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# The Valley

## Legion News



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**560 N. Wilderness Trail**

**Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082**

*Legionnaire meetings, first Monday each month, 7:00pm*

*Auxiliary meetings, second Monday each month, 7:00pm*

*Son's meetings, third Monday each month, 7:00pm*

*Rider's meetings, third Sunday each month, 12:00nn*

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**NEVER FORGET ~ POW's & MIA's**

## Commander Dan Wortmann ~

Well things have been picking up here at the Post. A lot of our members turned out for our general cleanup detail on Saturday, Sept. 24th. A big thank you to all who turned out to help!

I am trying to make our post family friendly for everyone. We are not just a Legion Post but a family friendly Legion Post, enough said.

Finally, we had another passing of Legion member Ralph Chianelli last month, RIP. Keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

On Sunday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> at Post 129 Post, they had a very nice remembrance service for Past Commander Mark Dorsey, RIP Mark. 2002-2004, Post 233 PC Mark Dorsey.

For God and Country,

*Dan*

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Jim Durnal ~

The post is looking good after our recent post cleanup day. Thank You to all who participated. We accomplished a lot. We need to do this more often.

Don't forget to get your dues paid before November 11<sup>th</sup> to be an early bird. Ask your friends and neighbors if they have served and if they would be interested in joining. Bring them out for a meal and a drink. Maybe they could join the Auxiliary or the SAL if they have relatives who qualify.

For God and Country,

*Jim*

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## Adjutant Ted Veber ~

We feature the Jaguar Football games on our big screens TV's in the Canteen and the pavilion. Our talented professionally trained opera singer and AUX member Celeste Sheble sings the National Anthem just before the game kick-off. We offer free snacks and invite offerings of food to share. We hold raffles during the half time interval- our prizes include lotto tickets, Jaguar items, local business gift cards, wine, liquor, men's and ladies watches, sports wear, wine baskets and much more. Ticket price are \$2 each, 3 for 5 and 7 for 10. These donations help the charities and programs Post 233 supports. Everyone is entitled to a half price drink after a Jaguar touchdown. Come on out, bring your friends and join in on the fun!

For God and Country,

*Ted*

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**Membership goal for October is 60%, renew now!**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Susan Severson ~

September was a month of many notable dates, which the Post strove to represent with dignity.

On September 4, we held a Labor Day event with an Americanism theme and a full flag retirement ceremony, complete with an honor guard (thank you, Beaches Honor Guard). Our very own JJ Malone recited a moving poem about our beloved American flag. The ceremony was followed by a shish kabob lunch and music by Collage.

On September 11, we recognized two local heroes at our Law and Order Awards ceremony, accompanied by a brunch prepared by the Legion.

On September 16, First Vice Commander James Durnal led us all in a somber table ceremony on the national POW/MIA remembrance day. Dinner by the SAL and karaoke by Wanda followed the ceremony.

On September 24, a cadre of members arrived at the Post at 9 a.m. to conduct a thorough cleaning of the kitchen and bar-back. Three hours of scrubbing and our Post was gleaming in time for dinner and karaoke that night hosted by the SAL and Auxillary. We couldn't have done any of this without all our amazing volunteers; I won't name them all here because I might miss someone.

Check out our Facebook page where I regularly post "shout outs" to our volunteers for their hard work. This is YOUR Post; please take an interest and join us for one or more of our terrific events. Please volunteer; I promise the work is easy and fun, and you benefit from a 1/2 price dinner and two free drinks! But the Post benefits even more from your participation; that benefit can't be so readily measured. Check out the House Committee Chair comments, our website calendar, the whiteboard calendar, the event TV at the Post, and pick up a printed calendar for our planned October events.

For God and Country,

*Susan*

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**Coming on January 28, 2017, the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual, Post 233, Cowboy Night, so dust off your britches, and hitch up those horses... stay tuned for more details**



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## Welcome new members ~

Bob Miller, Clay Ramsay, Bradley Jimerson, Robert Johnson, Jerome Grause, Lucas Wymen, David Dunlap and transfers John Avedisian and Jim and Mary Jo Davis.

## ALA President Linda Williams ~

As most of you have heard by now that a great man, husband, father, grandfather, friend, Past Commander, Veteran and so much more has passed away peacefully at his home. His Name Mark Dorsey! He was loved and respected by all that knew him! Thank you for your service to our country, American Legion's Past Commanders at (Post 233, Post 129), May you rest in peace!

