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'Smoke Free Post'



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Memorial Garden



Commander Louis 'Pappy' Martin Pavilion

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BINGO every **Thursday night: 7:00pm**

Canteen hours:

MON-THU: 4:00pm until ?? hrs.
 FRI: 8am until ?? Breakfast & Lunch served
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 (St.Johns County - closing hour is 2:00am daily)



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Palm Valley Post 233

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Legionnaire meetings, second Wednesday 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 ~

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I hope everyone got TPC tickets that they wanted. It's a very nice of them to hand out the free tickets. I spent an evening at Nease HS presenting Medals and Ribbons to 2 cadets.

We had a very nice graduation for the K-9 with 11 veterans I think the biggest class so far! All of the donations they get is a great thing. How about the award Sherri got last month downtown... Awesome!

Speaking of which, donations and fundraising is our new goal! We need help, we need Ideas, we need dedication, WE NEED EVERYONE! We have a new second vice on board and a new probationary bar manager with a lot on energy. He has some good ideas and needs help so help him out! I need all of our entities to start doing a better job and stepping up! The SAL is doing a better job than all of us! Keep up the good work!

We had a nice birthday going away party for Pam and our bar manager past 2 yrs. Good luck to you and Jim in Ohio.

Thanks Kathy Church and happy birthday also!

And we are going to have a major fund raiser planning beginning the end of July - more details to come!

And last but not least a big shout out to the Riverwood Mens Club of Dell Webb for a very nice donation Keep up the good work!

Lets have a great 4th of July party !

For God and Country,

Dan

3rd Vice Commander Caroline Merillat ~

Let's continue to invite everyone we meet to join Post 233!

For God and Country,

Caroline



Adjutant Ted Veber ~

2017-2018 Officer Installation July 9!

For God and Country,

Ted

2nd Vice Commander M. Milk Klim ~

I am looking forward to our positive direction!

For God and Country,

Milk

Come out and show your support at the monthly graduations If you are available at 6pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month, then please come out to Camp K9 for the graduation ceremony. Post 233 presents each warrior with a certificate of appreciation and gratitude. The ceremony is short. After the ceremony you can come back to the post for bingo.

For God and Country,

James



The Post 233 calendar of events is online at:

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

POST 233 is a FREE WiFi spot

Social Media Roy Havekost ~

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/PastCommandersClub233FL/>

This article is to advise our readers of the following statistics regarding the Post 233 website at www.al233fl.org. Between January 1st and June 23rd 2017 the site has been visited by over 15,300 individual visitors who have viewed in excess of 29,289 pages of information. The monthly average of viewers is 2,550 while the pages viewed averaged 4,881 each month. Some of the more popular pages are the e-Calendar, Newsletters, Meeting Minutes, Pavilion, Past Commanders and yes the Aerial View of the Post page is also a favorite. Just a reminder, meeting minutes and Post newsletters are archived back as far as 2007. The site currently holds over 629MB of information.

On another note, the 5th District just launched their newly redesigned website on June 22nd. It can be found at www.al5thdistrictfl.org and is open to everyone.

Now on to Facebook. The Post Facebook group now has 685 members who are notified when someone posts information in the group. I would remind our members to periodically review the groups 'DESCRIPTION' which lists terms and conditions for postings. If you are reading this newsletter via your email and are not a Facebook user, yet, I would be happy to help get you started on Facebook, so that you too will

receive notifications of the events and programs occurring at Post 233. Remember, too, that not only does the Legion have a group, but so does the Auxiliary, Sons and Riders. For those already on Facebook, please let your friends know and ask them to join our group(s).

For God and Country,
PCC Chairman

Roy

ALA President Kathy Helmly ~

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/264057610291208/>

First, thank you so much for entrusting me to be your President, I'm looking forward to working with each of you! I believe working as a team we will be unstoppable. Our Focus will be the aims and purposes of the ALA. Ladies you are beyond awesome, please remember to be kind to one another. I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge last year's officers thank you for your dedication to the betterment of the Auxiliary. In the month of May, we collected 79 box tops which support Ocean Palms, and our coupon report was \$29,916.54 which supports military family's abroad. June Community Service project was hosting the Palm Valley Story Telling documentary. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who participated in making it a success!! Members did a fabulous job of cooking, setting up, serving and clean up, over 75 meals were sold. Our 4th of July basket is simply fantastic everything you need for a festive outing. Thank you Sylvia Bass for putting it together. The funds received from this basket will benefit the many charities we support. COMING SOON an ALA/Pavilion Fundraiser!! We will begin selling engraved plates, these plates will be placed behind the bar in the Pavilion, they can be engraved with anything you would like examples are but not limited to "in memory of", "in honor of" or simply your name. Pricing at \$50 for silver and \$70 for gold.

Dates to remember:

July 3rd 6:00pm – Executive Meeting – Please NOTE time change.

July 9th 12:00pm – Installation of officers, please come out and support the new officers/all entities

July 10th 6:30 - General Membership Meeting – Please NOTE time change. I encourage all to attend as we plan the course for the coming year.

July 15th 1:30pm – Monthly Ladies Luncheon at Pussers, Angie Kees is our point of contact. Come out and enjoy great fellowship!!

