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The Valley

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
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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 ~
www.facebook.com/groups/AL233FL/

It looks like we had another great month at the Post! There were lots of great entertainment and great dinners! We had a very good 5th District meeting, the Riders at 12:30pm and the Legion and Auxiliary at 2:00pm. We received lots of great comments from all.

With the help from a few, we got the pavilion painted and it is looking great! Just in time for Saturday's Riders party with our own local band Flat Black doing the great things they do with music! Proceeds to support The Fisher House. Thanks you again Jeff Tupper and Roy Havekost for helping with the painting! Next we will tackle the pavilion floor.

We had a few bumps in our facebook page this month, with unacceptable comments. That kind of trash doesn't belong on public media and will not be tolerated by our post! We are a family oriented adult organization. Before you post anything on our facebook group, please read the group description entirely.

And finally, our support with the K-9s has been awesome! We had a nice graduation in February. We will be hosting the April 20th graduation at the Post. Kenny Holliday will be performing on stage outside and the event will be catered by the K-9 people so come out and support the post and the K-9s! Let's continue to keep up the great work we are doing as a Legion Family.

For God and Country,
Dan

2nd Vice Commander Susan Severson ~

Hello Post 233 Family,

A quick shout out to everyone who volunteered in February. The Legion is still in need of more volunteers - the SAL has done a fabulous job of soliciting volunteers, but unfortunately, with the Legion we still seem to have the same 3 or 4 people in the kitchen. Please consider volunteering a few hours a month. Many hands make light work!

If you'd like to plan an event as we head into the spring, please let me or Pam B. know. The patio has been freshened up and would be a great space to hold a party. Still in search of someone to update the Post TV announcements. Please contact me via the bartenders if you'd like to do this (easy!) job. No skills or special equipment needed; it can be done on the Post computer.

For God and Country,
Susan

Come out and show your support at the monthly graduations at Camp K9 in Nocatee, next date March 23rd at 6:00pm



Post 233 will be hosting the April 20th graduation onsite at our pavilion at 5:30pm. A food truck will be onsite for after graduation food service!

The Post 233 calendar of events is online at:
<http://www.al233fl.org/ecalendar.htm>

POST 233 is a FREE WiFi spot

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Adjutant Ted Veber ~

Football @ Post 233 is over for the season, and what a game for this year's SUPERBOWL finale. A complete report will be given at the March 6th general meeting on the success of this Post weekly event leading up to SuperBowl Sunday.

On a separate note, we are still short on membership renewals by about 101 cards. We are currently at 82.543% and we should be over 95% at this time of the year. So please send in your renewals today, the Post needs your support, thank you.

Welcome to Post 233 new members, Ed Rodriquez, Bill Perkins, Michael Allen and Richard Messer. We look forward to seeing you at our March meeting on the 6th.

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 month! May they all rest in PEACE! And may their families find Peace. Also please say prayers for the many suffering from the Flu, Crud, and all winter sickness!

February, where did it go?

I am sorry I had to miss the ALA Valentine Dinner and Dance, But I hear it was a great! Also thank you, thank you, thank you all who helped with the 5th district meeting, setting up and food prep and clean! And of course our bartenders that do a great job! Many thanks to the VOLUNTEERS of Post 233!

Here are the people who helped with the Valentine's dinner

Chef Mike Shaar

Chef Carl Pocaro

Howard Sheble (these 4 are AL SAL members)

Randy Cottle

Betty Bacom

Sylvia Bass

Kathy Church

Torsak (he is a co-worker of Caroline's. I am not sure if he is a member or not).

Moving on to the 5th District Meeting, Volunteers stepping up to make sure our 5th district guests were made to feel welcome Thank you everyone!

Susan Severson AL/ALA

Betty Bacom - Sylvia and Betty put all the door prizes together and worked in the kitchen as well.

Sylvia Bass

Valerie Galvin

Linda Mathis (helped with the door prizes)

Kathy Church

Brenda Cowgil & Kathy Helmlly put the door prize bags on the pool table.

Pam the manager put all the bar stools back on the patio for the meetings

During the month of February, 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!

