



JANUARY 2012 BULLETIN

PALISADES POST 283 - THE AMERICAN LEGION

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Post meets the 3rd Wednesday each month

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Executive Committee Members

Lou Cozolino-3

Eric Measles -2

Emil Wroblicky –1

Bill Branch-3

Lee Barksdale -2

Everett Maguire – 1

Greetings All:

I would like to wish everyone in the Legion Family a Happy New Year as we enter 2012. We ended 2011 with several successful and festive events. Local Veterans visited Post 283 for a Christmas Lunch and were entertained by the Palisades High School Jazz Band.

National Commander Fang Wong conducted his California visit in December. The finale of the visit was a dinner held at Post 283. The National Commanders remarks were inspiring to the attendees as he urged the Legion Family to work hard in providing the needed help that returning Iraq veterans will be requiring.

The annual New Years Eve Dance rang in 2012 with dining, dancing and great friends.

We look forward to a great Legion Year as we continue our work with veterans, youth and the community.

We should be grateful for the many opportunities we have to serve.

Kevin Niles, Commander

PALISADES POST 283 THE AMERICAN LEGION
Calendar of events

◀ December	~ January 2012 ~						February ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1	2	3 Exercise Class 10-11am Executive Bd 6pm	4 Golf WLA 12:00	5 Exercise Class 10-11am Aux Bingo	6	7	
8	9	10 Exercise Class 10-11am Bingo WLA	11 Golf WLA 12:00	12 Exercise Class 10-11am	13	14 Post Closed Auxiliary Mid Year Oxnard Post 48	
15	16	17 Exercise Class 10-11am	18 Golf WLA Regular Post mtg	19 Exercise Class 10-11am SAL'S regular mtg	20	21 Heroes Golf Course Grand Opening 10am	
22	23	24 Exercise Class 10-11am	25 Computer Class 10am Golf WLA 12:00	26 Exercise Class 10-11am	27	28	
29	30 Past Cmdrs Club Post 43	31 Exercise Class 10-11am	Notes:				

1st Vice Commander – Kurt Hiete

Do you qualify for an aid & attendance pension? Legion members who served during WWII, Korea, Vietnam and the Gulf War could be eligible for benefits. The program is designed for Veterans and their spouses who are disabled or who have trouble living independently. ***These do not have to be service related disabilities!*** Attend the January regular meeting to hear Mr. Kelly Shane of the Veterans Alliance Benefits, a non profit organization helping veterans explain the program and answer your questions.

Membership to date is 549 paid members, our goal is 623. If every member would get one person to join our Post, we would far exceed the membership goals set down for us by National.

2nd Vice Commander – Dave Borgeson

I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season, we are looking forward to a healthy and prosperous 2012. I am trying to adjust to our time zone once again having spent the last two weeks in Australia.

Remember our next big event on the social calendar is the Valentine's Day Dance on Saturday February 11th 2012. I hope to see you there with your sweetheart! The Mike Henneby Orchestra is providing the Big Band sound it will be an evening of fun and great entertainment so mark your calendars.

Chaplain Mike Martini –

2011 is Past. As humans we make mistakes. If we had some failings last year, have we made a resolution to overcome them and try to become a better person in 2012?

The Legionnaires who give so much time to improve the lives of needy veterans and feel the accomplishment of helping others and know, they themselves are better persons. We thank and hopefully in some way follow your example.

Ever onward for the Glory of God and the good of the Legion.

Adjutant – Bob Ryan

Wow, November and December were busy months here at your Post.

November, besides the Executive Committee meeting and Regular Post meeting, the Post had a good turnout for the Veterans Day Dinner & Dance, hosted a dinning-out for the UCLA Army ROTC reserve officers training corp., held Exercise Classes every Tuesday & Thursday, averaging any where from 10 to 15 participants at each session. Our Computer class is still going strong on the fourth Tuesday each month, the class will be changing the first of January to the fourth Wednesday of each month. This is a great way to learn computers

As the 6th Area Vice-Commander I attended the Los Angeles County Council meeting, 16th District meeting, the 18th District meeting, and the 24th District meetings, the Woodland Hills Post in the 20th District, the Veterans Haven House & Veterans Administration stake holders meeting at the West Los Angles veteran's administration and finally spoke to the Navy ROTC cadets at UCLA.

December saw our Auxiliary unit host a luncheon for the Department Auxiliary President. I also attended the 311th Army reserve Christmas luncheon for our veteran's families that are scheduled to be deployed after the first of the year, visited the Veteran's Home in Lancaster. Assisted with the visitation dinner for National Commander Fang Wong and his charming wife Barbara wherein 143 dinners were served to visiting comrades from Areas 1, 2, 4, 5 and of course area 6 who traveled to the Post to meet and hear National Commander Fang Wong.

Looking forward, we plan on continuing the exercise classes every Tuesday and Thursday, the Computer class monthly on the fourth Wednesday. The Oratorical Contest will be held on Sunday February 5th, the Four Chaplain's will also be held at our regular general membership meeting on February 15th. Keep in mind the Sons of the American Legion meet regularly the third Thursday of each month, you may find their meetings interesting in that they have a guest speaker each month, who are veterans of WWII, Korea and Vietnam. Also in February we will be hosting the Palisades Chamber Mixer, if you haven't attended a mixer you are missing the chance to mix with the local business partners here in the Palisades. Don't forget the regular Post meetings are the third Wednesday of each month look forward to seeing you.

