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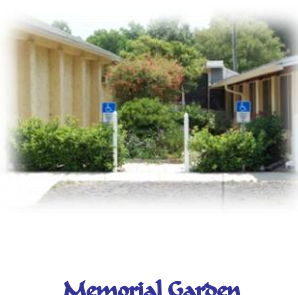
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'SMOKE FREE POST'

March 2015



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: 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

Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/AL233FL

Email: info@al233fl.org

Post telephone: 904.285.2484

Monday-Friday: Lunch 12:00n-2:00pm

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



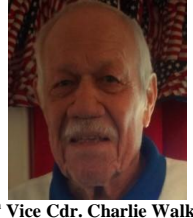
1st Vice Cdr. Dan Wortmann



2nd Vice Cdr. Don Mills



3rd Vice Cdr., Service Officer & Adjutant Sheri Martinez



4th Vice Cdr. Charlie Walker



Chaplain William 'Bill' Reno



Finance Tom Leppeard



Sgt. at Arms Sonny Kirkwood



Service Officer & E-Board Maury Lazenby



E-Board Jim Durnal



E-Board Mike Eatmon



E-Board Ted Veber



E-Board Mike Williams



Judge Advocate Ric Smith



Asst. Adjutant Jim Crutchfield



Historian JR Mathis
(pic coming soon)



Auxiliary President
Judy Mills

AUXILIARY:
1st V. President Kathy Helmlly
2nd V. President Amy Blair
Treasurer Allyson Bass
Secretary Angie Kees
Chaplain Celeste Sheble
SAA Sylvia Bass
Historian Linda Mathis
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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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 Helmlly

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1st Vice Cdr. Howard Sheble
2nd Vice Cdr. Mike Shaar
Adjutant-Finance J. Crutchfield
Chaplain Will Hurley
Historian John Gabbard



Canteen Mgr. Rita Connolly

BARTENDERS:
Anita
Allyson
Beth
Debbie
Amy

Commanders corner:



March is upon us. We have many things to look forward to this month, daylight savings starts on March 8th, the American Legion turns 96 on the 15th and the MIAP will hold another Call to Honor on the 27th.

An important organizational phase to be considered this month is the nominations of Post officer's for the 2015-2016 term. Nominations are held at the March and April meetings, with elections in May. The American Legion is a National organization which was chartered by the U.S. Congress in 1919, and as such is governed by a Constitution and By-Laws. In order for a Post to be a part of this organization it must follow the Constitution and By-Laws adopted by National. Whether you are seeking election or reelection to the position of Commander, Vice Commander, Executive Committee or other positions, it is imperative that you receive training in the goals and objectives of the American Legion, as well as in the position to which you are elected. Training such as LEAD (Leadership, Education And Development) the American Legion Extension Institute, Post Commanders school, and a host of other courses are offered during the annual Department convention and at various times in the District. In order for a Post to succeed, the training of Post officers is of an utmost necessity and importance. Properly trained officers will make for a well oiled machine and keep Post 233 on the right track for the future. If you are interested in running for office, please attend the monthly meeting this month on the 5th for placement on the nominating committee list.

The American Legion will be celebrating their 100th birthday in 2019 and programs and events are already underway at national, department, district and post levels to prepare for this upcoming centennial celebration.

I would like to take this opportunity to again thank all of the Post's volunteers who make all of the meal service days, nights and events days a complete success. Post 233 IS a LEGION FAMILY and it shows. Thank you Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Sons and Riders.

For God and Country,
Roy Havekost, Commander



Uniform accessories, apparel, pins, tacks, decals, patches and much more, for all Legion, Auxiliary, Sons and Riders needs.

HAPPY 3rd ANNIVERSARY
Chapter 233 Legion Riders
Chapter accepted and approved by
Department in March 2012

3rd Vice Commander



If you would like to know more about upcoming events, please email AmericanLegionPost233@yahoo.com and we will add you to our email lists.

In February we celebrated Valentine's Day with a free meal of lasagna, salad, garlic bread, and strawberry shortcake for dessert. We served 60 meals and everyone had a great time.

