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

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Sunday: Breakfast 9am-11:30am
Wednesday Dinner: 6:30pm-8:00pm
Friday Dinner: 6:30pm-8:00pm
Mon-Fri Lunch 11:30am-1pm

 No Smoking during meal times (lunch excluded)



Legionnaire Membership: did you sign up a new member this month?
ALA Membership: did you sign up a new member this month?
SAL Membership: did you sign up a new member this month?

NEVER FORGET ~ POWs & MIAs

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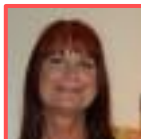
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Commander Robert 'Robby' A. Bacom

Sometimes no news is good news. It's been one heck of a month . Hope all of our riders had a good time at bike week. And we will all- ways remember our fallen one's. I truly hope everyone has a Great Easter. God Bless U All.

For God and Country,
Sincerely yours,
Robby



Adjutant Patty O'Callahan

Due to the new computer system with the American Legion, some members have continually received renewal notices from National even though they have renewed for 2012. Please disregard these delinquent notices if you have paid your 2012 renewal fees, National has assured me that they have corrected the glitch. However, be on the lookout for the 2013 renewal notices as they should be coming your way very soon.

Thank you for helping us reach our membership goal!

For the Good of the Legion,
Patty



1st Vice Commander Roy Havekost

Well folks, its coming around to that time of the year again when we need to elect a slate of officers for the upcoming year (2012-2013). It is important for everyone to attend the monthly meetings. This year the Department Convention starts on June 7th in Orlando. As you may or may not know, we need to have the names of the newly elected officers to Department before the convention, therefore we will probably have to hold our elections before the June meeting. Nominations will be taken starting at our April meeting on the 5th, so please attend. I would like to see some of our newest members ***step up to the plate*** and become involved by getting nominated and elected to an office in your Post for the upcoming year. I know that there are fresh ideas out there and I am sure they will be welcomed with open arms by our members. So again I ask, ***step up to the plate***...and hit a HOME RUN!

For God and Country,
Roy



COME OUT and



Chaplain Bob Nagel

This is one of the better e-mails I have received in a long time! I hope this makes its way around the USA several times over!!!!

HERE IS WHAT Maine State Governor Paul LePage said;

"THE LAW IS THE LAW So "if" the US government determines that it is against the law for the words "under God" to be on our money, then, so be it. And "if" that same government decides that the "Ten Commandments" are not to be used in or on a government installation, then, so be it.

I say, "so be it," because I would like to be a law abiding US citizen.

I say, "so be it," because I would like to think that smarter people than I are in positions to make good decisions.

I would like to think that those people have the American public's best interests at heart.

BUT, "YOU KNOW WHAT ELSE I'D LIKE?"

Since we can't pray to God, can't Trust in God and cannot post His Commandments in Government buildings, I don't believe Government (Federal, State and Local) and its employees should participate in Easter and Christmas celebrations which honor the God that our government is eliminating from many facets of American life.

I'd like my mail delivered on Christmas, Good Friday, Thanksgiving & Easter. After all, it's just another day.

I'd like the" US Supreme Court to be in session on Christmas, Good Friday, Thanksgiving & Easter as well as Sundays." After all, it's just another day.

I'd like the Senate and the House of Representatives to not have to worry about getting home for the "Christmas Break." After all it's just another day.

I'm thinking a lot of my taxpayer dollars could be saved, if all government offices & services would work on Christmas, Good Friday & Easter. It shouldn't cost any overtime since those would be just like any other day of the week to a government that is trying to be "politically correct."

In fact....I think our government should work on Sundays (initially set aside for worshipping God....) because, after all, our government says that it should be just another day...."

What do you all think???? If this idea gets to enough people, maybe our elected officials will stop giving in to the "minority opinions" and begin, once again, to represent the "majority" of ALL of the American people.

SO BE IT.....Please Dear Lord, Give us the help needed to keep you in our country! 'Amen'

For God and Country,

Bob



CANTEEN MANAGERS REPORT- by Diane Dorsey

BREAKING NEWS FLASH! TRIVIA is back at Post 233! Beginning Monday April 2 and every Monday thereafter, Patty O will be hosting Trivia from 6:00- 8:00 pm. You are welcome to bring snacks to share or get together with fellow players and order pizza delivery. Play alone or form a team of up to four players. There will be prizes for the winners and fun for all so get those brain cells working and join us on Monday nights.

We do love our food at Post 233 and food competition is better yet. On Wednesday, April 18th we'll have the "Super Seafood Soup Bowl". Entries can be any Soup or Chowder containing seafood. Think traditional Seafood Chowders, Clam Chowders, Seafood Bisque or think outside the box and invent one. All entries should be at the Post, preferably in a crock pot, before 6:00 pm. Judging will begin at 6:00. Following the awards, we'll have a salad and bread buffet to go along with bowls of all the great soups. Wait till you see the winner's trophy for this one folks, you're going to want it for your mantle so dig out that old secret family recipe or checking the food websites for a new one and get in the game.

