

**AMERICAN LEGION, POST 233
MINUTES OF LEGIONNAIRE MEETING
04JANUARY2007**

Meeting was called to order at 1910 hrs. Quorum of 10 members was present.

Adjutant, Patty O'Callahan:

- Reported of theft, "I was the victim of a crime in December; wherein, my car was burglarized. The thieves took both my American Legion & personal briefcases. They threw the contents out of their vehicle and (miraculously) most of the Legion documents were retrieved within Dolphin Cove and along A1A & 210 the next morning; unfortunately, the cash & checks that were stolen, will never be found (\$910 cash & \$353.66 checks). The checks were ready for deposit, so no one else will be able to cash them. I will advise members of this in the Newsletter."
- New Member, Robert Schroeder, approved.
- Membership: 333 new, renewals & transfers – goal 351= 94.9%
- Adjutant report approved.

Finance Officer, Michael Holland – Out sick

- Finance Report read by CDR: Revenues for DEC over \$13,000.
- Adjutant stated that 2 events in December for Michael Callahan (Fundraiser & Memorial) greatly assisted to increase revenues.
- Finance report approved.

Special request by CDR:

- Need to approve the [emergency] work that was completed on the plumbing-money taken from Capitol Improvement Fund= \$1,000. Approved.
- Kitchen floor re-work completed.= \$3,500 *3,000*
- There were no contributions to the CI Fund in DEC. CI Fund is ~~now~~ *down to \$3,500* depleted.

1st Vice, Jim Ross:

- Adjutant will be on a leave of absence status; Jim Ross will be Acting Adjutant; Patty will assist Jim as needed.

2nd Vice, Michael Wright – Absent

- Chuck Kees, House Committee Chairman gave report for 2nd Vice & House Cmte:
 - New bar chips for drinks – all colors and prices have changed.
 - 2nd Vice report approved.
 - Washer & Dryer purchased=\$812.
 - House Committee report approved.

Next District meeting will be 14JAN07 at Post 88 in S. Jax off of Emerson.

11FEB District meeting will be here in Post 233.

- Discussion w/House Cmte to meet w/ AUX for a luncheon.

04JAN07 Meeting

Old Business:

- Bill Furr – Flag Pole/Cell Tower is with the State for their decision; we are ready for tower.
- Executive Board meeting schedule is changed to one hour prior to Legionnaire/General Meeting on every 1st Thursday of the month at 1800 hrs. Approved.
 - House Cmte @ 1700 hrs.
 - E Board @ 1800 hrs.
 - Legionnaire/General Meeting @ 1900 hrs.

No new business.

Meeting adjourned at 1940 hrs.

Palm Valley American Legion E- Board
Post 233
1 – February 2007

Call To Order at 18:05 by Dick Salzarulo

7 Members present – A quorum was present

Jack Blessing read the minutes of the special E- Board meeting of 12/7/2006 and minutes of the E- Board meeting of 11/20/2006. All minutes were approved as read.

Finance Report: Mike Holland gave the finance report. "Nothing new." The post is solvent. Finance report motion was made and past as read.

Commander's report: Jack Blessing reported that Patti O' Callahan had resigned as adjutant. Jim Ross will take her position. Don Rainey will take over as 1st Vice. Jack will notify the State of the change in Adjutant position.

House committee report: Bill Lee – The house committee will be looking at the cost and return on investment of the meals for the 1st quarter to see if adjustments are needed. When the weather warms up, we will be setting two tables up outside for the Wednesday and Friday night meals. This is in response to persons wishing for a smoke free and quiet dinning experience. The bar staff will be offering table service on Friday nights. On 3/7/2007 we will start "Trivia Nights " after dinner. Tex and Chuck will be the "Master of Ceremonies" for this new event. We need to start getting teams for the Wednesday night meals as volunteers have dropped off. We need 26 captains to head this project up. This would mean that no one would need to cook more than 2 times a year. When we are having special events, please park in the back of the building to allow new and prospective members the usage of the front parking lot.

