



AL233FL Newsletter



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'SMOKE FREE POST'

October 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

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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

OFFICERS

2016



**Commander
Sonny Kirkwood**



**1st Vice Commander
Jim Durnal**

**NO PICTURE
AVAILABLE
AT THIS TIME**

**2nd Vice Commander
Susan Severson**



**3rd Vice Commander
Bob Bleak**

**NO PICTURE
AVAILABLE
AT THIS TIME**

**John Schumm
4th Vice Commander**



**Chaplain
William 'Bill' Reno**



**Finance Officer
Tom Leppard**

VACANT

Historian



**E-Board
Maury Lazenby**

**NO PICTURE
AVAILABLE
AT THIS TIME**

**E-Board
Ed Butler**



**SAA
JR Mathis**



**E-Board
Ted Veber**



**E-Board
Mike Williams**



**Judge Advocate
Roy Havekost**



**Adjutant & E-Board
Jim Crutchfield
Canteen Manager**



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



**Auxiliary President
Kathy Helmly**



**SAL Commander
Howard Sheble**



**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

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

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



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 most likely go to \$45 annually – please renew now!

Audit results will be presented at the October 1st Executive Board and General Membership meeting.

I want to thank First Vice Commander Jim Durnal for filling for me at the MIA/POW Ceremony – thanks, Jim!

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

Judge Advocate:



Law & Order Awards Event

Law and Order Awards presentation on Saturday September 12th. Post 233 First Vice Commander James Durnal officiated the ceremony. Roy Havekost, Event Chairman and Dan Wortmann, Co-Chairman serve on the Law and Order Committee for the Post and both are retired from careers in law enforcement and firefighting, respectively. The Law and Order Program is a nationally sponsored American Legion Program that honors local police and firefighters across the nation for their dedication, courage and bravery.

Senior Deputy Rafael Fuentes, St. Johns County Palm Valley American Legion Post #233 held the 4th Annual Sheriff's Office was presented with a Certificate of Commendation with Commendation Bar for his Outstanding Public Service to the St. Johns County Community and a plaque honoring him as the **Law Enforcement Officer of the Year 2015**.

Firefighter Jason Baer, St. Johns County Fire-Rescue was presented with a Certificate of Commendation with Commendation Bar for his Outstanding Public Service to the St. Johns County Community and a plaque honoring him as the **Firefighter of the Year 2015**.

This annual event is scheduled in conjunction with Patriot Day when we remember the most courageous heroes of September 11, 2001. Prior to the awards presentations the recipients, their families and guests were served a BBQ chicken luncheon by the Unit 233 Auxiliary. I would like to thank all those members and guests who attended and who helped honor and support these two recipients, their colleagues and their families.

For God and Country,

Roy Havekost, Law & Order Awards Chairman

Dan Wortmann, Law & Order Awards Co-Chairman



2nd Vice Commander's Corner:

A hearty THANK YOU to everyone who has taken time out of their busy days to attend planning meetings and even more so to those who have volunteered to help me ensure meals continue to be served to our membership! It has not been without hiccups, but many of you have been exceedingly gracious with your patience as I get all of us into a routine that works to the benefit and betterment of our Post. We have had to make some tough decisions and experienced no small amount of trepidation as to the impact of those decisions, but I do believe that we are moving in a positive direction. I must, however, ask again and again for your help. The Legion is responsible for an average of 4-5 meals served a month and it does take the participation of all to deliver quality meals on time and on budget. If you can spare a few hours on a Friday or Wednesday night, or a Sunday morning, it would be most appreciated. This past Friday night (Sept. 25), the kitchen served 70 steak dinners (Yay!). We had 5 of us working in the kitchen and 4 more in the dining room (Thank you Thank you Thank you, if you were one of the 9!). We had very few speed bumps and we were done by 8:30 p.m. On the other hand, on Sept. 4, there were only 3 of us to cook, serve, bus, and clean. It was a MUCH longer night. Many hands make light work and besides that, the more the merrier! I hope you'll step up to help myself and the Commander as we strive to create consistent excellence at Post 233.

