



# AL233FL Newsletter



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'SMOKE FREE POST'

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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](http://www.AL233FL.org)



Facebook: [www.facebook.com/groups/AL233FL](http://www.facebook.com/groups/AL233FL)

Email: [info@al233fl.org](mailto: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**



**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander  
Jim Durnal**

**NO PICTURE  
AVAILABLE  
AT THIS TIME**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander  
Susan Severson**



**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander  
Bob Bleak**

**NO PICTURE  
AVAILABLE  
AT THIS TIME**

**John Schumm  
4<sup>th</sup> 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  
Bob McAfee**



**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:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Linda Williams  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**Bartenders:**  
Debbie, Patty, Carline, and Anita

**SAL:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Cdr. Jason Bass  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Cdr. Mike Shaar  
Adjutant-Vacant  
Chaplain Will Hurley  
Historian John Gabbard



### **Commander's Corner:**

Hello Post 233 Family:

Family of Post 233,

Another "profitable" month and so many thanks need to go out to everyone! It's truly been a team effort and I appreciate the continued support. Special thanks to Don and Ben for Cowboy Night; 5<sup>th</sup> District Meetings and food preparation; ALA, SAL, ALR with their continued support and Ted Veber and his Sunday Football Team (Howard and Celeste Sheble, Lynette Strait, Patty Williams, Debbie and Mike Eatmon, Brenda Cowgill, Caroline Merillat, Kathy Helmly, Linda Mathis, Bob and Miriam McAfee, Dee Durnal and the bartenders) for their efforts.

Meetings are moved to Mondays versus Thursdays!

During the next two months nominations for Post Officers will be entertained during the meetings with the final voting in May – if you are interested with becoming involved with your Post, then show up at the next two months meeting and let your voice heard.

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**



### **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, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander**



### **4th Vice Commander's Corner:**

No input this month.

For God and Country

**John Schumm, 4<sup>th</sup> Vice Commander**



### **Director of the Rider's Corner:**

The Valentines Event for Bill's dinner succeeded beyond all our expectations. Together we raised \$2,500.00 that will be used to provide relief for Bill for documented expenses such as food, rent, and medical not covered by other insurance or programs. Kathy Church (our Treasurer) is working one-on-one with Bill and will be documenting all aid provided. This is to ensure your extremely generous contributions are going for the purpose intended and in accordance the Post's 501(c)(3) tax status. The Riders would like to acknowledge the great participation (packed house) and generosity of other District 5 Posts. While it's all about the cause and not the applause, the following nods are for those making this a true team effort at Post 233. Kathy Church put this out in Facebook, but in case you missed it: Paul Zito, Brenda Cowgill, Betty Bacom, John Schumm, Virna Keener, Mike Morgan, Linda Williams, Sylva Bass, Pat Terranella, Wayne Batey, Linda Mathis, Kathy Church, Robby Bacom and Austin all were involved in the food prepping, cooking, serving and clean up. Our ALA President Kathy Helmly and ALA Secretary Debbie Eatmon ran the Baking for Bill raffle and collected the \$173 for all the delish and wonderfully backed goods by Auxiliary members. And the SAL team also made a very generous donation of \$200. BJ Adkins made a lockbox that took in hundreds of small and large donations as well. Caroline Merillat one of our bartenders made special Chocolate Martini's that were so tasty and raised \$40 for the cause. Caroline and Debbie Muehleuser kept the drinks flowing all night. Our canteen Manager Pam Behrendt made Jell-O shots added to the



### **Judge Advocate:**

No report to submit as Judge Advocate. However, I have a report for the Past Commanders Club:

