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

Website: www.AL233FL.org

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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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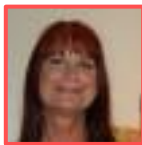
Commander Robert 'Robby' A. Bacom

A special thanks to everyone who made 2011 a great year. Our Post made significant progress on many projects including sprucing up the grounds, repairing our floor, the pavilion project, building Captain's Ski's fish hut, holding several successful fundraisers, fantastic Wednesday and Friday dinners, and welcoming Department Commander Fletcher Williams to our Post. All this while continuing to make donations to worthwhile community organizations and dealing with the major unexpected expense of repairing the cooler.

As we enter the second half of our calendar year, we will continue to focus on our financial stability, membership, alliance with District and National, teamwork with SAL and Auxiliary, and serving veteran's and active military. I am especially excited to be discussing adding a Legion Rider's Chapter to our Post.

Let's saddle up on our iron horses and make the rest of the year a ride to remember!

For God and Country,
Robby



Adjutant Patty O'Callahan

2012 has arrived! National Headquarters Rules: Unless your membership card states 2012, no Canteen can serve you. All bartenders will be asking to see our membership cards at all posts.

Please continue to support our Veterans by renewing your American Legion memberships, particularly by supporting your post. Post #233 is very close to reaching 100% of our renewals, please help us reach that goal this month.

Bring in a new member, a transfer from another post, your family, friends & guests. We have a lot of events scheduled for this year. Come in and join the fun!

I hope you all have a healthy & prosperous New Year!

For God and Country,
Patty



1st Vice Commander Roy Havekost

Happy New Year to everyone, welcome Legionnaires, Auxiliary and SAL Members. This year we are expecting to make some major changes within the Post. Our main hall floor needs replacement, and our pavilion still needs to be completed so we can start to advertise it for rental. We also need for members to support the Legion Riders and their quest to become Chapter 233. So as I said we have many changes taking place and look to all of our members for their support.

For the year 2012 in the technology field, Post 233 now has both a YouTube and Twitter account, yes we are keeping up with the Jones's, namely National and Department. Check our website main page for the direct links to these accounts and follow your Post, State and National on the electronic superhighway.

Finally I would like to say that during the past year we have signed up and transferred many new members into Post 233 and it would be nice to see many of you come to our meetings. If you want to become involved in the Post but cannot make the Thursday night meetings, please email me at vicecomm1@al233fl.org and I will try to accommodate your situation.

For God and Country,
Roy



2nd Vice Commander Ed Della Penna

Happy New Year to everyone.

For God and Country,
Ed



3rd Vice Commander Rick Kapeghian

Happy New Year.

For God and Country,
Rick



4th Vice Commander Charlie Walker

Happy New Year to all.

For God and Country,
Charlie



Chaplain Bob Nagel

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten, Son that whomsoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:13.

My personal belief is that all Christian churches were based on the above paragraph. Most religions have idiosyncrasies that cause them to disagree with each other. However, the differences are not that far apart and in this day and age, we must accpet each other and try to make this a safer, Godly world for everyone. We have strayed to far away!

For God and Country,
Bob



Sgt. at Arms Dan Wortmann

Happy New Year !
For God and Country,
Dan



Historian Rod Garing

We have several projects of a construction nature that we are currently trying to complete. This of course requires paid help, volunteers and construction materials. We are in the midst of replacing the sub-flooring in the main building and enclosing the outdoor pavilion. We determined that completing these projects (primarily the outdoor area) will cost several thousand more dollars. Some of this money will come from the ladies auxiliary (who do more than their share to help in keeping our post in working order). If each of our legionnaire brothers (whom have not lent a hand or donated materials) would consider a small out of pocket donation of ten to twenty dollars, would do so, these projects will be completed.

With some 390 to 400 legionnaires at Post 233, it is not hard to do the math. WE may even have some money to work with on other needed projects in the future without playing "catch-up". Your donation can be left in an envelope at the bar. Please mark the memo on your check as 'Building Revitalization Donation', and remember this donation is tax deductible. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

For God and Country,
Rod



CANTEEN MANAGERS REPORT- by Diane Dorsey

Happy New Year to all in our Post 233 family. I hope this finds you recovered from the Holidays and ready for a safe and happy 2012.

In the coming days your Canteen servers will be asking to see your 2012 Legion membership card. They are doing their jobs and we appreciate your cooperation. If you have not paid your 2012 dues you will not be served in the Canteen until you have done so. Legion, SAL or Auxiliary dues can be paid on line (www.al233fl.org), by mail or in person at the Canteen.

If you have not taken advantage of our Post 233 Meal Sponsorship program, please consider doing so in the New Year. I'm sure there are many of you who would like to help the Post but are unable to handle the actual meal production and service. The Meal Sponsorship program is your answer. Details are spelled out elsewhere in this newsletter. Please take a moment to check it out.

