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Commander's Corner

Election time is here, at our next meeting on June 3rd. Please come to the next meeting and vote. A list for nominations is on the bulletin board, step up and do your part for the coming year. Our Post is a great place, but, it doesn't run all by itself.

Membership is now at 91% of last year...it is everyone's responsibility to help the legion grow. If every member brings in just one new member each year, the post will be on track. The adjuant has posted a list of current members that have not renewed as of yet. Please take a look at the list, and if you know any of them that haven't renewed, please contact them and encourage them to renew their membership and support what we are doing.

Installation of our new officers will take place at our Post on Saturday, 11 July 2010 at 10:00AM. Everyone is invited to come join us to get our new officers installed.

We need teams to help Chef Mike with Friday night dinners. This will only require about 3 hours of your time, so please, lets all share some of the work load around here.

We are still in need of volunteers to help with our Wednesday evening dinners. Please contact myself or Diane and let us schedule an opportunity to show off your great culinary talent.

For God and Country, Clen

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1st Vice Commander

No report this month



2nd Vice Commander

Vacant position



3rd Vice Commander

Well another year has passed and congratulations are in order for those who helped make the 2009-2010 term successful. It is my intention to commit to another year as I will be running for election to 1st Vice Commander, along with a team that will be able to get the job done, Don Mills for Commander, Stu Lilly 2nd Vice Commander, Rick Kapeghian 3rd Vice Commander, Charlie Walker 4th Vice Commander and incumbents Bob Nagel for Chaplain, Steve Hutchinson for Finance Officer, Dan Wortmann- Sgt. at Arms and Rod Garing - Historian. And please don't forget we need to elect 5 members to the Executive Committee too, so come out and vote on June 3rd.

During the 2010-2011 term I will continue to maintain the Post website free of charge to the Post and also continue to publish the monthly newsletter. I will also remain as a member of Captain Ski's Original Fish Fry Team, as well as an avid supporter of his annual Golf Tournaments and Autism Awareness Fundraisers. In closing I would like to personally thank all the Legionnaires, Auxiliary members, SAL members and our fabulous Canteen Staff who helped make this past year a success and I look forward to your continued support during the next term.

For God and Country,

Roy Havekost



CANTEEN MANAGERS REPORT

First off, a huge round of applause for everyone who worked to make the SAL Wounded Warrior Project benefit a huge success. The food was wonderful, thanks to Chef Mike Shaar, the music was outstanding and the crowd enjoyed a beautiful afternoon in the Valley. SAL Commander Tex Ward did a great job organizing and promoting the event and Ed Parrett had the grounds in company's coming order. I believe everyone who lent their time and effort is named elsewhere in the newsletter. Suffice to say it was a great effort by all and the Wounded Warrior Project will benefit from a handsome donation.

Flag Day is June 14th. Post 233 will celebrate with a Fish Fry and Flag Retirement Ceremony on Sunday June 13th. Captain Ski's Famous Fish Fry team will be on the job. Bring the family for a day of good food, entertainment and the very moving Flag Retirement ceremony.

On June 19th the Post 233 Ladies Auxillary will be putting on an outdoor Summer Bash. Good food and entertainment by Kurt and Deb Johnston and the Johnston Band. We are very fortunate to have entertainers of the caliber of the Johnston's performing for us in our own outdoor venue so come out and enjoy the show. Proceeds from this event will be graciously donated by the Auxillary for some much needed kitchen improvements. That's a cause we all benefit from! The bi-weekly Trivia with Chuck and Tex show is now on summer hiatus. Chuck Kees and Tex Ward donate a huge

amount of time and effort for your entertainment pleasure and they are taking a well deserved break. We're working on several alternatives for Wednesday night after dinner entertainment, so watch the website and flyers in the Post for

As Post Commander Clen Ward enters the last month of his term, please take the opportunity to thank him personally for the job he has done over the past year. It is a huge responsibility and a tremendous amount of work that you really can't grasp unless you've been there. Clen has worked very hard, borne the responsibility with grace and represented Post 233 admirably. Tex Ward and Kathy Church, SAL Commander and Auxillary President respectively, have also done great jobs and deserve a big thanks from all of us.

As always, the Canteen staff and I are there to serve you and make your time at the Post as pleasant and enjoyable as we can. We appreciate your business and look forward to seeing you.

For God and Country,

Diane Beason

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY in JUNE ~

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5	Cynthia Gaines	23	Patti Riordan
	Alice Leary	24	Tod Warren
6	Susan Reilly		Beth Floyd
9	Ben Ward		Kathy Church
13	Rosemarie Harkin	26	John Paparelli
	Jan Tipton		
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Greetings S.A.L. members,

On May 22nd the S.A.L. sponsored a fundraiser for the WOUNDED WARRIORS PROJECT. It would be an understatement to say that it was a huge success!! The turnout was tremendous, the food was spectacular, the music was very entertaining and best of all the weather was perfect!

