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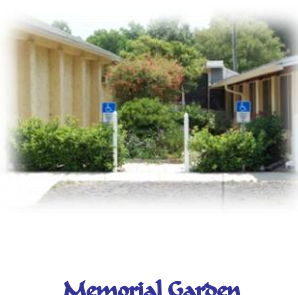
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'SMOKE FREE POST'

DECEMBER 2014



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-WED: 4:00pm until ?? hrs.

THUR-FRI 11:00am until ?? hrs.

SAT: 4pm until ?? hrs. **Happy Hour 4-7pm**

On event Saturday's, call for opening time

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

Website: www.AL233FL.org

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Post telephone: 904.285.2484

Thursday-Friday: Lunch 11:00am-1:00pm

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

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

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



We are a Smoke Free Post, 24/7
Smoking only allowed outside



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NEVER FORGET ~ POW's & MIA's



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OFFICERS

2015



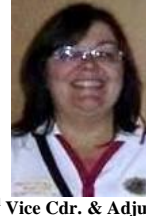
Cdr. Roy Havekost



1st Vice Cdr. Dan Wortmann



2nd Vice Cdr. Don Mills



3rd Vice Cdr. & Adjutant
Sheri Martinez



4th Vice Cdr. Charlie Walker



Chaplain William 'Bill' Reno



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Sgt. at Arms Robert Scarlett



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E-Board Jim Durnal



E-Board Mike Eatmon



E-Board Ted Veber



E-Board Mike Williams

Vacant

Historian



Judge Advocate Ric Smith



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Judy Mills

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2nd V. President *vacant*
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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

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Road Capt. Bill Marshall
SAA Kevin Terranella
Historian Virna Waldron
Historian Kathy Helmly

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1st Vice Cdr. Howard Sheble
2nd Vice Cdr. Mike Shaar
Adjutant & Treas. Steve Willis
Chaplain Will Hurley
Historian John Gabbard



Canteen Mgr. Rita Connolly

BARTENDERS:
Anita
Allyson
Beth
Debbie



Commanders corner:

2014 is rapidly winding down as we enter into the month of December. In November we had a very successful Department Fall Conference where hundreds of Legion Family members attended numerous training classes during the conference. We also remembered and honored our Veterans on their day, November 11th at PVVC followed by a special luncheon at the Post thanks to the Auxiliary and Sons volunteers.

The 5th District combined monthly meeting was attended in mass at Post 373 Orange Park by Legion, Auxiliary, Sons and Rider members.

Congratulations are also in order to the winners of this years' Chili Cookoff, Tom Leppard 1st Place, Don Mills 2nd Place and Cynthia Gaines 3rd Place.

Kudos to K9's For Warriors as their November graduating class has brought the number of graduates to more than 150 since their start in 2012.

I hope that everyone had a happy & healthy Thanksgiving Day. The Post dinner was a success, serving 90 or so people. Thank you to all who volunteered their time and who contributed the food, to make the dinner possible again this year.

Remember, December 13th will be a full day at the Post, ALA Children's Christmas Party at 11am and annual Cowboy Night at 7pm. Don't forget, the SAL will be raffling off the 50" HD TV that night, so be sure to buy your tickets.

From myself and my family, here's wishing everyone a safe, happy and healthy Hanukkah, Christmas and New Year (2015).

For God and Country,

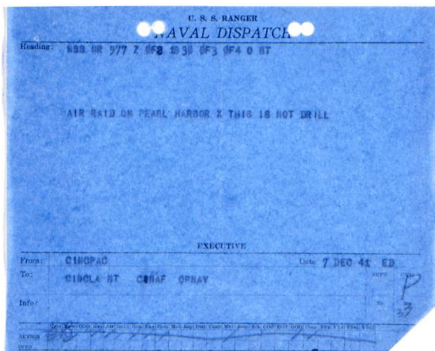
Roy Havekost, Commander

This month in history:

On **December 7, 1941**, Japanese planes attacked the United States Naval Base at **Pearl Harbor, Hawaii Territory**, killing more than 2,300 Americans. The *U.S.S. Arizona* was completely destroyed and the *U.S.S. Oklahoma* capsized. A total of twelve ships sank or were beached in the attack and nine additional vessels were damaged. More than 160 aircraft were destroyed and more than 150 others damaged.

