



AL233FL Newsletter

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Commander's Corner

Spring 2010 has sprung and we have a new air conditioning system, thanks to Todd Warren, Jody Mons, Steve Willis, Jack Lynch, Chuck Kees, Don and Judy Mills and their team that put on our Cowboy Barbecue. Don't you miss all that noise that reminded you that you were getting some cool air?

Capt Ski's annual golf tournament and fish fry was a great success. Thanks Capt Ski, Roy Havekost and Rick Kapeghian. The proceeds from the fish fry will be donated to the USO for their "No-Dough" Dinner program. Anyone that would like to join me in this presentation, (don't have the date just yet), is welcome!

The list for officer nominations for the coming year is up on the bulletin board. It's time for new officers to be elected, I encourage you to step up to the plate and volunteer some of your time. Elections will be held at the meeting in June.

Membership is only at 85% of last year...it is everyone's responsibility to help the legion grow. If every member brings in just one new member each year, the post will be on track. May is recruitment month at Post 233, the adjutant will post a list of current members that have not renewed as of yet. Please take a look at the list, and if you know any of them that haven't renewed, please contact them and encourage them to support what we are doing.

We need teams to help Chef Mike with Friday night dinners. This will only require about 3 hours of your time, so please, lets all share some of the work load around here.

We are still in need of volunteers to help with our Wednesday evening dinners. Please contact myself or Diane and let us schedule an opportunity to show off your great culinary talent.

I'm still open to suggestions about for some new events at our Post, I'm sure you can come come up with some fresh new ideas!

For God and Country,
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Sunday: Breakfast 9am-12N

Wednesday Dinner: 6:30pm-8:00pm

Friday Dinner: 6:30pm-8:00pm

Mon-Fri Lunch 11:30am-1pm

1st Vice Commander

No report this month

2nd Vice Commander

Vacant position

3rd Vice Commander

Just a reminder that this is the time of year that our members need to come forward and get involved. Elections for all Post officers will be held in June. If you are thinking that you may have some time, expertise or other talent that will be beneficial to the Post then come down and place your name on the nominations for office list on the bulletin board. New members are more than welcomed to run for office, we need new fresh ideas in order to keep our Post one of the best in northeast Florida.

This month we are going to try something a little different. For those people who have paid to advertise their businesses on the website and in the newsletter, will have their cards placed on various pages of the newsletter, rather than all bunched together on the same page. Duplicate cards will be rotated monthly.

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The newsletter committee would like to recognize ALA member Barbara Green, she was the recipient of the Gladys Prior Award for Teaching Excellence this past month. Barbara is a special education teacher at the Alden Road Exceptional Student Center. Barbara's career has spanned the past 35 years for which she was recognized for her devotion and inspiration to all of her students.

Aside from being a regular volunteer at the Legion, Barbara, in her spare time, serves as the Auxiliary Historian.



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The annual Capt. Ski's Spring Golf Tournament and Fish Fry, combined this year with the USO No-Dough Dinner, was a huge success. Ski's ace team of Roy Havekost, Rick Kapeghian and Don Mills did a fabulous job frying fish and hush puppies for nearly 100 people while Mike and Joey Holland handled the beans and slaw duty. Allyson, Rita and Anita kept both bars hopping and Will Hurley provided some great entertainment out on the patio. A fine time was had by all and many thanks to everyone who donated their time and resources to help make this event a success for both the Post and the USO.

Coming up on May 15th Commander Ward will be hosting a Membership Event at the Post. Details will be available soon in the Canteen and online. If you have not yet renewed your Post membership for 2010, please take this opportunity to do so and feel free to invite friends and neighbors to see our great facility and experience the Post 233 spirit of hospitality and camaraderie among veterans.

On May 21st the Post 233 SAL is hosting a Bar-B-Que to benefit the Wounded Warrior project. This is a worthy cause and the event promises to be a lot of fun with good food and top notch entertainment. Now that we finally have nice weather and longer daylight hours, business is picking up for Friday night steaks with Chef Mike and Wednesday night dinners and bi-weekly Trivia. The patio is available for outdoor dining, our long awaited internet jukebox has been installed and the new AC is quietly functioning beautifully. If you haven't been out in awhile, now's the time. Come enjoy our improvements and have a great meal among friends.

