

PALM VALLEY POST 233

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MAY 2005

Commander's Corner

The monthly newsletter has been a great vehicle for me to thank our members for the volunteer work they do, contributions to the Post, and in general the day in and day out sacrifices some members make in order for Post 233 to continue to be the best and the friendliest Post in the District. I know I have left some of you out by name, but it goes without saying, it was not done intentionally. However, there is one member of the Post I haven't mentioned a single time this year and it's about time for me to recognize and thank that member for so many of her behind the scene efforts and contributions.

That person is none other than my wife, Arlene, a real "Trooper" and if she had a DD214, I would sign her up and nominate her for Legionnaire of the year. Arlene can outwork most of the men in Post 233 and I know most of you guys would agree to that. Arlene can be carrying her end of a sheet of 4x8 plywood and no one ever notices it. At least I don't think they do because rarely does anyone ever offer to give her a hand. We have accomplished a lot so far this year in terms of goals and projects and, I, as commander often get the thanks and credit and Arlene still quietly goes unnoticed as do many of our other Post 233 worker-bees. Do me a big favor, the next time you see Arlene working around the Post in any capacity, stop for a brief moment and tell her how much she is appreciated. She will just blush a little and say thanks, but I know it will mean a lot to her and also me.

Don't forget nominations for officers are coming up at the general membership meeting this month. Please plan to attend this meeting and participate. The future of the Post is at stake and you should want to be a part of this process.

American Legion Baseball is coming to Post 233 this summer. More details later.

Pardon our dust while we remodel the canteen bar and spruce the place up a little bit. By the time you read this we hope to be finished and we apologize for any inconvenience we may have caused.

To anyone in the 5th District reading this newsletter Beware of a couple of people that are going around local Legion Post's impersonating a retired Marine Colonel and flashing a membership card from Post 88. This guy is using someone else's DD214 and cashing bad checks written on Bank of America checks in his so called wife's name. He is a "PHONY" and I should have picked up on that when he started bragging about his Medal of Honor. BEWARE!

Till next month, remember, you can make a difference with just a little effort on your part.

For God And Country
Johnny Jones, Commander

From the Auxiliary

With two months left in the 2004-2005 term for Auxiliary Officers, there are a few duties to complete to help make the year perfect and all the hard work of the Auxiliary really show.

One is to have only 35 membership renewals in by June 23rd. Where are you? Please renew and Post 233 Auxiliary receives a 100% membership award. Please understand how much this counts towards all of us. Membership is only \$15.00 a year and worth every penny. So many people benefit from the Auxiliary all year long and our presence only gets stronger with you in it. Just ask anyone for a renewal form and it will be done!

Also, we have Auxiliary Officer nominations in May. Please contact anyone of us for position descriptions if you are interested or want to nominate someone. Our next meeting is Thursday, May 12th. Please join us.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 29th. We are having a Poppy Picnic to benefit the Auxiliary and the Poppy Program. There will be BBQ and all the fixin's for a \$6.00 donation. Field Games with prizes will fill out the afternoon. Horseshoes, a putting green and more will test your backyard skills! And if you just want to tap your toes, then come listen to Ronnie Bass and Flat Black Band play. We will begin at 2:00 until 6:00. Bring your kids, bring your friends ... Let's start the summer together!

Last month I noted some of our valuable Auxiliary members. But there was only room to write about a few. Sylvia Bass who is on our Executive Board and Poppy Chairman has been a great addition all year. Not only does she come to all meetings, but she is a willing participant in every event. She has great ideas at our meetings ... such as our Poppy Picnic! Sylvia, thanks for all you do and your constant enthusiasm.

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Georgia Barnes is a familiar face around the Post but a major force in the Auxiliary as Sergeant-At-Arms and Food Coordinator. Georgia gives endless hours before, during and after all events. Georgia makes being in the Auxiliary a pleasure because she is always there to help whenever needed ...and without asking! Georgia keeps our kitchen in complete order and knows where everything goes in the Post. She makes all of our jobs easier. Next time you see Georgia, tell her thanks for all she does.

Barbara Milazo has the BIG job of Treasurer and has done a superior job of keeping track of Auxiliary finances. Not only keeping track, but making it easier for the rest of us to keep track! Barbara's constant enthusiasm for the Auxiliary all year long, her participation in events and fresh ideas is just another example of dedication to making the Auxiliary better and better in the future. Barbara ... the numbers add up to you being a real winner. Thank you!

Remember that volunteerism is the backbone of the Post and Auxiliary. Please fill in the form (in the Ladies Bathroom) with any service hours anywhere in the community or at the Post. We receive credit for your hard work and time. Every minute counts!

To the Members of The S.A.L.,

A reminder about the Golf Tournament on May 14th. We need door prizes, hole sponsors and warm bodies on Saturday, May 7th. We will have a "Mother's Day" Dinner. It will be prime rib and we will have live entertainment by "All Dog Band". Come down and join the fun.

For God & Country
Steve Willis
Adj.

