



# AL233FL Newsletter

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## Commander's Corner

This past November will be a month to remember for a long time. The Veteran's Day Memorial service put on by Legionnaire Tom and Patricia West at the Ponte Vedra Valley cemetery was very special, thanks for this great community service! After the service, the Northeast Chapter of the Southern Cruisers Riding Club joined us at the post for a light lunch and conversation about Veteran's Day. Then on November 14<sup>th</sup> came the highlight of the month with Legionnaire Patty O' Callahan's tribute to our WWII veterans. This excellent program was enjoyed by all in attendance and many members have voiced the opinion, (along with me), that we should make this an annual event. Patty put together an excellent team to help her with this and my personal thanks goes out to all that helped her with this program.

Capt Ski's golf tournament was a most successful event benefiting Autistic children, he and his team raised over \$2,700.00 for this very worthy cause. Thank you Capt Ski for this and all that you do for our post!

Our No Dough dinner held on Sunday afternoon raised \$300.00 to help our friends at the the USO. On Monday, the 23<sup>rd</sup>, legionnaire Billy Walker and I presented a check to the USO along with representatives from all other BVA members. The "No Dough" dinner program supports a twice monthly dinner for families of deployed troop from Mayport Naval Station. Please participate in this program at other BVA post when they have their dinners.

We are still in need of volunteers to help with our Wednesday and Friday evening dinners. I know that there are some Master Chefs in our midst just waiting to present an old family recipe or a new special that the members of our post would really enjoy. Please contact Chuck Kees, myself or Diane and let us schedule you an opportunity to let us taste your culinary talents.

Don't forget about our Christmas Party on December 19<sup>th</sup>, I will look forward to seeing you all there for a little egg nog and some Christmas cheer!

I'm still open to suggestions about for some new events at our Post, I'm sure you can come come up with some fresh new ideas!  
For God and Country  
Clen Ward  
Commander

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# Happy Holidays

## NEVER FORGET POWs & MIAs

### From the Auxiliary

By the time this note goes out in the bulletin Thanksgiving will have come and gone and we will be moving on to Christmas. Hard to believe I know. I hope that all of our members had a great day spent with family and friends. The Auxiliary stayed very busy in the month of November participating in all the events that were held at the Post. By now I am sure that you have heard that our annual Craft & Bake Sale which was held on Sat., Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> was a huge success thanks to all who participated. I can't thank everyone enough for all their hard work.

We are continuing to collect donations for Paws for Patriots and to date we have received \$1,447.50 which is half of a puppy (which half I'm not sure of). Please if you wish to contribute to this cause send in your donations. Our goal is to collect \$3,000 which is the cost for one puppy.

December events that the Auxiliary will either be sponsoring or participating in are:

Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> – Wed. night dinners ~ Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> – District meeting at Post 129 ~ Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> – Aux. monthly meeting ~ Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> – Children's X-mas Party 2pm followed by members X-mas Party 7pm ~ Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Luncheon 12n. Deadline to sign up children to receive gifts for the X-mas party is Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> (up to 10 years old).

Please feel free to sign up to help with any of these events. I have no doubt that the Auxiliary members will step up to the plate (we have such a great team) to help out with these events.

One last note – if you haven't paid your Auxiliary dues of \$20.00 please send them in to me ASAP. We passed our Oct. goal and we are at 68.99%. Our next date is Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> with a goal of 75%.

Here's wishing you and your family have a very Merry Christmas. Please be safe during this holiday season and take time to enjoy what you are privileged to have. As always keep our military in your thoughts and prayers during this time of the year.

*Peace, Love & Joy*

Kathy Church

Auxiliary President/Membership Chair

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### CANTEEN MANAGERS REPORT

As I write this Thanksgiving is upon us and Christmas is right around the corner! November was a great month at the Post. The Veterans Day luncheon, WWII Veterans Tribute, the No-Dough Dinner, and the Ladies Auxiliary Craft & Bake Sale were all huge successes. Thanks so much to everyone who contributed their time, effort and talent to make these events happen. We had some great Wednesday night dinners and packed house Friday steak nights as well.

On Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, Santa will arrive for the Children's Christmas Party and then in the evening we'll have the Post 233 Christmas Party for the adults with heavy hors d'oeuvres and entertainment by Garrett Slay of the G-Men. This promises to be a festive evening of holiday cheer! For the youngsters, there is a sign up sheet at the Post so Santa will know who and how many to plan for. If you have little ones in your family, sign them up or give me a call at the Post and I'll add them to the list.

