



AL233FL Newsletter



Volume 23

'SMOKE FREE POST'

February 2016



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: 4:00 pm until 9:00 pm hrs.
SAT: 11:00 am 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:

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,
 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
CDR Sonny Kirkwood

VACANT

Historian



E-Board
Maury Lazenby

NO PICTURE
AVAILABLE
AT THIS TIME

E-Board
Vacant



SAA
JR Mathis



E-Board
Ted Veber



E-Board
Mike Williams



Judge Advocate
Roy Havekost

NO PICTURE
AVAILABLE
AT THIS TIME

E-Board
Dan Wortmann



Auxiliary President
Kathy Helmly

AUXILIARY:
1st Vice President Linda Williams
2nd Vice President: Kathy Church
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



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-Vacant
Chaplain Will Hurley
Historian John Gabbard

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



Commander's Corner:

Hello Post 233 Family:

I apologize for the tardiness of getting the Newsletter out to you, but have been experiencing computer issues.

I want to thank everyone for their continued support as we move the Post forward financially! At Thursday night's Executive Board and General Assembly Meetings, I reported the Post having a positive cash flow for the third month in a row! This success comes with lots of folks rolling up their sleeves and busting their butts! Thank you!

Items that were voted on at the meetings and approved by the Executive Board/General Assembly:

(1) Trivia on Monday nights has ended due to losing monies. The House Committee proposed this to the E-Board and the General Assembly and both approved their recommendation. Your Second Vice Commander is looking at moving Trivia to Wednesday nights following dinner and doing Trivia "in-house" versus outsourcing.

(2) Legion and SAL monthly meetings will move to Monday versus Thursday starting March 2016. Auxiliary will continue their meetings on their scheduled Thursday and Riders on Sunday.

(3) \$300 allocated to pay for a CPA to prepare and submit Post taxes for 2015.

(4) This Saturday we had a "parking lot" working party to rake out the pot holes in the parking lot – thanks to Dan Wortmann, JR Mathis, Mike Eatmon for your rakes and shovels!

(5) BINGO will be coming to Post 233! The SAL is taking the lead with this initiative – more information to follow.

(6) Need a Finance Officer – this individual needs to have an accounting background, understands QUICKBOOKS software program, and understands IRS tax form submissions (must be a Legionnaire). If you are interested, please email me at Commander233@comcast.net.

In closing, I have received so many compliments about how "WE" have turned the Post around operationally and financially; however, there are a few "nay-sayers" out there that are making false/negative comments and don't know what they are talking about – if you don't like how "WE" are running the Post, please let me know and we can discuss your concerns – I have an open door policy with every family member of Post 233.

For God and Country,

Sonny Kirkwood, Commander 2015-2016



Judge Advocate:

For God and Country,

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



2nd Vice Commander's Corner:

Need cooks and volunteers to schedule more events – please call the Post if you are interested (904) 285-2484.

For God and Country,

Susan Severson, 2nd Vice Commander.



3rd Vice Commander's Corner:

I echo Second Vice Susan's request for more cooks and volunteers!

For God and Country

Bob Bleak, 3rd Vice Commander



4th Vice Commander's Corner:

No input this month.

For God and Country

John Schumm, 4th Vice Commander



Director of the Rider's Corner:

For God and Country,

Kevin Terranella, Director



Auxiliary President's Corner:

Hello to the entire Legion family!

"Presidents Awards" go to ladies that most exemplifies service and volunteerism. Dee Durnal and Ally Bass were presented this award. Thank you for your many contributions to our Unit, our Post, our Community and our Veterans.

Let us always remember that, the American Legion while becoming the premier service organization and foundation of every community providing support for our veterans, our military, and their families by shaping a positive future in an atmosphere of fellowship, patriotism, peace and security. Hence the "Family"...I would like to encourage everyone to be mindful of their actions and words, as they can only hinder us. Thank you so the many members that exemplify this vision.

Just a few dates to remember: (It is important that you review the February calendar closely for more information, we have a lot of exciting events coming up)

Adjutant's Corner:

Current membership is at 93.7% - let's get that 100% by the end of a February!

For God and Country,
Jim Durnal, Post Adjutant



DONN'T WORRY- BE HAPPY!



February 12th, Baking for Bill, we are asking that everyone bring a baked good (nothing individually wrapped). All proceeds from the bake sale will go directly to benefit Bill.

February 14th, the 5th District Meeting will be held at our Post, a food sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the main hall. We will also begin collecting door prize items, let's get as many as possible!

If you haven't renewed your membership, now is the time to do it. All members must have and show their 2016 card before February 1st, to ensure no lapse in their ability to enjoy the Post.

Our monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:00pm. I hope to see a lot of new faces!

Please come support the many events at the post to support the entire Legion family!

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



SAL Commander's Corner:

2016 has started with a great outlook for our Post and the SAL. First, our NEW meeting date time each month will be the third Monday of every month at 6:30 pm sharp. The SAL will be holding **weekly Bingo every Thursday (starting March 4)** and is open to the public with starting time TBD – watch our weekly update. We applaud our 1st Vice Commander, Roger Akey for his tenacity in finally making this happen! Our feeling is that this event will be extremely successful for both new membership, goodwill, and of course profitable for our Post. Please spread the word of our new event. This event each week is OPEN to everyone – members, soon-to-be members, supporters, members of other legions, and VFWs – you get the picture!

Membership

If you have not renewed/signed up for 2016, please consider the benefits you are missing. If you haven't been to our Post lately, please visit us and witness the progress we have made recently. SAL membership with renewals and new members stands at almost 83% of our goal for 2016. Thank you to all our new and renewing members that have made us zoom to the "elite three" for Florida District 5.

Upcoming Events

- 2/6 Mardi Gras Party
- 2/7 Super Bowl Party – Food and our famous “Wheel of Fortune”
- 2/12 Bill Marshall Benefit Dinner at Post 233
- 2/14 District Meeting – 2:00 pm at Post 233
- 2/14 SAL Sunday Breakfast (9:00 – 11:30 am)
- 3/4 1st Bingo Night at Post 233
- 3/16 SAL Special St. Patrick’s Day Dinner with Irish Music
- 3/21 New SAL Monthly Meeting
- 3/27 Easter Breakfast/Brunch (9:00 – 12:30)
- 4/2 SAL Spring Fling – Details forthcoming

*For God and Country
Howard Sheble, SAL Commander*



FEBRUARY 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

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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