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

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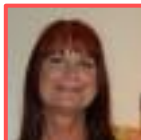
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Commander Robert 'Robby' A. Bacom

Come join us this month, we have several events scheduled at our newly renovated pavilion, and I'm sure that the weather will be on our side for them all. I would like to thank all of the volunteers who have helped to make the new pavilion an area of our Post to be extremely proud of!

For God and Country,
Sincerely yours,
Robby



Adjutant Patty O'Callahan

We received our 100% Banner this month, for the year, an achievement we have not reached for a couple of years! We could not have done it without all of you. I am proud of your response & all the hard work that goes into meeting Department deadlines... we did it! Thank you!

VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! For your new Officers on Thursday, May 10th, from 1000-1800 hrs!
If you don't Vote, don't Complain!

For the Good of the Legion,
Patty



1st Vice Commander Roy Havekost

As springtime is nearing an end and summer is just around the corner, it's that time of year when we need to elect Post officers for the next term, 2012-2013. Since the Department Convention is early this year, starting on June 6th, our elections have to be completed and sent into Department before the end of the month. For this reason our elections will be held on May 10th at the Post from 10:00am to 6:00pm. Final nominations will take place at the May 3rd meeting. The current list of nominees are listed on the website at <http://www.al2333fl.org/2012-13nominations.htm>. These nominees need to either be present or have representation present at the meeting on the 3rd to either accept or decline their nomination.

For God and Country,
Roy



COME OUT and on May 10th from 10:00am to 6:00pm



Chaplain Bob Nagel

God Bless our Troops and remember to keep their families in our prayers.

For God and Country,
Bob



CANTEEN MANAGERS REPORT- by Diane Dorsey

Just in time for some beautiful evening weather in Palm Valley, the new Pavilion is very nearly finished and we have events aplenty planned. This weekend, May 6, we'll have the first of three with the SAL's fundraiser featuring members of "The Hackers" band on the outdoor stage. There will be a dinner of Baby Back Ribs, Corn on the Cob, Baked Beans and Cole Slaw available beginning at 4:00 with the music from 5 – 9:00 pm. On May 26 we'll be featuring worldwide entertainer Kenny Holiday on the outdoor stage where he'll debut his new single release Warrior, dedicated to the Wounded Warrior Project. This will be a huge event with proceeds going to support the Wounded Warrior Project and K-9's for Warriors, two causes near and dear to our hearts at Post 233. Don and Ben Mills will be smoking their famous Pork Butts and dinners with all the fixin's will be available. Tickets for this event will be on sale in the Canteen. The following weekend, June 2 will be the official Grand Opening of the Pavilion party with Flat Black performing. It will also be the debut of the all new outdoor Cook Shed and Capt. Ski's Original Fish Fry Team will be on the job. Bring your lawn chairs for all three events and enjoy the major improvements that have been made to our facility as well as some fabulous food and entertainment.

Post 233 is proud to be hosting the monthly Graduation ceremony for the K-9's for Warriors. Their training facility is a few doors down the street from us and you may have seen the Warriors and their dogs out walking or in the Post for socialization training. This is a wonderful program that we are honored to be associated with. Watch the calendar for the graduation date each month and make plan to attend the very moving ceremony.

Many thanks to everyone who has generously donated their time, talents and resources to make the new Pavilion and Cook Shed a reality. We now have an outdoor area that we can be proud of the will serve everyone well and comfortably for many years to come.

The event calendar is full and our weekly Trivia and Texas Hold'em nights continue to draw fun loving crowds. Wednesday night dinners and Friday night dinners and live entertainment are bigger and better and the monthly Theme Nights are huge. Thanks to all who volunteer to help, we couldn't do it without you. There is a lot happening at Post 233 and it's all good! Check the calendar at the Post or online at www.al233fl.org or join us on Facebook for continually updated news and information.

For God and Country,
Diane



FROM THE SAL- Commander Jeff 'Tex' Ward

Sons,

Congratulations to our new officers for 2012-13. Commander: Jeff "Tex" Ward, 1st Vice: Jason Bass, 2nd Vice: Randy Cottle, Sgt.-At-Arms: Mike Shaar and Adjutant: Steve Willis. All of the positions remained the same except for Chaplain. We welcome Will Hurley to the team. Thank you all for your past service and we are looking forward to another great year. We have a great team!! However, we want to increase our membership so always be on the lookout for potential new members.

IMPORTANT!! The S.A.L. is hosting two major events this month and we need your help and support.

- The first one is this Sunday 5/16 starting at 4 p.m. This is a fundraiser for the S.A.L. charities and the pavilion. It is the first major function using the new pavilion facilities and a wonderful opportunity to show off our product. John Paparelli has acquired the services (and is paying for them!) of a fantastic band called "The Big Lonesome" (a.k.a. "The Hackers"). Ron Joy has donated the food (luscious baby back ribs) and Chef Mike Shaar is preparing it all. This is not costing us or the Legion anything so the proceeds will be used to repair, procure, etc., things we need to do to enhance the pavilion and make it functional in order to attract private parties, weddings, functions, etc. and to donate to our appointed charities.
- The second event is the evening of Saturday 5/26. This is a Wounded Warriors/K-9 for Warriors fundraiser. The fabulous Kenny Holliday is donating his services with his renowned "Rod Stewart/Bon Jovi" revue and Don and Ben Mills are smoking their famous pork butts along with all the fixin's.

