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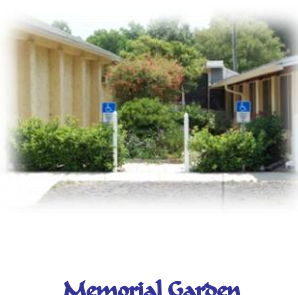
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'SMOKE FREE POST'

NOVEMBER 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](http://www.AL233FL.org)

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**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**



**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



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E-Board Mike Eatmon



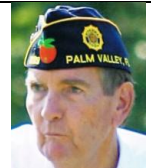
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E-Board Mike Williams

Vacant

Historian



Judge Advocate Ric Smith



Auxiliary President  
Judy Mills

**AUXILIARY:**  
1<sup>st</sup> V. President Kathy Helmly  
2<sup>nd</sup> V. 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:**  
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Treasurer Kathy Church  
Secretary Virna Waldron  
Chaplain Linda Williams  
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SAA Kevin Terranella  
Historian Virna Waldron  
Historian Kathy Helmly

**SAL:**

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



Canteen Mgr. Rita Connolly

**BARTENDERS:**

Anita  
Allyson  
Beth  
Debbie  
Lauren

## Commanders corner:



**Where** has the month of October gone? It seems that once the first of the month is here Halloween is right around the corner and it comes and goes just that fast. The Post 233 Halloween

Party was very successful as attested to by all of the photos and video posted on our Facebook pages.

On October 15<sup>th</sup> I held our first (next one in January) Town Hall meeting. The topic of discussion was primarily Post finances as they affect our monthly overhead. Many people spoke that evening and many great suggestions came out of the meeting which will be considered for the immediate future. At one point, PC Don Mills advanced to the stage and made a \$100 cash donation, which began the “passing of the hat” in the audience. We collected \$1,192.00 in donations for Post operations. At one point, SAL Commander Tex Ward, being caught up in the moment, made some remarks that were construed by many, including myself, to be inappropriate and racist. As Post Commander I apologize for not taking immediate action to correct the wrongdoing. Having since spoken to Tex, he agreed that a public apology was in order. His apology is published in his report further down in this newsletter. Now, for the donations, if you contributed and would like a receipt (for tax purposes), please email me and a receipt will be forthcoming. I would like to personally thank everyone who contributed that night.

I will be attending the Department of Florida American Legion Fall Conference from November 7-8-9, 2014 in Orlando and will report back in next months newsletter.

For God and Country,  
**Roy Havekost, Commander**

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## Chaplain



**It** is with heavy heart that I have accepted a letter of resignation from Chaplain Wilbur Burnett from his elected position of Chaplain. Wilbur has cited his inability to attend many functions and meetings due to his health. I would like to thank Wilbur for his past performance, service and volunteerism at the Post and I wish him good health and comfort for the future.

As the position of Chaplain is an important one, at the next meeting I will be appointing 5<sup>th</sup> District Chaplain Bill Reno to the position for the remainder of the 2014-15 term of office.

For God and Country,  
**Roy Havekost, Commander**

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Remember to



November 4th

## 3rd Vice



Our recognition luncheon on Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> for all Post 233 WWII Veterans is progressing nicely. Please save the date and plan on attending.

Final details will be available soon.

The Chili Cook Off is on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. Judging will be at 6:30 so you need to have you chili at the Post by 6:00pm. Entry fee is \$10 and there will be cash prizes.

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

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## Adjutant



**As** of October 31<sup>st</sup> we are 74.88% of our goal of 75% on November 5<sup>th</sup>. I just processed another three so we should meet our goal with 75.59%.

The goals are getting harder! Our next one is 85% on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. We need 40 renewals to meet this goal. If you haven't already renewed you can pay at the Post, drop it in the mail to P.O. Box 2494, Ponte Vedra, FL 32004, or pay online at [www.legion.org/renew](http://www.legion.org/renew).

Remember, anyone renewing on or before Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>, is eligible for our Early Bird dinner on January 10<sup>th</sup>. We are having Prime Rib prepared by Chef Mike Shaar, entertainment by Kenny Holliday and MIKE Jagger, and there will be door prizes for all those who renewed early.

A special thank you to Al Hernandez who has been helping us meet our goals by calling members and asking them to renew!!

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

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## Service Officer



I am working with the Commander to create a Service Officer page on the website so I can post 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



In October we had a great meal on Wednesday October 8th and we continue to help on all Friday night dinners, which it is greatly appreciated to all who volunteer to help prepare, serve and cleanup. October 12th was the 5th District meeting at Post 283 with four members in attendance, these meetings are very informative and you can meet people from different Posts. I would like to see more members attend them with us.

