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SEPTEMBER 2007

Commander's Corner

It's about a month since the 2007-2008 Officers have been introduced to their new positions. We've experienced some triumphs and some challenges. Our membership has responded very nicely and the renewals are setting records. I'm sure Ric Smith will bring you up to date and he has been a very busy guy. Ric, thanks for your total involvement. We have had some record meals served with Clen & Bill Furr's August 5th Sunday Breakfast serving 88 meals. That's huge!! Thank you gentlemen for all your great work. Bob Schroeter, our Second Vice, has been very busy organizing the cooking schedule and teams. I'm sure you will be hearing from Bob, as he is not bashful and we need volunteers. Ron Joy has organized the installation of our new roof for Post #233. Both he and Johnny Jones will be involved in making sure the supporting structure is secure. Repairs to the upper front of our building are also in the future.

The Johnston Duo donated some hi-quality musical equipment to our Post. Jim & Cathi LeBlanc donated funds along with Carol Lamb and now we have great equipment for our Bands and for our own Karaoke. (You'll hear from Tex Ward about this new venue). Also, Chuck Kees and Bob Schroeter have donated Satellite Radio for our Post and it sounds great.

We look forward to another great month ahead with Capt Ski's Sept 1st Golf Outing, honoring our Past and departed Commander, James Ard.

ALL FOR FREEDOM
Jim Ross
Commander

From the Auxiliary

Volunteers. That's what makes our organization so great. We are the largest women's patriotic organization in the world. Volunteers. That's what makes our unit and home post so great. WE are the largest contributors in our environment, like the newly formed garden committee. Lillian Burnett, Paula Barnes, Rita Connolly, Ann Cook, and Kim Lang volunteered to beautify the post. They recently deep cleaned the patio and pruned the grounds. Have you noticed the lovely new greenery? Compliments of the garden committee. See Lillian Burnett if you'd like to volunteer.

Looking for a less physical volunteer activity? How about clipping coupons for military personnel and families stationed abroad? Overseas commissaries will accept national manufacturers coupons, up to six months expired. We have adopted the Cairo commissary and over the last year have shipped them more than \$50,000 in coupon savings. If you'd like to participate, please leave your clipped coupons in the basket in the ladies lounge. Don't forget the record your volunteer hours for clipping.

Perhaps you'd like to volunteer time making items for our holiday craft fair and bake sale? If you have an artistic flair, a favorite handicraft or a talent for baking, please plan to be a part of the event. Members will donate arts, crafts and baked goods for a wonderful fund raising opportunity. Details will be discussed at the next monthly meeting. Be sure to get involved. Don't forget to include your volunteer hours.

Member news includes a hearty congratulation to Midge Bendell. Midge and Stu Lilly recently announced their engagement. A warm welcome goes out to new members Kim Lang, Carol Lamb, Biron Wood and Carolyn Wiltse. Best wishes to members Naomi Perry, Olive Reynolds and Mary Merritt for improved health and spirits. Please keep member Mollie McCall in your thoughts and prayers with the recent loss of her husband. Last but not least, kudos to Angie Keys for taking the vacant office of Historian. Thanks also go out to all members that supported Wednesday night cookbook dinner. It was a fabulous meal, everyone got a chance to see and taste the recipes from our cookbook. Once again, volunteers make the difference. Our hungry patrons helped too!

Don't Forget to mark Sat., Sept. 15, on your calendar. Come to the post to enjoy happy hour specials and entertainment by the Beachcombers. For a small donation, you can also get a delicious bowl of jambalaya. Be sure to bring a baby gift for the shower being held in honor of Rosie, the leading lady of the *Cont. pg. 2*

1st Vice

A big thanks to all of us who have already paid our dues for 2007-2008. The adjutant has informed me that we are at 64%, which is really great at this point in the year. As we all know, membership is the lifeblood of our great organization and it is most important that we all recruit new members. Each and every one of us knows someone, somewhere that is eligible for membership but has put off renewing or never joined the post. As 1st Vice, I will constantly be reminding everyone to keep recruiting, so stand by.

For Post and Country
Clen Ward
1st Vice

2nd Vice

With almost a month under my belt, I am a little disappointed with the number of volunteers stepping up for cooking nights and Sunday breakfast. It is really not rocket science. Especially not Wednesday nights. You can cook your own specialty meal. I will be more than happy to show anyone how to handle Friday night steaks.

As you have probably noticed, we now have background music in the canteen and outside pavilion through the cable. John Clark donated most of the equipment, and Chuck Kees, Mike Witham, Angie Kees, Allen Jensen, Clen Ward, and myself, aped John to install the system. It's really a pleasure not having to listen to the air conditioning system.

On the last Friday of the month, the 31st, Tex (Sinatra) Ward will make his debut with Karaoke. This should be a night to be remembered. And hopefully the beginning of a weekly (not necessarily Friday night) "Karaoke Night" at Post 233. We have no intention of changing our entertainment on Friday nights. On Saturday September 15th, "Rosie and the Beachcombers" will be performing again. This time to honor Rosie with a "BABY SHOWER!" I understand that a shotgun wedding is planned in the near future.

WE NEED COOKS!!

God Bless our Troops
Bob Schroeter
2nd Vice



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Beachcombers. All baby items collected will be donated to a local organization.

If you plan to attend the next monthly meeting, please bring a white elephant gift. We're going to swap stuff, just for fun. Bring your item in a bag or some sort of covering to make it more intriguing! Please plan to join us.