We could not have had such a well-run and successful event without the help of some very dedicated members. Special recognition goes to the following people: In no particular order but I'll start with S.A.L. members... "Chef Mike" Shaar spent the better part of 2 days shopping, preparing and the serving up one of the best (arguably, *the* best!) barbeque cuisines that we have experienced at our Post. Suffice to say that if you were not there you missed a delicious array of gumbo, red beans & rice, pulled pork, chicken breasts, coleslaw and coconut rice. Jason Bass split duties all day between the kitchen and the bandstand (nice riffs!). John Paparelli and Wilford Lyon were there from wire-to-wire helping set up the horseshoe pit, organize the patio furniture, helping in the kitchen and attending the gumbo table. (John even made it past the "over-under" of 8p.m.!!) One of our newest members, Randy Cottle, was instrumental (no pun intended) in organizing the band members (including our own Will Hurley) and then playing the drums all day. You guys set the tone for the day and rocked the house! (By the way, ALL the band members were fantastic and they donated their time!)

No event at our Post would be successful without the tireless efforts of our Auxiliary. Judy Mills was a champion in selling tickets for the raffle basket. I don't think that she missed one person all day! (I heard a rumor that it was the largest "1-day" raffle total for a basket we have had?) Anita Vigil put together (and then donated!) the "basket of cheer" which our S.A.L. Adjutant, Steve Willis, won. (See what happens when you spend \$30 on tickets!) Betty Bacom did her usual expert job of selling the 50/50 raffle tickets (all she has to do is smile pretty and people buy tickets! Hmmm... wonder why?) Rick Kapeghian won that raffle and then immediately donated a portion to the cause. Virna Waldron, who always shows up and participates in our big events, attended to the dinner ticket sales most of the day. We sold close to 150 meals. Thanks also to all of the anonymous ladies who supplied the tasty desserts (especially Helen's "flag cakes"!) Thanks also to Joey Holland for making her famous coleslaw.

Last, but certainly not least, the canteen staff... Rita and Anita kept everyone outside well-watered, Allyson and Kathy made sure everyone inside were taken care of and Diane, who "floated" all day and made sure the bartenders had ice! Very special thanks go to Ed Parrett and Sherri Wren for their tireless efforts in the kitchen.

Thanks to all of you who attended and participated in this most worthy of causes. It was also exciting to see people from other local Posts. We had representatives from Posts #129, #283, #316, #88 and #137. As always the Legion Riders were on hand to support the cause and we welcome them anytime they visit our Post. It was great to see S.A.L. member Bobby Duval and his lovely wife Shari (we don't see either of you enough!). At this time we are still totaling up the donations but it looks like we raised at least \$2,000. (Over \$500. on the raffles alone!)

<u>In other S.A.L. news...</u> At the May meeting we elected our 2011 officers. In a landslide victory, all of our incumbent officers were re-elected. Commander: Jeff "Tex" Ward, 1st Vice: Jason Bass, 2nd Vice: Van Martin, Adjutant: Steve Willis, Sgt. at Arms: John Paparelli and Chaplain: Gerry Murray. Congratulations to all of you and thank you for all your help this year. Let's make 2010-2011 the best ever. It is getting close to the end of the '09-'10 fiscal year. After the national convention in June we will have our 2011 cards. Dues for next year will be solicited at that time. We want new members so be on the lookout for potential recruits!

There are many more events coming up this summer so keep your eyes on the newsletter, visit the website or better yet come on in to your Post!! If you have any questions or suggestions regarding our Squadron or Post 233 issues, my phone number is 904-233-0976 and my email is flagman49@yahoo.com.

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God Bless Our Wounded Veterans, Jeff "TEX" Ward Commander



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Let me open by congratulating SAL Commander Tex Ward and his crew for a job well done on their event for the Wounded Warrior Project. Thanks to all of the Auxiliary members who made desserts and donated time to help the SAL with this event.

Now it is the Auxiliary to host an event and that we shall do. As you all know the Auxiliary (as well as the Legion & SAL) do lots, I mean lots of cooking and serving of meals. This is a one of the main ways that we collect money to donate to all the organizations and programs that we donate to. Presently our kitchen needs many upgrades and repairs. The Auxiliary will be hosting our "ALA Summer Bash" with proceeds going to such upgrades and repairs. This event will be on Sat., June 19th from 3pm-8:00pm. Music will be provided by The Kurt Johnston Band (which features Debbie & Wayne Johnston and other very talented musicians). We will have food, fun, raffles, door prizes, etc. We are asking for a \$5.00 donation for this event. I personally am asking for volunteers, Auxiliary members and anyone other member who would like to help make this event a success. I will have a sign up sheet on the Auxiliary board for volunteers and the positions needed. Come support our Post for this event. We will all benefit if we have a successful day.

June is upon us which means we are at the end of our 2009-10 term. The Auxiliary elections will be held during our June Regular monthly meeting which is on June 10th @ 7:00pm. Now is the time for us to nominate and elect new officers or to re-elect the officers that are in place now. I encourage anyone who would like to participate in the workings of the Auxiliary to step up to the plate. Becoming an Officer is a great way to learn about the ALA and the many programs we participate in. Please plan on attending this meeting to vote for our 2010-11 Officers. It is your duty as a member to become involved in the Auxiliary.

Always keep in your hearts and prayers our Military members and families. Our support to them is what the American Legion is all about.

Respectfully,

Kathy Church Auxiliary President, Unit 233 Membership Chair (904)219-3035 bartenderpost 233@yahoo.com

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