

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

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MON ~ FRI: 1100 hrs to 2300 hrs
SAT: 0900 hrs ~ at least 2100 hrs
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FEBRUARY 2009

Commander's Corner

Here we are in a New Year and January started quietly. On January 17, 2009 there was a surprise birthday party for Zeke Reynolds, it was a blast. I do believe everyone including myself had a wonderful time. Thank you to everyone who helped in its success.

My focus now is to put a roof on the Legion. We have upcoming events geared to raise money for this project and hope everyone will participate, to name a few:

- ◆ I have caught another pig for a pig roast; the date and time are yet to be determined.
- ◆ Captain Ski is planning a Golf/Fish Fry in May, proceeds to go toward the roof.

It has been brought to my attention by concerned members that many of our Legionnaires do not come to the Post for large events because the smoke is irritating. A suggestion was made that perhaps an exhaust fan system with on and off switch control could be installed at the same time when the new roof goes on. This proposal will be made at our next House Committee Meeting and discussed.

I hope all Legionnaires will support our endeavors.

God Bless our Troops and God Bless America, Don Mills, Commander

Adjutant

For 6 months now we've been asking, mostly begging, to get your 2009 membership dues in. Well, here we are now into the New Year and some of you still have not renewed. By now you have, or soon will have gotten, a friendly phone call from Roy Havekost to remind you to please pay up. Roy is an Executive Committee member who is helping us with membership. He will also be giving some of you a follow-up call. **YOU ARE A VALUABLE MEMBER AND YOUR 2008 CARD HAS EXPIRED. WE NEED YOU, AND A LOT OF VETERANS, ARE COUNTING ON YOU. PLEASE RENEW TODAY.**

Your PALM VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 233 is a diamond in the valley. We will accomplish great things here, so visit your Post as often as possible, attend the meetings, if you can; all of you have something to offer.

Nothing happens without first a thought, so give a good thought or two toward your Post.

For God and Country, Ray Williams, Adjutant

Auxiliary

After a very busy December, we are taking some slack time in January. Thank you to Rita & Kathy Church who prepared our Wednesday night dinners in January. We need cooks for February 25th and March 11th. Please consider preparing a Wednesday night meal so you can get your personalized apron by Marcia. Also, you will have plenty of assistance serving and cleaning.

The Super Bowl is February 1st and the Auxiliary will be providing football food; chilidogs, chips & dip, baked potatoes with all the toppings. Also, before the game, the FOUR CHAPLAIN CEREMONY will be held at Post 129 at 2PM. Please come join us!

On February 21st Austin will be showing his old black & white videos featuring the "RAT PACK" and others from that era. We'll be serving Pizza & popcorn. We hope to see you there!

On March 7th, we will be hosting an appreciation dinner for all the Veterans of Post 233. We'll be passing out questionnaires so we can personalize the evening for our Post and we hope urge each Vet to fill one out. More details to follow.

On March 28th we'll be having our Annual Garage Sale. So, please clean out your closets and bring your friends & neighbors to shop.

Please remember our collections: can pull tabs for the Shiner's, clipped coupons for Japan, items for the vets at the Hospital in Lake City – Sweats, ball caps, pens & paper, stamps, toothpaste, toothbrushes, single serve snack foods, socks, puzzle books, stuffed animals, and lap robes.

Our next meeting is February 12th. Please come join us and help plan the details of these upcoming projects. Also, please remember those who still need our prayers – Melita, Miss Lil, Melvin & Miss Eddie.

May God Bless and Protect our Troops and our Friends.

