



AL233FL Newsletter



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'SMOKE FREE POST'

April 2016



Our Post Home



Memorial Garden



Commander Louis 'Pappy' Martin Pavilion

560 N. Wilderness Trail ~ Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

Legionnaire meetings, first Monday each month, 7:00pm

Auxiliary meetings, second Monday each month, 7:00pm

Son's meetings, third Monday each month, 6:30pm

Rider's meetings, first Sunday each month, 11:00am

Canteen hours:

MON-FRI: 4:00 pm until 9:00 pm hrs.
SAT: 11:00 am until ?? hrs. Happy Hour 4-7pm
 On event Saturday's, call for opening time
SUN: 9am until ?? hrs. Happy Hour 3-7pm

Website: www.AL233FL.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/AL233FL

Email: info@al233fl.org

Post telephone: 904.285.2484

Monday-Friday:

Wednesday: Dinner 6:30pm-8:00pm
 Friday: Dinner 6:30pm-8:00pm
 Sunday: Breakfast 9:00am-11:30am



We are a Smoke Free Post, 24/7
 Smoking only allowed outside,
 since February 2014



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NEVER FORGET ~ POW's & MIA's



2015

OFFICERS

2016



**Commander
Sonny Kirkwood**



**1st Vice Commander
Jim Durnal**

**NO PICTURE
AVAILABLE
AT THIS TIME**

**2nd Vice Commander
Susan Severson**



**3rd Vice Commander
Bob Bleak**

**NO PICTURE
AVAILABLE
AT THIS TIME**

**John Schumm
4th Vice Commander**

**Vacant
Chaplain**

**Finance Officer
CDR Sonny Kirkwood**

VACANT



**E-Board
Maury Lazenby**

**NO PICTURE
AVAILABLE
AT THIS TIME**

**E-Board
Bob McAfee**



**SAA
JR Mathis**



**E-Board
Ted Veber**



**E-Board
Mike Williams**



**Judge Advocate
Roy Havekost**

**NO PICTURE
AVAILABLE
AT THIS TIME**

**E-Board
Dan Wortmann**



**Auxiliary President
Kathy Helmly**

AUXILIARY:
1st Vice President Linda Williams
2nd Vice President: Kathy Church
Treasurer Allyson Bass
Secretary Angie Kees
Chaplain Celeste Sheble
SAA Sylvia Bass
Historian Linda Mathis
E-Board Dee Durnal
E-Board Debbie Eatmon
E-Board Patty Williams



**SAL Commander
Howard Sheble**



**Rider's Director
Kevin Terranella**

RIDERS:
Dir. Kevin Terranella
Treasurer Kathy Church
Secretary Virna Waldron
Chaplain Linda Williams
Road Capt. BJ Atkins
SAA Betty Bacom
Historian Virna Waldron

Bartenders:

Pam, Debbie, Patty, Carline, and Anita

SAL:
1st Vice Cdr. Jason Bass
2nd Vice Cdr. Mike Shaar
Adjutant-Vacant
Chaplain Will Hurley
Historian John Gabbard



Commander's Corner:

Hello Post 233 Family:

Family of Post 233,

Nominations for Post Officers is upon us again! If you want to get involved with your Post, let me know so that we can get you on the ballot!

We have started the installation for the Point of Sale Program and it should be a full-up-round next week.