Again, it is **volunteers** that make these event so successful. Please consider taking your turn to help man an event because when the same people volunteer over and over, they do not get to enjoy the event as much as everyone else. Here is a list of events that are coming up over the year:

March 21st Chowder Cook Off
May (date TBD).....Memorial Day
June (date TBD).....Summer Kickoff Cookout – Free to current members
July 4thFourth of July/Membership Drive
September (date TBD)....End of Summer Cook Off
October 10thWWII Luncheon
November 21st.....Early Bird Dinner – Prime Rib
December 12th.....Cowboy Night

One event per year is all we ask! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me at (904) 790-2551. You can collect money, help setup, help with dishes, serve food, help clean up afterwards, or fundraise to help make our events for cost effective. We need **you** to help us make Post 233 the best Post possible.

On March 21st, we will hosting The Great Chowder Cookoff!

- \$10 entry fee. All fees collected are used for prize money. The more that enter, the higher the prizes!
- Entries must be at the Post no later than 6:00pm
- Anonymous judging will begin at 6:30pm
- All chowders are eligible – not limited to seafood.
- Once judging is complete, all entries will be sold for \$5/bowl or \$8 for a bowl and grilled cheese.

For God and Country,
Sheri Rodriguez, 3rd Vice Cdr.



Our membership goal for March 4th is 100%. We are currently at 99.53% but after the renewals I just sent in are counted, we will be at 99.76%. What does this mean? It means that we will need ONE more renewal by March 4th to make 100%. We are **so** close to the finish line! If you have not already renewed, please mail it in, drop if off at the Post, or renew online at www.legion.org/renew.

For God and Country,
Sheri Rodriguez, Adjutant

Auxiliary:



Well February is gone and believe me the Auxiliary went out with a bang, the Mardi Gras Party was a fabulous and beautiful event New Orleans would be proud of our rendition. Flat Black was wonderful as usual and Serena Bass won our 50" TV boy was she sooooo excited and happy. This was a great event for both the Auxiliary and the Legion, the bar did great, thank you all that was involved and helped make this successful.

The Auxiliary will be preparing a basket to be raffled off by Easter so keep a look out for the details I know it will be awesome.

I don't know of anything right now that the Auxiliary has planned for March but the Legion is trying to get a chowder cook-off planned for the 21st of March, if anyone would like to become a contestant in this cook-off please sign up with Sheri Rodriquez, there is an entry fee of \$10.00 which goes towards the winnings, so if you think you have the winning recipe get signed up, this is for all entities Legion, ALA, SAL and Rider members so don't be bashful come on sign up.

The Auxiliary regular meeting will be held on March 12th at 7:00pm with our District President Annie Anderson in attendance so please try to attend.

The 5th District meeting will be held on March 8th at Post 194 in St. Augustine if you would like to attend let me know and we can car pool.

The ABC School of Instruction will be held on March 14th at Post 316 in Mayport, if you have not been to one of these classes you should try to attend it if very informative as far as the Auxiliary goes, if you would like to carpool let me know.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY
GOD BLESS AMERICA

Judy Mills, President



THE AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Participate in parades and other ceremonies that are in keeping with the Aims and Purposes of the American Legion. To promote motorcycle safety programs and to provide a social atmosphere for American Legion members who share the same interest. To use our Association to promote and support programs of the American Legion through service to our Community, State and Nation.

Any person who is a member of the American Legion, Auxiliary or SAL is welcome to join the ALR. You do not have to own a motorcycle to become a member. We offer yearly membership for \$25.00 or life time memberships for \$100.00. Come join in on the rider's fun. Please contact Kathy Church, ALR Treasurer and Membership Chair for more details.

ALR Chapter 233 cooks breakfast every 3rd Sunday of the month. We hold our regularly monthly meeting at 12n after we complete breakfast. We also cook Wednesday night dinners on the 1st Wed of the month with any month that has five Wednesdays in it. Our next time to cook dinner will be on Wednesday, April FOOLS DAY!!!!!!

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Church, Treasurer/Membership - ALR 233

SAL:



Gentlemen, Gentlemen it is time to show your support for "OUR" SAL Squadron 233. That is correct, membership time. Please take this is just a friendly reminder that if you have not paid our dues for 2015, it is past time to do this. In order to serve you better, we have made it extremely easy to pay your dues. You say you do not come by the Post very often, then just drop a check in the mail and address it to SAL Squadron 233, 560 N. Wilderness Trail, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082. Go ahead and do it now so you will not forget. You can drop by the Post Monday-Friday from 11:00am-9:00pm and Saturday 4:00pm-10:pm and leave your check or case in an envelope marked for SAL Adjutant Jim Crutchfield. The bartender on duty will be glad to take the payment and put it in a secure place for me to pick up. I will send you your new card as soon as I process your payment. REMEMBER, you must have your current year card in order to vote for your choices for our Officers for next year.