The Auxiliary will be cooking Wednesday Night Cook Book Dinners the 1st Wednesday of every Month. Next one is March 1, 2017 at 6:30-8:00 pm. On the ALA MENU

*****Swiss Steak, Kathy Church Scalloped Potatoes, Angie tomatoes and mozzarella, Brenda her delicious green beans. Also, Doreen bought parfait dishes to have ice cream with cream de mint over it.

Don't forget our next 5th District Meeting 12, 2017 at 2pm ~ Post 194 address 1029 Pearl Street, St Augustine, FL. 32084.

The Auxiliary Monthly Meeting is the 2nd Monday of each Month (March 13th, 2017 at 7 pm). If you need more info please contact me at lindaw186@bellsouth.net.

Past Commanders Club Roy Havekost ~

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

The past commanders formed this social group in January 2016, and adopted the following mission statement for guidance of our group.

"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."

The PCC meets monthly on the first Sunday of the month, usually right after breakfast at the Post.

For God and Country,

PCC Chairman

Roy

Judge Advocate, Roy Havekost ~

<http://www.AL233FL.org>

During the month of February I attended The Florida American Legion College. The FALC is a three day, intense instruction of different aspects of the American Legion. The class started with an overview of the History of The American Legion, the Legion Emblem and the Preamble. We were introduced to Resolutions and assigned temporary virtual Districts (5) for our assignment on Resolution Writing. Each District was responsible to present a written Resolution on the last day of class. We were given a tour of Department headquarters and were introduced to the staff and given a better understanding of their functions and duties.

On day two the course content included Parliamentary Procedure and Protocol, Leadership and Team Building, Legislative Priorities, Programs and Public Relations, Department Programs and Awards, Fundraising and Membership. Day two also consisted of Resolution Work Groups. These work groups continued at the hotel after dinner ("homework").

Our third day consisted of Post/District Election Procedures (DCC), Internal Affairs and the importance of CPR Consolidated Post Reports. In addition we were honored with the presence of the following instructors who spoke about their particular entities. The American Legion Auxiliary, Treva Kay Wildrick Department of Florida 1st Vice President; The Sons of The American Legion, Past National Commander James K. Roberts III; and the American Legion Riders, Jim Day Department of Florida ALR Chairman.

ALA cont'd

The Auxiliary Breakfast is the 4th Sunday of the month (March 26th from 9:00 am to 11:30 am).

By coming to Post 233 you support the Post and the women of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 233 to 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. 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

From the BINGO Staff ~

GOOD NEWS! We now have our number board working and our new blower arrived just in time to be used February 23rd.

In February, we had two of the best weeks since we began. Of course, the Canteen continues to benefit from our activities.

Our base of participation has been stable week to week and it allows us to be profitable. Furthermore, it allows us to make our players happy with our payouts. As I indicated, we gave out \$500 on February 2nd, \$650 on February 9th (with 37 Players), \$500 on February 16th and \$550 on February 23rd. As you may recall, we are allowed by Florida Statutes to pay out a maximum of \$50 for each of the first 5 games and \$250 for each of the jackpot games. Thus, in our current configuration, we can pay out a total of \$750. Let's keep the seats filled as we are about to reach our goal. Plus, a new Pull Tab Game will start next week. The winner of that game gets an amount equal to the payout in pull tabs. They could win a handsome sum.

On the 16th, one of our regular players by the name of Linda won not only the fifth game for \$50 but she did it with the Lucky Ball. She won an additional \$280! The Lucky Ball pool started again on the 23rd and builds until someone wins.

Most evenings begin with most people enjoying our light meal for a donation of \$3.00 and drinks from the Canteen. Once the games start, most everyone seem very quiet as they want to concentrate but soon the room comes alive and a party atmosphere takes over. By the time we play games six and seven, it becomes very loud

JA cont'd

On graduation day, my virtual District 4 presented a Resolution that would create a new American Legion membership group for the non-veteran spouse of an eligible female veteran. Although our resolution had some grammatical errors, and needed some further research, the instructors panel seemed to favor the idea.

At the end of this course I left with a much better understanding and respect for the National organization of wartime veterans that I am a member of, and I look forward to continuing to serve The American Legion to the best of my abilities. I highly recommend this class of instruction.

