



THE VALLEY LEGION NEWS

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Canteen Hours:
 Monday -Thursday 4:00pm - Close
 Friday 4:00pm-Close
 Saturday 11:00am – Close Sunday 9:00am - Close



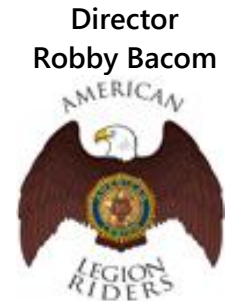
Commander
Dan Wortman



President
Kathy Church



Commander
Howard Sheble



Director
Robby Bacom

Legionnaire meetings, second Wednesday each month, 7:00pm
Auxiliary meetings, second Monday each month, 6:30pm
Son's meetings, third Monday each month, 7:00pm
Rider's meetings, third Sunday each month, 12:00pm

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Commander's Corner

Hi Members and friends,

Our Post is currently in the process of reorganizing our management structure. This reorganization will allow us to better serve our members and their guests. Please come to the monthly meeting to share your thoughts and show your support as we move through this restricting process!

As always, we appreciate the support we are getting

For God and Country
Dan Wortmann
Commander

Post Adjutant

Legionnaires! If you haven't, as of yet, renewed your dues for 2018 please do so when you can. Membership dues are the lifeblood of our organization. Approximately 1/2 of our Legionnaires have renewed their dues for 2018. Thank you, I know you understand Membership Dues payments are the life blood of our organization, at our Post, District, Department and National levels.

For God and Country,
Ted Verber
Adjutant

WEEK AT A GLANCE

MARTINI MONDAY

TACO/TEXAS HOLD 'EM TUESDAY

BINGO THURSDAY

DINNER AND MUSIC FRIDAY

1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH-FLEA MARKET

SUNDAY BREAKFAST AND FOOTBALL (STARTING
SEPTEMBER)



Auxiliary President's Report

SAL's Commander's Corner

On Saturday September 23rd we celebrated the life of our beloved Ms. Jody Mons. Jody was an active member of Unit 233 for 28 years. She was a very dedicated, generous, full of life, kept us on our toes, don't make her mad, lived life to the fullest and kind woman. She was loved by many and will dearly missed. Please continue prayers to her family and friends.

The ALA will host their 3rd WING NIGHT on Saturday, October 14 with Karaoke and we will play Left, Right, Center. Come join us!

The annual Halloween Party will be held October 28th. Start thinking about your costume now! We will begin the raffle for that on October 15th!

We have 2 baskets going on right now! FSU and UF, get your tickets from on of the bartenders!.

Check your mail this month for an exciting opportunity to order memory or honor plaques to be displayed in behind the bar in the pavilion. We want everyone to have an opportunity to honor your loved one while supporting the activities of Post 233 so we can pay it forward.

For God and Country

Kathy Church

ALA President

The SAL had another busy month serving ten meal nights including five Bingo meals, made possible with all of the entities represented. Many, many thanks to Kathy Church, Brenda Cowgill, Kevin Munger, Sylvia Bass, Celeste Sheble, and Anne Marie!

2018 SAL Membership renewals are due now.

Donations included: Missing in Action Program, Post 233, Wheel of Fortune, and the band Collage. A special thank you to Katie Workman for her donation of gift card and basket to our cause!

Upcomming events:

Bingo Every Thursday at 6:30 pm.

Sep 29	SAL Friday night dinner with Karaoke
Oct 1	SAL Breakfast
Oct 13	SAL Steak Dinner w/ Collage
Oct 18	Cigar Club Dinner-open to all
Oct 27	Steak Dinner w/ SOB Band (tentative)

For God and Country,
Howard Sheble
SAL Commander

MISSING IN AMERICA PROJECT

"It's The Right Thing To Do!"

The Missing in America Project (MIAP) is a registered 501(c)3 Non-profit Corporation. Our intention is to locate, identify and inter the unclaimed cremains of American veterans. Missing in America Project was launched nationwide in January, 2007.

Not only has MIAP interred so many as of today, we have also reunited families with their loved ones. MIAP also works with Medical Examiner's Offices, hospitals, nursing homes, Police Departments, etc.

Our next CALL TO HONOR will be on Saturday, October 21, 2017 at the South Florida National Cemetery, Lake Worth, FL. MIAP Florida volunteers will continue to do research and reach out to funeral homes during the summer but due to the hot weather we will not have any more services until the fall (November).

There are many ways one can get involved with MIAP. Please go to our website @ www.miap.us for more info. You may also contact me at my info listed below.

Thank You,

Kathy Church | Florida State Coordinator | 101 Bowles Street | Neptune Beach, FL 32266 | (904) 219-3035
miapjax@yahoo.com

Words from the Riders

ALR CHAPTER 233 WANTS YOU!!!!

Did you know that AL Post 233 has a Riders Chapter?? Did you know that as a member of the Legion, Auxiliary or the SAL you could join our Chapter?? Did you know you DON'T have to have a motorcycle to join ALR 233??

WHAT IS THE OBJECTIVE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS?

We are formed to promote the aims and purposes of The American Legion as a family oriented motorcycling activity for members of the American Legion Family.

We will uphold the principles of The American Legion and conform to and abide by the regulations and decisions of the department, post, or other duly constituted governing body.

