



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



### 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](http://www.AL233FL.org)

Email: [info@al233fl.org](mailto:info@al233fl.org)

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 11:30am-1pm**



No Smoking during meal times (lunch excluded)



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

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

Son's meetings, third Thursday each month, 6:00pm

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



## NEVER FORGET ~ POW's & MIA's



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## Commander Roy Havekost

Email: [Commander@AL233FL.org](mailto:Commander@AL233FL.org)



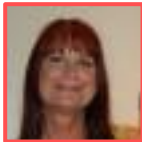
This past month was a very busy month, one that I personally looked forward to for Veterans Day, the K9s Graduation Ceremony and Thanksgiving Day. Sadly though, two other events were placed on my plate, planning a farewell for our Adjutant Patty O'Callahan as she left us for new employment in Washington, DC; and planning a Memorial Service for my dear friend and Sergeant at Arms Rick Kapeghian who was chosen by the Supreme Commander for duty at Post Everlasting. Simply said November was bittersweet.

Just a reminder for our business card advertisers in this newsletter, I need to receive your check for \$25.00 this month for next year. Please leave it in an envelope in the Commanders mailbox on the wall by the bar. Cards will be removed from the newsletter and website if payment is not received before January 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you and I hope you will continue to advertise with us again in 2013. Newcomers place a business card along with your check in the envelope. Ads run from January to December each year.

On behalf of myself and my family we would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa and a safe, Happy and Healthy New Year.

For God and Country,

**Roy**



## Past Adjutant Patty O'Callahan



Unfortunately, last month I was not able to get my November report into the newsletter as I was frantically packing & preparing to move, with less than a two week notice. Fortunately, my relocation is due to employment. At the time of my departure, on November 2nd, our membership was at an astonishing 88.064% for the Legionnaires, meaning that out of 377 members, 332 have been processed for renewal. It also meant that we are #1 in the 5th District when compared to all posts with more than 100 members in our district. Our post continues to grow each year, as well. I have processed approximately 15 new members and 10 transfers, since July for this administration alone.

I am confident that our 1st Vice Commander, Mark Dorsey, will be able to lead our post to receiving the 100% Membership Banner in the very near future. There are only 45 members that need to renew for us to reach this goal. I encourage you to support he & CDR Havekost in their endeavor for Post 233 to obtain this prestigious award two years in a row.

It has been my pleasure to serve as Adjutant to Post 233 & leading us to reach many membership goals. Keep up the good work Legionnaires!

A Special Thank You to CDR Havekost for hosting a very memorable night for me as you bid me farewell on my new adventure. Thank you, also, to Chef Mike & his amazing cooking elves for all the tasty delights. I am grateful for the plaque, the gifts & all the well wishes from those who attended & have contacted me otherwise.

I wish all members of Post #233 a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

For God & Country,

**Patty O'Callahan**

Past Adjutant, Post #233

It has been my honor to see the realization of graduation for so many of our bravest warriors and their K9 partners at our post. It has become our new tradition and I am thrilled to see how quickly the participation has increased. The entire K9 team are an amazing group of people as they provide services for the most worthy individuals of our country. I pray for the continued success and fellowship with our post and the K9s for Warriors Organization.

Godspeed,

**Patty O'Callahan**

Past K9s for Warriors Chairperson

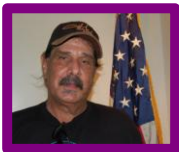


**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander Stu Lilly**  
 Email: [ViceComm3@AL233FL.org](mailto:ViceComm3@AL233FL.org)



Hello Post 233, We had a very active post this month. Graduation for the K9s for Warriors was as always a success Thank you Commander for continuing post 233 support of this program. Thanks to all post members and volunteers to support this program. We our still looking for Volunteers for any function at the Post so please help. Membership is looking good and as always look for new members or transfers. Hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday. On a sad note Rick Kapeghian what a great veteran. Rick you are my friend and always will be. See you on the other side.

For God and Country,  
**Stu**



**Sergeant at Arms Rick Kapeghian**

1952 - 2012



In loving memory of Rick Kapeghian  
 Sergeant at Arms  
 American Legion Post #233  
 Palm Valley, FL  
 November 10, 2012

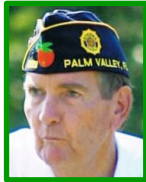


**Chaplain Bob Nagel**  
 Email: [Chaplain@AL233FL.org](mailto:Chaplain@AL233FL.org)



Remember our troops during this Holiday Season by keeping them in your thoughts and prayers.

