



# AL233FL Newsletter

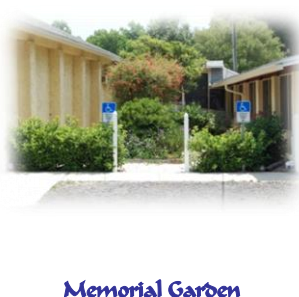


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Our Post Home



Memorial Garden



Commander Louis 'Pappy' Martin Pavilion

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

*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: 10am until ?? hrs.

SAT: 9am until ?? hrs. (Event days) **Happy Hour 3-7pm**

SAT: 3pm until ?? hrs. (No event planned) **Happy Hour 3-7pm**

SUN: 9am until ?? hrs. **Happy Hour 3-7pm**

(St.Johns County - closing hour is 2:00am)

**Monday-Friday:** Lunch 11:00am-1:00pm

**Wednesday:** Dinner 6:30pm-8:00pm

**Friday:** Dinner 6:30pm-8:00pm

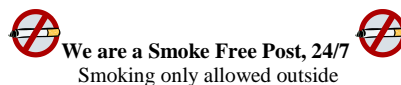
**Sunday:** Breakfast 9:00am-11:30am

**Website:** [www.AL233FL.org](http://www.AL233FL.org)

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**Post telephone:** 904.285.2484



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



**2014**

**OFFICERS**

**2015**



Cdr. Roy Havekost



1<sup>st</sup> Vice Cdr. Dan Wortmann



2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Cdr. Don Mills



3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Cdr. & Adjutant  
Sheri Martinez



4<sup>th</sup> Vice Cdr. Charlie Walker



Chaplain Wilbur Burnett



Finance Tom Leppeard



Sgt. at Arms Robert Scarlett



Service Officer & E-Board  
Maury Lazenby



E-Board Jim Durnal



E-Board Mike Eatmon



E-Board Ted Veber



E-Board Mike Williams

*Vacant*

Historian



Judge Advocate Ric Smith



Auxiliary President  
Judy Mills

**AUXILIARY:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Kathy Helmly  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President *vacant*  
Treasurer Allyson Bass  
Secretary Angie Kees  
Chaplain Celeste Sheble  
SAA Sylvia Bass  
Historian *vacant*  
E-Board Dee Durnal  
E-Board Debbie Eatmon  
E-Board Patty Williams



SAL Cdr.  
Jeff 'Tex' Ward



Riders Director  
Bill Marshall

**RIDERS:**  
Asst. Dir. Kevin Terranella  
Treasurer Kathy Church  
Secretary Virna Waldron  
Chaplain Linda Williams  
Road Capt. Bill Marshall  
SAA Kevin Terranella  
Historian Virna Waldron  
Historian Kathy Helmly

**SAL:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Cmdr. Howard Sheble  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Cmdr. Mike Shaar  
Adjutant & Treas. Steve Willis  
Chaplain Will Hurley  
Historian John Gabbard



Canteen Mgr. Rita Connolly

**BARTENDERS:**  
Anita  
Allyson  
Beth  
Debbie  
Lauren  
Mike

### Commanders corner:



This year's installation of officers meeting was a complete success. The Post received kudos from the District on our new appearance inside. The 5<sup>th</sup> District Commander, Tom Gora, actually thought we had put on an addition to the building when he first walked in and looked toward the left and saw two new windows and a bright new seating area. We are not only receiving many compliments on the new look, our visitors and guests have increased too, along with new membership.

This year I would like for our officers and committeemen to try to attend at least two District meetings in addition to any training sessions offered.

It was an honor for me to present Maury Lazenby with the Legionnaire of the Year Award; Robert Scarlett with the Legion Volunteer of the Year; Steve Willis and Dieter Arnold were both awarded framed Member of the Year certificates for their individual monetary donations toward the renovations and new furniture; and Pete Braud Design-Build Inc. with a framed certificate for his work on the Post renovations. Several members received Continuous Membership certificates ranging from 20 years or more with Charlie Walker presented his for 44 years. 'Job Well Done' framed certificates were presented to Sheri Martinez, Post Adjutant; and to Rita Connolly, Post Canteen Manager. Congratulations to everyone and thank you all!

