

# February 2009 American Legion Newsletter



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**Volunteer of the Month:  
SUSAN ALEXANDER**

## **From the Commanders Desk (Teri Parkinson):**

Fellow Legion family members, we have had a busy few months. Many thanks to all involved with the Holiday parties in December, the Mid-Winter Conference Steak night and of course, the Charity Ride and Dinner for Cooper Bradshaw. All of these efforts required a lot of volunteers to make them all come together and as such I would like to applaud each and every one of you for an outstanding job.

A special thanks to John McGovern for all his work with the Cheer wagon and scheduling and preparing for the holiday parties, they all came out very well with extraordinary participation and attendance. A special thanks as well to Tim Smith for stepping up to chair the Poker run portion of our Charity benefit on 17 Jan 09, handling the advertising for this event (not an easy task at all) and his work on the New Years Eve party. One last special thanks goes out to Jeff and Donna Crisler and Ramona Smith for all their help with the week long pre-prepping and day of preparation for the Charity Spaghetti dinner as well. For those of you who have not heard, the Post raised over \$10,000.00 to help the Bradshaw family with their medical bills for their young son Cooper, who has a rare form of Brain Cancer. This was a Legion wide effort and we had outstanding participation from all the groups within our Legion family. God bless each and every one of you.

The post facility work is still on going. The Facility access control is now in and once policies have been established, forms printed, door closers replaced, etc... We will activate the system. Once activated, members will have to "buzz" in the first time they come to the post after activation and will receive an access control card at that time. These cards will not be mailed out due to the sensitivity of the chips embedded in them. Only American Legion Post 133 members will be authorized an access card. Members of other posts will have to be buzzed in by the bartender, sign into our guest log and show a valid Legion family membership card. Those who are not members must have someone ready to sign them in as guests. There will be no solicitation of our members present to sign in anyone they have not asked to come to the post as their guest. Electrical work is also complete; the new flag light was well worth the wait as it really lights up our flags after dusk. We are now 100% compliant with our electrical system! With the electrical work now complete, we can turn our attention to our air quality issues to get these resolved as soon as possible.

Thanks to the ALR for volunteering to clean the smoke eaters this month, they will be doing this on 31 Jan 09, and again on 14 Feb 09. I need another group to step up and volunteer for the next month rotation. This is not done for our own benefit, but for the Good of the Legion and all Legion members and guests. At this time, it takes about 4 hours to complete, and must be done prior to the Posts operating hours to ensure the systems are back up and running at opening. We hope to make this process easier on all when we vote on the new systems to be installed, but that is another month away at this point in time, then will take a few weeks at least to get them in and installed. Please, pitch in when you can and where you can. I understand that we are all asked to volunteer for a number of

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things requiring help, but the post requires recurring maintenance to be done on a monthly basis for general upkeep and comfort of all members and guests. Without volunteers to do this, things begin to get neglected. This administration has done a lot to take care of many outstanding issues that had already come to this point, and unless we all pitch in, we will wind up in that situation again.

In March of 2009, ALL groups within the Legion will be appointing a Nominating committee IAW all groups' by-laws. It is this group's responsibility to compile a list of nominees for all open positions. This is your opportunity to voice your opinion and volunteer or nominate someone to serve as this year's 2009-2010 Officers for the Legion, SAL and AUX. In April, an Election Committee for each group will be appointed to oversee and supervise the election and operate the polls for elections. Elections themselves will be conducted at the regularly scheduled meetings in May 09.

A few words on Membership appreciation night: The next membership appreciation will be 25 April 2009, from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. Beverages are provided courtesy of the canteen and free while they last. They are to be consumed on premises only. Finger foods are courtesy of the kitchen and members coming to socialize. It is also to be consumed on premises only. NO GO BOXES! Music will be provided by one of our members or we will have the juke box going. The pool table will also be free of charge during these hours. At 9 p.m., all remaining beverages and food items will be put away and the pool table coin mechanism will be replaced. These evenings were intended to bring our members in to say "Thanks" for everything you have done for the Legion, Post, community and each other during the previous quarter. It provides us with an opportunity to socialize and get to know each other in a causal atmosphere without any "work" going on. I hope to see more of you out during our next Membership appreciation night.

Please check the calendars included in the newsletter for upcoming events as well as our web sites, [www.al133.com](http://www.al133.com) and [www.alr133.com](http://www.alr133.com). If you wish to receive this newsletter via e-mail rather than US Postal service, please let us know. You can use the Contact page on our web sites to have your name removed from the mail out listings, or, send us a note to P.O. Box 264, Millbrook, AL 36054.