The new pavilion is very nearly finished and is fabulous! Our first two private parties are booked and plans are in the works for a "Grand Opening" celebration. Tex Ward has done an incredible job of organizing the volunteers and tradesmen that have worked very hard on this project and the result is a facility that we can be proud of and will get many years of enjoyment from. I won't name everyone here for fear of missing someone but rest assured that everyone who contributed their time, effort and expertise will be recognized at the appropriate time. Take a look out there on your next visit to the Post, you'll be impressed! Thanks also to Ned Mullin who has our grounds looking better than ever.

Watch the Weekly Updates in your email and flyers displayed around the Canteen for upcoming events through the spring and summer. Plans are underway and as soon as dates are confirmed and details worked out, we'll be putting the new pavilion to good use.

As always, thank you for your support of our great Post. Constructive comments or ideas on how we can better serve you are always welcome. The Post email is palmvalley233@yahoo.com.

For God and Country,
Diane



FROM THE SAL- Commander Jeff 'Tex' Ward

Sons,

We have reached our goal of +100% membership. Congratulations to us! However, we want to **increase our membership** so be on the lookout for potential new members. We do not have addresses for all of you so if you have paid and have not received your card it is probably behind the bar.

The S.A.L. is responsible for one Wednesday night a month to cook dinner. Please help us by volunteering at least once this year. The March dinner of "bangers & mash" prepared and served by Chef Mike and Jason Bass (and his wife Allyson - now an "honorary" SAL member). Thanks **AGAIN** for gettin' it done!. The APRIL dinner date is Wed. the 25th. Plenty of time for someone else plan a menu and give the "regulars" a break! Please plan to be there (even if you can't help out) to buy a meal and support the S.A.L. and your Post. Dates for other months are not yet finalized but don't let that stop you. If you know when you can do it please let me know and I will make arrangements. Pick a date that you can either cook or volunteer in the kitchen. Also, remember that if you cannot volunteer you can always be a Gold Sponsor. A \$100. Donation will pay for the food and someone else to cook it. C'mon!

The only recognition from the Special Olympics that we do not have is the "\$1000. Donation" plaque. That is a goal I want to achieve before the convention in June so please start thinking of a fundraiser we can do to reach that plateau. (It does not have to be for Special Olympics) NOTE: The Pavilion will be available to "hire" from April 1st and should "completed" and in full use by May 1st.

The next SAL meeting is Wed. April 11th @ 6 p.m. We will hear nominations for the S.A.L. officer positions for 2012-13. All positions are open. Any new volunteers? *Please be there! We need your input and participation.* We will vote for the nominees at the may meeting but have the option to vote at this meeting if we have a quorum. We will also discuss the allocation of more funds and entertain ideas for fundraisers.

The S.A.L. is selling scented "trees" for your car - (Vanilla scent and in the style of the U.S. Flag. Just ask the bartender to buy one (or three). These were donated to us and sell for \$1. Next time you are there please purchase one of them and try to promote them as well. All the proceeds go to the S.A.L.!

There are other fun and exciting events and fundraisers coming up in the near future so keep your eyes on the newsletter, visit the website (www.al233fl.org) or better yet, come in to your Post and have a drink!

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding our Squadron or Post 233 issues, my phone number is 904-233-0976 and my email is flagman49@yahoo.com

God Bless and Protect our Service men and women,

Jeff "TEX" Ward



FROM THE AUXILIARY- President Kathy Church

Well ladies it is that time of the year again when all Auxiliary members are asked to submit their volunteer hours for the 2011 to 2012 term with hours ending on April 13th. Even though our term does not end until June 30th our year end reports are due into the department by April 15th. That doesn't leave much time for the Executive Committee to finalize our reports. We will not accept any reports turned in after the 13th so if you want a chance for our incentive awards please submit your reports to me.

Currently we are at 103.42% for our membership. That is EXCELLENT and I would like to thank all members who have renewed their dues and who brought new members to our Unit. We still have until the end of May to continue with this to raise our numbers even higher.

I would like to invite all new members and those who have not attended in awhile to attend our monthly meetings which are held on the 2nd Thursday of every month @ 7pm. We welcome new ideas and suggestions when planning our events. Don't be shy we don't bite.

Congratulations to Joan Corlew on winning the St. Patty's Day basket. Hope you are enjoying all the goodies that were in that basket, Joanie.

On Saturday, April 14th the Johnston Duo will be in the house. Once again the Auxiliary will be hosting dinner that evening. I will post the menu as soon as we have it. Invite all your friends to join us for dinner and fun.

Spring is here and summer will soon be following. I would just like remind everyone to be safe on the roads. There are lots of people on the roads biking, walking, running, etc. Be aware of your surroundings at all times. Be careful when working in your yards mowing your grass and pulling those weeds. NEVER mow your grass barefooted or with sandals on. Mowing accidents are one of the top ER visits during the summer. Be safe when boating or swimming. Let's all have a great time!

