



AL233FL Newsletter

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Commander's Corner

The 2009-2010 year is moving along quickly. October is going to be a great month at Post 233. Plans for the Ward's Landing Reunion are falling into place. Please remember that this is primarily a fund raising event for our Post, we need your help, we need you to help pass the word, we need you to bring friends and family and we need everyone to volunteer two hours on October 17th to make this event a success. Our goal here is to raise needed money for paying off our roof and other programs that we will be doing the rest of the year. Please call Diane at the Post and volunteer two hours for this event.

As some of you are aware, we started BINGO on Wednesday evenings after dinner. Other Post at the beach have been very successful with Bingo and I believe that we can too. I would like some input from members about Bingo, ie., which evening might be better than Wednesday, please give me any ideas that you might have. Bring a friend on Wednesday evening and join in the fun, the more players we have, the more prizes you will win!!

Capt Ski's golf tournament is coming along very well. There is still room for more players and hole sponsorships. All money raised from this event will go to help Autistic Children, a very worthy cause! Sign up sheet is at the Post.

November is just around the corner and Legionnaire; Patty O'Callahan is planning a special dinner party for all of our WWII Veterans on Nov 14th. She will be needing help with this event, so please give her your support.

Now, sounding like a broken record, your Auxiliary President and I need help with our weekly dinner programs. Chef Mike can do the cooking on most Friday nights, but he has to have help serving and cleaning up. The good news is that we will soon have a dish washing machine to help us with this chore. The evening dinner programs are very important to our Post and we have more than enough members so that no single individual would need to volunteer more than once or twice a year to get the job done. The dinner evolution only takes two or three hours each week, so, come on down and give us a hand.

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!

For God and Country
Clen Ward
Commander

Wards Landing Reunion will be held at Post 233 on October 17th at 12 noon. A \$5.00 entry donation is requested. Door Prizes. There will be plenty of food, drink and entertainment. Bring your lawn chairs and kick back for a great experience. Captain Ski's Original Fish Fry Team will be cooking up some great Argentine Whiting, served with all the fixin's, there will also be BBQ Pork, Hot Dogs and Sausage. Limited VIP tables available, so reserve your table now. Contact the Post for details & tickets, 285-2484. ☺

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

Website: www.AL233FL.org
Email: info@al233fl.org
Post telephone: 904.285.2484

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

NEVER FORGET POWs & MIAs

Canteen Manager

Things are happening at the Post folks!! Wednesday night BINGO is a hit. The winners are growing weekly so come out and get in on the fun! There are five (5) games and play starts following dinner with Tex as the caller. As always, Tex does a great job and it's an entertaining show.

If you don't already have your ticket for the Ward's Landing Reunion party, see your friendly bartender at the Post. This is going to be a huge event and you don't want to miss it. Tickets are \$5.00 with the proceeds going to our Raise the Roof fund. There will be great music, lots of good food and lots of old friends. Volunteers are needed for various jobs throughout the day and a sign-up sheet is on the wall by the door at the Post. Shifts are only 2 hours so you can do your part to help and still have plenty of time to enjoy the party.

Our Wednesday and Friday night dinner crowds have really picked up and our kitchen volunteers are working hard to serve you. Chef Mike does a wonderful job on Friday nights and Wednesday night volunteers are doing a great job as well. Please, if you are not on the volunteer team, **STAY OUT OF THE KITCHEN!** Your compliments to the chef are always welcome, but please hold off while the kitchen team is in action.

My dedicated staff and I are at your service and we aim to please. If there is anything we could be doing better, please let me know and we'll do our best to accommodate you. Hope to see all of you soon.

For God and Country
Diane Beason
Canteen Manager

From the Auxiliary

Fall is in the air and the Auxiliary is on the run with some upcoming events. Along with partnering with the Legion and SAL on the Ward's Landing Reunion (Sat. Oct 17th) we will be sponsoring the October Birthday Pot luck Dinner (Sat. Oct 10th). Tina will be doing Karaoke that night. Saturday, Oct 24th is Make A Difference Day and the Auxiliary will be working with Habitat for Humanities early in the morning. Anyone interested in helping out may contact Anita Vigil or myself for more details. Later that day you may take your child to K-Mart on Atlantic Blvd in Neptune Beach and have them fingerprinted by the Missing Children Alert Program (free of charge). Halloween is on Saturday, Oct 31st and we will have our annual Halloween Party. Also that day the Auxiliary will sponsor a hole for Capt Ski's Fish Fry. We will be having our annual Craft & Bake Sale on Saturday, Nov 21st, details to follow. I have signed up to help with the Veteran's Day Parade and would like for others to join in. We could get a group together and actually march in the Parade. Deadline for entries to march is Oct 9th.

