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Commander's Corner



Commander Steve Willis

Hello to all.

Everything is going well around the post. For those who haven't heard, we have been approached about placing a cell tower on the property. That would be a most welcome source of revenue. If you have any input please let us hear it.

I noticed on last Friday night that there were few in attendance for our steak night. As you know our operating income is almost completely from the canteen. Please let those you know that we would like to see as much support on our meal nights as possible. Our volunteer cooks and chef Mike as well as others are concerned that their work is not appreciated. Please bring yourself and friends. You never can tell, they might be a new member!

Remember your dues, early bird is due by Veterans Day November the 11th.

Thanks to all who work so hard around the post. Your labor does not go unnoticed.

For God and Country,

Steve



1st Vice Commander Roy Havekost

First of all I would like to thank Chuck & Angie Kees for their donation of the Post Officers name boards, a much needed visual furnishing for the Post, thanks Chuck & Angie. Congratulations are in order to Arlene Jones winner of the Halloween Basket raffle and also to Dick Salzarulo winner of the Candy Kiss Jar with his guess of 308 kisses (311 actual).

A reminder that Veterans Day (Nov. 11) is just around the corner and if you pay your 2011 dues before that you will be eligible to attend the Early Bird Dinner for FREE in 2011.

Newsletter and website advertising: after reviewing the paid advertising schedule it has come to my attention that all card advertisers terms had expired in August. Due to the state of the economy I think it only fair to allow the cards to continue for the rest of 2010 at no charge. I will be asking for donations, ie \$25 per year, beginning again in January 2011.

For God and Country,



2nd Vice Commander Stu Lilly

I am very disappointed with the lack of support from our (Post 233) Legionnaires. I have been filling in for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner. As Second Vice I purposely ask for help for Sunday breakfast to see what kind of response I would get. Guess what, nothing. Again the Ladies Auxiliary came thru along with our 3rd Vice Rick and 4th Vice Charlie. I would like to thank Legionnaire Chuck Kees and his crew for stepping up to the plate and serving on Wednesday. Past Commander Don Mills thank you for your outstanding service and support for our post. We as Vets and Post 233 members we need all to step up and volunteer. If anyone needs help please contact myself, 4th Vice Charlie or Diane.

Thanks again Rita and Diane.

For God and Country, Stu.



3rd Vice Commander Rick Kapeghian

On November 11, the Beaches Veterans Memorial Park will hold their dedication service starting at 2:00pm. Present will be the Beaches Honor Guard, many distinguished guests, Active and Retired Military personnel, BMCM JJ Jones will do the "Toast to the Flag". This should be a very moving ceremony, hope everyone can attend.

For God and Country, Rick



4th Vice Commander Charlie Walker

FYI- Mayport and NAS JAX USO Centers will begin ticket sales for Jaguars/Texans 14 November Military Appreciate Game on October 26 at Noon. As a salute to all military (active, guard, reserve, retired/veterans) and their families, JAG/TEXAN game tickets are open for purchase by EVERYONE. In addition, through partnership with Jaguars and local businesses, a FREE Military Tailgate Party will take place south of the Stadium next to Teal Town. Every purchase of a game ticket for \$10.00 will be accompanied by a Meal Voucher for the Tailgate party if desired. You must have in your possession the "meal voucher" for entry into the tailgate party. Thanks to Bono's, Bubba Burgers, and Pepsi who are the major sponsors of the FREE tailgate party which begins at 10 AM on game day.

For God and Country, Charlie

"AS THE POST CHURNS"

Well there is no other way to say it other than to say, "Thank you for NOTHING". Three membership drive dates were scheduled at the Publix stores and NO ONE showed up for any of them. What an embarrassment for the Post.

Post 233 has a roster of over 400 members, not including SAL and ALA, and it's always the same group of members time and time again doing what it takes to keep the Post running. No one would blame you if you threw up your hands in disgust. To everyone in that group, your efforts to help keep the Post afloat are recognized and appreciated, THANK YOU.

To those few who have already signed up new members through your own efforts, THANK YOU. Well enough said, obviously those who don't help out, don't give a $\frac{\#2\%}{3}$ anyway...



CANTEEN MANAGERS REPORT- by Diane Beason

It's almost here! The 2nd Annual Post 233 Cowboy Night and 1st Annual Rib Cook Off is Saturday Nov. 6th. As of this writing we have nine entries in the Rib Cook Off and enough ribs for three more. If you fancy yourself a great rib chef, let us know ASAP and reserve your spot. For everyone else, this is going to be a great day at the Post with all the rib cooks tending their grills and smokers outside and a great evening with awards to the winning cooks, some really good ribs with all the fixings and some dirt kickin' good country entertainment with Bill Joe Ray Bob. Get out your best western gear and don't miss this one! Rib dinner tickets are on sale at the canteen now. Come early, cheer on the cooks and stay on through the evening for all the fun!

