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MON ~ FRI: 1100 hrs to 2300 hrs
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OCTOBER 2008

Commander's Corner

Well, it is the end another month. The District Meeting is again behind us and all went well. I would like to give a big THANKS to Captain Ski for the great fish and to everyone who participated in cooking and cleaning up, it was everyone's participation that made the meeting a great success, except yours truly did not know how to crank up the PA system so we had to talk louder.

Saturday the 13th of September was a huge success with Tina Reynolds, Ronnie & Sylvia Bass and a huge gathering that sang Karaoke, ate and just had a great time. THANKS to all of you. I hope this can happen every Saturday night or at least every other.

I cannot begin to thank everyone who was involved in the Flag Retirement Ceremony! It was a wonderful tribute to our country's flag & the men & women who have fought and continue to fight for our freedom. Personal thanks to J.J. and his recitation to 'Old Glory!' The Honor Guard of Jacksonville Beach – as always, excellent form! And to those of my officers who participated and to those who stood in; to those who slaved in the kitchen and to those who brought dishes & to all who cleaned up – thank you, thank you! And the Beachcombers were a lot of fun, too! WELL DONE BY ALL!

We are going on the Sun Cruz Casino boat on October 11, 2008, leaving the Legion about 9:00 AM and returning around 5:30 or 6:00 PM. We will have some light snack foods waiting for us at the Post. It should prove to be fun, hope you all can make it. On October 31, 2008 we will be having a Halloween Party, this will be on a Friday night steak night and should prove to be a fun night. I hope to see everyone there.

We still need everyone to bring in his or her donations for the troops in Iraq. Just a small thing like drink mixes, cards and deodorant are appreciated. There is a list at the Legion and a box to place the items in; THINGS LIKE THIS MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE TO OUR TROOPS, so keep it coming! See the back of the calendar for a more complete listing.

TILL NEXT MONTH, GOD BLESS AMERICA AND OUR TROOPS, Don Mills, Commander

Adjutant's News

As reported at our September 4th, 2008 general meeting our membership as of September 5th was at 53.827%. Our Department mandated goal for that date was 50%. I can also now report to you that we will probably exceed our October goal by a little. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE HELP US! GET YOR RENEWALS IN NO LATER THAN THE EARLY BIRD CUT OFF DATE OF 11-11-08, OR EARLIER, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

We can do this. Your Post is on the way to a lot of good and positive things as we go through the year. However we are membership driven, so please get your renewals in now so we can concentrate on new members and Legion programs.

Important: new member applications are available on line at our official website at www.AL233FL.org as well at the Post. Please get them and use them. You'll also find minutes of the general meeting, executive committee meeting, various reports and many items of interest to you can be found there.

As always, I'm honored to serve as your adjutant. Ray Williams, Adjutant, 904-476-7321, rayw3815@yahoo.com

Ladies Auxiliary

Greetings from the Auxiliary! We have several projects underway and my hope is that everyone will find one that is of interest and participate with us. First of all, we need to mail the supplies for our soldiers in Iraq soon so they will arrive before Christmas. Please see the back of the calendar for a more complete listing.

Karen O'Neil will be visiting the VA Hospital in Lake City soon. She would like to take ball caps, t-shirts, individual wrapped snacks, lap robes and sweats (Pants & Shirts). It's ok if the clothes are gently used. Please bring these items to the Post by October 16th. We are also collecting Campbell soup labels and box tops for Barbara Green's class. Don't forget about Pull Tabs from aluminum cans for the Shrine's hospital in Tampa and of course, your clipped coupons. Last month we mailed \$9,177.49 worth of coupons to Egypt. Great job everyone, keep it up!