A hurried dispatch from the ranking United States naval officer in Pearl Harbor, Commander in Chief Pacific, to all major navy commands and fleet units provided the first official word of the attack at the ill-prepared Pearl Harbor base. It simply:

said



AIR RAID ON PEARL HARBOR X THIS IS NOT DRILL.

Hero's all, you will never be forgotten!

3rd Vice



Tis the Season!! Please help us with our Toys for Tots Drive. A box will be placed in the Post. In addition, we will be having a Christmas Party on Saturday, December 20th. Admission is a new \$10 unwrapped toy OR \$10 cash (we'll buy the toy for you!). Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served beginning at 5:30pm and Beach Street Boogie will entertain you beginning at 7:00pm. Veteran's Day has come and gone for 2014... now Post 233 is getting ready for our annual Early Bird Dinner! Save the date -- Saturday, January 10th!! We will be serving Prime Rib cooked by SAL member Mike Shaar, entertainment by Kenny Holliday and MIke Jagger, and door prizes!! We hope to see you there so we can thank you for your support!

Our recognition luncheon for all Post 233 WWII Veterans will be held on Saturday, January 24th. Please plan on attending to help us thank them for their service.

We are working on the proposal to submit Post 233 for American Legion's Post Excellence Award. To be eligible, Posts must meet the following criteria. As of November 26th, we have met all the criteria except for membership. We are currently at 77.251% with 326 new or renewed members. We need 33 more to meet our December 3rd goal of 85% and 97 to be eligible for the Post Excellence Award.

- **Membership.** Must be at least one member greater than the previous year. At least one post officer attends district meetings.
- **Youth activities.** Must sponsor and actively participate in at least one primary youth program: Boys State, American Legion Baseball, Oratorical, Boy Scouts or Junior Shooting Sports.
- **Community service.** Must accomplish a community service project with members of the Legion Family actively working in the community outside the post home. A wide range of potential projects exists, such as a project centered on one of Children & Youth's emphasis areas to fulfilling a strictly local need. A monetary donation may be part of the project but may not constitute the entire project.
- **Service to troops/veterans.** Must accomplish a project supporting troops or veterans in the community with Legion Family members outside the post home. Potential projects include the Family Support Network, Heroes to Hometowns, or simply helping a local veteran with necessary updates to his or her home. Again, a monetary donation may be part of the project but may not constitute the entire project.

For God and Country,

Sheri Martinez, 3rd Vice Commander

Service Officer

The Commander assures me that a Service Officer page for the website will be up and running for January 2015. This will include a full copy of the VA's, "Federal Benefits for Veterans Dependents and Survivors" Handbook online.

If you feel that you have a claim, please contact me at (904) 790-2551.

For God and Country,

Sheri Martinez, Certified Service Officer

Auxiliary



Don and I would like to wish everyone a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS as we celebrate the birth of Christ our savior. If you are traveling to spend the holidays with family and friends please be safe.

December 6th there will be dinner at Post 129 for the Department President and Commander and you are invited, dinner is at 7:00pm for a donation of \$8.00, cocktails at 6:00pm with happy hour. Please RSVP with Post 129.

December the 7th is the 5th District meeting at 2:00pm at Post 129 I hope you can make this meeting for a great attendance by Unit 233.

December 10th the Auxiliary will be cooking Wednesday night dinner with the menu to follow, I hope everyone can come out and enjoy a great meal that will be prepared by my 2nd Vice Amy Blair.

December 13th we will be holding our Children's Christmas Party from 11:00am to 1:00pm, Santa will arrive by fire truck with Elfie. There is a sign up sheet on the front door to sign up your child, grandchild, or friends child, ages 10 years and younger. The deadline for signing up is December 6th. The child must be present on the 13th to receive a gift.

On December 13th starting at 6:30pm is Cowboy Night with Dakota Don and Beaumont Ben cooking smoked Pork Butts, stewed squash, slaw, beans and homemade desserts. There will be Karaoke with Be a Star, Wanda and John, so yea haw come on down in your favorite cowboy outfit and enjoy a great country how down.

December 24th there will be no Wednesday night dinner due to Christmas the next day, Thursday the 25th volunteers will be in the kitchen preparing a wonderful Christmas dinner for all that don't leave town or that just doesn't want to cook. There will be Turkey and Ham with all the great fixings, we will start serving at 12:00pm to 4:00pm.

