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### NOVEMBER 2007

#### Commander's Corner

It's hard to believe that November is upon us, already. We have experienced victories and some challenges to date. Our dinners and entertainment have been well attended and all your participation is very much appreciated. We also welcome a number of people back to our Post, who have not participated for quite some time. I consider that a huge victory, as every member should come and enjoy the hospitality and commradery the American Legion offers.

Our Trivia and Karaoke Programs will be alternating on Wednesdays following our Specialty Dinners, so come and enjoy. Those two programs begin at 8 PM, with Chuck and Tex at the helm.

November 11th is Veteran's Day, the annual ceremony is held at 10:30AM at the Ponte Vedra Valley Cemetery to honor our Veterans. I have attended the past 4 years and it's a very inspiring program. Your Adjutant, Ric Smith is very involved with the program. Following the ceremony there will be a luncheon held at the Post. Put it on your calendar and try to attend. It's only one day during the year.

Also November 11th, everyone who has paid their dues or joined the Post prior to this date are eligible to enjoy our Early Bird Dinner for free. This event was HUGE last year and will probably be held in January. You will be hearing more about it from your 1st Vice Commander – Glen Ward and we all know he can handle a food event! (The former Ward's Landing Proprietor). Be sure to bring your dues of \$35 to the Post prior to November 11 and you qualify.

Exterior repairs to our building were very much needed to keep the weather out and to enhance the overall appearance. Meanwhile, our Septic Holding Tank decided to end its life in our back yard. This was caused by the large amounts of rain in September and early October. Actually, the soil became so dense with moisture and the expansion has caused many tanks in our area to collapse. Our safe door hinge broke and the old second hand safe had to be replaced with a new one. This is taxing our funds and I am asking you at this time to help out with donations for our building repair fund. A number of you have stepped forward at

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#### From the Auxiliary

The Fall is traditionally a time of thanks giving. As always we'd like to thank our members and volunteers. Your support of the 5th District meeting, the Halloween Party and Wednesday night dinners is much appreciated. Thanks and welcome to new members joining our organization.

November is also the time to show appreciation for our military veteran. Veteran's Day November 11th, is a great reminder to thank those that served our nation. Our unit voted to donate bus passes and phone cards to support the Jax Vet Center and the Lake City VAMC.

Speaking of support, we'd be remiss if we didn't thank those members collecting, clipping and counting coupons for military families overseas. Last month we collected almost \$5000 in coupon savings. Keep up the good work and don't forget to record your volunteer hours. Please make an effort to record and submit your volunteer time, money and mileage for ALL your volunteer activities.

Volunteers. Volunteers are needed for the second annual holiday craft fair, scheduled for Saturday, November 10th. Please donate your time and talent to make this event success. We need your craft or baked items to feature at the fair. We are also looking for someone to coordinate the event publicly. Please contact President Ann Cook if you can spearhead getting the word out. Last year we raised and donated \$1200 to local and state veteran and children organizations. Won't you help us make this one just as success?

Mike Dubin has a birthday this month and thanks to his wife Karen, Project Special Care will be celebrating (PSC is a local organization working to prevent the abuse and neglect of children) . Although a party in Mike's honor is being held at the Post on Saturday, November 17th, the real fun will be had by the children supported by PSC. Karen has planned an afternoon at Ollie Koala's Backyard for the children. Please contact Karen Dubin if you would like to participate.

There will be NO Wednesday night dinner on November 21st. Since this meal falls on the eve of Thanksgiving.

If you'd like to participate in a Christmas

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this writing and you are very much appreciated. I'd like to thank the Auxiliary, Donna & Eddie Floyd, and John Wagener for your generous contributions. We have a great Post and we need your support at this time.

All For Freedom  
Jim Ross  
Commander

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ornament exchange, please bring a wrapped ornament to the next Auxiliary meeting. All those that take part will swap ornaments at the end of the meeting.

Next Auxiliary Monthly Meeting: Thursday, November 8th, 7p.m., at Post 233.

Bless our Post  
By Cathy Corcoran for Ann Cook  
Auxiliary President

## Adjutant

Our present renewal and new card membership is 289. This is 79% of our quota for 2007-2008. We have been requested by our State Commander to reach 100% by December 31, 2007. We are only 77 cards away from that total of 366. You guys and gals know who has and has not paid. Let us show the 5th District and State, we can make this goal by Thanksgiving.