Other activities include:

- A visit to the Wounded Warrior Museum on October 2nd. We will meet at the Post at 1 PM or you can meet at the museum at 7020 AC Skinner Pkwy. The tour starts at 1:30 PM and will last about 45 minutes. Everyone, including Legionnaires, are welcome to join us.
- Judy Mills has organized a gambling cruise for the Post on October 11th. The bus will pick us up at the Post at 9:00 AM and will return about 5:30 PM. The cost is only \$13.00 per person and includes a meal, a drink and a 4-hour river cruise. Of course, we will continue the party at the Post upon our return. The Auxiliary will have snacks and hors d'oeuvres for us.
- The Auxiliary will end the month with a Halloween Party on October 31st, starting at 9:00 PM. Details will be in the next newsletter. Our Halloween experts, Tina & Sylvia are planning the party so you know it will be fun and entertaining!
- Please don't forget our Craft & Bake Sale on November 8th. We need your crafts and baked goods! We also will be selling tables for \$10.00 if you would prefer to sell your own wares. The hours of the sale are 8 AM to 2 PM. Call Ann Cook if you would like to reserve a table.
- The next 5th District Meeting is on October 12th at 2 PM at Post #244. Call me if you can attend so we can arrange car-pooling.

Please don't forget to note the table set for our POW/MIA's.

The single rose represents the blood they may have shed to ensure our freedom and the red ribbon on the vase symbolizes the red ribbons worn by the thousands who demand a proper account of our missing comrades

Once again Melita & Van's wife, Cindy, need our prayers for God's comfort and for restoring their health.

In conclusion, please don't forget: Supplies for our soldiers & the VA Hospital, aluminum can tops, coupons, & craft items.

May God Bless our Troops, Our Post and Our Country! Ann Cook, Auxiliary President, 285-0579

October 4th

Volunteers needed for FAMILY DAY at Snyder Armory 9900 Normandy Blvd, Jacksonville. The USO is having a FAMILY DAY for troops and their family from 12:00 noon until?? These troops are leaving for IRAQ on Oct 5th. If you can help serve these families lunch, please contact Bob Brewster at 904-272-1619. Any and All helping hands would be appreciated-we can caravan to save on gas!

Supplies needed for our Troops

See back of calendar for items they can receive and bring them to the Post.

Supplies for VA Hospital

T - shirts, lap robes, individual wrapped snacks, sweats (pants & shirts).

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2 - Fred Harllee
3 - Peyton Riedel
7 - Susan Lamolinara
9 - Ray Root
Bobby Duval
11 - Ski Koelonski
Patricia Jennings
Jason Bass
12 - Chris Hoed
13 - Shirley Mahongy
18 - Charlie Walker
Beverly Beck
19 - Dixie Kieffer
29 - Dave Cook
30 - Judy Nagel
31 - Bob Pinto

October 2008



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 *Breakfast 9-12 Chef: 	6 * Lunch: 11-1:30 Support Our Troops!	7 * Lunch: 11-1:30  God Bless Americal	8 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * Dinner: 6:30-8:00 * Trivia: 8-10 VOLUNTEER TO COOK!	9 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * Auxiliary: 7:00 	10 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * Steak Night Chef: Support Our Troops!	11 Casino Cruise Trip Contact Post 
12 *Breakfast 9-12 Chef: MEMBERSHIP DRIVE	13* Lunch: 11-1:30 VOLUNTEER TO COOK!	14 * Lunch: 11-1:30 Support Our Troops!	15 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * Dinner: 6:30-8:00 * Karaoke w/Tex 8:00 	16 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * S.A.L.: 6:00 	17 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * Steak Night Chef: VOLUNTEER TO COOK!	18 
19 *Breakfast 9-12 Chef: VOLUNTEER TO COOK!	20 * Lunch: 11-1:30 	21 * Lunch: 11-1:30 God Bless Americal	22 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * Dinner: 6:30-8:00 * Trivia: 8-10:00 Support Our Troops!	23 * Lunch: 11-1:30 	24 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * Steak Night Chef: VOLUNTEER TO COOK!	God Bless Americal
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Friday Steaks: \$12.00/\$14.00 ~ Wednesday Dinner: \$7.00/\$9.00 ~ Sunday Breakfast: \$5.00 ~ Member/Non-Member Donation

