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MON ~ FRI: 1100 hrs to 2300 hrs
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MARCH 2009

COMMANDER

Our hearts go out to the families of Edith Butner, Lillian Burnett and Dave Bennett as we all mourn their passing. They were loved by all and will be missed by everyone.

The Valentine's Party was a great success and the food was wonderful. "Thank You Kathy Church and crew for a great job." "Thank you Tex for a great job of greeting everyone at the door." The Auxiliary did a good job Saturday, February 21st, 2009 with pizza, popcorn and old 'Rat Pack' movies. It was a lot of fun.

At this time, Post 233 will be placed on the rotation list for a Bar -B-Q for the USO & the families of those serving overseas. Post 233 will be the host of this event every 5th month. We don't have our first date yet, but we'll keep you all posted. This will be a great event for the USO and Post 233. Please come out and show your support for the USO and the Post. March is here so everyone needs to keep an eye on the calendar or the web site. There are events planned for every weekend, come out and enjoy the festivities.

We are looking for: 2 new members for the Executive Committee; so far only 2 signatures have been placed on the roster. If you feel you would like to volunteer for this position, please sign up. It has been posted on our web site and the bulletin board. There will be ballots handed out and counted at the next meeting, March 5th at 7:00 pm.

God Bless our Troops and God Bless America, Don Mills, Commander-Post #233

AUXILIARY

As usual, I need to begin with several "Thank You's"! The team that hosted our Valentine dinner is to be commended for their excellent job. Paul Zito's clam chowder and Taya Salzarulo's moose pudding were outstanding. Once again, Kathy Church did a fantastic job organizing the evening and planning and preparing the hors d'oeuvres and entree's. Thank you George & Debbie for making our Post look very romantic and of course Tex added a bit of panache. Another Thank you to Karen O'Neil who represents us at the VA Hospital in Lake City. She took a box of "goodies" we donated for the Vets in December and again in February.

- Our ALA Palm Valley shirts are here! Thank you Angie for doing this project. See Angie and give her \$25.00 to get your shirt. She also ordered a few extra for those interested.
- Our Garage Sale will be March 28th, WE NEED STUFF!!! Also, if you prefer, you may rent a table for \$10.00 and sell your own stuff. You may call me if you'd like for table space.
- ABC school is at Post #283 on March 14th from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Convention is in Orlando June 25-28. Call me if you are interested in attending either event.
- Our next meeting is March 12th. Please bring your pull-tabs, clipped coupons and something for our Spring Basket, which will be presented on April 14th.
- OUR DATE HAS CHANGED... The ALA will be honoring the Vets of Post 233 on May 16th at 6:30 PM. Dinner will include tenderloin & twice baked potatoes (\$7.00 for Vets & \$15.00 for everyone else). The program will feature a slide show and our Vets. Please watch for further info.

Please remember the families of Miss Lil and Miss Eddie in your prayers.

May God Bless our Country and our Post,
Ann Cook; Auxiliary President; 285-0579

IN MEMORY OF EDITH BUTNER & LILLIAN BURNETT



Unit #233 of the American Legion Auxiliary recently lost two very good friends & exemplary patrons of the American Legion.

Edith, "Miss Eddie" joined the ALA in 1975 and she was our third President in 1977-78. She served two more terms as our President from 2002-04. She also served as the 5th District President from 1995-97 and as Northern Area President for one year. Miss Eddie was a champion of the Junior Girls Program. She not only served as Assistant to the Department Chairman of Junior Girls, but she and her husband also escorted Unit #233 Juniors to various state functions throughout the state. Miss Eddie and her friend, Olive Reynolds, represented our Palm Valley Unit throughout the state for 18 years. Finally, Miss Eddie's friend and niece, Mary Merritt, would like everyone to know that Miss Eddie 'was a wonderful person and liked by everybody.'

Lillian, "Miss Lil" joined the ALA Unit # 233 in 1998. During these 10 years she supported our Unit and all of its members with her actions and donations. She initiated and organized both our Luau and our "Supplies for Soldiers" in 2008. She donated innumerable plants to our garage sales, spent countless hours in the Post kitchen; led our Poppy campaign; and beautified our grounds by tending to the plants and flowers. She was a tireless volunteer, including her assistance with many other community groups, such as the Morocco Shriners, Palm Valley Community and more. Her husband, Wilber, said she enjoyed her work with the ALA because it was a way to help other people.

Celebration of Life for Edith Butner & Lillian Burnett

Sunday, 01 March, 2-4 p.m.

. Join us for Fellowship & Hors d'oeuvres

ADJUTANT

Joseph Long, (Goes by Leroy), Leroy & his wife are from Laporte, CO and recently transferred their membership to Post 233. Welcome aboard!

MEMEBERSHIP MEMBERSHIP MEMBERSHIP

The American Legion is a membership driven organization and we need you more than ever now. I don't know why it's so hard to get members to renew their membership. We've had approx 33 additions to our membership since July 2008 but we still have about 55 members that have not renewed. Once all our people finally renew, it looks like we could show a 10% increase this year. Our Post is on the move. Be part of it! Don Mills is an outstanding Commander if you haven't yet met Don or had the opportunity to sit down and talk to him, you are really missing out. You need to meet our web Master Roy Havekost and visit our website at www.al233fl.org you will be amazed at what you find there. Go there and check out the amazing work that Roy spends hours and hours putting together. Meet Charlie, he's been their going on 40 yrs. And still helps take care of our Post. Say Hello to Diane, our canteen manager. Meet Hutch, our finance officer, an amazing man. You will be amazed at the work and effort that goes into the operation of Post 233. From our amazing volunteers and all of our paid staff and we've only scratched the surface. Come and be a part of it and you can start by renewing your membership[, if you haven't already done so. Just remember what we do and what our American Legion stands for. Our Veteran's need you.

