

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

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## JANUARY 2007

### Commander's Corner

The year 2007 is here. I feel sure it will be a happy and prosperous one for our Post and our members.

The week of December 10th, our kitchen was closed so that a new floor could be put in place. This capital improvement to our Post was badly needed. It will provide a safer and more comfortable work area for our volunteer cooks and their helpers.

Thanks to the 51 members that have contributed to the Capital Improvement Fund, they made it possible to get a professional job done with the least inconvenience to us all. Several members have asked me, when repairs to the front of the building would begin. We need more funds in the Capital Improvement Fund before we can undertake this project. Hopefully, donations will begin coming in again now that the Christmas Season is behind us.

Many thanks to Ron Joy and his SAL cohorts for making "The Mike Callahan Appreciation of Life" Fund Raiser so successful. His physical presence will be missed, but all whom new him will carry memories of him for a long time to come.

Welcome back Jim Ross from his fight to clear the poison out of his system, caused by his appendix rupture. Some members have been irritated by the length of time it has taken to get their Legion Membership Cards after sending in their dues and paperwork. With Jim's illness, and Patty O'Callahan's lack of availability, slippage in the processing did occur, we hope this problem is behind us.

The Early Bird Dinner has been delayed for the reasons I just mentioned. I am sure that either Jim or Patty will have details as to when it will be held in the near future. The District Meeting will be held on January 14th at Post 38. On February 11th, our Post will have the District Meeting.

Attendance at our Legion Meeting December 7th was up to 14 members. I hope that many will attend our January 4th Meeting at 7PM. Show your care by attending!

For God, Country and Our Post  
Jack Blessing  
Commander

### From the Auxiliary

Happy New Year!

Recap of the last year:

We can indeed be very proud of all the wonderful things we accomplished this past year. We are an ordinary group of people doing extraordinary work thru teamwork.

Our Holiday Sale netted \$1,200.00. It was unanimously voted that we share the proceeds, \$600.00 to our Veteran's and \$600.00 to The Sunshine Foundation. We are delivering 12 baskets of Christmas "Caring" to the elderly.

Our membership is already at 76%. To meet our 75% is needed by 12/31/06, so we are already beating our goal. We are in 15th place for membership.

We continue to send enormous amounts of coupons to our troops in Egypt. The last package weighed 15lbs, worth approximately \$1,250.00, now that's a job well done! A special thanks to Arlene Jones who is our coordinator in the endeavor.

We would like to give a particular thank you to Melvin Ard for donating \$100.00 to our Children's Christmas Fund and Valerie Galvin for giving toys to the children.

Sometimes simple words say it best. Good things happen to great people.

An Auxiliary, like Unit 233, is a rare treasure. It is my honor to serve as your President and to thank all of you for your time and efforts in this past year. Looking forward to a great year.

God Bless Our Post  
Trudy Cavanagh  
Auxiliary President

## 1st Vice

We have a volunteer, who will roast a whole pig for the Early Bird Dinner to be held in late January or early February. The dinner will be free for those who qualify, and all others are invited for a nominal donation. The date and time will be displayed at the Post. Volunteers to help cook and serve are requested. Please remember to bring in your 2007 Dues to support the Post and continue to help solicit new members, as everyone's effort are truly appreciated. Compliments and thanks to Glen and all others involved with the kitchen floor project, it looks great and will make life better for all our cooking/serving volunteers. Compliments go to Joyce and Georgia for taking good care of our lunch crowd while kitchen renovations were underway. The Chili and soup were very good and helped our bar business continue.

I want to personally thank you all for your thoughts when I was ill – THANK YOU!

All For Freedom  
Jim Ross  
1st Vice

## S.A.L.

Mike Callahan's B. B. Q.