For God and Country,

*Roy Havekost, Commander*



Department of Florida has set the 2015 individual Post membership renewal goal at 55% for September.

*Let's go full speed ahead* and get your renewal paid now, let's meet this goal in AUGUST!

**Post 233 has FREE Wifi**



**Who can name this soldier?  
Can you also name his dog?  
Use your memory, not the internet!**

### What can Post 233 do for you?



**What** can we do for our patrons and guests on Wednesday's and Friday's ? We appreciate everyone's patronage on these days, but we see that many people leave after they are finished with their meal. I am looking for suggestions from our guests with ideas that will keep people in the Post after mealtime. Please tell me what you would like to see, maybe a particular entertainment group you would like to dance to, or something that we may not of thought of. This Post is here for its members...help us out with your ideas to make it better. You can send your email suggestion to me at [commander@al233fl.org](mailto:commander@al233fl.org) or just drop a note in my mailbox behind the bar. If I can make it happen, I will.

Thanks for your help.

*Roy Havekost, Commander*

**A**merican Income Life Insurance Company has provided each Legionnaire from Post 233 with a \$3,000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment Policy, free of charge. The agreement to accept this policy was voted on at the June meeting. AI Life will be mailing additional literature to our members, regarding their company. You are not obligated to sign up for anything additional at that point. If you had already received information under a cover letter indicating Post 401, there was a slight mix up in the mailing and you will receive another mailing with the correct Post 233 indicated. Again it is your choice if you want to respond to any further offer.



The 5<sup>th</sup> District Department of Florida website is located at:

[www.AL5thDistrictFL.org](http://www.AL5thDistrictFL.org) recently added important information for all veterans on the website. The 'Web-links' tab will take

you to over 100 veteran affairs related website links. On the 'Bulletins' page the **2014 Veterans Handbook** has been uploaded. These five (5) volumes contain over 500 pages of Benefits for Veterans and their families, Health Care, Life after the Military and a Base Installation Directory. Visit the site often as it is always updated with new information weekly.



I would like to thank the Legionnaires for their nomination and confirmation for me to serve on the Executive Board for another year. This past year has seen some significant changes and I look forward to hearing the ideas for an even better Post in the new year. As you can see by our two new bay windows, the future is bright! Even though the look may change, the members are what make this post the "Best Post on the First Coast!"

I attended my first state convention in Orlando this past June and it was everything I heard it was going to be and then some! From the engaging speakers and awards to the camaraderie of fellow members in our and other districts, I would recommend to anyone to attend.

The July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration was a huge success thanks to all the volunteers from all of our entities. The tireless efforts of those who contributed are to be commended. Salute to you!

I will ask, as we receive new folks into our post that we are patient and understanding about explaining what our Post is all about and the American Legion in general. As new members become acquainted with how the post is operated and how volunteer efforts are essential, let's be welcoming and understanding about folks needing to become familiar with us as well as us with them.

Please communicate your suggestions and ideas through the appropriate channels (i.e. House Committee, etc.) and let's work together for a post we can all be proud of!

*Mike Eatmon, Executive Committeeman*



*Come join our groups...  
We are FAMILY!*

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/264057610291208/>

*SAL Squadron 233:*

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SAL233/>

*Riders Chapter 233:*

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/alr233/>



[www.emblem.legion.org](http://www.emblem.legion.org) the official Legion store



## Historical dates for August

**August 4<sup>th</sup>:** Is *U.S. Coast Guard Day*, the military branch that protects our waters and shorelines. Today, the Coast Guard plays an even more extensive role in Homeland Security to protect our country. The origin of Coast Guard Day dates back to August 4, 1790 when the U.S. Congress authorized the construction of 10 cutters to enforce the tariff laws. This Revenue Cutter Service would later be renamed the U.S. Coast Guard.

