



# AL233FL Newsletter

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## Commander's Corner

Spring 2010 is just around the corner and we have some great events in the works for our Post.

At our next meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup> we will be reviewing and voting on four changes to our by-laws. These changes have to do with the composition of our executive board, meeting times and whether or not our meetings are open to non legionnaires. If you have questions prior to the meeting, please call me at 514-8913 and I will explain these changes. In the mean time, the proposed changes are available at the post, the amended by-laws are marked with an asterisk.

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 Chuck Kees, myself or Diane and let us schedule an opportunity to show off your great culinary talent.

Work on our new security camera system is coming along and it should be up and running by the time you get this newsletter. My thanks to Mike and Karen Dubin for help with this project.

Congratulations to Mike and Cara Bass on the arrival of their first born, Nathaniel Patrick Bass. Need to get that young man signed up in the SAL

The Valentine Party was a huge success! The dinner provided by Chuck Kees, Dave Jordan, Dale Little and company was absolutely stupendous. Many thanks to you and your team for this great party!

I'm still open to suggestions about for some new events at our Post, I'm sure you can come come up with some fresh new ideas!

For God and Country,

Clen

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MON-FRI: 1100 until ?? hrs.

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### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander**

Reminder, Early Bird Dinner will be held on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Check the website for more details. RSVP to the Post.  
For God and Country  
Pete Mischler

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander**

Trivia nights this month are on the 10<sup>th</sup> and the 24<sup>th</sup>., starting at 8pm. Come for dinner at 6pm.  
For God and Country,  
Chuck Kees

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander**

Due to the cost and time involved in producing the black and white mailed version of the Post newsletter, we will be discussing alternatives at the March meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup>. If you have any ideas, please attend the meeting. Also there will be a second reading and a vote on the 7 proposed amendments to the by-laws. PLEASE attend.  
For God and Country,  
Roy Havekost

### **From the Auxiliary**

Hello to all our wonderful Auxiliary Members (and all others reading this). It is hard to believe that we are in our eighth month of our 2009-2010 term. The Auxiliary has accomplished lots so far but we have much more to do before the end of June. I know I say the word THANKS over and over again but I feel it necessary to continually show appreciation for all the hard work that has been done by all volunteers.

On Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, the Auxiliary will be hosting a "Meet & Greet" (bring a guest) Brunch from 9:00am – 12noon. We will be serving a full breakfast with eggs to order and other great breakfast type dishes. Our goal is to invite members from all three groups (Legion, SAL & Auxiliary) and to ask those members to invite a friend, a relative or a neighbor. Let's get some new people in to our Post and let them know what we are all about. Breakfast will cost \$5.00/person. Why not invite a Policeman or a Fireman from you neighborhood. What a great way to meet new people. Mark this date on your calendar and plan on joining us.

The Auxiliary membership is currently at 86.08% and we need 22 more renewals or new members to make 100%. We still have several members that have not renewed for 2010. Please take a look at your card and if it does not read 2010 at the top then your membership is now delinquent and you need to send in your \$20.00 to me ASAP. I will be contacting those who are delinquent via email, phone or mail to get our membership to 100%.

To all Auxiliary Volunteers, I am begging, yes begging you, to please keep track of your Volunteer hours. Our reports are due in April so we need to have all hours logged in the book in the Auxiliary room by April 1<sup>st</sup>. These hours help the ALA to summarize and submit to the Government how many volunteers, hours and dollars it takes to help and support our Veterans in preparing parts of the budget. Anytime you do anything on a volunteer basis for a Veteran or a family member, etc. this time can be logged in. This includes mileage, dollars you spent and time. I can't express how important submitting this info into the ALA Dept. of Florida is.

Here's hoping we have a great March at our Post. The Auxiliary will be hosting more upcoming events and I will keep everyone posted. Please feel free to contact me anytime if you have any questions regarding anything that involves the Auxiliary.

Kathy Church  
Unit 233  
Auxiliary President  
Membership Chairman  
[bartenderpost233@yahoo.com](mailto:bartenderpost233@yahoo.com)

## CANTEEN MANAGERS REPORT

Spring has sprung! We've had some great events at the Post and have several more coming up that you won't want to miss. Thanks to Chuck and Angie Kees, Dave Jordan, and Chef Dale Little for presenting a beautifully done Valentine party that included a scrumptious surf or turf dinner, lovely dinner music by our own Rod Garing. The evening was capped off with a performance by the always entertaining Frankie Martin Jr. It doesn't get better than that!

At this writing the Wine Tasting and Oyster Roast event is coming up Saturday Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> and looks to be a great one. You will be able to sample a selection of nice wines indoors from 5:00 – 7:00 pm while outdoors we'll be roasting oysters and frying chicken wings. At 7:00 Deb Johnston of the very popular Johnston Duo will perform live on our stage. Hope you didn't miss this one!

On Saturday evening, March 6<sup>th</sup>, the 40 & 8 will be holding a dinner at the Post. Post 129 Commander Jerry Brant is in charge and details will be available at the Canteen. The menu will include Roast Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes and Veggies all for a nominal donation of 5.00, half of which will be donated back to our Post. Come out and support this event and learn about the 40 & 8 organization.

The Early Bird dinner is scheduled for Saturday March 20<sup>th</sup>. First Vice Pete Mischler is hard at work on the menu and entertainment plans. There will be a reservation sign-up sheet in the Canteen. All members are welcome to attend and of course Early Birds eat free.

