



AL233FL Newsletter



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'SMOKE FREE POST'

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

Legionnaire meetings, first Thursday each month, 7:00pm
Auxiliary meetings, second Thursday each month, 7:00pm
Son's meetings, third Thursday each month, 6:30pm
Rider's meetings, first Sunday each month, 11:00am



Canteen hours:

MON-FRI: 1100 until ?? hrs.
SAT: 0900 until ?? hrs.
SUN: 0900 until ?? hrs.
(St.Johns County - closing hour is 2:00am)

Website: www.AL233FL.org

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Post telephone: 904.285.2484

Sunday: Breakfast 9am-11:30am

Wednesday: Dinner 6:30pm-8:00pm

Friday: Dinner 6:30pm-8:00pm

Mon-Fri: Lunch 11:00am-1pm

We are a Smoke Free Post, 24/7



NEVER FORGET ~ POW's & MIA's

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Commander - Roy Havekost

Email: Commander@AL233FL.org

Did you know that in April we are just a month away from Post elections for the 2014-15 term of office. If you were contemplating running for a position, contact the nominating committee either 1st Vice Dorsey or 3rd Vice Lilly. We are always looking for fresh ideas and new people to fill the voids and help to continue to make Post 233 the best Post in northeast Florida.

If you are a new member of Post 233 and reading this newsletter for the first time, you are invited to attend our monthly meetings held on the first Thursday of the month. Our next meeting is April 3rd at 7:00pm.

Jay Conti, Department Vice Commander and 2014-15 Department Commander elect, has offered me a Chairmanship for the upcoming term of office. I gratefully accepted the position of Social Media Chairman for 2014-15 and look forward to serving the American Legion at the State level.

For God and Country,
Roy



Adjutant - Sheri Martinez

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Our membership renewals are currently at 93.023% as of March 27th. Just a reminder, any member that signs up 3 new members (not including transfers) will have their 2015 dues paid automatically by the Post. In addition, any member that does not have a DD214 or other acceptable documentation of membership eligibility on file at the Post will not receive a 2015 Legion Membership card for next year. This is an IRS requirement to which all Posts must comply.

For God & Country,
Sheri



Chaplain - Wilbur Burnett

Remember to keep our Military and Service members in your daily thoughts and prayers. Pray that those in harms way will remain unharmed and safe to return soon to their families. God bless our Troops and keep our homeland first responders safe too.

For God & Country,
Wilbur





E-Board Member/ Planning Cmte.- Dan Wortmann

The Commander has informed me that we will begin removing the carpet in the main lounge this month so that much needed repairs can be made to some areas of the floor. Once the floor repairs are completed we will have the carpet installed that was donated to us from the TPC last year. If you can spare some time and help us remove the old carpet let me know or just attend the April meeting to sign up on the work schedule. The more the members do, the less the cost to the Post. We are having the floor repairs done professionally, but the carpet removal is on us. Thanks for your help.

For God & Country,
Dan



Judge Advocate - Ric Smith

Email: JudgeAdvocate@AL233FL.org

As our 2013-2014 fiscal year draws to a close, participation in your election of new officers in May is important to maintain the quality of officers we have been blessed with over the past few years. It is your responsibility to vote wisely.

After reading the 42 pages of the April issue of the Veterans Council of St. Johns County, Inc, it is encouraging to see many veterans active with the various groups in our County. For those who are not familiar with this organization, the monthly meeting is held at the Elks Lodge, 1420 So. A1A in St. Augustine, the last Wednesday of each month. The website is www.veteranscouncilofstjohns.org.

For God and Country,
Ric



Auxiliary - President Judy Mills

President Judy Mills
Report by Linda Williams, 1ST Vice

Let me first start off by saying Get Well Soon Judy Mills!
As you have probably already heard Judy has just had back surgery and is now home resting.... OK! Judy you are in our thoughts and prayers. We miss you already!

In the month of April (April 12, 2014) the Auxiliary will be hosting a "Spring Fling" Event (All proceeds will go to Post 233 Building Fund). Our meal will be several different kind of Meatloaf's and all the fixings. The Entertainment will be Kenny Holliday and his mates including Michael Eatmon and Pete Duffy they will be performing live on our stage. You don't want to miss this evening; fun will be had by all. Come on out and support the Post!