Veteran's Day is rapidly approaching for our annual program at the Ponte Vedra/Palm Valley Cemetery on November 11th at 10:30 AM. All you have to do is be present. Bill Rutowski, our 11-year member at Post #233 is a great speaker. Come out and support your fellow member!! The Cemetery is 100 yards South of Canal Rd. on 210.

Welcome to our new members Sidney Carrier, John Fyfe and Murphey Shaw. The response to our 400 campaign is impressive, Many are in process of transferring from Florida 400 to Post #233.

For God and Country  
Ric Smith Sr.  
Adjutant

## S.A.L.

My apologies to you all for missing the previous newsletters, I am not used to having a literary deadline but will try to uphold my responsibility in the future.

I would first like to thank past Commander, John Paperalli, for his time and dedication to the position. I am fortunate to enter this position with all of the previous officers (Steve Willis, Fred Henderson, Van Martin and Gerry Murry) volunteering to remain on the board. I appreciate their continued service and look forward to working with them to continue to help make the SAL a viable part of the American Legion, Post #233 and the community. I also

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want to thank Ron Joy for "temporarily" volunteering for the House Committee position.

As most of you have notice (if not- take a look!) we have a patriotic styled "mail box" outside the front entrance (thanks to Jim Ross) that is intended as a receptacle for U. S. Flags that are no longer in a respectable condition to fly. Place your used and worn flag in the box (the flags will be properly disposed of) then come inside and select a new flag. The Post has a limited array of new flags (3'x 5' being the most popular size) for purchase. These are best quality outdoor flags at "legion-like" prices. If you don't find the size or type of flag you require please notify a bartender (or see me) and we will order it for you.

Ron Joy and his "crew" are in the final stages of completing the kitchen renovations but we need a little more help from you and your friends to complete it. So..... on Sunday, Nov.18th, from 1-6 PM the SAL is hosting a fund raiser at the Post in memory of "Iron Mike" Callahan. For \$10 donation, we will be serving smoked chicken and pork, "southern style" greens, baked beans and Cajun corn. The awesome sounds of FLAT BLACK (featuring our own Jason Bass) will be performing on the outdoor stage. The Jaguars vs Chargers game will be on the "big screen" and NASCAR will also be on. I look forward to seeing you all there. Remember to bring along some guest!!

There are many of you that I have not met personally. I would enjoy meeting you so the next time you are at the Post, please introduce yourself and I'll buy you a drink! On that note, a great time to find me is Wednesday nights. I am there to enjoy the always-fantastic Wednesday dinner. After dinner, on alternating weeks, I host a Karaoke Show and Chuck Kees and I host "Team Trivia". If you have not participated in these fun events yet, you should make plans to do it very soon. We are entertaining, fun and "educational". Check your newsletter calendar for the next show.

On a More serious note. We have prided ourselves in achieving 100% Membership goals for the past few years. We want to achieve this goal again, hopefully before the end of this calendar year. If you have not paid your membership to date please do so ASAP. You can send it in- or better yet, stop by the Post and personally hand it to a bartender, Steve Willis or myself. There are many of you that we have not seen in awhile, so why not stop by for a "cleansing ale" and renew some acquaintances! We also want to increase our membership. I have personally handed applications to potential members and am sure there are others of you that have sons, brothers, friends, etc. that have taken applications. Please remind them to sign up. Remember, the deadline for the Early Bird Dinner eligibility is Nov 11th.

If any of you have any questions regarding Post issues, my number is 904-233-0976 and my email is flagman49@yahoo.com.

For God and Country,  
Jeff "Tex" Ward  
SAL Commander

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### Auxiliary Membership Notes

I would like to take this opportunity to say thanks to all of the "EARLY BIRDS" who have paid your 2008 dues. We have been ahead of all the goals that the Department has set for us so far this year. The next goal we are to meet is 86% by January 25, 2008. If my calculations are correct as of the latest package I sent off on October 22nd, we are at 87%. Yahoo! Don't let this good number stop you from sending in your dues if you haven't done so already. If your dues are not received by January 20, 2008 you will be considered delinquent.

We continue to sign up new members and I would like to welcome the following members that have joined since I took over as Membership Chairman in February. Paula Buckley, Kim Lang, Carol Lamb, Marcia Yarger, Carol Connolly, Rita Connolly, Carolyn Wiltse, Karen Dubin, Peggy Petrie, Cathie Witham, Anita Vigil, Biron Wood, Connie Frostenson, JoAnn Tiffiee, Kathleen Kopach, Karleen McConnell, Marika Nunnikhoven, Katherine Perry, and Charlie Saffles. We also have others in the works.

