



AL233FL Newsletter

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Commander's Corner

The 2009 – 2010 year is moving along quickly. November is going to be another great month at Post 233. Thanks to all involved, the Ward's Landing Reunion was a great success. Our goal to pay off our roof was met and then some. A special thanks to Diane Beason, Kathy Church and Commander Jeff Ward for all their help in organizing this event! Additionally, a special thanks goes to Second Vice Chuck Kees and Angie for sponsoring out T-shirt sales, Capt Ski and his crew of Rick Kapeghian, and Roy Havekost for their great fish fry, Will Hurley and all the great musicians who so graciously donated their talent and time, Chef Mike Sharr and Ken Scott for all the great food they provided and last but not least, Commander Jeff Ward and his SAL for keeping our parking lot so well organized. There are many other volunteers that helped and I thank you all.

By the time you read this, Capt Ski's Golf Tournament will have come, no doubt a successful completion and help will be on the way to some Autistic Children, a very worthy cause!

On November 11th, the Ponte Vedra Valley Cemetery is holding their annual Veteran's Day Memorial. Please attend if possible, snacks will be provided at the Post afterwards, as we will be hosting the Northeast Chapter of the Southern Cruisers Riding Club.

November 14th, Legionnaire Patty O'Callahan is hosting a special dinner party for WWII Veteran's. Patty will need help with this event, so please give her your support.

On November 15th, Post 233 will be hosting the No Dough Dinner for our friends at the USO. Please help support this very important program that our Beaches Veterans Association sponsors.

I'm still open to suggestions about what you would like to have happen at our Post, don't be bashful, let me know what you like! How about a PIZZA night????

For God and Country
Clen Ward
Commander

Wards Landing Reunion, and a GREAT time was had by all ☺



Visit www.AL233FL.org for more photos

Canteen hours:

MON-FRI: 1100 to 2300 hrs
SAT: 0900 to at least 2100 hrs

SUN: 0900 to 2100 hrs

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**WEDNESDAY NIGHT IS BINGO NIGHT 8:00pm
come at 6:30pm for dinner**

NEVER FORGET POWs & MIAs

From the Auxiliary

October was a busy month for all of us at Post233. The Auxiliary has been hard at work participating in weekly events and planning upcoming new ones. The Budget Committee (Karen O'Neill, Judy Nagel, Angie Kees and I) met and approved a budget for the 09-10 year. Auxiliary members served our bi-annual Cookbook dinner for a Wednesday night dinner. The Auxiliary sponsored Patty Riordan who rode 150 miles to Daytona for the MS Foundation. Way to go Patty!!

I would like to thank EVERYONE who participated in making Ward's Landing Reunion a huge success. An event of this magnitude proved that we can all work together to support our Post and have a fun time doing so. To the Auxiliary members who put in volunteer hours (too many to mention by name) the day of the event, I want you to know how much it is appreciated. Don't forget to record your hours in the book!!! The Auxiliary would also like to thank Chef Mike and Ken Scott for cooking. A portion of the proceeds from the hot dog sales went to Paws for Patriots. Great job done by all!

Upcoming events that are being sponsored by the Auxiliary include, sponsoring a hole for Cpt. Ski's Golf Tournament and hosting a Halloween Party on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Then it's on to November. I will be participating in the Veteran's Day Parade downtown as a Marshall and would welcome anyone who would like to join me that day. The Auxiliary will be working with the Post on the USO No Dough Dinner, which will be on Sunday, Nov. 15th. Our Annual Craft & Bake Sale will be on Saturday, Nov 21st. We will be renting tables for this event. Ladies let's get busy and start baking and crafting to make this event a success. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to participate in the sale. The Auxiliary still continues to cook dinners every other Wednesday night. A huge thanks to all who cooked in October. If you would like to sign up for a Wednesday night dinner please contact me or Diane Beason to do so.

Dee Durnal is heading up a fundraiser by selling knives, kitchen utensils and food items by Rada Cutlery. Catalogs are located at the Post and orders can be placed and left for Dee. Orders must be paid for at the time you place your order by writing a check made out to ALA Unit 233. We will have samples of some of the items at the Craft & Bake Sale. Check out these items as they will make great Christmas presents.

Auxiliary Membership will be at the Oct. goal of 65%. Please send your dues in so we can meet our 103% yearly goal. This month we welcomed two new members, Christina (Chrissie) Mendoza and Joanne Smith. Please make them feel welcomed to our unit.

One last note, the regular monthly meeting for the Auxiliary will be on Thursday, Nov. 12th at 7:00pm. We have been seeing more members attend our meetings and I would like to welcome all Auxiliary members to participate in at least one meeting this year.

Happy Thanksgiving go out to you and your families. Please keep our troops in your thoughts and prayers while they are away from their families during the upcoming Holiday Season.

Respectfully
Kathy Church
Auxiliary President/ Membership Chairman
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SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY in November to:

1 Tyler Fenton	17 Rick Fenton
2 Mary Merritt	25 Bill Hayes, Tom Conley, Jason Blessing
8 Paula Buckley	27 Melvin Ard, Guy Mc Faddin
9 Kimberly Allison	28 Wilber Burnett, Mike Dubin
10 Herb Bennett	29 Anita Vigil
11 Diane Beason	
14 Jimmy Durnal	

Hassle – free fundraising with no out of pocket cost

The American Legion Post 233 has teamed up with Compass Bank. Just by opening a NEW BBVA checking account you are supporting Post 233 with a fundraiser. Let your Compass Banker know our organization code # **73496**, and they will pay the Post \$20.00 for every NEW BBVA checking account opened.
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**November 15th No Dough Dinner Day
Hot Dogs and Hamburgers**

and all the fixins

1:00pm til ??