Plans are underway for our annual Chili Cook Off so start fine tuning your recipe and get your game face on. Tentative plans are for Super Bowl Sunday. Watch your weekly updates, the website and flyers displayed at the Post for all upcoming events and entertainment. If you are not receiving Post communications by email, please send your address to palmvalley233@yahoo.com and we'll get you on the list.

As always, thank you to our hardworking team of volunteers and our very dedicated Post 233 staff. Without each of you

we could not do what we do. Welcome to all of our new members, we look forward to serving you! Your ideas and constructive comments are always welcome. Thank you for your support of Post 233.

For God and Country,
Diane



FROM THE SAL- Commander Jeff 'Tex' Ward

Happy 2012 S.A.L. members,

Hope you all had a happy and safe Christmas and New Years. 2011 was one of the best (if not THE best!) years we have had as a squadron since I have been Commander. The participation by our members was exemplary. Especially those of you who volunteered to cook the Wednesday night dinners and the effort made by some to help out in the Pavilion. I thank each and every one of you.

Many of you have not yet paid for your 2012 membership fees (\$25). We are close to achieving 100%+ membership again for the upcoming year. The bartenders will be asking for your 2012 card and if you don't have it you will not be served. Also, a list of members that have not paid will be posted on the bulletin board at the Legion...you DO NOT want to be on that list! Don't say I didn't give you fair warning. Please make checks payable to "S.A.L. American Legion" and be sure to include your details: name, address, phone, and particularly your e-mail. You can send them to the Post or drop by and give them to a bartender. 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 not received your card it is probably behind the bar.

We are, again this year, responsible for one Wednesday night a month to cook dinner. Please help us, and the Post, by volunteering at least once this year. Dates 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.

There are many fun and exciting events 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.

All the best to you and yours for a safe and prosperous 2012!

For The Good Of The Post,
Jeff "TEX" Ward



FROM THE AUXILIARY- President Kathy Church

Another holiday season has come and gone and now it's on to 2012. I would like to thank all the Auxiliary members who worked and put in so many volunteer hours to make all the season's events successful. Not only did we host our own events we participated in all events held at the Post. Way to go team!

It is now that time of the year when are 2012 membership renewals are due. Currently the Auxiliary is @ 86.56% which means we are moving along quite well with our membership. I can't stress enough that if you have not paid your 2012 dues now is the time to do so. The bartenders on duty (PIC) will be asking you to show your 2012 and if you don't have it on you unfortunately you can not be served at the Canteen. I am asking that all Auxiliary members please make it a habit to carry your card with you at all times when visiting our Post or any other Post. This keeps us in compliance with more than just one rule. Don't put the PIC (person in charge) in a position to have to deny you service.

At this time I would also like to state that as Auxiliary members we are actually guests at Post 233 and we as members & guests are to adhere to the Post House Rules as well as our own Auxiliary Bylaws. If you as an Auxiliary member invite a guest to the Post that is a non member of the Legion, SAL or Auxiliary (of any Post) you must sign that guest in

and you are responsible for that person/persons while they are at the Post. The standing rule also is that when you leave your guest is supposed to leave with you. These are not rules that neither I nor the Post has made, these are National Rules.

I would further like to ask that as Auxiliary members you take the time to learn more about the Legion, Auxiliary and SAL. Read our Bylaws and our Handbook (which contains lots of info), learn the House Rules, read and learn more about the Flag Code and read the Auxiliary monthly Communiqué. All of these are posted on the Auxiliary Bulletin board (in the meeting room) or can be found on the various websites. If you need to know where to find such info just ask me. The Legion is not a social club; we have many programs that we have to participate in to serve Veterans and our community. It is your responsibility to know what the Legion, Auxiliary and SAL are all about. I myself don't have all the answers to the questions I get asked but I so know where to go to find the answers.

The last request I have is that you attend our monthly meetings when possible. I realize you can't always attend every meeting but try to attend as often as you can. We see the same group of ladies at every meeting. I would like to see our newest members attend a meeting.

I myself am proud to be a member of the Auxiliary and to be associated with a GREAT Legion Post and I am proud of the Auxiliary that we have. Let's continue to work together in 2012 to finish out the term with a BANG.

Here's to a Happy, Healthy & Safe 2012.

Be Safe,
Kathy



~**JANUARY BIRTHDAY's**~



1 Bill Gray
Danielle Roberts
5 Dick Salzarulo
6 Nancy Greame
7 Ben Ward
8 Zeke Reynolds
9 Jud Root
Joyce Sterling
14 Don Rolph
Barbara Wentworth

16 Barbara Inabinet
18 Naomi Perry
20 Mike Witham
21 Shari Jones
Cecelia Kale
24 Helen Kiesel
26 Beverly Rogers
29 Roy Havekost
30 Maryann Smith

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

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

Asked my stockbroker  
what I should be buying...

he said "if the current administration  
remains in office much longer, you should  
consider canned goods, water, a generator  
and ammunition as your best bet."