Both of these events require a huge amount of preparation and organizing in order to pull them off successfully. We need your help – especially on the days of the events. We need people to park cars, attend auction and raffle tables, help serve and clean up, and general hosting of guests. Please consider helping out on both (or at least one!) days and by all means promote these events and bring your friends, family, neighbors... *everybody!!* You get the drift. More information is available on the flyers attached to this newsletter. Please let me know where and when you can help. My contact details are below. Let's really show them what the Sons of The American Legion are all about! (As if we haven't already!)

We are responsible for one Wednesday night a month to cook dinner. Please help us by volunteering at least once this year. The April dinner of "Old Time" meatloaf and all the fixings was prepared by Ben Mills (with "help" from Rita Connolly) and served by Jason Bass (and of course Allyson), Randy Cottle and Will Hurley, who added a nice touch by showing up in a tux and acting as our maitre 'd. Great job folks! Randy Cottle and his team will handle the MAY dinner (16th). 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. If the same names keep showing up here it is because the same people are doing the volunteering. This is NOT acceptable. It would be nice to give the "regulars" a break! It is not that difficult. C'mon!

Due to the hard work of our volunteers we have raised enough money to get our "\$1000. Donation" plaque for the Special Olympics. That is a goal I wanted to achieve before the convention in June. Congratulations fellas. This is a very large feather in our cap!

The S.A.L. is also selling scented "trees" for your car or home - (Vanilla, in the style of the U.S. Flag). Just ask the bartender if you want 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. The next SAL meeting is Thurs. May 12th @ 6 p.m.

God Bless America.

Jeff "TEX" Ward



FROM THE AUXILIARY- President Kathy Church

Hello Ladies,

Currently we are accepting nominations for our 2012-2013 Auxiliary Officers. If you would like to become an Officer or if you would like to nominate someone please contact Barbara Turley at barbturley@bellsouth.net or sign up on the nomination sheet hanging on the Auxiliary bulletin board. Please do not nominate someone without speaking to them first. We will be voting for the new officers during our May 10th meeting. I encourage as many members to attend this meeting to vote for your leaders. It is most important that Auxiliary members take part in our election.

By now all Auxiliary members should have received an invitation to our Auxiliary Early Bird "High Society Brunch". We sent out over 165 invitations asking for an RSVP by May 10th. As of today, May 2nd, I have only recieved RSVPs from

20 members. Whether you can or cannot attend I ask that you please RSVP so we can get an accurate head count.

It's been a long time since the Auxiliary has gotten together as a group to just socialize and have some fun.

Ladies we have to got to spread the word in our community what the Legion, Auxiliary, SAL & ALR are all about.

Before I became involved with the AL/Auxiliary I have to admit that I was under the impression that the Legion was just a place to go and drink & have fun from what I was being told by friends that are members. No one ever elaborated on what the members of this organization does nor did I think to ask. Well once I became involved I found our right quickly that although we do our share of drinking, we do lots more than just that. Recently I drove through Starbucks to get my daily latte and the young man that waited on me ask me what I was doing that day and I said I was going to the Legion to do some work. He asked me "What is the Legion?" We need to educate the people in our community and get more of them involved and signed up as members. I am going to be ordering pamphlets for us to pass out in our area.

It is up to us as members to keep our Legion, Auxiliary, SAL & ALR moving forward.

Recently we have had several of our members that have had to make trips and stays to our local hospitals. As far as I know everyone is doing ok but please keep all our members and their families in your prayers for continued good health.

See you at our May meeting.

Be Safe,
Kathy



FROM THE RIDERS- Director Russ Langley

The summer months are upon us, and more of us are excited to get them rolling! Be sure to look for us posting up rides and events that we will be attending!

American Legion Riders Post 233 Palm Valley is the Facebook page we use to communicate all our information! We are still enthusiastically encouraging new membership to our wonderful new Chapter! Please join us on the First Sunday of each month at our Post, at 11am for our monthly meeting!