Heard around the Post

Post Everlasting:

December 6, saw the passing of Past Department Commander S. Wayne Parrish ending a long battle with cancer. Shortly thereafter we lost another great legionnaire, Comrade Willie Wilkins, also a former Department Commander. These two mentors will be sorely missed by all who knew and were guided by them. Our heartfelt sympathies go to their wives and families.

Computer class:

Please note the change from the last Tuesday of the month to the last Wednesday. Parking was limited as the exercise class and computer class were being held at the same time, so it was decided to change days. We hope this does not cause any inconvenience to any computer students and will encourage more attendance as there will now be plenty of available parking.

High School Oratorical:

January 31st is the last day to sign up for the Oratorical Scholarship competition. The first contest will be held here at the Post on Sunday February fifth beginning at 1:00 pm. Winners will advance to District and Area competitions and hopefully on to State and National finals.

Hey Buddy got a light?

~~For those who have fought for it, freedom has a taste that no one will ever know~~

Inscription on a Zippo lighter.....Viet Nam circa 1968

Pali High 50th Anniversary Event:

Saturday January 14, Pali Hi celebrates the Classes of the 60's. With music, food, time capsule display, 60's car show and much more. For further information contact Rich Wilken at (310) 454-4809.

Heroes Golf Course Grand Opening:

Saturday January 21st is the Grand Opening of the re-done golf course on the West Los Angeles VA campus. Golf Challenges, Entertainment, Refreshments, Give-Aways and a clinic with Hall of Famer Amy Alcott. Ceremony Starts at 10:AM. Activities 11:00-4:30. For additional information call Lou Cozolino @ (310) 230-1633.

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Musician: Ellie Bundy	
<u>Executive Committee: Billy Koenig & Jean Winship</u>	

Presidents Report
Auxiliary Unit 283
January 2012

Happy New Year to all. As we embark on a New Year it is time to look forward to the many opportunities to serve veterans that we will have in the coming months.

December was a busy month. On December 5th Hollywood Unit 43 hosted the District 24 meeting. They provided a great lunch embellished with holiday decorations. Auxiliary Unit 283 had the pleasure of hosting local veterans at a Christmas luncheon on December 12th held at the Post. The highlight of the event was a wonderful performance by the Palisades Charter High School Jazz Band. Many Auxiliary members attended the dinner on December 18th in honor of the National Commander. The festive evening was great fun for all. The 22nd saw several Auxiliary members serving a Christmas lunch to residents of the Fisher House.

January will find Auxiliary members attending the Annual Department meeting which will be held in Oxnard. The theme of the sessions and social events will be focused around the Wild West.

We all look forward to a happy and healthy 2012 as we work together in service to veterans.

Nancy Niles, President

**SONS of AMERICAN LEGION
SQUADRON 283**

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DEAR SONS,

SIX MONTHS REVIEW! Time is flying by and I can't believe it has already been six months of being your Commander. First of all, "Happy New Year" and let's make the next six months even better. **The SONS** have had a busy first half with many Legion Members speaking at our **Living History Program** capturing their greatest war stories. **USS Abraham Lincoln events** gave us some VIP tours, a VIP party aboard and for a few lucky members a ship ride to San Diego. The **Ride to Recovery Program** was a huge success and with the **October Festival Dance** where we raised over \$1,000 for the R2R charitable organization. Our **Adopted US Marine Corp Platoon** in Afghanistan has been receiving all the donated items you have been bringing to the Post and all the Christmas cards Alex Frost got us to sign.

For our **Christmas Gifts to Soldier's Families Program** we located the U.S. Army's 420th Mobile Unit in Van Nuys, CA and were able to deliver car loads of requested gifts for the children of those soldiers deploying to Kuwait mid- January. The S.A.L.s played an important role when the National Commander visited our Post in December and the National Commander gave a great speech.

Also in December, the **Sons adopted The Sun Kings (VAW - 116)**, the early warning squadron who are now aboard USS Abraham Lincoln sailing into harm's way. Our Sons were treated to base tour; aircraft mission briefing, cockpit tour of the E2-C Hawkeye and then stood on the runway (LSO position) watching touch and go practice landings. We also made a donation to the Sun Kings (MWR) Moral, Recreation and Welfare fund.

OUR NEXT MEETING - Our January's meeting is Thursday, January 19th. Mark your calendars. Please watch for your emails and respond accordingly. Bring a new member next time. See you around the Post.

Have a Happy New Year.

Submitted by: Grant W. Ivey
Commander- Squadron 283

American Legion
Palisades Post 283
Come Celebrate Valentine's Day
Dinner Dance
Saturday, February 11th, 2012



Music provided by **Mike Henebry Orchestra**

Social Hour 5:30 PM Dinner 6:30 PM Dancing 7:30 to 11:00 PM
Dinner and Dance \$ 35.00 per person or \$ 70.00 per couple
Reservations will not be accepted without payment
RSVP By February 1, 2012

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Number of Guests _____ Amount _____

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