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MON-FRI: 1100 until ?? hrs.

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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

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Commander's Corner



Commander Steve Willis

The year is almost over for me . As you read this we will most likely have elected a new commander.

I would like to thank all of you who have helped this year. I am planning a "Thank You" dinner for sometime in July.

Please keep in mind that constant few are not going to last forever. We need some new blood to step up to the plate.

May God bless you all, Steve.



1st Vice Commander Roy Havekost

I would like to just remind everyone of my words from last months newsletter that read: Volunteerism: *n.* 'the principle of donating time and energy for the benefit of other people in the community' . A volunteer offers him/herself willingly to perform a service or undertaking without pay. As a social responsibility to the Post, all members need to volunteer time in order to make the efforts of the Legion work properly. We always see the same people coming forward to volunteer, why is that? The answer remains only with those who choose not to be involved. Remember, the candle can only stay bright for so long... sooner or later it will BURN OUT! Remember too, we are "Veterans helping Veterans".

For God and Country,
Roy



2nd Vice Commander (vacant)

No report this month, position vacant.



3rd Vice Commander Rick Kapeghian

Our next meeting is June 2nd and we will again be asking for nominations for offices for the 2011-12 term, and we will start voting after the meeting. Voting will end on Friday June 3rd at 5:00pm. Come to the meeting, get nominated and get involved.

For God and Country,
Rick



4th Vice Commander Charlie Walker

No report this month.

For God and Country,
Charlie

CANTEEN MANAGERS REPORT- by Diane Beason Dorsey

Hope the summer season finds everyone well. We have had some outstanding events at Post 233 with several more coming up. The May Theme party held May 21st, Armed Forces Day, with a Red, White and Blue theme was a huge success. Thanks to Don and Ben Mills who were at the Post at 5:00 a.m. firing up the smoker and then spent the day tending 75 lbs of pork butts and a huge pot of squash and sausage stew. Green beans and potato salad provided by the Auxiliary completed a great meal. As always, Tex did a masterful job leading the karaoke for the evening's entertainment. These monthly Saturday night events are great fun and are drawing some pretty good singers from several other Posts. The next one is June 18th with a Beach Party Bingo theme. Start planning your attire now and plan on joining the fun.

As you read this the Memorial Day Capt. Ski Golf Tournament and Fish Fry will have taken place. Ski and his crack Fish Fry Team of Don Mills, Rick Kapeghian, Roy Havekost and Jason Bass do a fabulous job and the golfers have a good time. Thanks as well to Jack and Sue Hord for hosting the Golf Tournament at their Palm Valley Golf Course and to all who played or sponsored a hole. This was a fund raiser for Post 233 and everyone's effort is much appreciated.

The Post 233 Auxiliary has the second Gold Exchange party planned for June 1st and the Stringin' in the Valley party on June 4th with entertainment by Palm Valley's own Flat Black on the outside bandstand. Details for both events can be found within the newsletter and online at www.al233fl.org.

Our new Legion Meal Sponsorship Program is underway and already proving to be successful in alleviating the never ending problem of finding volunteers to cook on Wednesday nights. This is a great opportunity for many of you who want to help the Post but are culinarily challenged or otherwise unable to handle the kitchen chores. In a nutshell, you can now become a Gold, Silver or Bronze meal sponsor for 100.00, 50.00 or 25.00 respectively and your tax deductible donation will then be used to compensate the evening's chef and offset the cost of the food. As the evening Meal Sponsor you can even request a favorite dinner you would like to have prepared in your honor. Complete details are attached in the newsletter and also available at the Post and online. Our first Gold Sponsors are Commander Steve Willis, Dieter Arnold, Morris Busbia, Ron Joy, and Gerry Murray. Thanks to each of you! Your generosity and commitment to Post 233 will insure that the outstanding meals everyone enjoys on Wednesday nights will continue uninterrupted. Please consider adding your name to the Sponsorship list. There is an opportunity level for everyone and all donations are much appreciated.

We do love our food at Post 233 and there is now more of it available. With the addition of our new deep fryer in the kitchen you can now "get fries with that" for lunch in the Canteen Monday thru Friday, 11:00 – 1:00 pm. Also, Rita's Sunday Supper is available on Sunday evenings from 6:00- 7:00 pm. Rita Connolly is cooking some fabulous meals available for eat-in or carryout. Each weeks menu can be found online and within the Post 233 Weekly Update.

Attention Card Players and Wannabe Card Players! Now that Trivia is on summer hiatus, would you be interested in playing Texas Hold-Em on Tuesday evenings and participating in a monthly Texas Hold-Em tournament? We have someone on board to manage and put this on for us. Are you interested in playing? Let me know. Details to follow.

