



AL233FL Newsletter

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Commander's Corner

December 2009 was a great month!

On December 7th I had the good fortune to spend the day with legionnaire Morris Busbia aboard the USS Underwood, FFG-36, for the Pearl Harbor Memorial Day Service. We were given a tour of the entire ship guided by some of the ship's officers. I can tell you that we have some fine young Americans serving in our Navy these days.....we were truly given royal treatment. Thank you Morris.

On Sunday the 13th another great thing happened, Past Commander Johnny Jones returned to our post for breakfast.....first time since early July of this year. Welcome home Commander Jones, it was really great to have you back and we look forward to more visits as soon as you can come.

For those of you that missed our Christmas Party, our staff did a great job a usual...thank you Diane and all your special helpers!

We are still in need of volunteers to help with our Wednesday and Friday evening dinners. I know that there are some Master Chefs in our midst just waiting to present an old family recipe or a new special that the members of our post would really enjoy. Please contact Chuck Kees, myself or Diane and let us schedule you an opportunity to let us taste your culinary talents.

Here's to 2010 coming up, I personally wish everyone a Happy New Year!

I'm still open to suggestions about for some new events at our Post, I'm sure you can come come up with some fresh new ideas!

For God and Country,
Clen Ward

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MON-FRI: 1100 until ?? hrs.

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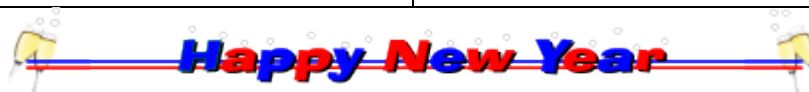
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January 1st your 2010 membership card must be shown in order to be served.



1st Vice Commander

Happy New Year to everyone.
For God and Country
Pete Mischler

2nd Vice Commander

"Team Trivia" will return for its 4th year of fun and games at Post 233 on Wednesday, January 13th and continue through 2010 on alternate Wednesdays at 8:00 PM following Wednesday Night Dinners.....This free activity will once again be hosted by our original "Trivia Kings" (Chuck & Tex.....) and offers great prizes (Meals and drinks etc.) to the top 3 teams each week.....) There's plenty of time to get your teams together and be ready for the kick-off on Wed, Jan 13th,,,,,NOTE: Teams will be limited to FIVE (5) members this year.....

For God and Country,
Chuck Kees

3rd Vice Commander

During this past year I am happy to report that as webmaster our Legion website has grown tremendously both in size and popularity. In the last 12 months we have had over 8,000 visitors who have viewed more than 23,000 pages of information. Our status on the internet has now grown to where we now also maintain a Facebook group, listed under Palm Valley Post 233. If your not yet a member of the group or Facebook, come join us, it's FREE. We are trying to utilize as many avenues of communication possible to keep our members and their friends up to date with the happenings at the Post.

During 2010 it is my goal to provide a color newsletter each month, to everyone, through a direct link on the website and through the email list. This newsletter will be the first. Unfortunately those members receiving the newsletter via regular mail, will still receive a black and white copy.

Wishing everyone a Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year,
For God and Country,
Roy Havekost

From the Auxiliary

On Sunday December 13th, the Post 233 Carolers performed our first ever Christmas Caroling shows. The group, lead by Debbie Johnston (of the Johnston Duo) included, Barbara Turley, Barbara Green, Karen O'Neill, Maury Lazenby, Cathy Corcoran, Ed Paret, Ann Cook and me. We did a thirty minute show which included 7 songs, a prayer and a reading of "The Night Before Christmas". We performed for the residents at Avante and then it was onto Johnny & Arlene Jones. What fun it was to spread some Christmas cheer. I think this is most definitely something we will make as an annual event.

This year the children's Christmas party had a total of 35 children on the list, the most we have ever had. Many, many thanks go out to Sylvia Bass, Betty Bacom and Dee Durnal for being Santa's helper in picking out all the presents for the children. Woody from Flat Black sat in as our Santa. Thanks to all who donated \$\$ and time to make our party a big success. It is such a busy time of the year but yet these people squeezed in time to do the things that needed to be done for this party.

The Auxiliary purchased \$200.00 worth of new mats behind the bar which was a much needed item. We will be painting the floor under the mats to make it look nice and clean. I think I can speak for the bartenders in saying thanks for these new mats. We will also be donating more \$\$ in the near future for some upgrades on lighting or bar stools.

At our Dec. meeting we donated \$200.00 and clothing to the Betty Griffin House in St. Johns County and we also donated \$500.00 to Voices for Children. We will continue to make donations to other organizations throughout 2010.

The Auxiliary will continue to work with the Legion and SAL in upcoming events at our Post. Please continue to look at the monthly calendar for all events. It takes lots of volunteers to keep things flowing so if you seen an event that you might be interested in helping with please step up to the plate and join in.

Until next time, please keep all our military in your thoughts and prayers..

