

PALM VALLEY POST 233
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Mon ~ Sat 1100 hrs to 2300 hrs
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Commander's Corner

It's not always easy being your Commander and it's not near as much fun as it could be if this were a perfect world. For example, my last month's comments in the newsletter about "Stepping up to the Plate" was intended to stimulate morale and publicly thank those who volunteer so much of their time. However, being human and prone to make mistakes occasionally, I left out some people and they were, rightfully so, offended. We also missed some people on the birthday list last month. I didn't get the air conditioner installed in the kitchen as promised and we haven't started on the renovation of the bar as promised. The cooler still leaks and water still drips from the ceiling. I'm sorry that hasn't been taken care of as soon as some members think I should have done and didn't, I apologize, I'm sorry, and will try to do better in the future.

Now, having said all that, it leads me into the subject I wanted to write about this month in the first place. I will bet that most of you didn't know that if I had used the time that I spent working on and resolving Canteen disciplinary problems, the above list of much needed projects wouldn't be near as long as it is. So, let's cut to the chase and get right to the point.

The Canteen is a place to enjoy good clean fun and promote camaraderie for the good of the Legion. We all understand that after having a few drinks we may not always be on our best behavior and we do say things we often regret. However, there are house rules that cover behavior in the Canteen and we must all do our best to abide by these rules. Foul and vulgar language is rampant throughout the Canteen and will not be tolerated. The "F" word may be an acceptable word for many these days, but not in the American Legion Post #233. Think about it, is the language you use in the Post the same language you use at home or in front of your wife, mother, sister or daughter. We pride ourselves in being a "family" Post made up of many wives, mothers, sisters, sons, and daughters. So, let's clean up our language and live up to our reputation as a family Post. Thanks!!

Additionally, just a friendly reminder that the Canteen manager AND the Bartenders are responsible for enforcing the Canteen House Rules and I urge each of you to cooperate with them at all times. If you have a problem with the way the rules are being enforced, just remember, there are ways and means to voice your complaint through proper channels without a personal confrontation with the Bartender or Canteen manager.

For God And Country
Johnny Jones, Commander

Adjutant

How many of you remember the 3 phases of New Membership? 1) Honorable Discharge or Active Duty in good standing, 2) Service within required time frames (see bulletin board), 3) Carry an application in your wallet. There are many sources for new membership-use them.

We are currently at 203 renewals and new members. Our annual quota is 327. The next requirement is 65% by November 3rd. Very attainable, go get renewals first!!

The 6th annual Veterans Day program will start at 10:30AM, at Ponte Vedra Cemetery, Thursday, November 11th. All past and present officers are asked to attend.

Ric Smith, Adjutant

From Steve Willis,

We now have our website and e-mail address set up. In the future we would like to send out as many newsletters as possible over the web, so please send me your e-mail addresses as this will save on postage. You can send me any photo's you would like to be placed in the on-line album.

OUR NEW WEBSITE

<http://home.bellsouth.net/p/PWP-pvpost233fl>

OUR NEW E-MAIL - Pvpost233@bellsouth.net

Waiting to hear from you, Steve

From the Auxiliary

Auxiliary membership has 50% renewals so far. Let's get 100% by the due date of December 31st! Please send in your dues and help us update our records by contacting Olive Reynolds (352-473-0438).

The Yard Sale was a great success and the Auxiliary wants to thank all those involved in raising over \$450.00 to benefit Post 233. A special thank you goes to Cathy Corcoran for all of her hard work. We plan to have another one in the spring.

Another Thank you goes to Mike Callohan for donating Jag tickets that raised money for the "new walk-in cooler" challenge fund. The Auxiliary is well on their way to being the first to raise \$1000.00 towards the \$3000.00 goal and challenge to the Legionnaires and SAL.

Thanksgiving dinner is being donated by many Auxiliary members and will be delicious as always. Turkey, ham and all the fixin's will be available November 25th from noon until 5:00PM. Any one interested in donating foods or help out would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Post 233. (285-2484)

The Auxiliary meeting December 9th at 7:00PM will have a holiday theme with snacks and a guest speaker. Please plan on joining us. All Auxiliary members are invited to all of our meetings. It is also a good time to introduce new members. There is plenty to do all year long. A little time volunteered goes a long way and benefits all of us. One of our junior Auxiliary members will be available at Post 233 to baby-sit during the meeting if you have children. (No Charge). Now that's a deal!!!

