

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

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**JULY 2009**

### **Commander's Corner**

Well folks we have reached the end of a great year and this is my last newsletter. There will be no meeting this month because installation is considered to be the last meeting of the outgoing and the first for the incoming officers.

The "No Dough" dinner was a fantastic success and I would like to say thank you to all who worked so hard to not only make this event but all events a great success. A special thanks to "Salt & Pepper" catering for volunteering their time and wonderful skills that helped make this dinner and other events this past year a huge success.

Everyone should now look forward and keep working hard to make 2009-2010 a huge success. Never ever forget: this is your Post and you should come to all meetings and express your opinion.

God Bless and Keep everyone

For God and Country  
Don Mills  
Commander

### **Auxiliary Report**

This is my last article, as the reins of ALA Unit 233 will be turned over to Kathy Church. Her enthusiasm is high and it's contagious, so come and catch some! Our other officers are: treasurer- Judy Nagel, secretary- Anita Vigil, chaplain- Rita Connelly, 1<sup>st</sup> vice- Ann Cook, 2<sup>nd</sup> vice – Karen O'neill, sgt at arms – Sylvia Bass, historian – Barbara Green. The executive committee for Auxiliary are: Valerie Galvin, Barbara Turley & Paula Buckley.

We completed our Poppy Campaign with the help of Valerie & Cody Galvin & Sherry Bell, Rita and Kathy Church & Judy Nagel and myself. We are donating our Poppy donations to the Wounded Warrior Program.

Karen O'neill, Paula, Judy Nagel & I went to Lake City for a pizza and bingo party with the Vets at the hospital. It's very rewarding to see our vets enjoy themselves. We'll be going again in the fall and I hope more of you join us then. Thanks to Valerie who donated a large bag of stuffed animals and to all who donated items we gave to the vets. We donated \$446.00 worth of gifts.

Thank you Karen O'neill for directing our first Derby event. All who attended enjoyed themselves and there were 7 winners. Thanks too – to our favorite MC – Tex! We plan to have future Derby events, so we'll be looking for new horses & winners.

Our next meeting is July 9<sup>th</sup> so please come & give Kathy your ideas for fundraisers & projects for the coming year. As always, bring your clipped coupons & pull tabs.

Last month we mailed \$38,778.00 worth of coupons, keep up the good work!

May God Bless our Post and guide our officers & may he keep our warriors safe.

Ann Cook  
Auxiliary President

## July Birthdays

- 1 Harry Frisbee, Shelly Collier
- 2 Donna Wagener, Margaret Peters
- 4 Patty O'Callahan
- 6 Bruce Provin
- 7 Aimee Umstaddt
- 8 Gail Coe
- 9 Phyllis Crotty, Eddee Floyd
- 12 Bob Mc Afee, Gil Cloer
- 13 Ned Mullins
- 16 Debbie Hoffman
- 17 Danny Cowgill
- 18 Ben Meyers, Dodie Bing
- 20 Eileen Greco
- 24 Dan Wortmann
- 25 Lisa Burdette
- 26 Norm Rolph
- 29 Sam Wooten, Sharon Peet, Paula Reynolds

## Website report

June 2009 web activities resulted in another record of 786 individual visitors, viewing 1,887 pages on the site. In the past 12 months 15,773 pages have been viewed by 6,373 visitors.

The three most viewed pages in June were the 'Special Events' page, the new 2009-10 Officers page, and the new Past Commanders page, which is still a work in progress. (I can use some help on obtaining short bio's and accomplishments for these members.

The top slideshow viewed was the birthday bash for Rick Kapeghian.

Remember that when viewing the Memorial page which now includes the names of deceased post 233 members, have your speakers turned on for a special rendition of Taps.. Current site disk usage is 130.08 MB out of the 300,000 MB allotted space for the site, so send in your photos for posting.

Pages in progress for the future include, 2009-2010 Officers page w/photos, and possibly some new surprises.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roy Havekost, [Webmaster@AL233FL.org](mailto:Webmaster@AL233FL.org)

There will not be any business card advertisements with this months newsletter, nor will there be a paper calendar. Please refer to the Electronic Calendar which is accessible from the main page and which is a printable calendar. The newsletter team will be working on revamping the Post newsletter.

**OFFICERS  
2009-2010**

**LEGIONNAIRE**

Commander: Clen Ward  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice: Pete Mischler  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice: vacant  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vice: Roy Havekost  
Adjutant: to be named  
Finance Officer: to be named  
Chaplain: Bob Nagel  
Sgt. At Arms: Dan Wortmann  
Historian: Rod Garing

**AUXILIARY**

President: Kathy Church  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice: Ann Cook  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Karen O'Neill  
Treasurer: Judy Nagel  
Secretary: Anita Vigil  
Chaplain: Rita Connelly  
Sgt. At Arms: Sylvia Bass  
Historian: Barbara Green

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN  
LEGION**

Commander: Jeff 'Tex' Ward  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice: Fred Henderson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice: Van Martin  
Adjutant: Steve Willis  
Sgt. At Arms: John Paparelli  
Chaplain: Gerry Murray

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Stu Lilly  
Rick Kapeghian  
Steve Willis  
Dave Jordan  
Jim Ross

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