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Legionnaire Membership: did you sign up a new member this month? ALA Membership: did you sign up a new member this month? SAL Membership: did you sign up a new member this month?

# **Commander's Corner**



Commander Steve Willis

WHERE HAS THE YEAR GONE?

IT IS THAT TIME ONCE MORE TO START THING ABOUT NEW OFFICERS. PRELIMINARY NOMINATIONS WHERE HELD AT APRIL'S MEETING. THEY WILL BE HELD AGAIN AT THE MAY AND JUNE MEETINGS WITH THE ELECTION HELD VERY SHORTY AFTER. THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF NOTICE AS TO THE DATE.

PLEASE GIVE SOME SERIOUS THOUGHT TO WHO YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AS YOUR NEW LEADERS.

AFTER THE MAY MEETING AN OFFICERS SHEET WILL BE POSTED ON THE BLACK POSTER BOARD FOR ANYONE WILLING TO TAKE A SPECIFIC OFFICE TO VOLUNTEER ON. COME SEE US AT THE POST.

For God and Country,

Steve



### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Roy Havekost

Volunteerism: *n.* 'the principle of donating time and energy for the benefit of other people in the community'. A volunteer offers him/herself willingly to perform a service or undertaking without pay. As a social responsibility to the Post, all members need to volunteer time in order to make the efforts of the Legion work properly. We always see the same people coming forward to volunteer, why is that? The answer remains only with those who choose not to be involved. Remember, the candle can only stay bright for so long... sooner or later it will BURN OUT! Remember too, we are "Veterans helping Veterans".

For God and Country,

Roy



2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander (vacant)

No report this month, position vacant.



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander Rick Kapeghian

Our next meeting is May 5<sup>th</sup> and we will again be asking for nominations for offices for the 2011-12 term. Come to the meeting, get nominated and get involved.

For God and Country, Rick



4<sup>th</sup> Vice Commander Charlie Walker

No report this month.

For God and Country, Charlie

### **CANTEEN MANAGERS REPORT- by Diane Beason**

No report this month



### FROM THE SAL- Commander Jeff 'Tex' Ward

Greetings "Sons",

CONGRATULATIONS Gentlemen!!!! We achieved our goal of 100% membership again this year (actually 105%!). Thanks to all of you that renewed your membership and welcome new members. There are however a number of you that have not "re-upped". There is a list on the bulletin board of members that have not paid if you are not sure. Please make checks payable to "S.A.L. American Legion" and be sure to include your details: name, address, phone, and particularly your e-mail. You can send them to the Post or drop by and give them to a bartender. Be on the lookout for potential new members!

Our S.A.L. Wednesday dinners have been a huge success! Thanks to Chef Mike, Ben Mills and Randy Cottle (and me!) for helping during our special St. Patrick's Day dinner, consisting of traditional corned beef and cabbage with homemade soda bread. Our April dinner was a hit with Dale Little (and his "assistants") serving up his famous fried chicken, Woody's BBQ providing all the sides (donated at cost!), and again with help from Randy Cottle and Roger Akey (and me again!). We are still responsible for one Wednesday a month and we can't have the same guys doing the work every month! It is time to step up boys (and girls!)... PLEASE!! May 25<sup>th</sup> is our next assignment and then June 15<sup>th</sup>. The July-Dec. dates will be forthcoming but if you can take over one of those months please let me know.

Speaking of Randy Cottle... At our last District meeting Randy was nominated and accepted as the new Sergeant-At-Arms for the 5<sup>th</sup> District. Congratulations Randy! I believe that he is the first member from our Squadron to represent the District. Randy has also thrown his hat in the ring to be our Squadron 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice for the upcoming year. He is definitely getting involved and it sure would be nice to see more of you do that! The May Squadron meeting is on the 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

There are many fun and exciting events coming up in the near future at our Post so keep your eyes on the newsletter, visit the website (<u>www.al233fl.org</u>) or better yet <u>come in to your Post</u>, have a drink and really find out what is happening!

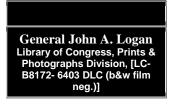
If you have any questions, suggestions or constructive criticism regarding our Squadron or Post 233 issues, my phone is 904-233-0976 and my email is <u>flagman49@yahoo.com</u>.

Jeff "TEX" Ward

# FROM THE AUXILIARY- President Kathy Church

On Wed., April 13<sup>th</sup> the Auxiliary hosted our first "Cash for Gold party" with the Gold Refinery and for the first one it turned out pretty good. We had six members that had their items appraised (me included) and five of us actually accepted the offers to receive a combined total of \$1385.00 in cash. We have scheduled another one for Wed. June 1<sup>st</sup> if all goes as planned. Start cleaning your jewelry boxes out now and spreading the word to your friends & family members as well. You can cash in on gold, silver, silver ware etc. You might be surprised that items you think are not worth much actually have value. If an item has stones in it, the reps from the Gold Refinery will take them out and give them back to you.

