

# Feb/March 2010 American Legion Newsletter



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## From the Commander's Desk:

I hope everyone's holidays were absolutely fantastic. We certainly had our hands full around the post starting in November and just finishing up last week with Mid-Winter conference. Many thanks to those who came out for the Post wide clean-up on 10 January in preparation for the National Commander's visit to the Post on 18 January at 6:00 p.m. We had a great turn out of post members for this visit and our guests were quite surprised that we had so many members out on a Monday evening. For those of you who missed the visit, the National Commander presented George "Butch" Kinney with an Honorary Lifetime SAL membership. Butch was quite surprised as Commander Andy Cherry and all post members in the "know", were able to keep it under wraps.

We have a float in the Millbrook Mardi Gras parade again this year, so if you are interested in participating, contact one of the ALR officers and let them know as they have the lead on this event.

We have been experiencing some Postal issues, which is why this newsletter was not mailed out in December. We are trying to resolve these issues, and hopefully, this copy will be received via the postal service for those of you who do not have e-mail access. If you do have e-mail and can receive this newsletter electronically, please, contact [newsletter@al133.com](mailto:newsletter@al133.com) and let us know. We will add you to our mass mailing list to ensure you get regular updates of post happenings.

We have also been experiencing some security system problems as our canteen computer lost its motherboard and crashed the entire system. Please bear with us as we get these issues resolved. I would like to welcome Howard Marshall to our webmaster/IT team. He has volunteered to help Rod Oshel out and has been a terrific asset to our team. Howard is currently working on updating our web site and you will soon see a much different picture. Expect it to "pop" a bit more and be a real attention getter, as well as have some much more effective/efficient content to help keep everyone informed on what is going on at the Post during any period of time. Howard has also been a force to reckon with in the kitchen as he has spent a lot of time working with George and all groups over the past 2 months.

We are in the process of contacting a designer to provide drawings for a covered back porch, with BBQ grill, sink and prep area that also meets health department requirements. This facility enhancement will get us back to being able to do Boston butt sales, camp stew sales, and BBQ plate sales as we will finally be compliant with the Health Department! Once we have a design in hand, we will present this to the general membership for approval. Once approval is gained, a bid is approved and funded; we will contract the work to be done. We are hoping to have all work completed by late spring. We are also in the process of getting estimates for a new Post 133 lit sign/message display for in front of the post. This will let everyone know we are here, will be quite easily seen, and allow us to

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broadcast messages and advertise events to the general public. Once a new sign is up, the old one will be removed promptly!

For God and Country,  
Teri Parkinson, Commander

### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander's Desk:**

We have upcoming elections that will be fast upon us. Positions that **will require nominations** and general membership voting are: Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice CC, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice CC, 3 Yr Committeeman, Committeeman at Large, and Sgt at Arms. Positions that **will require appointments** by the newly elected Commander are: Finance Officer, Adjutant, Staff Judge Advocate, and canteen manager. At the 1 March 2010 meeting we will be appointing a Nominating Committee. It is their job to ensure all nomination's for post level officer positions are submitted properly, member's all are current in their dues, and that they will be available to fulfill their responsibilities for the duration of the year. At the 6 April 2010 meeting, this committee will take additional nominations from the floor. After this meeting is completed, all nominations will be final, and the nominating committee will make up voting ballots. **VOTING** will be conducted on 4 May 2010, between 12:00 – 7:00 p.m., followed by a tabulating committee counting the votes. **NO** members will be permitted to partake of adult beverages prior to voting on this day, and **ALL** members will be required to show a valid Post 133 2010 Legion membership card to vote. Following the vote tabulation, results will be announced during the meeting to follow. There will “technically” be no official business conducted during the May meeting other than announcement of new officers (unless issues arise that require immediate attention/action) and there will be no meeting in June 2010 as we will have an official Officer Induction ceremony during this month.

Norm Ginther, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander



### **AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 133**

***President Beverly McGovern***

January Events: A big thank you to all that supported the Auxiliary in the Kitchen and at the Mid-Winter Conference.

February Events: Steak Night 12 Feb & Wednesday Dinner 17 Feb---looking for volunteers! Don't be bashful step up to the plate and support your unit.

NASCAR returns---Finally another option instead of football!

Are you a leader or a leader assistant, do you feel like you have what it takes? Do we have a deal for you....the elections/appointment for the following positions are approaching:

President  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice  
Secretary (appointed)  
Treasury (appointed)  
Membership (appointed)  
Sgt At Arms  
Chaplain

It is my understanding that a majority of the current slate of officers will not be seeking re-election. **Please let Bev, Teresa, Reba or Caroline** know if you are interested in filling one of these positions. The last official meeting under President Bev McGovern will be conducted in May. It is time for others to step forward and carry our organization forward. Are you ready for the challenge? Training assistance will be provided by the current officers to the newly elected officials.

Submitted on behalf of Bev McGovern

Bev McGovern, President



**SAL SQUADRON 133**

***Commander – Andrew Cherry***

I would like to thank everyone for showing your support for George” Butch“ Kinney. During the National Commander’s visit he was presented with an Honorary Lifetime SAL Membership and SAL Lifetime Membership Pin. We are very lucky to have the leadership and dedication that he has given us over the years, and look forward to his continued support for many years to come.