It is once again Election time at Post 233. Please take a moment to Thank the elected Officers that have served Post 233 this past year for the Legion, SAL and Auxiliary. Remember that they are volunteers who have stepped up to the plate and often don't get much credit or appreciation for the time and effort they devote to the Post. Voting for 2011-2012 Legion Officers will be held Thursday evening June 2nd and all day Friday June 3rd. Please rally behind those who step up to serve in the coming year and remember, if you don't vote, don't complain.

Note: If you are not receiving this Newsletter via email or not receiving the Post 233 Weekly Updates, please send your email address to palmvalley233@yahoo.com or leave it with the bartender on your next visit to the Post. We are in the process of updating and consolidating the Post email database so that we can better keep everyone in the loop and up to date on Post news and activities.

Heartfelt thanks to each of you who have supported and continue to support Post 233. If there is anything we can do to make your visit more enjoyable, an event or activity you would like to see happen or a constructive comment you'd like to make, send it to palmvalley233@yahoo.com.

For God and Country,
Diane Beason Dorsey



FROM THE SAL- Commander Jeff 'Tex' Ward

Greetings "Sons",

Our 2011-12 Squadron 233 officers have been elected. Congratulations to our two newest officers; Randy Cottle (2nd Vice) and "Chef" Mike Shaar (Sgt.-At-Arms). The rest of the positions remained the same; Jeff "Tex" Ward – Commander, Steve Willis – Adjutant, Jason Bass – 1st Vice, Gerry Murray – Chaplain. Thanks to John Paparelli and Van Martin for their past services. Please show your support to all these members.

We continue to provide an S.A.L. Wednesday Night Dinner once a month with help from some of you. For the May 25th dinner Paul (T-Bo) Farace and his crew cooked up his famous venison stew and as always was a hit. Thanks! We are still responsible for one Wednesday a month and we can't have the same guys doing the work every month! It is time to step up boys (and girls!)... PLEASE!! Our next assignment is June 15th. Pete and Debbie Braud are taking it on (again!) so stay tuned to the menu board to see what they will be providing. The July thru December dates will be forthcoming, but if you can take over one of those months please let me know. Don't forget that you can also take advantage of the dinner "sponsorship" program. This allows anyone who cannot commit the time to cook or help in the kitchen to donate money (up to \$100) that will be used to "pay" for help and offset the cost of food. You will find details regarding this in the newsletter, on the website or call me and I will explain.

I will be attending the State Convention in Orlando at the end of June. This will be my first convention and I am looking forward to representing Post 233. The June S.A.L. meeting is on the 23rd at 6 p.m.

The June karaoke theme party is "Beach Blanket Bingo" on Sat. the 18th. Be sure to get your Hawaiian shirts and hula skirts for that one! There are many more fun and exciting events coming up in the near future at our Post so keep your eyes on the newsletter, visit the website (www.al233fl.org) or better yet come in to your Post, enjoy a meal and have a drink!

If you have any questions, suggestions or constructive criticism regarding our Squadron or Post 233 issues, my phone is 904-233-0976 and my email is flagman49@yahoo.com.

God Bless Our Troops.

Jeff "TEX" Ward
Commander



FROM THE AUXILIARY- President Kathy Church

It is hard to comprehend that our 2011 year is at the end already (our year goes from July 1st – June 30th) and we will be moving on to start 2012. I am very proud and thankful at the same time to announce that the Auxiliary hit 100% for our membership for 2011. I will be publishing our list of accomplishments later in June & will also announce the top three Auxiliary volunteers for the year.

On Thursday, June 9th the Auxiliary will hold elections for the 2012 year. I urge all Auxiliary members that can attend this meeting to please do so to cast your vote for our 2012 Officers. This is the most important meeting of the year and I hope to see

many members at this meeting. If you are interested in becoming an Officer please contact 1st Vice, Barbara Turley.

This coming Wed., June 1st from 6:30pm-8:00pm the Auxiliary will be hosting a second Gold Exchange Party. We did our first one in April with five members cashing in items for a total of \$1,385.00 bought. Gather all your old gold & silver jewelry and silverware, bring it the Post on Wed. Anna from the Gold Refinery will test & weigh your pieces in front of you and will offer you a fair price. If you decide to accept their offer they will pay you cash on the spot. You are not obligated to take their offer. Bring in necklaces, bracelets, rings & earrings to white gold, gold watches dental gold, silver & platinum. If your item has gems in it, Anna will remove the gems & give them to you. Invite your family members & friends to join you for dinner on this night and tell them about our party. We all can use some extra cash these days. If you would like to know more about this company go to www.thegoldrefinery.com.