2nd Vice report: Mike Wright- We need one more team to fill the Friday night cooking schedule.

Dick Salzarulo: Dick reported that the member that had been suspended for a previous rule infraction showed up last Saturday night. He was informed that he would not be served. He claims that he never received a letter notifying him of a suspension. He became obnoxious and the Sergeant at Arms had to escort him out. Dick suggested adding 30 more days to his suspension pending a decision on a permanent suspension of canteen privileges. Dick wants to take due diligence in moving ahead with a permanent suspension. Mike Holland made a motion that a return requested letter be sent informing the member of a permanent suspension of canteen privileges. Jack Blessing seconded the motion and it past unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 18:42 hours

Submitted: Bill Furr

Palm Valley American Legion
Post 233
General Meeting
1-February 2007

Meeting called to order at 19:05 hours by Commander Jack Blessing

Chaplin – Clen Ward lead the opening prayer

Adjutant: Jim Ross read the minutes of January 2007 minutes a motion was made to accept with correction. Motion was seconded and past.

Finance report: Mike Holland read his report. All is good. \$22,200.28 total monies in our accounts. Motion was made and approved as read.

Commander's report: Jack Blessing discussed the changes in Adjutant and 1st Vice positions. Motion was made to except changes and was approved. Jack received a call from Craig & Assoc. about the Cell tower. We are still a go pending an appeal on a different location that Craig had sought but told no be Count Commissioners. If the appeal passes, we will loose out on the tower.

Adjutant: Jim Ross read in two applicants for membership. Arthur (Morris) Busbia - USMC and Steven Raulerson – USMC Both men were voted on an accepted. Current membership is 342 members – this is 97.4%

Meeting adjourned at 19:18 hours.

Submitted : Bill Furr

**PALM VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION
POST 233
E-BOARD MEETING
MARCH 1, 2007**

Called to order at 18:04 by Dick Salzarula

8 Members present-an official quorum was present.

Jim Ross read the minutes of the E-Board Meeting of February 1, 2007. All minutes were approved as read.

Finance Report: Mike Holland gave the financial report. \$150 will go into the Capital Improvement Fund. Several special events have contributed and we are doing well. Bill Furr motioned to accept Finance Report and Don Raney seconded. The motion was passed as read.

House Committee Report: Chuck Kees gave the House Com. Report that Captain Ski will have his Fish Fry on April 20th and the committee approved the hiring of "The Beachcombers Band" for the event. Bill Furr motioned to accept and John Wagener seconded. Motion passed. Mike Holland stated that May was to be designated as Veterans Appreciation Month and we may consider changing the Capt. Ski event to May. Chuck would discuss with the House Committee.

Adjutant Report: Jim Ross gave the Adj. Report with 2 new members applications of Robert Veasie and Raymond Wiltse. John Wagener motioned to accept both applicants and Bill Furr seconded. The motion passed unamously.

Commander's Report: In Jack Blessing's absence for illness, Jim Ross gave the Commander's Report. Jack has designated May as Veterans appreciation Month. Events should be planned for each Saturday in May, including Flag Day, Poppy Day, Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day. We would like to create positive publicity via the media and tie our Fundraising efforts into the events of the month. The Legion, the Sons of the Legion and the Auxillary could each take on the responsibility and planning of the events in May.

Meeting adjourned at 18:32 hours

Submitted by Jim Ross

Palm Valley American Legion Post 233
General Meeting
1 March 2007

Meeting called to order at 19:05 by Jim Ross

Clen Ward led the opening blessing

A quorum was declared with 11 members present.

John Wagner read the minutes of the February meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes as read and was passed.

Finance report. Mike Holland was absent. No report given.

House Committee: Chuck Kees reported the following. We are having problems with a lack of cooks. Chuck will be working with the E-Board and House committee to try and get the schedule back together. SAL with the help of Ron Joy will be putting new metal shelves in the cooler and storeroom. CPT. Ski's fish fry scheduled for April 20th has been moved to May.