Peace, Love & Joy
Kathy Church

CANTEEN MANAGERS REPORT

I would like to thank all of the bartenders for the great job they did during the past year and I am looking forward to 2010 and any challenges that may be presented to our team. Wishing everyone a Happy, healthy and safe New Year.

For God and Country, Diane Beason



January 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 3 *Breakfast 9-12 OYSTER ROAST 	 4 * Lunch: 11-1:30 Chef: Fireman Dan Volunteer to Cook!	 5 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * Exec Cmte: 7:00 God Bless Americal!	 6 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * House Cmte: 5:30 * Dinner: 6:30-8:00 	 7 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * Legionnaires: 7:00 	1 * Lunch: 11-1:30 NO Steaks Tonight 	2 Volunteer to Cook! 
10 *Breakfast 9-12 Support Our Troops!	11 * Lunch: 11-1:30 Chef: Fireman Dan VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!	12 * Lunch: 11-1:30 	13 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * Dinner: 6:30-8:00 Trivia 8-10: Chuck & Tex 	14 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * Auxiliary: 7:00 	8 * Lunch: 11-1:30 Steak Benefit for Chef Mike! 6:30-8 Frankie Martin, Jr. 8-10 	9  Visit your web site for updates: www.al233fl.org
17 *Breakfast 9-12 God Bless Americal!	18 * Lunch: 11-1:30 Chef: Fireman Dan Support Your Post!	19 * Lunch: 11-1:30 	20 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * Dinner: 6:30-8:00 Support Our Troops!	21 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * S.A.L.: 6:00 	15 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * Steak Night & Music God Bless Americal!	16  Support Your Post!
24 *Breakfast 9-12 *Breakfast 9-12 31	25 * Lunch: 11-1:30 Chef: Fireman Dan Support Our Troops!	26 * Lunch: 11-1:30 God Bless Americal!	27 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * Dinner: 6:30-8:00 Trivia 8-10: Chuck & Tex 	28 * Lunch: 11-1:30 Support Your Post!	22 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * Steak Night & Music Frankie Martin, Jr. 8-10 	23 Great Chili Cook-Off 3 to 7 

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

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SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

~HAPPY BIRTHDAY in January ~

1 – Bill Gray, Danielle Roberts
5 – Dick Salzarulo
6 – Nancy Greame
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
29 – Roy Havekost
30 – Maryann Smith

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SOME OF 2009 IN REVIEW



Early Bird Dinner 2009



Wednesday Night Trivia



Wednesday Night Trivia



Oyster Roast 2009

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Rick's Birthday Bash

RICK KAPEGHIAN



Rick's Birthday Bash



New Roof



Change of Command



Ward's Landing Reunion



Ward's Landing Reunion



Ward's Landing Reunion



Ward's Landing Reunion



Autism Golf Tourney



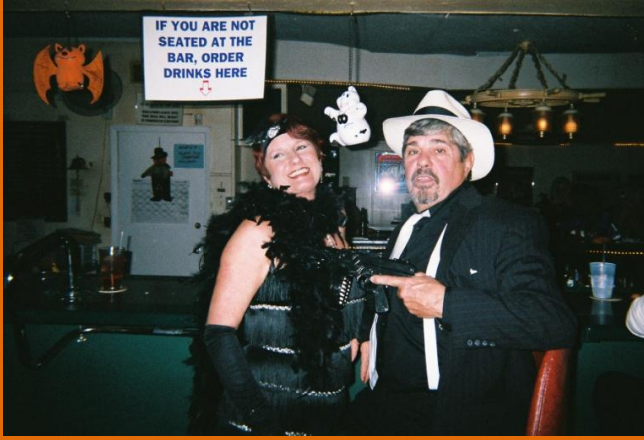
Autism Fish Fry



Autism Golf Tourney & Fish Fry



Autism Golf Tourney & Fish Fry



Halloween Party



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World War II Vets Appreciation Dinner



World War II Vets Appreciation Dinner



World War II Vets Appreciation Dinner



World War II Vets Appreciation Dinner



POST 233 IS NOW A WIFI HOTSPOT



**POST 233 POOL TABLE
KEEP IT ?
REMOVE IT ?**
Complete our online survey and
attend the January 2010 Meeting



If you have a FaceBook account, join our group
'PalmValleyPost233'
There you can post your comments, upload photos
and communicate with other members



Don't forget to help ALA's Project PAWS
Contact Kathy or Anita for details.



MONDAY LUNCHES
Chef Dan Wortmann
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Firehouse Specials



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at 8:00pm

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Forever in our Prayers

- G. Fred Bostick ~ September 2009
- Louis J. Stack ~ July 2009
- Naomi Perry ~ July 2009
- Ralph M. Koontz ~ June 2009
- John Minor Jr. ~ April 2009
- Salvatore Caminiti ~ March 2009
- Carl E. Beason ~ March 2009
- David B. Bennett ~ February 2009
- Eddie Butner ~ February 2009
- Lillian Burnett ~ January 2009

**JANUARY 8th, 2010
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