Ann Cook, Auxiliary President, 285-0579

February Birthdays

1: Sylvia Bass, Stephanie Holland, Tony Kulp; 4: Catherine Leblanc
6: Cheri Lee, Nancy Graeme; 9: Randy Corlew;
11: Chuck Keys, Joe Bing, Lori Pilgrim, Edith Butner;
12: Johnny Jones Jr., Barbara Nielson; 14: Lorraine Joy;
17: Glen Ward; 18: Cindy Martin; 21: Georgia Barnes; 22: Joey Holland;
24: Wilford Lyon; 25: Kelsey Howell; 26: Mark Stewart

February 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Support Our Troops	2 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!	3 	4 * Lunch: 11-1:00 * House Cmte: 5:30 * Dinner: 6:30-8:00 * Trivia w/Patty 8:00 	5 * Lunch: 11-1:00 * E Cmte: 6:00 * Legionnaires: 7:00 	6 * Lunch: 11-1:00 * Steak Night: 6:30-8 & Music: 8-10 God Bless America!	7 VOLUNTEER TO COOK!
8 *Breakfast 9-12 VOLUNTEER TO COOK! 	9 * Lunch: 11-1:00 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!	10 * Lunch: 11-1:00 God Bless America!	11 * Lunch: 11-1:00 * Dinner: 6:30-8:00 * Karaoke w/Tex: 8-10 	12 * Lunch: 11-1:00 * Auxiliary: 7:00 	13 * Lunch: 11-1:00 * Steak Night: 6:30-8 & Music: 8-10 Support Our Troops!	Valentine Dinner!
15 *Breakfast 9-12 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE	16 * Lunch: 11-1:00 Support Our Troops!	17 * Lunch: 11-1:00 	18 * Lunch: 11-1:00 * Dinner: 6:30-8:00 * Trivia w/Patty 8:00 	19 * Lunch: 11-1:00 * S.A.L: 6:00 	20 * Lunch: 11-1:00 * Steak Night: 6:30-8 & Music: 8-10 VOLUNTEER TO COOK!	21 Rat Pack Night w/Pizza & Popcorn!
22 *Breakfast 9-12 VOLUNTEER TO COOK! 	23 * Lunch: 11-1:00 	24 * Lunch: 11-1:00 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!	25 * Lunch: 11-1:00 * Dinner: 6:30-8:00 * No Karaoke see this Friday! God Bless America!		27 * Lunch: 11-1:00 * Steak Night: 6:30-8 Frankie Martin, Jr 8-10 	28
Visit our Website for updates: www.al233fl.org 	VOLUNTEER TO COOK!		Suggestions or input for Newsletter: pvpost233news.com 	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!		

Friday Steaks: \$12.00/\$14.00 ~ Wednesday Dinner: \$7.00/\$9.00 ~ Sunday Breakfast: \$5.00 ~ Member/Non-Member Donation

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Canteen Manager

At this writing the New Year is in full swing at Post 233. We have a full schedule of events in progress as well as upcoming. Zeke Reynolds' birthday party (Happy 60!), the Bonfire & Oyster Roast, and the Super Bowl have passed and Valentine's Day is right around the corner. Also rumor has it that Commander Mills had captured and splayed our next Pig to be our guest of honor for a Pig Roast. Also ahead is the Early Bird Dinner on March 21st. Upcoming in May, Captain Ski will be having a Golf/ Fish Fry Fundraiser. Proceeds to go toward the new roof. As details become available as far as dates, times, menus, etc they are posted on our website (www.al233fl.org). For non-computer users, information is posted on the event board just inside the front door of the Post. You may also call the Post and any one of our friendly staff will be glad to fill you in.

Attendance at our Wednesday & Friday night dinners continues to improve as folks recuperate from the Holidays and get back to normal pursuit. As always, we need volunteer cooks for both nights. If you've thought about it but never taken the plunge, now's the time! It's an easy way to give a little bit of your time to the Post and make new acquaintances with the membership. As a Post 233 kitchen veteran myself, I will be glad to answer any questions you may have. It's really not that tough!

