



# THE VALLEY LEGION NEWS

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**Palm Valley Post 233**  
**560 N. Wilderness Trail**  
**Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082**  
**904-785-7484**

Canteen Hours:  
 Monday -Thursday 4:00pm - Close  
 Friday 8:00 am - Close  
 Saturday 11:00am - Close    Sunday 9:00am - Close



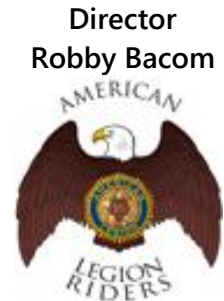
Commander  
Dan Wortman



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

Hello everyone!

We are picking up activity at the post. We are looking forward for a great turn out next month.

We are still raising money to get a new A/C system for the post so please ask a bartender how you can donate!

Friday nights are getting fun, good crowds and good bands!

K-9s had 12 women graduates last week and 12 more starting for next month. Keep up the good work all at the Post.

For God and Country  
Dan Wortmann  
Commander



## Post Adjutant

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. Now the other half needs to step up to the plate. If you're in that second half of our Organization stop by the Post next Saturday, September 2nd during our Open House Tailgate Fest and visit the Membership Drive Table, I'll be manning it between the hours of 10:00am and 2:00pm. Looking forward to seeing you there.

On Sunday September 10th we'll "Kickoff" the Post Sunday NFL 2017-18 Events as our Jaguars play the Texans at Houston. We'll add a twist for this game- the crowd will decide how we handle the "Your next drink is 1/2 price" by a vote at 12:45pm. There'll be 2 choices, after a Jag touchdown or after a Jag interception thrown. Following the vote our Celeste will sing the National Anthem while we STAND. If you can, bring in food to share with others and your friends. We'll do our popular card games, raffle off great prizes and include a 50/50. Please remember, your participation during this Sunday Funday helps support the charities and programs Post 233 sponsors. Also at approximately 3:00pm we'll hold the Membership Incentive raffle drawing for all who renewed early, transferred or became a new member. Those who sponsored any of these individuals also will have a ticket in the raffle bowl. 1st prize is \$100 worth of pull tab tickets. We'll also draw a ticket for a nice consolation prize. Come out early, get a good seat and enjoy a great breakfast between the hours of 9:00am and 11:30.

For God and Country,  
Ted Verber  
Adjutant

## Auxiliary President's Report

As newly elected ALA President, I am asking for Auxiliary members to step up and start volunteering at Post 233. We have several upcoming events at the Post and we need to volunteer for these events. Let's work together as a TEAM.

Unit 233 has always been a strong Unit and I know we can continue to do so. Our monthly meetings are on the 2nd Monday of every month starting at 6:30. Please plan on attending our meetings and bring your ideas and suggestions so that we can have another successful year.

For our September meetings (Sept 11th) we will be discussing the possibility of picking up one night a week to cook dinner. We can do the same dinner each week, make it a simple dinner to prepare, possibly a spaghetti dinner, wing night, meatloaf night, etc. Bring some suggestions to our meeting so we can choose.

We can get back doing our cookbook dinners, those were always a huge success.

Once again it is time to pay our dues for 2017-2018. Auxiliary dues are still

\$25.00. Please mail your check to PO Box 51138, Jacksonville Beach, FL

32240. You may also leave your check at the Post with the bartender on duty.

Invite your family and friends to join our Unit.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Church

ALA Unit 233 President

## SAL's Commander's Corner

Since our last report in July, the SAL Squadron 233 has been very busy serving 9 meals. All of this has been made possible through our tireless support volunteers. A huge thank you and kudos to all for your unwavering dedication (see names below). We are always very grateful to welcome new volunteers. We have a great time at all our functions.

The SAL is accepting 2018 Early Bird Memberships - included when you renew or initially sign up for 2018, are a free gourmet dinner and the best adult beverages at a great price. Cost is a measly \$30 to belong to SAL Squadron 233 which we consider to be one of the best (if not the best in Florida! Please see the bartenders on duty or see one of our officers listed on our officer board in the Canteen.