Below is the history of Memorial Day.



Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his <u>General Order No. 11</u>, and was first observed on 30 May 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war). It is now celebrated in

almost every State on the last Monday in May (passed by Congress with the National Holiday Act of 1971 (P.L. 90 - 363).

In 1915, inspired by the poem <u>"In Flanders Fields,"</u> Moina Michael replied with her own poem:

We cherish too, the Poppy red That grows on fields where valor led, It seems to signal to the skies That blood of heroes never dies.

May is Poppy month and keeping with tradition the Auxiliary will be asking for donations for this program. Money donated for Poppies goes to rehabilitation for military members. The Auxiliary is still in need of a Poppy Chairman. Contact me if you would like to help out with this. We also need members to help out over Memorial Day weekend to collect donations in some public spots.

It is hard to believe this but it is once again time to start thinking about our 2012 Officers. Barbara Turley is heading up our Nominating Committee and will be publishing a notice regarding this. There are several positions that will be open including Auxiliary President and Secretary. If you are interested in any open position please let me know and I will pass it on to Barbara.

Please keep all our military members and their families in your thoughts & prayers.

Kathy Church

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1	Millie Bristol
2	Barbara Turley
3	Van Martin
4	Victoria Lynch
5	Peggy Chapman
7	Robert Parsons Jr.
11	Fred Henderson
19	Tina Reynolds
	Debbie Stewart

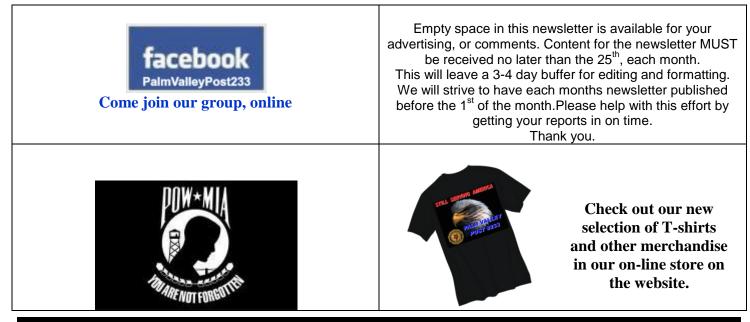
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	21	Carol Lamb
	24	Pat Mosley-Root
	26	Dee Durnal
	28	Ann Cook
	29	Jean Batchelder
	30	Rick Kapeghian
	31	Doug Cope
		Brenda Brooks
		Deane O'Donnell

### ~HAPPY BIRTHDAY in MAY ~

Your birthday can be listed here by sending your name, month and day to <u>webmaster@al233fl.org</u> or call Roy @ 287-6909

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Over 40 designs to choose from

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, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander. Pick up an envelope at the bar. Ads run for one year (prorated). Make checks to Post 233. ☺



Send **Get Well** cards to our wounded troops: A Recovering American Soldier c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center 6900 Georgia Avenue, NW Washington , D.C. 20307-5001

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## **SUPPORT OUR POST** NOMINATIONS FOR POST OFFICERS 2011-2012 TERM

(as of April Meeting)

| Commander          | no one nominated |
|--------------------|------------------|
| 1st Vice Commander | no one nominated |
| 2nd Vice Commander | no one nominated |
| 3rd Vice Commander | no one nominated |
| 4th Vice Commander | no one nominated |
| Finance Officer    | Malcolm Marvin   |
| Chaplain           | Bob Nagel        |
| Sgt. at Arms       | no one nominated |
| Historian          | Rod Garing       |
| Executive Board    |                  |
| (Vote for 5)       | James Durnal     |

James Durnal no one else nominated

Nominations will again be taken at the May 5<sup>th</sup> General Membership meeting. Final nominations and elections will take place at the June 2<sup>nd</sup> General Membership meeting. Members must present their 2011 membership card to be eligible to vote in June.



Palm Valley Golf Course Three Man Teams / Luck of the Draw

Entry Fee: \$35.00, includes Green Fees, Golf Cart, Refreshments on Course and Golfers Fish Fry 12:00pm at the Post. Hole Sponsorship \$25.00



Original Fish Fry

Captain Ski's Original Fish Fry from 12:30 - 5:00pm Argentine Whiting ~ Bama Beans ~ Cole Slaw \$7.00 per plate

> MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO AMERICAN LEGION POST 233

Proceeds to benefit the American Legion programs



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**BILL WALKER** 

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### **BUY A BRICK BUILD A** CHAPLAINS MEMORIAL

A PERSONALIZED MEMORIAL BRICK is a timeless gift to honor our Military Chaplains who have given their lives in the service of OUR COUNTRY

clickforbricks.org or 904-234-2692 Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250

BVMP 915 S. 8th Ave.