Veterans Day is November 11th. Post 233 will be hosting a buffet lunch following the ceremony at the Palm Valley Cemetery. Information will be available at the Post regarding the time of the ceremony and luncheon to follow.

Hard to believe but the holidays are upon us. As always, Post 233 will be open for business Thanksgiving and will be serving a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings. Bring the family, enjoy a nice meal, watch some football and spend the day among friends. 2nd Vice Stu Lilly has been working hard and doing a great job seeing that volunteers are on board for all of our meal nights, Sunday mornings, lunches and special events, taking up the slack himself whenever necessary. Please consider giving him a hand and help support the Post by volunteering. We are in need of Sunday morning breakfast cooks and Wednesday night dinner cooks. If cooking isn't your thing, volunteers are needed every Friday night to assist Chef Mike in the kitchen, serve dinners and clean up. Everyone enjoys the great meals available at Post 233 every week but there are only a handful of people doing all the work week after week. Be part of the solution and do your part to help. You may be surprised at how easy it is and how much fun it can be.

A s we head into the Holiday season, remember our service men and women, their families and loved ones, be kind to those around you and be safe.

Hope to see you all on November 6th for the Rib Cook Off and Cowboy Night!

For God and Country, Diane Beason

DEDICATION CEREMONY

All are invited to the Dedication Beaches Veterans Memorial Park Veterans Day-November 11, 2010 at 2:00pm The Park is located behind American Legion Post 316 at Atlantic Blvd. & Mayport Rd., Atlantic Beach, FL www.beachesveteransmemorialpark.org



FROM THE SAL- Commander Jeff 'Tex' Ward

Greetings S.A.L. members,

Your 2011 membership fees (\$25) are due. Please don't put us in the position of "chasing you down" for it. I have a large stack of new membership cards ready to have your name put on one. If you act now you will be on the "Earlybird" list and rewarded with a special dinner the Post provides later in the year. Please make checks payable to "S.A.L. American Legion". 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 it to a bartender. We have achieved 100%+ membership the last few years and we want to do the same this year! In fact, we want to **increase our membership**! Please be on the lookout for potential recruits!

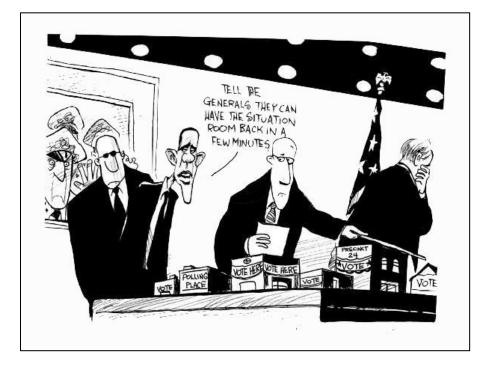
On October 9th our squadron hosted the S.A.L. 5th District Meeting. The attendance by the other member squadrons was "light" but those that were there certainly enjoyed the fantastic food and entertainment that was available during the Wounded Warriors fundraiser. The next district meeting is at Post 250 in Middleburg on Sat., Dec. 5th. Our support is important and I would like to have a good turnout by our squadron. If you are interested in attending let me know so we can plan a "car pool".

We are donating a new "point of use" water heater for the dishwasher. This will make the whole cleaning up process more efficient. It should be up and running very shortly. We are also coordinating an appropriate time with the Legion and Auxiliary to present our checks from the **Wounded Warriors Project** fundraiser (\$782 each) to Rear Admiral Delaney. This will probably be a Friday night after dinner. The date will be publicized once we confirm a time with him. You should plan to be there!

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 (www.al233fl.org) or better yet come in to your Post and have a drink!

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 <u>flagman49@yahoo.com</u>.

God Bless Our Wounded Veterans And Their Families, Jeff "TEX" Ward Commander





FROM THE AUXILIARY- President Kathy Church

Oct. 20th we received sad news that our founding Auxiliary President, Ms. Olive Reynolds passed away. Ms. Olive was Auxiliary President from 1972-1976 and Honorary Lifetime Member having been a member for 39 years. The Auxiliary will have a memorial service sometime in the future at our Post to honor Ms. Olive when the family is able to be a part of this. Please keep Ms. Olive and her family members in your thoughts and prayers.

MEMBERSHIP: To date we have received just around 95 renewals. You must submit your renewal fees by Nov. 11th, Veteran's Day in order to be considered an Early Bird. Please if you have not mailed in your dues do so now.

The next few months will be very busy for the Auxiliary as we head into the holiday season. It just doesn't seem possible that we are already making holiday plans.