Our members will avoid any perception of being a motorcycle or "biker" club or gang. Rather, the focus of membership is for the enjoyment of motorcycles and comradeship and furthering Legion programs in the community.

We will strive to improve the public's perception of the motorcycling community by promoting the honorable nature of service to one's community, state and nation through the sport of motorcycling.

"WE ARE THE 70 MILE/HOUR AD FOR THE LEGION RIDING DOWN THE HIGHWAY"

Currently ALR 233 continues to support our Post by holding TACO TUESDAY every Tuesday from 5:30 to 7:30pm. This is the same night as TEXAS HOLD'EM.

We also serve breakfast on the 3rd Sunday of every month with our special of Country Fried Steak, two eggs, grits, toast and fresh fruit for an \$8.00 donation. We also serve all other menu items.

ALR members continue to volunteer at the Post for other meals, events, building and yard maintenance, etc. Most importantly we join other Chapters within in the 5th District on Poker or Fun Rides to support many veteran and community organizations. WHY NOT JOIN IN ON ALL THIS FUN!!!!

Our yearly dues are \$25.00.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Church
ALR Chapter 233 Treasurer/Secretary



Hurricane Irma did a number on our Bingo Program. On September 7th, we had only 10 or 11 players so we played only two regular games and one coverall. We awarded \$200 that night. Despite the storm, in the last four weeks, we have awarded \$2450 to our players.

For those who wonder what the Bingo Program has brought to Post 233, through the end of August 2017, during the 8 months of this calendar year, our players who are members, neighbors and guests of Post 233 have received over \$19,000 in payouts and the Canteen income now exceeds over \$15,000 on Thursday nights. The Lucky Ball Pool has paid out \$596 with the current balance at \$259.

We are very pleased that on the third Thursday of each month, Kathy Church will provide a meal for the benefit of the MIA Program. The food has been excellent and well received by those in attendance. 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 many winners each week including some new players.

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 Howard Sheble or me if you are interested. Thank you to all who have stepped in when we have been short handed.

Remember, everyone has a good time at Bingo 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



Social
Media



Our Facebook group

now has 703 members

following our group postings. Not all of these followers are members of the Post. That being said, when you have an opportunity to post something to our group, include encouragement to non-members to join. We are always accepting applications for new members in the Legion, Auxiliary and Sons. Remember once a member, they also can join the Riders if they so choose .

Now on to the website at www.AL233FL.org . The most recent stats show that we are nearing 1 gigabyte of uploaded files of the 300 gigabyte of server space allocated for our domain. As of this writing, the viewer stats for July, August and September show we have had over 6,764 visitors who have viewed more than 13,741 pages of information. Our viewers are primarily viewing our newsletters, Legion meeting minutes, our Memorial pages and our e-calendar page. New to the website as of September 23rd, are the upload of the following Post minutes for the following years, 1971 to 1979, 1981 to 1983, Aug-Dec 2006 and Jan-Jun 2007. The first 7 months of 1971 are still missing at this time, but are very important to the history of our Post since this is the year we received our charter. These newly posted minutes can be accessed at <http://www.al233fl.org/minutes.htm> and scroll to the bottom of the page to select a year to view. I would note that these files were boxed and set to be discarded (to make more room in the office) before I was elected Post Commander. I retrieved them and have safeguarded them since. The only other files I have yet to be copied are the minutes from 1981 to 1983.

If any member, reading this newsletter, who has knowledge of the existence of meeting minutes and or notes/reports of the following years, please contact me at roy@havekost.net . I believe it is necessary to preserve our Post history as best we can for future generations to come. The missing years needed are: 1971 Jan to Jul, 1980 full year, 1987 to 2005 full years.

Once I have completed this project of minutes/records compilation, hopefully before The American Legion Centennial Celebration in 2019, I intend to transfer all of the data to DVD disk and make the same available to any member for a nominal donation to Post 233.

For God and Country

Roy Havekost
Post 233 Social Media Chairman

October 2017 Newsletter input, Judge Advocate Roy Havekost

Hello Legionnaires, I am including a short article in this newsletter to bring the membership up to date regarding Post by-laws. The Department of Florida recommends that every Post in the State update and submit a copy of their by-laws every three years. This doesn't mean that they can't be changed and resubmitted within those three years. When changes are made to by-laws and voted on by the general membership, they need to be forwarded to Department for approval. This process can sometimes take up to a couple of months. The membership cannot begin to follow their new by-law changes unless and until they are approved by Department.

Post 233's latest change/update took place at the June general meeting and was approved by Department on August 22, 2017. These by-laws can be viewed online on the Post website and a copy is on file in the Post Commanders Office for viewing.

One important change that was recommended by Department this year was that all Legion meetings, initiations and ceremonies will be held in accordance with The American Legion Post Officers Guide and any situations and circumstances not covered in this guide will no longer be referred to Roberts Rules of Order. For this reason Article XI of our by-laws has been modified to exclude Roberts Rules.

On another note, for the good of the Legion, nominations for 1st Vice Commander will be taken at the October 11th meeting due to the recent resignation of James Durnal. Nominations will also be taken for one vacant Executive Board member slot. Interested members should attend this general meeting.

For God and Country

Roy Havekost