- Mission statement: The Past Commanders Club will be a social gathering of past commanders of Post 233. We will always show honor and respect to all fellow veterans. As a fellowship of elite legion members, we will take pride in the accomplishments at our Post. We will apply our knowledge and know-how in mentoring new commanders, and act as an Advisory Committee, if needed. We will show support of any and all Legion programs that are undertaken by Post 233 membership.
- Meeting protocol: It was agreed that meetings will be informal, starting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Topics will be discussed informally. The meeting will end with moment of prayer for our departed past commanders and post members. A POW-MIA flag draped chair will be present as per constitution guidelines.
- Community awards- the club will begin to develop guidelines for an awards program for citizen and/or

business (non-members) support of Post 233. When Post 233 members are soliciting donations from businesses in the community, the names of those donating will be considered to receive a Past Commanders Club Certificate of Appreciation. Likewise for a citizen performing an outstanding act in our community.

- Monthly club meetings will be held on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm.  
*Roy Havekost, PC 2012-2015*

For God and Country,

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

mix! JR Mathis and Commander Sonny Kirkwood set up extra tables and chairs to accommodate all. If you helped and I missed your name you know who are and your contribution of your time, treasure or talent is appreciated.

Please join the Riders at the following:

1. ALR General Membership meeting is the 3rd Sunday of every month at 12PM and all are welcome.
2. Riders host breakfast the 3rd Sunday of every month 9-11:30AM
3. Riders host dinner the 1st Wednesday of every month 6:30-8P
4. Riders host dinner 2nd Friday of each month.
5. Riders host Taco Tuesday each week for \$6.00 donation
6. Join us on Facebook @American Legion Riders Chapter 233 Palm Valley Florida or tweet us @ALR233FL

Riding For God and Country,  
*Kevin Terranella, Director*



**Auxiliary President's Corner:**

**Adjutant's Corner:**

Current membership is at 99%!

For God and Country,  
*Jim Durnal, Post Adjutant*

Hello to the entire Legion Family!

“President Awards” go to ladies that most exemplify service and volunteerism. Kathy Church and Betty Bacom were presented this award during our February meeting. Thank you for your many contributions to our Unit, our Post, our Community and our Veterans.

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Thank you to everyone that prepared, assisted or just attended the many February events held at our post. It was truly great team work by all entities working together. Together we are unstoppable!

We have a busy March, so please refer to the monthly calendar which is emailed and now posted on the ALA board in the main hall.

Please note that our meetings will now be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, Our next meeting will be on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. I hope to see a lot of new faces at our meeting.

Please come and enjoy the many events at the Post to support the entire Legion family!

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



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







### ***SAL Commander's Corner:***

We've had a very busy February with five meals, reaching over 90% of our membership goal and new events in the final planning stages. Bingo will begin on Thursday nights when we receive St. John's certificates long overdue. The SAL will also have "Pass the Trash" on Sunday night and "Queen of Diamonds" day TBD. As always, we want to recognize and thank our chefs and volunteers who make our engine stay in overdrive!

Our "Spring Fling" will begin our April event with a great band on our outside stage – details to come soon.

#### **Membership**

Now is a great time to renew your 2016 dues – only \$30! We are almost to our goal and we need your renewal; you can easily renew by dropping off a check/cash by the Post or by mailing it to me at 560 N. Wilderness Trail, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082.

*For God and Country*

*Howard Sheble, SAL Commander*



### **MARCH 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](mailto: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](http://AL233FL.org) for pix. Call 285-2484.

Smoking is permitted outside and at the pavilion bar.

**POST 233 is a FREE WiFi spot**

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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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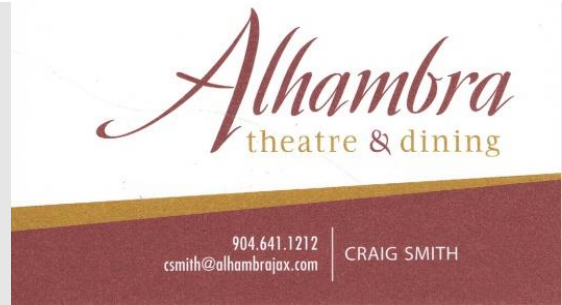
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