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JANUARY 2008

Commander's Corner

It's hard to believe that we are approaching the year 2008. It seems as though July came and we streaked right into January 2008. A lot has happened at Post #233 since July 2007. We have had many successful events at our Post including Friday Night Steak Nights, fixed many ways by many volunteers. Our Friday entertainment has been great also, including Reggie, DeWayne Sanders, Doyle Primm and our latest success with Karaoke – Austin Williams, with his videos, has been HUGE. Our Wednesday night dinners have been excellent, followed by Chuck and Tex's Trivia, which is both fun and mind teasing. On alternate Wednesday, Tex's Karaoke has really taken off in fine style with many talented singers taking part. Of course, TEX SINATRA is always here to entertain. You must hear Jason's version of Joe Cocker. You will believe your back in Woodstock!!

One of our future events is the Early Bird Dinner on Saturday, January 26, 2008 at 5:00 PM. Your 1st Vice, Glen Ward is working hard on plans for this event, which was a real success last year. We look forward to everyone's participation to help start off the New Year. This particular Saturday is between the NFL Playoffs and the Super Bowl and should be a convenient time to attend. Dan Murr, the author of the book BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL, which is about the famous Father Duffy and the Men of Bataan, will be doing a book signing at our Post from 4PM to 6PM during the Early Bird Dinner. Colonel John Edwards Duffy was caught up in the horror of the Bataan Death March of World War II.

On behalf of Post #233, the S.A.L. donated food to the Alden Road Exceptional Student Center for the Mentally and Emotionally Handicapped. The students were very thankful and understood this was in memory of "Iron Mike", our beloved Mike Callahan. They displayed his picture on the big screen in the cafeteria during Thanksgiving Dinner. Another of our contributions to the Community. There's more to come regarding our Service to our Community in 2008. Our Building Repair Fund is growing with recent contributions from Todd Warren, Gert Schumann, Dick Bright, Georgia Barnes, Chuck & Angie Kees, Wilford Lyon, and Jack Blessing. We are approaching 25% of our goal at this time and we are asking for contributions. Our repairs and the appearance of our building and the pavilion have been a real improvement. Please contact me if you would like to complete a Pledge Card with a nominal donation, on a monthly or weekly basis. This is an excellent way to

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From the Auxiliary

First of all, a sincere Thank you to all who have contributed to our current projects. Captain Ski donated some of his "wood art" to our craft sale; Sherry Duval donated items for the children's Christmas Party & the baskets for the elderly also items for St. Gerrard's; Melvin Ard donated money for gifts for the children's Christmas party; Connie Warren donated to the children's party; Jack & Sue Hord donated to the baskets and contributed food toward the Christmas dinner; Edward & Judy Spatnagel donated to our Christmas baskets; Sherry Bell donated items for our baskets; Georgia Barnes donated items to the children's party and to the baskets; Kathy Church was lead hostess at the Christmas dinner and donated food; Judy Nagel donated food for our dinner; Taya Salzarulo contributed to the baskets and Steve Willis helped with fruit from his trees. A Special thank you to Ron & Lorraine Joy. Lorraine painted our patio, and Ron has vastly improved and updated the kitchen. May the unsolicited generosity of our contributors be an inspiration to us all throughout the coming year. More good news – Jodi Mons has volunteered to be our chaplain. Thanks Jodi!

We are seeking a candidate to represent our unit at Girls State. If you know of a high school junior girl who is motivated, a good student and interested in government, please let me know.

The next Auxiliary meeting is January 10th. We'll be discussing Girl's State, our Poppy Drive, possibly a spring garage sale and/or a spring fling party. So, join us with your ideas and suggestion!

Don't forget time sheets, coupons & items for St. Gerrard's.

Hope everyone had a Happy New Year!

May God Bless our Post and Our Unit
Ann Cook
Auxiliary President
285-0579

1st Vice

Have you recruited a new member for the Post this year? Please remember that membership is our life line.. if each member recruits just one new member each year, our Post will grow.

Thanks to Margie & Tom for filling in for breakfast on Sunday the 16th. Bill Furr, Ben Ward and myself will be happy to show you the easy way to prepare Sunday Morning's great breakfast that we prepare on the first Sunday each month. The next first Sunday falls on January 6th, we need breakfast cooks, so come on down and we'll share our secrets.

Early Bird Dinner will be served on Saturday evening, January 26th from 1800 to 2000 hours. Prior to dinner, Mr. Dan Murr, will be doing a book signing from 1600 to 1800. Don't miss out on this!

