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**MAY 2009**

**National American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Month**

**COMMANDER'S CORNER**

Once again the time has come to sign up for election of new officers. A roster will be posted on the bulletin board for anyone who wishes to run for an elected position to sign up. REMEMBER, this is your Post everyone needs to get out and vote.

On April 18, 2009, we held a pig roast to help "Raise the Roof", everyone who attended really enjoyed themselves. The band "Beach Street Boogie" was a great success and we hope to have them back soon. The food was excellent and I would like to thank Rick for helping me cook the pigs and everyone else that contributed to the day. Anyone who missed it sure passed up a good time.

The past Saturday to my surprise an unexpected guest dropped by during the pig roast. He is Liam Kane, he is the American Legion Department Vice Commander of France. Mr. Kane's Home is in Dublin, Ireland. Mr. Kane is a very interesting fellow and I enjoyed his company and I am sure everyone else did to.

The rains came and went and thanks to Fouraker Roofing, we do not have any leaks not even a drop, "WHOOPIE"!

A big Thank You to the ALA for their hard work and donations, they are appreciated.

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

**NOMINATION OF OFFICERS AT MAY MEETINGS FOR JUNE ELECTIONS OF  
LEIONNAIRES, AUXILIARY & SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION!  
ATTENDANCE AT UPCOMING MAY & JUNE MEETINGS IS VERY IMPORTANT!**

**Unsung Hero in Our Post ~ Barbara Greene**

The following are her achievements, thus far, for 2009:

*Vivian Harris-National Award for Special Education 'Teacher of the Year'; Finalist-All Duval County 'Teacher of the Year'; Alden Road School 'Teacher of the Year'; Pay-It Forward Grant Winner; Ezra Jack Keats Award; Kiwanis Club Grant Winner; Sawgrass Chapel Grant Winner; Scientific Award Grant Winner; 2008-2009-Civilian Grant Winner.*

For your continued caring and service to the very special people of this world,  
we are proud of you & we thank you!

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The Poppy Program is the oldest and most widely recognized Auxiliary program. Each year around Memorial Day, Auxiliary volunteers distribute millions of bright red crepe paper poppies in exchange for contributions to assist disabled and hospitalized veterans. The program provides multiple benefits to the veterans and to the community. The hospitalized veterans who make the flowers are able to earn a small wage which helps to supplement their incomes and makes them feel more self-sufficient. The physical and mental activity provides many therapeutic benefits as well. Donations are used exclusively to assist and support veterans and their families. The poppy also reminds the community of the past sacrifices and continuing needs of our veterans. Auxiliary members endeavor to explain the true meaning of this little flower to all those who receive it. The poppy has become a nationally known and recognized symbol of sacrifice and is worn and used by Auxiliary members to honor the men and women who served and died for their country in all wars.

**Support the Auxiliary & Support the Veterans!**



### **Auxiliary Report**

Thank you for all who participated in our garage sale. We made about \$350.00 and through the "hot dogs & burger" sales Barbara & Rick were able to pay graduation costs for 4 of Barbara's students.

Our Auxiliary shirts are here. This is not a profit endeavor for the Auxiliary, so please purchase your shirts if you ordered one.

Our Veteran's Appreciation Dinner has been postponed. We look forward to doing it in the fall.

May is Poppy Month. The Poppy is a symbol of lives sacrificed by our warriors and they represent the hope that none of them died in vain. All of your poppy contributions are given to benefit our Veterans. Last year we donated \$1,000.00 to the Wounded Warrior Program.

On June 6<sup>th</sup> we will accompany Karen O'Neil to the VA hospital in Lake City. We will be hosting a bingo & pizza party for the Veterans. If you'd like to join the fun, let me or Karen O'Neil know.

Thanks to all of you who clip coupons. Last month we mailed \$27,388.00 worth to Japan and our total for the year is \$133,213.90. Our next meeting is May 14<sup>th</sup>. Please join us and bring your pull-tabs, coupons and ideas.

