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Legionnaire Membership: did you sign up a new member this month? ALA Membership: did you sign up a new member this month? SAL Membership: did you sign up a new member this month?

Commander's Corner



Commander Robert 'Robby' Bacom

I am proud and excited to be your incoming Commander. The American Legion vision is to focus on service to veterans, their families, and the community. I was reminded of this when I attended the District Constructional Conference at Post 129 on June 5 when fallen Comrades from each post were remembered for service to our Country and their posts. As the bell rang for each one, I thought of those from our own post who we lost in the past year. I am sure that someone immediately jumps to your mind as you read this. Please join me and take a few moments to remember them and their families with fondness and honor them again for their service. Please also join me in thanking all the previous leadership for their service to our post during the past year. On behalf of the incoming officers, boards and committee members of the Legion, SAL and Auxiliary, I ask for your support and participation as we step into the new year and make plans for a great year. This post is for and about you, and our community, and I will always appreciate your ideas and suggestions— and a little elbow grease when called upon to serve your post.

For God and Country,

Robby



1st Vice Commander Roy Havekost

For the past two years our membership score has been just under 100%. This year I will be presenting some new ideas for joint membership drives involving the Legion, ALA and SAL. Although my job presently limits attendance at many weekend functions, I will continue to maintain the Post website, edit the newsletter, work on new memberships and transfers. Just a reminder, your 2011 dues will carry your membership to Dec.31st, however, if you pay your 2012 dues prior to Veterans Day (11-11-11) you will be eligible for the Early Bird Dinner in 2012 at no cost to you. This applies to Legion, ALA and SAL members alike. This years 2011 Early Bird was a sell out Prime Rib dinner. I will be planning another 'special' dinner for the 2012 Early Bird, so pay your dues early, get the early bird stamp on your membership card, you won't be disappointed.

After a very short hiatis, our event poster and monthly calendar creator Patty O is back and hard at work. Planning an event...contact Patty for your event poster.

For God and Country,

Roy



4th Vice Commander Charlie Walker (outgoing)

First, thanks to Tom Leoppard and Garry Shockey who donated the funds to replace the pool table felt and the new cover. Remember to shoot easy – the pool table is now very fast.

Capt. Ski, Billy Pinto, Paula and Greg Buckley, Stu Lilly – thank you for helping me cook Sunday breakfast three times in six weeks.

Thank you to Karen and Mike Dubin and Pete Meschler, Paula and Greg. These two teams cook fabulous breakfasts on the 1^{st} and 4^{th} Sundays each month.

Diane bailed me out Thursday at lunch when we were slammed with orders including "Rita's famous" fries. They're selling big time now. Thanks, Di.

(Don't forget Rita's Sunday Supper 5:30 to 7:00 – come and get it.)

Ned Mullins and crew Ed and Van. The Legion grounds look fantastic. Thanks, guys.

Thank you to Jack and Sue Hord for the great weedkiller. It's being used.

COOKS NEEDED! Thursday lunch 11:00 to 1:00 and the 2^{nd} and 3^{rd} Sundays of each month for breakfast. For God and Country,

Charlie

CANTEEN MANAGERS REPORT- by Diane Beason Dorsey

Congratulations to Post 233 Commander Robby Bacom and all of the incoming Officers who have stepped up to the plate to serve our Post in the 2011-2012 Legion year. Congrats as well to re-elected SAL Commander Tex Ward and ALA President Kathy Church and their respective teams. We're looking forward to a great year all the way around with a renewed sense of unity, comradeship and service to our Veterans and our community.

Things are heating up in the Valley literally and figuratively this month. Beginning Tuesday, July 5th the TEXAS HOLD-EM tables will be open. Rita Connolly will be serving a light dinner starting at 6:00 p.m. and play will begin at 7:00. Dealers will reward each dinner customer with 1000 additional chips to play with along with bonus chips for beverages purchased during play. This will be a monthly tournament format with the winners from each Tuesday night's game competing for a sponsored trip to The Poker Room to play with the big boys. There is no experience necessary so whether you are a player or a wannabe player, come on out and try your luck!

You won't want to miss Friday night July 8th. Following the always beautifully presented Steak Dinner by Chef Mike Shaar & Co. Post 233 will have the Beaches hottest Entertainer MR. SUNSHINE in the house. This is big folks! Mr. Sunshine is currently performing at several local establishments as well as aboard the Jacks or Better cruise ship, all to packed houses. Along with a big time voice, this entertainer has a personality and energy you really have to see to believe. Get there early to have dinner and secure your seat for this show!

The Installation service for all incoming Officers will be held Saturday, July 9th at 1:00 p.m. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend this moving ceremony. Later that same day outgoing Commander Steve Willis will host the 2011 Volunteer Appreciation dinner honoring all those who have volunteered their time and talents to Post 233 during his time in office. Chef Mike Shaar will be grilling ribs, chicken, and smoked sausage to be served with yummy summer sides for all to enjoy. The festivities will start at 5:30 p.m. If you have volunteered for the Post this past year, congratulations and heartfelt Thanks, this is your night! If not, come out and support your Post and your fellow members, enjoy a great dinner and stay for entertainment by the always great JOHNSTON DUO.

