



AL233FL Newsletter



Volume 20

'SMOKE FREE POST'

November 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

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

Website: www.AL233FL.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/AL233FL

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Post telephone: 904.285.2484



We are a Smoke Free Post, 24/7
 Smoking only allowed outside,
 since February 2014



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NEVER FORGET ~ POW's & MIA's



2015



Commander
Sonny Kirkwood



1st Vice Commander
Jim Durnal



Chaplain
William 'Bill' Reno



Finance Officer
Tom Leppard



SAA
JR Mathis



E-Board
Ted Veber



Auxiliary President
Kathy Helmly

AUXILIARY:
1st Vice President Amy Blair
2nd Vice President: Vacant
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

Bartenders:
Debbie, Allyson, Amy, Coop, Patty, Carline, and Anita

OFFICERS

NO PICTURE
AVAILABLE
AT THIS TIME

2nd Vice Commander
Susan Severson

VACANT

Historian



E-Board
Mike Williams



SAL Commander
Howard Sheble

SAL:
1st Vice Cdr. Jason Bass
2nd Vice Cdr. Mike Shaar
Adjutant-Finance J.
Crutchfield
Chaplain Will Hurley
Historian John Gabbard

2016



3rd Vice Commander
Bob Bleak



E-Board
Maury Lazenby



Judge Advocate
Roy Havekost



Rider's Director
Kevin Terranella

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



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John Schumm
4th Vice Commander

NO PICTURE
AVAILABLE
AT THIS TIME

E-Board
Ed Butler



Commander's Corner:

Hello Post 233 Family:

Membership! Membership! Membership! American Legion (National) will be raising dues January 1st by \$8.00 – please renew early and save \$8.00 for every year you pre-pay. Post 233 dues will go to \$45 annually effective January 1st – please renew now! Please note the Bartenders have been tasked to see your membership cards for 2016!

Our Post is in a financial struggle due to many issues and I plan on holding a “town hall” meeting in December to present our status and plan to move forward – more details to follow!

I had the honor to present eight (8) Letters of Appreciation to the K-9 for Warriors Graduates – truly amazing!

Additionally, a special thanks to everyone who made the World War II luncheon/ceremony a memorable event – I heard nothing but positive comments from everyone who attended – thank you again!

On a serious note, we have experienced some unfortunate incidents at the Post that have created some negativity that were uncalled for and unacceptable! However, I believe in life that if we learn from our mistakes and walk away with something “positive,” then it’s beneficial to all parties. Life is too short and all I want is for our members and guests to enjoy their time at the Post.

I will be attending the Fall Conference in Orlando from 12-15 November for additional information/training.

I close with a big **THANK YOU** to all the folks that have been volunteering and stepping up-to-the-plate – let’s keep that force growing!!!

For God and Country,

Sonny Kirkwood, Commander 2015-2016



2nd Vice Commander's Corner:

For God and Country,

Susan Severson, 2nd Vice Commander.



3rd Vice Commander's Corner:

For God and Country

Bob Bleak, 3rd Vice Commander



4th Vice Commander's Corner:

For God and Country

John Schumm, 4th Vice Commander



Director of the Rider's Corner:

For God and Country,

Kevin Terranella, Director



Judge Advocate:

As the Department of Florida Social Media Chairman, I will be attending the annual fall conference being held in Orlando on November 12-15th, 2015. As part of my duties as chairman I will be holding a Social Media Training Class on Saturday November 14th. The topic of this class will be promoting your Facebook presence for your Post or District page or group. The class will also be shown the WWII veterans interviews on video that were shown at our WWII luncheon this past month. In addition, I will also be attending other in service training classes myself. Vets helping Vets!

Roy Havekost, Social Media Chairman
Department of Florida & 5th District Florida
socialmedia@legionmail.org



Auxiliary President's Corner:

Hello to the entire Legion family!

Membership....Membership....our Monkey is at the top of our mighty palm...let’s get this Monkey down the tree and off Kathy Church’s back!! Thanks to everyone who has already renewed and welcome if you are a new member!! Remember renew before November 11th to be eligible for the Early Bird dinner.

Another Great month!!! Our Ladies participated in several events, including the WW11 Luncheon, K9 graduation, Football Sunday, Wednesday night meals and breakfast.

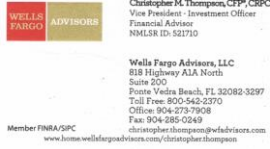
If you missed our Halloween Party, you missed a great evening of amazing fun! The costumes were very creative and the food was great! Thanks to all that made this event a success.

Last month I started giving “Presidents Awards” to the ladies that most exemplified service and volunteerism. Last month’s awards went to Brenda Cowgill who is an unsung hero, she collects many coupons, assists with every Auxiliary event and has collected hundreds of dollars in donations for Football Sunday. The other recipient was Sylvia Bass for always volunteering to make our magnificent baskets that are the envy of all!!

Please don’t forget about our “buddy baskets,” this is an ongoing

Adjutant's Corner:

No report this month.



program, we currently have two baskets that we will present in November, along with a basket that will be taken to convention. Save the dates!! – November 10th at 9:00 am everyone is invited to a Veteran's Day Celebration at Ocean Palms Elementary School, 355 Landrum Lane, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082. All are welcome. Please wear your legion attire. The children will honor you with speeches and songs. November 22 is our breakfast, this month we will not have a Wednesday night dinner as it is the day before Thanksgiving. My wish is that everyone enjoys a magnificent Thanksgiving as we have so much to be thankful for. Our monthly meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:00pm, our next meeting will be held on November 12th. I hope to see a lot of new faces!

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY
GOD BLESS AMERICA
Kathy Helmly, President 2015-2016

DONN'T WORRY- BE HAPPY!



Football @ Post 233:

Prior to the beginning of the current NFL season we offered an opportunity to win a great prize. All you had to do was just guess the total Touchdowns our Jaguars will score during the entire regular season. You also had to guess the total score of the final game of the regular season versus Houston on January 3rd. This 2nd guess would be used as a tiebreaker. 52 of our members and guests entered this fun challenge for an entry fee of \$5. At the end of the regular season 1 winner will receive \$208.

The Jaguars have surprised many of us so far- 18 td's in 7 games. (WOW- we've had 18 1/2 price drinks?) Some who entered but guessed low, some who just want to pick another total and some who failed to enter before the cut-off date have asked for another shot at it. So here we go- see me before the 2nd chance cutoff at 6:00 pm on Thursday November 19 and I'll record your guesses. All entrants will receive a free ticket for a special raffle which will be held at 1/2 time of the Jaguars 1:00 game on January 3rd. The winner of the special raffle will receive a \$25.

And of course your entry donation benefits Palm Valley/Ponte Vedra American Legion Post 233.

Ted Veber
Football @ Post 233 Coordinator
E-Board Member



SAL Commander's Corner:

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No input this month.

For God and Country,

Howard Sheble
SAL Commander
shebles@msn.com



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY's

Please visit the website for birthdays and much more!!!

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

ADVERTIZE 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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play the
'SPIN TO WIN' FUNDRAISER**

- Tickets (\$1 each) will be sold from 7pm to 9pm with a weekly drawing at 9pm
- Winning ticket holder will spin the wheel to win a cash prize
- Prize amount 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 North Wilderness Trail, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082.