For God, Country and our Post
Clen Ward
1st Vice

Adjutant

The following people have not paid their 2008 membership dues as of 12/19/07:

Kevin Alger, Richard G. Ard, Richard A. Bachman, Max G. Bailey Jr., Arpad L. Balint, Scott F. Barber, Richard A. Barker, Michael R. Barnwell, David B. Bennett, Joshua C. Benoit, Stuart T. Brock, Jerry Buckley, Pat Burke, Lawrence L. Butler, Paul Carolan, Kenneth H. Carpenter, William Clark, Susan Conley, Jack B. Cox, Robert B. Davis, William E. Davis, David W. Day, James D. Dinsmore Jr., W. H. Dodson, George Egner Jr., David R. Ellison, John W. Etridge, Anthony W. Florio, Justin Foley, Ken Forfar, John T. Gambardella, Donald L. Goetz, Howard J. Green, Christina Griffin, Lloyd W. Hager, Thomas P. Hannon, Thomas Herbert, Horton S. Hickerson, Richard G. Hirsch, James S. Hughes, Lloyd D. Hupp, Marvin Hyde, Herbert M. Jordan, William B. Kish, Clarence Krom, Robert Lowenthal, Neil Lynch, William Martin, Robert C. McAfee, J. D. Miller, Peter W. Mischler, Robert Moore, Clayton L. Morgan, John W. Mosley III, Daniel L. Nasworthy, Robert A. Nelson, Garrett E. Newman, Mario Nieto, James D. O'Neill, Edward A. Padgett, Henry Palazzolo, Douglas T. Parker, Joe Pelley, Vincent J. Pettigano, Robert W. Ponce Sr., Robert B. Porter, Donald F. Rainey, Jack C. Ramsey, Warren E. Rauhofer, James B. Register, Duane Reyelts, Chris Rogers, Chris Rohman, Jeffery Ruterbusch, Rod Saffles, Joseph F. Sappington, Frank W. Sitton, Edward W. Smith, Robert Smith, Walter A. Smith, Will Stout, Peter E. Strain, Joseph E. Sullivan, James B. Thomas, Luke Thornton, Richard Tripp, Gregory A. Vaccaro, Robert H. Veasie, Luigi A. Vesce, James A. Wahab, Maurice G. Waite, James L. Ward, Willie Welch, James P. Williams Sr., Ronald K. Williams, Steven J. Wilson, Mike Witham, Sonny York, Gunter Zierfuss.

Total of 99 to go for 2008
For God and Country
Ric Smith Sr.
Adjutant

Canteen Manager

It's a New Year and as Post #233 continues to improve our facilities and welcome new members, we look forward to a bright 2008.

With the New Year we will have some changes, all of which we hope will help in our never ending quest to meet our expenses while still providing a comfortable and pleasant dining and socializing experience for our members and their guest at an affordable price. Beginning the week of January 6th, the Post will be closing at 6:00 PM on Monday's. This is a traditionally very slow night and it's not financially feasible to remain open on a night when expenses frequently outweigh the revenue.

Tuesday nights are also generally slow, however we hope to soon announce an exciting new event that will have you looking forward to being here on Tuesday nights! Watch the event board by the Post front door for details.

Wednesday and Friday are our meal nights. Karaoke and Team Trivia continue to be great fun on alternating Wednesdays Thanks to Chuck Kees and Tex Ward. If you have not played, make a New Year resolution to get out, join the fun and test your skills. Prizes are FREE!!

Beginning in January, the Wednesday night dinner price will increase to \$7.00. As grocery prices continue to rise, it has become more and more of a challenge for our volunteer cooks to come up with appealing complete meals that can be prepared for \$5.00 a head. Remember that these meals are fundraisers for the Legion and the Auxiliary and the food cost comes off the top. It's still a great deal for a home cooked meal and the entertainment value is priceless!

Friday night feature live musical entertainment and the best deal in town on a 16 oz New York strip steak dinner with all the trimmings, even at the new price of \$12.00. The market that supplies our great steaks has advised us that they are now forced to raise our prices to purchase them and we have no choice but to raise ours as well. For the lighter eaters who wish to share a steak but request extra salad, potato, etc., there will be a \$5.00 plate charge. For the non- steak eaters, salad and a potato with all the fixings are available for \$5.00.

The good news is that for the time being, Sunday breakfast prices will remain the same (\$5.00) as well as Monday thru Friday lunches. These are both great deals, prepared by tireless volunteers. (O.K. I lied about the tireless part, but I'll leave the need for volunteer cook drum beating to other column writers this month).

All of us at Post #233 from the Officers, employees and those tireless volunteers, strive to keep making improvements to the facilities, the kitchen, and the outdoor area. Guests from other Posts comment all the time about the clean, homey and relaxed atmosphere we offer as well as the friendly welcome they receive from our employees and members. We take pride in those comments and only wish we new why more of our own members don't take advantage of what we have to offer. I am always available and open to suggestions or comments from you, good or bad. My e-mail address is dianebeason@concast.net.