Next Auxiliary Monthly Meeting: Thursday, September 13th, 7p.m., at Post 233

God Bless our Post
By Cathy Corcoran for Ann Cook
Auxiliary President

Adjutant

Our renewal/new membership for 2008 is up to 220 cards issued which equates to 60% of our 366 quota for the year. As I mentioned last month, we have a goal of 400 plus members for 2008. Our membership approach is very simple. Each member recruits one or more new people honorably discharged with appropriate dates of service.

Renewals are flowing in, contact numbers are being gathered and National Membership is mailing out 3 more renewal reminders during the year.

Warren Post, our State Commander, is having a membership day on September 22, 2007 and Post #250 starting at 10:00 AM. The purpose is to exchange ideas, suggestion and helpful hints for membership. Please attend and see how your district, area and state work together.

Our next district meeting is at Post#137 on San Juan Avenue on September 2 at 2:00 PM. Please attend.

Thank You
For Post and Country
Ric Smith, Sr.

Canteen Manager

We now have a wonderful system of continuous music playing for your enjoyment. An upgraded jukebox with more selections will soon be installed for the times you prefer to play your favorite tunes. Thanks to Chuck Kees and Bob Schroeter for taking the time and paying for the installation of the music system.

Wow, is this incredible heat, the Auxiliary continues to upkeep and manicure the front lawn. What a great job they are doing. I'm sure they would appreciate anyone who would care to participate; professional experience not required but business contacts for discounts on lawn products appreciated.

Fabulous!! That's the best way to describe the Auxiliary's August 15th Dinner. I have never seen such a display of great food. My taste buds were jumping and delighted. I truly feel sorry for those of you who missed this incredible banquet. I repeatedly heard members say they hope we do this type of dinner again.

Cpt Ski once again put on an event which challenges the best of the best. His fish fry brings out members from the woods! The only complaint we have is Cpt. Ski runs out of fish and the poor guy conks out after standing out in the heat for only 5 hours cooking. Rosie and the Beachcombers had everyone on their toes. A good time was had by all, if you missed it, you missed a good time.

Last month I made a request for several volunteer positions we need at the Post, a weekly lunch cook, someone to pick up steaks on Friday's and a few other things. Amazingly I did not get 1 single response. As a member of this Post you must realize the importance of the volunteer staff – without it we would not exist. Take stock of your time and think about giving a little of it to the Post. No matter what your talent or interests, we can find something for you to do.

As of this moment, we have paid out over \$2,000.00 on the pull-tab games. This is a 70% guarantee winner for our members (as governed by state law). The Post is making 30% so we are all winning. You must play to win.

We now have a 6oz bowl of Spinach & Artichoke dip available for your snack needs any time of the day. It comes with your choice of chips for only \$3.00. Try some it's good.

God Bless America and Our Troops
Joyce Wright
Canteen Manager

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4. Tex Ward
6. Ed Kees
7. Bill Furr
10. Taya Salzarulo
13. J.J. Johnson
Olive Reynolds
15. Barbara Crews
- 18.. Bill Lee
Ted Spetnagel
19. Midge Bendell

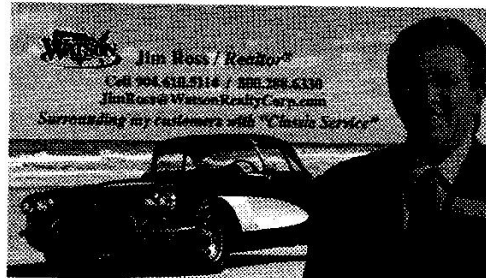
20. Pam Johnson
23. Shari Duval
28. Don Rainey
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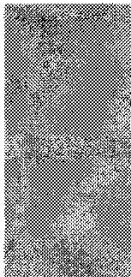
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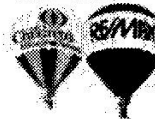
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September 2007 Events



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Breakfast 9:00-12:00 Cooking Bill Furr, Clen & Ben Ward	5 Lunch 11-1:30 SUPPORT OUR TROOPS	6 Lunch 11-1:30	Lunch 11-1:30 Dinner 6:30-8:00pm AUX Kathy Church	1 Lunch 11-1:30 Executive Board 6:00PM Legionaries meeting 7PM	2 Lunch 11-1:30 Jim Ross Steak Night 6:30-8:30pm ENTERTAINMENT Bob Pratt	3
Breakfast 9:00-12:00 Mike & Karen Dugan Capt Sli's Fish Fry 2-6 PM Flossy & Beachcombers	12 Lunch 11-1:30	13 Lunch 11-1:30 GOD BLESS AMERICA	Lunch 11-1:30 Dinner 6:30-8:00pm AUX Buffet of Cook book items	Lunch 11-1:30 AUX Meeting 7 PM	Lunch 11-1:30 Bob & Judy Nagel Steak Night 6:30-8:30pm ENTERTAINMENT Dewyns Sanders	17
Breakfast 9:00-12:00 Need cooks	19 Lunch 11-1:30 WELCOME ALL LEGIONNAIRES	20 Lunch 11-1:30	Lunch 11-1:30 Dinner 6:30-8:00pm Legion Need cooks	Lunch 11-1:30 Sat Meeting 7:00pm	Lunch 11-1:30 John Paparelli Steak Night 6:30-8:30pm ENTERTAINMENT Doyle Primm	24
Breakfast 9:00-12:00 Cooking Need cooks	26 Lunch 11-1:30	27 Lunch 11-1:30 REMEMBER OUR POWS	Lunch 11-1:30 Dinner 6:30-8:00pm AUX Need cooks	Lunch 11-1:30	Lunch 11-1:30 Chuck Kees Steak Night 6:30-8:30pm ENTERTAINMENT Julie box	31
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