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AUGUST 2008

Commander's Corner

I would like to thank everyone who supported me in the Post election. As the new Post Commander, I would like to ask for everyone's support in the up coming year. Some of the things I feel should be done is to be more active in the community. The Post has members who have stopped coming to and or supporting the Post for one reason or another and I would like to see these people return, After all it is YOUR Post.

I feel that a big thank you to Past Commander Jim Ross is in order for his hard work and accomplishments so "Thanks Jim".

In the past few weeks I have asked several people if they would be interested in being the Post Adjutant and was turned down. However, when I approached Ray Williams and asked him, he accepted. I think Ray will do a very good job. Ray has the enthusiasm to do a good job and he and I will need to work close because we both have a lot to learn. I have also appointed Stu Lilly and Patti O'Callahan to the house Committee, more to follow later.

Our Auxiliary will be sending our soldiers and personnel in Iraq, items they need. I am asking the Legionnaires to participate in the donation of these items from August till October when they will be shipped. You may drop these items off at the Legion. Your participation in this would be greatly appreciated. Our soldiers will be very grateful and thankful, after all they HAVE and ARE sacrificing for us, we should do all we can to support them.

GOD BLESS AMERICA AND OUR TROOPS

Don Mills
Commander

From the Auxiliary

Congratulations to the American Legion Auxiliary Officers for 2008-2009. Ann Cook – President, Judy Nagel – Treasurer, Paula Buckley – Secretary, Sylvia Bass – 1st Vice, Barbara Turley – 2nd Vice, Judy Mills – Sergeant – at – Arms, Angie Kees, Lillian Burnett and Valerie Galvin – Executive Committee. I thank each of you for being part of the leadership team and I am eagerly anticipating our working together this year.

Lillian Burnett was the star chef for July. She shopped, cooked and served for ALL 3 Wednesday night dinners. Therefore, she will be the 1st recipient of a personalized apron. You too, may receive a personalized apron. Just plan a Wednesday Night Dinner!!

Barbara Turley, our 2nd Vice, has volunteered to be our volunteer co-ordinator. She will be contacting all of our new members, as well as, many of you who have joined but who we never see, to determine your interest and to encourage you to share some of your talents with us. Also, when a new member attends her first membership meeting, you will receive a certificate for a Wednesday night dinner and a drink chip.

The Auxiliary is putting together boxes to send to our soldiers in Iraq. PLEASE HELP! Our soldiers need: lip balm, sunscreen, instant soups, & crystal light packages for individual bottles and MANY MANY more items. We will mail the boxes in October; we hope to fill 10 boxes. A complete list of needed supplies will be posted at the Post.

On August 9th, the Post will be recognizing the Nease H.S. Football Team & their coaches and parents with a dinner on the Patio. Tebow will be making Venison Stew & Godan will be cooking the meat that Melvin Ard is donating. So, we need lots of side dishes. We hear that these guys can do some serious eating and we are expecting 200 guests. It does not matter what you bring, but PLEASE bring a lot of it. There is a sign up sheet on the Ladies Restroom door. FlatBlack will be playing from 4-7 p.m. Please join us for a fun afternoon! Everyone is invited!

We continue to collect coupons to send to military families stationed overseas. Please continue to clip them for us. Also, please add the total worth of the coupons and we are now asking to separate them into FOOD OR NON-FOOD CATEGORIES. The reason for this is, because some bases have an Exchange and a Commissary. And people purchase things from each of the stores, not just one. I know this extra step takes a little more time, but if we all do this, it will save Dee a lot of time when she mails them. Last month we mailed \$6,396.73 worth of coupons. **GREAT JOB LADIES!!!! This extra time can be added to your service hours!**

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Also, for your information – I'm sure you have noticed, the table located within the black rail that is set for one person. The purpose of this table is to recognize our POW's and MIA's. It is set for one to symbolize that members of our Armed Forces are missing from their ranks. Since they are unable to be with their families, we join together to pay tribute to them and to remember their continued absence.

Our next meeting is August 14th, Please come join us! We need your ideas to set our fall agenda.

DON'T FORGET; coupons clipped & separated, supplies for our soldiers, and tabs from cans.

May God Bless our Country, our Soldiers, and us.

Ann Cook
Auxiliary President
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Finance Officer

My cat and I were in Miami in early July so now both of us are under the gun to get a short article into the August newsletter.

Here is the latest (and saddest) position regarding our finances in June. We took in \$14,140.90 in revenues and paid out \$14,417.25 in expenses. That gave the Post a loss of \$276.35. If it had not been for donations from Capt Ski's Golf Tournament and the Auxiliary donations, the Post would have lost over \$3,000.00.

The cat knows what happened. That's why she went to Miami to get over her depression. Lounge sales were way down. We need to have \$10,000 in sales just to begin to break even. In June we had only \$8,716. Our meal sales were also way down, and we need to make at least \$3,000 monthly to break even there. And of course our expenses were always around \$14,000 monthly. In short, we did not get much business in June, and we suffered accordingly. It was special events and donations that minimized our loss position.

We have some very significant financial challenges coming up very soon. I and my cat will discuss them in our next newsletter.

Remember our fallen soldiers in your prayers and our wounded. We will win this war despite what the other side thinks.

Hutch and the cat
Finance Officer

Canteen Manager

As you read this, our new Officers have been installed and are beginning their year of service to the Post. As always, there will be a learning curve and I hope that everyone will rally behind them and help to make this coming year successful as well as profitable for Post #233.

The summer doldrums are upon us but we do have a couple of great events coming up this month. On Saturday, August 9th, we will be honoring the Nease High School football team and their head coach, Post #233 member Danny Cowgill, Jr. There will be plenty of good food and both the inside and outside bars will be open for business. FlatBlack will be playing outside on the bandstand. This event promises to be a good time and is an excellent opportunity for us to widen our visibility in our community.

