



Auxiliary Update

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Holiday 2006



President's Message...

Unit 281 has a very full calendar for the holidays...



First, I would like to wish all of our Legion Family Members and their families a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year.

The fall season has been a very busy time for Unit 281. The Auxiliary held its annual yard sale on October 14. Nice fall weather helped bring out the shoppers, who left with smiles and lots of great bargains. I want to thank everyone who made donations and those who came out to help sort and price all the donations and run the sale.

On November 4, the Unit held a Comedy Night, sponsored by Comedy Blast, Inc. It was a riotous evening of laughter for everyone in attendance! Headliner Tom "The Coach" Whiteley and his partner, "NASCAR Kelly," left the audience in stitches. Drawings for door prizes and 50-50 rounded out an evening of fun. I want to thank my officers and barmaids for selling the tickets along with all of you who attended, especially our out of town guests. Another thanks goes out to our bartenders Tim, Skip and Phil. Congratulations to all the winners.

Veterans Day was a huge success, allowing us to take pride in our individual service and remembering all our comrades from all wars. 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 great sacrifices that enable each of us to enjoy the freedoms this country offers today. Prior to the ceremony, Unit 281 provided a country breakfast for veterans and special guests. Our own Chris Mayland and her helpers prepared an amazing and delicious feast. Thank you to all the ladies for all their help in the kitchen and with serving. The Auxiliary also provided snacks and hoagies for all of the veterans and their families who visited the canteen that day.

Our next event, which will be a joint effort with the Post and SALs, is the St. John of God Social, which will be held on Friday, December 8. This is one of my favorite events of the year and I have my dancing shoes ready. Last year, all in attendance had a fun and memorable time.

We will wrap up the holiday season with our children's Christmas party. As always, I'm sure the Mitchells and the members of our Auxiliary Unit will do a superb job, as they have done in the past. I know all the children will leave with smiles on their faces, whether it be from the fun toys that they receive or just getting to talk to and have their picture taken with Santa.

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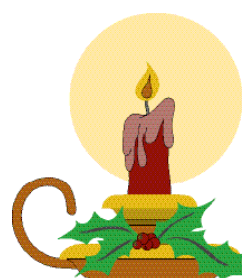


Meetings & Events for December - January

Dec. 6	6:30 pm	Auxiliary Unit Holiday Dinner at Villari Lakeside
Dec. 8	7:00 pm	St. John of God Holiday Social
Dec. 10	1:00 pm	Post 281 Children's Christmas Party
Dec. 16	8:00 pm	Post 281 Legion Family Christmas Party
Jan. 8	7:00 pm	Executive Board Meeting (tentative)
Jan. 10	7:30 pm	Unit Meeting
Jan. 17	7:00 pm	Past Presidents Meeting (tentative)

Wishing each of our Unit 281 members and their families

a joyous holiday season, and a happy, healthy year in 2007!



Membership

Time to Renew for 2007

Ladies, keep up the good work. We only need 39 more memberships to reach our goal for the year. As of Veterans Day weekend, we have 145 members paid! If you do not have your 2007 card yet, please send in your dues NOW! After December 31st, you will be delinquent.



Send your dues to:
ALA Unit 281
PO Box 12
Glendora, NJ 08029

Reminder letters will be sent to those who have not paid yet and in January, a list of delinquent members will be posted on the Auxiliary bulletin board in the Post canteen. Let's get those dues paid before the holiday rush!

Welcome to our newest members:

Carol Ann Slattery ("CC" — one of our barmaids)
Shirley Hoover **B. Judy Massa**
Debbie Fenn **Suzanne Thyne**

Welcome ladies, and hope to see you during our Auxiliary events and meetings.

For God and Country,
Carol Roach, Membership Chairman



Veterans Day 2006



Left: Post Commander Fran McGovern and Unit President Leslie O'Neill during Veterans Day Ceremonies



Above: Unit members Michele Nadonaley, Marlene O'Neill, Unit President Leslie O'Neill and Alice Pye assisted our "executive chef" Chris Mayland, with a country breakfast to kick off events on Veterans Day.

President's Letter, *Continued*

In closing I would like to take a moment to thank all our dedicated Legion Family for helping make this a memorable 2006 for me. I know the next couple of months will be filled with fun events and memories.

I also would like to thank all of our Veterans, because without you fighting for our freedom and putting your lives at risk, my family and I might not be here today — so from my family and from me, THANK YOU!

Watch for our next issue for upcoming events and activities. I look forward to seeing you at our next function.

For God And Country,
Leslie O'Neill, Unit President



Above: The Post 281 family honored our area veterans and their families during a moving ceremony, including presentation of stars of remembrance to the families of Post 281 members who passed away during the last year.

Above right: Unit Secretary Carol Roach baked and decorated the cake!

