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Happy Holidays



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Friday Dinner: 6:30pm-8:00pm

Mon-Fri Lunch 11:30am-1pm

NEVER FORGET - POWs & MIAs

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



Commander's Corner



Commander Steve Willis

Fellow Legionnaires,

Another month is past us. Can you believe Christmas is upon us?

November was a productive month with many projects and benefits. Thanks to all who participated. I think we are on to something with the rib cook off.

As we enter December let us not forget the meaning of the season. I hope and pray that many blessings fall to you and all your family and all of our fighting men and women,

Please come join us at the post home for camaraderie and fun.

For God and Country,

Steve



1st Vice Commander Roy Havekost

During this Holiday Season let us keep all of our military in our thoughts and prayers, as well as those families who will be apart during this season. Keep them all safe during these trying times. If you are aware of someone who's spouse is serving in the military and who will not be home during the holidays, invite them as a guest to come to the Post for either Christmas or New Years so they may be part of our family of friends.

As a reminder your 2011 dues is due before December 31, bartenders will be checking your card starting January 1, 2011 and service will be denied if you are not current.

For God and Country,

Roy

Happy and Safe Holidays to all.



2nd Vice Commander Stu Lilly

I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving. We are looking forward to the end of the year with our Christmas and New Year festivities. I want to thank all of the help (VOLUNTEERS) . Sherrie (SP) and Ed, Karen and Mike. Chef Mike. Rita and Diane. We still need more help, step up when you can. Stepping up to the plate in my absence was Capt Ski, Rick K (3rd vice), Jason and John Pap. Everyone that stepped up to the plate I commend you. Without the help from SAL and the Auxiliary

we would have had no Dinners, Lunch or breakfasts. I have cooked and have heard some complaints. If you have complaints please see me. I do not plan on running again for 2nd Vice (over 200 members and FEW VOLUNTEERS) someone elses turn next time around.. Hope everyone has a great Christmas.

For God and Country,
Stu.



3rd Vice Commander Rick Kapeghian

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone Happy Holiday's.

For God and Country,
Rick



4th Vice Commander Charlie Walker

I would like to commend Legionnaire John Chambers (a plumber) for all the recent work he did on the flushing and drain system in our men's restroom, we really saved a lot. I would also like to recognize Legionnaire Ira Chelette for his weekly deliveries of free bread, rolls, buns, cakes and other pastries for all our members to share, thank you. Hoping for a happy holiday season for all.

For God and Country,
Charlie

“COMMENTS FROM THE EDITOR”

All business card ads expired within the past few months but will be carried through the December issue of the newsletter. Your \$25.00 annual donation is due immediately if you want your business card ad to continue during 2011. Make check payable to American Legion Post 233, leave in an envelope at the bar marked Attn: 1st Vice Roy Havekost. You can also include a new crisp business card or we will just use last years copy.

“AS THE POST CHURNS”

We need volunteers to cook in the kitchen, just the same request year after year.



CANTEEN MANAGERS REPORT- by Diane Beason

As 2010 comes to a close we have much to be thankful for and much to look forward to in 2011. We've held some fantastic events at Post 233 in the past year and have some more good ones in the works. To make sure that you always receive the weekly Post Updates and monthly Newsletters go the Post 233 website www.al233fl.org and update your email address or leave your email information with the bartender on duty at the Post. This is the fastest and easiest way to assure that you are always on top of what's happening at Post 233, weekly meal menus, upcoming events and important news.

Please join us Wednesday evening, December 22nd, for cocktails, hors'dourves and entertainment by the Johnston Duo to celebrate the Holiday Season with your Legion family. The Children's Christmas party will be Sunday afternoon, December 12th with a visit from Santa and his elves and gifts for all.

On New Year's Day, Jan. 1, 2011 join us for an all day Open House and enjoy some good food and football to kick off the New Year.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who have worked very hard all year long producing the great meals we enjoy every week, planning, organizing and executing the special events that have been so much fun, kept our building and grounds in tip top shape and all the little things that no one sees that help so much. Our Post Officers of the Legion, SAL and Auxiliary who volunteer their time and expertise, often for little reward, also deserve a big Thank You. Our Post 233 staff of Rita, Anita, Beth, Deb, Allyson and Charlie are the best. They all work very hard and are always the first to jump in and volunteer whenever needed. We have a great team that I'm proud to be associated with. Lastly, our members and customers who are our lifeblood. Without each of you and your continued support we couldn't do what we do. It's been our pleasure to serve you and we look forward to an even better and more successful year to come.

Please remember to keep our service men and women both at home and abroad, their families and the families of our members who have lost loved ones and faced adversity in your prayers.

A Safe and Happy Holiday to All,

For God and Country,

Diane





FROM THE SAL- Commander Jeff 'Tex' Ward



Seasons Greetings S.A.L. members,

We have achieved 100%+ membership the last few years and we want to do the same this year! Your 2011 membership fees (\$25) are due. Please do not put us in the position of "chasing you down" for it. Make checks payable to "S.A.L. American Legion". Be sure to include your details (name, address, phone, and particularly your e-mail). You can send them to the Post or drop by and give it to a bartender. We want to **increase our membership** so be on the lookout for potential new members!

Starting in December the S.A.L. will be taking over one Wednesday a month to cook dinner. Our first dinner is Wednesday, Dec. 15th. Pete and Debbie Braud (and Co.) are stepping up for this one. Please pick a Wed. that you can either cook or help out in the kitchen. Let's show them what we are made of (no pun intended!).

The next district meeting is at Post 250 in Middleburg on Sat., Dec. 5th. Our support is important and I would like to have a good turnout by our squadron. If you are interested in attending let me know this week so we can plan a "car pool".