The Auxiliary is also responsible for cooking on Wed, April 23rd and we are still in need of a sponsor and a cook team for that night as well. Please contact Kathy Helmly or myself if you are interested in cooking or sponsoring this meal.

We are doing well with our membership and currently we are at 89% for the 2014 term.

If you have not yet paid you 2014 dues please do so now. If you have a 2014 card and you receive a renewal notice from ALA National please disregard it. You can mail your dues to our PO BOX 51138, Jax Beach, FL, 32240 or drop it at the post.

Speaking of membership, everyone please try to bring at least one new member to our Unit for this year. The more members we have the more we can get accomplished for our programs. If you bring a new member to our Unit you will get a free Auxiliary Wed night dinner.

Thank you to all ALA members who put the many volunteer hours in. Our year end reports are due to Dept on April 15th. We need your hours (**NOW**) by April 7th so we can get them counted and put into the reports by the 15th. You can hand them IN at the post or email them to Judy Mills or Linda Williams lindaw186@bellsouth.net. Get those hours in so we can get credit for ALA Unit 233 and also 5th District! This is very important.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

God Bless Our Troops

LINDA WILLIAMS ALA 1ST VICE



SAL - Commander Jeff 'Tex' Ward

Greetings men,

CONGRATULATIONS!! We reached our goal of 100% membership – actually 102% as of this writing to be exact. Thank you to all of you that have paid your dues. Now our mission is to get NEW members!!

The 42" t. v. monitor we purchased and installed is getting rave reviews! This is being used exclusively for Post information regarding events, meals, meetings, entertainment, etc. and we are planning to expand it to members and the local community for advertising purposes. Many thanks to ALA member Debbie Eatmon for composing the slide show. Check it out the next time you are there!

Thanks to Randy Cottle we now have our own squadron Facebook page. If you are a social media aficionado the go to ***Sons Of The American Legion Squadron 233*** and join the group. This will be a convenient and fun way to stay informed.

Our March Wed. dinner of fried chicken, baked mac & cheese, corn casserole and pineapple upside-down cake was supplied and cooked by Dale Little. We used the outside deep fryer for the first time and it worked beautifully to sell 55 dinners! We are responsible for one Wednesday dinner a month. Please help us by volunteering at least once a year. That is not asking too much, is it? Even if you can't help out at least be there to buy a meal and support your Squadron and Post. Or, if you cannot afford the time to volunteer you can always contribute as a Gold Sponsor with a \$100. donation. This will help pay for the food and someone to cook it.

UPCOMING EVENTS: 1) We are planning a fishing tournament for the Saturday of Memorial weekend (5/24) or the following Saturday (5/31). Dale has volunteered to clean and fry the fish. We are looking for sponsors and entrants. This will be an outside event with a band. Please let me know if you have any ideas or can participate in some way. We will finalize plans at the April meeting. 2) The 4th of July this year is going to be a doozie! Plans are to make it a family oriented celebration during the day and early evening as an outside party complete with BBQ, deep fried corn dogs, band, games, etc. And it will be at our Post! All four entities will be (hopefully!) involved, spearheaded by the S.A.L. Stay tuned for more details. 3) The next S.A.L. dinner is Wednesday, April 16th. Any ideas?

There are many fun and exciting events and fundraisers coming in the near future so keep your eyes on the newsletter, visit the website (www.al233fl.org) and Facebook page (*palm valley post 233 american legion*) or better yet, come in to your Post and have a drink and see what is happening!

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding our Squadron or Post 233 issues, or are not receiving my email updates please contact me on my phone (904-233-0976) or email (flagman49@yahoo.com) – or better yet, attend the meeting and share your thoughts with the rest of us!



The next SAL meeting is Thurs. April 17th @ 6:30pm. The meeting follows K9's For Warriors graduation ceremony that I highly recommend you attend at least once to show your support for these heroes.