WE ARE ONLY THE BEST



BECAUSE OF YOU!

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



Post 233 has a new Facebook group page
click the icon above to join

If you need to stay connected when your away from
the office or home just bring in your laptop, ipad,
4G, whatever... we're always online

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. ☺

Renewal checks are due in December!

Send **Get Well** cards to our wounded troops:
A Recovering American Soldier
c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center
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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?**



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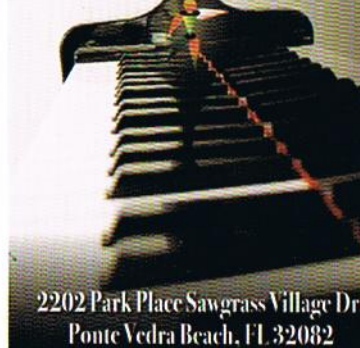
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Every Tuesday!

- ★ **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 a monthly tournament.**
- ★ **Each additional win in the same month rewards extra chips to start the tournament.**
- ★ **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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**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**

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If anyone has or knows of anyone who has older editions of the Posts newsletters, specifically:

January to July, & October & November 2006

January to April, & June to December 2005

January to July, & December 2004

Any issues prior to 2004

Please help me to complete this archive of information for the Post.

Contact Roy at 287-6909

Any copies provided will be scanned and returned.

THANK YOU

**Karaoke Host:**  
**Frankie Martin, Jr.**  
**FRI, JAN 6th & 27th, 8-11**



**Friday Night Steaks**  
**by Chef Mike**  
**6:30-8:00**  
**\$12.00 dinner donation**

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# National Blood Donor Month

# JANUARY



| SUN                           | MON                                                                                                                                              | TUE                                                                                                           | WED                                                                                                                                    | THU                                                | FRI                                                                                                       | SAT                                                        |
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| <p>*Breakfast: 9-11:30</p>    | <p>2 * Lunch: 11-1</p> <p>* House Cmte: 6:00</p>                                                                                                 | <p>3 * Lunch: 11-1</p> <p>* Exec Cmte: 7:00</p> <p><b>Dinner: 6:00</b></p> <p><b>Texas Hold'em: 6:30</b></p>  | <p>4 * Lunch: 11-1</p> <p>* Dinner: 6:30-8:00</p>                                                                                      | <p>5 * Lunch: 11-1</p> <p>* Legionnaires: 7:00</p> | <p>6 * Lunch: 11-1</p> <p>* Steak Night: 6:30-8</p> <p><b>Frankie Martin, Jr.</b></p> <p><b>8-11</b></p>  | <p>7</p> <p><i>Support Your Post!</i></p>                  |
| <p>8 *Breakfast: 9-11:30</p>  | <p>9 * Lunch: 11-1</p> <p><b>National Championship</b></p> <p>8:30 pm</p>                                                                        | <p>10 * Lunch: 11-1</p> <p><b>Dinner: 6:00</b></p> <p><b>Texas Hold'em: 6:30</b></p>                          | <p>11 * Lunch: 11-1</p> <p>* Dinner: 6:30-8:00</p> <p><b>Members Wanted!</b></p>                                                       | <p>12 * Lunch: 11-1</p> <p>* Auxiliary: 7:00</p>   | <p>13 * Lunch: 11-1</p> <p>* Steak Night: 6:30-8</p>                                                      | <p>14</p> <p><i>God Bless America!</i></p>                 |
| <p>15*Breakfast: 9-11:30</p>  | <p>16 * Lunch: 11-1</p>                                                                                                                          | <p>17 * Lunch: 11-1</p> <p><b>Texas Hold'em</b></p> <p><b>Open Tables &amp; Tournament: 6:30</b></p>          | <p>18 * Lunch: 11-1</p> <p>* Dinner: 6:30-8:00</p> <p><i>Volunteer to Cook!</i></p>                                                    | <p>19 * Lunch: 11-1</p> <p>* SAL: 6:00</p>         | <p>20 * Lunch: 11-1</p> <p>* Steak Night: 6:30-8</p> <p><b>Tell us your ideas &amp; suggestions!</b></p>  | <p>21 <b>THE ME NIGHT</b></p>                              |
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**FRI Steak Dinner: \$12.00 ~ WED & SUN Dinner: \$3.00 ~ SUN Breakfast: \$5.00 or \$7.00 ~ Donations Required**

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**No Smoking During WED/FRI Dinner (6-8) & SUN Breakfast (9-12)**



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**2011-2012**

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