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

For God and Country,
Russ

(Space available for advertizing)



MAY BIRTHDAY'S



1	Millie Bristol	21	Carol Lamb
2	Barbara Turley	24	Pat Mosley-Root
3	Van Martin	26	Dee Durnal
4	Victoria Lynch	28	Ann Cook
5	Peggy Chapman	29	Jean Batchelder
7	Robert Parsons Jr.	30	Rick Kapeghian
11	Fred Henderson	31	Doug Cope
19	Tina Reynolds		Brenda Brooks
	Debbie Stewart		Deane O'Donnell

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~~~~~

<p>Outdoor Pavilion Committee Report:</p> <p>June 2nd will be the OFFICIAL GRAND OPENING of the Post Pavilion with the infamous Flatblack & the one & only Cap'n Ski's Fish Fry Team in their newly built Fish Hut. So go ahead and mark your calendars now or just print out the calendar attached.</p> <p>Thank you to all that have contributed, in any way, to the Post Pavilion.</p> <p>For the Good of the Legion, Patty O'Callahan Outdoor Pavilion Committee Chairperson</p>	<p>May Pavilion Events</p> <p>Get ready for a jam-packed month of May! There are four major events scheduled for the Pavilion:</p> <p>6th : S.A.L. Fundraiser with The Big Lonesome & Baby Back Ribs;</p> <p>19th : ALA Early Bird Brunch;</p> <p>24th : K9s for Warriors 2nd Monthly Graduation; and,</p> <p>26th : Kenny Holliday's Wounded Warrior Memorial Weekend Event with Smoked Pork Butts.</p>
<p>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. ☺</p>	<p>1st Place Winner of the APRIL CHOWDER COOKOFF went to Kathy Church and her Mediterrean Chowder</p>



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There's a new look at www.AL233FL.org get connected, see what your missing!

And you can now Follow us on Twitter  & Watch us on 



Our 1st **K9s for Warriors** Graduation was a huge success, easily seen by the smiles of pride on the Warriors & their obvious appreciation for their new Legion family. Thank you to everyone that came to this event & remember the Warrior Graduation will be taking place monthly, towards the end of each month. They are now Legionnaires of our Post; they stayed for Chef Mike's steak dinner & sang with us & Frankie Martin, Jr. with Karaoke. It was a wonderful send-off for them as they reconnect to their lives with their new K9 Partners, to their families & to serving our country. We wish them Godspeed & our thanks for the special mark that Stew & Orion; Taylor & Hope; and, AJ & Tango placed on our hearts.

BRAVO! to the entire **K9s for Warriors** group. Words cannot express our gratitude for all that you do for our Warriors! We look forward to our next group of Warriors & K9s! As well as the upcoming events we will be hosting on your behalf, our newly adopted Community Charity.

For God & Country,
Patty O'Callahan
K9s for Warriors Committee Chairperson

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MAY



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

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- ★ **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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Karaoke Host:
Frankie Martin, Jr.
FRI, MAY 4th & 25th, 8-11



Fish or Steak Dinner
by Chef Mike
6:30-8:00
\$12.00 dinner donation

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**Red, White & Blue
Theme Night!**

SAT, MAY 19th, 8-11

**Karaoke Host: Frankie Martin, Jr.
Costume Prizes!**

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Warrior Graduation

THU, MAY 24th, 1730 hrs



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**Join us for the monthly graduation of our
Bravest Warriors and their K9 Partners!**

**Come show your support for
our newly adopted Charity!**

The BOZ Man

On Our Stage

FRI, MAY 18th

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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Memorial Event with Kenny Holliday

Releasing his new CD song, 'The Warrior'
Fundraiser to Benefit:



SAT, MAY 26th

Dinner: 5-7; Music: 7-10

Chefs Don & Ben are Smokin' their Fabulous Pork Butts!

Served with all the fixin's for \$10 per plate!

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Legionnaire Voting Day!

**Thursday, May 10th,
1000-1800 hrs.**

**Accepting nominations now
by placing name & position
in Adjutant's Box.**

Final Nomination will be at May 3rd Meeting.

Cast Your Ballot!

**At Post #233 for your
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FRI, MAY 11TH

 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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2011-2012

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Commanders Addendum, May 2012 Newsletter

I encourage everyone to attend the next two general membership meetings as we nominate and elect officers and key positions for the 2012 – 2013 calendar year. Each member plays an important role in determining the next leadership team as you nominate others (or yourself) and then cast your vote. The future and reputation of our Post begins with the men and women we select to represent us in Legion business meetings, in the community, and at District meetings.

As my year comes to an end, I would like to say it has been a privilege to serve as your Commander. I want to thank all the current officers and members who also served in leadership positions during the past year. When I ran for office last year, I said I stood for the F.L.A.G. There are many things your current leadership team accomplished during the year that I will be reporting on at a later date. Here are just a few things that stand out for me:

Financial Stability

- Membership levels are 100%+ and still rising!
- Our new Riders' group is growing and bringing in new visitors every week!

Leadership Agreement

- A big thanks to everyone who participated in the Pavilion renovation!
- A special thanks to SAL for their lead on this!
- The Auxiliary continues to set the standard for their volunteerism and community support!
- All our volunteers continue to keep our events alive, thriving and fun!

Alliance with District and National

- We have become a visible and credible organization at the District level!
- The power of the entire American Legion organization is awesome at the National level!

God and Country

- For our commitment to “Honor and take care of those who came before us and are currently serving for us,” our adoption of the K9 for Warriors Program as a moving example. For those you attended the recent graduation (that will now be held monthly at the Post), you also witnessed the power of this program to change lives of those who have served.

I look forward to an even better year at the Post next year and assisting in the transition of the new Commander and Officers.

For God and Country,
Robby Bacom