



AL233FL Newsletter



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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)

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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 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

For the short month of February, it surely didn't fly by for me. Two weeks with the flu...ugh! But the show did go on.

Kudos to the SAL and Jason Bass and Team for a very successful Wet Burritos Night with record setting sales. It's all about the team work.

A special thank you goes out to the Thomas's for the food prep for the District 5 meeting held at Post 233, and a thank you to the ALA servers that day.

Kudos goes out to Riders Chapter 233 Director Jarrod Buchman and the Riders for a successful (first) Poker Run. Great job everyone.

Just a reminder to visit the Post website at www.al233fl.org where you will find important meeting dates on the main page, links to so much information including this newsletter, special events and much more. This month visit the website for details on the upcoming Legion fundraiser on March 30th. Complete details were not yet available at press time.

If you haven't been to the Post lately, the look inside has changed with the addition of new bar stools, thanks to a donation from Legionnaire Dieter Arnold. In addition, we now have two electronic video game machines, for your entertainment. Come in and try your luck.

If any member is considering attending this years convention in Orlando, please be at the next Legion meeting on March 7th for more details. Continuous membership certificates will be presented at the March meeting. Please attend you may be a recipient.

For God and Country,

Roy



1st Vice Commander/ Adjutant Mark Dorsey

Email: ViceComm1@AL233FL.org

Our Legion membership at Post 233 is over 107% as of this writing.

Congratulations to everyone at our post that made this happen. We have a lot of new members this year and continuing to receive new applications every month.

We still have members that have not renewed their membership. If you have not done so please send in your legion dues for 2013.

The next Past commanders Dinner will be in April. We will keep you posted as to the exact date.

For God & Country,

Mark



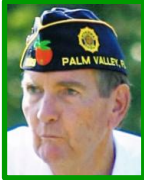
Chaplain Bob Nagel

Email: Chaplain@AL233FL.org

In this time of poor leadership by our elected officials in government, may we remember our military, who depend so much on them. Help them in any way you can, whether it be dollars, volunteering in hospitals, visiting those who have returned, etc. And above all pray to God that all of those serving our country on foreign shores safely return home.

For God and Country,

Bob



Ric Smith, Judge Advocate

Email: judgeadvocate@AL233FL.org

All quiet, no legal issues pending...keep it that way folks and our year will end with peace in the valley. Elections coming up in May, start looking for good working officers...you have a great crew now. Congrats again to Mark and his helpers for 407 paid members this year with 108% of quota.

For God and Country,
Ric



**FROM THE AUXILIARY-
President Kathy Church**

Email: ALA@AL233FL.org

MEMBERSHIP – MEMBERSHIP – MEMBERSHIP

Keep those renewals coming in. I received a batch in our PO Box that was post marked in January. I would be willing to bet they were put in the wrong PO Box to begin with. I am just about caught up on mailing out cards.

VOLUNTEER HOURS – VOLUNTEER HOURS – VOLUNTEER HOURS

April 15th is fast approaching. Not only is that TAX Day it is also the date that ALA Officers have to submit our year end reports to the Dept of FL. This includes our Volunteer Hours.

I can not stress enough the importance of logging in your hours and for us to report them to the Dept. National sends a total of all hours; mileage and money spent that volunteers log in to the Government to show them what it takes to get things done for our Veterans.

The deadline for your hours is going to be on Friday April 12th. This will give us time to summarize our report. You must add up your hours, mileage and \$\$ spent. If you do anything for a Veteran or a family of a Veteran you can log this in whether it is at the Post or outside the Post. Example, I help my landlord who is a widow of a Veteran. Every time I help her do something I can log in that time. If you attend any meetings involving Veterans, you can log the time in. There is a log book in the Auxiliary room or you can make a spread sheet on your own. **JUST DO IT!!!!!!!**

Thank you to Cathy Corcoran and her friends for their generous donation which is to be split between National & Dept Auxiliary Emergency Funds, AEF.

Peace & Love to all,
Kathy



**FROM THE AUXILIARY-
1st Vice President Linda Williams**

As we say good bye to February I would like to reflect for just a moment.

Sadly to say we lost one of our American Legion Auxiliary Sister's Susan Boothby Lamolinara, I would like to say; Thank you Chef Mike Sharr for the beautiful luncheon you prepared for Susan's Family and Friends. To our ALA Sisters for all the love and hard work to make this Family know just how special Susan was to her ALA Sisters and Post 233. Susan your smiling face will be missed, and you will remain in our hearts forever! Until we meet again sweet Susan!