The Auxiliary is still collecting canned and non perishable goods for our baskets to be delivered to needy families, the box is located in the Legion so please help us make this a successful event. I will be delivering the baskets on December 19th so please try to fill the box by the 17th thank you all for your help.

I believe Jimmy Durnal, son of Dee and James Durnal will be placing a box in the Legion for Marines Toys for Tots, please help us fill the box for those children who may not have a Christmas without the Toys for Tots campaign.

I asked that all pray for our Troops who are still serving overseas and will not be home for Christmas with their families.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

Judy Mills ALA President

Unit 233



Children's Christmas Party
Saturday, December 13th
from 11am – 1pm

Riders



The ALR Chapter 233 was busy in the month of November with riders participating in several events at our Post and also on the road. There are also many upcoming events in Dec that ALR members will be participating in.

November events that ALR members participated in:

11/01 - 3 ALR members rode in ALR 316's annual Zombie Ride – WAY TOO MUCH FUN!!!

11/06 – MIAP service rehearsal at the Jacksonville National Cemetery

11/07 - MIAP "Call to Honor #4" and the Jacksonville National Cemetery

11/10 – Re-dedication of the Eternal Flame at Evergreen Cemetery, Jacksonville

11/11 – Several members attended Veterans Day Service at Palm Valley Cemetery & luncheon at Post 233

11/11 – 1 ALR member marched in the Veterans Day Parade, City of Jacksonville

11/15 – Chili Cook Off at Post 233

11/16 – AL, AUX, SAL 5th District meeting @ AL Post 373, Orange Park

11/18 – Northeast Florida Veterans Council monthly meeting (ALR Treasurer, Kathy Church was sworn in as Secretary for this Council)

11/20 – ALR members attended the K9's for Warriors graduation at Post 233

11/24 – 3 ALR members worked on our history book for several hours.

11/30 – ALR 5th District meeting will be held at Post 194 in St. Augustine.

Upcoming December ALR participating events:

12/03 – ALR will be cooking Wednesday Night dinner – menu TBA

12/6 – AL State Commander & AUX Dept President dinner at AL Post 129, Jax Beach

12/7 – AL & AUX 5th District meeting @ AL Post 129

12/13 – Auxiliary Children's Christmas Party @ Post 233

12/13 – Wreaths Across America at the Jacksonville National Cemetery

12/21 – ALR Sunday Breakfast and regular monthly meeting

Members are now in the planning stages for our 3rd annual Poker Run & 2nd annual run for "Dreams Come True" foundation. This run will be held on Saturday, Feb 28, 2015.

Check us out on our Facebook page @ American Legion Riders Chapter 233 Palm Valley Florida, our ALR 5th District FB page @ ALR 5th district FL, or our website @ www.alr5thfl.org. We can also be reached at legionriders233@gmail.com.

Thanks to ALA/ALR member Virna Waldron we also now have a Twitter account @ ALR233FL. We are keeping up with all this modern technology.

You also can become an ALR with Chapter 233. You first have to be a member of the Legion, Auxiliary or SAL. You do not have to have a motorcycle to be a member. Dues for a yearly member are \$25.00 or you may chose to become a lifetime member for \$100.00. Many of us riders ride in our cars or we stay behind during events to get things ready.

American Legion Riders are the 70 mile/hour ad promoting the Legion riding down the highway.

Canteen

We are and have been desperate for volunteers for Friday night dinners and Sunday morning breakfasts.



If you would like to put in a little time, please contact me or Donald Mills to offer. Please keep in mind that if you would like to cook something different on a Friday night, we can make those arrangements. Sunday breakfast could be just a pancake breakfast, or a breakfast casserole....

whatever you feel comfortable preparing.

Events for December will be:

Friday, Dec. 5 – Frankie Martin, Jr. will host karaoke
Friday, Dec. 12 – is open right now, but we are working to have “Rockin Machine” perform
Saturday, Dec. 13 is Cowboy Night with a smoked butt dinner and karaoke hosted by Wanda
Friday, Dec. 19 is Boz Man
Thursday, Dec. 25 is Christmas Day. Dinner is served from 12:00 to 4:00. The Post will close at 6pm
Friday, Dec. 26 is open. Unless entertainment is arranged, the Legion will feed the juke box for a few hours.