For God and Country,

Sonny Kirkwood, Commander 2015-2016



Judge Advocate:

It is that time of year again when our members nominate a slate of officers for the upcoming term of 2016-2017. Nominations occur at the March, April and May meetings with elections held in May. It is important for upcoming new officers as well as those being reelected for another term to be completely familiar not only with the duties of their elected office, but also be familiar with the four pillars that the American Legion was built on. The annual Florida Legion Convention is being held from June 16 through 19, 2016 in Orlando. During this time many training courses are being offered. One important course for all members is "The Legion Institute Course" which is a course of study giving members the opportunity to learn and discover the rich history, programs, policies, developments, positions and future goals of our national organization. Other courses are offered for Chaplain, Historian, Sgt. At Arms, Service Officer, Finance Officer and Commanders positions. In addition a Food Handlers Course is offered which provides Certification to the attendees in Basic Food Safety, Personal Hygiene, Cross-contamination & Allergens. This course can be very beneficial to anyone working in the Post Kitchen. Currently, Post 233 has no Service Officer. Training for this position is a 2 day training session and requires annual recertification. You must pre-register with Elizabeth Douglas, at 407-295-2631 ext. 235. For more information and the convention agenda, go to

<http://www.floridalegion.org/news-events/department-convention/event-agendas/> .

The American Legion Organization is all about veterans helping veterans. Learn more, run for an office, signup for training.

For God and Country,

Roy Havekost, Social Media Chairman
Department of Florida & 5th District Florida
socialmedia@legionmail.org



2nd Vice Commander's Corner:

Need cooks and volunteers to schedule more events – please call the Post if you are interested (904) 285-2484.

Also, we have started Trivia every Wednesday night starting at 7:00 p.m. Dinner is being served from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Please come and join us for an evening of fun!

For God and Country,

Susan Severson, 2nd Vice Commander.



3rd Vice Commander's Corner:

I echo Second Vice Susan's request for more cooks and volunteers!

For God and Country

Bob Bleak, 3rd Vice Commander



4th Vice Commander's Corner:

No input this month.

For God and Country

John Schumm, 4th Vice Commander



Director of the Rider's Corner:

Riding For God and Country,

Kevin Terranella, Director



Auxiliary President's Corner:

Hello to the entire Legion Family!

Two Presidents Award badges were presented in March. In keeping with the theme of "FAMILY" we must be united, yes families fight but the love and respect remains. We must work in harmony. We must work together to achieve our goals for the betterment of our Unit and Post. Tonight I would like to acknowledge two individuals that graciously and unselfishly give of themselves. These two individuals are JR Mathis and Howard Sheble. These individuals ask not for praise, they are gentle giants, they are always there when you least expect them always offering a hand up. I could, we could, give several reasons and examples of what these two amazing men do to support our unit.

Adjutant's Corner:

Current membership is over 100%!

For God and Country,
Jim Durnal, Post Adjutant



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DONN'T WORRY- BE HAPPY!



They exhibit no boundaries and truly exemplify the dynamics of our family.

Debbie Eatmon continues to teach the importance of Americanism. This year's department essay theme was Lincoln's Promise, 4 great essays were submitted to Department for judging.

In March 7 box tops were collected that supports Ocean Palms Elementary, 4 soup labels were collected and our Coupons for troops was \$10,322.95

It's hard to believe it is already time for us to start thinking about nominations for our 2016-2017 term for ALA Officers. We have put together a Nominating Committee at our Monday night meeting. Celeste Sheble is our Chair, Kathy Church and Brenda Mickler Cowgill are also on the Committee. We will present nominations during our April meeting and we will vote at our May meeting. All positions are open for nominations. (President, Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Unit Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplin, Historian and Sargent-at-Arms). Please see any committee member for the duties of each position. If you are interested in becoming more involved with our Auxiliary now is a good time. The person you nominate has to accept your nomination.

Each month we incorporate training, in March it was a simple moving poem written by Sandra Brown, Unit President, Mohawk Unit 1450, New York. "DO WE DO ENOUGH" We come together once a month to reunite and share the night. To welcome back old and new the friends we've made in all we do. We talk about our last event, was it worth the time we spent. We look about the faces round. Do they agree? Did we arouse?" A quiet moment, a whispered prayer, did we do all we could for them - our men, our women, their children too? Did we offer up a hand to help a fallen Soldier stand? Did we offer up a humble prayer to thank them for the good they do? Did we offer up a word of cheer for the broken spirits, minds and fears? In all we do, did we recall the reason we do it all? Our Freedom is a precious thing. Our duty still remains the same. Helping all to win the fight with love and kindness is our aim. Let every task we undertake, be it big or very small. That we

If you haven't renewed your 2016 membership, or know of someone who has not renewed, now is the time to do it. Contact Kathy Church if you have any questions regarding membership @ bartenderpost233@yahoo.com. Currently we are not yet 100%, however I'm confident we will in no time if we continue to work together!!