A BIG THANK YOU To all the VOLUNTEERS at Post 233 ... We appreciate all of you!

What a busy Month we had - from our Wednesday Night dinners on the 13th we had a guest cook, Donna Hacker who made her delicious Chili Stew and all the fixings - on the 27th with Diane Thomas and her Homemade Lasagna - OOOOH so good ... Theme night was oh so special with Frankie Martin Jr., and the Sweetheart Party ... to our Warrior and K9's Graduation I received my American Legion Certificate of Completion Certificate and Pin ... I would just like to say if you have not taken this course you need to! I learned so much about our Veterans and just how powerful the American Legion is in our CountryGod Bless our Veterans and their families!

As we began the month of March, some dates to mark on your Calendar are March 9th will be ALA Sponsored dinner

TBA and Entertainment will be Debbie Johnston - March 13th will be ALA Wednesday night dinner with a menu of Corned Beef & Cabbage (traditional St. Patty's Day dinner a few days early). You all know every Friday Night is Steak Night or Fish and you know that Chef Mike Sharr will in the kitchen doing what he does best! So come on out in the month of March and support the American Legion Post 233!

God Bless,
Linda



FROM THE SAL- Commander Jeff 'Tex' Ward

Greetings Sons,

CONGRATULATIONS!! We have achieved our membership goal for 2013 and as of this writing we are at 118%.

A huge "ATTABOY" to Jason Bass for the fantastic job he did for our "Wet Burrito" fundraiser. He had help from SAL members Mike Shaar, John Paparelli, Randy Cottle and Charlie Weeden along with AUX. members Kathy Church, Cynthia Gaines, Allyson Bass and Linda Williams helping to plate and serve. With the help of our "designated ticket seller" Betty Bacom we raised an extra \$90 on the 50/50 raffle. Legionnaire Robert Scarlett added his special touch to the meal by providing delicious stuffed jalapenos. Many thanks to all of these people who so willingly volunteered on that night (as they always do!) and worked extremely hard to make sure we reached our goal of 150 dinners!

Thanks to Chef Mike for his stellar effort (he was very ill!) to ensure that our February "Wed. Night Dinner was a success. With the help of John Paparelli, Randy Cottle, and T.J. Wagner we had yet another successful dinner. The shrimp was awesome!! Thanks for the help gentlemen. We are responsible for one Wednesday night a month to provide dinner. Please help us by volunteering at least once this coming year. The next S.A.L. dinner is 3/20. Please plan to be there (even if you can't help out) to buy a meal and support our Post. We seem to regularly have the 3rd Wed. of the month. 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. NOTE: 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 will be other exciting events and fundraisers coming up this year so keep your eyes on the newsletter, visit the website (www.al233fl.org) and Facebook page or better yet, come to the Post and have a drink! You are always invited to attend the monthly S.A.L. meeting and have some input or at least be current with what we are doing. The next meeting is Thurs. Mar. 21st @ 7pm.

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 America
Jeff "TEX" Ward



FROM THE RIDERS- Director Jarrod Buchman

The newly elected 2013 ALR Officers have already been working hard for the good of our Chapter and Post 233. We currently have a roster of 35 members and invite anyone who would like to join our Chapter to do so. I, and ALR Treasurer, Kathy Church, have been attending as many other ALR meetings within 5th District to let them know Chapter 233 is here and growing and that we want to participate in events within the 5th District with other Chapters.

On February 3rd several Riders participated in the Four Chaplains escort of dignitaries from Post 316 to Post 129 and attended the service. This was our first escort and it was an honor to be a part of this.

Our first Poker Run "Rob's Run" held on Saturday, Feb 23rd went off without a hitch and was very successful. We had over 75 bikes register, which included riders from other ALR Chapters as well as members of our community. It was a good day not only for the riders and Rob Davis, but for Post 233 as well.

The ALR will be cooking breakfast on Sunday, March 31st which is Easter Sunday. We will be serving Country Fried Steak Special and adding blueberry pancakes to our menu for that morning.

We now have a bulletin board space at the Post so check out our announcements and events on the board.

We would like to invite any member, LEG/SAL/AUX, to attend our monthly meetings to see what the ALR is all about. If you know of someone who likes to ride why not suggest to him or her they join our Chapter? Our meetings are on the first Sunday of the month @ 11:00am. We usually meet for breakfast first. March 3rd is our next meeting. You DO NOT have to have a bike to be a member of Chapter 233.

