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Legionnaire meetings, first Thursday each month, 7:00pm
Auxiliary meetings, second Thursday each month, 7:00pm
Son's meetings, third Thursday each month, 6:30pm
Rider's meetings, first Sunday each month, 11:00am



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 11:00am-1pm



No Smoking during meal times (lunch excluded)



NEVER FORGET ~ POW's & MIA's
September 20th National POW-MIA Remembrance Day

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Commander Roy Havekost

Email: Commander@AL233FL.org

Did you know: that The American Legion was responsible for the enactment of the Servicemen’s Readjustment Act of 1944. This is more popularly known as the GI Bill of Rights. Not only is The American Legion universally recognized as the originator of this complex and multi-dimensional bill, but also as the force which overcame major political opposition by massing public opinion in favor of the measure. The drafting of this legislation has been called the greatest feat of statesmanship in the history of The American Legion.

I would like to thank everyone who attended, helped out or both, with the Law & Order Awards presentations ceremony last month. Congratulations to Sheriff’s Deputy Stacy Ettel and Firefighter/Engineer Casey Lane who received the Officer and Firefighter of the Year Awards. Appreciation Plaques were also presented to Sheriff David B. Shoar and Fire Chief Carl Shank for their support of the Awards Program. The ceremony was topped off with Captain Ski’s Original Fish Fry Team serving a great meal and we had entertainment by the Beach Street Boogie. A special thanks to program co-chairman Dan Wortmann for his assistance with this program. We both look forward to this event again next year.

To everyone who helped make “Stop #2” of the ALR Chapter 283 Peds Care Poker Run a complete success for Post 233, THANK YOU ALL, and you know who you are. The Pediatric Care Hospice Program is a most worthy cause. This year over 320 bikes were registered, and ALR233 had a great attendance in the ride. You could not have left our Post being hungry...that’s for sure.

I still have openings for some post program chairperson positions; boy scout, baseball, rotc and historian. If you are interested please contact me.

October is shaping up to be another busy month, check the e-calendar for the latest happenings and help out where you can, thank you.

Our next general meeting will be held on Thursday October 3rd at 7pm, some important issues are on the agenda to be discussed and voted on, if you want your ideas and comments heard ... you must attend the meeting.

For God and Country,
Roy



Adjutant Sheri Martinez

Email: Adjutant@AL233FL.org

I have been entering the Post Membership into QuickBooks so that we will be able to print out membership reports. Everything is on paper right now and tracking membership renewals can be quite tedious. Once this project is done, we will be able to pull reports on whether or not you have renewed, when you renewed, and what conflict you served in. If you have moved recently, please send me your address change so that we can keep this data as current as possible.

Minutes are taken at every General Meeting and there are many members that are unable to attend for various reasons. If you would like to get a copy of the Minutes , please contact me at sheri_martinez@yahoo.com and I will make sure to email you a copy every month after they have been approved by the General Membership.

Our membership renewal is 57.623% as of Thursday, September 26th!! Many thanks to all that renewed so that we could meet our Early Bird Target Dates of 50% on September 4th and 55% on October 2nd.

Please remember that renewals can be dropped off at the Post, sent through the mail, or paid online at www.legion.org/renew.

For God & Country,
Sheri



1st Vice Commander Mark Dorsey

Our Legion membership cards are in for 2014. If you pay your Legion dues between now and November 11th you will be an *early bird* and entitled to a free dinner. The date for the free dinner will be announced in January 2014. See me or Sheri Martinez at the post or mail your legion dues to the post and we will mail your new legion card to your house. We want to be the first post in the fifth district to reach 100% membership this year

For God & Country,
Mark



2nd Vice Commander Don Mills

Newly elected 2nd Vice Commander Don Mills will be installed at the October 3rd Executive Board meeting.



4th Vice Commander Charlie Walker

The District plaque for Post of the Year has been hung on the wall by the meeting room door. Everyone in Post 233 can be proud of this achievement, give yourselves a pat on the back!

For God & Country,
Charlie



Chaplain Wilbur Burnett

I want to thank those members and guests that attended the POW-MIA Service at our Post on Friday September 20th. Although the turnout was small, the Commander has told me that we will remember the POW-MIAs still unaccounted for each year on this date. A Special thanks to Chief JJ for playing TAPS on his bugle as part of the service. Remember to keep all our service men and women in our daily thoughts and prayers...God Bless America.

For God & Country,
Wilbur



Finance Officer Tom Leppeard

There have been some shakeups in the IRS with Lois Lerner now terminated from the service, but that is not a reason to let our guard down, so we will continue to make sure the financial position of the post is in top order. The first quarter of the fiscal year ended in September and the preliminary operating results look to be slightly down from the budget, but overall the finances of the post are in good shape. The past commanders dinner was an overwhelming success, and a hearty thanks to the past commanders and to all those that helped make it such a success. Congratulations to all. The turnout for the St Johns Sheriff and Firefighter awards was not what was hoped for but Post 233 can be proud for the recognition that we give to the dedicated men and women who give their service to our community. Our thanks to Capt Ski and his team for the always great fish fry they prepare. Until next month stay well and support our post, the number one post in the district this year.