I would like to make a shout out to ALL OF Post 233 VOLUNTEERS that came out on Saturday for our planned CLEAN THE POST DAY! THANK YOU ... THANK YOU! The Post LOOKS AMAZING! A few hours of hard work paid off for Post 233 it was sparkling CLEAN! Hat's off to everyone! Barbara Green thanks for the PIZZA, it was great! What a great time with great volunteers! Everybody working together for the good of the Post INSIDE AND OUT!

It was an honor to be a part of the Flag Retirement Ceremony (9/4/16), watching as our AL Officers Retired our old and tattered Flags, followed by a night to remember good food, entertainment (Collage) members, guests and family.

Moving on to the Jacksonville National Cemetery for the unveiling of our new Legion FAMILY Monument which is absolutely beautiful, it was an honor to be a part of that as well.

Forward on to Sunday's Buffet Breakfast followed by the Law and Order Awards honoring our Law and Firefighter service men and women! Wow, then it was on to the 5<sup>th</sup> District meeting at Post 88.

The Auxiliary Monthly Meeting is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each Month (October 10, 2016 at 7 pm). If you need more info please contact me at [lindaw186@bellsouth.net](mailto:lindaw186@bellsouth.net).

Oct. 5th the Auxiliary will be cooking Wednesday Night Cook Book Dinners the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every Month. from 6:30-8:00 pm.

October 8<sup>th</sup> 11 am – 4pm 5<sup>TH</sup> District Picnic at Post 137 (Please come bring bathing suits, kids, friends, family it is supper fun!

The Auxiliary Breakfast is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month (October 23, 2016 from 9:00 am to 11:30 am).

October 22<sup>nd</sup>, VET4VETS AT the Veterans arena downtown from 11-1pm.

October 22<sup>nd</sup> is the MIAP Service down SOUTH! Want to get involved contact Kathy Church.

Don't forget our next 5<sup>th</sup> District Meeting October 9, 2016 at 2pm ~ Post 283 – 9459 Fort Caroline Road, Jax. FL 32225.

Oct 2,9,16,23,30, 2016 - Don't forget Auxiliary Member Celeste Sheble is supporting Post 233'S NFL Volunteer TEAM by singing the National Anthem! Go Jag's!

By coming to Post 233 you support the American Legion Post and the women of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 233 we make a difference in the lives of all Americans. We educate our children, organize our community events and help our nation's veterans through legislative action and volunteerism.



## House Committee news ~

Post 233 has several fun events coming up for the month of October.

On October 7, Kenny Holiday will be on board to entertain us, and he will be joined by a percussionist.

On October 14, Post favorites Collage will be in the house.

I hope everyone will turn out on October 21 to hear a new band perform: Highway Jones. I encourage everyone to search "Highway Jones" on YouTube to hear a sampling of their music - they really rock! Let's give them a huge Post 233 welcome!

On Saturday, October 15, we are planning to host a family pumpkin carving contest, open to the public. Everyone, bring your own pumpkin and the Post will supply carving/painting equipment as well as a light lunch. Prizes for the best pumpkins: 1st place for adults will be dinner for 2 at the Post, 1st place for children is still TBD. And, finally, the seasonal favorite: the Auxiliary Halloween Party takes place on Saturday, October 29.

A quick House Committee Chair reminder: please mind your manners (and your language - the swear jar is back!) in the bar & dining room. As this heated political environment starts to move into it's final phase (thank God), let's remember to please not drag your Post friends into political debates around the bar. The Post is the place to come and have fun and unwind, not get wound up with political rhetoric. Our past Florida Department Commander has published a letter regarding this issue; I encourage you to read and heed his comments (found easily on line at [www.floridalegion.org](http://www.floridalegion.org)).

Look ahead at all the fun events we have planned for October and come prepared to have a good time and shake off all the outside turmoil!

For God and Country,

*Susan*

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**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 Pam or any of our bartenders for more details. Call 285-2484.**



ALA report-cont'd:

Volunteer it feels GREAT! 10 minutes, 1 hour? Whatever you can do we'll take it! As they say ....It takes a VILLAGE to have a small but Mighty Post!

As always please keep our Service Men and Women here and afar, family, friends and our community in your prayers.

For God and Country,

*Linda*

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### **SAL Commander Roger Akey ~**

This month was a busy and successful one for the SAL. We conducted our regular 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday meal, provided two Friday night dinners and operated our Thursday night Bingo Games as well as providing support for the Sunday NFL (Jaguars) game day and the Labor Day event.

Once again, it is that time of year to pay your dues. Renewals are coming in slow so we need you to step up and get your 2017 dues paid as soon as possible. At this month's meeting, we voted to modify our dues structure. If you pay the \$30 dues before November 11<sup>th</sup>, you are qualified to attend the Early Bird Dinner scheduled for early spring. The change? SAL dues will go up to \$35 beginning November 12, 2016 for the rest of the year. So, now you have an incentive to pay early. See Howard, our Adjutant, with your payment.