For God and Country,  
**Bob**



**Ric Smith, Judge Advocate**  
Email: [judgeadvocate@AL233FL.org](mailto:judgeadvocate@AL233FL.org)



This is the time of year to be thankful for family, friends, fellow Legionnaires and our community. The many improvements made over the past year at our post reflect this feeling of camaraderie both in our community spirit and working together for a common purpose. We do make a difference. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

For God and Country,  
*Ric*



**FROM THE AUXILIARY-  
President Kathy Church**  
Email: [ALA@AL233FL.org](mailto:ALA@AL233FL.org)



Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Be safe,  
*Kathy*



**FROM THE AUXILIARY -  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Linda Williams**



On November 22, 2012, Thanksgiving Day! What a beautiful Day it was at Post 233 in Palm Valley, FL. The Legion was a “buzz” of all the people that were here and there preparing the wonderful smells coming from the kitchen! I could smell pumpkin, Turkey, Ham, Sweet Potatoes.....and much more! As I dropped off my Green beans and Apple pie, I seen happiness and joy, as our friends and family came together to show our Thanks to our Veterans and their Families! It was nice to see everyone and to know that Post 233 came together as a FAMILY and was very .....THANKFUL.....for everything! Thank you Everyone!

One last thing that I am Thankful for was my FRIENDSHIP with Rick ..... I hope you know you were truly a good friend! Thank you....Rick! You will not be forgotten!

As November comes to a close (where did that month go?) We have to ask our self's????? Have we been naughty or nice? I'm making a list ... A list for all the children's names for our Children's Christmas Party List. Please add your children's names to the list at Post 233 or if you know some child that needs to be added just let us know. We will also be making up our Food Christmas Baskets. We usually make 2 Baskets. So keep bringing in those food donations. If you know of a family that could use a Basket, please let us know. Now it's on to the month of December and away we Gooooooo!

God Bless,  
*Linda*



## FROM THE SAL- Commander Jeff 'Tex' Ward



Greetings fellow members,

It is MEMBERSHIP renewal time. Remember that if you have not paid by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> you will not be able to use the Post!! We have a very good record of 100+% membership renewal and we want to keep it that way. You can send in your payment (\$25.) or give it to the bartender on duty.

Congratulations to all who helped out with the Veteran's Day luncheon. Thanks for the help gentlemen. It was a huge success! We are still responsible for one Wednesday night a month to cook dinner. Please help us by volunteering at least once this year. Great job men! The next S.A.L. dinner is 12/19. Please plan to be there (even if you can't help out) to buy a meal and support our 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.) If the same names keep showing up in this column it is because the same people are doing the volunteering. It sure would be nice to give the "regulars" a break!

There are other exciting events and fundraisers coming up in the near future so keep your eyes on the newsletter, visit the website ([www.al233fl.org](http://www.al233fl.org)) and Facebook page 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](mailto:flagman49@yahoo.com). The next SAL meeting is Thurs. Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6 p.m.

Have safe and happy holiday season. Hope to "spread some cheer" with you at the Post sometime during the holidays.

God Bless America

*Jeff "TEX" Ward*



## FROM THE RIDERS - Director Trevor L. Chase



Well it is hard to believe that our Riders Chapter is almost 1 year old. We have had some growing pains but we are going in the proper direction and growing little by little. The month of November has been a great month for our Riders as we have participated in the Veterans Day Ceremony at Ponte Vedra Valley Cemetery and the Memorial Service for Rick Kapeghain. Thank you to all who participated and volunteered. If you are interested in becoming part of the Riders Chapter at Post 233 please see myself or Kathy Church, remember you do NOT have to own a motorcycle to be part of the Riders Chapter. Please have a Safe and Happy Holiday. Ride safe and ride often.

For God and Country,

*Trevor*



**FROM THE CANTEEN**  
**Diane Dorsey, Manager**



Happy Holidays! Our Thanksgiving Day buffet kicked off the Holiday season in fine style. Thank you to everyone who brought a dish to share and to Don Mills for roasting the turkeys to perfection! And of course the volunteers who helped with the set up and clean up. It was a nice day enjoyed by many members, their families and guests.

In the spirit of Thanks, I would like to personally thank all of the volunteers who over this past year have helped to keep the great food coming from our kitchen, our Post in shape and made our events hugely successful. Without the time and effort of our volunteers, we could not do what we do week in and week out. Please know you are much appreciated!

To keep the Holiday spirit going, on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> Santa will entertain the young ones with gifts and goodies at 2:00 pm and then Frankie "Claus" Martin, Jr. will entertain you for the adult Christmas Party that evening. It will be a festive affair! Watch your weekly updates our website for details.

On behalf of our Canteen staff, thank you to each of you for your continued support of Post 233. It has been our pleasure to serve you and we look forward to an even bigger better year in 2013.

Keep our servicemen and women and their families in your prayers this Holiday season as well those in our own Legion family who have lost loved ones or are facing adversity. Team 233 cares!

