewelry, household goods, etc.) We will provide a receipt upon request.

POST OFFICERS 20

<u>2010-2011</u>

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