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THE AMERICAN LEGION OF FLORIDA, INC.

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JUNE 2007

Commander's Corner

Thanks to all who helped us celebrate Veteran's Appreciation and I'm Proud to be an American Month at Post 233. These events went very well.

As you read this we should have our 2007/2008 Officers and E Board members elected and awaiting installation by the District in early July.

Probably my most important function as Commander this year will occur on Saturday, June 23, 2007, when we will have a party in honor of all our volunteers and all our contributors to this Capital Improvement Fund. This day is our opportunity to say thanks to those who contributed with their time, skills or money to the continued success of our Post. Festivities will kick off at 1:00 PM. Food will be served from 1:30 to 5:30 PM (as supplies permit). Our volunteer cooks promise a menu to suit the occasion. We will have entertainment from 2:30 to 6:30PM. The permanent listing of Capital Improvement Fund contributors will be presented at 5:00 PM.

I apologize again for the briefness of this report. As many of you know, I have not been able to perform as I would like. I am glad to say I am feeling better and should be able to give you a complete financial & activity report for 2006/2007 before I leave office.

Thanks for ALL your help & support

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

From the Auxiliary

EVERY ONE CAN BE A WINNER!

Recipe for a great day: 2-3 Friends, 1 car, 5-6 hours: sprinkle with caring and concern and a love of bingo, and you have the makings for "A Trip to Lake City".

A few of us did this last month and we were treated like royalty. We not only received the heartfelt appreciation of the patients and the staff (they wanted us back as soon as possible), but we were also entertained by a group of young men who sang barbershop quartet. All in all, between the shouts of "BINGO" and a lot of singing we had a really great day and we were home by 5:00PM.

Thanks to Cathy Church, we are closing in on 100% membership.

We have 2 young ladies representing us at Girl State in Tallahassee on June 14th, Ms Williams, from Nease & Ms Kennedy from Fletcher.

The yard sale was tabled till next month. We contributed \$400.00 to a new smoke-eater for the Post.

Election results will be available next newsletter.

Our next meeting is June 16th at 7:00PM at Post 233. Hope to see you there.

God Bless Our Post 233
Trudy Cavanagh
Auxiliary President

Canteen Manager

Keep the Post Meeting Room in mind for your next Business Meeting or friends get together. The room easily seats 20 for a meeting or it can be re-arranged with a dining table for smaller groups to meet and dine at the same time. For larger meetings, lunch can be served in the dining area after your meeting. Our regular lunch menu is always available, special items are also available with advanced notice.

Ray Wilson recently closed his shoe store and donated his leftover stock to the Post. We sold the shoes at the Post for several weeks and raised over \$700.00. I took the remaining shoes to our neighborhood garage sale and raised \$143.00. The remaining 40 pair were donated to Hubbard House in the name of the Legion. Ray has since donated a supply of Teddy Bears. The bears are on sale at the Legion with an added bonus of a chance to win a dinner for 2 with every Teddy Bear purchased. Thanks so very much Ray, what a great donation, and revenue for the Post as well as a great benefit for Hubbard House.

The outside Patio is now available for any of our dining times. Feel free to take your meals out and enjoy the fresh air. On Steak nights we will serve your dinner to you outside. Bob Schroeder installed rope lighting on the outside patio. What a difference in mood and atmosphere it has made. The lights will be on whenever we are having meal nights as well as all special events. If you are at the post and would like to enjoy your drinks on the patio, just tell the bartenders and we will gladly turn the lights on for you, come and enjoy.

Tex Ward and Chuck Kees have been doing a wonderful job with Trivia. We have never had such a lively crowd on a weeknight that hangs in until closing. Thanks Tex and Chuck for the time you have spent and the fun you have provided. Chuck and Tex will be cooking on June 13th, instead of trivia we will have live entertainment. Leave your Smart Hat at home and wear your Dancing Shoes. Trivia will resume on Wednesday, June 20th.