May God Bless our Country and Us, Ann Cook, Auxiliary President



# MAY 2009

## National American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Month



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 *Breakfast 9-12  <i>Books Needed!</i>	4 * Lunch: 11-1:00 Chef: Fireman Dan <b>MEMBERSHIP DRIVE</b>	5 * Lunch: 11-1:00 	6 * Lunch: 11-1:00 * House Cmte: 5:30 * Dinner: 6:30-8:00  Visit Your Website for Updates: <a href="http://www.al233fl.org">www.al233fl.org</a>	7 * Lunch: 11-1:00 * E. Cmte: 6:00 * Legionnaires: 7:00 	8 * Lunch: 11-1:00 * Steak Night: 6:30-8 & Music: 8-10  <b>Frankie Martin, Jr. 8-10</b>	9  <i>Books Needed!</i>
10 *Breakfast 9-12 <b>Mother's Day</b>	11 * Lunch: 11-1:00 Chef: Fireman Dan <b>Support Our Troops!</b>	12 * Lunch: 11-1:00 	13 * Lunch: 11-1:00 * Dinner: 6:30-8:00 * Trivia w/Patty 8-10 	14 * Lunch: 11-1:00 * Auxiliary: 7:00 	15 * Lunch: 11-1:00 * Steak Night: 6:30-8 <b>Armed Forces Day</b>	16 <i>More Sweetfire</i> 
17 *Breakfast 9-12 	18 * Lunch: 11-1:00 Chef: Fireman Dan <b>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!</b>	19 * Lunch: 11-1:00 	20 * Lunch: 11-1:00 * Dinner: 6:30-8:00 	21 * Lunch: 11-1:00 * S.A.L.: 6:00 	22 * Lunch: 11-1:00 * Steak Night: 6:30-8 & Music: 8-10 <b>Support Our Troops!</b>	23 <b>God Bless America!</b>  <i>Books Needed!</i>
24 *Breakfast 9-12 *Breakfast 9-12 *Breakfast 9-12 31	25 * Lunch: 11-1:00 Chef: Fireman Dan <b>Memorial Day</b>	26 * Lunch: 11-1:00 	27 * Lunch: 11-1:00 * Dinner: 6:30-8:00 * Trivia w/Patty 8-10 	28 * Lunch: 11-1:00  <i>Books Needed!</i>	29 * Lunch: 11-1:00 * Steak Night: 6:30-8 & Music: 8-10 <b>God Bless America!</b>	30 Suggestions on Input for Newsletter: <a href="mailto:pvpost233news@aol.com">pvpost233news@aol.com</a> 

Friday Steaks: \$12.00/\$14.00 ~ Wednesday Dinner: \$7.00/\$9.00 ~ Sunday Breakfast: \$5.00 ~ Member/Non-Member Donation  
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CAP'N SKI'S 'RAISE THE ROOF'  
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**PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR Post NEWSLETTER!** Donations of \$25 per year advertising in Newsletter & Website!

**May Birthday's**

- 1: Millie Bristol; 2: Jack Kelly; Barbara Turley; 3: Van Martin; 4: Victorice Lynch; 5: Peggy Chapman;
- 7: Robert Parson Jr; 9: Kathryn Hoza; 19: Tina Reynolds; Deborah Stewart; 21: Carol Lamb;
- 24: Pat Mosley-Root; Jeanne Pinto; 26: Dee Dumas; 28: Ann Cook; 29: Jean Batcheler;
- 31: Doug Cope; Brenda Brooks; Deanne O' Donnell

## Adjutant News

The membership drive is over. Thanks to all who have received your membership cards for the year 2009. The membership year is actually the calendar year. The 2010 cards will be available around the end of June after I get back from the state convention. I will pick them up at the convention and whoever your adjutant is for next year will have them available. Again I encourage you to renew your membership for 2010 as soon as you possibly can. If you really care about your Post, it will show up in your deeds, not your words.

Let's commit to make 2010 the best year ever at Post 233. Let's finally realize our great potential and strive to make it a reality. I honestly believe we are on our way. With your help we can and will keep it going.

Don't forget the advantages of membership. There is not enough space to list them all but here are just a few: The American Legion Magazine is worth the membership dues. Don't forget all the things we have done for our Veterans such as flag protection; better military housing; improved VA medical care which some of you are getting right now, and much more. We also have many local programs such as providing temporary financial assistance to Veterans and their families. Other programs focus on education, safety, drug awareness, scouting, baseball, oratorical competition, boys and girls state, and the flag. All of this and much more are available to our members. There is something for everyone.

So again, thank you for being part of the largest veteran's organization in the world. As you can see your membership dues collectively really does a lot. More than many members realize.

Always for God and Country, Ray Williams, Adjutant



*In Memory of his passing last year,  
a Memorial is planned for  
Jack Blessing,  
Past Commander, Post #233  
Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 3:00 p.m. @ Post #233*

All you Trivia buffs, May will be the last month that I will be hosting Trivia, as I am taking the summer off, so only 2 more WED left, the 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>.

If someone would like to step in and host, please let me know. As it stands, I am planning on restarting Trivia in September or maybe sooner, who knows!

I do want to thank all of the teams that have supported Trivia throughout my 'Trivia-ing'. It has really been lots o' fun!

Please check your web site & newsletters for updates!

Patty O'



# OFFICERS

## LEGIONNAIRE OFFICERS

Commander: Don Mills  
1st Vice: Clen Ward  
2nd Vice: Pete Mischler  
Adjutant: Ray Williams  
Finance Officer: Steve Hutchinson  
Chaplain: Bob Nagel  
Sergeant-at-Arms: Rick Kapeghian  
Historian: Ron Garing

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dave Jordon Roy Havekost  
Dan Wortman Patty O'Callahan  
Jim Durnal

## COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Executive: Don Mills  
House: Diane Beason  
Landscape: TBA  
Building: TBA

## AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President: Ann Cook  
1st Vice: Sylvia Bass  
2nd Vice: Barbara Turley  
Treasurer: Judy Nagel  
Secretary: Paula Buckley  
Chaplain: Rita Connelly  
Sergeant-at-Arms: Judy Mills

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Angie Kees  
Valerie Galvin

## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS

Commander: Jeff 'Tex' Ward  
1st Vice: Fred Henderson  
2nd Vice: Van Martin  
Adjutant: Steve Willis  
Sergeant-at-Arms: John Paperelli  
Chaplain: Gerry Murray



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