### **Membership - Membership - Membership**

If you have not renewed your membership for 2010, time is running out. You must have your 2010 membership card in order to enjoy your privileges and benefits of being a SAL member. Perhaps the biggest benefit one receives as a member of the Sons is the satisfaction of knowing you are helping others in your community and elsewhere. However, there are also some tangible benefits available through commercial vendors. Sons are eligible for almost all of the same discounts that are available to members of The American Legion. Just visit [www.legion.org/benefits](http://www.legion.org/benefits) to look at a list of many consumer benefits available to members of The Legion Family.

## **Volunteers - Volunteers - Volunteers**

SAL membership has not stepped up and volunteered as needed. I would like to thank all who have done more than their share to try and keep the SAL afloat. If you would like to see Hamburger & Hot Dog night make a comeback, we must have the volunteers before we can do so. Times for evening cooking's, are prep time at 4 o'clock, cooking from 5 o'clock to 8 o'clock plus clean up time. If you can not make that early starting time, show up late, get a bite to eat and help clean up for those who have cooked. It dose not have to be a SAL function for you to help, we are here to support the Legion.

Kitchen cooking is how the SAL is able to sponsor and support Boys State, Legacy Scholarship Fund, Child Welfare Foundation, American Legion Baseball along with other activities.

Don't forget elections are coming up and nominations will be taken in April.

Thanks for your support, Andrew Cherry commander.  
For god, country and the betterment of Post 133



## **Post 133 American Legion Riders**



### **From the ALR Director:**

We have the Mardi gras parade coming up on 6 February 2010. We will have a float in the parade again this year, and it is a Legion wide effort. Please let one of the ALR officers know if you would like to participate this year by riding a bike, on the float, or walking the route. We have beads and moon pies on order thru the Millbrook Revelers and our final float prep work will be done the morning of the parade at the parade float staging point. This is located behind the old BBQ place at the ball fields (off Main Street) in Millbrook.

We have had some big changes in the State ALR officers and more changes to come, so please try to make it to the next meeting for updates. Please mark your calendars for the next State meeting, 18 April 2010, Post 8, Guntersville, Alabama (last day of the ROMP), at approx noon.

The weather should start improving in the next few weeks, so watch your e-mail and our ALR board at the post for upcoming ride's!

We have some upcoming dates to remember below:

5 Feb 2010 – ALR Steak Night. We have a few volunteers, but need a few more to help out.

13 Feb 2010 – Post 8, Guntersville, Annual Pig Roast

14 Feb 2010 – Valentine's Day! We have breakfast this morning and Gene and Diane are our only volunteer's so far, as several of us will be heading to Guntersville on 13 Feb in support of the Pig roast. If you can help out, please let us know.

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15 Feb 2010 – Monthly ALR meeting (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month)  
5 March 2010 – ALR Steak Night  
14 March 2010 – ALR Breakfast  
16-18 April 2010 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual State Romp, Post 8, Guntersville Alabama  
19 April 2010 – ALR Monthly Meeting (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month)

Bobby Parkinson, Director

### **From the Adjutant:**

For those of you, who have not yet renewed your membership dues, please do so as soon as possible. Dues received after 31 Dec 09 are considered “delinquent” and may stand to cause you problems, particularly if you have taken advantage of a number of American Legion programs available for **FREE** to members in good standing. One example would be the **FREE** accidental death life insurance available to all members in good standing. Once applied for, this insurance is good so long as you are a member of the American Legion, at no cost to the member. If anything should happen to you during a “delinquent” period of time, these benefits **DO NOT PAY**. If, you never received a renewal notice from National American Legion, we may not have your correct address on file. Please get with me and I will send an address correction to National for resolution. We are approximately 60 Legion membership renewals shy for the year. If you are one of these members, please consider rectifying this as soon as you can. Dues can be mailed to: American Legion Post 133, P.O. Box 264, Millbrook, AL 36054, Attn: Adjutant/Harry Bishop, or drop off in an envelope with the bartender on duty. Legion dues are \$35.00.

Will you be turning 75 this year (Jan – Dec 2010)? Our Post by-laws indicate that if you have been a member in good standing of American Legion Post 133 **for at least 5 years**, and are **75 or older during the calendar year of renewals**, the post will pay your membership dues from that point forward. Let me know if you will be turning 75 this year so that I can annotate and properly code our membership roster to flag you during next year’s due’s renewal process. Once flagged, you should not receive any more renewal notices from National. If you do, you can just throw them away!

Harry Bishop, Adjutant

## Post Hours of Operation:

### **The Canteen is Open the Following Hours:**

Sunday	8:00 AM – 10:00 PM
Monday - Thursday	3:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Friday & Saturday	3:00 PM - Midnight

### **The Kitchen is Open the Following Hours:**

Sunday Breakfast	8:00 AM - Noon
Wednesday Dinner	5:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Friday Steaks	5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

# February 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 <b>Legion Membership Meeting</b>	3 <b>40 &amp; 8 Dinner</b>	4	5 <b>ALR Steaks</b>	6 <b>Mardi Gras</b>
7 <b>Super Bowl</b> District 32 Mtg. Host: Post 210 <b>SAL Breakfast</b>	8 <b>Aux Membership Meeting</b>	9	10 <b>SAL Dinner</b>	11	12 <b>AUX Steaks</b>	13
14 <b>Valentine's Day</b> <b>ALR Breakfast</b>	15 <b>Presidents Day</b> <b>ALR Membership Meeting</b>	16 <b>SAL Membership Meeting</b>	17 <b>AUX Dinner</b>	18	19 <b>Legion Steaks</b>	20
21 <b>40 &amp; 8 Breakfast</b>	22	23	24 <b>SAL Dinner</b>	25 <b>40 &amp; 8 Promenade</b>	26 <b>Legion Steaks</b>	27
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