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**Subject: SITREP 10-2023**

Dear ALL Members of American Legion Post 233,

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

- **JP (former Finance Officer and Judge Advocate) has resigned from his positions effective today. His reason for resigning is our differences with “transparency” of Post finances. JP did an incredible job over these past months with IRS, DOR, and Bar Management. I wish him and his wife (Nancy) a safe Holiday Season and prosperous New Year!**
- I accepted JP’s resignation and have appointed Greg Cressman interim Finance Officer. I called every Executive Committee member and received 100% support and verbal approval. Greg brings extensive experience with running multiple companies with significant success! Greg and Brian Holmes (new E-Board Member) will be officially approved at the January meeting. Additionally, I called the 5<sup>th</sup> District Commander (Mike Garcia) and he agreed with my decision, too.
- The Pavilion renovations are moving quickly with the windows arriving yesterday. As briefed by our Finance Officer (Greg Cressman) at the October meeting, we will be transitioning daily operations to the Pavilion; obtaining three bids for demolition and rebuild of a new Post providing a “REAL” future for Post 233. Please note that this process has been able to happen due to donations – thank you! We will still, as a POST, need to be creative with fundraisers and events – **THE POST NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!**
- Still need 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander (Membership), 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice, 4<sup>th</sup> Vice Commanders (Entertainment), and House Committee Chairman/five members. Mike Sharr is our Kitchen Manager (SAL).

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- Success will require accountability and transparency at every level of leadership. Everybody can and should be encouraged to ask questions and make suggestions. This environment coupled with necessary adjustments to SOP will lead us back to accountability and supporting our local veterans/family.
- Met with the SAL Commander (Brian Kay) and 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 7<sup>th</sup>; Legion Steak Night on the 19<sup>th</sup>. **February**: ALA Breakfast on the 4<sup>th</sup>; Legion Steak Night on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Entertainment TBD.
- December is a busy month for us! December events: Department Auxiliary President visit on the 6<sup>th</sup> (4:00 PM) – Post will open at 11:00. State Commander visit on the 8<sup>th</sup> (2:45 PM) – Post will open at 11:00. The 13<sup>th</sup> is REMAX Office Party in the Pavilion (bathroom access required). 14<sup>th</sup> is PV Men’s Club Steak Night (Chef Mike Sharr lead); 15<sup>th</sup> (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. I am increasing Sammy’s (Bartender) responsibilities with commensurate pay but still need HELP!

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

Post Commander 233 Palm Valley Florida (2023-2024)