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The beach area has a long history with the military, particularly Naval Station Mayport. Many military men and women have chosen the area to retire in, and there are numerous veterans organizations located in the area. In 2006 the city of Atlantic Beach acquired land at the intersection of Mayport Road and Atlantic Blvd., and designated it as a Veterans Memorial Park.

In 2009 a "Community Covenant" was developed between most of the veteran service organizations and the beach cities for mutual support of veteran issues. Those veteran organizations formed an organization, the "Beaches Veterans Memorial Park, Inc." as a not-for-profit corporation and, through a formal agreement with the city of Atlantic Beach to complete the Park, agreed to make it into a fitting place to hold veteran ceremonies and serve the entire community.

# **BEACHES VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK**

- BUY A BRICK BUILD A PARK -

Memorialize your service, or a friend or deceased Veteran

### WHERE WE ARE NOW: \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

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Through grants and donations from local organizations, funding was obtained to start landscaping the Park and erect an 80' Flagpole which displays the national flag as a focal point when entering the beach area via Atlantic Blvd. Future plans include a stage area, a veterans memorial garden area with special recognition of all Chaplains who have made the ultimate sacrifice, more brick walkways, a children's improved play area, restrooms and additional parking.

Additional funding is necessary to complete the work. With the main entrance to the park a brick walkway, what more fitting way to raise funds than to sell engraved bricks which will forever memorialize you, or a Veteran relative or friend. Minimum donation is \$75/brick.

Phone:

### BUY A BRICK build a park: \$75 Dollars minimum donation • \$25 Dollar discount for active duty military and veterans

Please fill out the form, enclose check (no cash) to: VFW Post 3270 in memo indicate BVMP

If mailing send to: VFW Post 3270 (attn: VET PARK) 915 South 8th St. Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250

Or go to: www.beachesveteransmemorialpark.org or Clickforbricks.org

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Fill in the form with your requested inscription, please print with the maximum of 14 characters, including spaces, per line (3 lines allowed)

We will fill out the below receipt and mail it back to you.

Beaches Veterans Memorial Park (501-c (3) Donations TAX DEDUCTIBLE RECEIPT

\_\_\_\_\_, donated \$\_\_\_\_\_\_, check #\_\_\_\_\_

Print Name/Date donor \*\*\* \*\*\*\*

# POST 233 NEWSLETTERS LOOKING FOR OLD EDITIONS FOR THE WEBSITE ARCHIVES

If anyone has or knows of anyone who has older editions of the Posts newsletters, specifically: January to July, & October & November 2006 January to April, & June to December 2005 January to July, & December 2004 Any issues prior to 2004 Please help me to complete this archive of information for the Post. Contact Roy at 287-6909 Any copies provided will be scanned and returned. THANK YOU



Post 233 Newsletter Committee

Looking for a Newsletter Composer to assist

in the preparation of the monthly

NEWSLETTER

Inquiries contact Roy @ 287-6909

## MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES BVMP

PATRIOTS ALL:

This years Beaches Veterans Memorial Day Services will be sponsored by the 40/8 and American Legion Post 316 beginning at 930 AM, May 30, at the Beaches Veterans Memorial Park. This patriotic program will be the first use of our new 1400 sq ft electrified stage, affronting our National flag and its 80' flagpole. All Veterans and Patriotic organizations are asked to participate and present wreaths to our fallen comrades. The Beaches Honor Guard will do the Military Honors, with Taps and a Rifle Salute..

The Chaplains Memorial Garden, directly adjacent to American Legion Post 316, will have engraved Bricks laid in the pathways honoring loved ones. Yet to be laid are the bricks of Military Chaplains who gave their lives in combat for their God ,Country, and the American Fighting Man. The attached Monument rendering is now being funded honoring all 361 Chaplains, of all Services, since the Revolutionary War. For bricks honoring your loved ones, or donations, go to 'Clickforbricks.org'

Budweiser has donated flags, being held by volunteers, directing traffic to parking areas. recommend you bring chairs and a hanky. These services can be emotional and stirring.

Very Respectfully,

Jack Berry BVMP PR 220-3630

### Did You Know?

The term "the whole 9 yards" came from W.W.II fighter pilots in the South Pacific. When arming their airplanes on the ground, the .50 caliber machine gun ammo belts measured exactly 27 feet, before being loaded into the fuselage. If the pilots fired all their ammo at a target, it got "the whole 9 yards."