The Auxiliary will also be hosting our "Stringin' in the Valley" Festival this coming Sat. June 4th from 6pm – 9:00pm with FlatBlack performing on stage. The Auxiliary will be selling hamburgers & hotdogs which will be served with slaw & chips. We still need volunteers to help out with this event so please contact me if you can put some time in. bring your lawn chairs and all your friends and family to enjoy an evening of fun – food & music.

That's all I have for this time. I hope all our members have a GREAT summer but please remember to be safe in your travels, doing your yard work and when you are out having some good old fun.

Kathy Church
 ALA Unit 233 President
 Membership Chair

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**~HAPPY BIRTHDAY in JUNE ~**

|           |                  |           |                |
|-----------|------------------|-----------|----------------|
| <b>3</b>  | Tony Kulper      | <b>16</b> | Linda Walker   |
| <b>4</b>  | Richard Bright   | <b>21</b> | Lisa Burdett   |
| <b>5</b>  | Cynthia Gaines   | <b>23</b> | Patti Riordan  |
|           | Alice Leary      | <b>24</b> | Tod Warren     |
| <b>6</b>  | Susan Reilly     |           | Beth Floyd     |
| <b>9</b>  | Ben Ward         |           | Kathy Church   |
| <b>13</b> | Rosemarie Harkin | <b>26</b> | John Paparelli |
|           | Jan Tipton       |           |                |
| <b>14</b> | Helen Toeber     |           |                |
| <b>15</b> | Jim Ross         |           |                |

Your birthday can be listed here by sending your name, month and day to [webmaster@al233fl.org](mailto:webmaster@al233fl.org) or call Roy @ 287-6909



Come join our group, online

Empty space in this newsletter is available for your advertising, or comments. Content for the newsletter MUST be received no later than the 25<sup>th</sup>, each month. This will leave a 3-4 day buffer for editing and formatting. We will strive to have each months newsletter published before the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. Please help with this effort by getting your reports in on time. Thank you.



Check out our new selection of T-shirts and other merchandise in our on-line store on the website.

Over 40 designs to choose from

To advertise your business in the Post Newsletter and on our website, submit a donation of \$25.00 and your business card to Roy Havekost, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander. Pick up an envelope at the bar. Ads run for one year (prorated). Make checks to Post 233. ☺

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A Recovering American Soldier  
c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center  
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"How about if I just follow you on Twitter instead?"

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**NOMINATIONS FOR POST OFFICERS
2011-2012 TERM
(as of May)**

| | |
|---|---|
| Commander | Robby Bacom |
| 1st Vice Commander | no one nominated |
| 2nd Vice Commander | no one nominated |
| 3rd Vice Commander | no one nominated |
| 4th Vice Commander | no one nominated |
| Finance Officer | Malcolm Marvin |
| Chaplain | Bob Nagel |
| Sgt. at Arms | no one nominated |
| Historian | Rod Garing |
| Executive Board
(Vote for 5) | Morris Busby
Maury Lazenby
Jim Ross
Chuck Kees
Sonny Kirkwood |

**Final nominations and elections (will start) will take place at the June 2nd General Membership meeting
and end June 3rd at 5pm.**

Members must present their 2011 membership card to be eligible to vote in June.

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# **“Stringin’ in the Valley”**

***Presented by***  
**Auxiliary Unit #233**  
**Saturday June 4th, 2011**  
**6:00 to 9:00pm**

**For a \$5.00 donation you’ll  
get to see our very own  
Ronnie Bass, FLAT BLACK  
introducing new drummer  
Roger Waldron**

**Auxiliary will be selling  
hotdogs, hamburgers,  
coleslaw, and chips.**

**Outside bar open.**

**Proceeds to benefit Auxiliary programs.**

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January to July, & October & November 2006

January to April, & June to December 2005

January to July, & December 2004

Any issues prior to 2004

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## ***POST 233 “MEAL DEAL” SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM***

***Are you one of those people who would love to volunteer to help your Post but you don't trust your culinary skills or aren't able to manage the kitchen duties?***

***We've got a DEAL for you! There are others willing to do the work for you and better yet, you get all the credit. Become a Post 233 LEGIONNAIRE MEAL SPONSOR and all the planning, shopping, cooking, service and clean-up will be taken care of and you will be honored as that Wednesday evening's Meal Sponsor. Your dinner will be on the house and you can even request a favorite meal you would like to have prepared.***

