

**American Legion
Palm Valley Post 233
General Membership Meeting
4 June 2015**

Commander Havekost called the meeting to order at 1900hrs.

Opening prayer

POW/MIA Flag Ceremony.

Roll call completed with 16 members present.

Sick Call: None reported.

Commander Havekost recognized the following guests: Don Mills Past Commander, Jim Durnal VFW Commander, Judy Mills Auxiliary President, Jeff Ward Commander Post 233 SAL.

Minutes of the 7 May 2015 General Membership Minutes were read. Motion was made, 2nd and passed to approve the minutes as read. It was noted that after the 7 May 2015 meeting, the MIAP ceremony for 19 June was cancelled

NEW MEMBERS:

Anthony Profaizer, Transfer, USA

Chris Valdivia, Transfer, Navy

John Sech, New, USA

Bert Rowell, New, USA

Marshall Persky, New, USA

Thomas Gugluizza, New, USA

Robert McCauchey, New, USAF

Jeffrey G. Tupper, New, USMC

A motion was made, 2nd and passed to approve all of the above for membership in The American Legion and Palm Valley Post 233.

REPORTS:

ALR Kathy Church announced that the Post 233 ALR Chapter would cook the Wednesday night meal on the 1st Wednesday of each month. She also stated the ALR would furnish the Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and condiments for the upcoming oyster roast.

MIAP Kathy Church reported that the next MIAP service would be 25 September 2015 at 1300hrs at the Jacksonville National Cemetery.

Social Media by Commander Havekost – see attached

CORRESPONDENCE:

Commander Havekost received a letter from the 5th District Commander authorizing Palm Valley Post 233 to have a transfer of authority to the 2015-2016 Officers prior to the scheduled installation.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dan Wortmann reported he presented school awards at Ponte Vedra High School.

Jim Crutchfield reported he presented JROTC awards at Neese High School. It was also noted that the JROTC unit at Neese had recently been named the number 1 JROTC unit in the Nation.

NEW BUSINESS:

J.R. Mathis announced the activities for 14 June, Flag Day. There will be a flag retirement ceremony followed by an oyster roast. This is opened to the public. Neese HS JROTC will be present to take part in the flag ceremony.

Commander Havekost stated that the Executive Committee had endorsed the idea for the Post to pay up to \$1,500 for expenses for the Department Convention. Motion was made, 2nd and passed with one no vote.

Tex Ward announced that the SAL Squadron would pay half of the expenses to send the Post Adjutant to the Department Convention.

Commander Havekost addressed the joint meeting with a resume of his 3 years as Post Commander. He also thanked all for their support, Commander Havekost pledged to remain an active member of Post 233. He concluded his address by presenting the following Awards and Recognitions:

Plaque to the Palm Valley Post 233 Legion Family

Legionnaire of the Year: Sheri Rodriguez

Legion Member of the Year: J. R. Mathis

Volunteers of the year

Auxiliary Kathy Helmly

SAL Carl Porcaro

ALR Kathy Church

Cowboys and Laredo Ladies – Presented to Don, Ben and Judy Mills

Continuous years membership in The Legion:

Dan Wortmann 29 years

Clen Ward 35 years

Steve Willis 40 years

Certificates of Appreciation to:

Bill Marshall, ALR

Judy Mills, Auxiliary

Tex Ward, SAL

2014-2015 Elected and appointed Officers

Commander Havekost also presented Tex Ward, Kathy Helmly, Kathy Church with new nametags for their respective officers.

It was also announced that the entire Palm Valley Post 233 Family obtained a 100% or better membership for 2014-2015.

Commander Havekost read the letter from the 5th District Commander authorizing the change of Authority. The change of authority at Post 233 was authorized per section 10, section 13 5th District Constitution and By-Laws.

A motion was made, 2nd and passed to declare the General Membership Meeting of 4 June 2015 as the official change of authority at Palm Valley Post 233.

Commander Havekost then passed the gavel and authority to Commander Elect Sonny Kirkwood.

On behalf of the Palm Valley Post 233 Family, Sonny Kirkwood presented Past Commander Havekost with a *Thank You* card and gift card as thanks for his three years of dedicated service as Post Commander.

There being no other business to come before the body, the meeting was closed in due form by Commander Kirkwood at 2017hrs.

Respectfully Submitted.

James A. Crutchfield
Adjutant