For God and Country,

Roy

SAL Commander Roger Akey ~

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

In February, the SAL provided one Friday night dinner and a very successful third Wednesday dinner plus we operated our Thursday night Bingo Games. Also, we are now sponsoring Saturday evening karaoke which will help Canteen income. We would like to start a once a month Bunko game so if you know someone who would be willing to direct the games, please let us know. Women in particular love this game(s) and it would benefit the Canteen greatly.

If you have not paid your dues, please do so as soon as possible. Our reported membership level is now at approximately 77%. Gentlemen, see Howard, our Adjutant, with your payment.

Communication is important so when you pay your dues, please give us a current email address so if it is necessary to provide additional information, schedules or in case of emergencies, we will have the ability to contact you. I want to thank our new member, Kevin Munger, and his family for preparing dinner from his grandmother and mother's secret recipe. With the help of Mike Shaar, we set a new benchmark for a first time chef by serving nearly 40 dinners. It was great and if you missed it, he has indicated he is willing to do it again. I know I was impressed by the homemade cheesecake! Thanks again Kevin!

We had a good turnout at our meeting this month but would like to see you there. Among many items discussed, we voted on a new dual signature system for our bank accounts to comply with state and national regulations. Also, an appropriation for a new Bingo Blower was approved.

BINGO cont'd

and people actually cheer for one another. Lots of laughs can be heard.

Let's 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 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, and 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. See you soon.

For God and Country

Roger Akey



**American Legion Department of Florida
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Orlando, FL
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**LEGION OFFICER NOMINATIONS
WILL START AT THE
MARCH 6th MEETNG**

SAL cont'd

Our next meeting is March 20th at 7:00 PM. We will open the floor for first round officer nominations 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.

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/>

I'd like to thank everyone in the Legion Family who donated their time, talent or treasure to make our 5th Annual Run in support of Gainesville Fisher House a success. It was perfect riding weather, and the start at the Veterans Memorial Wall was sobering and inspiring for the 50 riders who made the run. At the time I am writing this we are still taking in donations and will report on that when all donations are in and checks have cleared.

***** NEVER RIDE FASTER THAN YOUR GUARDIAN ANGEL CAN FLY*****

Speed reduces your options:

Every time your speed doubles, your stopping distance roughly quadruples. So, if you can stop in 50 feet from 30 mph, for example, at 60 mph, your stopping distance goes up to about 200 feet. It's not just about obeying the speed limit—it's about giving yourself more options for stopping and evasive action that can be done safely.

Upcoming events in March:

ALR State Rally March 2-5

Daytona Bike Week March 10-19

Escort Post 233's donation check to Fisher House and take in a tour of the facilities. Date TBA.

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/> ~
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Riding for God and Country,

Kevin

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We Open Mondays - Thursdays at 4P
Fridays at 8A, Saturdays at 11A, and
Sundays at 9A

Canteen Activities,
Posted on Facebook

Non-Smoking Post!
We accept credit cards!

Breakfast:

Every Friday ~ Lite Breakfast
starting at 8A for \$3

Every Sunday ~ Breakfast
9A-11:30A for \$7-\$8, with
\$1 off Bloody Mary and
Mimosas.

Lunch:

Every Friday - Specials (note dates)
2/24 Burgers, Fries, & drink \$8
3/3 French Dip \$5
3/10 Burgers, Fries, & drink \$8
3/17 Shepherd Pie, or Pork Sandwich, or Grilled
Cheese \$5
3/24 Burgers, Fries, & drink \$8
3/31 French Dip \$5

Happy Hour/Dinners and Entertainment:

Every Monday Happy Hour ~ \$1 off Martinis 4P-6P

Every Tuesday ~ Taco Tuesdays 5:30P-7:30P for \$6
(Tacos, Black Beans, and Rice).

TX Hold'em sign up at 6:30P, play starts at 7P

Every Thursday ~ Bingo Night 6:30P
Light Dinner for \$3 at 6:15P

Friday Night ~ Steak Night (Steak, Baked Potato, Salad
and Dessert) 6:30P-8P.

Entertainment listed on e-calendar

<http://www.al233fl.org/e-calendar.htm>