Recently we had a question arise as to the Post rule regarding children in attendance at night. Our rule is and has been that children are not allowed in the Post after 8:00 P.M. (Florida state law requires minors to be out by 9:00 P.M.) While we welcome member's children and grandchildren during the earlier hours and at outdoor events, please respect our adult members and the posted sign at the door and have your young ones on the way home by 8:00. Also, per the January House Committee recommendation, we have set an age minimum of 16 on Karaoke. As parents or grandparents, we all think our youngsters are the cutest, most talented, etc. Unfortunately, not everyone shares our opinion. So again, please respect our adult members out for a pleasant evening of dinner and entertainment and let your budding young star practice at home for a few more years.

Just when you think you've seen it all... As if our ongoing vandalism problem in the men's room isn't bad enough, now our donation "pig" has been robbed!! Many of you have seen the cute paper-mache pig sitting on the bar or a table at the Post or similar ones around the beaches. The pigs are for donations to the Alden Road School for profoundly disabled and terminally ill children. This particular fund raising drive is to purchase wheelchair batteries for the chairs that so many of these special children are confined to. Sometime during the first two weeks of January the top was torn out of the pig and the money inside stolen. This event has truly saddened, sickened and outraged all who are aware of it. Someone knows who violated our pig. To that end, we are offering a cash reward to anyone who comes forward with information leading to the identity of the thief. Information offered will be kept confidential, so if you saw or know anything please do the right thing and turn the perpetrator in.

As for whoever finally succeeded in completely smashing the partition wall in the men's room, you can thank Rick Kapeghian and Jason Bass for repairing the damages and replacing the wall. The least you can do is buy them a drink next time you see them.

The above events aside, our Post is moving forward and is a great place to be. As the weather and hopefully the economy improve, get out and see what you are missing. Get involved, make new friends, renew old acquaintances, or just hang out. Your opinions and suggestions on how we can serve you better or make your time spent at Post 233 more enjoyable are always welcome. My email address is dianebeason@comcast.net. My staff and I are at your service and hope to see you soon.

For God and Country, Diane Beason, Canteen Manager

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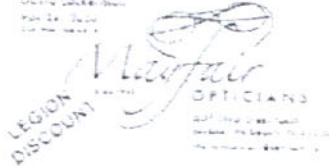
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Buddy Linton; October 2010
Tony Kulper September 2009

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ITEMS FOR DONATIONS ON SALE NOW!

Melita Drink Koozie's for \$1.00

Auxiliary Cookbooks for \$5.00

VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

Saturday, February 14th, 2009

AMERICAN LEGION UNIT 233

Come join us for our 2nd annual Valentine's Day Party
Dinner served from 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Salad
Clam Chowder
Parmesan Crusted Chicken Breast
Baked Ziti
Italian Meatballs
Garlic New Potatoes
Italian Style Green Beans
Zucchini
Church Eggs
Dessert

Entertainment by The G-Men
8:00pm - 11:00pm

Tickets are \$20.00/person if purchased before Feb. 1st
\$25.00 after Feb. 1st.
(Ticket includes - dinner, flower for the ladies,
wine and entertainment)

Please purchase your tickets in advance

OFFICERS

LEGIONNAIRE OFFICERS

Commander: Don Mills
1st Vice: Clen Ward
2nd Vice: Pete Mischler
Adjutant: Ray Williams
Finance Officer: Steve Hutchinson
Chaplain: Bob Nagel
Sergeant-at-Arms: Rick Kapeghian
Historian: Ron Garing

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dave Jordon Roy Havekost
Chuck Kees Jim Watley
Brian Mickley

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Executive: Don Mills
House: TBA
Landscape: TBA
Building: TBA

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President: Ann Cook
1st Vice: Sylvia Bass
2nd Vice: Barbara Turley
Treasurer: Judy Nagel
Secretary: Paula Buckley
Chaplain: Rita Connelly
Sergeant-at-Arms: Judy Mills

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Lillian Burnett
Angie Kees
Valerie Galvin

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS

Commander: Jeff 'Tex' Ward
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Adjutant: Steve Willis
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Chaplain: Gerry Murray



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