For those who don't get updates via e-mail, we have started collecting donations for Paws for Patriots, which is a program for military people who need Guide Dogs. Thanks to Mr. Dieter Arnold we have started this drive out with \$1000.00 donation and have collected \$\$ from Melvin Ard and Liam Huff. Let's keep the donations coming.

Now I am going to touch on the subject of membership. This is my duty as the Membership Chairman. I am going to be very delicate in my wording, as I don't want to hurt anyone's feelings or make anyone mad. In an effort to increase the Auxiliary Membership and to comply with House Rule #2 (the House Rules are posted at the front door) I am asking that any guest who comes to Post 233 who is NOT already a member of Post 233 or any other Post, but is membership eligible, to PLEASE sign up as a member. This goes for the Legion and SAL as well. Guest who are membership eligible can only visit our Post two (2) times. There are many benefits that you are entitled to as a member of the Legion, SAL & Auxiliary and you are cheating yourself by not joining. Membership fees for the Legion is \$34, SAL @25, and Auxiliary \$20/ per year. Membership dues collected are a big part of how we are able to make donations to various organizations through out the year. If you are not membership eligible, then you may come into our Post with a member as often as you wish.

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SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

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You must be signed in by a member and you must leave when that member leaves (House Rule #2). I am asking the Auxiliary members to help me out with this campaign. By no means am I trying to run anyone off that comes to our Post and joins in on the fun. If you have any questions regarding this, or to find out if you are membership eligible please feel free to call me at anytime.

Please visit our website at www.al233fl.org. You will find information on all of our upcoming events.

Have a great month and keep our Troops in your thoughts and prayers.

Respectfully
Kathy Church
Auxiliary President/ Membership Chairman
219-3035
bartenderpost233@yahoo.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY in October to:

2 Fred Harllee	13 Shirley Mahoney
3 Peyton Reidel	18 Charlie Walker, Beverly Beck
6 Lane Sellers	19 Dixie Kieffer
7 Susan Lamolinara	29 Dave Cook
9 Ray Root, Bobby Duval	30 Judy Nagel
11 Capt Ski, Patricia Jennings, Jason Bass	31 Billy Pinto
12 Chris Hord	

<p>Website: www.AL233FL.org Email: info@al233fl.org Post telephone: 904.285.2484</p>	<p>Autism Awareness Charity Golf Tournament</p> <p>October 31st, 8:00am shotgun start at Palm Valley Golf Course. Four man teams/luck of the draw. Hole sponsors needed, \$25.00 each. Entry fee \$35.00, includes Captain Ski's Original Fish Fry at the Post at 12:00 noon. See flyer for more details. <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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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.

For more info see Dick Salzarulo or check www.bbvacompass.com

**Visit our website at www.AL233FL.org
for a complete listing of all events that are scheduled throughout the year.**

FROM THE S.A.L.

Greetings to all our members! First of all let me say I have been remiss (to say the least!) in my participation to the Legion newsletter. I will endeavor to put more effort into informing our Squadron members and contributing each month. I am looking forward to the coming months as many exciting events are in store for our Post. On that note...

