



AL233FL Newsletter



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'SMOKE FREE POST'

September 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
Vacant**

**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**

**Finance
Tom Leppard**



**SAA
JR Mathis**



**E-Board
Ted Veber**



**E-Board
Mike Williams**



**Judge Advocate
Roy Havekost**



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



**Auxiliary President
Kathy Helmly**

- AUXILIARY:**
 1st V.President Amy Blair
 2nd V.President
 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 Commander
Howard Sheble**



**Picture Not
Available at this time**

**Riders 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
 Historian Kathy Helmly

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

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



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.

Unfortunately, I have to report that your 3rd Vice Commander (Al Hernandez) has to resign due to personal reasons and commitments – his professionalism and knowledge will be missed. Also, our SAL Commander Jeff “Tex” Ward has resigned due to family commitments that require his attention in California. Tex has given his heart and soul to Post 233 over these past ten years and will be sorely missed, too. Congratulations to the new SAL Commander Howard Sheble and I look forward to working with you and your team!

The Post Audit process has started with Maury Lazenby being appointed the Chairman along with two other Executive Board Members (Susan Severson and Ted Veber). We have hired an Accounting Firm to assist them in this process and those costs are from donations – no cost to the Post. I will report to you the Committee’s findings and recommendations once I have received them.

The Point of Sale Program will be installed in early September and will be a full-up-round by the end of the month. We will start conducting monthly inventories and the software program along with the upgrade of Quick Books will help management throughout the Post.

We had a meeting with the ALA, SAL and ALR to discuss future dinners, lunches, and breakfast commitments – I am so pleased that everyone has come together and working together to make our Post stronger and better – thank you!

We have implemented “Bar Food” that will be available during Post hours – it has been a big hit and we’ll continue to offer a variety of selections. We will be implementing some drink specials and food during this year’s football season along with some other activities during the season – watch for emails, flyers and Facebook for more information.

In closing, I sincerely appreciate the continued support from everyone and let’s push those Jaguars to the play-offs this year!

Commander	Sonny Kirkwood
1 st Vice Commander	Jim Durnal
2 nd Vice Commander	Susan Severson
3 rd Vice Commander	Vacant
4 th Vice Commander	John Schumm
Chaplain	Bill Reno



Second Vice Commander's Corner:

For God and Country,
Susan Severson, 2nd Vice Commander.



Third Vice Commander's Corner:

VACANT

For God and Country
Al Hernandez, Past 3rd Vice Commander



Director of the Rider's Corner:

No input for this month.

For God and Country,
Kevin Terranella, Director



Auxiliary President's Corner:

Hello to the entire Legion family! Our Unit continues to grow a mighty Palm! The Auxiliary continues to work together for the betterment of the Family, by proving sides for the Labor Day event benefitting the Legion (September 7th) and the Law & Order event on September 12th. Currently we are in need of more side dishes, if anyone can bring something it would be greatly appreciated, contact me should you have any questions.

We are now proving breakfast, the 4th Sunday of each month, and will be serving Wednesday night dinner on the 23th & 30th. The 30th will be a cookbook night one of the most popular meals. Sponsors and volunteers are always welcomed. Please come out and support the Auxiliary.

Our monthly meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:00pm, our next meeting will be held on September 10th. I hope to see a lot of new faces!

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





SAL Commander's Corner:

I am honored to be the new SAL Commander of Squadron 233, yet saddened by the loss of Jeff "Tex" Ward who is relocating to California to be with his family after 10 years of service as our SAL Squadron Commander. We will all miss his contributions to the good of the SAL and to Post 233 and wish him well!

First dinner of the new Friday night dinner format:

The SAL wholeheartedly thanks all who were involved with the tremendous success of our first dinner: Tex Ward, Chef Mike Shaar, Chef Pauli Zito, Celeste Sheble and Dee Durnal. Kudos!

Positive changes at Post 233:

AC's: 3 new air conditioners for the kitchen, ice room, and Legion office. Draft Beer, Bar Food, new Canteen beverages, new Friday night dinner format, cost cutting measures, new Wheel games, influx of new members, more volunteers contributing help, and more positive changes to come!

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 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

Sgt. At Arms	JR Mathis
Historian	OPEN
Finance Officer	Tom Leppeard
E-Board	Mike Williams
E-Board	Jim Crutchfield
E-Board	Ted Veber
E-Board	Maury Lazenby
E-Board	Ed Butler

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:



September is a very important month for Post 233. Each year we recognize a Sheriff's Deputy and a Firefighter from St. Johns County, FL. We do this under the Legion Law and Order program. Each will be presented with a plaque, certificate and a commendation bar for their uniforms. Traditionally, we make these Law Enforcement Officer and Firefighter of the Year Awards in conjunction with a 9-11 remembrance ceremony for our country's fallen patriots from September 11, 2001. This year we will be honoring Sheriff's Deputy Rafael Fuentes and St. Johns Fire-Rescue Firefighter Jason Baer.

Please come out and celebrate and show support for these valiant fire responders. A flyer is attached to this newsletter with more information and you can also login to Facebook for more information on this September 12, 2015 event, from 1:00pm to 5:00pm.

For God and Country,

Roy Havekost, Law & Order Chairman
Dan Wortmann, Co-Chairman

Finance Officer:



No input this month.

Tom Leppeard
Finance Officer

Canteen Manager & Adjutant's Corner:

Congratulations are once again in order for our former Adjutant Sheri Rodriguez. At the last 5th District Meeting she was recognized as the 5th District of Florida Adjutant of the Year. Past Commander Roy Havekost accepted the award for Sheri. In case you did not know, Sheri was also recognized at the Change of Command ceremony as the Legionnaire of the year for Post 233. Both recognitions were well deserved as Sheri was extremely instrumental in Post 233 receiving the Post Excellence award for the first time in our storied history. Thank you Sheri for all you have done to make Post 233 the excellent Post it is.

I would like to strongly encourage each and every one of you to go to your computer and sign on to www.mylegion.org and follow the instructions to establish an account. Once you have done this, go to your personal record and correct or add any information that is not correct or is missing. This will allow National to have complete and accurate information and the computer data base can remain current. Be sure to enter all contact information as well as other items missing from your record. If you have any problems with this or have any questions, contact me at cell 904-679-9838 or at the Post at 904-285-2484. I am also at the Post Monday – Friday from 9:30am-5:30pm to take care of membership renewal, new member applications, and answer any questions you may have.

An important date to reserve and remember is 17 October 2015 for the WWII Luncheon at the Post from 11am-3pm. Special letters of invitation will be going out to all WWII vets in the Post. The Luncheon will be complementary for the WWII vet and one guest. Other guests will be asked to pay a nominal amount for the meal. We will have an “open mike” time for the WWII vets to share their stories about the “War to end all Wars.”

The next date to reserve and remember is 9 January 2016. This is the date for the “Early Bird” dinner. To be eligible to attend this meal you have to pay your dues renewal prior to 11 November 2015. This is for all Legion, Auxiliary, and Sons of The American Legion members. Details for the meal will be coming later.

This brings me to my last point for this article. Legion members are encouraged to renew their membership prior to 11 November for the “Early Bird” dinner, but surely by 31 December 2015 to avoid an \$8.00 increase in the Annual Dues that goes into effect on 1 January 2016. Renew now and let us make Post 233 be the first Post to have 100% membership before December 2015.

For God and Country,

Jim Crutchfield
Adjutant & Canteen Manager

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DONN'T WORRY- BE HAPPY!



SEPTEMBER 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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**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.**