Christmas Day is always big at Post 233. Dinner is being provided by the Auxiliary and all donations are welcome and appreciated. We are the only Post open in our area so we welcome members and friends from all over. Even if you will not be staying for dinner, please volunteer to drop off a dish for others to share. We feed a crowd and it takes lots of kitchen elves! A sign-up sheet is posted so please add your specialty to it. You can also let Kathy or myself know what you will be bringing and we'll get it on the list.

2009 has been a good year at Post 233. We've had some wonderful events, raised money for some great causes, including our own, and had a good time doing it. As in any organization, there have been some rough patches but we've weathered those and moved on to bigger, better things. Many of you have donated your time, hard earned resources and special talents to help make our Post work. To each of you, Thank You! Very special Thanks to Clen Ward, Kathy Church, Chef Michael Shaar, and our all star staff, Deb Muehlheuser, Anita Vigel, Beth Leppeard, Rita Connolly, Kathy Church, Allyson Bass and Charlie Walker, all of whom have worked very hard and tirelessly throughout the year to make Post 233 a good place to be.

Keep our Legion families that have lost loved ones this year in your prayers and say a special one for our troops spending the holidays far away from their families.

Merry Christmas and a safe, Happy Holiday to all.

For God and Country,

Diane Beason

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3 Amanda Trevino Jane Wright	24 Julita Wilson
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**DECEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Children's Christmas Party**  
**2:00pm**  
**Members Christmas Party**  
**7:00pm**

**WWII VETERANS APPRECIATION DINNER**



The WWII Veterans were so wonderful & grateful & adorable! Approximately 60 WWII Vets & their guests honored our Post on Sat, Nov 14<sup>th</sup>! There was also 40 plus other members & guests in attendance. This extremely successful event could not have been achieved without the fabulous assistance from:

\*\* Joni, Sissy, Brenda, MaryAnn, Barbara, Deb, Georgia, Diane, Chef Mike, Tex, Frankie Martin, Jr. & Clen - you rock!!!

\*\* Much gratitude to the Auxiliary and their terrific desserts and Dick for the use of his computer.

\*\* A huge thanks to Roy, even though you did not feel well, for coming out to capture the event with your camera.

\*\* To all of the members & guests that could attend, I am very thankful for your support.

I thank each & every one of you from the bottom of my heart – the WWII Veterans were very pleased & that was the goal!

For God & Country,  
 Patty O'

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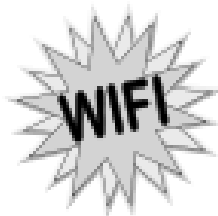
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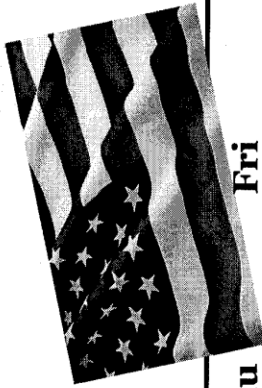
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<p>6 *Breakfast 9-12</p>	<p>7 *Lunch: 11-1:30 Chef: Fireman Dan</p> <p><i>Volunteer to Cook!</i></p>	<p>8 *Lunch: 11-1:30</p> <p><i>God Bless America!</i></p>	<p>9 *Lunch: 11-1:30 * Dinner: 6:30-8:00</p> <p><i>Support Our Troops!</i></p>	<p>10 *Lunch: 11-1:30 * Auxiliary: 7:00</p>	<p>11 *Lunch: 11-1:30 * Steak Night &amp; Music</p>	<p>12 <i>Volunteer to Cook!</i></p>
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<p>20 *Breakfast 9-12</p> <p><i>God Bless America!</i></p>	<p>21 *Lunch: 11-1:30 Chef: Fireman Dan</p>	<p>22 *Lunch: 11-1:30</p> <p><i>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!</i></p>	<p>23 *Lunch: 11-1:30 * Dinner: 6:30-8:00</p> <p><i>Support Our Troops!</i></p>	<p>24 <i>God Bless America!</i></p>	<p>25 Christmas Luncheon Noon - 4:00 No Friday Night Steaks</p>	<p>26 Visit your web site for updates: <a href="http://www.al233fl.org">www.al233fl.org</a></p>
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