

PALM VALLEY POST 233

THE AMERICAN LEGION OF FLORIDA, INC.

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MARCH 2007

Commander's Corner

February started off with a bang. Friday the 2nd, steak night featuring the music and Karaoke of "Bob Pratt" was a sellout.

Saturday the 3rd. Early Bird dinner featuring Little Dale's Bar- B -Q was oversold despite Dale and his crew preparing five pigs, 10 racks of ribs and a full tray of pulled pork with sides. Over 100 meals were served. The Post was at full capacity, seating wise, from before 4pm till close to 9pm It was great to see so many members and their guest really enjoying the food and the entertainment provided by "Rosie and the Beachcombers".

February 14th, Valentines Day was another great success. The Auxiliary put on a fabulous party. They had white table clothes and high candles, surrounded by candies. They served a great fruit and nut salad, succulent shrimp & pasta with peas and onions, Champagne and desert. They also had "Rosie and the Beachcombers" providing music and entertainment. Another sellout.

The 5th District Meeting was held February 11th at our Post. Our volunteers had the place in top condition and the Auxiliary provided an excellent meal.

Another special event is being planned for Saturday March 17th. Plans are being made to have a traditional St. Patrick's Day dinner of Corned Beef and Cabbage. Music and entertainment will be provided. One of our objectives for this year was to increase the number of our using our Canteen. The activities mentioned here indicate we are beginning to succeed.

As for our other objectives. We will meet our membership objective. We are making progress in getting more members involved in Legion programs and Canteen activities.

We have a long way to go to meet our Capital Improvement goal. As of mid February we have collected \$8755 from 59 members and friends. Anyone who has any ideas how to get the campaign moving again, please write out your suggestions and leave it for me at the post.

For God, Country and our Post
Jack Blessing
Legion Commander

From the Auxiliary

Once again we proved that everyone working together lightens the load. We had a great luncheon for the District meeting, thanks to Donna Floyd and her homemade Lasagna and Cathy Corcoran with her pasta salad, Arlene, Barbara, Ann, Judy, Joyce, Joey, Stephanie, Georgia and Lillian also contributed food and their time at clean up time. Thank you very much ladies.

The Jacksonville Veterans were very happy with our donation in the form of bus tickets for travel in and around the Jacksonville area for medical purposes.

We are waiting for word from a Recreation Therapist in Lake City for a specific date to go and play Bingo with Veterans.

Donna Floyd has volunteered to help Judy Mills interview candidates for Girl State; we are sending 2 girls this year.

Remember we need volunteer hours at March's meeting. Anything you do for the community at large is acceptable.

Kathy Church has volunteered to be our new membership Committee Chairperson effective July 07.

We also need volunteers for dinners, particularly Wednesday nights. Please sign up; you will be compensated for out of pocket expenses.

Please remember, we are still collecting coupons.

Hope to see you at our next meeting on March 8th at 7pm, and the next District Meeting on March 11th at 2pm at the Middleburg Post.

For God and Country
Trudy Cavanagh
Auxiliary President

1st Vice

Thank You to ALL who participated in the Early Bird Dinner on Saturday, February 3rd. Chef Little did a fantastic job of smoking, carving and serving with the help of many including Cathy Church, our brand new member, Morris Busbia (Mr Geico), Jason, Georgia, and many others. We weren't sure how many "Members" would attend and were pleasantly surprised by the turnout. Dale had the cooker filled to the max for this event and every piece was served. I'm sorry if not ever person was served that evening, but we did our very best to accommodate the large crowd. We served over 115 people, some with very full plates.

"Rosie and the Beachcombers" was great and a large number of members stayed late. It was incredible that quite a few members, who don't visit the Post on a regular basis, came to this event. The event was very successful and showcased the positives of Post #233.

I have heard a number of comments about how comfortable our Post feels. That is a very nice compliment to the many people, who have created this environment over the years.

All For Freedom
Jim Ross
1st Vice

Canteen Manager

A big Thank You to Ann Cook, Diane Beason and the other Auxiliary members who provided a lovely dinner & dance for Valentine's. The meal was delicious and my feet still hurt from all the dancing.

In March, we will start, on the first Wednesday and every Wednesday after that, a "TRIVIA TEAM CHALLENGE" at 8:00pm. After dinner. Get your teams and team names together. Come join us, have fun, food, friends & games for a great time.

March 17th, pull out your green and celebrate St. Patty's Day. Dine on corned beef & cabbage with vegetables. "Rosie and the Beachcombers" will have your feet tapping. Dinner is \$10.00.

Also, for your info, In March, the outside patio will be set up for anyone that would like to sit outside with his or her meals.

God Bless our Troops
Joyce Wright
Canteen Manager

HELP!!

The newsletter crew needs help folding the newsletter. It's a job that can be done in front of the TV, at the post, etc. Takes about an hour.

Please call Bill Lee at 612-8732 or 703-2661

S.A.L.

The S.A.L. needs 3 more members or new members to pay their 2007 dues and the will have 100% for membership. If you haven't paid, step-up and make us proud.

The S.A.L. will be installing shelves in the cooler and in the storage room, (by the washer/dryer area). That will be their next project.

They have also donated \$250.00, to the "Voices of Children" with the Ad Litem program.

Hope to see more of you at the meeting.

God Bless our Troops
John Paparelli
S.A.L. Commander

Introduction To The Veterans' Aid And Attendance Special Pension

The Veteran' Administration offers a Special Pension with Aid and Attendance (A&A) benefit that is largely unknown. This Special Pension allows for Veterans and surviving spouses who require the regular attendance of another person to assist in eating, bathing, dressing, undressing or taking care of the needs of nature to receive additional monetary benefits.

It also includes individuals who are blind or a patient in a nursing home because of mental or physical incapacity. Assisted care in an assisted living facility also qualifies.

Many families overlook this most important benefit of Veterans or surviving spouses who need additional monies to help care for ailing parents or loved ones. This is a "pension benefit" and is not dependant upon service-related injuries for compensation. Most Veterans who are in need of assistance qualify for this pension. Aid and Attendance can help pay for care in the home, nursing home or assisted living facility. A Veteran is eligible for up to \$1,470 per month, while a surviving spouse is eligible for up to \$945 per month. A couple is eligible for up to \$1,743 per month.

If you think you may qualify for this program please contact me in the office Mon, Wed or Fri from 3:00-5:00 pm. Fred Bergman, Service Officer

A very special Thanks to ALL who brought clothes and blankets in for the homeless. They appreciated everything. Thanks So Much!!

Joey Holland

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6. Ronnie Bass
8. Janet Kibler
10. Elizabeth Ann Payne
11. Brenda Cowgill
Diane Aprile
16. Sandy Jones
Karie Singleton
18. Betty Bacon
25. Debbie Muehlheuser
Connie Berry
27. John Berry
29. Huff Lehman
31. Kim Mullins

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Johnny Jones
Past Commander

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2nd Vice Commander – Mike Wright
Adjutant – Jim Ross
Finance Officer – Mike Holland
Chaplin – Clen Ward
Sergeant –at –Arms –Don Rainey

Auxiliary Officers

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1st Vice President – Ann Cook
2nd Vice President – Juddy Mills
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Secretary – Cathy Corcoran
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John Wagener Chuck Kees
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Committee Chairmen:

Executive Board - Dick Salzarulo
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Landscape - Ned Mullen
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Auxiliary Executive Committee

Sylvia Bass
Lillian Burnette
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S. A. L.

Commander – John paparelli
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