As always, a big Thank You to the volunteers who regularly donate their time and talents to keep our Post looking nice and functioning smoothly as well as turning out some really good food from our kitchen. Without our small but mighty volunteer force, we couldn't do what we do or put on the kind of events we do that you all enjoy so much. Think about joining in to help and you may be surprised at how much fun you'll have and the feeling of satisfaction you get seeing an event be a big success or your fellow members enjoy a meal you had a hand in.

Hope to see you all soon.

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5	Peggy Chapman	29	Jean Batchelder
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Friday Steak: \$12.00/\$14.00~Wednesday Dinner: \$7.00/\$9.00~Sunday Breakfast: \$5.00~Member/Non-Member Donation
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FROM THE SAL

Greeting S.A.L. members! Summer is upon us and we are excited about the coming season with many events and functions in the making.

On May 22nd the S.A.L. is hosting an outdoor BBQ to raise funds and awareness for the WOUNDED WARRIORS PROJECT. For those of you that are not familiar with the WWP, it was started to **help raise awareness and enlist the public's aid for the needs of severely injured service men and women, help severely injured service members to aid and assist each other, and provide unique, direct programs and services to meet warrior needs.** Participants on the day will have the honor to meet wounded veterans face-to-face. We strongly encourage you make the effort to at least stop by for the privilege to personally thank these true heroes for their sacrifice and service to our country.

The event is from 3- 8p.m. in the outdoor pavilion (weather permitting) so it is in the cool of the afternoon and not the heat of the day. For a \$10. donation the menu will include BBQ chicken, sausage and pulled pork, 'Bama Beans, coleslaw, and other treats, professionally prepared and served by our S.A.L. member "Chef" Mike Shaar. A live band will play from 4-8p.m. performing all your favorite songs. The "Tiki Bar" will be open and of course the usual raffles, door prizes and other surprises will be happening all day. We are also sponsoring a Horseshoe Tournament so start getting a team together.

WE NEED HELP!! We don't expect everyone to give up their whole day but we do ask for volunteers either in the morning (mowing lawns, setting up, etc.), during the event (running the horseshoe tourney, helping serve, etc.) and after to clean up. If you can give a couple of hours sometime during the day it will be appreciated. This is a great opportunity for new members or members that have not been around in awhile (hint, hint!!) to get to know some other members and help out your Post and Squadron. Please contact me on the numbers below or contact the Post (ph. 285-2484) to let us know how you can help.

There are many more events coming up this Summer so keep your eyes on the newsletter, or better yet, visit the website. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding our Squadron or Post 233 issues, my phone number is 904-233-0976 and my email is flagman49@yahoo.com.

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FROM THE AUXILIARY

Hello out there. Our 2010 Membership year is almost coming to an end, believe it or not.

We have until the end of May to make our 100% goal. We are currently just at 90% which is below our norm for this time of the year. I have been doing membership now for 4 years which I enjoy doing but I have to admit this has been the toughest year to collect dues. I understand these are tough times for all of us but your membership comes with many benefits and discounts that can save you money in the long wrong. Our unit is in the 5th District and currently the 5th District is in 3rd place. Once again I am going to beg (it is not beyond my means to do so). If you have not sent in your 2010 dues PLEASE do so at this time. The renewal fee is \$20.00 for 2010.

On another note, we had to submit our year end reports by April 15th. I had previously asked that all Auxiliary Members log in their volunteer hours. I was disappointed when we totaled the hours to see that not all of you had logged your hours in. It is very important that we turn these hours in to National. Although it is too late to add any hours for report purposes it is not too late to log them in for recognition at the end of the 2010 term in July for our Unit. I will be rewarding the top three volunteers for time logged in with gift cards. Please submit your hours to Barbara Turley or log them in the Volunteer book that we keep in the Auxiliary meeting room ASAP.

The Auxiliary will be hosting a Luau on June 19, 2010. I am asking for volunteers to help with our last big event for this term. I would like to open this event to the public so we have lots to do to get ready. Please contact me if you would like to help out in any way (decorations, food, clean up, advertising, etc). I don't expect anyone person to have to work lots if we all pitch in.

The Auxiliary has raised \$3,500.00 for Paws for Patriots which entitles us to name a puppy. I am waiting for info on how we go about naming a puppy and we will have fun with this. Details will follow but gracious for all your generous donations.

As always THANKS for the help and support each and everyone one of you has extended to me and our Unit.

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