

**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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**JANUARY 2009**

**COMMANDER**

I would like to thank everyone that helped with our Thanksgiving Day Luncheon – the food was terrific!

On December 6<sup>th</sup> the District Meeting and Commander's Dinner at Post 129 was a great success. I would like to Thank everyone for making the brunch for State Commander Paul Martel and his company, Sylvia Curnette, District Auxiliary President and Cathy Coughlin, Department Auxiliary President. The food was great and everyone enjoyed themselves.

The Post's new bi-laws were passed by the state and a letter of confirmation has been received. Any bi-laws from the past are now null and void.

The next task for the Post is to get a new roof over our heads before the rainy season starts again.

Happy birthday Kelly Crews, your party was a wonderful success, good music, good food and good friends, what more could anyone ask. It was great and thank you for the wonderful donation to the Post.

A Big, Big thank you to Angie Kees and her daughter Leslie's company, North Florida Restoration, for cleaning the carpets, the furniture and the pool table at the Post (Good Job!). The place looks so much better.

Also, Thank you to Santa and Mrs. Claus; they did a great job at the children's Christmas party. It was a very good turn out and the kids were great.

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and I am wishing everyone a Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing you all next year.

For God and Country, Don Mills, Commander

**Lots of Thanks from Santa's Elf:**

Once again Christmas Day at our Post was one filled with joy and fun. I would like to personally thank all the people who donated time & food to help make this a great day!

At the top of the list is Karen Dubin, who was with me in the kitchen all day. Karen worked double-time and then had to still go home to cook for her family. I could not have done it without you!

Many thanks also to Rick Kapeghian, Mike Dubin, Charlie Walker, Dee Durnal, Valerie Galvin, Bennie & Cookie St. John, Rita Connolly & Ann Cook for all your help in the kitchen.

Yum-Yum & thanks to Ron & Lorraine Joy & all the others who cooked and contributed food. Prayer was led by Mark Dorsey, Commander, Post #129.

Deb did a fantastic job as our bartender. If I missed anyone – thank you!

And Here's to a Happy & Healthy 2009! Kathy Church, Auxiliary Membership Chairman

## ADJUTANT

YOUR CANTTEN PRIVAGES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED UNLESS you have your 2009 membership card. You will be asked to show your 2009 membership card, prior to being served at the bar the next time you come into the Post. Now is the time to renew, please do it as soon as possible.

We have about 275 members that are eligible for the early bird dinner plus SAL and ALA members. Because of the large number, we are asking everyone that is qualified to RSVP to the Post at 904-285-2484 or to the following e mail addresses, beginning now. [Rayw3815@yahoo.com](mailto:Rayw3815@yahoo.com) or [webmaster@al233FL.org](mailto:webmaster@al233FL.org).

We want to welcome all new members to our Post. Please visit often and get to know our members. We have a great group of people here. We are in a position to accomplish great things and can use your help. Don Mills, our Post Commander, is a strong leader and a great man to get to know. Following are the names of members new to our Post. If I miss anyone, please let me know and I'll make it up to you. Aaron Whitlow, V. Paul Mitalis, Stu Lilly, Jack Dewitt, Jerry Adkins, Fredrick Mott, Glen Masters, Bill Dewitt, Boyce Holler Sr., George Kenutz, Robert Berner, Melvin Van Gundy, Timothy Ketcham, Melvin Bielecki, Michael Lawson, Roger Quinlaw, Kevin Drew, Jesse James, Edward Mowat, Kenneth Coats, and William Carroll. If I have anyone, please let me know.

Back to this membership thing, I'm sure if you realized how important it is and how much help it would be to us, you would go ahead and renew right now. So as a reminder I'm preparing a call sheet so that a few of our volunteers can call you and give you a gentle reminder to renew. After that, all bets are off and I'm calling on Hutch's cat to make house calls.

The last day we will be taking RSVP for the early bird dinner is March 14<sup>th</sup>. The dinner will be on March 21<sup>st</sup>. There will be some surprises and unusual happenings. Please RSVP now.

For God and Country, Ray Williams, Adjutant

## AUXILIARY

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! I hope 2009 will be a healthy, happy year for all.