The "Wards Landing" Reunion on Oct. 17th is shaping up to be quite an event! It will be very important that parking is managed properly in order to accommodate the expected throngs. Our squadron is responsible for parking on the day. We are going to need many volunteers to help with this task (especially early!) so that we can set a "pattern". After that we can let them follow our lead so it is not an all-day thing. Also, on Friday (16th) the grounds will need lots of attention (ie., lawns, weeds, table and booth set-ups, etc.). If you can help us it will really make easy work for all of us. This is a wonderful opportunity to show off our Post to the community and to impress potential new members. I strongly urge you to make time for either day – or both! C'mon guys, it's time to come out of the woodwork! Tell your friends...This going to be **huuuuuge!!**

At this point I want to pay special tribute to two gentleman who have contributed their time and effort to our Legion recently Jack English has worked feverishly around the Post; painting (check out the men's bathroom and the front of the building!), repairing various items, and generally making the whole place more presentable. Thanks Jack, and keep up the great work. We now have our own in-house cuisine master, "Chef Mike" Shaar. He has blown away the Friday Night Steak Night crowd with his expertise and epicurean delights. His special skills create quite a culinary experience. Come down and try out the "new style" steaks. He also is helping out on Wed. night dinners occasionally and has made those nights extra special. We are proud and thankful to have both of these guys as members.

Speaking of members... The always important membership fee is now due for '09-'10. We have reached 100% membership the past 2 years and are well on our way again this year – with your continued support. Please come by the post with your check (or mail it in) a.s.a.p. In fact a good time to do that would be on 16th or 17th (hint, hint!). If you have any questions or suggestions regarding Post issues, my phone number is 904-233-0976 and my email is flagman49@yahoo.com. Looking forward to seeing you soon.

ALWAYS REMEMBER THOSE LOST AND HARMED WHILE SERVING THEIR COUNTRY, AND THOSE PRESENTLY SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES.

For GOD and COUNTRY,

Jeff "TEX" Ward
Commander – S.A.L.

Autism Awareness Charity Golf Tournament

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CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT
Saturday, October 31, 2009**



8:00am Shotgun Start



Palm Valley Golf Course

Four Man Teams / Luck of the Draw

Entry Fee: \$35.00, includes Green Fees, Golf Cart,

Ref. on Course and afternoon Fish Fry

Hole Sponsorship \$25.00

Captain Ski's Original Fish Fry at Post 233 from 12:00 - 5:00pm

Argentine Whiting ~ Bama Beans ~ Cole Slaw

\$7.00 per person



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All proceeds donated to the Autism Foundation



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<p>4 *Breakfast 9-12</p>	<p>5 * Lunch: 11-1:30 Chef: Fireman Dan</p> <p>Support Our Troops!</p>	<p>Visit your web site for updates: www.al233fl.org</p> <p>6 * Lunch: 11-1:30</p> <p>God Bless Americal</p>	<p>7 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * House Cmte: 6:00 * Dinner: 6:30-8:00</p> <p>VOLUNTEER TO COOK!</p>	<p>1 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * Legionnaires: 7:00</p> <p>8 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * Auxiliary: 7:00</p>	<p>2 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * Steak Night & Music</p> <p>9 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * Steak Night & Music</p> <p>Support Our Troops!</p>	<p>3</p> <p><i>Support Our Troops!</i></p> <p>10 October Birthday's Pot-Luck Dinner & Tina's Karaoke</p>
<p>11 *Breakfast 9-12</p> <p>MEMBERSHIP DRIVE</p>	<p>12 * Lunch: 11-1:30 Chef: Fireman Dan</p>	<p>13 * Lunch: 11-1:30</p> <p>Support Our Troops!</p>	<p>14 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * Dinner: 6:30-8:00</p>	<p>15 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * S.A.L: 6:00</p>	<p>16 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * Steak Night & Frankie Martin, Jr. 8-10</p>	<p>17 WARD'S LANDING REUNION NOON ~ ??? Music-Food-Fun!! \$5 donation</p>
<p>18 *Breakfast 9-12</p> <p>God Bless Americal</p>	<p>19 * Lunch: 11-1:30 Chef: Fireman Dan</p>	<p>20 * Lunch: 11-1:30</p>	<p>21 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * Dinner: 6:30-8:00</p> <p>Support Our Troops!</p>	<p>22 * Lunch: 11-1:30</p>	<p>23 * Lunch: 11-1:30 * Steak Night & Music</p> <p>VOLUNTEER TO COOK!</p>	<p>24 AUX Habitat for Humanity</p>
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Friday Steaks: \$12.00/\$14.00 ~ Wednesday Dinner: \$7.00/\$9.00 ~ Sunday Breakfast: \$5.00 ~ Member/Non-

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