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Legion News



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Our Post Home



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
 SAT: 11:00am until ?? hrs.
 SUN: 9:00am until ?? hrs.
 (St.Johns County - closing hour is 2:00am daily)

We are a Smoke Free Post, 24/7
 Since February 2014

Palm Valley Post 233
560 N. Wilderness Trail
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082
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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We started off this month with the TPC and we thank them for all of the free tickets which were all handed out. I hope everyone had fun.

Another K-9 graduation, they have had over 300 graduates now! It's amazing how time flies. Keep up the good work for our vets!

Pam is leaving soon so I have asked Milk Klim to fill in for a while. Hopefully we will see some great things happen for the betterment of our post. Better communication within and between our members and entities.

We celebrated Memorial Day with a family picnic, most of the food was donated by Eric and Kitty and me and it went well with help from everyone!

For God and Country,

Dan

3rd Vice Commander Caroline Merillat ~

We are starting to get some events happening in the pavilion and we are discussing some fundraisers and kick off events! Stay Tuned!

For God and Country,

Caroline



Adjutant Ted Veber ~

We have a fun-filled day planned on Saturday June 10 at Post 233- it's our Belmont Stakes Party- 3:30-6:45pm. We'll raffle off over \$200 worth of prizes and opportunities to pick the winner of the Big Race. Your attendance and donations will help support the efforts of American Legion Post 233. Come on out, bring your friends and food to share with others!

For God and Country,

Ted

ALA President Linda Williams ~

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

Please join the ALA in a moment of prayer for the loss of our veterans, members and loved one's who have passed away this

2nd Vice Commander-elect M. Milk Klim ~

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

Law & Order Chairman- Roy Havekost ~

vLetters were sent out last month to Sheriff David Shoar SJSO and to Fire Chief Carl Shank SJFR. Each year we ask for the name(s) of individual deputies and firefighters who are well rounded individuals, have exceeded, above and beyond the requirements of their positions, exemplify the virtues of professionalism and dedication, and demonstrate a pattern of community service. We will award the winning recipient of each group a plaque, certificate and a commendation bar. The awards will be presented this year, Sunday, September 10th at a buffet breakfast at the Post. Details will be forthcoming as the date draws closer.

For God and Country,

Roy

month! May they all rest in PEACE! And may their families find Peace. Please pray for our sick and down members struggling through illnesses and life's issues.

Many thanks to all the VOLUNTEERS at Post 233!

During the month of May, we have had GOOD food, GOOD music, and Good fellowship! Let's keep this going! We can stand together to change but we need to be willing to work together because together we are stronger!

Everyone please put your hands together and welcome the new ALA President Kathy Helmlly!

As you know elections took place during May meeting!

For 2017-2018.

President [Kathy Reichard Helmlly](#)

1st Vice [Amy Blair](#)

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Executive committee

[Angie Elliott Vazquez Kees](#)

[Ann Cook](#)

[Dee Durnal](#)

Please stop in to Post 233 and congratulate our incoming President and Officers! Our next Auxiliary meeting is June 12, 2017 at 7pm. Come and meet our new ALA Officers and see what President Kathy Helmlly is up to?

The 1st Thursday of the month, the ALA will now be sponsoring a lite dinner such as sloppy joes, chili dogs, chicken salad sandwiches and items like this for a \$5.00 donation to the ALA. Tagging on to help promote SAL BINGO!

Don't forget there is NO 5th District Meeting in June

The Auxiliary Monthly Meeting is the 2nd Monday of each Month (June 12th, 2017 at 7 pm). If you need more info please contact our new President Kathy Helmlly at kathyhelmlly@aol.com.

The Auxiliary Breakfast is the 4th Sunday of the month (June 25th from 9:00 am to 11:30 am). Come on down to the Post and get your Breakfast on!

Volunteer it feels GREAT! 10 minutes, 1 hour whatever you can do we'll take it! As they sayIt 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

Past Commanders Club Roy Havekost ~

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

Next meeting is June 4, at 10:30am. Come early for breakfast.