### The City of Jacksonville Military Affairs, Veterans and Disabled Services Division

# Homeless Veterans Resource Fair 2011 Jacksonville Agricultural Fair Grounds



JOB FAIR Open to all Veterans Friday, May 13 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

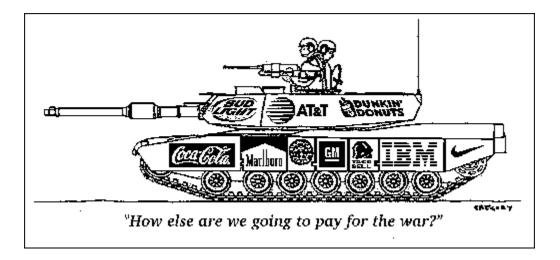
Social SERVICES Saturday, May 14 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

VA Services • Medical Screenings • Dental Eye/Hearing • Haircuts • Food/Clothing Shelter/Housing • Debt Management Substance Abuse Awareness ....and much more!

> All Services provided free of Charge 630-3680

or visit www.coj.net, key word "veterans." Sponsored in part by U.S. Department of Labor–VETS

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### <u>POST OFFICERS</u> <u>2010-2011</u>

### **LEGIONNAIRE**

Commander: Steve Willis Adjutant: Clen Ward Finance Officer: vacant 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Cdr.: Roy Havekost 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Cdr.: vacant 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Cdr.: Rick Kapeghian 4<sup>th</sup> Vice Cdr.: Charlie Walker Chaplain: Bob Nagel Sgt. at Arms: Dan Wortmann Historian: Rod Garing **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** Wilbur Burnette Jim Durnal Bill Lee Malcolm Marvin Steve Sheffield

### AUXILIARY

President: Kathy Church 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Pres.: Barbara Turley 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres.: Rita Connolly Treasurer: Judy Nagel Secretary: Anita Vigil Chaplain: Ann Cook Sgt. at Arms: Sylvia Bass Historian: Barbara Green **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** Barbara Green Karen O'Neill Sherry Wren

### SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Commander: Jeff 'Tex' Ward 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Cdr.: Jason Bass 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Cdr.: Van Martin Adjutant: Steve Willis Sgt. at Arms: John Paparelli Chaplain: Gerry Murray

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| Monthly Events<br>May 2011                      |                                                                                       |                                                     |                                                                              |                                                                           | V                                                                                               | ▲<br><23<br>★<br>■              |
| Sunday                                          | Monday                                                                                | Tuesday                                             | Wednesday                                                                    | Thursday                                                                  | Friday                                                                                          | Saturday                        |
| 1<br>•1- Breakfast 9:00-12:00<br>•MAY BIRTHDAYS | 2<br>•1-Lunch 11am-1pm                                                                | 3<br>•1- Lunch 11am-1pm<br>•Legion E-Board Meeting  | 4<br>-1- Lunch 11am-1pm<br>-2- Dinner 6:30-8pm<br>HOUSE COMM. mlg.<br>5:30pm | 5<br>-1- Lunch 11am-1pm<br>-1EGIONNAIRES mtg. 7pm<br>-0FFICER NOMINATIONS | 6<br>-1- Lunch 11am-1pm<br>-2- Steak Night 6:30-8pm<br>-Frankle Martin Jr. 8-11pm               | 7<br>•LIKE TO COOK? Click here. |
| 8<br>•1- Breakfast 9:00-12:00<br>•Mother's Day  | 9<br>-1- Lunch 11am-1pm<br>-SUPPORT OUR TROOPS                                        | 10<br>•1- Lunch 11am-1pm                            | 11<br>-1- Lunch 11am-1pm<br>-2- Dinner 6:30-8pm                              | 12<br>-1- Lunch 11am-1pm<br>•AUXILIARY mig. 7pm                           | 13<br>-1- Lunch 11am-1pm<br>-2- Steak Night 6:30-8pm<br>-JAX VET JOB FAIR                       | 14                              |
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| 22<br>•1- Breakfast 9:00-12:00                  | 23<br>-1- Lunch 11am-1pm<br>-WELCOME<br>LEGIONNAIRES & GUESTS                         | 24<br>•1- Lunch 11am-1pm                            | 25<br>-1- Lunch 11am-1pm<br>-2- Dinner 6:30-8pm                              | 26<br>•1- Lunch 11am-1pm                                                  | 27<br>-1- Lunch 11am-1pm<br>-2- Steak Night 6:30-8pm                                            | -Golf Toumy-Fish Fry            |
| 28                                              | 30<br>•1- Lunch 11am-1pm<br>•Memorial Day<br>•Memorial Day Service Post<br><u>316</u> | 31<br>-1- Lunch 11am-1pm<br>-Legion E-Board Meeting |                                                                              |                                                                           |                                                                                                 |                                 |

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