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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

I would like to thank all the Legion members for their participation in our post activities over the past year

I would also like to acknowledge the efforts put forth by the other members of the Post Family. Without the active participation of the women of the Auxiliary and the men of the SAL, we would not be able to achieve our objective to assist fellow veterans and to contribute to the community. Thank you.

I want to wish everyone a healthy, happy, and joyous holiday season.

For God and Country,

Barry Hall

Post 72 Commander

From the Legion Adjutant's Desk:

As of 10/22, we have 200 paid members. Our goal is 315 members. We have reached 63.49% of our membership goal.

S.A.L. COMMANDER

Now that we have the Fine Swine behind us we are looking ahead to November for our chili cook off on Saturday November 28th. This is also the day of the Florida, Florida State game. Look for a sign up sheet and rules on the Activity Board. In December we have our annual Christmas shopping with the kids. After the first of the year we have the Wild Game Cook. We will be selling raffle tickets for a rifle and scope and will have a couple of Hunts to be auctioned off also. This year it will be on a Saturday night. We need volunteers for all of our functions so if you have some spare time please let myself or any SAL member know you would like to help. We have our steak night on the 3rd Friday of each month so come on out and enjoy some good food.

Thanks, Guy Harrell

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REGULAR EVENTS

MEETINGS

1st Mon 7pm S.A.L. Meeting

1st & 3rd Tues 7pm Legion & Auxiliary Meeting

1st Monday of the Month Calendar Meeting @ 6pm

1st Tue 6pm - Exec- Committee Meeting

FRIDAY DINNERS

1ST FRI Auxiliary Dinner

2ND FRI Legion Dinner

3RD FRI S.A.L. Dinner

4TH FRI Legion Dinner

Please place you orders by 5:00 pm on Thursday and please pick up and pay for your dinners before 8:00 pm on Friday.

RECREATION:

SUN-SHUFFLEBOARD MUST SIGN UP BY 3:30

WED—DARTS

THU—BARNYARD BINGO 6:30PM

CLUBROOM HOURS

MON-FRI 3P TO 9P OR LATER

SAT 11A TO 9P OR LATER

SUN NOON—8P OR LATER

SAL ADJUTANT NEWS

Gentlemen, our membership is doing very good. Our squadron stands at 76 out of 129 members paid, which means we have 53 members that still need to pay. We have some long standing members that do not have 2010 cards. Percentage wise we are doing good at 59%.

Serving those who served

Tim Bell

Detachment of Florida

Assistant Adjutant

AUXILIARY NEWSLETTER FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2009

From the President

The Auxiliary is in full swing with our fund raising, Community Service, Children and Youth, etc.... November 7th is Joni's Casino night for Community Service, November 14 is LaVeda's Bingo night for the Nurses Scholarship; she is doing this once a month – money bingo, food and door prizes—lots of fun; come join in.

Community Service is accepting canned goods for the Thanksgiving Baskets for our local, needy families. A list is in the club room; donations will be accepted up through November 20th – please contribute. As a family organization working for families in our community, we need your help more than ever this year.

We hope as an organization to help our Veterans. Based on participation, the Auxiliary will hold a blind draw, blind dart tournament in conjunction with the Sons of the American Legion's Chili Cook-off – check for details on the activity board.

We have a full day planned on December 12th – Breakfast with Santa in the morning, as well as our Christmas social in the evening. We hope everyone will come join in the festivities.

For God and Country,

Bonnie Titus

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 72 President

MEMBERSHIP

Ladies, your new 2010 membership cards are here!! Please be an "Early Bird" and remit your dues now. Help our unit meet the membership goals defined by Department.

Thanking you in advance,

Membership Committee

Laveda Vega and Kim Harrell

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Post 72 Builders Club

I want to thank everyone for your support of the Builders Fund fundraising efforts. We have gained a lot of new members, which is wonderful. Watch for your next newsletter for the announcement of the sweepstakes winners. Our newsletter went out prior to the drawing. Our next Builders Fund Dinner will be January 29, 2010 (5th Friday). Thank you for all of your help; we couldn't do it without you.