Later in the month we are going to have a night out on the La Cruise gambling Ship. The package deal will include a private bus to take us from the Post to Mayport and back, boat admission, a buffet dinner, gambling tokens and free drink tickets. All this for \$24.00 per person. As soon as the date is confirmed we will get the word out and start taking reservations. You'll want to get your name on the list for this one!

Beginning the FIRST OF THE MONTH, we will be raising the prices on our lunch menu slightly. As you know, we offer the best deal in town on lunch Monday thru Friday. It's more of a convenience to our members and not a real moneymaker. Food prices from our suppliers have increased. We do have to at least recoup our costs and it's still the best deal you'll find anywhere. You can't get a Palm Valley Burger anywhere else but Palm Valley Legion Post #233! We also offer lighter choices and often have included homemade egg salad, sausage and peppers, fabulous BLT's and chicken salad. You may also luck into some pretty good leftovers from Wednesday night dinners. The daily cooks try to outdo each other on the specials and you benefit!

For those who have inquired, our new ATM machine is in and operational. Since we operate on a cash only basis, the ATM machine is a real convenience. It will charge your bank account \$2.00, which is cheaper than the gas in your car to run to the bank and a whole lot more convenient. After an initial period the Post will make a profit of \$1.00 on each transaction. It's a win/win!

As I've said so often, the only way our Post stays afloat and meets our obligations to various Veteran charities and our community is through your patronage and your support of our Wednesday, Friday and Sunday meals as well as various special events we offer. If you aren't participating you are missing out on some great food at very reasonable prices, good entertainment, friendly efficient service and the companionship of your fellow members. Come check it out!

For God and Country
Diane Beason
Canteen Manager

WANTED

Someone willing to take over printing of the newsletter. You can print it in any format or size. Dee does all the hard work putting it together. Contact Dee or Bill Lee. Last newsletter will be September's.

If you're not getting a newsletter in the mail or e-mail, contact the post.

August Birthdays

2. Juanita Bibbee
5. Angie Kees
6. Gene Williams
8. Greg Curret
9. James Durnal
10. Kim Price
13. Edward Matthews
15. Jonnie Cotton
16. Bob Andrews
17. Paul Zander
Cheryl Reynolds
19. Arlene Jones
Priscilla Jones
21. Michael Corcoran
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AUGUST 9, 2008 3:00 P. M. TO 7:00 P. M

ENTERTAINMENT BY FLATBLACK

FROM 4:00 P. M. TO 7:00 P. M.

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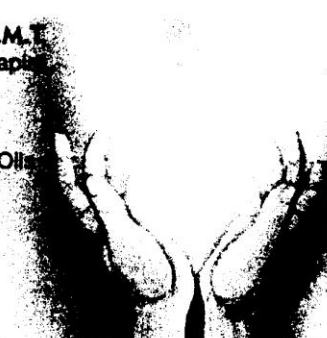
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Post 233 August 2008 Events



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31 Breakfast 9:00-12:00 Volunteer to cook a Breakfast Lunch or Fri. Steak Dinner					1 Lunch 11-1:30 Steak Nite 6:30-8pm GEORGE WRIGHT ENTERTAINMENT: KARAOKE	2 Volunteer To Cook
3 Breakfast 9:00-12:00 Chefs: Bill Furr, Clen & Ben Ward	4 Lunch 11-1:30 SUPPORT OUR TROOPS	5 Lunch 11-1:30 Volunteer To Cook	6 Lunch 11-1:30 Dinner 6:30-8pm Chefs:	7 Lunch 11-1:30 E. BOARD 6p.m. LEGIONNAIRES 7:00pm	8 Lunch 11-1:30 Steak Nite 6:30-8pm T. B. A ENTERTAINMENT: Reggie	9 NEASE H.S. FOOTBALL BENEFIT 3:00 - 7:00 pm
10 Breakfast 9:00-12:00 Chefs: MIKE & KAREN DUBIN	11 Lunch 11-1:30	12 Lunch 11-1:30 WELCOME ALL MEMBERS and GUESTS	13 Lunch 11-1:30 Dinner 6:30-8pm Chefs: Auxiliary	14 Lunch 11-1:30 GOD BLESS AMERICA Auxiliary 6:00 pm	15 Lunch 11-1:30 Steak Nite 6:30-8pm BUNTLEY ENTERTAINMENT: Dewayne Stewart	16 WELCOME ALL MEMBERS and GUESTS
17 Breakfast 9:00-12:00 Chefs: t. b. a.	18 Lunch 11-1:30	19 Lunch 11-1:30	20 Lunch 11-1:30 Dinner 6:30-8pm Chef: T.B.A.	21 Lunch 11-1:30	22 Lunch 11-1:30 Steak Nite 6:30-8pm JOHN PAPARELLI ENTERTAINMENT: Doyle Primm	23 Volunteer to cook a Breakfast Lunch or Fri. Steak Dinner
24 Breakfast 9:00-12:00 Chefs: t. b. a. Volunteer To Cook	25 Lunch 11-1:30 GOD BLESS AMERICA	26 Lunch 11-1:30 WELCOME ALL MEMBERS and GUESTS	27 Lunch 11-1:30 Dinner 6:30-8pm Chefs: Auxiliary	28 Lunch 11-1:30 SUPPORT OUR TROOPS	29 Lunch 11-1:30 Steak Nite 6:30-8pm AUXILIARY ENTERTAINMENT: KARAOKE	30 Volunteer To Cook
Sunday's Big Breakfast - \$5 Donation		Wednesday Dinner - \$7 Donation		Friday Steak Dinner & Entertainment - \$12 Donation		