Capt. Ski's Spring Golf Tournament and Fish Fry is Saturday April 17<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up sheet for golfers is up in the Post and as always everyone is invited to enjoy the Fish Fry outside from 1:00- 4:00 pm. The crack Fish Fry team of Rick Kapaghian and Roy Havekost will be on the job frying fish and hush puppies and there will be plenty of slaw and beans on the side for a donation of 7.00. Golfers eat free!

For those observing Lent or who just prefer a lighter meal, our Chef Mike is offering beautifully prepared Tilapia in addition to Steaks on Friday nights. Mike always goes the extra mile and adds something special to the plates so if you haven't been out lately, come check it out. You'll be impressed!

Thanks to Wilford Lyon's generous donation, we now have a second big screen T.V. in the canteen. Tex Ward and Rita's son Eric did an expert installation job and we can now rival any sports bar! Come out on Sunday afternoons and enjoy NASCAR on the big screens and don't forget March Madness starts soon!

As always, my dedicated staff and I are here to serve you. Ideas and suggestions are always welcome so if there is anything we can do to make your experience at the Post more enjoyable, let me know and we'll do our best to accommodate you.

For God and Country,  
Diane Beason

# MARCH



Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

 *Breakfast 9-12 	1 * Lunch: 11-1:30 Chef: Fireman Dan <b>Support Your Troop!</b>	2 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * Exec Cmte: 7:00 	3 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * House Cmte: 5:30 * Dinner: 6:30-8 <b>Volunteer to Cook!</b>	4 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * Legionnaires: 7:00 	5 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * Steak/Fish <b>Frankie Martin, Jr.</b>  <b>8-11</b>	6  <b>Dinner</b> Open to American Legion Members
7 *Breakfast 9-12 	8 * Lunch: 11-1:30 Chef: Fireman Dan <b>God Bless America!</b>	9 * Lunch: 11-1:30 	10 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * Dinner: 6:30-8 * TrkMz: 8-10 <b>Chuck &amp; Tex</b>	11 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * Auxiliary: 7:00 	12 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * Steak/Fish & Music Girl Scout's Day -1912 	13 <b>Auxiliary</b> <b>Meet &amp; Greet</b> Bring a Guest for Breakfast! 9-12 (\$5 donation)
14 *Breakfast 9-12 	15 * Lunch: 11-1:30 Chef: Fireman Dan <b>Support Your Post!</b>	16 * Lunch: 11-1:30 <b>God Bless America!</b>	17  * Lunch: 11-1:30 <b>St. Patrick's Day Dinner!</b> 6:30-8:00 <b>Cynthia Gaines</b>	18 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * SAL: 6:00 	19 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * Steak/Fish <b>Frankie Martin, Jr.</b>  <b>8-11</b>	20 <b>Early Bird Dinner</b> <b>BBQ by Concrete Pete</b> 
21 *Breakfast 9-12 Visit you web site for updates: www.al233fl.org	22 * Lunch: 11-1:30 Chef: Fireman Dan <b>Volunteer to Cook!</b>	23 * Lunch: 11-1:30 	24 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * Dinner: 6:30-8 * TrkMz: 8-10 <b>Chuck &amp; Tex</b>	25 * Lunch: 11-1:30 Chef: Fireman Dan <b>Support Your Troop!</b>	26 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * Steak/Fish & Music <b>God Bless America!</b>	27 
28 *Breakfast 9-12 	29 * Lunch: 11-1:30 Chef: Fireman Dan <b>Passover</b>	30 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * Exec Cmte: 7:00 <b>Support Your Post!</b>	31 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * House Cmte: 5:30 * Dinner: 6:30-8 			

Friday Steak: \$12.00/\$14.00 ~ Wednesday Dinner: \$7.00/\$9.00 ~ Sunday Breakfast: \$5.00 ~ Member/Non-Member Donation

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## ~HAPPY BIRTHDAY in MARCH~

2 – Ron Joy  
 3 – Michele Sears  
 6 – Ronnie Bass  
 7 – Bill Rutkowski  
 8 – Janet Kibler  
 10 – Elizabeth Ann Payne  
 11 – Brenda Cowgill, Diane Aprile  
 16 – Sandy Jones, Karia Singleton, Duke Horner




17 – C.P. Connelly  
 18 – Betty Bacom  
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 25 – Debbie Muehlheuser, Connie Warren  
 27 – John Berry  
 29 – Huff Lehman, Donna Floyd  
 31 – Kim Mullins

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**The future of the Post Newsletter  
 being mailed to members will be  
 discussed at the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

**What are your thoughts?  
 Come and be heard!**

 <p style="color: blue;">Come join our group, online</p>	<p style="color: blue;">If you have a FaceBook account, you can become fans of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Captain Ski's Original Fish Fry</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Frankie Martin Jr.</a></li> </ul>
	 <p style="text-align: right;">Check out our new selection of T-shirts in our website on-line store.</p>
<p><b>YOUR BUSINESS CARD COULD APPEAR HERE!                  HELP SUPPORT YOUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER!</b></p>	<p>To advertise your business in the Post Newsletter and on our website, submit a donation of \$25.00 and your business card to Roy Havekost, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander. Leave in an envelope at the bar.                  Ads run for one year. Make checks to Post 233. ©</p>
<p><b>POST 233 BY-LAWS, AMENDMENTS (7)                  Attend the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting for second reading and vote on the 7 revised by-laws amendments.</b></p>	<p style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px;"><b>March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting starts at 7:00pm                  Important issues will be discussed / voted on.                  Your voice can only be heard if you ATTEND!</b></p>

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