

PALM VALLEY POST 233
THE AMERICAN LEGION OF FLORIDA, INC.

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Hours:
Mon ~ Sat 1100 hrs to 2300 hrs
Sun ~ 0900 to 2100 hrs

SEPTEMBER 2004

Commanders Corner

Well, we are off and running and the first month has really flown by fast. Thanks for your great response and comments about our first News Letter. Many Thanks go out to those responsible for a real fine job on our very first effort. Great job Ray Root, Dee Durnal, Bill Lee, and all the behind-the-scene staffers and contributors!

We will soon appoint a "New Building" committee and with the outside assistance we have been promised for the planning stages, we hope to get some of the major issues resolved soon. The questions we want answered up front are: (1) Can we get permitted to build at our current location? (2) Where can we put a new building if the answer to #1 is yes? (3) What kind of structure will we be allowed to build? I haven't forgotten the hard part of this project, that being the money and getting started. In our case, it isn't just a whim for a new building; it is an urgent requirement if we want to keep American Legion Post 233 alive and well.

Work continues on our Web Page and we hope to have it up and running in the next few weeks. Thanks to Cathy Corcoran and Steve Willis this may soon be a reality.

We need a volunteer team, much like Ray Root schedules the volunteer cooking teams, to maintain our grounds and keep the grass cut. Would you be interested in being the team leader and organizing such a function? I'm talking to you **Legionnaire!** Once every six or eight weeks wouldn't be too bad, would it? Step up to the plate and help us out. Thanks.

For God and Country
Johnny Jones, Commander

From the Ladies Auxiliary

Your trash is our treasure! The Women's Auxiliary has set a date for October 2nd for a yard sale to benefit the Auxiliary. Any items may be donated and the Auxiliary will organize and sell them. Drop off information will be available in September. So start cleaning out your closets and garages. Even if you do not have anything to donate, volunteers will be needed to help during the sale.

Auxiliary volunteers for Wednesday dinners throughout August and September are in place thanks to Ana Bedford who has been busy as Food Coordinator. There is always room for more help though. Please call Ana at 249-1297 if interested in volunteering for one of these very popular and delicious evenings. Plan to join us too. Wednesday dinners begin at 6:00 until all are sold which happens quickly!

All Auxiliary members please keep up with your dues and try to come to our meetings the second Thursday of every month. We have plenty of room and work to do for everyone and even the shortest amount of time is greatly appreciated.

To the Members of The S.A.L.,

It was good to see some new faces come to the Post this past month. Thanks for your support during the last eight months. Now that summer is almost over and fall is approaching, baseball season will end, but let's get ready for football season. Please check the calendar for upcoming events.

2005 Membership is now due. Please see the bartenders, Steve Willis, or myself for information or to pay your dues. Currently, we are at 20.6% membership. Don't forget our next meeting is September 16th @ 7:00p.m.

God Bless America & God Bless Our Troops

Commander
Gary R. Smolen

Adjutant

As of this writing, we have 45 % in renewals toward our goal of 327. We do expect to be 100 % in membership by the end of 2004.

The assignment is simple; secure all the renewals in this area and develop 6-8 new members each month. Be sure to obtain a copy of the DD- 214 for each new member. This protects you and the post from an unpleasant situation down the road.

All new members will be read into the read at each meeting.

Go get em!
Ric Smith, Adjutant

1st Vice President,

As my year begins as 1st Vice President, I realize I have a lot to learn and I look forward to the challenge. As a Legionnaire for 12 years I have made many new friends and I hope to be an asset to Post 233. My goal is to increase our membership! Our present members are the voice and example to encourage others to be a part of Post 233 Palm Valley. If you know of anyone with the military affiliation you feel would like to know more about us, please let me know and I will contact them personally. We have a lot to offer a fellow comrade. I appreciate your efforts in helping out membership grow.

For God and Country
Philip Milazo, 1st Vice President

From the Bulletin Staff:

We hope that you enjoyed the first issue of our mailed Post 233 Bulletin. It is a lot of work and an additional expense for your Legion. On the work topic, you know we always need volunteers. You'll probably be asked to help in your Post, but you can also beat us to the punch and volunteer. We need your help on information on birthdays, sick call, and your ideas. Please write anything down and leave it at the Canteen with a bartender for the Bulletin Staff to pick up. As far as the cost of the bulletin, we are starting a program for sponsorships. You can select a business card size ad in twelve issues for \$25.00 or let us list your name as a sponsor for twelve issues for \$5.00. Please see Ray or leave you information and money at the Canteen. We can save cost with your help in our computer world. Our Web page is under construction and we'll let you know when it is ready. If you would like to send Steve Willis your email address we will send out our bulletin electronically. Steve's email address is swillis4@bellsouth.net. We appreciate your impute, support, and sponsorships

The 3rd Annual Helicopter Ball Drop is now in full swing. Four organizations are making a contribution to the Special Olympics of Florida. The drawing will be February 26, 2005 in Clermont, Fl. We are asking the American Legion, Sons of the American Legion, and the Ladies Auxiliary to use their collective selling power to distribute tickets for a chance to win fabulous prizes. The donation for each ticket is \$10.00. Prizes are as follows; a 2005 Ford Escape, 27" Flat Screen TV with DVD/ VHS, a Portable DVD Player, iPod. The great news is each group receives 50% of their total sales. Also, individual ticket sellers receive 1 free ticket for every three they sell. This is a great way to earn money for our Legion groups and a great chance to WIN. Let's all support the Special Olympics of Florida. If you have any questions, please call me.