Rita Connolly, Canteen Manager

Note: Post opening hour for Mon-Tue-Wed-Sat is 4:00pm

**Post will open earlier if an event is scheduled (call first).*

Christmas Day Meal
Thursday, December 25th
12 noon to 4 pm

**ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS CARD ON THE
POST TV FOR ONLY \$75.00/year**
Ask the bartender for details

THANK YOU!



Thanksgiving Day
Volunteers & Cooks
90+ meals served

SAL



Greetings Men,

On behalf of the Sons of The American Legions Squadron 233 I want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year!! I believe that 2015 will be the best year ever at our Post!

MEMBERSHIP! Membership!! Membership!! It is S.A.L. membership renewal time. This will be a major focus over the next few months as we endeavor to reach our 100+% membership goal. Due to an increase in the State fees we increased our dues to \$30. On that note, we are instigating an incentive plan for paying your dues early. At the December meeting will draw 3 names from the members who have renewed for 2015. The winners will receive \$25 in drinks chips of their choice from the canteen and their name will appear in this column. Any member who has paid their dues by the meeting date will be eligible. YES, including those who have already paid and NO, you don't have to be in attendance (but it would sure be nice to see you there!) You can pay your dues in cash or check “American Legion – S.A.L.” Please put the payment in an envelope (along with your current phone number, mailing address and email) marked “Attention: Steve Willis” and give it to the bartender on duty. Or, you can send the check Steve Willis, 560 N. Wilderness Trail, Ponte Vedra, FL, 32082. Please include your phone number, current address and email.

Chef Mike served up a fantastic glazed pork loin with roasted veggies for our November Wednesday Night Dinner (once a month – on the 3rd Wednesday). In the kitchen to help were the usual suspects: Howard Sheble, John Paparelli and myself, as well as ALA member Kathy Church. Thank you all for a delish meal. We served over 50 dinners and had a special little “going away” party for Ryle Eddings who is furthering his career on the West Coast. We wish him all the best! Please help us by volunteering at least once a year. That is not asking too much, is it? Even if you can't help us 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 to pay for the food and someone to cook it. You also have the privilege to decide on the menu (within reason!) The next S.A.L. dinner is Wednesday, Dec. 17th. Any ideas?

Don't forget about the raffle we are holding for a brand new 50” LG flat screen LED HD t.v. The tickets are \$10 each, 3 for \$25, 7 for \$50 and 15 for a \$100 donation. The t.v. is on display at the Post and the drawing will be held on Saturday, Dec. 13th during the “Cowboy Night” fundraiser. What a great Christmas present this would make??

The S.A.L. is spearheading the New Year's Eve party this year. We are bringing back the highly successful “Midnight Brunch”, there will be entertainment, the “Wheel of Fortune” will be in full swing along with door prizes and others fun things. More details to follow but spread the word. Let's bring in 2015 with a bang!!

There are many other events and fundraisers planned during the holiday season 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 and see what is happening! We are on Facebook so if you are a social media aficionado go to “Sons of The American Legion Squadron 233” and join the group. This is a convenient and fun way to stay informed.

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SAL



November has been a very busy time for our Post "Wheel of Fortune" events. All events have been extremely successful thanks to the generous donations of sodas, chips, beer and alcohol from

Billy Pinto, Johnny Paparelli, Georgia Barnes, Brenda Cowgill, Roger Akey, Chuck & Angie Kees, Jeff Ward, Fred Harlee and the SAL TV raffle.

Since July 4th, your donations have raised over \$2,400.00 to benefit our Post operating fund. We cannot thank you enough for your support and we will continue to accept contributions from all Post 233 members to continue this worthy project. 100% of the proceeds from these events go toward making our Post a more enjoyable experience for our members. Happy Holidays to everyone!

For God & Country,

Howard Sheble

1st Vice Commander – Squadron 233

Christmas Wreath Raffle



The Legion Christmas Wreath Raffle was drawn at the Thanksgiving Dinner. We raised \$165 to be donated to the Wreaths Across America project.

*Winners of the three custom wreaths were:
JR Mathis, Don Grzena, and Kathy Church.*

HELP WANTED p/t

Post 233 is looking for applicants

for the part-time position of bartender.