Communication is important so when you pay your dues, please give us a current email address. In the event of a necessity to provide information, schedules or in case of emergencies, we will have the ability to contact you.

We certainly appreciate all of you who volunteer to help at our events. Last year we had 128 members so we should not have to beg anyone for help. If you would volunteer just once a year, we would have all the help we could use. Failure to participate is your loss. We have a good SAL Squadron and you can be a part of it.

For God and Country,

*Roger*

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The Post 233 calendar of events is online at:

<http://www.al233fl.org/ecalendar.htm>

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**The Dept. of Florida Legion College originally scheduled for Oct 6<sup>th</sup> has been postponed until early 2017.**



### **To our members:**

This newsletter is published monthly and is made available to all of our members via email, as a download or just to view via our website or you can pick up a copy at the Post (for those members w/o internet/email). If any member would like to contribute information to this publication please send your article to [newsletter@al233fl.org](mailto:newsletter@al233fl.org) by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month for inclusion in the next months edition.

**This is your newsletter, please contribute.**

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### **Past Commanders Club Roy Havekost ~**

The September PCC meeting was attended by 7 past commanders, and a lot of new ideas were shared.

The Past Commanders Club presented the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office with a Certificate of Recognition at the annual Law & Order Awards Ceremony on September 11<sup>th</sup>.



The certificate was presented for outstanding service to our community through the use of Facebook and the SJSO website, both of which keep the community safe and well informed.

The next Club meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00am in the meeting room. Come early and have breakfast before the meeting. On the agenda will be discussion for the PC Club Pig Roast event. Don't forget the \$25 gift card raffle, you must be present to win if your commander number is drawn. Last month PC Dick Salzarulo would have been the winner.

For God and Country,

*Roy*

## Website, Roy Havekost-webmaster ~

Just a short update on some of the pages that appear on the Post website at [www.AL233FL.org](http://www.AL233FL.org) The site is primarily maintained as a ready reference and archive of important Post 233 information.

The legion general monthly meeting minutes are available dating back to August 2007. Digitalizing of the minutes from earlier years continues to be a work in progress, for future posting.

Memorial pages for the Legion, Auxiliary and Sons, respectfully display the names of those members who have passed on from this life. If you know of a member who has passed and whose name doesn't appear on these pages, please send their name, month & year of passing, and entity group to me at [webmaster@al233fl.org](mailto:webmaster@al233fl.org) for inclusion on the site.

A TAPS page exists for when a member passes. His/her name appears for 30 days on this page as a notification to all our members. Their name is also included on the memorial page at the same time. Please notify me as soon as you are aware of a members passing, so the proper respect can be shown to them on our website.

Monthly newsletters are also archived on the website back to January 2010 for your reading pleasure.

For God and Country,

*Roy*

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## POST 233 is a FREE WiFi spot

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Come out and show your support at the monthly graduations at Camp

K9 in Nocatee, next date is

Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm

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**NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup> VETERANS DAY**  
is fast approaching.

Pay your dues before this date and be eligible for the free Early Bird dinner in 2017.

## From the BINGO Staff ~

We are happy to report another wonderful month for our Bingo Program! Although, the first two weeks were lightly attended because of the end of summer and the beginning of school, we recovered nicely. One week was very similar to our first week back in March but we made a small profit.

Since that time, we have grown each week until the 22<sup>nd</sup> when we had the best participation yet. On the 22<sup>nd</sup>, we had 43 players and we **paid out \$650 to the winners**. Betty Bass (Lucky Betty) won the second game which paid \$50 but she also won with the Lucky Ball number which paid an additional \$141 from the pool. The final game was won by a new comer, Marian, who got \$250 for her win. I bet she will be back to play again!

The Lucky Ball pool is created by those players wanting to participate by paying a \$1 into the pool. If a player Bingo's with that number he/she wins the pot. It is a simple and fun way for those who want an added feature to the games. We have had two winners in the last few weeks.

The evenings begin with most people enjoying our light meal and drinks from the Canteen. Once the games start, most seem very quiet as they want to concentrate but soon the room comes alive and a party atmosphere takes over the room. By the time we play games 6 & 7, it is very loud and people actually cheer for each other. Lots of laughs are heard.

Our bingo team consisting of Howard Sheble, Patty Williams, Jim Whaley and our bartender, Debbie, keeps the evening moving. Everyone has a good time and the Canteen benefits. Come on out and join the fun. See you soon.



For God and Country

*Roger Akey*

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## The 5<sup>th</sup> District Legion Family Monument at Jacksonville National Cemetery



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