In October, the Legion is responsible for meals on the 1st and 4th Friday, the 1st Sunday, the 2nd Wednesday, and the WWII Luncheon on the 17th. If you are available to help, would like to sponsor a meal, or have a meal request, please contact me directly at (904) 382-6802. I look forward to more positive growth!

For God and Country,

Susan Severson, 2nd Vice Commander.



3rd Vice Commander's Corner:

I am excited to be a part of the Legion team and look forward to working with everyone as we move Post 233 forward and profitable!

For God and Country

Bob Bleak, 3rd Vice Commander



4th Vice Commander's Corner:

I, too, am excited to be a part of the Legion team and look forward to working with everyone as we move Post 233 forward and profitable!

For God and Country

John Schumm, 4th Vice Commander



Director of the Rider's Corner:

Canteen Manager & Adjutant's Corner:

ALL LEGION MEMBERS!!!! The time has come once again for you to renew your membership for the Legion year 2015-2016. Do not forget that dues will be increasing by \$8.00 effective 1 January 2016. I am at the Post Monday-Friday from 0930-1700 so stop on by and take care of the renewal. For your convenience, you can pay by debit or credit card, check, and cash. You will immediately receive your new membership card. If you choose to come by the Post we can also check your contact information in the system to be sure we have your correct information. Frequently we send out notices and some always come back as undeliverable as addressed. We know you want to know what is happening at your Post, so keep us informed on how to contact you.

One such important event is our Annual WWII Veterans Luncheon that will be taking place on Saturday October 17th at 1100 (11am). We will have an "open mic" for the veterans to tell their experiences during the war. This will go on as long as they want to talk. The event will be complementary to the veteran and one guests. All other guests are requested to contribute \$10.00 for their meal. We will honor the veterans with a special program and then we will have the "open mic." The menu will be meat loaf, mashed potatoes and vegetables and dessert.

If you have not been to a General Membership meeting in a while, I strongly encourage you to attend one as soon as possible. We meet on the first Monday evening of each month at 1930hrs (7:30pm) at the Post. Things are happening here at the Post and changes are being made to improve our financial position and facility. Come to the meetings so you can be a part of the change. Every member's ideas are important to us. Palm Valley Post 233 has been and will continue to be an outstanding Post in the 5th District of Florida. In order for this to be, we MUST all work together as a family and help one another continue to put Palm Valley Post 233 first in our minds and thoughts.

The Palm Valley Post 233 Family is composed of members of The American Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion and American Legion Riders. Contact the Post Adjutant at: Post 904-285-2484 or cell 904-679-9839 or email adjutant@al233fl.org for detailed information on how you can join or renew your membership.

Jim Crutchfield

Adjutant
904-679-9839

CANTEEN MANAGER

Congrats to ALR Assistant Director John Schumm for taking on a position as 4th Vice for Post 233 Legion. Welcome aboard new Post 233 Riders Kathy Schumm, Roger Delaney, Commander Sonny Kirkwood and Kai Bunge. Membership is open to motorcycle riders and non-riders alike, who share the same goal of supporting our Post and having fun doing it. We are the 70 MPH advertisement for Post 233! This year the Riders multi-state Legacy Run raised more than 1.2 million for the children of fallen service members!!!

What is a Poker Run? A poker run is an organized event where participants, using motorcycles, or other means of transportation must visit five to seven checkpoints, drawing a playing card at each one. The object is to have the best poker hand at the end of the run, and win a prize. The event has a time limit, however the participants are not timed—winning is purely a matter of chance. Chapter 233 ALR will be hosting a Poker Run to benefit MIAP in February. Generally the rides are between 100-150 miles with stops at other AL Posts, VFWs, or other points of interest. The final stop will be at Post 233 with grand prize awarded along with many other prizes, music and party into the night. By taking part in a Poker Run you have fun while supporting AL Posts in the 5th District.