For God and Country
Jarrod



FROM THE CANTEEN
Diane Dorsey, Manager

The Post 233 Canteen has a new updated and much improved look! Thanks to Dieter Arnold and his savvy shopping skills, we have all new bar stools around the main bar and U-bar. The new stools are comfortable, sturdy and the dark wood works well with our homey atmosphere. Thank you Dieter!

Thanks to Jason Bass and the SAL, we had another very successful Wet Burrito night. This team has got it down! Well done as always. The Post 233 Legion Riders held their first big charity Poker Run this past weekend with our Pavilion and outside yard as the perfect backdrop. A nice crowd enjoyed the perfect weather, live music on the outdoor stage and some great food on the big grill.

As we move into some nice weather we encourage our members who are thinking of hosting business or family gatherings, charity events, weddings, graduations, etc. will consider using our fabulous outdoor facility. The bar area is fully screened with plenty of nice seating. The outdoor bandstand is covered with full electrical power and the yard area is beautifully landscaped. Full bar service is available as well as assistance with catering or entertainment needs. Take a look on your next visit to the Post and let us know how we can help you host a memorable event.

On Saturday March 30th the Legionnaires will be hosting a blow-out fund raiser to benefit Post 233. Watch for news and details soon!

As always we appreciate your support of Post 233 and look forward to serving you soon.

For God and Country,
Diane



MARCH BIRTHDAY'S



2	Ron Joy	17	C.P. Connelly
3	Michelle Sears	18	Betty Bacom
6	Ronnie Bass	22	Barbara Green
7	Bill Rutkowski	25	Debbie Muehlheuser
8	Janet Kibler		Connie Warren
	Ken Crocker	27	John Berry
10	Elizabeth Ann Payne	29	Huff Lehman
11	Brenda Cowgill		Donna Floyd
	Diane Aprile	31	Kim Mullins
16	Sandy Jones		
	Karia Singleton		
	Duke Horner		
	Bob Craig		

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

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.

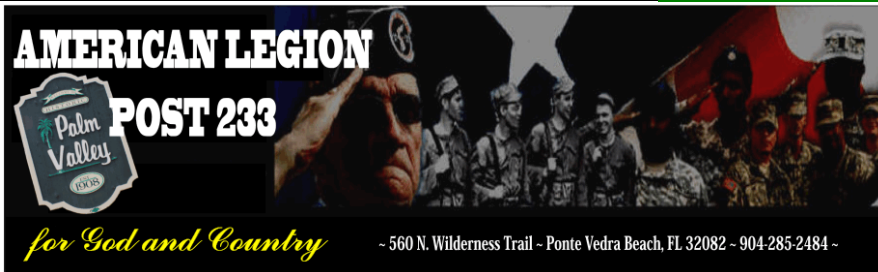
There is a Sponsorship Level for everyone and your Sponsorship is a tax deductible donation to American Legion Post 233. Your donation will be used to offset the food cost and compensate the evening's Chef for their time and effort on your behalf.

GOLD SPONSOR - 100.00
SILVER SPONSOR - 50.00
BRONZE SPONSOR - 25.00



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*A **BIG** thank you to our
February contributors:
Dieter Arnold*



There's a new look at 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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HAPPY 94th BIRTHDAY
AMERICAN LEGION
MARCH 15-17, 1919



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!

American Legion~Post #233~www.al233fl.org~904.285.2484

The BOZ Man

On Our Stage

FRI, March 1st & 22nd

Show time: 8:00-10:00

Fish or Steak Dinner by Chef Mike

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

American Legion ~ Post 233
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Karaoke Host:
Frankie Martin, Jr.
FRI, MAR 8th & 29th,
8:00-11:00