For God & Country,
Tom



E-Board Member/ Planning Cmte. Dan Wortmann

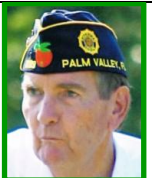
Last month on September 14th we held our second annual Law & Order Awards ceremony. I would like to thank those who attended to support this Legion Program. It is important that we recognize our local firefighters and police and this program is how we can do that. You never know when you will need their help.

For God & Country,
Dan



E-Board Member Mike Eatmon

Newly elected E-Board Member Mike Eatmon will be installed at the October 3rd Executive Board meeting.



Judge Advocate Ric Smith
 Email: JudgeAdvocate@AL233FL.org

The 5th District Commander Tom Gora posted his 3 pages of notes from the 95th National Convention in Houston, Texas on his website, located on the left side of your home page for Post 233. Read the other articles as this is a great medium for spreading the word on Legion activities.

Larry Sheets, Dept Judge Advocate, has requested all Florida Posts to update the post bylaws every three years, per changes required from National. This is already on our agenda for later this year. In addition to submitting the changes as a re-write, now we include the notice letter to all post members, copy of the minutes approving the changes and correction copy from the previous bylaws. More paperwork I know, this is a sign of the times. We used to call this CYA, now it's on paper. Until next time.

For God and Country,
Ric



Auxiliary - President Judy Mills

Hi everyone are you enjoying this beautiful fall weather, with the exception of the rain I think it is great. We served dinner on September 11, 2013 with a big success and thank you to everyone who came out and help serve, cook and enjoyed eating. We have two dinners coming in October on the 2nd and 23rd. Kathy Helmly and Rita Connolly are cooking and if anyone can help with serving, taking up money or anything please let Kathy know. On October 23, 2013 we will be cooking again and if anyone is interested in picking this date up and cook for us it would be greatly appreciated.

September 16, 2013 we had a meeting to finalize our Halloween Party to be held on October 26 2013. We will be serving a dinner for a donation of \$8.00 and entertainment provided by Frankie Munster, Jr., dinner will be served from 6:30 till 8:00pm with entertainment beginning at 8:00pm. There will be a basket raffle and some smaller raffles plus a costume contest. I can't wait to see all of the ghost and goblins so come out and enjoy a great meal and entertainment it is going to be a great night.

The 5th District picnic is October 5, 2013 at Post 137 on San Juan Ave. if you have never been you should go it is great fun for the family.

Our next Executive Committee meeting is on October 3, 2013 at 7:00pm and our next Regular meeting is October 10, 2013 at 7:00pm, I would like to see everyone turn out and help us with our Halloween Party hope to see you all there.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY
God Bless Our Troops
Judy Mills ALA President



SAL - Commander Jeff 'Tex' Ward

Greetings Sons,

Our membership is a little over 30% at this time which puts us under our September goal of 45%. I encourage all members to pay their 2014 dues no later than Nov. 11th to assure that of the FREE "Early Bird" dinner provided by the Legion in Spring. We have a very good record of 100% membership renewal and we want to continue that streak. You can send in your check or give it to the bartender on duty. (\$25.)

Thank you to all who attended and helped out at the S.A.L. Legion fundraiser on Sept. 7th. Randy Cottle and his band "The Starters" were highly praised for their music and we hope to have them again soon. Chef Mike and Chef Jason served up a great meal and we were able to pay all our expenses from the proceeds and a substantial amount back to the Legion.

As I state every newsletter, we are responsible for one Wednesday dinner a month. Recently it has been occurring on the 3rd Wed. of each month and will continue that trend until something changes. Please help us by volunteering at least once a year. That is not asking too much, is it? If you know when you can do it please let me know the date and I will make the arrangements. Even if you can't help out at least be there to buy a meal and support your Squadron and Post. Or, if you cannot afford the time to volunteer you can always contribute as a Gold Sponsor with a \$100. donation. This will help pay for the food and someone to cook it. The next S.A.L. dinner is Wed. Oct. 15th.

Our SAL t-shirts and ball caps are on sale now!! The shirts are Navy Blue or Grey for \$25. The caps are fully embroidered Navy Blue for \$20. They both look very sharp and are selling like hotcakes! Well worth the investment and it helps raise money for our charities. I encourage you all to purchase at least one of each and wear them as often as possible to the Post – especially for SAL events! Keep them in mind for X-mas presents or souvenirs.

There are many fun and exciting events and fundraisers coming in the near future including our S.A.L. fundraiser on November 9th (Veterans Day weekend) and the annual Legion Halloween party (Sat. Oct. 26th). Keep your eyes on the newsletter, visit the website (www.al233fl.org) or better yet, come in to your Post and have a drink and see what is happening!

The next SAL meeting is Thurs. Oct. 17th @ 6:30pm. (note new time!). Please try to attend to as we will be finalizing out plans for the November 9th fundraiser and will need all hands on deck for that one.

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding our Squadron or Post 233 issues, or are not receiving my email updates please contact me on my phone (904-233-0976) or email (flagman49@yahoo.com) – or better yet, attend the meeting and share your thoughts with the rest of us!