October 25th the Auxiliary held their Halloween party which was a great success. The costumes were awesome if you weren't there you missed a great meal and wonderful entertainment by Be a Star Wanda Karaoke. I would like to congratulate the winners of the costume contest; Best Couple Ron and Sydney I hope I got their names right, Best female Sylvia Bass and Best Male Pete Braud. The food was great and I would like to thank everyone who brought a dish and helped make it a great success, thanks to those who helped setup, serve and cleanup you all rock.

November 5th Marilyn Jett will be in the kitchen for the Auxiliary cooking Wednesday night dinner, thank you Marilyn the menu will be announced. There will not be a dinner on Wednesday night November 26, 2014 due to Thanksgiving is the next day and we will be serving a great dinner for all.

After the Town Hall meeting, we are all looking for ways to support the Legion Operating Fund. In addition to supporting events held at the Legion, individually-held projects are also an idea. Mark your calendars to support an event being planned by two members to benefit the Legion Operating Fund. Barbara Turley (Auxiliary & Riders) and Robby Bacom (Legion & Riders) are holding a personal garage sale and will be contributing 10% of their proceeds to the cause. The event will be held on Saturday, November 15, 8 am to 2 pm, at 140 Lori Lane, under the Palm Valley Bridge (west). Come rain or shine, there will be plenty of Christmas decorations, craft supplies, and interesting collectibles—and plenty of parking. I hope all of you can attend this sale and help the members and the Legion.

The Auxiliary is collecting canned and dry goods for our Thanksgiving baskets for the needy, Debbie Eatmon has found families from Ocean Palms School and Sherrie Martinez has graciously donated turkeys for this event. There is a box in the Legion so if you can bring in items and place them in the box to help us make this a great success I thank you. The Sons of the American Legion have offered to help with the Thanksgiving dinner thank you.

The Auxiliary regular meeting is on November 13, 2014 at 7:00pm please plan on being there we will be getting ready to fill our Thanksgiving baskets and planning Thanksgiving dinner. The Auxiliary Executive Committee meeting will be held on November 6, 2014 at 6:30pm.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY  
*Judy Mills ALA President*  
*Unit 233*

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## SAL



Greetings Men,

On behalf of the Sons of The American Legion Squadron 233 I want to wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving! I never can believe how fast these holidays come around!

**MEMEBERSHIP! 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 monthly meeting we will have a drawing from the names of members who have renewed for 2015. The winner 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 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!) The October drawing will be held in conjunction with the November drawing. 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. Remember that if you pay by November 11<sup>th</sup> you are automatically eligible to attend the **free** prime rib "Early Bird" dinner hosted by the Legion on January 10<sup>th</sup>!

Carl Porcaro served up a fantastic chicken cacciatore for our October Wednesday Night Dinner (once a month – on the 3rd Wednesday). In the kitchen to help were Mike Shaar, Howard Sheble, Gary Kalendek, John Paparelli and myself. 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, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>. Any ideas?

Now is the time to give back! Our Post is experiencing some financial difficulties and needs all of us to step 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.

Starting Friday, October 24 (and continuing through the holidays) we will be holding a raffle for a brand new 50" flat screen HDTV. The tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. The t.v. is on display at the Post and the drawing will be held on Saturday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>. What a great Christmas present this would make?? Also, on November 1<sup>st</sup> the Legion Riders from Post 316 are having their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Zombie Ride" fundraiser. Last year we had a blast when they all showed up dressed as zombies on their motorcycles and partied with us. Our Post is the second stop (around 7p.m.) so we decided to have our own zombie party to welcome them. The party starts at 6 pm and will go until we drop dead – no pun intended! Frankie Martin, Jr. will be hosting karaoke and we are asking everyone who can to bring a covered dish or appetizer to share. We will have the "Wheel Of Fortune" in full swing along with door prizes and others fun things.

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



### Canteen



Watch for further details regarding Post 233's Chili Cook-Off which will be held on November 15, 2014. Patrick Rose will be the entertainment, and he will be the emcee for the contest.

Events for November are:

Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> – Frankie Martin, Jr. hosting karaoke  
Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup> – Boz Man  
Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup> – Beach Street Boogie  
Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup> – Will Hurley

November 27<sup>th</sup> is Thanksgiving. As always, the Auxiliary will be preparing and serving a delicious holiday meal. Please celebrate the day with friends and family here at the Post.

Special thanks to our many volunteers.

*Rita Connolly, Canteen Manager*

*Note: Post opening hour for Mon-Tue-Wed-Sat is 4:00pm  
\*Post will open earlier if event is scheduled (call first)*

### MIAP



Call to Honor #4 will be held on Friday, November 7, 2014 @ 1:00pm at the Jacksonville National Cemetery. Admiral Guillory, USN (retired), Director of Military Affairs for the City of Jacksonville asked us to take part in the city's "Week of

Valor". We will be interring 10 veterans and 5 spouses for this service which is open to everyone in our communities.