Our monthly meetings are now held the 2nd Monday of every month at 7:00pm. I hope to see a lot of new faces at our April 11th meeting.

Please come support the many events at the Post to support the entire Legion family!

As a very united team we accomplish a lot; I truly appreciate each and every one of you. Your contributions in our community, post and unit continues to exceed expectations!! I can't thank you enough!!

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY
GOD BLESS AMERICA

Kathy Helmly, President 2015-2016



SAL Commander's Corner:

March has been extra busy for all of our entities with events and meals. Thanks to Roger Akey, the SAL finally started our Bingo Game and we have had increasing success for all three nights.

Bingo begins at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday. Please join us for fun and prizes. We want to thank Past Commander Roy Havekost for donating nice I.D. badges for all our helpers! A big **Thank You** to our Bingo staff, Patty Williams and Jim Whaley!

The St. Patty's Night dinner was a sellout – we're sorry some missed getting served because of a larger crowd than anticipated: Jason Bass served up a delicious Irish tradition! Also, we would like to thank Clen Ward for his generosity from the Ward's Landing Dinner last week.

SAL Membership:

SAL members will have a second round of 2015-2016 Officer Nominations at our regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, April 18 at 5:30 p.m. and voting will take place on Monday, May 16 at 6:30 p.m. Our SAL membership has reached 98% of our goal! If you haven't renewed, you can visit the Post or mail the \$30 membership fee to AL Post 233, 560 N. Wilderness Trail, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082.

Upcoming Events:

Bingo every Thursday at Post 233 – 6:30 p.m.
4/10 – SAL Breakfast – 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
4/15 – SAL Dinner with the Maybees Band
4/16 – Seafood Extravaganza hosted by all entities

For God and Country
Howard Sheble, SAL Commander



APRIL BIRTHDAY'S

Please visit the website for birthdays and much more!!!

Your birthday can be listed here by sending your name, month and day to
webmaster@al233fl.org or call Roy @ 287-6909

POST 233 "MEAL DEAL" SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Are you one of those people who would love to volunteer to help your Post but you don't trust your culinary skills or aren't able to manage the kitchen duties?

We've got a DEAL for you! There are others willing to do the work for you and better yet, you get all the credit. Become a Post 233 LEGIONNAIRE MEAL SPONSOR and all the planning, shopping, cooking, service and clean-up will be taken care of and you will be honored as that Wednesday evening's Meal Sponsor. Your dinner will be on the house and you can even request a favorite meal you would like to have prepared.

There is a Sponsorship Level for everyone and your Sponsorship is a tax deductible donation to American Legion Post 233. Your donation will be used to offset the food cost and compensate the evening's Chef for their time and effort on your behalf.

GOLD SPONSOR - 100.00 - SILVER SPONSOR - 50.00 - BRONZE SPONSOR - 25.00



Planning an outdoor Party ?



Consider renting our pavilion area for your next birthday, anniversary, family gathering, business meeting or picnic.

For details contact our Canteen Manager or any of our bartenders for more details.

Go to AL233FL.org for pix. Call 285-2484.

Smoking is permitted outside and at the pavilion bar.

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Ask the bartender for details

The Post 233 calendar of events is online at:

<http://www.al233fl.org/ecalendar.htm>

If you have a smart phone, you can connect to the e-calendar with your gmail account and have all the Post 233 event dates at your fingertips.

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