

# PALM VALLEY POST 233

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### MAY 2007

### Commander's Corner

I, with the approval of the "E" Board have designated the month of May 2007 as "Proud to be a Veteran Month" at Post #233.

We will have three special programs in which we will emphasize "Legion Principles".

Sunday, May 6th our theme will be "I am Proud to be an America" Captain Ski will serve up his famous Fish Fry. Poppy Meal tickets will go on sale.

Saturday, May 19th, "Armed Forces Day" We will present a program honoring our flag. We will serve Bar- B- Q Ribs, Pulled Pork and the fixin's.

Saturday, May 26th, Our Auxiliary will present "Poppy Day" The tradition of selling Poppy's as a fund raiser to assist us in providing aid to our Veterans and / or their families who are in need of temporary assistance will be thoroughly explained. The ladies will serve hamburgers, hot dogs and other side dishes. Rosie and the Beachcombers will be playing at this event.

The Post will be open to all those in our community on May 6th, 19th, and 26th whom like to join us in giving recognition to our Country and it's Veteran's. Tell your friends and neighbors to come join in the fun.

Saturday, May 26th has been designated as Election Day for 2007/2008 officers. In an attempt to expand the number of candidates this year, I am actively recruiting members to run for the various offices. A sign up board will be available in the Canteen. Ballots will be printed listing all candidates by May 15th and you may vote anytime between then and 6 PM on May 26th.

An Appreciation Day has been tentatively set for June 23rd. The Post will recognize those who have made significant contributions in time and/or money over the past year. Unveiling of a Plaque listing all those who contributed to the Capital Improvement Fund in 2006/2007 will be a key part of the festivities. Details will be in next month's newsletter.

Please support your Post and make "Proud to be a Veteran Month" a huge success.

For God, Country and Post  
Jack Blessing  
Commander

### From the Auxiliary

**YOU TOO CAN BE A LEADER IN A GREAT ORGANIZATION!**

Ann Cook has graciously volunteered to be chairperson of the Election Committee. Please let her know if you are interested in any particular position. Some positions available are President, Secretary and Historian. Please consider carefully. These positions do require some personal attention and travel time.

We are working with the Legion on a Memorial Day Celebration.

Dinner, from 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Live Music 7:00 pm to 10:30 pm

Hamburgers, hot dogs and all the trimmings for \$7.00.

The Legion and the Auxiliary will share Proceeds equally, with \$2.00 per meal going to the Poppy Drive. Please let Kathy Church know if you plan to attend, we will be selling tickets for the dinner starting May 6th at Capt Ski's fish fry. We will need help with the cooking, clean up and serving.

Keep the coupons coming-in; we are doing a great job. We shipped 37 pounds to Cairo last month. This has the potential of thousands of dollars of savings for our troops.

We will let you know about our trip to Lake City in our next newsletter. If you want to meet and car pool to Lake City with us, we are meeting at 10:00 AM at the Post, April 28th.

Hope to see you at our next meeting; at our Post, May 10th at 7:00 pm.

Our next District Meeting is in Lake Shore, Post 137 on May 6th.

God Bless our Post #233  
Trudy Cavanagh  
Auxiliary President

## Canteen Manager

Once again Ron Joy and his employee, Art, stepped up to the plate. They ripped out the old storage room floor and replaced it with new flooring (donated by Kathy Church). They also installed new, quality shelving giving us 3 times as much storage as we had before. Lorraine Joy and Georgia Barnes did a great job of going through all the "STUFF", cleaning out and putting it back in an organized manner.

On the same day, Ron and Art demo-ed the old shelf in the kitchen that held our dinner plates, replaced it with stainless steel shelving. Once again we have far more storage that should make it possible to have all dishware available at hand. WOO -HOO to Ron, Art, Lorraine, and Georgia for a great job. Thanks to the Legion for providing the shelving.

Two of our members have donated bookcases allowing us to have a book exchange. Bring books anytime, take books anytime, please enjoy. When taking cookbooks or movies keep them as long as you need to but please return them when you are finished.

There is also a "Legion Notebook Cookbook" (located by the books) where we encourage you to share your recipes. Especially those that may help Wednesday Night cooks or for anyone cooking for special events.

We are very lucky to have the wonderful group of people who volunteer to do all they do at this Post. Lunch and Dinner cooks, lawn care, laundry, roll the silverware, pat out the Palm Valley Burgers and keep the kitchen organized; they keep the place clean, organized and running. Lately I have heard a number of members grumbling because someone in line behind them got their meal first, as well as a few other complaints I consider just as silly. Keep in mind the VOLUNTEERS may be a new crew, confused and busy; they may have had a tough day at work; they may be very inexperienced - but they are here and trying their best to please 60 or so people. And did I mention, working for free and possibly donating the food! Courtesy and Manners are not out of style and do go along way. I suggest try putting yourself in their shoes or better still become active and volunteer so you can help improve the situation rather than complaining.