REMEMBER: *It is a privilege to be a member of the Sons of the American Legion organization! As descendants we are honoring our forefathers who have served in the Armed Forces and in many cases sacrificed their lives for their country. Now is the time to give back! If the same names keep showing up in this column it is because the same people are doing the volunteering.*

God Bless Our Troops
Jeff “TEX” Ward

Commander – Squadron 233



Canteen – Diane Dorsey, Manager

Fall has arrived and that means FOOTBALL! Post 233 is the place to be on Sunday afternoons! Bring an appetizer or dish to share and join an enthusiastic group of fans to watch your favorite games on our big screen T.V.'s. The Post has the upgraded sports package which includes the NFL Red Zone channel so you won't miss any of the big plays. Thanks to Cynthia Gaines for organizing and getting this fun gathering off the ground! Each week the crowd has grown as well as the array of good eats!

Post 233 is honored again this year to be a designated stop on the American Legion Riders 6th Annual Charity Poker Run to benefit Community PedsCare, the pediatric branch of Hospice. At this writing there are 150 bikers pre-registered with over 200 expected to ride. The riders will arrive at Post 233 at approximately 11:00 am Saturday, Sept. 28th. All members are invited and encouraged to come help welcome them! Chef Mike Shaar and the Post 233 ALR will be providing a light buffet. This is a great cause and one we are all excited to be a part of.

On Saturday October 12th we will welcome the Post 129 Legion Riders on their Wreaths Across America Poker Run. This event raises funds to help with the donated wreaths that are delivered and laid at national veterans cemeteries around the country.

October also means Halloween! On Saturday night, October 26th the Post 233 ALA with team up with Frankie “Frankenstein” Martin, Jr. for a Fall Festival Theme Night Costume Party. Of course there will be prizes for the best costumes and plenty of ghoulishly good food!

Beginning in mid-October Trivia will be back at Post 233 on Monday nights. Start getting your team together and watch your Weekly Updates for further details.

As the Holiday season approaches, please consider Post 233 as the perfect venue for entertaining friends and family. Our outdoor Pavilion is available and is equipped with heaters if necessary. We can help with entertainment and catering needs and can offer full beverage service to your guests. Let us help with some of that Holiday stress!

Please remember that volunteers are the lifeblood of our Post. Your help is always needed and appreciated! Wednesday night dinners are provided alternately by the Legionnaires, Auxiliary and SAL. Please call or stop by to find out how you can help your respective entity continue to provide the great meals we all enjoy.

The Canteen is open at 10:00 am Monday thru Friday and 9:00 am on weekends. Lunch is served Monday thru Friday from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. We have the best lunch deal at the Beaches with the famous Palm Valley Burger, Chicken Fingers, Grilled Chicken, Grilled Cheese and Jumbo Hot Dogs. We are now also offering Garden Salads that can be topped with either Grilled or Fried Chicken and your choice of dressing. Stop in and find out what your missing!

It's our pleasure to serve you in the Post 233 Canteen and we look forward to seeing you soon!

For God and Country,
Diane Dorsey

Bar chip retirement:



If you have any of these chips you must use them before the end of 2013. The above chips are being retired on Dec. 31, 2013. New chips with a different design and value will be put into effect on January 1, 2014.

Those members who sometimes buy chips to be used as Christmas Gifts, the new chips will go on sale on December 15th, but cannot be used until January 1, 2014.

If you do not turn in your old chips by Dec.31st, you will only have memorable souvenirs!



OCTOBER BIRTHDAY'S

2	Fred Harllee	13	Shirley Mahoney
3	Peyton Stockton	18	Charlie Walker
7	Susan Lamolinara (<i>In memoriam</i>)		Beverly Beek
9	Ray Root	19	Dixie Kieffer
	Bob Duval	29	Dave Cook (<i>In memoriam</i>)
11	John "Cap'n Ski" Koslowski	30	Judy Nagel
	Patricia Jennings	31	Bob Pinto
	Jason Bass		
12	Chris Hogg		

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE

As of March 2013, event flyers were no longer a part of the emailed newsletter. Event flyers can be viewed on the Post website from the Special Events Page. The reason for event flyer elimination was the file size of each flyer which ultimately made the emailing of the entire newsletter a violation of the terms and conditions of the free email service being used. The monthly event calendar is now produced using Google Calendar. This permits a real time version to be viewed as changes and additions are entered. Under the old system, once the calendar was printed and emailed, changes and additions could not be made. If you are not connected to the internet, you are missing out on important information.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.
Commander Roy Havekost

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

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



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.

POST 233 is a FREE WiFi spot.

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SEPTEMBER 2013 GRADUATING CLASS



Thank you for your service and welcome home!

ALR Chapter 316 will sponsor a costume ride (ZOMBIES RISE) on Friday Oct. 25th with kickstands up at 6:30pm

Post 233 will be stop #4, we anticipate they should arrive at about 10pm??

We will need some volunteers to help Chef Mike, he will be preparing some late night hors-d-ouvres.

This will definitely be a great night at the Post.

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2013-2014

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