I'm sure that everyone noticed the clean, bright carpet at the Post. Angie Kees' daughter, Leslie Anderson donated the services of her company, North Florida Restoration. If they can make over 10 year old, well used carpet look this good, you know they will do a quality job on yours. Their phone is 853-6693.

In December we delivered 20 Christmas baskets to elderly folks who live alone plus 5 members from our unit. Thank you to; Valerie, Taya, Barbara Green, Barbara Turley, Arlene, Cathy, Angie and Karen O'Neil who drove to places unknown through out Jacksonville to deliver baskets. We also hosted the Children's Christmas Party. Thanks again to Johnny Jones who is our Santa. His patience and delight with the children makes him the best Santa ever. Kathy Church organized our Christmas Day lunch. It was excellent and we appreciate her taking on this task when no one else wanted to. We also delivered a heavy box of food and 2 turkeys to the Mayport USO to give to a military family. Finally a sincere Thank you to Diane Beason and Hutch for preparing brunch for our visiting dignitaries. The Auxiliary Department President and Fifth District President were our guests along with some Legion State Officers.

Now to the future! We will be planning a garage sale, a pizza and old movie night (a tribute to our Veterans), and a horse race fundraiser. Barbara Turley is developing a member interest survey. Also, we continue to need your clipped coupons and can pull-tabs.

A Committee for Girls State, headed by Barbara Green has been selected. We will be interviewing high school juniors, so if you would like to nominate someone let me or Barbara know.

Our next meeting is January 8<sup>th</sup>. Please join us to help us with these and any other ideas you may have. We need Wednesday night cooks; Marsha will personalize your very own apron.

**Melvin, Miss Lil, Melita and Miss Edie (Butner)  
need our prayers so please don't forget them.**

May God Bless our Troops, our Post and us, Ann Cook, Auxiliary President, 285-0579

# January 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Visit our Website for updates: <a href="http://www.al233fl.org">www.al233fl.org</a> 		Suggestions or input for Newsletter: <a href="mailto:pvpost233news.com">pvpost233news.com</a> 		<b>1 No Legionnaire or Executive Committee meetings tonight</b>	<b>2</b> * Lunch: 11-1:00 * Steak Night: 6:30-8 & Music: 8-10 <b>God Bless Americal</b>	<b>3</b> <b>VOLUNTEER TO COOK!</b> 
<b>4</b> *Breakfast 9-12 <b>VOLUNTEER TO COOK!</b> 	* Lunch: 11-1:00 <b>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!</b>	* Lunch: 11-1:00 <b>God Bless Americal</b>	* Lunch: 11-1:00 * House Cmte: 5:30 * Dinner: 6:30-8:00 * Trivia w/Patty 8:00 	<b>8</b> * Lunch: 11-1:00 * E Cmte: 6:00 * Legionnaires: 7:00 	* Lunch: 11-1:00 * Steak Night: 6:30-8 & Music: 8-10 <b>Support Our Troops!</b>	* Lunch: 11-1:00 * Steak Night: 6:30-8 & Music: 8-10 <b>Support Our Troops!</b> 
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Friday Steaks: \$12.00/\$14.00 ~ Wednesday Dinner: \$7.00/\$9.00 ~ Sunday Breakfast: \$5.00 ~ Member/Non-Member Donation

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## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 - Bill Gray, Danille Roberts  
 Joanne Ward, Leanne Reynolds  
 5 - Dick Salzarulo  
 7 - Ben Ward  
 8 - Zeke Reynolds  
 9 - Jud Root, Joy Sterling  
 10 - Kim Lang  
 11 - Biron Wood, Walter Talbott  
 14 - Don Rolph, Barbara Wentworth  
 16 - Barbara Inabingt  
 18 - Naomi Perry  
 20 -- Mike Witham  
 21 - Shari Jones, Cecelia Kale  
 24 - Helen Kiesel  
 26 - Beverly Rogers, SherryLee Bell  
 30 - MaryAnn Smith

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# 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

## AUXILIARY OFFICERS

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  
1st Vice: Fred Henderson  
2nd Vice: Van Martin  
Adjutant: Steve Willis  
Sergeant-at-Arms: John Paperelli  
Chaplain: Gerry Murray



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