



Auxiliary Update

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Winter 2005

President's Message...

Unit 281 has a very full calendar this winter...



During the past few months, I have been busy "settling in" as your Unit President. With the assistance of my Executive Committee, we have a very full schedule of programs and events on our Unit calendar between now and next May.

Let me begin by thanking everyone who attended and helped with all of our recent events — Comedy Night, Red Cross blood drive, the yard sale, canned food drive and school programs, A big thank you, too, to everyone who came out to help with Post 281 family functions on Veterans' Day and for the St. John of God and Children's Christmas parties. You are each a big part of what makes our Unit and Post family such a wonderful group.

Our next event will be a Tastefully Sweet Treats demonstration on Sunday, January 23rd. While the guys are glued to TV and the football playoffs, join us in the Post Hall and enjoy some great dips and breads, cookies, etc.

Our February unit meeting is on the 9th, followed by our annual Valentine's Social on Saturday, February 12th. Treat

your own special sweetheart to dinner and an evening of fun for only \$15 per person. Don't forget to take some chances on our beautiful 14 kt. gold heart-shaped diamond pendant (1.25 total diamond weight) necklace, worth \$249. The drawing will take place during the Valentine's Social, but you do not need to be present to win.

Our next event is a Ham Shoot scheduled for Saturday, March 5th. Of course we don't really shoot the cute little piggies, but we have a great time! Join us for a fun-filled afternoon — and you just might take home a ham for Easter dinner.

Our March 9th Unit meeting includes 1st nominations for 2005-2006 officers. And on March 19th, the County Auxiliary honors past Unit 281 and current County President Joanne Szarkowski at a special testimonial dinner.

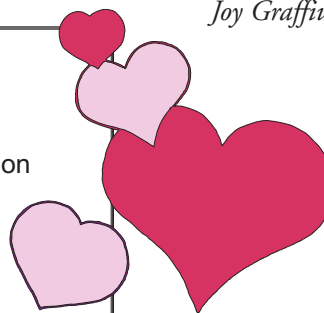
As you can see, we have a lot going on during the next few months — so please come out and be part of Unit 281's programs and events. Help us to help our veterans and our community!

For God And Country
Your Unit President,
Joy Graffius

Meetings & Events for January – March

Jan. 12	7:30 pm	Unit Meeting
Jan. 23	2:00 pm	Tastefully Sweet Treats Demonstration
Feb. 9	7:30 pm	Unit Meeting
Feb. 12	8:00 pm	Valentine's Day Social
Mar. 5	TBA	Shuffleboard Ham Shoot
Mar. 9	7:30 pm	Unit Meeting; 1st Nominations of Officers
Mar. 19	TBA	County Past Presidents Testimonial Dinner
Mar. 30	7:00 pm	Annual Penny Party

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



February 12th
8:00 pm

Annual
Valentine's Day
Social

Tickets: \$15 per person
(See bartender or any officer)

Membership

Don't forget — Renew for 2005

Ladies, thank you for your cooperation in getting your dues paid. As of January 5th, we have 152 members paid. That is over three-fourths of the members! There are a few who always pay late — but the time to pay is now! Check your membership card and if it does not have the year 2005 on it, you owe dues. If you have forgotten to pay your dues, be sure to take care of this right away. A delinquent list will be posted soon on the bulletin board in the canteen.



You do not need the notice from National to pay dues. Some of the newest members will not receive a notice because it takes a while to update National's system due to the large volume of membership. Just mail a check for dues (\$14 for senior members and \$5 for junior members) to American Legion Auxiliary Unit 281, PO Box 12, Glendora NJ 08029 — or leave your dues in an envelope with my name on it at the canteen. The barmaids will put it in the Auxiliary box in the office. I check it every week.

Let me know if your name or address changes so I can make the change on our records. If the Department does not have your correct address, you will not receive your mailings.

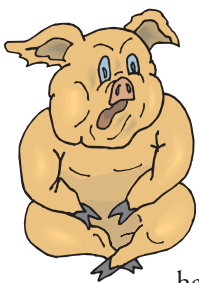
We would like to welcome our newest Unit 281 members:

Christine Holmes Alice Pye Stacyanne Belsky

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

For God and Country,

Carol Roach, Membership Chairman



Ham Shoot

Need a ham for Easter?
No problem! Win one ...
take part in our shuffleboard
ham shoot on **Saturday, March 5.**

Check the Post 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.

Don't let the piggies squeal without you!

2005 Unit and Post Scholarships

This year, Unit 281 and Post 281 have a number of scholarships available for graduating high school seniors:

Three \$500 Unit scholarships—

(1 in each Black Horse Pike Regional high school)

Three \$1,000 Post scholarships—

(1 in each Black Horse Pike Regional high school)

One \$3,000 Post Nursing Scholarship—

(applicant must attend a BHP Regional high school)

One \$2,500 Post Family Scholarship—

(applicant may attend any high school but must be the child or grandchild of a member of Post 281, Unit 281 or Squadron 281)

Three \$1,500 David R. Bowers Past Presidents Scholarships—

(1 in each Black Horse Pike Regional high school; applicant should be an average student who needs help with continuing education; if possible, he or she should be the child, grandchild or sibling of a veteran.)

If you know of qualified high school seniors, please have them apply through their high school guidance office by Feb. 28th.

Take a Valentine's chance on our beautiful 14 kt. yellow gold, heart-shaped diamond necklace!



Value: \$249

Drawing to be held Feb. 12th at the Valentine's Social

Chances are:
1 for \$1 • 3 for \$2 • 9 for \$5

New Location Selected for 2005 New Jersey Girls State Program

Unit 281 Girls State Chairperson Susan Griffiths announced that the 2005 New Jersey Girls State program will be held at Georgian Court University, Lakewood, NJ. Program dates will be June 19–24.

Rising costs made it necessary to relocate the program from Rider University, where it has been held in the past. But moving the Girls State program to Georgian Court will allow us to maintain costs at \$200 per participant.

And we are happy to announce that the dormitories at Georgian Court are air-conditioned and have elevators — two of the most-requested items by participants in past years.