Adjutant

We reached our 100.61% on 3-23-05. A total of 329 cards officially issued for 2004-2005. Between now and 30 June 05 we should close out the year around 350 cards. This will give next years officers a good challenge.

Speaking of new officers, nominations will be held at the next meeting in May. We have a big pool of talent here at Post 233, let's pick good enthusiastic officers.

Thank you for your help in our membership drive.

Ric Smith
Adjutant

Landscape committee

Do you have special talent on a weed eater or a push lawn mower. If you are school trained on a blower, somewhat dangerous piece of equipment, but you are needed this summer at your Post. That grass just never stops trying to take over our property and come inside the Canteen. When you see James Ard carrying around his signup sheet for landscape work, tell him of your special qualifications and he'll see if he has a slot for you to help. If he says no, someone will buy you an adult beverage!

Bithdays

3 Van Martin
10 Mike Callahan
11 Fred Henderson
16 Mark Dorsey
24 Pat Moseley-Root
Jeanne Pinto
26 Dee Durnal
31 Doug Cope



For Post 233 and Country. Cynthia Gaines

From the Canteen

Our first annual Summer Bus Trip with Post 129 will be May 21, 2005. All information is at Post 233 on the bulletin board. For details call the Post or ask the Canteen manager. Make your plans soon as the bus will only accommodate forty folks.

If you haven't been into the Canteen lately, construction on the new bar top will probably be completed by the time you receive this bulletin. Our Commander, Johnny Jones and his excellent helper, Arlene, have worked very hard on this project of love. This has been a pending project that has been delayed due to major needs in our building. Due to the perseverance of some folks and the wonderful donations by the Monday Night Sawgrass guys, this process has been almost completed. Thanks again to everyone that has been involved.

Melita, Sherrie, MaryAnn, Sandi, and of course yours truly, thank all of our friends and members. We are proud to be affiliated with this great group of folks and enjoy serving you.

God Bless Post 233
Pat Moseley-Root
Canteen manager

RECIPES NEEDED

For the Auxiliary COOK BOOK

We are creating a cook book to sell to benefit the Auxiliary and we need any and all of your favorite recipes. Maybe something you cooked at the Post, or something with 'local' flavor, or your Mother's best ... whatever you want to share from appetizers, entrees, desserts, drinks ... BBQ, salads, breakfast, lunch or dinner...

Please make sure it is as accurate as possible as far as measurements. Please include your name and any other information of interest (like where it comes from or who loves it). **Please leave recipes in the box at the front door.**

We will publish the cook book and sell at the Post. The more we have the better, so contribute as many as you like!!
AND Thanks!

SPECIAL THANKS

TO OUR COMMANDER, JOHNNY JONES AND HIS FAITHFUL COMPANION ARLENE! WE EXTEND OUR APPRECIATION AND RESPECT FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND HARD WORK!

FROM YOUR LOYAL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS



Palm Valley American Legion



Post 233 May Events



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Breakfast 9:00-12:00 \$5.00 Donation Charlie & Glen	2 NO PHONE ORDERS NO PRE ORDERS NO REFUNDS	3 LEGION Dinner 6:00-8:00pm Phil & Barbara \$5.00 Donation	4 LEGIONNAIRES MEETING 7:00pm	5 ENTERTAINMEN Bob Pratt Steak Night 6:00-9:00pm Phil & Babrbara \$9.00 Donation	6 GOLFERS LUNCH 11:00 - 1:00 SAL Moms Prime Rib Din 4:00 PM \$12 Dad \$8 Mom All Dog Band	7 SAL GOLF TOURNAMENT Golf Activities at Post Hamburger/Hot Dog Lunch Sign up at Post 233
8 Breakfast 9:00-12:00 \$5.00 Donation Ray, Dave, Gerry Moms eat FREE	9 SUPPORT OUR TROOPS	10 AUX Dinner 6:00-8:00pm Jack Blessing & Ladies \$5.00 Donation	11 AUX MEETING 7:00pm	12 ENTERTAINMEN Reggie Steak Night 6:00-9:00pm NEED COOKS \$9.00 Donation	13 ENTERTAINMEN Reggie Steak Night 6:00-9:00pm NEED COOKS \$9.00 Donation	14 SAL GOLF TOURNAMENT Golf Activities at Post Hamburger/Hot Dog Lunch Sign up at Post 233
15 DISTRICT MTG N JAX POST 197 Breakfast 9:00-12:00 \$5.00 Donation Tom & Sandi	16 GOD BLESS AMERICA	17 LEGION Dinner 6:00-8:00pm Mike, Joey & Stephenie \$5.00 Donation	18 SAL MEETING 7:00pm	19 ENTERTAINMEN Juke Box Night Steak Night 6:00-9:00pm NEED COOKS \$9.00 Donation	20 ENTERTAINMEN Juke Box Night Steak Night 6:00-9:00pm NEED COOKS \$9.00 Donation	21 129 233 BUS TRIP
22 Breakfast 9:00-12:00 \$5.00 Donation Bob Sparks & Boss	23 WELCOME LEGIONNAIRES	24 AUX Dinner 6:00-8:00pm Anne & Dianne \$5.00 Donation	25 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 7:00pm	26 ENTERTAINMEN 2 nd Helping Steak Night 6:00-9:00pm NEED COOKS \$9.00 Donation	27 ENTERTAINMEN 2 nd Helping Steak Night 6:00-9:00pm NEED COOKS \$9.00 Donation	28 GOLFERS LUNCH 11:00 - 1:00 GOLFERS LUNCH 10:00 - 1:00
29 Breakfast 9:00-12:00 \$5.00 Donation Mike & Cynthia Poppy Picnic & BBQ \$6.00 2:00 - 6:00 PM	30 MEMORIAL DAY	31 REMEMBER OUR POWS	1 LEGION Dinner 6:00-8:00pm Jim Ross \$5.00 Donation	2 LEGIONNAIRES MEETING 7:00pm	3 ENTERTAINMEN Bob Pratt Steak Night 6:00-9:00pm NEED COOKS \$9.00 Donation	4 GOLFERS LUNCH 11:00 - 1:00
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Put your business card on this page for only \$25.00 a year or list your name for \$5.00 for a year