***There is a Sponsorship Level for everyone and your Sponsorship is a tax deductible donation to American Legion Post 233. Your donation will be used to offset the food cost and compensate the evening's Chef for their time and effort on your behalf.***

***GOLD SPONSOR - 100.00***

***SILVER SPONSOR - 50.00***

***BRONZE SPONSOR - 25.00***

***COMMANDER STEVE WILLIS has set the bar and is our first GOLD SPONSOR. Follow his lead and help insure that there will be Wednesday Night Dinners at Post 233 for all to enjoy.***

***Thanks Steve !***

Monthly Events: June 2011



Monthly Events

June 2011

| Sunday                                                                               | Monday                                                            | Tuesday                                           | Wednesday                                                                                            | Thursday                                                                             | Friday                                                                                                               | Saturday                                                                |
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|                                                                                      |                                                                   |                                                   | <b>1</b><br>•1- Lunch 11am-1pm<br>•2- Dinner 6:30-8pm<br>•HOUSE COMM. mtg. 5:30pm<br>•JUNE BIRTHDAYS | <b>2</b><br>•1- Lunch 11am-1pm<br>•LEGIONNAIRES mtg. 7pm<br>•VOTE 2011-2012 Officers | <b>3</b><br>•1- Lunch 11am-1pm<br>•2- Steak Night 6:30-8pm<br>•Frankie Martin Jr. 8-11pm<br>•VOTE 2011-2012 Officers | <b>4</b><br>•ALA Event...w/Flat Black 9pm<br>•LIKE TO COOK? Click here. |
| <b>5</b><br>•1- Breakfast 9:00-12:00<br>•Sunday Supper 5:30-6:30pm                   | <b>6</b><br>•1- Lunch 11am-1pm                                    | <b>7</b><br>•1- Lunch 11am-1pm                    | <b>8</b><br>•1- Lunch 11am-1pm<br>•2- Dinner 6:30-8pm                                                | <b>9</b><br>•1- Lunch 11am-1pm<br>•AUXILIARY mtg. 7pm                                | <b>10</b><br>•1- Lunch 11am-1pm<br>•2- Steak Night 6:30-8pm                                                          | <b>11</b>                                                               |
| <b>12</b><br>•1- Breakfast 9:00-12:00<br>•Sunday Supper 5:30-6:30pm                  | <b>13</b><br>•1- Lunch 11am-1pm<br>•SUPPORT OUR TROOPS            | <b>14</b><br>•1- Lunch 11am-1pm<br>•Flag Day      | <b>15</b><br>•1- Lunch 11am-1pm<br>•2- Dinner 6:30-8pm                                               | <b>16</b><br>•1- Lunch 11am-1pm<br>•S.A.L. mtg. 6pm                                  | <b>17</b><br>•1- Lunch 11am-1pm<br>•2- Steak Night 6:30-8pm<br>•3- Frankie Martin Jr. 8:00-11:00pm                   | <b>18</b><br>•MEMBERSHIP REMINDER<br>•Theme Nite: Beach Blanket Bingo   |
| <b>19</b><br>•1- Breakfast 9:00-12:00<br>•Father's Day<br>•Sunday Supper 5:30-6:30pm | <b>20</b><br>•1- Lunch 11am-1pm                                   | <b>21</b><br>•1- Lunch 11am-1pm<br>•Summer begins | <b>22</b><br>•1- Lunch 11am-1pm<br>•2- Dinner 6:30-8pm                                               | <b>23</b><br>•1- Lunch 11am-1pm                                                      | <b>24</b><br>•1- Lunch 11am-1pm<br>•2- Steak Night 6:30-8pm                                                          | <b>25</b>                                                               |
| <b>26</b><br>•1- Breakfast 9:00-12:00<br>•Sunday Supper 5:30-6:30pm                  | <b>27</b><br>•1- Lunch 11am-1pm<br>•WELCOME LEGIONNAIRES & GUESTS | <b>28</b><br>•1- Lunch 11am-1pm                   | <b>29</b><br>•1- Lunch 11am-1pm                                                                      | <b>30</b><br>•1- Lunch 11am-1pm                                                      |                                                                                                                      |                                                                         |

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**POST OFFICERS**

**2010-2011**

**LEGIONNAIRE**

Commander: Steve Willis  
Adjutant: Clen Ward  
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1<sup>st</sup> Vice Cdr.: Roy Havekost  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Cdr.: vacant  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Cdr.: Rick Kapeghian  
4<sup>th</sup> Vice Cdr.: Charlie Walker  
Chaplain: Bob Nagel  
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Steve Sheffield

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Historian: Barbara Green

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