The July Theme Night with FRANKIE MARTIN, JR and his ever evolving cast of alter egos is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, July 30th with a "Christmas in July" theme. The costume possibilities on this one are endless along with some really good Holiday themed food. What a great way to have some fun and take your mind off the oppressive summer heat! You may have noticed that your Post 233 Newsletter and Weekly Updates are now coming to you from

<u>Palmvalleypost233@yahoo.com</u> We are making a huge effort to update, streamline and improve communications with all our members. We have eliminated duplications, corrected and added many addresses in an effort to keep everyone in the loop and up to date on Post news and activities. If you did not receive this Newsletter electronically and would like to be added to the email database, please forward your email address and full name to <u>palmvalleypost233@yahoo.com</u>. Thanks to Rita Connolly and Tex Ward, who have done hours of labor intensive and mind numbing data entry and organization so that we can communicate with you more efficiently. Special Thanks to Kathy Church who handled the Weekly Updates for the past year or so and did a fabulous job for all of us.

Remember that there are still Sponsorship opportunities available for Legion, SAL and ALA Wednesday night dinners for those of you who want to help out but may be unable to handle the kitchen duty. There is a Sponsorship level for everyone and everyone's help is appreciated. Thanks to Commander Steve Willis and Legionnaire Dieter Arnold, who were June's Gold Sponsors. Up next will be dinners sponsored by Morris Busbia, the Ron Joy family, Karen and Danny O'Neill and Gerry Murray. Thank these generous people when you see them. They are keeping the Wednesday Night Dinner train on the track!

Rita's SUNDAY NIGHT SUPPERS have been fabulous and gaining in popularity every week. Drop in on Sunday evening and enjoy a light dinner or give yourself a break and take a couple home. Rita does a great job and the care she takes in each meal she presents really shows. She's also our weekday Lunch cook. A Palm Valley Burger with Rita's FAMOUS FRIES is the best lunch deal around. Lunch Specials are often available as well, so call ahead or stop by to see what's cooking.

Best of luck and many thanks to Sherry Wren and Ed Parrott as they start their new life in Atlanta. Between the two of them they donated untold hours to Post 233 both in the kitchen and maintaining the grounds. Sherry's famous Sunday morning Blueberry Pancakes will go down in Post 233 lore! We'll miss them and look forward to seeing them on visits back to the Valley.

As always, the goal of our Canteen Staff is to serve you better. Your constructive comments and suggestions are always welcome. Hope to see you soon!

For God and Country,

Diane Dorsey



FROM THE SAL- Commander Jeff 'Tex' Ward

A 'Beach Party' debrief:

Well, those of you that attended the Beach Party last month don't need to be told, but those of you that missed it really goofed by not being there!! What a fun time we had! The place looked great (very beachy) Rosie was hula dancing all night and all the outfits were true to form. The food was scrumptious.

The singers were lined up before the party even started and the large contingent from Post 283 participated in their usual lively and fun way, even giving everyone beach themed nicknames. "Driftwood Dan" (from 283) won the prize for Best Male Costume. Our own "Barnacle Barbara" Green won Best Female and "Gnarly Ned" Mullen and "Pineapple Patty" O. won best Couple. "Vivid Virna" Waldron and "Coral Reefer Charly" tied for the limbo contest (now *that* was special!) championship.

Thanks to Diane and Beth who worked the "cocktail bar" wonderfully and treated everyone to pina coladas, strawberry daiquiris and even frozen margaritas. We might have to make that a feature at more of our events. Rita made sure no one waited very long for drinks (even though she was tripping on her hula skirt!). Thanks also go to the ALA and Barbara Green for the use of the "luau" decorations and Virna for taking the fantastic photos and videos and the posting them on Facebook so quickly! (If you have not seen the pics you should look it up!) A special thank you to all those beachcombers that brought the delicious tropical delights. We all appreciated the effort!

Jeff "TEX" Ward Commander



Our 2012 Officers have been elected and are getting geared up for the New Year. Awards will be handed out the day of Installation (July 9th). I ask you as members of the Auxiliary to please attend the Installation which is @ 1:00pm to show your support for all the incoming Officers.

I am looking forward to working with our new team and I want to get many more Auxiliary members involved in our events and programs. My goal as Membership Chair is to increase our 100% membership to 103% and ask that each of you help to recruit new members. Together we can work with the Legion & SAL to make 2012 a successful year. I also would like to ask each and everyone one of you to help keep our Post and grounds clean. If everyone would pitch in even in a small way (pick up a piece of trash on the grounds, help keep the Auxiliary room clean, etc.) it would make things easier for those who put so much time in to do the bigger jobs.

As July 4th is upon us let us be thankful for the freedom and independence that we are so privileged to enjoy. Honor those who have fought for our freedom. I ask that you celebrate and have a good time but do so responsively and in a safe manner.

That is all for this month. As always keep our military members and families in your hearts always.

