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Commander's Corner- Commander Clen Ward

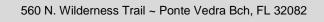
In my final wind down as Commander I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported me during my term and who helped support the Post and all of our efforts during the past year. Thank you to all of the cooking teams, Legionnaires, SAL and ALA members who have devoted so much of their time to make our Post one of the best in Florida.

The new slate of officers for the 2010-2011 term will be:

Commander Steve Willis, 1st Vice Commander Roy Havekost, 2nd Vice Commander Stu Lilly, 3rd Vice Commander Rick Kapeghian, 4th Vice Commander Charlie Walker, Finance Steve Hutchinson, Chaplain Bob Nagel, Sgt. at Arms Dan Wortmann, Historian Rod Garing and Executive Committee: Wilber Burnette, James Durnal, Bill Lee, Malcolm Marvin and Steve Sheffield.

I wish the new Commander and all of his officers success in the upcoming year.

For God and Country Clen





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Mon-Fri Lunch 11:30am-1pm

NEVER FORGET - POWS & MIAS

Vice Commanders Corner



1st Vice Commander (vacant position)



2nd Vice Commander (vacant position)



3rd Vice Commander Roy Havekost

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported me during the 2009-2010 term and also to thank everyone in advance for their continued support in my upcoming term as 1st Vice Commander. Next months newsletter will have reports from a full team of Vice Commanders, Roy Havekost, Stu Lilly, Rick Kapeghian and Charlie Walker.



THE GREATEST FRATERNITY

When a Veteran leaves the 'job' and retires to another life, many are jealous, some are pleased, and others, who may have already retired, wonder if he knows what he is leaving behind, because we already know.

- 1. We know, for example, that after a lifetime of camaraderie that few experience, it will remain as a longing for those past times.
- 2. We know in the Military life there is a fellowship which lasts long after the uniforms are hung up in the back of the closet.
- 3. We know even if he throws them away, they will be on him with every step and breath that remains in his life. We also know how the very bearing of the man speaks of what he was and in his heart still is.

These are the burdens of the job. You will still look at people suspiciously, still see what others do not see or choose to ignore and always will look at the rest of the Military world with a respect for what they do; only grown in a lifetime of knowing.

Never think for one moment you are escaping from that life; you are only escaping the 'job' and merely leaving 'active' duty.

So what I wish for you is that whenever you ease into retirement, in your heart you never forget for one moment that you are still a member of the greatest fraternity the world has ever known. From one Veteran to another, it's an honor to be in your company. Thank you

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"AS THE POST CHURNS"

"Whoever does the writing for this column in the newsletter needs to find another vocation. There is no excuse for this! Anyone down there ever hear of a "Proofreader"? "This comment was circulated via email to select members of the Legion, ALA and SAL this past month. Normally I would have overlooked this and "swept it under the carpet", but since it was aimed at me personally I feel I must set some facts straight. This email was authored by an ALA member (you know who you are), regarding the report filed by me, the 3rd Vice Commander, in last months newsletter. First of all, 3rd Vice Commander is not a vocation it is an elected position and currently requires many hours of volunteerism. In addition to those hours, many more are required to compile and format the monthly newsletter, again more volunteer hours. In my report I had indicated that "...I will be running for election to 1st Vice Commander, along with a team that will be able to get the job done...". The operative word in the sentence was 'team'. I didn't leave out anyone in the 'team' that I was running with.

Secondly, the report in no way needed to be proofread much less criticized by a non-Legionnaire! Lastly, I joined the American Legion so that I may continue to serve America, and do so proudly as a member of Post #233. Sometimes it is hard to do when you have to deal with such issues like this, and the continued efforts of a few to undermine the basic principles of this veterans organization.

For God and Country, Roy Havekost 3rd Vice Commander (1st Vice Commander, elect)

CANTEEN MANAGERS REPORT- by Diane Beason

NO REPORT THIS MONTH

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

PARE HELL .

Al Sesona 394 North Blvd St. Augustine, Fl 32095 826-4050

19 June 2010

To the Editor

I had received DMV notification to re-up via snail mail, however, curiosity moved me to become more aware, so yesterday, upon going to the appropriate County location to re-up my Florida Driver's License, I was handed a small flyer, detailing a list of "new" mandatory requirements having become effective as of 1 January 2010, in order to qualify. All well and good you say? Not to this US Air Force overseas veteran, for sure.

