

June 2008 Newsletter American Legion Post #233 (emailed version only)

COMMANDERS REPORT:

Nominations for office:

COMMANDER – Don Mills and Ray Williams

1st Vice – Clen Ward 2nd Vice – OPEN 3rd Vice – Bob Schroeter

Finance Officer - Steve Hutchinson

Sgt. Of Arms – Rick Kepaghian

Chaplain – Bob Nagel

Historian – OPEN

Executive Board – Chuck Kees, Roy Havekost, Ray Williams, Brian Mickley, Dave Jordon, Jim Wadley & Marty Herbener

THIS INFORMATION IS POSTED ON OUR MEETING ROOM DOOR AND WRITE –IN NOMINATIONS MAY BE ADDED, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE CANDIDATE.

A Special thank you to all our VOLUNTEERS, who make many hours to serve you all. If you are not a volunteer, please step up to the plate. You will find the experience very rewarding and you will be thanked.

All For Freedom
Jim Ross
Commander

Adjutant Report

Adjutant's End of Fiscal Year Report:
2007-2008 Recap: 45 New Members! 389 Total Membership! 106.284% of Goal! Remained in the top 10% all year in District 5!

You- the members of Post #233, pat yourselves on the back – Best performance in the past 6 years!!!

Vote for your new officers on June 12th. Make your voice heard. Support your officers. Be true Legionnaires!!!

For God and Country,
Ric Smith Sr.
Adjutant

From the Auxiliary

The Auxiliary sponsored two major events in May. Our garage sale was a financial success due to two factors. One was the pricing of everything by Sylvia Bass. The other is the fact that all of us who worked at the sale bought each other's stuff. Actually, there was only a minimum of stuff at the end of the day, which Miss Lil donated to a yard sale for the Masonic Lodge # 306. Thanks Sylvia – good job!

The spring Fling with the Dixieland Band and etouffe`e by Jason Bass was enjoyed by all who attended. It also was the result of a lot of teamwork. Ronnie & Sylvia Bass cut and trimmed the “back 40”, Bill Lee printed our tickets, Allyson, Judy Nagel & I worked in the kitchen, Valerie washed the patio & bar stools and Judy Mills, Anita, Georgia and Kathy Church donated cornbread & desserts. Thanks to all of you. We not only covered our expenses, but also had fun. Finally, a special thanks to Jason. The Etouffe`e was outstanding and he only spent 10 hours in the kitchen preparing & serving.

Wilber Burnett drove Judy Nagel, her sister, Lil and I to Tampa to tour the Shriner's Children's Hospital. We were all very favorably impressed. They treat children with severe orthopedic problems. Surgery, therapy, braces and wheelchairs are provided to any child who needs treatment at no cost. The funding is obtained through donations – no insurance or government monies are allowed. WOW, Also, they are the recipients of our aluminum pull- tab collections. So, please keep saving your tabs.

Judy Nagel, Valerie & her son and I went to the VA Hospital in Lake City to sponsor a Bingo game for 24 of our Veterans. The Auxiliary donated snacks and canteen books for prizes but their favorite was a bag of stuffed animals that Valerie had donated.

Thanks to all who clipped coupons last month, we mailed \$8,834.00 worth to Egypt.

Kathy Church tabulated our year-end reports. Only 11 of us reported our service hours and donations. That means a lot of time; effort and money will not be acknowledged. Valerie has placed a white notebook in the kitchen to make it convenient to record your time & donations when you volunteer in the kitchen. Please let me know if you have other ideas to make our reporting more complete. The 11 of us donated 1,048 hours, \$1,261.00, drove 5,068 mile and we sent \$46,900 worth of coupons to Egypt.

We now need sunglasses to work in the kitchen. It is so-o-o much brighter and roomier. Thanks, Ron Joy & SAL. The new window, tables and paint are a great improvement.

Thanks too, to Chuck Kees & Tex for all the educational, informative and fun evenings of trivia. Those of us who are “regulars” appreciate the time and effort you spend to make these evenings a success.

Our Poppy Drive is still on going. You may purchase your flower from any bartender. The Auxiliary and the Veterans thank you for your donations.

We have obtained our goal of reaching 100% in membership. Thank you Kathy Church, for doing that for us.

Thank You to everyone who donated to us last year. We took the responsibility of allocating our money seriously and we attempted to be good stewards of our funds. We appreciate your support.

Our next membership meeting is June 12th. We will be electing officers for the next year, so your attendance is vital. Nominations from the floor will be accepted. Also, we will discuss plans for next year.

Remember: aluminum tabs and coupons.

May God guide & bless our troops, our Post and us.

Ann Cook
Auxiliary President
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