For God and Country,

Teresa Parkinson, Commander

### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander (Tim "Merlin" Smith):**

The past few months have been a busy time for all of us at the Legion and I would like to thank all those who worked so hard to make each event such a success. They are too many names to list here but you know who you are and I thank you very much. The next few months appear to be just as busy and I know we will all pull together to make them as much of a success as all past events. I would also like to say what an honor it is to be a member of this post and to know each and every one of you. I continue to encourage all of you to visit the post and see the improvements with many more to come in the future. We have nominations for new officers coming up in few months and would like to see a record number of people at these meetings and people willing to be more involved with the post.

Merlin, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander (John McGovern):

We had to “hit the ground running” to start off the New Year. January has been the busiest month I’ve experienced since I took this office. The kitchen was involved in 17 events and all of them were successful because of the help and support of our volunteers. I’d like to thank all of you who have helped out in one way or another. It is truly appreciated.

I am optimistic Sunday breakfast sales will start to pick up now that the holidays are behind us. As an added incentive I will be adding a new item to the breakfast menu. We have always offered omelets cooked to order, and starting this month, I will be adding steak pieces as an additional ingredient. I have been saving the “end cuts” from the rib eye loins I cut up for the Friday night steaks and I will be dicing up these “end cuts” to use in the omelets. Please come out and give them a try!

John McGovern, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice



### AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 133

*President Beverly McGovern*

The Auxiliary either hosted or were participants in several major events in December and January; the “Angel Tree” was a great success because of everyone’s participation and generosity. Additionally I would like to thank those of you who brought dishes for the 32<sup>d</sup> District Meeting. They were enjoyed and appreciated by all. We also had “the duty” for steak night on the 16<sup>th</sup> of January, which coincided with the Mid-Winter Conference and as usual the volunteers were shining stars! Bobby Boswell and Josh Ginther did an outstanding job cooking the steaks, with support from Butch and Lebo. Linda, Caroline, Marylyn, Lulu, Teresa and Mary kept things going smoothly and as always did a terrific job! Thank you all! We truly couldn’t do what we do without you. I am also asking you to keep in mind the upcoming events this month; Aux steak night is on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of February and we also are hosting the Wednesday night dinner on the 18<sup>th</sup>. As always I need your help and support. Please let me know if you are available and willing to help. Finally, I want to encourage every member to become more involved with the Auxiliary. We have a lot of ladies who are members “on paper” however I also need their active support. Our next membership meeting is on Monday, the 9<sup>th</sup> of February and I would appreciate seeing all of you there!

Bev McGovern, President

**May this Valentine’s Day be filled with love, understanding, and contentment as you journey through life with those you hold dear!**



### SAL SQUADRON 133

*Commander – Leonard Wheland*

No input this month...

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*Director Bobby Parkinson*

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**Post 133 American Legion Riders**



## **AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS**

## **HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED**

I would like to thank and welcome all new ALR Officers to their posts. I think we can have a great year. I would also like to challenge all other Legion groups to give a month of service to the Legion for general Maintenance as the ALR has already volunteered for in February. In Closing, I would like to thank everyone who participated in the Charity events for Cooper Bradshaw.

### **Upcoming Dates to Remember:**

- 31 Jan 09** - Legion Clean Up, Smoke Eaters, Filters, etc..
- 7 Feb 09** - VA ride to Tuskegee, KSU 0800
- 14 Feb 09** - Legion Clean Up, Mardi Gras Parade
- 16 Feb 09** - Monthly ALR meeting
- 21 Feb 09** - Guntersville, Post 8, Pig Roast
- 28 Feb 09** - Bagging for tips at the Commissary (tentative)
- April 3, 4, and 5** - PGR Gathering of the Guard, Prattville Holiday Inn
- April 16, 17, and 18** - Alabama Southern Romp, Fowl River, Alabama



## **From the Canteen Manager, Rex Fronduti**

As you have noticed, there have been many changes to our canteen and post. There will be more to come, it just takes time. With your continued support and with the many new members, Post 133 is generating applause throughout the American Legion statewide. Thanks to each and every one of you! Without you we can do nothing, with you, we can do the impossible.

On March 1, 2009 all old canteen chips will be invalid and will not be accepted! We are going to a new and different canteen chip. Please use your canteen chips before then. Also, during "happy hour" canteen chips will not be given out.

Once again, thank you membership....

# February 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 SAL Breakfast  Super Bowl Party	2	3	4  SAL Dinner	5	6  Legion Steaks	7 VA ride to Tuskegee, KSU 0800
8  Legion Breakfast	9  Ladies Aux Mtg	10  Legion Mtg	11  SAL Dinner	12	13  Aux Steaks	14 Legion Clean Up, Mardi Gras Parade (ALR)
15  Legion Breakfast	16 ALR meeting	17	18  Aux Dinner	19	20  Legion Steaks	21 Guntersville, Post 8, Pig Roast
22  40 & 8 Breakfast	23 SAL Meeting	24	25  SAL Dinner	26 40&8 Meeting	27  Legion Steaks	28 Bagging for tips at the Commissary (ALR) (tentative)
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