Stay safe,

Kathy Church, ALA Unit 233 President Membership Chair 5th District Children & Youth Chair

~HAPPY BIRTHDAY in JULY ~

1	Harry Frisbee		
	Shelly Collier		
2	Donna Wagener		
	Margaret Peters		
4	Patty O'Callahan		
	Ann Krawiec		
5	Robert A. Bacom		
6	Bruce Provin		
7	Amiee Umstaddt		
8	Gail Coe		
9	Phyllis Crotty		
12	Bob McAfee		
	Gill Cloer		
13	Ned Mullin		
16	Debbie Huffman		

17	Danny Cowgill
18	Ben Meyers
	Dodie Bing
19	Paula Reynolds
20	Eileen Greco
24	Dan Wortmann
26	Norma Rolph
29	Sam Wooten
	Sharon Peet
30	Patty Williams

Your birthday can be listed here by sending your name, month and day to <u>webmaster@al233fl.org</u> or call Roy @ 287-6909

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Every Tuesday!

 $\star$  Multiple Games during the evening

- **\*** Rita's Light Dinner at 6:00
- **\*** Game Registration at 6:30
- **\*** Games begin at 7:00 sharp



## ~Earn Chips~

### 1,000 Chips to start the Game for buying dinner 500 Chips for each drink you buy during the Game



Rita's Light Dinner before the Games begin for \$5.00 donation

One win registers you to play in a monthly tournament.
Each additional win in the same month rewards extra chips to start the tournament.

**★** Winner of the monthly tournament receives a sponsorship to the poker room.

**Dealers work on tips~your generosity is greatly appreciated!** American Legion~Post #233~www.al233fl.org~904.285.2484

# Mr. Sunshine Las Vegas-Style **Entertainer!** JUL 8th, Friday Night Steaks by Chef Mike 6:30-8:00 \$12.00 donation r. Suns ine 1 7:30-1 ottest New Sh at the Beach

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# POST 233 NEWSLETTERS LOOKING FOR OLD EDITIONS FOR THE WEBSITE ARCHIVES

If anyone has or knows of anyone who has older editions of the Posts newsletters, specifically: January to July, & October & November 2006 January to April, & June to December 2005 January to July, & December 2004 Any issues prior to 2004 Please help me to complete this archive of information for the Post. Contact Roy at 287-6909 Any copies provided will be scanned and returned. THANK YOU



Post 233 Newsletter Committee

Looking for a Newsletter Composer to assist

in the preparation of the monthly

NEWSLETTER

Inquiries contact Roy @ 287-6909

POST 233 "MEAL DEAL" SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM Are you one of those people who would love to volunteer to help your Post but you don't trust your culinary skills or aren't able to manage the kitchen duties?

We've got a DEAL for you! There are others willing to do the work for you and better yet, you get all the credit. Become a Post 233 LEGIONNAIRE MEAL SPONSOR and all the planning, shopping, cooking, service and clean-up will be taken care of and you will be honored as that Wednesday evening's Meal Sponsor. Your dinner will be on the house and you can even request a favorite meal you would like to have prepared.

There is a Sponsorship Level for everyone and your Sponsorship is a tax deductible donation to American Legion Post 233. Your donation will be used to offset the food cost and compensate the evening's Chef for their time and effort on your behalf.

> GOLD SPONSOR - 100.00 SILVER SPONSOR - 50.00 BRONZE SPONSOR - 25.00

PAST COMMANDER STEVE WILLIS set the bar last month and was our first GOLD SPONSOR. Follow his lead and help insure that there will be Wednesday Night Dinners at Post 233 for all to enjoy. Thanks Steve !

### As the Post Churns

The other day upon getting out of my car at the Post I looked down on the newly cut grass only to see that someone had emptied their car ashtray on the grounds. **TACKY – TACKY – TACKY.** Many times I get out of my car and pick up empty beer cans and trash and put it in the dumpster. I ask this to who ever trashes our grounds: Do you do this at home in your own yard? You are probably the type that throws trash and cigarette butts out your car window as well. Whoever does this should be **ASHAMED** that you don't have enough of respect for our Post. It takes lots of hard work to keep our grounds clean and I am sure those who work so hard get aggravated to see that others don't respect their hard work and our Post.

For those who don't trash the grounds I ask that if you see trash on the grounds please take the time to pick it up and put it in the dumpster or the garbage cans. It only takes a second to do this and if we all pitched in it would keep our grounds clean.

I am signing my name to this post as I want all to know how strongly I feel about this situation. Word of caution - we have video cameras on the parking lot areas that record what goes on.

KEEP AMERICA & POST 233 CLEAN!!!!!!!!

Kathy Church

Comments are always welcomed. Just send them to <u>newsletter@al233fl.org</u> before the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month to be included in the following months newsletter. This is our way of communicating to our members particularly the ones that live out of the area or our snowbird members. Just remember to include your name on your comments. We reserve the right not to publish comments of derogatory, libelous or profane content, after all we are a family oriented veterans organization, with class.

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### SINCE ALL OF NORTHEAST FLORIDA IS UNDER A FIRE BAN, AND OUR WOODED AREAS ARE VERY DRY, PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE USE EXTREME CAUTION WITH YOUR FIREWORKS THIS YEAR ON THE 4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY



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2011-2012

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