As most of you are aware, we serve a great lunch menu: 8oz Palm Valley Burgers, single burgers, hot dogs, sausage dogs, chicken sandwiches, grilled cheese and peanut butter & jelly. What you may not be aware of is the CHEF DE JOUR frequently cooks lunch "SPECIALS". We have been seeing BLT's; hot ham & cheese, sloppy joes, open face roast beef on sour dough with gravy; patty melts, pizza and various soups and chili and everything is less than \$3.00!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Come in, see what is happening.

Don't forget the monthly birthday Party the second Saturday of each month, the party is to celebrate all members who have a birthday in that month; but everyone is invited to attend and participate. Pizza and cake for everyone, 1 special present and possible entertainment. God Bless our Troops

Joyce Wright
Canteen Manager

1st Vice

Four new Purifan Systems are now in place to help remove smoke, dust and pollen from within our facility. These new filters should enhance and improve the air quality within the Post. If you have not yet experienced this change, please visit and give us your comments. Thank You to Attorney Billy Walker, who brought this idea to us from his American Legion Post in Adrien, Michigan and thanks to those who contributed to this "Clean Air Cause" including BILLY WALKER, MORRIS BUSBIA, JIM ROSS, CLEN WARD, BOB SCHRODER, JOHN PAPPARELLI, RAY WILTSE, MIKE DUBIN, BUD LONG, ERIC SOMERS (aka Dr. Seltzer) and others, who placed contributions in THE FAN CAN.

Our goal is to install a few more of these in strategic locations to finish the job. Please consider contributing to this important project, which should help bring in more members and visitors and help promote our future membership drives for years to come. It all adds up to the health of the Post.

Our 2007 Membership Drive is unofficially at 106.5% of our goal with over 375 Renewals and New Members combined. To those who have paid and/or joined during this past year, thank you so much. Our 2008 Membership Campaign begins July 1, 2007. Who will be the first participate?

Be sure to join us for our latest weekly event, Trivia on Wednesday evenings. Chuck and Tex put on a fantastic event every Wednesday at 8PM, highlighted by "THE QUESTION OF DOOM". It's right after our \$5 Specialty Dinner as volunteers prepare their very special recipes, always delicious.

Friday is Steak Night featuring a 16 oz Strip Steak and followed by entertainment, you may just hear Tex singing Sinatra on the 1st Friday of each month during Karaoke.

Don't miss Sunday Morning Breakfast cooked to order and delicious.

All for Freedom
Jim Ross
1st Vice/ Adjutant



GREAT ART HEIST!

Someone has stolen 2 pictures from the men's restroom. It is the opinion of this writer, taht if someone would steal pictures from an Amerivan Legion restroom, they would steal anything.

These pictures were donated to the post and we would like to have them back! Therefore, there is a \$100.00 reward for information leading to the return of OUR pictures. Please contact Chuck Kees or Bill Lee at the post.

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3. Tony Kulper
4. Richard Bright
5. Cynthia Gaines
Alice Leary
6. Susan Reilly
9. Ben Ward
13. Rosemarie Harkin
Jan Tifton
14. Helen Torbert
15. Jack Blessing
16. Linda Walker
19. Lil Burnett
21. Lisa Burdey
23. Patti Riorden
24. Tod Warren
Beth Floyd
26. John papparelli

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Johnny Jones
Past Commander

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Finance Officer – Mike Holland
Chaplin – Clen Ward
Sergeant –at –Arms –Don Rainey

Executive Board

John Wagener Chuck Kees
Bill Furr Steve Hutchinson
Steve Stevers Wilber Burnette

Committee Chairmen:

Executive Board - Dick Salzarulo
House - Bill Lee
Landscape - Ned Mullen
New Building - Johnny Jones

Auxiliary Officers

President – Trudy Cavanaugh
1st Vice President – Ann Cook
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Treasurer – Barbara Milazo
Secretary – Cathy Corcoran
Chaplin – Arlene Jones
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Auxiliary Executive Committee

Sylvia Bass
Lillian Burnette
Maggie Furr

S. A. L.

Commander – John paparelli
1st Vice Commander - Fred Henderson
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Adjutant – Steve Willis
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