Applications are online at:

<http://www.al233fl.org/AL233EmployApplic.pdf>

or email

Contact Commander Roy Havekost

commander@al233fl.org

Cont'd:

Now is the time to give back! Our Post is experiencing some financial difficulties and needs all of us to step up and support the Post in some way. That can be accomplished by volunteering to help in fundraisers and meals, making a financial donation, showing up for meals, fundraisers, events, etc. or just stopping by for a friendly drink and visit.

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 monthly meeting and share your thoughts and ideas with all of us! The next meeting is Thursday, Dec. 18th @ 6:30pm.

Always be mindful that it is a privilege to be a member of the Sons of the American Legion organization! As male descendants we are honoring our fathers and forefathers who have served in the Armed Forces, and in many cases gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country. If the same names keep showing up in this column it is because the same people are doing the volunteering.

Please keep all of our service men and women and their families in your thoughts and prayers during this holiday season.

For God & Country

Jeff "TEX" Ward

Commander – Squadron 233

COOK TEAM Proposal

At the last House Committee meeting, Kathy Church suggested the following proposal:

TO ALL POST 233 LEGION FAMILY MEMBERS

I propose a change for our Friday night dinners, to offer a different menu weekly; this will remain a Legion dinner night with all proceeds going to the Legion. We need **VOLUNTEERS** to make this work and for my complete proposal to be taken to HC on December 29th. I would like to start this in February 2015 and use January to advertise the change to our members and guests.

The menu will run for 3 months and if we received well, the menu items will change. Pricing for these meals will be approved by the EC. The cost of the ingredients to prepare the proposed meals will be more cost effective for the Legion:

Friday Night #1	Spaghetti Dinner
Friday Night #2	Steak or Fish (current menu)
Friday Night #3	Baked or Fried Fish with Fried Popcorn Shrimp
Friday Night #4	Fried Chicken (we have use of the big deep fryer)
Friday Night #5	Steak or Fish (current menu)

I will start out by putting my cook team together and take the 3rd week "Fish & Popcorn Shrimp" and we will be committed to that week for the 3-month trial.

We have some fantastic cooks! Please let me know by Sunday December 21st, if you are interested in participating in this rotation schedule. You don't need to commit for the three months.

Kathy Church
(904) 219-3035 (please leave a message)
Bartenderpost233@yahoo.com



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS & TRANSFERS

William (Bill) Reno US Marine transfer, Norm Bourque US Navy transfer, John Nason US Army Grenada & Lebanon sponsor Jeff Turnick, Gene Tenuta US Army Grenand & Persian Gulf, James Lee Hunt US Air Force Grenada & Persian Gulf sponsored by Al Hernandez, Barry Gregoire US Navy Vietnam sponsored by Sheri Martinez



DECEMBER BIRTHDAY's



1	Jack Hord (In memoriam)	17	Rita Connolly
2	Don Mills	19	Susie White
3	Amanda Trevino	22	Maggie Furr
4	Judy Rogers	26	Melita Doran
5	John Wagener	27	Marty Mally
12	Angie Russell	29	Cathy Corcoran
	Karen Dubin	31	Patty Mally
15	Karen O'Neill		Mickey Williams
	Victoria Gesell		

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

The Post 233 calendar of events is online at:

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

If you have a smart phone, you can connect to the e-calendar with your gmail account and have all the Post 233 event dates at your fingertips.

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.

Smoking is permitted outside and at the pavilion bar.

POST 233 is a FREE WiFi spot

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS CARD ON THE POST TV FOR ONLY \$75.00/YEAR

Ask the bartender for details



MIAP

On behalf of MIAP-FL I would like to wish each and every American Legion Family member a very Happy and Safe Holiday Season. By the time this newsletter is published we will have already celebrated Thanksgiving and now we are on to Christmas and New Years. Please enjoy this time of the year and if you chose to party please do so responsibly.

On Nov 7th MIAP – FL held “Call to Honor #4” to inter 10 veterans and 5 spouses of veterans at the Jacksonville National Cemetery. The City of Jacksonville requested that we hold this service during the “Week of Valor”. The oldest case that sat on a funeral home shelf dated back to 1988. We interred 2 WWI spouses, 9 WWII veterans & 2 spouses, 2 Korean War veterans and 1 spouse and 1 Vietnam veteran. Of these 6 were Army veterans & 5 were spouses of Army veterans. We also interred 3 Navy veterans & 1 Navy spouse.