UPCOMING EVENTS/POKER RUNS:

- 3 October Roll the Dice Fun Run ALR 129
- 10 October Stark Bikefest
- 11 October Kids Safe Zone Poker Run ALR
- 10-15 October Biketoberfest Daytona Beach
- 31 October Zombie Run ALR 316

PLEASE JOIN THE RIDERS AT THE FOLLOWING:

- Riders host dinner the 1st Wednesday of every month 6:30-8P
- Riders host dinner 2nd Friday of each month.
- Riders host breakfast the 3rd Sunday of every month 9-11:30AM.
- ALR General Membership meeting is the 3rd Sunday of every month at 12PM and all are welcome.
- Join us on Facebook @American Legion Riders Chapter 233 Palm Valley Florida or tweet us @ALR233FL

For God and Country,
Kevin Terranella, Director



Auxiliary President's Corner:

Hello to the entire Legion family!

Palm Valley Post 233 is the place to be!! Come in and enjoy the fun and relax and have a great time. Football season is here and we have games on every Saturday and Sunday. Come in on Saturday and enjoy your adult beverages while you cheer on your favorite team. Be sure to wear your team colors. Saturday is college day and we have four TVs going for your watching enjoyment. Bring your friends and enjoy a time of socializing while you enjoy a cold beverage fellowship. Sunday is really a great day to be at Palm Valley Post 233. The day starts at 0900 with breakfast cooked by one of the Post entities. These meals include all your breakfast favorites. This is followed at 1230hrs by NFL Football featuring your Jacksonville Jaguars. Ted Veber and his gang start at 1230. Just before kick-off, Celeste Sheble will perform the National Anthem. Free snacks and games will be provided during the football game. Wear your team colors. The next game is Sunday 4 October against IND Colts at 1300, 11 October against Tampa Bay 1300, and 18 October against Houston 1300. The next game will be London, England against Buffalo at 0930, yes that is correct 0930, remember the time difference.

For your convenience and enjoyment, your Palm Valley Post 233 Canteen is open Monday-Saturday from 1100-?? and Sunday from 0900-??. The closing time each day is determined by the bartender on duty. When things begin to slow down after 2100hrs, the bartender will make "last call" and then close. By State law, the building will be totally closed and empty not later than 0200.

We not serve food at the bar all day (except when meals are served from the kitchen). The menu varies, but usually offers pulled pork, ham burgers, pizza, cheese sticks, etc. If you have a group of 15 or more who want to come in for lunch, just phone ahead at least two days prior and we will be glad to accommodate you.

Our main goal is to be a friendly place where you can enjoy a relaxing time with your favorite beverage and some good food. Your support will allow us to continue to be "Veterans helping Veterans and their families."

Jim Crutchfield
Canteen Manager

For God and Country,

Jim Crutchfield
Adjutant & Canteen Manager

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. Ready for Halloween?? If not, get your ghoulish costume ready for the Halloween Party on the 24th of October. The ladies will provide sides, Wanda and Big John will be rocking the house with karaoke and don't forget about the best costume prizes!!

We will be transforming our post on October 3rd at 11:00 am, all assistance is welcomed. We will also have a great basket that will be raffled on the 24th, ALL proceeds from the basket will go towards purchasing gifts our Kids Christmas Party on December 19th @ 11:00 am. So please get your tickets!

A huge thank you to everyone that provided sides and assistance for the Labor Day and Law and Order event, as always you ladies are the absolute best!! Also, thanks to all of the Ladies that have gotten donations for our football Sunday's. If anyone needs a donation letter, please let me know. Let's continue to work as a team with the other entities to ensure this continues to be a huge success. Come out and enjoy the fun!