2nd Vice

May is a month full of activities! Check the attached calendar and review the happenings at your Post. A special treat for Moms on Mother's Day Sunday! Moms eat free to honor them on this one day for every day that they are so unselfish for their families. Come let your Post help you celebrate our Mothers!

Let's make this "Thank a Cook Month". Now that I think about it, we should do that every month! A special thanks to all of our members and volunteers that provide the quality products from our kitchen that Post 233 is famous for!

Friday night steaks more often than not are selling out early, as do many of our meals. Now that is not a problem, that's great! I truly believe that is because of the quality of our product and our volunteer service and presentation. But we don't want to not take care of our membership and make sure our workers get to take advantage of our great price and quality. So, just to make sure we're on a level playing field let's remember that there are no phone orders, no pre orders before serving time and no refunds. We want to give everyone a fair chance to take advantage of the benefits of being a member of Post 233.

Everything you do to help our efforts is greatly appreciated. Our volunteers normally bus the tables and keep things picked up during meal nights. If they get slammed they will always appreciate your help in placing your dishes in the bin outside of the kitchen. Also, the bartenders appreciate you bringing your empties, bottles and glasses, back to the serving station to be refilled, tossed away as needed or washed.

Ray Root
2nd Vice

Bar Top Contributors

We have a new bar top because of the work of Commander Johnny Jones and his helper Arlene. We have a new bar top because of a loyal group of members that contributed their love of the legion and some hard earned dollars. They rallied and made it happen as a totally funded project! Thanks

Richard Bright	Jack Blessing	Tom DeBow
John Wagener	Bill Walker	Jerry Seel
Ron Schroeder	Tom Petrie	Wilford Lyon
Chuck Kees	Jack & Sue Hord	Ed Gregan
Roger Akey	Doug Cope	Luke Thornton
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From the Bulletin Staff

Those two behind the scene folks that make this bulletin happen need a special thanks next time you read this and like/enjoy what gets done. Dee Durnal our organizer and mailer and Bill Lee our volunteer printer, thanks for what you are doing for Post 233. Also thanks to those folks that get cornered at the Canteen every so often to fold and label. Truly a community effort to publish and get to our membership in a timely manner.

We're always in need of pictures of Post activities and events and information for your monthly bulletin. Appreciate whatever help you can provide. We'll pass the photos onto the Post Historian for this year's scrapbook, if we may.

Bulletin sponsors are still needed. A name entry is \$5.00 a year. A business card entry is \$25.00. This will increase in July. Still open to a sponsor for our bulletin publication with prime advertising to over 500 members every month, annual \$2,000.00

Thanks

John Berry's Platoon Sponsorship

We planned a fundraiser to raise funds for our sponsorship program of John Barry's Infantry Platoon stationed in Iraq. What a great coincidence, the government sent him home to be the guest of honor! This is being written before the get together, but I'm sure it will be a success. It's good to have John with us and we greatly appreciate what he and his platoon are doing for our country. Hope you were able to attend the function.

Last month, with your help and contributions, Post 233 sent 135 pounds of goodies and personal items to the platoon soldiers. Our funds also purchased a power equipment tool case that was mailed so the platoon members can do some self-help in making their living quarters a little more like home. Thanks to Lillian for the boxes and packing items for mailing. Mike Holland mailed the eight boxes and got through the paperwork. First attempt was to mail on April 15th, bad day at the Post Office. The following day was better and our efforts were on there way to the APO address: John's Address SPC John Barry, Alpha Battery 4th Platoon, Task Force 1-10, OIF III FOB Gabe, APO AE 09397.

John was a little concerned with the photo we use in this article. We'll try to get a better one for the future. John, despite the jokes, we love you and appreciate what you are doing. You are not the Post 233 poster child!

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