Adjutant's report: Jim Ross read in two applicants for membership. They are Bob Vease LT. Commander, Retired USN and Ray Wiltse, Army. A motion to except the applications was made and approved. Membership is at 100%.

Commander's report: Jim Ross gave Report as Jack Blessing is in the hospital. Jack should be released this weekend. Jack has requested that May be "Arm forces Appreciation Month" He would like to have an event every weekend of the month. This is the reason that he wants CPT. Ski's Fish Fry moved to May. He wants Armed Forces Day with the ROTC coming to the Post. Another weekend would be the Auxiliary Poppy celebration and Memorial Day celebration for the last weekend. It was suggested that we have the SAL take a weekend, as the AUX will have a weekend and the Legion cover the other weekends. It was suggested that the House Committee look into this plan.

2nd Vice Report: Mike Wright – Help, we need cooks!

1st Vice: No report

Boy's State report: John Wagner reported that they received 5 applications and has interviewed 4 boys. It looks as though we will be sending 4 boys this year.

A guest member, Mr. Bill Walker spoke about an air purification system that he has personal knowledge of from his post in Adrian MI. He said that the system would help remove more of the smoke from the canteen than the systems that we currently are using. He passed out literature on the product. He said that Post 129 is currently using the same system. Clen Ward will check with 129 as to the maintenance cost and their effectiveness. Bill said

that if we decide to put some in that he would buy one unit for our Post.

Clen Ward led the meeting in the Closing Blessing.

Jim Ross adjourned the meeting at 19:30 hours.

Submitted by Bill Furr

**PALM VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST #233
GENERAL MEETING
5 APRIL 2007**

Meeting called to order at 19:05 by Jim Ross

Clen Ward led the opening blessing.

A quorum was declared with 15 members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were not available and will be read for approval at the May meeting.

FINANCE REPORT- There was no finance report presented this evening.

HOUSE COMMITTEE- Chuck Kees reported the following: Captain Ski's Fish Fry will be held May 6th. A private Graduation Party is planned for May 19th and a private wedding will be held at the Post Aug. 26th for the Kibbler Family. The Committee is discussing the cost of entertainment and a larger display case for hats and shirts for sale. The Committee is recommending the Bartenders check for active American Legion Membership Cards.

ADJUCTANT REPORT- Jim Ross read in 3 New applicants for membership. A motion to accept the applicants was made and approved. The 3 were voted into the Post and the current membership drive has exceeded 100%.

COMMANDER'S REPORT- The Commander was absent this evening.

2nd Vice Report- Mike Wright reported that more cooks are needed and some meals may not be available. Mike has asked for emphasis for recruiting more volunteers.

Wilbur Burnett recommended we give \$100 to the Wardens Association for their April 16th Golf Tournament, that Benefits Juvenile Diabetes Research. Wilbur, Rod, Chuck Kees, Mike Wright, John Wagener and Bob Schroeter all offered to fund the event with their donations and it was approved.

Clen Ward led the meeting in the Closing Blessing.

Jim Ross adjourned the meeting at 19:35 hours.

Submitted by Jim Ross

E-Board Meeting
Palm Valley Post 233

~~4-30-2007~~

5-3-2007

Called to order at 18:02 by Richard Salzorulo

Don Rainey declared a quorum with 9 members present.

It was decided to table the reading of the minutes of 3-07.

Finance: Mike Holland: What you see is what you get. We made over \$700 on the sale of shoes that went for buying bar stools. We only had to pay freight and tax. We have had 4 smoke eater fans donated and 3 on consignment. The Membership balance isn't correct but will be corrected. Our CD is maturing. It was voted to leave it where it is. Bill Furr made the motion and Jack Blessing seconded. It passed unanimously

House Committee: Chuck Kees: We need a larger dumpster. We have 10 new bar stools. Ron Joy wants to improve the kitchen. All materials would be through donations and SAL contributions. Changes would have to be approved by the Board. We have a big problem with Sunday cooks. We need to do a test of hiring a Sunday cook to eliminate the problem. It was decided to table until July meeting for the new Commander to decide.