For God and Country,  
Diane Dorsey

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAY'S**

- 1 Jack Hord
- 2 Don Mills
- 3 Amanda Trevino
- 4 Judy Rogers
- 5 John Wagener
- 12 Angie Russell
- Karen Dubin
- 14 Carl Caminiti
- 15 Karen O'Neill

- 16 Mike Wright
- Victoria Gesell
- 17 Rita Connolly
- 19 Susie White
- 22 Maggie Furr
- 26 Melita Doran
- 27 Marty Mally
- 29 Cathy Corcoran
- 31 Patty Mally
- Mickey Williams



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

**SUPPORT OUR TROOPS**

**FYI: mail directed to the Commander can now be left in the locked black mailbox on the wall by the bar.**  
(formerly the Adjutants mailbox)

**Business card ad donations are due this month!**

Payment for business card ads for 2013 can be left in an envelope in the Commanders mailbox. \$25.00 is due before December 31, 2012 in order to keep your ad active. Remember your ad appears daily on the website and monthly in our newsletter.  
Thank you.

*A **BIG** thank you to our  
November contributors:  
Cindy Harrell  
Dieter Arnold*

**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**

**POST 233 is a**



There's a new look at [www.AL233FL.org](http://www.AL233FL.org) get connected, see what your missing!  
This newsletter is published monthly on our website, printable monthly event calendars are also available from the website.

And you can now follow us on Twitter  @ Post233, & Watch us on  @ PalmValleyPost233.



**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.**

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# Every Tuesday!

- ★ **Multiple Games during the evening**
- ★ **Rita's Light Dinner at 6:00**
- ★ **Game Registration at 6:30**
- ★ **Games begin at 7:00 sharp**



**~Earn Chips~**

**1,000 Chips to start the Game for buying dinner  
500 Chips for each drink you buy during the Game**



**Rita's Light Dinner before the  
Games begin for \$5.00 donation**

- ★ **One win registers you to play in the monthly Tournament.**
- ★ **Each additional win in the same month rewards extra chips at the Tournament.**
- ★ **Monthly Tournament is held on the third (3rd) Tuesday of every month.**
- ★ **Winner of the monthly Tournament receives a sponsorship to the Poker Room.**

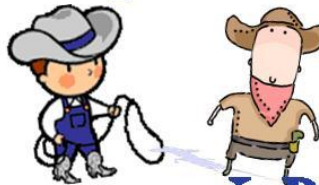
**Dealers work on tips~your generosity is greatly appreciated!**

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# 4th Annual Cowboy Night

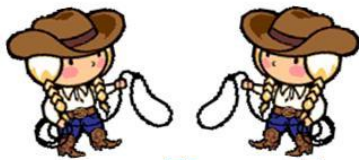
SAT, 01 DEC, 6:00 pm-??

Pork Butts by:



Dakota Don & Beaumont Ben!

Food service with sides by:



The Laredo Ladies!

Karaoke hosts:

Be A Star Karaoke  
with Wanda & Big John!



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*Friday, December 7th, 8:00-??*

*It just keeps  
getting better!*



# Warrior Graduation

**FRI, DEC 14th, 1730 hrs**



**K9SFORWARRIORS.ORG**

**Join us for a graduation of our  
Bravest Warriors & their K9 Partners!**

**Followed by our Friday night Steak/Fish dinner,  
1830-2000 hrs, prepared by Chef Mike, for a  
\$12 donation per plate.**

**Entertainment by the Boz Man, 2000-2300 hrs.**

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# The BOZ Man

On Our Stage

FRI, December 14th

Show time: 8:00-10:00

Fish or Steak Dinner by Chef Mike

6:30-8:00 ~ \$12.00 dinner donation

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# Children's Christmas Party

SAT, DEC 15th, 2:00 p.m.



Sign-up a child by DEC 10th, under 10 years old, to attend & receive a stocking of surprises!

Santa & Elfie to hand out gifts!

Remember our 'Toys for Tots' Box!

No Smoking During This Event

*Red N' White  
Theme Night Party* 

*Share your Festive Treats* 

*Saturday, December 15th, 7:00- ?*

*Karaoke Host: Santa Martin, Jr.* 

*Other invited guests are:* 

*Dancer, Prancer, Comet & Vixen,*

*& many of their friends* 

*Fun & Frolic, Costumes & Prizes*

*Donate an unwrapped toy for*

*'Toys for Tots'* 

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**Karaoke Host:  
Frankie Martin, Jr.**

**FRI, DEC 21st**

**8:00-11:00**



**Fish or Steak Dinner  
by Chef Mike**

**6:30-8:00**

**\$12.00 dinner donation**

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# Christmas Luncheon

Hosted By: Auxiliary

Tuesday, December 25th,

12:00-4:00

Accepting Donations of Food/Assistance  
Sign-up Sheet at the Post

On the Menu:

Pork Loins, Turkeys, Hams,  
Potatoes, Casseroles, Vegetable Dishes,  
Rolls & Desserts

Members & Guests Welcome!