**August 6<sup>th</sup>:** 1945, the United States drops the atom bomb on Hiroshima, Japan .

**August 8<sup>th</sup>:** Reference is made to WWII Operation Pistorius. On the night of June 16, 1942, German U-boat U-584 landed four trained Nazi agents here in Ponte Vedra Beach dressed as American civilians. After burying four boxes containing explosives and incendiaries in the sand, they boarded a bus en-route to New York to rendezvous with another team of saboteurs. Two members of the New York team betrayed the operation to the FBI. All were apprehended, tried and convicted. The informers went to prison and the others were electrocuted on August 8, 1942.

**August 9<sup>th</sup>:** 1945, the United States drops the atom bomb on Nagasaki, Japan.

**August 14<sup>th</sup>:** Is *VJ Day* and marks the end of WWII. Officially the Japanese cabled the U.S. their surrender on this day. The surrender wasn't made public until August 15, 1945 and the formal surrender ceremony aboard the U.S.S. Missouri didn't take place until September 2, 1945 at which time President Harry Truman declared this day as *VJ Day*. Regardless which date you view as *VJ Day*, the war was finally over.



Robert Atkins, Army; Robert Sok, Navy; Robert Caruso, Army; Dale Mott, Army; Thomas Honeycott, Navy; Ralph Chianelli, Navy and Post 129 transfer Carl Evans, Air Force.



**WE WANT YOU!**

**TO PLEASE VOLUNTEER AT YOUR POST**



My wife Celeste and I attended the Department of Florida Convention in June, with a total of 12 Post 233 members, the best turnout in recent memory. Everyone enjoyed the camaraderie with our District and many others. We all proudly witnessed the award presentation to our own Debbie Eatmon for Florida Teacher of the Year and all attended separate meetings for each entity, taking away many valuable thoughts and ideas on making our Post better for our membership.

On July 4<sup>th</sup>, we held a joint event, open to the public, which was a huge success made possible by all the tireless efforts of the Legion, Auxiliary, Sons and the Riders. Well Done! See you on the 4<sup>th</sup> next year.

The SAL received an award from Special Olympics for our donations to their program and we also received a 100%+ membership award (3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row) at our Post Installation of Officers held on Sunday July 13<sup>th</sup>.

Our July Wednesday Night Steak Dinner was a big hit and we want to give a special thank you to our own Palm Valley Cigar Group for their generous donation to our dinner – Thank You Gentlemen!

For God and Country,

*Howard Sheble, SAL 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander*



Dear Lord, we pray for peace among all people on our earth. Help us to understand our neighbors and to be thoughtful of all beings. Give us the strength to be compassionate and caring for those people that need our care and understanding. Guide us in our service to God and Country, as an organization and as individuals, that we may make a difference in the lives of our children and youth, our veterans, especially the homeless veterans and our members. We pray for Your understanding and guidance in all we do. Amen.

*For God and Country*

*Wilbur Burnett, Chaplain*

## CLASS DOESN'T MAKE THE NEWS!



How many people know that President Bush is host to a few Wounded Warriors at his ranch for 10 weekends each year?

Every year! All expenses paid! Not what you expected to see, huh?

Here he is, dancing with a "Wounded Warrior" who has lost a leg but she still dances.

You may never see a story or picture like this on NBC, CBS, ABC, or in the New York Times, or Washington

Post, but I guarantee we will always post something this newsworthy in our monthly newsletter. For God and Country.

## 1971 - 2016

**Post 233 will be 45 years old in 2016. Let's start giving this some serious thought now for a celebration then.**

The Post 233 calendar of events is online at:

<http://www.al233fl.org/ecalendar.htm>

### To our members:

**This newsletter is published monthly and is made available to all of our members via email, as a download or just to view via our website or you can pickup a copy at the Post ( for those members w/o internet/email). If any member would like to contribute information to this publication please send your article to [newsletter@al233fl.org](mailto:newsletter@al233fl.org) or drop off a copy in the Commanders mailbox by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month for inclusion in the next months edition.**

**This is your newsletter, please contribute**

### AT THE POST

We are still working on renovations within the Post, so please be careful when entering during the day as you will be coming into a construction area. We will remain open during renovations and we aim to make any inconvenience as little and short as possible.

Thank you for your patronage and understanding.

## 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**



**MIAP** held it's Call to Honor #3 on Friday, June 27, 2014. We interred 13 Veterans & 5 spouses from WWI, WWII, Korea and Vietnam.