### Funds Raised For Mike's Family

50/50 Raffle	\$286.00
Guitar Raffle	\$176.00
Raffle of Golf Packages Including Contributions	
By Cash or Check	\$2143.00
Previous Contributions	
By Cash or Check	\$280.00
Meals	\$1119.00
Total Funds Raised:	\$4,004.00

### Please Note

The entire Callahan Family would like all of the members and guest to know that their Love, Support & Generosity has been Greatly Appreciated

Respectfully,  
Ron Joy

From Patty O'Callahan

The family of Michael Callahan offers our sincerest thank you to each and every person involved with assisting with the Fundraiser & the Service that was held for him. Especially, our gratitude of thanks to Ron & Lorraine Joy & Van Martin for their tireless efforts & love. We believe that everything was exactly as Michael would have wanted it to be.

Our Deepest Appreciation,  
The (O) Callahan Family

## Canteen Manager

The new kitchen floor is in! It looks great and it's level. Come cook and see the difference. Kudos to our contractor, who completed the job sooner than he said he could do it. We recently had a very expensive plumbing problem. Part of the problem was things that shouldn't be, were being flushed. We are on a septic tank and are subject to severe problems when this happens. Thanks for your cooperation.

Despite the fact that the kitchen was closed for a week, we had a good month. This was due in part to the parties held at the Legion. We received rave reviews from the people who had the parties. Keep the Post in mind whenever you have an event.

When you borrow an item from the Legion, Please sign it out with the bartender and don't forget to bring it back.

I hope your Holidays were great and I look forward to seeing each of you at the Post.

Just to let you know, our new lunch hours are 11:00 – 1:30 PM.

God Bless our Troops  
Joyce Wright  
Canteen Manager

## New Flag Program

As a result of a member asking if Post 233 had a program to retire special flags such as those presented to the family at military funerals, we are going to develop such a program in the near future. After discussions with the Commander and a few members, here is what is being proposed.

If you are in possession of an American flag that has been draped on a veteran's casket and for whatever reason you no longer can keep it, don't want to keep it, or have no one to pass it on to, Post 233 will give it a proper retirement. If such a flag is in good enough condition, we will fly it on the Post flagpole and so note the veteran's name and military information in a proper place, at the Post home while it is being flown. Also, if a family member of a deceased Post 233 member would like to donate a new flag to be flown at the Post in honor of a deceased member, this could be done and the flag would also be retired in an appropriate manner.



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### January Birthdays

1. Bill Gray
3. Barbara Milazo
5. Dick Salzarulo
6. Nancy Greame
7. Ben Ward
8. Zeke Reynolds
9. Jud Root
14. Don Rolph
20. Jessica Smolen
21. Shari Jones
24. Helen Kiesel
30. MaryAnn Smith

We are also purposing that the appropriate Post 233 Officers conduct an annual flag retirement ceremony on or about Flag Day each year. If you have any comments or ideas about this proposed program, please contact me at the Post or phone me at 904-285-4168 or e-mail JRJONESSR@AOL.COM

Johnny Jones  
Past Commander

**2nd Vice**

NO REPORT THIS MONTH

**Adjutant**

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**Johnny Jones**  
Past Commander

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1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander – Jim Ross  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander – Mike Wright  
Adjutant – Patti O’Callahan  
Finance Officer – Mike Holland  
Chaplin – Clen Ward  
Sergeant –at –Arms –Don Rainey

## Auxiliary Officers

President – Trudy Cavanaugh  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Ann Cook  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Juddy Mills  
Treasurer – Barbara Milazo  
Secretary – Cathy Corcoran  
Chaplin – Arlene Jones  
Sergeant – at- Arms – Georgia Barnes

## Executive Board

John Wagener      Chuck Kees  
Bill Furr            Steve Hutchinson  
Steve Stevers      Wilber Burnette

## Committee Chairmen:

Executive Board - Dick Salzarulo  
House - Bill Lee  
Landscape - Ned Mullen  
New Building - Johnny Jones

## Auxiliary Executive Committee

Sylvia Bass  
Lillian Burnette  
Maggie Furr

## S. A. L.

Commander – John paparelli  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander - Fred Henderson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Commander – Van Martin  
Adjutant – Steve Willis  
Sergeant –at –Arms –Jeff “Tex” Ward  
Chaplin - Gerry Murray

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