*Kathy Church*  
MIAP- FL State Coordinator  
[miapjax@yahoo.com](mailto:miapjax@yahoo.com)  
[www.miap.us](http://www.miap.us)

### VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

Tuesday November 11<sup>th</sup> 10:00am  
Ponte Vedra Valley Cemetery / Post 233  
Class B Polo's & Legion Caps (suggested)

**SAL**, cont'd.:

All of the proceeds from these will go to the Legion operating fund. So, spread the word! I realize this is the day after Halloween so you might as well just stay in your costume and come to the party. I also know that it is the day of the Florida-Georgia game so come early, watch the game and stay for the party.

There are some exciting holiday events and fundraisers planned during the holiday season 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. 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.

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](mailto: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, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm following the "K9's for Warriors" graduation ceremony at 5:30. I urge you to be in attendance as the local chairman of the "Children Of Fallen Patriots" will be there to address us.

Remember 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

**\*\*ON A PERSONAL NOTE:** At the recent "Town Hall" meeting at the Post I inadvertently made a disrespectful "racist" remark that I regret saying. In this "politically correct" climate it was totally out of line and thoughtless. Those of you that know me realize that it was an anomaly and not the norm. I sincerely and honestly apologize to my friends, my fellow Legion members, Commander Roy and especially to anyone who was offended by this statement. The Legion is a very important part of my life and I respect all that it stands for. At this time I want to put this unfortunate episode behind me and, with the support of all of you, move forward in a positive way for the Legion. Thank you for understanding and continued support.

Humbly,  
TEX

### Thanksgiving Day Meal

Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup>  
Post 233



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS & TRANSFERS

James Lange (USMC), Joe Cawley (USMC), William Carey (Navy), Luis Socias (Navy), Gary Pacciano (Army), Ted Mauzey (Army), and Tom Knowles (Air Force). Transfers: Ronald Hecox (Navy, Post 138).



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY'S



<b>2</b>	Mary Merritt	<b>27</b>	Melvin Ard
<b>6</b>	Joni Corlew		Guy McFaddin
<b>9</b>	Kimberly Allison	<b>28</b>	Wilbur Burnett
<b>10</b>	Herb Bennett		Michael Dubin
<b>22</b>	Sherri Parker		Sean O'Callahan

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

## The Post 233 calendar of events is online at:

<http://www.al233fl.org/ealendar.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.**

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October 2014 GRADUATING CLASS



Thank you for your service and welcome home!  
Josh & Enzo, Mike & Chief, Tony & Liberty, Jose & Markus, and Don & Fletcher





# "ZOMBIE POKER RUN PARTY"

**Where: American Legion Post 233**

**When: November 1st**

**Time: 7:00 pm**

**Post 316 is having their Annual  
"Zombie Poker Run"**

**Come on out for some  
Zombie Fun!**

Last years Zombie  
Riders at Post 233



**Frankie Martin, Jr.  
Will be Hosting  
Karaoke**

**SAL  
Will provide  
Karaoke!**

**Proceeds to Benefit  
Post 233!**

**Everybody  
bring a  
covered dish  
to share!**

**Come Dressed as a  
Zombie ...  
It will be Fun!**

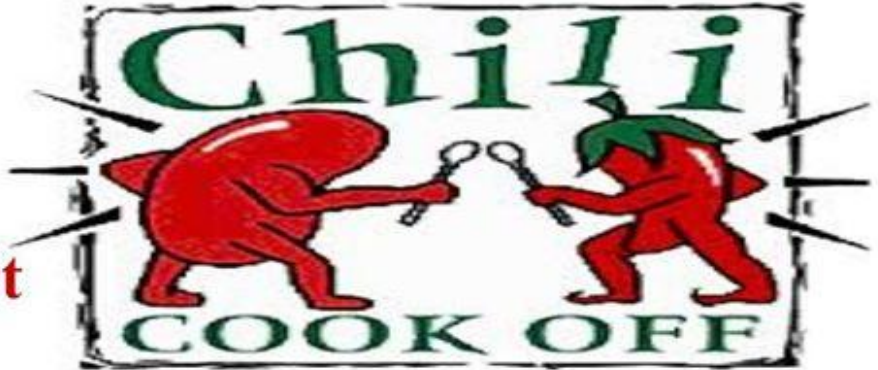


**AL Post 233 - 560 N Wilderness Trail, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, 32082**



# Post 233's

Judging will start  
at 6:30 pm!



Cash Prize's

November 15, 2014

@ 6:00 PM

\$10.00 ~ Entry Fee

Entertainment

Patrick Rose

7:00 pm



Best to bring  
your Chili in a  
Crockpot!



Happy Hour 4-7 pm



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*Thank you to those who have contributed to this newsletter.*

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**The American Legion**  
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