No Charge!

Post Will Close at 7:00 p.m.

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# Beach Street Boogie On Our Stage

FRI, DEC 28th

8:00~11:00



Fish or Steak Dinner

by Chef Mike~6:30-8:00

\$12.00 dinner donation

**new Years Eve  
party!**



**bring in 2013 with Post #233!**



Supporting Our  
Bravest Warriors  
and their  
K9 Partners!

[K9SFORWARRIORS.ORG](http://K9SFORWARRIORS.ORG)

# DECEMBER



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>2 *Breakfast: 9-11:30 *ALR: 11:00 ADVENT NFB @ 1:00</p>	<p>3 * Lunch: 11-1 NFB 8:30</p>	<p>4 * Lunch: 11-1 * Exec Cmte: 7:00 * Post Parade Car's Mtg: 7:00 Dinner: 6:00 Texas Hold'em: 6:30</p>	<p>5 * Lunch: 11-1 * Dinner: 6:30-8:00</p>	<p>6 * Lunch: 11-1 * Legionnaires: 7:00 NFB 8:20</p>	<p>7 * Lunch: 11-1 * Steak/Fish: 6:30-8 Frankie &amp; the Flashbacks 8:00 - 11:00 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day</p>	<p>1 Cowboy Night Pork Barbe p Fixid's and Be a Star Karaoke Department of Florida Breakfast: 9:00 HAPPY HANUKKAH 15 2:00-4:00 Children's Christmas Party Red n' White Theme Night</p>
<p>9 *Breakfast: 9-11:30 NFB @ 1:00</p>	<p>10 * Lunch: 11-1 POST #233 WANTS YOU! NFB 8:30</p>	<p>11 * Lunch: 11-1 God Bless America! Dinner: 6:00 Texas Hold'em: 6:30</p>	<p>12 * Lunch: 11-1 * Dinner: 6:30-8:00 Volunteer to Cook!</p>	<p>13 * Lunch: 11-1 * Auxiliary: 7:00 NFB 8:20</p>	<p>14 * Lunch: 11-1 * Steak/Fish: 6:30-8 1,730 hrs The Boz Man 8:00-11:00</p>	<p>22 First Day of Winter NFB 8:30</p>
<p>16 *Breakfast: 9-11:30 Tell us your ideas &amp; suggestions! NFB @ 1:00</p>	<p>17 * Lunch: 11-1 NFB 8:30</p>	<p>18 * Lunch: 11-1 Beaches Vets Men Park Mtg: 6:00 Texas Hold'em Open Tables &amp; Tournament: 6:30</p>	<p>19 * Lunch: 11-1 * Dinner: 6:30-8:00 \$ Join Our \$ Meat-Deal Sponsorship Club</p>	<p>20 * Lunch: 11-1 * S.A.L.: 6:00 NFB 8:20</p>	<p>21 * Lunch: 11-1 * Steak/Fish: 6:30-8 Frankie Martin, Jr. 8:00-11:00</p>	<p>29 Beach Street Boogie 8:00-11:00</p>
<p>23 * Breakfast: 9-11:30 * Breakfast: 9-11:30 NFB @ 1:00</p>	<p>24 * Lunch: 11-1 NFB 8:30</p>	<p>25 Merry Christmas Luncheon Canteen Closes: 7:00</p>	<p>26 * Lunch: 11-1 * Dinner: 6:30-8:00 Visit your website for updates at: <a href="http://www.a1233fl.org">www.a1233fl.org</a></p>	<p>27 * Lunch: 11-1 Support Your Post!</p>	<p>28 * Lunch: 11-1 * Steak/Fish: 6:30-8</p>	<p>30 * Breakfast: 9-11:30 NFB @ 1:00</p>

**FRI Steak Dinner: \$12.00 ~ WED & SUN Dinner: \$8.00 ~ SUN Breakfast: \$5.00 or \$7.00 ~ Donations Required**  
**[www.a1233fl.org](http://www.a1233fl.org) \* Support Your Troops \* 904.285.2484**  
**No Smoking During WED/FRI Dinner (6-8) & SUN Breakfast (9-12)**

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**2012-2013**

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3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Cdr.: Stu Lilly  
4<sup>th</sup> Vice Cdr.: Charlie Walker  
Chaplain: Bob Nagel  
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Historian: Rod Garing  
Service Officer: Maury Lazenby

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