I would like to thank AL Post 233 members for donating the metal name plates that had all the info for each person interred which were placed on the donated wooden urns.

ALA/ALR member Linda Williams played a huge part in this service taking on the task of assigning the volunteer pallbearers, flag & flower carriers. This is not an easy task. She was there to help set up 200 chairs and stayed to the very end to help stack them back up and so she did so much more. JR & Linda Mathis also attended this service. Linda volunteered to be a flag carrier and JR took many pictures for our history book. Legionnaire and VFW Commander James Durnal again participated by being a pallbearer. Jr, Linda & James also help with set up and break down.

To date this is the largest attended service with over 60 motorcycles escorting the hearse from the Hardage-Giddens Town & Country Funeral Home located on Normandy Blvd to the JNC. This escort was led by the Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office, Traffic Division. Including the volunteers, participants in the service and members of our surrounding communities there were well over 225 people in attendance.

Our next service will be held on Friday, March 27, 2015 @ 1:00pm at the JNC. If you would like to assist or participate in this service please contact me.

We are still in need of volunteers to work this project in the surrounding areas. There are many ways in which one can be a supporter or an active volunteer. MIAP-FL is also in need of donations. MIAP is a registered 501 (c) 3 Non-profit Cooperation with ALL the work being done by volunteers. Please go to our website at www.miap.us to read all about our work nationwide. Follow us on Facebook under MISSING IN AMERICA PROJECT – FL. Check out videos of services on YouTube.

Please contact me if you any questions regarding MIAP via email at miapjax@yahoo.com or you may call me at (904) 219-3035.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Church

MIAP- FL State Coordinator

miapjax@yahoo.com

www.miap.us

DID YOU KNOW??????

- 1) The City of Jacksonville’s Veterans Day Parade is the second largest Veterans Day parade in the US.
- 2) The Legion, Auxiliary, SAL & ALR can submit monthly reports, flyers or information to be published or noted in the following:
 - Patriot Reader – This is published by Mike Rothfeld with the Veterans Council of St. Johns County. This publication reaches out to well over 1,500 readers including employees at the Pentagon.
 - Flyers and information may be read and distributed at the Northeast Florida Veterans Council meeting which meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at Jacksonville City Hall. Anyone is welcome to attend this meeting.
 - Flyer and information can be read and distributed at the Veterans Council of St. Johns County which meets on the last Thursday of the month at the ELKS Club in St. Augustine. Anyone is welcome to attend this meeting.
 - We can publish free notes in the Beaches Leader and the St. Augustine Record.

These are all great ways to spread the word about what is going on at Post 233. Take advantage of all this FREE advertisement.

Each entity also has Facebook pages. This also goes for the 5th District. The ALR Chapter 233 now has a Twitter account @ALR233FL.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Church


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November 2014 GRADUATING CLASS



Thank you for your service and welcome home!
Charles & Tiff, Sam & Skinner, Josh & Bo Diddley, Brian & Bentley, and Hugh & Guinness





Post 233

**American Legion Auxiliary
Presents to you the
Children's Christmas Party!**



**December 13, 2014
11:00 am ~ 1:00 pm**

**Sponsor a
Child or
Donate to the
Christmas
Party!**

**All Children on the list must be 10 or under.
Every Child must be at the party to receive
their goodie bag and gift!**

**Every Child
under 10 can
be placed on
the list! The list
is at the Post
Just ask!**

**Come and see the Palm Valley Fire
Truck as they bring in Santa and
Elfie!**



**The deadline
for gifts to be
at the Legion
is Dec. 6th!**



Celebrate

*the holiday season
while bringing joy
to others!!*

Let's enjoy the Holidays
with **good friends**, **great
food**, and **Toys for Tots!**

Cover Charge: \$10 cash or \$10 (minimum) unwrapped
toy for Post 233's toy drive for the
Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program

**December 20th • 5:30pm: Heavy Hors d'Oeuvres
7:00pm: Beach Street Boogie**

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Contact Sheri Martinez (904) 790-2551 if you would
like to make a toy or cash donation or if you are
making a dish for the party. Sign-up sheets for
food donations can be found on the Legion's
bulletin board.



Thank you to those who have contributed to this newsletter.

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