Philip Milazo

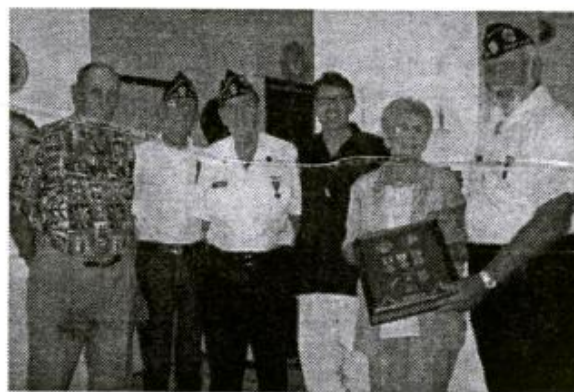
September Birthdays

18 Bill Lee
19 Midge Bendell

Sick Call

Kim price
Renee Davis
Jim Thomas

American Legion Post 233 returns David J. Little's WWII medals to Helen Little and her family. On August 5th, Johnny Jones, Commander, Ric Smith, Mike Holland and General Quinn arrived at Mrs. Little's home to present medals that Mrs. Little asked Post 233 to help her find after months of trying to locate them herself. Because Helen Little had David Little's DD214 form, Mike Holland and Ric Smith were able to locate the medals and within two weeks had the beautifully framed medals to present.



From left to right: Brig. Gen Jack Quinn, Ret., Mike Holland, Ric Smith, Thomas Little, Helen Little and Commander Johnny Jones



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Dinner 6:00-8:00pm Betty & Ana \$5.00 Donation	2 Legionnaires Meeting 7:00pm	3 ENTERTAINMENT Snowmen Steak Night 6:00-9:00pm Bill, Stu, & Tony \$9.00 Donation	4 Golfers Lunch 10:00 - 1:00
5 Breakfast 9:00-12:00 \$4.00 Donation Ana & Lil Football Finger Food 1-4 pm	6 Palm Valley Drink Day \$1.00 Beer \$1.25 well drinks	7 Tue-Fri 11-5 \$.25 off Drink of the Week Rum	8 Dinner 6:00-8:00pm Mike, Joey & Steph \$5.00 Donation	9 Ladies Aux Meeting 7:00pm	10 ENTERTAINMENT Bob Pratt Steak Night 6:00-9:00pm Rick, Gary & Dee \$9.00 Donation	11 Cpt Ski Golf Tour Food & Fun & Prizes Golfers Lunch 10:00 - 1:00
12 Breakfast 9:00-12:00 \$4.00 Donation Mary Ann & Van District Meeting Post 137 Football Finger Food 1-4 pm	13 Palm Valley Drink Day \$1.00 Beer \$1.25 well drinks	14 Tue-Fri 11-5 \$.25 off Drink of the Week Scotch	15 Dinner 6:00-8:00pm Barbara & Ana \$5.00 Donation	16 Sal Meeting 7:00pm 7:00pm	17 ENTERTAINMENT Steel Country Band Steak Night 6:00-9:00pm Mike & Cara \$9.00 Donation	18 Golfers Lunch 10:00 - 1:00
19 Breakfast 9:00-12:00 \$4.00 Donation Charlie & Glen Football Finger Food 1-4 pm	20 Palm Valley Drink Day \$1.00 Beer \$1.25 well drinks	21 Tue-Fri 11-5 \$.25 off Drink of the Week Gin	22 Dinner 6:00-8:00pm Bill Reno \$5.00 Donation	23 Executive Board Meeting 7:00pm	24 ENTERTAINMENT Reggie Steak Night 6:00-9:00pm Yankee Night: Mike, Paul, Gary & Pat \$9.00 Donation	25 LUAU 2-6 pm ENTERTAINMENT Van's Band 4 - 8pm Golfers Lunch 10:00 - 1:00
26 Breakfast 9:00-12:00 \$4.00 Donation Ray & Pat Football Finger Food 1-4 pm	27 Palm Valley Drink Day \$1.00 Beer \$1.25 well drinks	28 Tue-Fri 11-5 \$.25 off Drink of the Week Blend	29 Dinner 6:00-8:00pm Ana & Diane \$5.00 Donation	30 Executive Board Meeting 7:00pm	1 ENTERTAINMENT Eddie J Steak Night 6:00-9:00pm Matt, Connie & Gail \$9.00 Donation	2 Aux Garage Sale

OFFICERS

Legionnaire Officers

Commander – Johnny Jones
1st Vice President – Phil Milazo
2nd Vice President – Ray Root
Adjutant – Ric Smith
Finance Officer – Mike Holland
Chaplin – Bill Reno
Sergeant –at –Arms –Mike Callahan

S. A. L.

Commander – Gary Smolen
Sec/ Tre – Steve Willis

Executive Board

Capt Ski Bill Lee
Bob Hartman Steve Stevers
Harry Frisbee

Ladies Auxiliary Officers

President – Edith Butner
1st Vice President – Olive Reynolds
2nd Vice President – Patricia Moseley-Root
Treasurer – Barbara Milazo
Secretary – Cynthia Gaines
Chaplin – Arlene Jones
Sergeant – at- Arms – Georgia Barnes
Historian – Cathy Corcoran
Food Coordinator – Ana Bedford

Ladies Executive Board

Melita Doran
Pam Johnson
Sylvia Bass

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