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THE AMERICAN LEGION OF FLORIDA, INC.
NEWSLETTER

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SEPTEMBER
2009

Commander's Corner

The 2009- 2010 year is off to a pretty good start and we have lots of good things already planned for the coming months. We still need help with our weekly meals, and my phone is not exactly ringing off the hook from volunteers. So far, our Auxiliary President and myself have worked every Friday night and most Wednesday nights helping preparing these great meals for the Post. Surely, there must be some other members that can help with this. Please call Diane at the Post and volunteer a little more time.

Our new House Committee is Chaired by Steve Willis, joining him are Bill Lee, Morris Busbia, John Papparelli and Dee Durnal. They will be coordinating our social activities and keeping our post shipshape. Please give them all the help they need to get this important job done.

Our Past Commander Johnny Jones, continues to improve. He is not ready for visitors yet, but cards and letters are welcome, his address is 351 N. Roscoe Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach, Fl 32082.

October 17th, we will be having a reunion of Ward's Landing customers. We will be open to the public that day so help spread the word. This event will be billed as a fundraiser for our Post and we will need lots of help with this event. Will Hurley is music director for this and is inviting all musicians that played at Ward's Landing, that covers a lot of great music from the beaches area. This event will start at noon and run until early evening. Bring your lawn chairs and listen to the best music around anywhere!!

For God and Country
Clen Ward
Commander
Commander@al233fl.org

3rd Vice Commander

This year, I will be working toward boosting our membership numbers at Post 233, by conducting sidewalk solicitations for new members at local businesses in the northwest portion of St. Johns County, where I reside. As there are no local posts in this area, I will promote Post 233 as the likely choice for a veteran to join.

In addition to being the webmaster, I will try my hand at taking over the formatting portion of the monthly newsletter. Beside the Post officers, ALA, SAL and Canteen if anyone has information they wish to share with our members, please send it to me at newsletter@al233fl.org before the 20th of the month in order to make the next months newsletter.

As always I am looking for comments and suggestions for the betterment of the Post.

For God and Country
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Auxiliary Report

The Auxiliary had their first meeting for the 2009/2010 year on Thur. Aug 13th. We are just starting to line up the events and organizations that we want to participate in for the year. I will keep everyone posted on upcoming events. I would like to ask that all members please take advantage of our wonderful website and use this as a tool to keep informed of what is happening at our Post. Weekly e-mails are being sent out also to let everyone know what is on tap for the week. If you wish to be added to our e-mail list, please e-mail me at the address listed below and I will add you to the list.

Our new organization that the Auxiliary is discussing partnering with is PAWS. This organization is for training Guide Dogs for seeing impaired Veterans. Each dog cost \$3000. not including the cost of training. Wouldn't it be nice if we could collect enough of donations to be able to adopt a Guide Dog? I will be posting info on the Auxiliary bulletin board about PAWS, so please take the time to review this info.

Now I am going to start to beg. I am not too ashamed to do so. I need Auxiliary members to step to the plate to cook dinners. The Auxiliary cooks every other Wed. night. This is one way that we make money to be able to make all the donations that we do over the year. We have several volunteers who regularly step up to the plate but now we need new people to help out. I am willing to help any cook team at anytime so don't be afraid to ask me for help. I am not asking you to sign up on a regular basis, just every now and then. Although I do realize that we are all very busy in our lives, I know that you can donate 5-6 hours here and there for a great cause. If you don't want to cook then at least sign up to help serve and do clean up for Wed. night or Fri night dinners or Sunday breakfast.

Another way of showing your support is to help out with the yard work. Commander Clen Ward is planning on having a Ward's Landing Reunion on Sat. Oct 17th, so why not get our yard cleaned up for this huge event. It takes lots of teamwork to keep things moving smoothly and I know we can put together a great team.

The Auxiliary sponsored our first monthly birthday party on Sat, Aug 15th. We enjoyed some great food (made by Auxiliary members) as well as the Frankie Martin Jr. show. We will be doing this on a monthly basis on the 3rd Saturday of every month so why not mark your calendar for September 19th and come join us.

In closing I would like to thank all members who have volunteered this past month, they ALL deserve a big round of applause for their hard work.

Stay safe and keep our Veterans and Soldiers, young and older, living & deceased in your thoughts and prayers.

Kathy Church

Auxiliary President

Bartenderpost233@yahoo.com

Hassle – free fundraising with no out of pocket cost

The American Legion Post 233 is teaming 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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Jodi Mons	18 Bill Lee / Ted Spetnagel
4 Tex Ward	19 Midge Lilly
6 Ed Kees	20 Pam Johnson
7 Bill Furr	23 Shari Duval
10 Taya Salzarulo	25 Jeannett Amonette
12 KC Carter	28 Debbie Smith
13 JJ Johnson / Olive Reynolds	29 Debbie Curro
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Thank you, Roy Havekost, 3rd Vice Commander / Webmaster*

A vertical poster for the American Legion Idol contest. The background is a gradient from dark blue at the top to black at the bottom. At the top, the words "American Legion Idol" are written in a white, cursive font inside a blue oval. Below this, the text "Contestants will be judged on how well they DRESS the part and SING the part" is displayed in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The next section provides the event details: "When: September 19th 2009", "Signup from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.", and "Contest will begin at 8:00 p.m.". Below that, it says "Where: American Legion Post 233 Palm Valley Fl.". In the lower half, there is a silhouette of a crowd with their arms raised, overlaid with a blue oval containing the text "5 dollar entrance fee" in white cursive. Below the crowd, the words "Celebrity Judges!" are written in a large, white, cursive font. At the bottom, the text reads: "There will be one female winner, and one male winner! Winner will be crowned American Legion Idol, and be given an Oscar! Plus, a CASH prize!".

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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

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