TVs will be on for the Football Games

CAPTAIN SKI'S ORIGINAL FISH FRY
THE TEAM



ROY

CAPT. SKI

RICK

FROM THE S.A.L.

I can't believe it is November already. The holiday season is officially upon us. There are many fun events coming up so keep your eyes on the newsletter, or better yet, visit the new website.

The "Ward's Landing Reunion" on Oct 17th was a HUGE success to say the least! Thanks to all members who helped make this event the best in a long time. An extra special "attaboy" to S.A.L. members John Paparelli, Stan Vertgutz (Post 129), and Dave Zimmerman (who came all the way from Orange Park) for their help with the important job of parking all those cars (it would have been chaos if we had let them park where they wanted!) Awesome job boys!! Also, Jack English continues his tireless efforts around the Post. When you see him tell him thanks – or better yet buy him a chip!

By the way, Stan and his wife Bonnie host a fantastic party at our Post during each Jaguar away game (and home game if not blacked out!). There is no cost to you and the food is always top notch. Why not come by and enjoy your Sunday football here at Post 233 and bring some friends.

ATTENTION: It is very important to get your \$25 Squadron membership fee in that are now for the 09 –10 year. We have reached 100% + membership the past 2 years and are well on our way again this year – with your continued support. I strongly urge you to please come by the Post with your check for \$25. (made to American Legion Squadron 233) or mail it in by November 11th (Veterans Day) so you will be included in the "early bird dinner". At our last meeting we passed a motion to assess an increase of \$5 ("late fee") if we do not receive your dues by December 1st.

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding our Squadron or Post 233 issues, my phone number is 904-233-0976 and my email is flagman49@yahoo.com.

A VETERAN IS SOMEONE WHO, AT ONE POINT IN HIS LIFE, WROTE A BLANK CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR AN AMOUNT OF "UP TO AND INCLUDING MY LIFE." THAT MY FRIENDS IS HONOR, AND THERE ARE WAY TOO MANY PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY WHO NO LONGER UNDERSTAND IT.

God Bless Our Veterans,

Jeff "TEX" Ward, Commander S.A.L.

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, 3rd Vice Commander. Leave in an envelope at the bar. Ads run for one year. Make checks to Post 233. □

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WWII Veterans Appreciation Dinner

**We are honoring our WWII Veterans
& invite our members to join us!
Please show your respect for their
sacrifices & join us!**

**Chef Mike & Co. will be preparing:
BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Potato Salad
& Various Desserts**

**WWII Veteran & 1 Guest eat free.
(All other guests & members pay \$10 dinner donation)**

**SAT, NOV 14, 2009
1500 to 2000 hrs
(Dinner begins at 1700 hrs)**

**Entertainment by:
Frankie Martin, Jr.**



EVERYONE
Please R.S.V.P. by November 1st

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2009-2010

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 *Breakfast 9-12 <i>Fall Back</i>	2 * Lunch: 11-1:30 Chef: Fireman Dan <i>Support Our Troops!</i>	3 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * Exce Cmte: 6:00 	4 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * Dinner: 6:30-8:00 VOUNTEERS NEEDED!	5 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * Legionnaires: 7:00 	6 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * Steak Night & Music Frankie Martin, Jr. 	
8 *Breakfast 9-12 	9 * Lunch: 11-1:30 Chef: Fireman Dan <i>Support Our Troops!</i>	10 * Lunch: 11-1:30 <i>God Bless America!</i>	11 <i>Veteran's Day at PVP Cemetery</i> * Lunch & American Legion Bikers * Dinner: 6:30-8:00	12 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * Auxiliary: 7:00 	13 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * Steak Night & Music 	14 WWII Veterans' Appreciation Dinner 1300-2000 hrs Dinner at 1700 hrs W.S.V.V.B.
15 *Breakfast 9-12 No Dough Dinner 	16 * Lunch: 11-1:30 Chef: Fireman Dan 	17 * Lunch: 11-1:30 	18 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * Dinner: 6:30-8:00 VOUNTEERS NEEDED!	19 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * S.A.L.: 6:00 	20 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * Steak Night & Music Frankie Martin, Jr. 	26 ALA Craft & Bake Sale 0800-1400 hrs
22 *Breakfast 9-12 <i>God Bless America!</i>	23 * Lunch: 11-1:30 Chef: Fireman Dan VOUNTEERS NEEDED!	24 * Lunch: 11-1:30 	25 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * Dinner: 6:30-8:00 <i>Support Our Troops!</i>	26 Thanksgiving Luncheon 1200 hrs 	27 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * Steak Night & Music 	28 Visit your web site for updates: www.al233fl.org
29 *Breakfast 9-12 	30 * Lunch: 11-1:30 Chef: Fireman Dan <i>Support Our Troops!</i>					

Friday Steaks: \$12.00/\$14.00 - Wednesday Dinner: \$7.00/\$9.00 - Sunday Breakfast: \$5.00 - Member/Non-Member Donation

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