Jim Ross: Jim suggested that we need 6 fan/ smoke eaters. Wilber will handle the electrical installation. Stu will help Wilber.

Adjourned at ¹⁸18:32

Submitted by Bill Furr

**PALM VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST #233
GENERAL MEETING
3 MAY 2007**

Meeting called to order at 19:08 by Commander Jack Blessing.

Jack Blessing led the opening blessing.

Aquorum was declared with 10 members present.j

The minutes of the March & April 2007 Meetings were read and approved.

FINANCE REPORT- Mike Holland gave his report and also said the Shoe Sale paid for the new bar stools purchased last month.

ADJ. REPORT- Jim Ross read in 4 new applicants for membership and they were approved.

COMMANDER'S REPORT- USS Stark celebration will be held at Mayport Naval Station on 30 May 2007. There will be a Memorial Day Service at Smith Cemetary in Jax Beach hosted by Post #129 with food and gathering at the #129 Post following the ceremony. No one has volunteered and signed the Candidates Sheet. Jack asked everyone to get together and secure some good candidates for Post Officers in 2008.

Jack Blessing gave the closing prayer.

The Commander concluded the Meeting at 19:32.

PALM VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST #233
SPECIAL MEETING
17 MAY 2007

Commander Jack Blessing called a special meeting and called it to order at 18:10.

A quorum was declared with 10 members present.

Jack Blessing opened the floor to nominations and the following members were nominated for the positions.

Commander ----- Jim Ross

1st Vice Commander----- Don Rainey

2nd Vice Commander----- Check Kees

Finance Officer----- Mike Holland

Chaplin----- Bob Nagel

Sargeant at Arms----- Melvin Ard

Adjutant -----

Service Officer-----

Executive Board----- Jack Blessing (Past Commander)

Clen Ward

Bob Schroeter

Morris Busbia

Richard Salzarulo

Wilbur Burnette

Maury Lazenby

The meeting and nominations were declared closed at 18;25 and the meeting was adjourned.

7 June 2007

PALM VALLEY #233 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Dick Salzarulo called the meeting to order at 18:05.

Jim Ross read the minutes of the 3 May 2007 meeting and they were approved.

Finance: Mike Holland reported that the report is misleading. We had a good month in May. Sold 3 hats during this past week.

No House Committee Report

Commander's Report- Last 3 parties were successful. An event is planned for June 23 and is an appreciation event with ham and turkey, ect.

New Business- Mike Holland reported that Pull-tabs are now legal and he would like to look further into the issue. Also, that new pursuits should be brought to the E-Board and Membership, such as the Satellite Radio and ect.

The Commander requested that a plaque for contributors be unveiled at the June 23rd Party. Motion made and passed.

Jim Ross brought up the Purifan Program for clean air and made a motion to have approval for 3 more units to complete the project. The motion passed and a total of 7 units was approved along with the replacement filters.

Dick Salzarulo adjourned the meeting at 18:35.

7 June 2007

PALM VALLEY AMERICAN LEGION #233 GENERAL MEETING

Commander Jack Blessing called the meeting to order at 18:54.

A quorum was announced with 12 members in attendance.

Chaplain Clen Ward led the opening prayer.

Jim Ross read the minutes of the 3 May 2007 Meeting. Bill Furr motioned to accept and the minutes were approved.

Jim Ross read the special meeting minutes of the 17 May 2007 Meeting. Dick Salzarulo motioned seconded by Bob Schroeter seconded and they were approved.

Adjutant Report -Jim Ross read in 8 applicants for membership. Bill Furr motioned to accept. Bob Schroeter seconded and they were accepted..

Commander Report- June 23rd Membership Appreciation Party scheduled to honor contributors of money, time and materials and volunteers with a turkey and ham dinner.

Chaplain Clen Ward led the closing prayer.

Commander Jack Blessing adjourned the meeting at 19:14.