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

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SAT, MAR 9th

7:00-10:00

Dinner TBA

prepared & served

by ALA

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COCONUTS



**Performing on
FRI, March 15th**

Show time: 8:00-10:00

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



Warrior Graduation

THU, March 21st, 1730 hrs



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

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MARCH



National Women's History Month

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>3 * Breakfast: 9-11:30 * Riders: 11:00</p>	<p>4 * Lunch: 11-1</p>	<p>5 * Lunch: 11-1 * Past CDRs: 6:30 * Exec Cmte: 7:00</p>	<p>6 * Lunch: 11-1 * Dinner: 6:30-8:00</p>	<p>7 * Lunch: 11-1 * Legionnaires: 7:00</p>	<p>1 * Lunch: 11-1 * Steak/Fish: 6:30-8</p> <p>8:00-11:00</p>	<p>2</p> <p>God Bless America</p>
<p>10 * Breakfast: 9-11:30</p>	<p>11 * Lunch: 11-1</p>	<p>12 * Lunch: 11-1</p>	<p>13 * Lunch: 11-1 * Dinner: 6:30-8:00</p>	<p>14 * Lunch: 11-1 * Auxiliary: 7:00</p>	<p>8 * Lunch: 11-1 * Steak/Fish: 6:30-8</p> <p>8:00-11:00</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:00-10:00</p> <p>Dinner by ALA</p>
<p>17 * Breakfast: 9-11:30</p>	<p>18 * Lunch: 11-1</p>	<p>19 * Lunch: 11-1</p>	<p>20 * Lunch: 11-1 * Dinner: 6:30-8:00</p>	<p>21 * Lunch: 11-1 * S.A.L.: 6:00</p>	<p>15 * Lunch: 11-1 * Steak/Fish: 6:30-8</p> <p>8:00-11:00</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>24 * Breakfast: 9-11:30</p>	<p>25 * Lunch: 11-1 * House Cmte: 7:00</p>	<p>26 * Lunch: 11-1</p> <p>Dinner: 6:00 Texas Hold'em: 6:30</p>	<p>27 * Lunch: 11-1 * Dinner: 6:30-8:00</p>	<p>28 * Lunch: 11-1</p>	<p>22 * Lunch: 11-1 * Steak/Fish: 6:30-8</p> <p>8:00-11:00</p>	<p>23</p>

FRI Steak Dinner: \$12.00 ~ WED & SUN Dinner: \$8.00 ~ SUN Breakfast: \$5.00 or \$7.00 ~ Donations Required
www.al233fl.org * Support Your Troops * 904.285.2484
No Smoking During WED/FRI Dinner (6-8) & SUN Breakfast (9-12)

THEME NIGHT

Saturday, March 16, 2013



Green for St. Patty's Day



Visit the website for more details

Saturday, March 30, 2013

LEGION FUNDRAISER

Details will be posted on the website.
Not online, just call the Post (after Mar.5th)
285-2484
for details

MISSING IN AMERICA PROJECT UPDATE (MIAP)

Kathy Church, MIAP – FL State Coordinator

I will be sending out an MIAP update in the bulletin on a regular basis. MIAP is an American Legion endorsed Project (Resolution 24). Our Mission is to work with funeral homes, locate identify & inter the forgotten remains of Veterans, spouses & dependents of Veterans. Currently we are the only organization working with the DVA that the Government is allowing us to do this work.

To date MIAP –Jacksonville has held three full military services at the National Cemetery, Jax for an USAF, USN & a USMC Veteran. It is fitting and proper for us to do this for these Veterans as they deserve to have a final resting place in our National Cemeteries.

MIAP is a non-profit 501 (3) (C), Inc organization and works solely on donations and with the dedication of hard working volunteers. If you would like to become a supporter or volunteer please go to our website @ www.miap.us or to our Facebook Page @ MIAP – Florida. You can also contact me or our Auxiliary 1st Vice, Linda Williams, about this project.

Here is the current summary of Veterans that we have located in just two funeral homes here in Jacksonville. All are awaiting burial. MIAP is currently working to get House Bill #171 & Senate Bill #370 amended which involves a “Release of Liability” law. Once these are passed we will move forward and hold services for all Veterans that we have located.

AIR FORCE TOTAL - 2

1 which is a WWII Veteran

ARMY TOTAL - 19

6 are WWII Veterans

1 is a MAJ (Retired)

1 is a spouse of a WWII Veteran

1 is a spouse

COAST GUARD TOTAL - 1

Korean War Veteran

MARINE CORP TOTAL - 3

1 is a WWII Veteran & his spouse

NAVY TOTAL - 15

1 is a WWII, Korean & Viet Nam Veteran (Retired)

1 is a Viet Nam (Retired) Veteran

3 are WWII Veterans

1 is a WWII & Korean War Veteran (Retired)

MISSION COMPLETE TOTAL - 3 3

USAF A1C, Korean War Veteran

USN SR Veteran

USMC PFC, WWII Veteran

All 3 were interred at the Jacksonville National Cemetery

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2012-2013

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