Nominations will be taken at our regular Membership Meetings on the third Thursday of March, April, and May with voting in May. Any person desiring to run for office for next year must be current with their dues and be nominated. You are also required to be current with your membership - have a 2015 card- in order to vote. Great things are happening at Post 233 so come join up, pay your dues and be a part of a new day for Post, Squadron, Unit, and Chapter 233.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at email: crutch1030@aol.com, or cell 904.679.9839. Looking forward to getting to know you better.

Proud Possessors of a Priceless Heritage.

Jim Crutchfield, SAL Adjutant/Finance Officer



*Now serving lunch
Mon-Fri 12n-2pm
Come in and meet our
new cook Danielle
Daily Specials*

CANTEEN:



If you haven't already met our newest bartender, Amy Carson, please stop by Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays during the day shift. Amy is a great addition to our staff and has a wonderful sense of humor. Please come in and welcome her.

Effective March 1st we will no longer offer a drink of the week. This special did not produce the anticipated results and therefore was canceled by the House Committee.

Scheduled entertainment for March is:

- Friday, March 6 – Frankie Martin, Jr. hosting karaoke
- Friday, March 13 – The Boz Man
- Thursday, March 19 – K-9 Graduation Ceremony
- Friday, March 20 – Chris Cave (Elvis tribute singer)
- Saturday, March 21 – Chowder Cook-Off
- Friday, March 27th – Beach Street Boogie

For more details information go to our e-calendar online at: <http://www.al233fl.org/ecalendar.htm>.

Remember to visit the Post on Friday's to play our newest fundraising game SPIN TO WIN \$\$\$\$\$. The jackpot continues to grow each week that there is no winner. Play from 7:00pm to 9:00pm drawing time. Winning ticket holder must be present to SPIN TO WIN!

Chapter 233



Riders Event

ALR Chapter 233 will be hosting our 3rd annual Poke Run for DREAMS COME TRUE, Saturday, Feb 28th with KSU at 10:00am. Registration starts at 9:00am. Anyone is welcome to join in on this run - you don't have to have a bike. You can ride in your car or be a passenger on someone's bike. The last bike back in at the Post is expected around 5:00pm at which time we will be selling dinners. You will have a choice of Fish & Fries with Cole Slaw or Chicken Wings and Fries with Cole Slaw for a \$5.00 donation. We will also be selling home made Lumpia Rolls for \$1.00 each. DJ Mike Morgan will be providing music for us and we have LOTS of raffle prizes. Invite you family and friends to join in to support the ALR, DREAMS COME TRUE and AL Post 233.

JUST 10 YEARS AGO:

- People envied you if you had a flip phone
- They envied you more if your phone had a camera
- You didn't let people use your phone because of your 'minutes'
- You rented videos at Blockbuster and Hollywood Video
- You joined MySpace
- You had flare jeans
- YOU SERVED IN THE MILITARY...
YOU LOVED YOUR COUNTRY



According to the Department of Veterans Affairs 22 veterans commit suicide each day. Stop22 is a National awareness campaign to show our military members, both active and retired that they are not forgotten. K9s for Warriors, Ponte Vedra, FL, is doing their part to help post 9/11 veterans with PTSD and TBI and helping spread #STOP22 awareness. As American Legion Post 233 Commander here in Ponte Vedra, I challenge all American Legion Posts across the nation to show support for #STOP22 and #K9sSTOP22. Post 233 intends to recruit at least 22 new veterans, can you OUTDO our 22?



WELCOME ABOARD:

Oscar Rodriguez USMC, Thomas Delahunt USA, Ron Bethmann USN, Stephen Young USA, Greg Cressman USA, Maurice Bower USA, Michael Kindell USA, Lowell Dent USN, Mark Carland USMC, Arthur Stegmayer USA, Paul LoBrutto USA, Walter Smith USN and John Barnett USN.





