

**American Legion Palm Valley Post 233  
General Membership Minutes  
2 July 2015**

Meeting was call to order by Commander Sonny Kirkwood at 1900hrs

Opening prayer by Commander Kirkwood.

Roll call completed with 13 members present.

Minutes of the 4 June 2015 General Membership Minutes were read. Motion was made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed to approve the minutes as read.

**NEW MEMBERS:** (see attached)

Robert S. McAfee, Conrad A. Esposito, Harvey Furman, Cherry Fee, Donald Campbell, Bert Powell, Maceo Whitfield, Thomas Gugliuzza, Ted Taylor, Jeffrey G. Tupper, Marshall Persky, John G. Sech, Jason Cooper, Theodor R. Seman, Regis R. Franskovsky, Ronald E. Hofsterer, Baron Bartlett. Motion was made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed to approve all the above for membership. Adjutant Jim Crutchfield also reported that effective 1 January 2016 that the American Legion Annual dues would be increasing by \$8.00 to \$43.00 per year. All members are encouraged to renew their membership prior to 31 December 2015 and save \$8.00.

**REPORTS:**

Kathy Church reporting for Auxiliary Unit 233 stated that the Unit received 1<sup>st</sup> Place Unit for District 5, 108% membership for 2014-2015 and also History Book best in the state of Florida.

Judge Advocate Roy Havekost reported that Post 233 received the Post Excellence Award. This is the first time in the history of Post 233 that we have received this award. We were also 1 of 9 in the District and 1 of 25 in the state of Florida to receive this award.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Scheble of Squadron 233 reported the Squadron received an award from the Special Olympics of Florida for contribution and also was over 100% membership for 2014-2015. See detailed report attached.

Legion Riders cooked dinner and had great turnout of helpers. The Chapter 233 was assisted in the Legion Riders donating \$43,000.00 to the Legacy Fund. The Chapter will be doing the July Basket with the drawing to be on 31 July 2015 at the Post. They will also be hosting a Poker Run in Feb 2016 to benefit the MIAP.

Kathy Church reporting for the MIAP stated that the next ceremony will be 25 September 2015. She also stated that she had good responses from the table she had at the recent Department of Florida Convention in Orlando. The PAYPAL glitch has been repaired and contributions can now be made on line. Kathy also stated that there are now six National Cemeteries in Florida that will accept MIAP burials with 2 more due to come on board in the near future.

Post, Detachment, and Department Social Media Chairman Roy Havekost reported that the Post web page had 6,806 visits the past month with most of those being to the newsletter page. This was closely followed by the ecalendar and meeting minutes.

Commander Kirkwood closed the Public portion of the meeting at 1920hrs.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business to discuss.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Judge Advocate Havekost requested approval to spend <\$200 for Law Enforcement plaques. Motion was made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed to approve the purchase.

J.R. Mathis indicated that the SAL Squadron 233 had approved the purchase of an A/C unit for the ice machine room. He then requested that the Legion purchase an A/C unit for the kitchen with < \$300.00 price tag. Motion was made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed to approve the purchase. Dan Wortmann volunteered to cover any cost over \$300.00. Jim Durnal and J.R. Mathis to install both units.

The finance Report was not accepted due to questions. A motion to defer the finance Report to next meeting was 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed.

Looking into a possible reservation plan/system for Wednesday and Friday meals. The Reservations are for planning purposes. Seating will still be on a first come first served basis.

There being no other business to come before the body, the meeting was closed in due form by Commander Kirkwood at 2020hrs.

Respectfully Submitted

James A. Crutchfield  
Adjutant