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Dear Executive Committee Members,

As of today, this is the current situation of OUR Post:

- We have our Florida Department of Revenue tax-exemption status active! This achievement was accomplished with a phone call yesterday; submission of DR-15 forms the months of September and October; these forms need to be submitted monthly – great work Greg Cressman!
- **This past Sunday, the Post experienced a Beaches Energy scam, in which JP and I were involved. These two individuals portrayed themselves as an Accounts Receivable representative and the other as the technician who was going to cut off power NLT at 5:00 PM. JP paid the initial \$493.86. Upon my arrival, JP informed me of the situation. I spoke with both Beaches Energy thieves and authorized only an additional \$500 payment; they demanded more, and I declined. However, in our defense, these thieves had intimate knowledge with Account number, my name and Greg's with phone information, etc. Yes, the Post lost just under \$1,000, but a donation of \$1,000 was made yesterday to cover the loss!**
- The Pavilion renovations are moving quickly with the windows in; flooring Shark coated, and the Courtyard, new picnic benches, and Cooking Stage look incredible! **I can't express my appreciation for what Greg has done; donations and time dedicated to the renovation -THANK YOU! So, when you see Greg at the Post, please thank him, and buy him a cocktail, too.**
- Yesterday, Greg and I had to pay some major delinquent bills (ADT four months behind \$412.39 with the previous Commander signing a three-year contract for \$130 monthly). Paid Beaches Energy (two months in the black \$829.60) – we are current on all accounts now.

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- The Auxiliary will be hosting their annual Christmas Party this Saturday at the Post; Legionnaires are responsible for entertainment. President Julie has arranged for the entertainment for me; however, just looking for a donation. Recommend the Post donate \$300 to the ALA – **need approval.**
- We have a 4th Vice Commander volunteer Jim Warwick (Email: goldboat@aol.com). At our next Executive Board meeting we will need to vote him in along with Greg Cressman (Finance Officer) and appointed Post Adjutant.
- Still need 1st Vice Commander (Membership), 2nd Vice, and Judge Advocate. As for the House Committee, I will appoint the Executive Members to represent that Committee and appoint Bob Bleak as Chairman. JP assumed the role as Bar Manager and Post Veterans' Service Officer. Mike Sharr is our Kitchen Manager (SAL).
- Auxiliary President (Julie Kay) and we are taking "BABY" steps for the months of January/February with Friday Steak Night and Sunday Breakfast.
- Dates in **January**: ALA Breakfast on the 7th; Legion Steak Night on the 19th. **February**: ALA Breakfast on the 4th; Legion Steak Night on the 16th. Entertainment TBD.
- December is a busy month for us! December events: The 13th is REMAX Office Party in the Pavilion (bathroom access required). 14th is PV Men's Club Steak Night (Chef Mike Sharr lead); 15th (Auction) in the Pavilion from 5:00-11:00 PM. All events bring significant revenue to the Post.
- Hours of operations are Friday's (4:00 PM – 11:00 PM), Saturday and Sunday (11:00 AM – 11:00 PM). Note: Opening may fluctuate with event schedule.
- In closing, "WE" need help! I, personally, can't keep spending 40-50 hours a week doing multiple Post positions (along with Greg, too).
- As we continue to move Post 233 forward and with all the expenditures and the unknowns, and events, **REQUEST YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THIS EMAIL AND SEND ME YOUR APPROVAL WITH US CONTINUING TO MOVE FORWARD.**

For God and Country, Sonny Kirkwood (PC 2015-2016)

Post Commander 233 Palm Valley Florida (2023-2024)

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