To date at the Jacksonville National Cemetery MIAP has interred a total of 43 Veterans, 8 spouses and 1 infant son.

USA - 32      WWI - 10      Persian Gulf - 1

USMC - 5      WWII - 26

USN - 11      Korean - 6

USAF - 4      Vietnam - 14

Our Call to Honor #4 will be held on Friday, Nov 07, 2014 @ 1:00pm at the JNC. We have been asked by Admiral Guillory has invited MIAP to participate in the City of Jacksonville's "Week of Valor". Details to be published at a later date.

MIAP - FL needs VOLUNTEERS to reach out to funeral homes, do research, and help with fundraising and other activities. If you know of anyone who is interested please have them contact us at [miapjax@yahoo.com](mailto:miapjax@yahoo.com). You can volunteer as much as or a little time as you wish.

Please go to our website at [www.miap.us](http://www.miap.us) to see what we are doing nationwide. You can also sign up as a supporter.

Thank you to all who continue to support MIAP - FL.

**Kathy Church, MIAP - FL State Coordinator**



Our July 4<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebration was

phenomenal. Special thanks to our many volunteers and the extraordinary S.A.L. A great time was had by all. Hopefully, we can celebrate like this again next Fourth of July.

Our Friday night entertainment will be:

**August 1<sup>st</sup>** - Frankie Martin, Jr. hosting karaoke

**August 8<sup>th</sup>** - Beach Street Boogie

**August 15<sup>th</sup>** - The Boz Man

**August 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Don Miniard

**August 29<sup>th</sup>** - Gary Amonette the First Coast Fiddler and the Valley Grass

Please plan to attend the Auxiliary's Special Fundraiser Event for Cecellia Kale ("Admiral Ski") on Saturday, **August 16<sup>th</sup>**. Post 233 grillers are planning a "Kick Butt Challenge" competing with the grillers from Post 250 of Middleburg. Judging will be at 4:30 pm and dinner will be served at 5:00 pm. Entertainment will be provided by Wanda and Big John, hosting karaoke. This will be a wonderful evening and will benefit a deserving member of our Post.

**Rita Connolly, Canteen Manager**

### **During the week:**

*Monday's, Trivia Night 6:30pm*

*Tuesday's, Texas Holdem' 6:30pm*

*Wednesday's, Dinner Night 6:30-8:00pm*

*Friday's, Steak or Fish Dinner 6:30-8:00pm*

*Entertainment on Fridays & Saturdays*

*HAPPY HOUR:*

*Saturday & Sunday 3:00-7:00pm*



As a newly Certified Service Officer, I am still learning the ropes but please feel free to call me at (904) 576-2342 or email me at [service@al233fl.org](mailto:service@al233fl.org) if you need any assistance.

**For God and Country,  
Sheri Martinez, Service Officer**



I need to start out saying we need more Legionnaires to volunteer to either cook or sponsor a meal on Wednesday night dinners, we could use volunteers on a Legion night to help serve, take money, help prepare and cleanup. I would like to thank Robert Scarlett for all the help on Wednesday and Friday nights, another thank you goes out to the ALA and the SAL members that work hard on just about every Wednesday and Friday night. I have not forgotten the Sunday breakfast teams that give up their time to come in and fix a fine breakfast, but again we are short on teams to cook on Sunday so if you think you would like to join and bring a team please let myself or Rita Connolly know, I hate to be picky people but we need the help to keep supplying you with these great meals.

I would like to remind everyone the ALA is having a fundraiser on August 16, 2014 and it will be one great event to attend the food will be great if I do say so myself, again these ladies could use some help if anyone is willing.

Everyone needs to come in a see the transformation taking place in the Post the changes are great and I am sure you will really enjoy what you see, so come on down and visit with friends and neighbors and bring some new people who can become new members.

