



Auxiliary Update

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Holiday 2005



President's Message...

The fall season has been a busy time for Unit 281...

On October 10, the Auxiliary and SALs held their annual blood drive and were able to collect forty-eight (48) pints of blood. The Community Service Chairman, Marlene O'Neill, and I extend our thanks to the Legion Family and to our community for their support and for meeting the challenge to save another life.

On October 22, the Auxiliary ran a giant yard sale, with great bargains and treasures available to members of the Post, SALs and Auxiliary on Friday night. The yard sale continued on Saturday, when it was open to the public. A steady all-day downpour was an unexpected "bonus," but our sales were steady, too, so the day was a success. Also on October 22, the Auxiliary held a hoagie sale which was a complete success. I would like to thank all the ladies who obtained orders and for all the 281 members who purchased a hoagie and or hoagies. I hoped everyone enjoyed them.

As we begin the month of November and the holiday season, we prepare for the hustle and bustle of the many activities that

the Post, Auxiliary and SAL have planned. That being said, let me begin by first thanking everyone who participated in the Turkey Shoot that was held on November 6. A fun and enjoyable time was had by all. Congratulations to all the winners.



On November 11, we celebrated Veterans Day. It was an honor and privilege to attend the services and to pay tribute to the men and women who fought for this country and made the ultimate sacrifices that enable each of us to enjoy the freedoms this country offers today. For the Legion and Auxiliary, I want to pay my respects to our Gold Star Mother, Charlotte Ferry, and our Gold Star Sister, Mary Lazara. To the Legion members who have a son/daughter, grandson/granddaughter, niece/nephew over in Iraq or Afghanistan, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. We pray that they return home safely, but most importantly, soon. To all Veterans —THANK YOU!

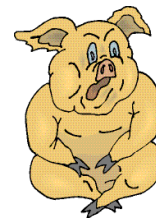
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Meetings & Events for December – February

Dec. 7	6:00 pm	Auxiliary Christmas Dinner (Villari's Lakeside)
Dec. 9	7:00 pm	St. John of God Christmas Party (Post/Auxiliary/SAL)
Dec. 11	1:00 pm	Children's Christmas Party
Dec. 17	7:00 pm	Legion Family Christmas Party
January	TBA	Executive Board Meeting
Jan. 11	7:30 pm	Auxiliary Meeting
Jan 15	1:00 pm	Auxiliary Ham Shoot
Feb. 8	7:30 pm	Auxiliary Meeting
Feb. 11	7:00 pm	Valentine Necklace Raffle Donations \$1 or 6 for \$5

Don't forget to check our website for the latest information:
<http://www.njlegionpost281.org>



Ham Shoot

Having a special family get-together or dinner?

Want to make a nice ham dinner and need a ham?

No problem! Win one ... take part in our shuffleboard ham shoot, tentatively scheduled for Sunday, January 15. Check the Auxiliary bulletin board for time (to be announced soon) and donation.

See the bartender for our sign-up sheet.

Profits from this "fun" raiser help support our many Unit programs.

President's Message, *Continued*

On November 13, the Auxiliary and Post held their annual Vineland Veterans Thanksgiving Dinner. A big thank you, too, to everyone who came to help with Post 281 services.

Our next event, which will be a joint effort with both the Post and SALs will be the St. John of God Christmas party on December 9. Last year, a fun and memorable time was had by all in attendance. So if you're visiting the canteen that night, stop in to say "hi."

Another one of our events will be a Ham Shoot, which is scheduled for Sunday, January 15. Come out and join us for a fun-filled afternoon and some tasty munchies.

Finally, as we approach the beginning of a new year, our Auxiliary looks to expand our programs, starting with such committees as the Auxiliary Emergency Fund, Annual Valentine Necklace Raffle, and our new Mothers Day Raffle. This being said, I ask you to read the articles in this newsletter regarding these committees.

In closing, let us keep in our thoughts and prayers all the families who lost their loved ones or who were affected by both the tragedies of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Watch for our next issue for upcoming events and activities. I would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe holiday season and a very happy new year. I look forward to seeing you at our next function or meeting

For God and Country,
Leslie O'Neill
Unit President



Membership Report

Our Unit is doing very well with membership for 2006. To date we have 130 paid with about 50 more to go. Ladies, let's see if we can make 100% by December 31st. If you don't have a 2006 card in your hand, you are not paid. Drop your dues off at the Post, or mail it to ALA Unit 281, P.O. Box 12, Glendora, NJ 08029.

Our "Early Bird" winner this year was Geraldine Hargrove. CONGRATULATIONS!!

Don't forget — the deadline is December 31st; after that, your dues are delinquent.

For God and Country,
Carol Roach
Membership Chairman



New Committee

Auxiliary Looks to Expand Its Committees

This year the Auxiliary is looking to expand its committees starting with the Auxiliary Emergency Fund.



The fund in general, was established in 1969 and was supported by memorial contributions from Auxiliary units and members and is an excellent example of "Women Helping Women." Unit 281 would like to expand this committee within our own Legion Family. To us, the Auxiliary Emergency Fund is for our fellow Legion families and/or community members who god-forbid need our help. So let's work together because, as of now, there are no funds earmarked for this fund.

My goal is to raise at least \$200.00 or more by the end of April. At our October meeting, I distributed several calendars for those of you who might want to participate in one of the many fund raiser activities I have planned. The calendars were for the months of October, November, February, March and April and had little sayings in which I asked that you put some change in a jar and turn it in at the end of the month that you picked. Each calendar had a total which you would donate, ranging from \$3.00 to \$10.00. Another little fund raiser was a "coin toss" in which I brought an empty can to two of our meetings and events and asked those of you who had little to much change in your purse that was slowing you down, please to donate it. These are just a few of the many ideas I plan to do/conduct in order to raise funds for such a good cause.

If you would like to make a donation to this fund, I ask that you bring it to our next meeting or, if you are unable to attend, you can mail your donations to: ALA Unit 281, P.O. Box 12, Glendora, NJ 08029 Attn: JoAnn Monteleone, Auxiliary Emergency Fund Chairman.



I would like this to be something we all work at together and hopefully none of us will need. Look for future newsletters to find out our progress and what new "fun" raisers we have planned. THANK YOU to all who have made a donation and those of you who may soon make a donation. Every little bit helps.

For God and Country,
JoAnn Monteleone, Chairman
Donna Barrett, Co-Chairman