2009-2010 President

Bonnie Titus

TO THE MULBERRY POST 72 FAMILY:

I would like to thank the members of the American Legion Post 72, the ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 72, and the men of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 72 for all the fine work that you did during the Fine Swine Weekend. Without the time and effort you volunteered, we would not have had one of the most successful events in six years.

Again...Thanks to all of you from the Fine Swine Committee.

Allen Hall

Past Department Commander

HIGHLITES OF POST ACTIVITIES

Nov thru Dec '09

Due to the holidays, the Auxiliary BINGO will host bingo on the November 14 and there is no Auxiliary BINGO scheduled for December. Regular Auxiliary BINGO will resume in January. Games will begin at 6:00 pm. Snacks will be available.

Also due to the holidays, we hope to mail out the next newsletter no later than the 20th of December. Anyone who would like to submit an item for the Jan/Feb Post Newsletter must submit the item no later than December 15th. You can leave your articles with the bartender or you can e-mail them to: 72news@tampabay.rr.com

All members of the post family are invited to submit items to the newsletter. The editorial staff reserves the right to determine what is or is not acceptable for publishing in the newsletter.

Please remember to renew your newsletter subscriptions. \$10 per year to cover printing and mailing costs.

In service to the Mulberry Post 72 Family
Dan Gramman,
Editor

**AUXILIARY UNIT 72 CASINO NIGHT
THANKSGIVING FUND RAISER
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7
7PM TO 9PM**

POT LUCK DINNER 7PM TIL 9PM
Please bring your favorite dish!!

CASINO GAMES FROM 7PM TIL 9PM
Prize auction at close of games

Cash and Food donations are needed for Thanksgiving Baskets
Please join us for an evening of fun while contributing to the community.
This is an Auxiliary Community Service Program

Contact: Joni Fairley 619-8297 for more information

From the BEER TENT

This year's event was a great success. It would not be so without the help of our post volunteers.

Thanks LYNDY, LAURA, DOUG, STEVE, DAN, NORM and all else who helped.

A "VERY SPECIAL" Thanks to Bill and Brandy Stanton. Bill removed all the road construction debris from our site and also donated 1500 pounds of ice to the event. HOT beer doesn't sell well! Thank you, Thank you Bill.

It was my extreme pleasure to work with our volunteers this year. I look forward to next year.

Thanks also to our customers. Without them ... NO SALES.

Yours in service to Post 72,

Wally Schultz

NOTES FROM YOUR AUXILIARY COMMITTEE CHAIRS

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS:

Saturday Nov 7th: *Thanksgiving Fund Raiser Casino Night & Pot Luck Dinner!* For every \$5 food donation with receipt get a special prize! Signup sheet for pot luck dinner is in clubroom. Please pick up your grocery list in the club room.

Saturday Nov 14th. Bingo night for Nurses Scholarship.

Monday Nov. 16th: cutoff date for families that will be receiving a Thanksgiving Basket. All of these families are in the Mulberry Community and they need our help! A lot of the families we help are through the Mulberry Senior Center. **The Auxiliary and I want to thank SAL Squadron 72 for their support with the donation of the TURKEY'S again this year.**

December: we will be donating food and clothing to the Mulberry Senior Center.

EDUCATION:

Saturday Nov 7th: we are donating hotdogs, chips & drinks to Mulberry High School "Teacher's Garage Sale" that is being held at the Mulberry Civic Center.

Nov 15-21: American Education Week

This year so far we have donated school supplies, clothes along with used sporting equipment. If you have any old sporting equipment please donate.

JUNIORS:

You have noticed "The Yellow Brick Road" they are making all our bricks along with something special for Thanksgiving!

I want to thank everyone who helped with the Juniors Booth @ the Fine Swine BBQ.

Joni Fairley

**WE WANT TO WISH EVERYONE A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON AND
WE HOPE THAT THE NEW YEAR WILL BRING HEALTH AND HAPPINESS TO EACH OF
YOU AND TO YOUR FAMILIES.**