Monday, April 23rd. we discontinued including chips with sandwiches. Sandwich prices will remain the same and still include cheese, pickles and all the fixin's. Chips are available anytime for 50cents. Join us for lunch; it's still great food at bargain prices.

May 19th is Armed Forces day. In honor of this we are planning to celebrate it every weekend of May if possible.

The current Calendar for May:

Sunday, May 6th 1-5 PM Captain Ski Fish fry  
Fried Argentine whiting, "Bama Beans" and coleslaw all for only \$7.00 per person. Buckets of beer available, 5 beers for \$7.00

Rosie and the Beach Combers will be entertaining starting at 7:00 pm

Poppy Meal tickets will also be available starting this day.

Saturday, May 12th - 6:00 PM - ? Members Birthday

Party

Everyone invited - FREE PIZZA - Birthday Cake - Happy Hour drink prices as well as drink specials. Monthly birthday members receive a birthday card and free drink. There is a drawing for a present for one lucky birthday member. Join the fun.

EVERY WEDNESDAY - 8:00 pm Team Trivia Challenge

If you haven't been here yet, you have missed a great time. Teams can consist of 1 person or as many people as you want. The questions are challenging and cover a wide range of topics. Everyone has an area where they excel, come in, show us your smarts. You'll have fun, learn a few things and might win some of our great prizes. Prizes currently consist of Steak Dinners, Wednesday Night Dinner, Sunday Breakfast and drink chips. As the crowd for Team Trivia Grows so will the prizes. We will Post the winners names and prizes week to week for a little bragging rights!

## Auxillary New Members

As a new member of Post 233 I would like to put my two cents in (don't I always). Currently our Auxillary has 178 members with new members joining every week. I would like to Welcome all new members and thank them for their interest in the American Legion Auxillary.

However, as a new member I am surprised at the very low attendance we have at our monthly meetings. We need support from ALL of our members. We must not forget what the Legion stands for and that our role as an Auxillary is to support the Legion at all times.

All Auxillary members are encouraged to attend our meetings, which are held on the second Thursday of every month at the Post, at 7:00 PM. It would be nice to see lots of new faces at the May meeting. We would welcome your ideas, creativity and input.

Also, at this time I would like to remind those who have not paid their renewal dues for 2007 to please mail them in.

IF YOUR NAME IS LISTED BELOW, YOU ARE  
PAST DUE.

Enough said, see you on Thursday, May 19th  
at 7:00 PM

Kathy Church  
Membership

Kimberly Allison, Debbie Curro, Rachel Effinger, Marjorie Goodwin, Nancy Graeme, Jessica Gravenor, Mollie McCall, Priscilla Mills, Barbara Nielson, Kim Price, Paula Reynolds, Darlene Savoy, Debbie Smith, Tia Stratton, Jan Tipton, Helen Torbert, Aimee Umstaddt, Joanne Ward-McGrath

**A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO ALL,**

Thank you everyone for making my birthday party su  
a great time.

Joey Holland Thx again !!

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### May Birthdays

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2. Jack Kelly
3. Van Martin
4. Victorice Lynch
5. Peggy Chapman
11. Fred Henderson
19. Tina Reynolds  
Deborah Stewart
24. Pat Mosley-Root  
Jeanne Pinto
26. Dee Durnal
28. Ann Cook
29. Jean Batcheler
31. Doug Cope  
Brenda Brooks  
Deane O'Donnell

# OFFICERS

## Legionnaire Officers

Commander – Jack Blessing  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander – Jim Ross  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander – Mike Wright  
Adjutant – Jim Ross  
Finance Officer – Mike Holland  
Chaplin – Clen Ward  
Sergeant –at –Arms –Don Rainey

## Executive Board

John Wagener      Chuck Kees  
Bill Furr            Steve Hutchinson  
Steve Stevers      Wilber Burnette

## Committee Chairmen:

Executive Board - Dick Salzarulo  
House - Bill Lee  
Landscape - Ned Mullen  
New Building - Johnny Jones

## Auxiliary Officers

President – Trudy Cavanaugh  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Ann Cook  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Juddy Mills  
Treasurer – Barbara Milazo  
Secretary – Cathy Corcoran  
Chaplin – Arlene Jones  
Sergeant – at- Arms – Georgia Barnes

## Auxiliary Executive Committee

Sylvia Bass  
Lillian Burnette  
Maggie Furr

## S. A. L.

Commander – John paparelli  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander - Fred Henderson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Commander – Van Martin  
Adjutant – Steve Willis  
Sergeant –at –Arms –Jeff “Tex” Ward  
Chaplin - Gerry Murray

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