**FOR GOD AND COUNTRY  
SUPPORT OUR TROOPS**  
*Don Mills, 2nd Vice Commander*



I am looking for a couple volunteers to help me plan a special luncheon for all our esteemed WWII Veterans. Executive Committee member Ted Veber has graciously agreed to help but we need at least two more volunteers. The date is still TBD but I am looking to have it in January/February 2015. Our recruitment incentive is still active. Recruit three new members to Post 233 and your dues for next year are free. As a new incentive, anyone who **recruits 9 new members** (or more) will be entered in a special drawing to be held at our May 7, 2015 monthly meeting. Details about the prize will be announced in next month's newsletter.

*For God and Country,  
Sheri Martinez, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander*



I can't believe it, here it is August already football is getting ready to start, and we are starting a new term with events to plan, I can't wait.

I failed to mention in the July newsletter that five of us Auxiliary members attended the 5th District Convention in Orlando in June, we were gone three days and during that time we not only learned a lot, met several people from other posts, but we had a blast if you weren't there you don't know what you were missing. Our member Debbie Eatmon won a Traditional History award for the narrative she did in our scrapbook and so proud to announce she got Teacher of the Year for the State of Florida sponsored by the American Legion.

The 5th District meeting will be held on August 10, 2014 at Post 316 so if any of you ladies would like to attend it is at 2:00pm please let me know.

I would like to remind everyone that on August 16, 2014 we are having a fundraiser for Cecilia Kale (AKA Admiral Ski). Don and Ben Mills will be cooking smoked pork butts in a challenge against Post 250 to see who can cook the best butts. There will be a judging at 4:30pm with a meal with all the trimmings to follow at 5:00pm. There will be Karaoke with Be a Star with Wanda and John to start at 7:00pm until, there will be raffles and some great food. I hope to see everyone there to help Cecilia (Ski).

The Auxiliary us cooking on August 20, 2014 Wednesday night dinner with Marilyn Jett in the kitchen so we need some volunteers to assist us serve, and clean up, please let myself or Kathy Helmly know if you can help.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on August 7, 2014 at 6:30pm, the next regular meeting will be held on August 14, 2014 at 7:00pm please try to make this meeting for we have a lot to finalize for our fundraiser on the 16th.

**SUPPORT OUR TROOPS  
FOR GOD AND COUNTRY**  
*Judy Mills, ALA President*

**SAL dues is now \$30.00 per year**



## AUGUST BIRTHDAY'S



2	Juanita Bibbee
5	Angie Kees
	Eileen Havekost
6	Gene Williams
9	James Durnal
10	Kim Price
14	Michael Marvin

17	Cheryl Reynolds
19	Arlene Jones
	Priscilla Jones
21	Michael Corcoran
22	Bob Nagel
24	Johnnie Jones
25	Mike Charles
26	Eileen Breden
27	Hudye Garrison
30	Wendy Hummel
	Patrice Sowerby

Your birthday can be listed here by sending your name, month and day to [webmaster@al233fl.org](mailto:webmaster@al233fl.org) do not include the year, please, unless you are a centenarian.



## 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 Rita Connolly or any of our bartenders for more details.

Call 285-2484.

Smoking is permitted on outside property and at the pavilion bar.







**I**t's the start of a new Membership Year and I have been begun processing all the renewals. I have received 136 renewals so far which leaves us with 286 in order to reach 100%.

Our first membership goal is 55% and we need to reach it before September 3, 2014. To help us along with this goal, we are offering our normal Early Bird incentive. If you renew by November 11<sup>th</sup>, you will receive a free ticket to our annual Early Bird dinner. We are also adding in a new incentive. If you **renew by August 7<sup>th</sup>**, you will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate to the Outback Restaurant. Winner will be drawn after the monthly meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

Now that I have a full year of the Adjutant position under my belt, I have added a thank you letter with your Membership cards. If you can think of anything that I should include in this letter, please let me know. This letter goes out to new members and we want to show them all that we have to offer.

I have also gone over all the information that National has on each of us and there are many members who do not have their branch of service listed or their War period. I am also missing a significant number of phone numbers and email addresses. For this reason, I am also enclosing a copy of the Legion's application. Please fill it out with information so that I can update National's files.

In addition, I am still looking for DD-214's. If you have not turned one in, please email it to me at [adjutant@al233fl.org](mailto:adjutant@al233fl.org), drop it off at the Post, or mail it in to P.O. Box 2494, Ponte Vedra, FL 32004. You can redact your social security number and birth date as a security precaution if you'd like. If you aren't sure whether or not you've turned one in, please give me a call at (904) 576-2342 and I will let you know.