There are however 10 members that we have not received their 2007 dues and their memberships are considered to be expired. If anyone recognizes these members listed below, please contact the member or myself so we can get them reinstated and up to date. Remember it is a privilege to be a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and I hate to see anyone let their membership expire.

Kimberley Allison, Debbie Curro, Rachel Effinger, Marjorie Goodwin, Jessica Gravenor, Priscilla Mills, Barbara Neilson, Kim Price, Tia Stratton, and Aimee Umstadt.

**Kathy Church**  
Membership Chair - Auxiliary

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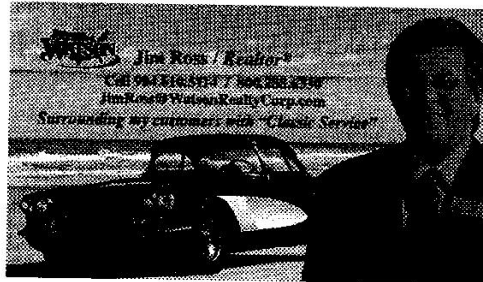
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# Palm Valley American Legion



# November 2007 Events



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Breakfast 9:00-12:00 Bill Furr, Glen & Ben Ward	4 Lunch 11-1:30 SUPPORT OUR TROOPS	5 Lunch 11-1:30	6 Lunch 11-1:30 Dinner 6:30-8:00pm Georgia's Lecaigna Trivia	7 Lunch 11-1:30 Legionnaires meeting 7PM	8 Lunch 11-1:30 Buntley & Team Steak Night 6:30-8:30pm Karaoke w/ Austin Willkoms	9 Legionnaires Birthday Party Aux Craft & Bake Sale 8 to 2pm
Breakfast 9:00-12:00 Karen & Mike Veteran's Day 10:30 ceremony @ PV Conastery w/ Jack #233	11 Lunch 11-1:30	12 Lunch 11-1:30 GOD BLESS AMERICA	13 Lunch 11-1:30 Dinner 6:30-8:00pm Legion Need cooks Karaoke	14 Lunch 11-1:30 Aux Meeting 7 PM	15 Lunch 11-1:30 Reggie	16 Steak Night 6:30-8:30pm ENTERTAINMENT Dwayne Sanders
Breakfast 9:00-12:00 Need breakfast cooks Iron Mike cookout 1-6 Flat Black playing playing - meal donation	18 Lunch 11-1:30 WELCOME ALL LEGIONNAIRES	19 Lunch 11-1:30	20 Lunch 11-2 Trivia Dinner cancelled due to Thanksgiving	21 Lunch 11-1:30 Thanksgiving Legionnaires Luncheon @12 Turkey and Trimmings	22 Lunch 11-1:30 SAL Meeting 7 PM	23 Steak Night 6:30-8:30pm Need Cooks ENTERTAINMENT Doyle Primm
Breakfast 9:00-12:00	25 Lunch 11-1:30 REMEMBER OUR POWS	26 Lunch 11-1:30	27 Lunch 11-1:30 Dinner 6:30-8:00pm Legion Need cooks Karaoke	28 Lunch 11-1:30	29 Lunch 11-1:30 Steak Night 6:30-8:30pm	30 ENTERTAINMENT
\$5.00 Donation for Sunday's Big Breakfast						
\$5.00 Donation for Wednesday Dinner						
\$10.00 Donation for a great Steak Dinner & entertainment on Fri.						

## Christmas Luncheon

Well, I know no one wants to talk about Christmas until after Thanksgiving, however I am chairing the Christmas Luncheon, which is being sponsored by our Auxiliary this year. I like to start planning in advance. I realize not everyone can be at our Post on Christmas Day and I can understand you wanting to spend time at home with your families. Lunch will be served from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM on Christmas Day. The Post will be open until 6:00 PM.

There is a way you can still contribute and help me with our lunch. I will be posting a list on the bulletin boards this week. If you can contribute in any way, be it a main dish or a side dish, it would be greatly appreciated. If you want to cook it ahead of time and freeze it, I can make arrangements to store it. If you want to just drop your dish off Christmas Morning or Christmas Eve you are welcome to do so. If you are going to be out of town and would like to donate money towards our lunch you may also do that. Please put your donations in an envelope, mark it Christmas Lunch and leave it for me at the Post. I would like to have two turkeys and two hams, along with all the sides for a scrumptious Christmas Lunch.

Please feel free to call at 219-3035 or e-mail at [bartenderpost233@yahoo.com](mailto:bartenderpost233@yahoo.com) if you can help out.

Thanking all in advance - Kathy Church