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contribute on your own terms and your contribution will be greatly appreciated. It's all about the financial health of Post #233. It's truly a great place and your help is needed at this time, so please step forward.

During the Holiday Period and the beginning of the New Year, let's remember our Troops, our wounded soldiers at Walter Reed Hospital and our Florida National Guard.

I wish peace, health and happiness to all Members of American Legion Post #233 and your families.
All For Freedom

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Canteen Manager

Finally on a personal note, the extra bounce in my step these days is due in large part to the Christmas engagement of my daughter Allyson to Jason Bass (Auxiliary and SAL members respectfully). My family as well as the whole Bass clan look forward to the blending of our families and pray for a long and happy union between these two delightful people. Congratulations also to Midge Bindell and Stuart Lilly on their recent marriage. Not only is the Post a great place to relax and socialize, there is obviously love in the air, or maybe it's the water!

On behalf of your Canteen Staff, Deb, Rita, Anita, Beth, Kathy, Michelle, Allyson, and myself, we hope your holiday's were safe and memorable, Happy New Year.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

For God and Country
Diane Beason
Canteen Manager

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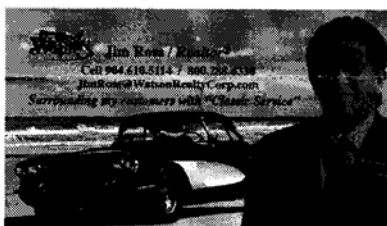
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5. Dick Salzarulo
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7. Ben Ward
8. Zeke Reynolds
9. Jud Root
 Joyce Sterling
14. Don Rolph
 Barbara Wentworth
16. Barbara Inabinet
18. Naomi Perry
20. Mike Witham
21. Shari Jones
 Cecelia Kale
24. Helen Kiesel
26. Beverly Rogers
30. Maryann Smith

Volunteer (s) of the Month

This month's volunteer(s) of the month goes to

The "JOY" Family

Thank you for all the untiring efforts toward improving the condition and the appearance of the Post. You all have worked very hard and contributed a lot of time and energy to Post #233. The place is looking great! Thank You!!!



Palm Valley American Legion



January 2008 Events



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Breakfast 9:00-12:00 Cooking Bill Furr, Glen & Ben	6 Lunch 11-1:30 SUPPORT OUR TROOPS	7 Lunch 11-1:30	8 Lunch 11-1:30 Karaoke-Chuck & Tex	9 Lunch 11-1:30 Dinner 6:30-8:00pm Ann & Dave Chili & cornbread Karaoke-Chuck & Tex	10 Lunch 11-1:30 House Comm Mtg 5:30 pm E-Board Meeting 6 PM Legionnaires meeting 7PM	11 Lunch 11-1:30 Come celebrate Legion Birthday Party Pizza & Cake 6:00 - until?
Breakfast 9:00-12:00 Cooking Mike & Karen	13 Lunch 11-1:30	14 Lunch 11-1:30 GOD BLESS AMERICA	15 Lunch 11-1:30 Dinner 6:30-8:00pm Jim Ross Spaghetti & hot sausage Trivia /w Tex	16 Lunch 11-1:30 Dinner 6:30-8:00pm Paula Braendle Pot Roast & noodles Karaoke-Chuck & Tex	17 Lunch 11-1:30 Streak Night 6:30-9:00pm ENTERTAINMENT Reggie	18 Lunch 11-1:30 Streak Night 6:30-9:00pm Bob Schroeter & Kim ENTERTAINMENT Dwayne Saunders
Breakfast 9:00-12:00 Need Cooks	20 Lunch 11-1:30 WELCOME ALL LEGIONNAIRES	21 Lunch 11-1:30	22 Lunch 11-1:30 Dinner 6:30-8:00pm Cathy Rotanz Meatloaf Trivia /w Tex	23 Lunch 11-1:30 Dinner 6:30-8:00pm Georgia & team Chicken Terrazini Karaoke-Chuck & Tex	24 Lunch 11-1:30 Streak Night 6:30-9:00pm ENTERTAINMENT Doyle Primm	25 Lunch 11-1:30 Streak Night 6:30-9:00pm Johnny Jones ENTERTAINMENT Doyle Primm
Breakfast 9:00-12:00 Cooking Need Cooks	27 Lunch 11-1:30	28 Lunch 11-1:30 REMEMBER OUR POWS	29 Lunch 11-1:30	30 Lunch 11-1:30	31 Lunch 11-1:30	
\$5.00 Donation for Sunday's Big Breakfast		\$5.00 Donation for Wednesday Dinner		\$10.00 Donation for a great Streak Dinner & entertainment on Fri.		

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