For God and Country,
PCC Chairman

Roy

Judge Advocate, Roy Havekost ~

First I would like to thank the membership of Post 233 for supporting my bid for Vice Commander of the 5th District. I was elected to that position at the District Constitutional Conference on May 14th held at Post 137 in Jacksonville. I will be installed at the Department of Florida Annual Convention on Saturday, July 1st at 6:30pm. Having been elected to this office, I will now serve as a member of the Executive Committee of The American Legion Department of Florida. The next general membership meeting of Post 233 will be held on June 14th. At this meeting I will present the proposed changes to the Post 233 By-Laws. The proposed changes can be viewed on our website prior to the meeting by going to www.AL233FL.org. Click on the 'Post Documents' navigation button, then onto 'Proposed 2017 updates By-Laws'. A vote will be taken at this meeting to adopt the changes. As of this writing, the installation of officers for Post 233 has been scheduled for 12noon Sunday, July 9th. Incoming officers should be properly attired and wearing a Legion cap for the swearing in ceremony.

<http://www.AL233FL.org>

For God and Country,

Roy

SAL Commander Roger Akey ~

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

In May, the SAL provided two Friday night dinners and we operated our Thursday night Bingo Games. Also, we continue to sponsor Saturday evening karaoke which will help Canteen income and we provided support for the Post's Derby and Preakness watching parties. On May 15th, we had a great meeting and accomplished most of our agenda items. Among them was

BINGO every Thursday night: 7:00pm

From the BINGO Staff ~

In May, we had a couple of weeks where attendance was quite small. On May 4th, it was probably due to the huge rain storm that started just prior to our start time and on the 18th we were competing with graduations, proms and the completion of the school year. However, our base of participation remains strong which allows us to be profitable. Furthermore, it allows us to make our players happy with our payouts. Thus far in May, we have paid over \$1200 with another week to go. It pays to play! Plus, a new Pull Tab Game will start soon. The winner of that game gets an amount equal to the payout in pull tabs. They could win a handsome sum.

The Lucky Ball pool started again on February 23rd and now stands at over \$250. It builds until someone wins. 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

Roger Akey



consideration of the charities to receive our support this year. The charities receiving our donations are the Guardian Ad Litem program (\$500), Special Olympics (\$250), Children of Fallen Patriots (\$250) and Canines for Warriors (\$250).

We held our officer elections for the 2017-2018 terms. The results are Howard Sheble, Commander; Todd Kleven, First Vice Commander; Kevin Munger, Second Vice Commander; Steve Willis, Finance Officer and Adjutant; Mike Shaar, Sergeant-At-Arms; Open, Historian and Roger Akey, Chaplain. Congratulations to all!

Our next meeting is Monday, June 19th at 7:00 PM. Your failure to participate is your loss. We have a quality SAL Squadron and you can be a part of it by attending our meetings and volunteering when you can.

I will be stepping down as Commander when the new officers are sworn into their positions. I look forward to seeing our new, younger members take charge of our programs. It has been a true pleasure serving this year and I hope you see that we have made strides helping the Squadron, the Legion Post and our veteran community. Volunteering is not a choice but a responsibility. Think about it.

For God and Country,

Roger

ALR Director Kevin Terranella:

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

Congratulations to 2017/2018 Riders officers:

Robby Bacon - Director

Jeffrey Tupper - Assistant Director

Kathy Church - Secretary/Treasurer

BJ Atkins - Road Captain

Betty Bacon - Sergeant at Arms

Linda Williams - Chaplain

SAFETY TIP:

One rule to follow when in city streets. **If you can avoid it, never enter an intersection without another vehicle on your right side.**

If you have to slow down in order to let a vehicle catch up with you on the right side, or if you have to increase speed a little so that you catch up with another vehicle, having one on your right side is as safe as it gets for entering an intersection.

Obviously this also means that if you are stopped at a traffic light and it turns green, you enter the intersection when the vehicle on your right does - no jack rabbit jumps if you want to live.



**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!**

By the way, it is safer that the vehicle be on your right than on the left. The closer you can be to the center of the intersection when you go through it, the more air there is (on average) between you and somebody that comes at you from either side. This is just another way of saying that if you have to enter the intersection by yourself, do it in the left most lane.

*****THERE ARE TWO ROADS IN LIFE, THE TWISTY ONE IS VASTLY MORE FUN*****

Q: Did you hear about the Harley rider that broke his arm while playing golf?

A: He fell off the ball washer!

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: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/alr233/> ~ <http://www.facebook.com/groups/alr5thDistrictFL/> ~ <http://www.alr5thfl.org/> tweet us @ ALR233FL
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Riding for God and Country,

Kevin

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