As always please keep in your thoughts and prayers all of our service men & women who have or are currently serving our country.

Be Safe,
Kathy



FROM THE RIDERS- Director Russ Langley

This past month was very hard for the Riders! We unfortunately lost our Assistant Director, Tom O'Berry. A very big loss for not only us, for all the folks and friends that were involved with the many organizations that he was! You will be greatly missed.

Be sure to check up on the happenings of our Chapter by logging into our Facebook page; American Legion Riders Post 233 Palm Valley

You guys Rock, so let's keep it rolling,

For God and Country,
Russ



APRIL BIRTHDAY'S



1	Claire Tillis	17	Julie Scofield
3	Judy Mills	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	24	Ric Smith
13	Allyson Keen	30	Jim Watford
	Jo Ann Jones		Steve Torbert
16	Sue Hord		

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

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Outdoor Pavilion Committee Report:

We are having our first guest event in our newly renovated Outdoor Pavilion on April 1st. This is a private, rented event & we are pleased to now have the opportunity to show off all of the great work done by our Outdoor Pavilion Committee Volunteers. Thank you to everyone that has helped, in any way that you could, every little bit helps!

With just a few more tweaks, we will soon have our Grand Opening of the Pavilion. We are in need of any amount that you can afford to donate to help with the finishing touches.

Thank you to all volunteers!
Patty O'
Outdoor Pavilion Committee Chairperson



MARCH 19, 2012
IN MEMORY OF
Virgil 'Tom' O'Berry, Asst. Director
Legion Riders Chapter 233

To advertise your business in the Post Newsletter and on our website, submit a donation of \$25.00 and your business card to Roy Havekost, 1st Vice Commander. Pick up an envelope at the bar. Ads run for one year Jan-Dec (prorated). Make checks payable to Post 233. ☺

On behalf of the Newsletter Staff I would like to apologize for the unintentional omission in the Newsletter Calendar and Post website of the March 30th "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day"

Roy Havekost, Editor/Webmaster



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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.

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APRIL



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 *Breakfast: 9-11:30 *ALR Meeting: 11:00 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	2 * Lunch: 11-1 Trivia 1800-2000 hrs	3 * Lunch: 11-1 * Exec Cmte: 7:00 Dinner: 6:00 Texas Hold'em: 6:30	4 * Lunch: 11-1 * Dinner: 6:30-8:00 	5 * Lunch: 11-1 * Legionnaires: 7:00 	6 * Lunch: 11-1 * Steak/Fish: 6:30-8 Frankie Martin, Jr. 8:00-11:00 <i>Good Friday</i>	7 <i>Passover Begins</i> <i>Support Your Pogi!</i>
8 *Breakfast: 9-11:30 <i>Happy Easter</i>	9 * Lunch: 11-1 Trivia 1800-2000 hrs	10 * Lunch: 11-1 Dinner: 6:00 Texas Hold'em: 6:30	11 * Lunch: 11-1 Dinner: 6:30-8:00 <i>AUX Cookbook Night</i> 	12 * Lunch: 11-1 * Auxiliary: 7:00 	13 * Lunch: 11-1 * Steak/Fish: 6:30-8 WILL HURLEY 8:00-11:00	14 7:00-10:00 JOHNSTON DUO Shepherd's Pie, Salad, Dessert, \$8
15 *Breakfast: 9-11:30 	16 * Lunch: 11-1 Trivia 1800-2000 hrs	17 * Lunch: 11-1 TAX DAY! Texas Hold'em Open Tables & Tournament: 6:30 	18 * Lunch: 11-1 Judging/Prizes at 5:30 SUPER SOUP BOWL Fruits of the Sea! Dinner: 6:30-8:00 	19 * Lunch: 11-1 * SAL: 6:00 	20 * Lunch: 11-1 * Dinner: 6:30-8:00 The Boz Man 8:00-11:00	21 Theme Night Stay Tuned!
22 *Breakfast: 9-11:30 	23 * Lunch: 11-1 * House Cmte: 6:00 Trivia 1800-2000 hrs	24 * Lunch: 11-1 Dinner: 6:00 Texas Hold'em: 6:30	25 * Lunch: 11-1 * Dinner: 6:30-8:00 \$ Join Our \$ Meal-Deal Sponsorship Club	26 * Lunch: 11-1 	27 * Lunch: 11-1 * Steak/Fish: 6:30-8 Frankie Martin, Jr. 8:00-11:00	28 POST #233 WANTS YOU!
29 *Breakfast: 9-11:30 Visit your website for updates at: www.al233fl.org 	30 * Lunch: 11-1 Trivia 1800-2000 hrs					

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- ★ **Games begin at 7:00 sharp**



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- ★ **Winner of the monthly Tournament receives a sponsorship to the Poker Room.**

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6:30-8:00

\$12.00 dinner donation

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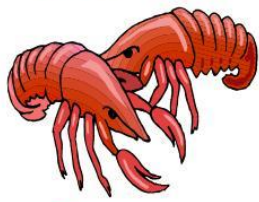
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