***For God and Country,  
Sheri Martinez, Adjutant***



**F**irst I would like to welcome the new members of the E-board and to thank the returning members for their service and dedication. I am looking forward to working with everyone in the coming year.

That said it is time to look forward to the upcoming year. We have completed many projects on the post which have greatly enhanced the look of the post, but there is much more to be done. The AL, ALA, SAL and the ALR have pledged to raise \$8,300 for the building fund this year. This will be used to upgrade and refurbish the post. It will take hard work and effort to accomplish but I have no doubt it will be done and then some. The Fourth of July was a huge success and my hat's off to the SAL members who worked as hard as they did to make it happen, as well as everyone else who gave their time and effort. Post 233 is our home and I am very proud to be a member of this post. As such, I would like it to be our showcase that we can proudly display to all that we invite to our home. We are the number one post in the 5<sup>th</sup> District and will be a hard act to follow. Until next month, God Bless our post and God Bless the USA.

***Tom Leppeard, Finance Officer***



**Just a heads-up reminder for  
September,  
honoring those who serve**

September 11, 2014 falls on a Thursday this year. The Law & Order Committee will be publically honoring those first responders and civilians who lost their lives during the horrific attack on America in 2001, at an event planned for Saturday September 13<sup>th</sup>. The event will also include an Awards Ceremony for our local first responders and to honor the 2014 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year: Corporal James 'Robbie' Robinson, and the 2014 Firefighter of the Year: Firefighter Art Naidzich. More details will be upcoming on Facebook, our website and in next months newsletter. Please plan to attend this event.

***Roy Havekost, Chairman***

***Dan Wortmann, Co-chairman***



Many thanks to all who helped make our "Fourth Of July" fundraiser a rousing success! Especially Dale Little, Howard Sheble, Mike Shaar and Roger Akey. You did an outstanding job and we raised over \$1500. Way to pull together!!

Believe it or not it is renewal time for membership. Due to an increase in the State fees we have to increase our dues to \$30. Please try to pay your 2014-2015 dues a.s.a.p. as again our goal is 100+% membership.

We are still responsible for one Wednesday dinner a month (usually the 3rd Wednesday). Please help us by volunteering at least once a year. That is not asking too much, is it? 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. Thanks to the "Cigar Guys" for sponsoring our July dinner. Chef Mike prepared delicious steak (by request) and was helped in the kitchen by Jason Bass, Will Hurley and Howard Sheble. The next S.A.L. dinner is Wednesday, Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>. Any ideas?

There are many fun and exciting events and fundraisers coming in the near future so keep your eyes on the newsletter, visit the website ([www.al233fl.org](http://www.al233fl.org)) or better yet, come in to your Post and have a drink and see what is happening! We also now have our own squadron Facebook page thanks to Randy Cottle. If you are a social media aficionado go to "Sons Of The American Legion Squadron 233" and join the group. This will be a convenient and fun way to stay informed.

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding our Squadron 233 issues, or are not receiving my email updates please contact me on my phone (904-233-0976) or email ([flagman49@yahoo.com](mailto:flagman49@yahoo.com)) – or better yet, attend the meeting and share your thoughts with the rest of us! The next S.A.L. meeting is Thursday, Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30pm.

*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.*

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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.

Please continue to keep all of our service men and women and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

*God Bless Our Troops*

*Jeff "TEX" Ward, Commander Squadron 233*

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## Post 233

### Home of the 2014

### American Legion Dept. of Florida

### Teacher of the Year

### Debbie Eatmon



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**To our members who are reading this newsletter, you can see by this blank space that we still had room this month for more comments. You do not have to be a Post Officer to contribute to this publication.**

**As long as your comments or suggestions are constructive, they can be published for everyone to see.**

**Comments and suggestions can be emailed to [newsletter@al233fl.org](mailto:newsletter@al233fl.org), or they can be left in the Commanders mailbox at the bar. All submissions must include the authors name in order to be published. All submissions MUST be submitted by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month.**

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