July 23rd 9:00am – ALA monthly breakfast, 1st Vice President Amy Blair is our point of contact please contact

Judge Advocate, Roy Havekost ~

I will be leaving June 29th for the 99th Annual Department of Florida Convention in Orlando. I have a full schedule for the four days that I will be attending. I will proudly be representing Post 233 when I teach my Social Media class, present Social Media Awards, vote at the General Session, be installed as Vice Commander for the 5th District, and represent the District at Sunday's Department Executive Board Meeting. I hope to have a lot of information to report back to everyone when I return.

<http://www.AL233FL.org>

For God and Country,

Roy

SAL Commander Roger Akey ~

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SAL233/>

The SAL wants to thank all entities who have volunteered tirelessly to make every meal we serve a total success! Kudos to all our 233 members for your efforts contributing to SAL charitable giving.

Congratulations to all our new and returning 2017-2018 SAL Officers who will be installed on July 9, 2017, at Post 233. Thank you also for everyone's efforts that helped the SAL reach 100%+ of membership goal for 2017. 2018 membership cards will be available on July 3 to all. Take advantage of "Early Bird" status until November 11, 2017.

For God and Country,

Howard

her to assist. Our June breakfast was a huge success selling over 25 meals! Thank you to the ladies that made that happen! Come out and have a great meal while supporting our charities.

Stay tuned!! We are looking forward to a great year!!

Respectively Submitted

For God and Country

Kathy Helmly

BINGO every Thursday night: 7:00pm From the BINGO Staff ~

June was a very successful month for our Bingo Program. On June 1st, one of our regular players won the Lucky Ball pool for a total of \$328 on the first game of the night. That night we gave out \$928 in total winnings. On June 8th, we paid out \$550 and on June 15th, the amount o \$500 despite bad weather. We are very pleased to announce that June 22nd was the best night we have had since we began back in March of 2016! We paid out \$700 which is just \$50 short of the maximum payout allowed by law. 41 people played that evening and one of our players won the new Lucky Ball pool of \$48! We have started a new pool so come join us and maybe you will be the lucky one. Thus far in June, we have paid out \$2,726 and we have another week to go. It pays to play. We are very pleased that the ALA will provide the meal on the first Thursday of the each month and on the third Thursday; Kathy Church will provide a meal for the benefit of the MIA program. Come join us and help two programs at the same time. Let's continue to build our Bingo Program so please participate, invite your friends and/or neighbors. We are open to the public for Bingo so no need for you to be present if you encourage others to participate. We have planned advertising and ordered additional signs so, hopefully, our area visitors will increase. Our team consisting of Howard Sheble, Patty Williams, Dan Deon and our bartender, Debbie, keeps the evening moving. We could use additional volunteers. Another Verifier, a substitute Caller and a substitute Cashier would be helpful. Please contact me or Howard Sheble if you are interested. Remember, everyone has a good time and the Canteen benefits. Come on out and join the fun and maybe share in the payouts. See you soon.

For God and Country



ALR Director Kevin Terranella:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/alr233/>

I'm stepping down as ALR Director so this will be my last newsletter input. I'd like to thank all the ALR Riders for their support over the past few years. Keep safety priority #1, and keep your sense of humor. God bless.

SAFETY TIP:

THE "COMMON TRAITS" AMONG TRULY "EXPERIENCED" RIDERS:

- MOTORCYCLE SAFETY and BETTER MOTORCYCLE CONTROL are part of a never-ending process of self-improvement.
- To enjoy riding for many more years to come, you cannot become complacent about your level of riding skill: NO MATTER HOW EXPERIENCED YOU ALREADY ARE.

*** Only Bikers understand why dogs love to stick their heads out car windows. ***

The Lord and the Biker

A biker was riding along a California beach when suddenly the sky clouded above his head and, in a booming voice, the Lord said, "Because you have tried to be faithful to me in all ways, I will grant you one wish."

The biker pulled over and said, "Build a bridge to Hawaii so I can ride over anytime I want."

The Lord said, "Your request is materialistic, think of the enormous challenges for that kind of undertaking. The supports required to reach the bottom of the Pacific! The concrete and steel it would take! It will nearly exhaust several natural resources. I can do it, but it is hard for me to justify your desire for worldly things.

Take a little more time and think of something that would honor and glorify me."

The biker thought about it for a long time. Finally he said, "Lord, I wish that I could understand my wife. I want to know how she feels inside, what she's thinking when she gives me the silent treatment, why she cries, what she means when she says nothing's wrong, and how I can make a woman truly happy."

The Lord replied,

Roger Akey



**American Legion Department of Florida
Annual Convention
Marriot Orlando World Center
Orlando, FL
June 29 to July 2, 2017
Plan to attend a training class or two!**

"Do you want two lanes or four on that bridge?"

PLEASE JOIN THE RIDERS AT THE FOLLOWING:

- Riders host breakfast the 3rd Sunday of every month 9-11:30AM.
 - Riders host TACO TUESDAYS! Eat more Tacos!
 - ALR General Membership meeting is the 3rd Sunday of every month at 12PM and all are welcome. - For membership information contact Kathy Church at bartenderpost233@yahoo.com - Stay connected:
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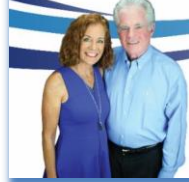
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