**MISSING IN AMERICA PROJECT
FEBRUARY 24, 2015**

MIAP – FL is in the final planning stages for CALL TO HONOR #5 which will be held on Friday, March 27, 2015 @ 1:00pm at the Jacksonville National Cemetery. Currently for this service we will be interring 5 Navy, 2 Army and 2 Air Force veterans along with 1 Navy spouse and 2 Army spouses. We encourage and invite all members of our community to attend this service to inter with honor and dignity these veterans and spouses who have gone unclaimed on a funeral home shelves dating back to 1971. It is fitting and proper that we do this.

MIAP - FL is slowing branching out across the state getting more volunteers on board but we are still in dire need of more. This project will not be completed until we have worked with all funeral homes, crematoriums, medical examiner's offices, hospitals, etc. With that being said you can see this will be a very long working project. If you would like to become part of a dedicated team to help locate, identify and inter the unclaimed cremated remains of veterans, spouses and dependents please go to our website. Read what we have been doing nation wide. Sign up as a supporter (if you do so please keep an eye on your SPAM email) and you will receive a welcoming letter from Charlie Warthling, MIAP National Assistant Vic President. There are many ways in which you can work on this project.

As of 2/20/2015 below is our nation wide Progress to Date Statistics

Funeral Homes Visited	1,712
Cremains Located	10,546
Veterans Cremains Identified	2,509
Veterans Interred	2,298
Total # of States active	48

If you are a member of any organization and would like for myself and other MIAP volunteers to do a presentation on MIAP at one of your meetings we are available to do this. The more we can do this the more the word is spread about this important project.

Feel free to contact me at my info below if you want to learn more about MIAP further.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Church
MIAP-FL State Coordinator

miapjax@yahoo.com

(904) 219-3035

www.miap.us

Facebook - MISSING IN AMERICA PROJECT - FLORIDA



MARCH BIRTHDAY'S



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

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

POST 233 "MEAL DEAL" SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Are you one of those people who would love to volunteer to help your Post but you don't trust your culinary skills or aren't able to manage the kitchen duties?

We've got a DEAL for you! There are others willing to do the work for you and better yet, you get all the credit. Become a Post 233 LEGIONNAIRE MEAL SPONSOR and all the planning, shopping, cooking, service and clean-up will be taken care of and you will be honored as that Wednesday evening's Meal Sponsor. Your dinner will be on the house and you can even request a favorite meal you would like to have prepared.

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

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



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

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.


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Make check payable to American Legion Post 233. Your check and business card can be left in the Commanders mailbox.

Business cards that missed the payment deadline will be posted immediately to the website when your payment is received.

More business card advertising available here...

AMERICAN LEGION 5TH DISTRICT



FUND RAISER



JACKSONVILLE NATIONAL CEMETERY MEMORIAL MARKER



The local American Legion Posts in Northeast Florida are raising funds to erect a memorial at the Jacksonville National Cemetery

(This is an example not the final design)

The estimated cost of a memorial is \$16-18k

PLEASE HELP THIS EFFORT TO RAISE FUNDS FOR
THE MONUMENT



SMITH & WESSON MP 10 .308 CALIBER RIFLE ON RAFFLE

\$10 PER RAFFLE TICKET

DRAWING WILL BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH A 5TH DISTRICT AMERICAN
LEGION POST ROUND ROBIN EVENT ON MAY 23, 2015

(Winner will pick rifle up at a registered dealer so clearance and legal registration is accomplished)

GET TICKETS NOW, LIMITED QUANTITIES WILL BE SOLD

Contact: Gary Lester 904-590-5395 or lectergr@gmail.com

SEE 3rd Vice Sheri Rodriguez for tickets/information



FEBRUARY GRADUATING CLASS



Thank you for your service:

*Fabian & Duke
Matt & Falcon
Joshua & Hampton
Byron & Hoosier
Kevin & Eli*

And welcome to your new life...



COMING ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6th 2015
and every Friday night thereafter

Post 233s

'SPIN TO WIN' \$\$\$\$ FUNDRAISER

- **Tickets (\$1 each) will be sold from 8pm to 10pm with a weekly drawing at 10pm**
- **Winning ticket holder will spin the wheel to win a cash prize**
- **Prize amount (\$500) will increase each week if there is no winner**
- **Complete fundraiser rules posted at the bar**
- **Prize amounts will be listed weekly on Facebook or you can call the Post at 904-285-2484**
- **Post 233, 560 N. Wilderness Trail Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082.**

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