Have you heard about "buddy baskets" and why they are so important?? Well, when Veterans move from shelters into housing, they have NOTHING....NOTHING at all... items in the buddy basket cannot be purchased with food stamps. They are not asking for money, they just need a much needed hand up. We would like everyone to participate in this program, we collect hampers and put supplies such as tooth paste, tooth brushes, toilet paper, shampoo, conditional, hair brush, tissue, cleaning products, light bulbs, shower curtain, 2 plates, 2 bowls, 2 cups, silverware for 2, bath and hand towels...you get the idea. Please help support this great project!

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 another date is November 17th our WW11 Luncheon from 11am – 3:00pm.

Our October meals are Sunday the 25th, come enjoy a great breakfast and stay for the game and prizes, and Wednesday the 28th. We are always in need of cook teams and sponsorships.

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GOD BLESS AMERICA
Kathy Helmly, President 2015-2016



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SAL Commander's Corner:

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We would like to welcome Roger Akey as our new 1st Vice Commander and welcome back Jim Crutchfield as the SAL Adjutant, Advisor and Finance Officer. They both bring a tremendous amount of talent and expertise to the SAL and we are fortunate to have them both on the Board.

Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday meals have been a tremendous success thanks to the following folks: Chef Jason Bass, Chef Mike Shaar, our newest member, Chef Paulie Zito, John Paparelli, Roger Akey, Dee Durnal, Celeste Sheble, Lynette, Kathy Church, Commander Sonny and Linda Mathis. We always welcome new people to our fold. If you would like to participate, please give a note with your contact information to the bartender on duty. Even if you can only spare a short while, you'll like the atmosphere!

Positive Changes at Post 233:
 POW/MIA Ceremony, power washing of the front of the building, new chance machines, landscaping, new "Wheel of Fortune" games, a new "Point of Sale" register system to be installed shortly, and previous changes which have been a big success including draft beer and bar food/bar snacks. Sunday Football Event – every Sunday with food, snacks, prizes and gift cards. Just on deck – WET BURRITO NIGHT COMING!!

Membership:
 Now is a great time to renew your membership at Post 233 and help us grow stronger and you are assured a seat at the scrumptious "Early Bird" dinner being planned.

- How you can contribute to the renewed success at Post 233:**
- Become a sponsor of any meal event and request your favorite dining pleasure.
 - Contribute adult beverages to our successful "Wheel of Fortune."
 - Contribute merchandise, gift cards, electronics, or your choice for our "Wheel of Fortune" benefit.
 - Contribution with stipulation of your desire of specific project completion. Example: Landscape, canteen, etc.)

Your new leadership wants your input and continued help, and we are working very hard to make that happen. Please contact me or any officer with your questions / comments / contributions.

With your help, we will move ahead with more positive changes and improvements to our Post.

For God and Country,

Howard Sheble
 SAL Commander
 shebles@msn.com

**DONN'T WORRY-
 BE HAPPY!**



Football @ Post 233:

We've been having fun the past 3 weeks in the Canteen watching our Jaguars play. We've listened to the very talented Celeste sing the "National Anthem" and "God Bless America". We've provided free bar snacks, offered opportunities to win valuable prizes, members have brought in delicious food to share and we've received 1/2 priced beverages following the Jaguars touchdowns.

We're not through yet. On Oct. 4th we'll watch the Jags @ Indianapolis, on Oct. 11th the Jags @ Tampa, Oct 18th versus Houston. All 3 games are at 1:00PM. Then on Oct. 25th the Jaguars play Buffalo in London. The kickoff for this game is at 9:30AM our time. Come on out, enjoy Breakfast prepared by our Ladies Auxiliary and watch the game.

Bring your friends and food to share if you can. More people = more fun!

Ted Veber
 Football @ Post 233 Coordinator
 E-Board Member



OCTOBER 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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Your check and business card can be left in the Commanders mailbox.
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**Every Friday night at Post 233
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.**