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**JULY 2007**

### **Commander's Corner**

On July 14<sup>th</sup> District Officers will visit our Post to install our officers for 1007/2008. All of you are invited to attend this impressive ceremony. Your participation will be a vote of confidence for our new Commander, Jim Ross, and his fellow officers. Food will be served after the ceremony.

Last July when I assumed the duties of Commander at Post 233, four objectives for the year were stated. First, was raising money needed for the Capital Improvement Fund. Over \$11,000.00 was donated. Second, Meet new membership goal and get 50 or more new members. This objective was met early in 2007. Third, Get more members involved in Post activities. This is hard to measure but we do have some NEW names as officers or E- Board members. Some new faces are seen in the kitchen, but we still have a need for more volunteer cooks & servers. Finally, we wanted to increase member usage of our canteen and the outdoor area of the Post. We have seen an increase on the number of members using the Post on a regular basis. This has resulted in an increase in number of meals and beverages served. Attendance at special Post functions also increased. Thanks to everyone who made these results possible. There have been a few key individuals who provided advice and council all year long and assumed many of my duties while I was ill. Jim Ross, Ric Smith, Mike Holland, Charlie Warren, Dick Salzarulo, Glen Ward, John Wagener and Bill Lee.

One last thought, I will propose a financial activity report for 2006/2007 as soon as the year end, June 30<sup>th</sup> numbers are available.

God Bless You, Our Country and Our Post  
Jack Blessing  
Commander

### **From the Auxiliary**

There's an old saying "to have friends is to have everything" and I can personally vouch for this. When I first came down here from Brooklyn three years ago I came to Post 233 for one of their famous steak dinners. It was here that I met up with many great people and formed some wonderful and lasting friendships. It was with great pride and pleasure that I served as your Auxiliary President these past two years. We accomplished a lot and have many fine memories of the wonderful things we did. However, now it is time for me to step down but I know I'm leaving you in great hands. The Following is a list of our newly elected officers.

#### **OFFICERS:**

President — Ann Cook  
First Vice President — Judy Mills  
Treasurer — Judy Nagel  
Secretary — Cathy Church  
Chaplin — Cathy Corcoran  
Sgt at Arms — Georgia Barnes

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

Dee Durnal, Arlene Jones, Lillian Burnett

We have a great chance of meeting 100% membership by end of June, Thanks to our membership Chairperson, Cathy Church.

Our yard sale was tabled till next month. There is no definite date for installation of officers as of yet. It should be sometime mid to late July.

July 27<sup>th</sup> is the next Auxiliary Steak Night. Please mark your calendar.

In August, there is talk of a cookbook Dinner.

Come with some ideas to the next meeting on July 12<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.

We are still collecting coupons.

#### **I would like to close with this thought;**

Remember the American Legion Auxiliary is a fine organization that does tremendous good for the city, state and national needs, but it takes everyone working together. No One person can do everything. Everyone has to do something.

God Bless our Post #233  
Trudy Cavanagh  
Auxiliary President

## Canteen Manager

As summer months approach, everyone has many activities they are involved in, don't forget we still need your support. Going out to lunch? The Post serves a nice variety of items. Wednesday Nights the selection is always different and excellent. Friday Night Steaks can't be beat in price or quality.

Your consideration of the upkeep of the Post is not only appreciated but is also good manners. Please do not throw trash in the parking lot, write on the walls, or do anything you wouldn't want to happen to your home.

Closing time at the Post varies due to the amount of business we have. If it is 8:00 PM and there is less than 5 people in here, we close. So, if you would like us to stay open, bring your friends and lets have a party.

St. Johns County Liquor Laws require that all bars not only be closed at 1:00 AM. But also all drinks be off the bar. There will be NO exceptions for anyone, we will adhere to ALL alcohol rules and regulations. This also means you CAN NOT carry drinks in from home or take drinks with you when you leave. Your cooperation is appreciated; if you fail to comply the bartenders will enforce the rules.

Lets have a fun and safe summer. I look forward to seeing you at the Post.

God Bless our Troops  
Joyce Wright  
Canteen Manager

## Post #233 Trivia ????

We will be putting a question in the newsletter every month. If you answer the question correctly, you will win a prize. All correct answers will go into a drawing. THIS month's prize will be a Post #233 Legion License Plate.

Answers must be turned in by July 12<sup>th</sup> to Kathy Church via; at the post, can be mailed (attention Kathy Church), or e-mailed (bartenderpost233@yahoo.com).

### THE QUESTION:

The first National Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary was held in Kansas City, Missouri. In what year?

Good Luck  
Kathy Church  
Bartenderpost233@yahoo.com

## 1st Vice

I would like to say thank you to the Auxiliary for their generous donation to the Purifan Project. We received approval for Purifan #6 over the U-Bar and #7 over the Band/ Trivia area.

I can't believe it's June and the last month of our membership Year!! I would truly like to thank everyone, who supported Post #233 during this past year. For all 385 plus Legionnaires, who paid their dues and especially the EARY BIRDS, who paid prior to Veterans Day and enjoyed our Early Bird Dinner. To ALL the cooks, waiters & waitresses, the important "order -organizers" at the podium, Joyce and our tremendous bar staff, Charlie, who keeps the Post ship-shape, Ned's manicuring of the landscape and those who performed special improvements during this past year including Ron Joy, Bob Schroeder, Chuck Kees, Don Rainey, Tex Ward, Wilber Burnett, John Dewitt and many others. I'm sure I missed someone and I assure you it's not intentional. Thank You everyone.

I'm looking forward to a great 2008 Year for the American Legion.

All For Freedom  
Jim Ross  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice/ Adjutant

## Poppy Drive

I would like to thank everyone from the bartenders, to volunteers and members who made our Memorial/Poppy Drive a success. Together we collected \$876 for the Poppy Drive and served 57 dinners. The weather was perfect, the music was great and the day was filled with fun for all who participated.

Thanks,  
Kathy Church  
Poppy Chairperson

## House Committee

I'm happy to report the pictures in the men's room were returned. I've heard it called a prank, but a prank would be, taking the pictures and returning them the next day. These were stolen!

Another point...someone put a sign in the women's restroom saying how much they didn't like another person. Maybe that worked in grade school but not at the legion.

We're all adults here. If you have a problem with something/someone, there's several ways to express your opinion. The House Committee meets the first Wednesday of every month at 5:30. However, I doubt the person that left the sign in the restroom would come forward! Maybe he/she could pass us a note!!

Thanks to everyone that contributed time, money, etc, this past year!! You're what makes this the greatest post in Northeast Florida!!!!

Bill Lee  
Chairman. House Committee

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### July Birthdays

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- Harry Frisbee
2. Donna Wagener
4. Patti O'Callahan
6. Bruce Provin
7. Aimee Umstadt
8. Gail Coe
9. Phyllis Crotty
- Eddie Floyd
12. Bob McAfee
- Gil Cloer
13. Ned Mullin
17. Danny Cowgill
18. Bob Meyers
- Dodie Bing
20. Eleen Greco
25. Lisa Burdette
26. Norm Rolph
29. Sam Wooten
- Sharon Peet
- Paula Reynolds

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Past Commander

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