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Supplies for Our Troops

Food

Microwave Popcorn
Pringles Chips
Fritos
Peanuts
Sunflower Seeds
Slim Jims
Beef Jerky
Salsa (any temp)
Peanut Butter (plastic jar)
Jelly (squeeze bottle)
Cereal
Pop-Tarts
Granola Bars
Oatmeal Packets
Cup-a-Soup
Microwave Meals
Beanie Weanies
Vienna Sausages
Fruit Pies (small pkgd)
Cookies
Rice Crispy Treats
Fudge
Brownies
Pudding
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Powdered Drinks
Tea
Coffee
Cocoa
Cider Drinks
M&M's Plain & Peanut
Hard Candy
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Cheese; Ritz; Triscuits,
Wheat Thins; Saltines
Tuna
Chicken Salad
Mustard
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Pens
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Puzzle Books
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Sketch Books
Magazines
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Miscellaneous

Music CDs
DVD Movies
PS2 Games
Game Boy Games
Batteries (all sizes)
Phone cards:
(Go to www.aafes.com
or AT&T International)
Football/Baseballs
Basketballs/Soccer Balls
Ping Pong Set

From the Canteen

For those of you who have not been to the Post lately, (you know who you are), our Event Board has been full. Commander Don Mills has made it a priority to offer a full calendar of monthly Special Events at Post #233 and we all benefit from this effort. Obviously the revenue generated through the Canteen and food sales is a very good thing but perhaps more valuable is the sense of unity, comradeship and the upbeat atmosphere that frequent social events provide.

The Labor Day celebration was a huge success. 1st Vice Pete Mischler, manned the grill in the kitchen turning out burgers and dogs, the Auxiliary provided an array of wonderful side dishes and Austin Williams provided some great entertainment.

The Flag Retirement Ceremony on Saturday, Sept 20th was successful as well. It's a very moving ceremony, worthwhile for all Americans, especially Legion members and their families to see. Following the ceremony, Rosie and The Beachcombers provided some great entertainment and a good time was had by all.

On Saturday, Oct 11th, Post #233 is sponsoring a bus trip to the Sun Cruz gambling ship out of Mayport. Private buses will transport you from the Post to Mayport where you will board the ship, enjoy a nice meal and can try your luck at the tables. If gambling isn't your thing, the ship also offers a nice deck where you can enjoy a nice day on the water. When the ship returns to port, the private buses will deliver you back to the Post. At writing, the first bus is full and the second is expected to fill up quickly. Judy Mills is organizing this event and can be contacted for reservations. Reservations can also be made at the Canteen, just ask your friendly bartender. The cost for a full day of entertainment including transportation is only \$13.00 per person. Don't wait until the last minute to get in on this one!

After a summer hiatus to recharge their brains and batteries, Trivia with Tex and Chuck is back in full swing on alternating Wednesday nights. Chuck Kees and Tex Ward work incredibly hard researching and compiling interesting facts and they put on a great show. Combined with Wednesday dinner, this is a very enjoyable evening out. On alternating Wednesday Karaoke with Tex follows dinner and is a good show as well. Check the Post calendar on line or call for the monthly schedule.

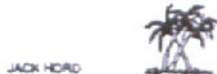
Coming up November 15th, Post #233 is putting on a benefit Golf Tournament Fish Fry for former bartender Melita Doran. Melita is battling cancer and no longer able to work at this time. She and her family need your prayers as well as your generosity. Melita served our Post for many years and now needs our help. So, please plan to attend this event or if you are unable to make it, donations in her name can be left at the Canteen.

As always, we need volunteers to cook Wednesday, Friday, Sunday mornings and weekday lunches. I know that the mere idea is a mite intimidating, but it's really not that tough and there is plenty of help and advice from those of us who have done it. Surprise yourself and give it a try.

For God and Country, Diane Beason, Canteen Manager

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