Early Bird Dinner is March 21st. That's on a Saturday. We need RSVP's as soon as possible. We have a lot of members that are qualified and we need to know how many to prepare for. Please help us with this. Call the Post at 285-2484 or e-mail me at www.rayw3815@yahoo.com with your reservations. A lot of good things are planned and you will miss out if you're not there. Also, it will give you the opportunity to meet a lot of folk, renew friendships and hopefully make a new friend.

Now back to this membership thing. Many of you have already gotten a friendly call from Roy Havekost, some will get follow up calls. There is another mailing going out from department and the Post is also going to do a mailing. It's possible that you may get a call or mailing after you have already paid. Don't get mad at us. Just throw it away and remember that we are just a bunch of volunteers trying to do the best we can. There is a place for everyone here at Post 233, from the Legion, the Auxiliary and the SAL.

By the time you read this Valentine Day will be over. I hope you and the one you love had a very special day. Let's work to keep love and caring ongoing at home and at Post 233; an everyday thing not just on special days. We are indeed a family no matter how stressful your day was, you can come by the Post and relax; be among friends and your Legion family. Have a great experience and get the help and support that we all need from time to time.

Some may not realize this but we are also a community oriented Post and we are getting better at this as Commander Mills leads us in that direction. We are all on the same page in this effort and sure could use your input and help.

For God and Country Always; Ray Williams; Adjutant

DON'T MISS ALL THE EXCITING EVENTS IN MARCH!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 *Breakfast 9-12 <i>Celebration of Life for Edith & Lillian</i> 2-4 pm	2 * Lunch: 11-1:00 Chef: Fireman Dan God Bless Americal	3 * Lunch: 11-1:00 	4 * Lunch: 11-1:00 * House Cmte: 5:30 * Dinner: 6:30-8:00 * Trivia w/Patty 8:00 	5 * Lunch: 11-1:00 * E Cmte: 6:00 * Legionnaires: 7:00 	6 * Lunch: 11-1:00 * Steak Night: 6:30-8 & Music: 8-10 God Bless Americal	7 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
8 *Breakfast 9-12  District Meeting, Post #88, 2:00	9 * Lunch: 11-1:00 Chef: Fireman Dan VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!	10 * Lunch: 11-1:00 Cooks Needed! 	11 * Lunch: 11-1:00 Carhouse Original Wet Burritos 6:30-8 by Jason! * Karaoke w/Tex 8-10 	12 * Lunch: 11-1:00 * Auxiliary: 7:00 	13 * Lunch: 11-1:00 * Steak Night: 6:30-8 & Music: 8-10 Support Our Troops!	14 Martin's Fundraiser 1-6 pm Van & Co. Music
15 *Breakfast 9-12 	16 * Lunch: 11-1:00 Chef: Fireman Dan Support Our Troops!	17 * Lunch: 11-1:00 HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S BASH! 	18 * Lunch: 11-1:00 corned Beef & cabbage 6:30-8 * Trivia w/Patty 8-10 	19 * Lunch: 11-1:00 * S.A.L.: 6:00 	20 * Lunch: 11-1:00 * Steak Night: 6:30-8 Frankie Martin, Jr. 8-10 	21  Early Bird Dinner 6-10 w/Beachcombers Rib, Slow, Corn, etc.
22 *Breakfast 9-12 Birthday Party Bash! Crawfish, Oysters & Music 12:00 until? 	23 * Lunch: 11-1:00 Chef: Fireman Dan MEMBERSHIP DRIVE	24 * Lunch: 11-1:00 	25 * Lunch: 11-1:00 * Dinner: 6:30-8:00 God Bless Americal	26 * Lunch: 11-1:00 Cooks Needed! 	27 * Lunch: 11-1:00 * Steak Night: 6:30-8 & Music: 8-10 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!	28  8-2 pm Garage Sale
29 *Breakfast 9-12 	30 * Lunch: 11-1:00 Chef: Fireman Dan God Bless Americal	31 * Lunch: 11-1:00 	Suggestions or Input for Newsletter: pvpost233news@aol.com 		 Visit our Website for updates: www.al233fl.org	

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March Birthdays

- 2: Ron Joy**
- 3: Michelle Sears**
- 6: Ronny Bass; Jessica Gravenor**
- 8: Janet Kibler**
- 10: Elizabeth Ann Payne**
- 11: Brenda Cowgill; Diane Aprile**
- 16: Sandy Jones; Karie Singleton**
- 17: CP Connelly**
- 18: Betty Bacom**
- 22: Barbara Green**
- 25: Debbie Muehheuser; Connie Warren;**
- 27: John Berry**
- 29: Hufi Lehman; Donna Floyd**
- 31: Kim Mullens**



Celebration of Life
for

Edith & Lillian



Sunday, 01 March, 2-4 pm
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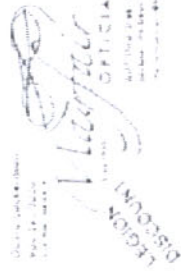
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Dave Jordon Roy Havekost
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House: TBA
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Building: TBA

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2nd Vice: Barbara Turley
Treasurer: Judy Nagel
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Sergeant-at-Arms: Judy Mills

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Lillian Burnett
Angie Kees
Valerie Galvin

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS

Commander: Jeff 'Tex' Ward
1st Vice: Fred Henderson
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