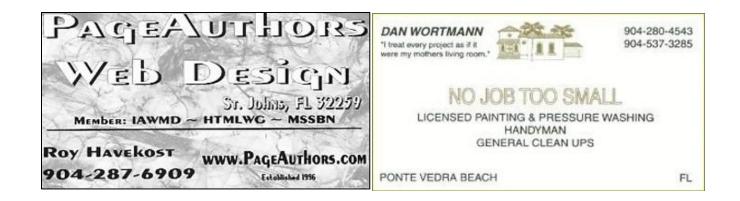
Understanding very succinctly the developed concerns with national security as of late, requiring such documentation a supreme necessity, I find it downright insulting and many other words unworthy of print, that being an honorably discharged military vet, DOES NOT RATE RECGNITION and is of no worth, among the list of criteria for Driver's License acquisition and or renewal.

This is about as un-American in nature and insulting to the highest degree possible to men and women risking their lives on a daily basis. What are our young and not so young men and women fighting for in distant lands? What has come of our sense of values to permit this unforgivable omission? Person and or persons responsible for this omission should be fired from the position held for allowing such oversight and incompetence to continue, for branding it,,, acceptable.

In summary, I appeal to your status as Editor, to do all in your power to give this matter maximum exposure, hoping and praying our community at large will INSIST that this situation can be rectified hastily, immediately, if not sooner.

This soon to be 84 year old vet extends his sincerest thanks in advance.

God bless America!



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	Margaret Peters	18	Ben Meyers		
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One of our T-shirt designs

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Check out our new selection of T-shirts and other merchandise in our on-line store on the website.

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FROM THE SAL- Commander Jeff 'Tex' Ward

NO REPORT THIS MONTH





Membership Drive: did you sign up a new member this month?





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Friday Steak: \$13.00/\$14.00 ~ Wednesday Dinner: \$8.00/\$9.00 ~ Sunday Breakfast: \$7.00 ~ Member/Non-Member Donation www.al233fl.org * Support Your Troops * 904.285.2484



FROM THE AUXILIARY- President Kathy Church

The Auxiliary held elections on June 10th with the following members being elected:

President - Kathy Church (2nd term) Secretary - Anita Vigil (2nd term) Treasurer - Judy Nagel (4th term) Vice President - Barbara Turley 2nd Vice - Rita Connolly Chaplain - Ann Cook Sgt-at- Arms - Sylvia Bass (2nd term)

Executive Committee:

Barbara Green Sherry Wren Karen O'Neill

Membership Chairman:

Kathy Church (5th Term)

We are still in need of a Historian, if you would be interested in the position please contact me and I will give you the info on this position.

In the near future the Officers will be meeting to put together a Budget and Plan of Action for the 2010-2011 term. Our Summer Bash was a huge success with the Auxiliary collecting \$1,077.00 in donations which will go to the kitchen upgrades as promised. Most likely we will help out with the purchase of a much needed new stove. We will make final plans during our July meeting (Thurs., July 8th). Thanks to all the volunteers from all three groups who worked at making this event a good one. The Kurt Johnston Band provided the entertainment and everyone enjoyed the day.

I should be receiving our membership package in the mail any day now and will start working on the summary letter for the year. The Auxiliary dues will be \$25.00 for the 2011 year. Members will be receiving renewal notices from State very soon as well and I ask that you send in your renewals ASAP (preferably by check) after receiving your notice. This year we fell short of our 100% goal closing out at 91.14%. Unit 233 is in the 5th District and the district came in 4th place out of 17 districts closing out at 95.89%. It was a tough year for membership all around but hopefully in 2011 we can meet our 100% goal. Membership is every member's responsibility to recruit new members. If you know someone who is membership eligible please invite them to join our Auxiliary.

One last note, I have accepted the position of District Chairman for Constituiton and Bylaws under the leardership of District President Wanda Brandt. The Auxiliary will be updating our Bylaws to make them Unit Specific. If you would like to be on the Bylaws Committee please contact me.

I am looking forward to working with and supporting our Post and new Commander Steve Willis and SAL Commander Jeff Ward as the Auxiliary has in the past.

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Thank You: Website and Newsletter Boosters

CHARLIE & LINDA WALKER
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NICK PETRUNZIO

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Content for the newsletter MUST be received no later than the 25th, each month.

This will leave a 3 day buffer for editing and formatting. We will strive to have each months newsletter published before the 1st of the month.

Please help with this effort by getting your reports in on time.

Thank you.

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Steve Sheffield

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