REMEMBER: *It is a privilege to be a member of the Sons of the American Legion organization! As descendants we are honoring our forefathers who have served in the Armed Forces and in many cases sacrificed their lives for their country. Now is the time to give back! If the same names keep showing up in this column it is because the same people are doing the volunteering.*

Please continue to keep all of our service men and women and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

God Bless Our Troops
 Jeff "TEX" Ward
 Commander – Squadron 233



Canteen Manager – Rita Connolly

Many, many thanks to all who helped with the Early Bird Dinner on March 22nd. Especially Paul Zito, Lorraine Joy and Mike Shaar, Patty Williams, Tom Leppard, and Jason Bass. We had a wonderful meal and a great time was had by all.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for Saturday, April 12 for the Auxiliary's Spring Fling. Kenny Holiday, Mike Eatmon and Pete Duffy will provide a evening of great entertainment and fun. The Auxiliary will be preparing a meatloaf dinner followed by a Banana Split Ice Cream dessert.

As always, we are in great need of volunteers to prepare Sunday breakfast on the first, second and fourth Sundays each month. If you are hesitant about cooking all of the items on our menu, your team could just make pancakes or waffles. This works out very well and our members and guests love it. Please contact me for further information, palmvalley233@gmail.com

Rita



APRIL BIRTHDAY'S



1	Claire Tillis	16	Sue Hord
3	Judy Mills	17	Julie Scofield
	Kathy Helmly	18	Marcia White
4	Mary Ann Vaccaro	21	Beverly Geltmache
8	Bill Breden	22	Susan Caruso
9	Jim Campbell	23	Luke Thornton
11	Steve Willis		Charlie Saffles
	Patricia Owings		D. Wes Stout 4-23-1914
13	Allyson Keen Bass	24	Ric Smith
	Jo Ann Jones	30	Jim Watford
			Steve Torbert

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



FLYER NOTICE

As of March 2013, event flyers were no longer a part of the emailed newsletter. The reason for event flyer elimination was the file size of each flyer which ultimately made the emailing of the entire newsletter a violation of the terms and conditions of the free email service being used. The monthly event calendar is now produced using Google Calendar. This permits a real time version to be viewed as changes and additions are entered. Under the old system, once the calendar was printed and emailed, changes and additions could not be made. If you are not connected to the internet, you are missing out on important information. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.
Commander Roy Havekost

~~~~~SUPPORT OUR TROOPS~~~~~

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.

POST 233 is a FREE WiFi spot.

THE GARBAGE DUMPSTER IN THE FRONT OF THE POST IS NOT FOR MEMBER OR NON-MEMBER PERSONAL USE.

The Post pays a monthly fee(s) based on the amount of pickups made by the trash company. Dumping debris in our dumpster is costing us more \$\$\$\$\$\$. Please STOP! Whoever you are.

Thank you, *The House Committee*



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Your check and business card can be left in the Commanders mailbox.

Business cards that missed the payment deadline will be posted immediately to the website when your payment is received.

More business card advertising available here...





MARCH 2014 GRADUATING CLASS



Shirley W. & Stew (USAF)
Stacia K. & Honor (USN)
Debra W. & Karma (USAF)
Thank you for your service and welcome home!



POST OFFICERS

2013-2014

LEGIONNAIRE

Commander: Roy Havekost
Adjutant: Sheri Martinez
Finance Officer: Tom Leppard
1st Vice Cmdr.: Mark Dorsey
2nd Vice Cmdr.: Don Mills
3rd Vice Cmdr.: Stu Lilly
4th Vice Cmdr.: Charlie Walker
Chaplain: Wilbur Burnett
Sgt. at Arms: Robert Scarlett
Historian: vacant 2013-2014
Service Officer: Maury Lazenby

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dan Wortmann
Maury Lazenby
Charlie Waters
Mike Eatmon
James Durnal

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Secretary: Virna Waldron
Treasurer: Kathy Church
Road Captain: Bill Marshall
Sergeant at Arms: Kevin Terranella
Historian: Becky Blaylock
Chaplain: Jeff Ward
Asst. Chaplain: Linda Williams

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President Judy Mills
1st Vice Pres.: Linda Williams
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Treasurer: Allyson Bass
Secretary: Angie Kees
Chaplain: Ann Cook
Sgt. at Arms: Sylvia Bass
Historian: Debbie Eatmon

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Diane Dorsey
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SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Commander: Jeff 'Tex' Ward
1st Vice Cmdr.: Howard Sheble
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Adjutant: Steve Willis
Sgt. at Arms: Mike Shaar
Chaplain: Will Hurley
Historian: John Gabbard

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