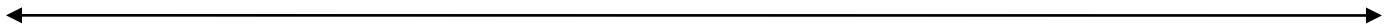
There are many fun and exciting events coming up in the near future at our Post so keep your eyes on the newsletter, visit the website (www.alpost233.org) or better yet come in to your Post and have a drink!

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding our Squadron or Post 233 issues, my phone number is 904-233-0976 and my email is flagman49@yahoo.com.

Have a safe and Happy Holiday,

Jeff "TEX" Ward

Commander





FROM THE AUXILIARY- President Kathy Church



MERRY CHRISTMAS to all our members and their families.

I need to state a few points and reminders that I was asked to do this month. I realize that these may sound trite but both National & Dept are very adamant about this information being correct and brought to everyone's attention.

Point #1:

The proper title for the ALA is "American Legion Auxiliary. We are a UNIT of the Post. If we neglect to have it stated properly in media articles then we get no credit for any publications when doing year end reports. So we are the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 233.

Point # 2:

Our UNIT is NOT to be referred to as the Ladies Auxiliary - we are the American Legion Auxiliary or just the Auxiliary but NEVER should we be titled the Ladies Auxiliary.

Thanks to everyone who donated items for the boxes to be sent to Jacob Southern's Unit in Afghanistan. We sent off 3 full boxes of toiletry items, 2 filled with snacks and 1 box with Christmas cards addressed to American Soldiers. THIS IS what the Legion, SAL & Auxiliary is all about.

The AL 233 Carolers will be at it again this year. Planning date is Wed. Dec. 1st from 5:30-6:30pm, rehearsal date is Wed. Dec 8th, same time and the actual caroling is Wed. Dec 15th. Debbie Johnston has graciously offered to lead us again this year and is offering free voice lessons after our planning session on Dec. 1st. We had lots of fun doing this last year. I know it gave me a warm fuzzy feeling when I saw the smiles on the resident's faces at the places we visited. We sounded pretty good if I do say so myself. Everyone can sing Christmas songs so come join us.

Once again the Auxiliary will be hosting the Children's Christmas Party on Sunday, Dec. 12th from 2:00pm – 4:00pm. Santa & Elfie will be in the house to pass out the stockings & gifts. Children's names (10 yrs. & younger) need to be signed up no later than Dec. 4th so that Santa's helpers can go to work. We need the child's name, age, gender and who they are related to. The list is on the front door at the Post.

Our Christmas Luncheon hosted by the Auxiliary will be from 12n – 4:00pm on Christmas Day. If you wish to donate a food item please post it on the list also located on the front door of the Post. Please feel free to contact me or any Auxiliary Officer for upcoming Auxiliary events.

One last note: This is a great time of year with people gathering together and celebrating the holiday season. I am asking that each and every one of you please be safe, party responsibly. Be aware of your surroundings when out shopping - protect yourself.

Peace and Love to All,

Kathy

~HAPPY BIRTHDAY in DECEMBER~

1	Jack Hord	16	Mike Wright
2	Don Mills	19	Susie White
3	Amanda Trevino	22	Maggie Furr
5	John Wagener	26	Melita Doran
12	Angie Russell	27	Marty Mally
	Karen Dubin	29	Cathy Corcoran
14	Carl Caminiti	31	Patty Mally
15	Karen O'Neill		Mickey Williams

Your birthday can be listed here by sending your name, month and day to webmaster@al233fl.org or call Roy @ 287-6909



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2011 DUES is due by January 1, 2011

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 5 *Breakfast 9-12 	 6 * Lunch: 11-1 Monday Night Football @ Kickoff 	 7 * Lunch: 11-1 National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	1 * Lunch: 11-1 * Dinner: 6:30-8:00 <i>God Bless America!</i>	2 * Lunch: 11-1 * Legionnaires: 7:00 HAPPY HANUKKAH	3 * Lunch: 11-1 * Steak Night/Music Frankie Martin, Jr. 8-11	4 
12 *Breakfast 9-12 <i>Children's Christmas Party! 2-4 Santa-2:30!</i>	13 * Lunch: 11-1 \$1 Tacos & Trivia w/Patty O' ~ 6-8! Monday Night Football @ Kickoff 	14 * Lunch: 11-1 Tell us your ideas & suggestions!	8 * Lunch: 11-1 * Dinner: 6:30-8:00 	9 * Lunch: 11-1 * Auxiliary: 7:00 	10 * Lunch: 11-1 * Steak Night/Music 	11 
19 *Breakfast 9-12 	20 * Lunch: 11-1 Monday Night Football @ Kickoff 	21 * Lunch: 11-1 	15 * Lunch: 11-1 * Dinner: 6:30-8:00 Volunteers to Cook!	16 * Lunch: 11-1 * SAL: 6:00 	17 * Lunch: 11-1 * Steak Night/Music Frankie Martin, Jr. 8-11	18 Support Your Post! 
26 *Breakfast 9-12 	27 * Lunch: 11-1 \$1 Tacos & Trivia w/Patty O' ~ 6-8! Monday Night Football @ Kickoff 	28 * Lunch: 11-1 	22 * Lunch: 11-1 * Dinner: 6:30-8:00 Visit your website for updates at: www.a233fl.org	23 * Lunch: 11-1 Volunteers!	24 ... 'twas the night before Christmas... before Christmas... No Steaks Tonight! 	25 Merry Christmas! Luncheon begins at noon! 
					31  Have Fun, Be Safe, Join us for a Toast, No Steaks!	

Friday Steak: \$13.00/\$14.00 ~ Wednesday Dinner: \$8.00/\$9.00 ~ Sunday Breakfast: \$7.00 ~ Member/Non-Member Donation www.a233fl.org * **Support Your Troops** * 904.285.2484

Happy Holidays

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