One more Thank you to President Edith Butner for the lovely patriotic scarves she gave to Auxiliary members at the last meeting. Everyone will wear them with pride.

Hope to see you at the meeting! --- November 11th, 7:00PM.

For Post and Country, Cynthia Gaines

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

I thank you all for the support at our last months meeting. As you may see we have 2 new officers. 1st Vice – Fred Henderson, 2nd Vice – Van Martin.

Thank you for being part of our team.

Please don't forget our new function; we have one – one Saturday a month. Our first one will be November 13, the menu is Fried Turkey and will be served from 2PM until 8PM with entertainment (4PM til 8PM). Please check your next month's newsletter or call the Post 285-2484 for more information.

The 2005 membership fee is now due. Please support the Post. Currently we are at 64% membership. For information to pay your dues please see the bartender, Steve Willis, or myself. Don't forget our next meeting is on December 16th at 7:00PM.

God Bless America, God Bless Our Troops
Gary Smolon, Commander



Palm Valley American Legion



Post 233 October Events



NOVEMBER 2004

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Breakfast 9:00-12:00 \$5.00 Donation Helen & Friends | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| Breakfast 9:00-12:00 \$5.00 Donation Mike & Cynthia District Mtg Post 37 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| Breakfast 9:00-12:00 \$5.00 Donation Doe, Jones & Rachel | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| Breakfast 9:00-12:00 \$5.00 Donation Joy, Charlie & Clem | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
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From the Canteen

The Holidays are upon us! Please drink responsibly and enjoy your holidays. Remember, it is important to sign in your guest during this busy season.

We have a great group of Bartenders who do a lot for our Canteen. Please be courteous and respectful to them ALL, they are just doing their jobs!!

God Bless Our Post
Pat Mosley- Root

Effective November 1, 2004 the Canteen Saturday opening hour returns to 11:00 am. This is a return to the winter hours as our golfers are teeing off later. Thanks!



Taken at our Yankee Night when all the New York Yankee fans got together and cooked and served New Your Strips. Thanks to Mike, Paul, Gary, and Pat for a great Steak evening with lots of excitement. Melita is still excited!

FYI

Just to keep all our members informed, we would like to talk about our Steak Night. We, over time, have raised our Steak Night to sell 50 per evening. Some nights we only sell 25 or 30 and some nights we could sell 10 or 15 over the 50. But we have increased our sales and buy the 50 every week. We're very sorry if we ever short a customer who comes to visit and wants a steak. But we try our best. Please remember this is an operation of volunteers. All of our cooks are volunteers. They give their time freely to insure you enjoy your evening. We start cooking the steaks at 6:00 pm and the last order is served at 9:00 pm. Please come as close to 6:00 pm as you can and place your order so we can accommodate you. We hope we hit the 50 sold every week. If you have enjoyed our hospitality you know the top quality of our steaks. Also, if this is your forte we are always looking for a few good cooks. Please volunteer!

We need volunteers to do the weekly shopping for the Post. This includes the items needed for the Canteen Bar and our weekly cooking efforts. A list is prepared and you would only need to pick up those items. Our current volunteers have been doing this single handily for almost three years and need some help. Your help would be greatly appreciated.



Birthdays

17 Rick Felton
18 Sal Caminiti
22 Sherri Parker

Sick Call

Kim price Gary Smolen
Marry Frisbee, Jim Thomas
Harry Frisbee,

OFFICERS

Legionnaire Officers

Commander – Johnny Jones
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2nd Vice President – Ray Root
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Auxiliary Officers

President – Edith Butner
1st Vice President – Olive Reynolds
2nd Vice President – Patricia Moseley-Root
Treasurer – Barbara Milazo
Secretary – Cynthia Gaines
Chaplin – Arlene Jones
Sergeant – at – Arms – Georgia Barnes
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Food Coordinator – Ana Bedford

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Melita Doran
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