Our annual Craft & Bake Sale will be on Sat. Nov. 13th from 8:00am – 1:00pm. Space is available for a \$10.00 donation (participants must bring their own table). We will serve coffee & donuts the morning of and will also be selling hot dogs. Please invite all your friends, family and neighbors to be a part of this. It's never too early to start your Christmas shopping.

Our next raffle basket will have a Thanksgiving dinner theme. Please drop by any donations for this basket (example can of pumpkin, cranberry sauce, canned veggies, etc) for the basket. All proceeds from this raffle will go to a needy family in our area. So in essence two families will receive a dinner, the person winning the basket and the family we donate the money to.

Dec. 11th is the date reserved for the children's Christmas Party at 1:00pm. Details for this event will be published as we get closer to Dec.

Debbie Johnston and I will be working on setting a date for Christmas caroling. Last year was our first year of doing this and about 10 of us went out and sang at various nursing homes and stopped by The Jones house. We had lots of fun and hope that we get more people involved this year. Details will be published.

Kudos to Jr. member Caroline Stockton for setting up a lemonade stand just outside the Post on Wed. Oct 27th. Caroline collected \$27.00 and donated it to the Legion. Great Job Caroline!!!

Congrats to Dick Salzarulo who one the jar of candy kisses. His guess of 308 was 3 off of the actual number of 311. That's a lot of kisses. We had fun with that one so we will do something similar in the future.

Thanks to all volunteers for all the hard work that everyone has done to keep our Post/Unit going. Special thanks to the Auxiliary gals for a FANTASTIC job on all events. We might be a small group but we get things done.

Peace & Love to all

Kathy

~HAPPY BIRTHDAY in NOVEMBER ~

	Tyler Fenton	25	Bill Hayes	
2	Mary Merritt		Jason Blessing	
9	Kimberly Allison		Tom Conley	
10	Herb Bennett	27	Melvin Ard	
17	Rick Fenton		Guy McFaddin	
22	Sherri Parker	28	Wilber Burnett	
			Michael Dubin	
		month and day	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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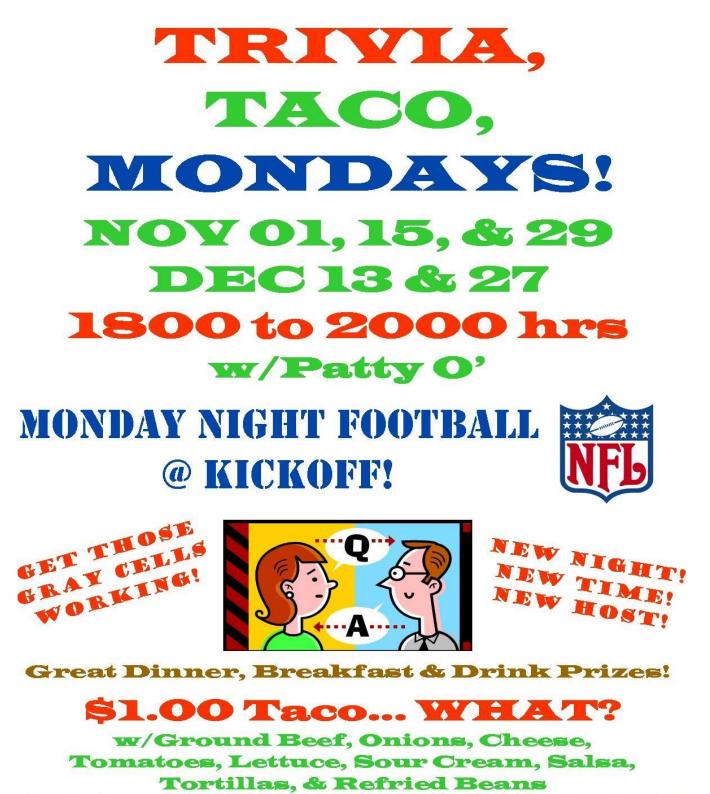
KITCHEN & GRILLS OPEN AT 0900 HRS JUDGING BEGINS AT 1400 & ENDS AT 1500 HRS DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT BEGINS AT 1700 HRS BARTENDERS HAVE ALL INFORMATION & INSTRUCTIONS \$25 ENTRY FEE BUYS OUR RIBS FOR YOU TO SIZZLE!

1ST: ENTERTAINMENT BY: ²ND: \$50 BILLY JOE RAY BOB! ^{\$25}

PUT YOUR RIBS WHERE YOUR MOUTH IS! GOTTA' EARN YOUR BRAGGIN' RIGHTS, 'ROUND HERE!

LEFTOVERS SERVED TO THE COWHANDS AFTER JUDGING! W/BEASON COLE SLAW & O'CALLAHAN BAKED BEANS FOR A SMALL RUSTLING DONATION, OF COURSE!

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