Remember we hold Bingo every Thursday night (serving a light dinner at 6:00 pm before the first ball drop at 7:00 pm. Our other functions include: Sunday Breakfast on the 1st Sunday of the month; Cigar Club Dinner on the 3rd Wednesday of the month where ALL are welcome to dine; Chef prepared Steak Dinner Friday meal which includes the Collage Band playing at 7:30 p.m. on 9/22/2017. YUM!

Our volunteers in August include: Roger Akey, Brenda Cowgill, Chef Mike Shaar, Katie Workman, Betty Bacom, Celeste Sheble, Kevin Munger, Daniel Deon, Robby Bacom, Dee Durnal, Kathy Church, Rita Connolly, and Todd Kleven.

For God and Country,  
Howard Sheble  
SAL Commander

# 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> District on Poker or Fun Rides to support many veteran and community organizations. **WHY NOT JOIN IN ON ALL THIS FUN!!!!**

If you wish to become an ALR Chapter 233 member please feel free to contact any one of our Officers:

Director: Robby Bacom

Assistant Director, Jeff Tupper

Road Captain, BJ Atkins

Treasurer/Secretary - Kathy Church

Chaplain, Linda Williams

Sgt-At-Arms, Betty Bacom.

Our yearly dues are \$25.00.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Church

ALR Chapter 233 Treasurer/Secretary



The following information was distributed throughout the district relative to the district social media sites.

To all 5<sup>th</sup> District Posts, the District website has been redesigned for a more optimum performance and easier navigation of recent and archived information. The website is located at: [www.al5thdistrictfl.org](http://www.al5thdistrictfl.org) and should be visited on a regular basis ( at least twice weekly ) for important information and bulletins that will be posted. The website is now mobile ready for both smart phones and notebooks as well as laptops and desktop computers.

This year for those of you who also are engaged with Facebook, the District has a new Facebook GROUP which will basically mirror the "BULLETINS" page of the website with the postings of important bulletins in this Facebook group. The GROUP is located at: <https://www.Facebook.com/groups/AL5thDistrictFL>. This GROUP is also available on mobile devices.

If your Post is having an event and you wish to distribute flyers, please post the flyers to the District Facebook PAGE at:

<https://www.Facebook.com/5thDistrictDeptOfFlorida> in addition to your own Post page. Do not ask to post the flyers to the District group, ONLY THE PAGE. You can also bring copies of the flyers to the monthly District meetings and hand them out.

Post 233 members feel free to join the District Group to be kept apprised of important information.

For God and Country,  
Roy Havekost, Social Media Chairman

## MISSING IN AMERICA PROJECT

### "It's The Right Thing To Do!"

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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.

#### **NATIONWIDE PROGRESS AS OF 8/27/2017**

Total Funeral Homes Visited - 2,130  
Cremains Found - 15,170  
Veterans Cremains Identified - 3,467  
Veterans Interred - 3,175

#### **FLORIDA'S PROGRESS AS OF 8/27/2017**

Total Funeral Homes Visited - 124  
Cremains Found - 1,000  
Veterans Interred - 152  
Spouses Interred - 72  
Dependents Interred - 1  
Missions pending - 43  
Call to Honors = 12

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](http://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



Once again, August continued to be another very successful month for our Bingo Program. Thus far in August, we have awarded \$2250 to our players with the 31st yet to add to the numbers. On August 3rd, the canteen revenue was \$435 with the other two weeks not far behind. As a result, the Legion and our participants have received nearly \$30,000 in benefits from our Bingo Program so far this year. 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 myself or Howard Sheble if you are interested. 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

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

MARTINI MONDAY

TACO/TEXAS HOLD 'EM TUESDAY

BINGO THURSDAY

DINNER AND MUSIC FRIDAY

1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY OF THE MONTH-FLEA MARKET

SUNDAY BREAKFAST AND FOOTBALL (STARTING SEPTEMBER)

## News from the Canteen and Kitchen

The Legion is back open for lunch! After a long period away, the Legion is finally back up and running during the day. The Bearded Chef makes delicious lunches such as burgers, wings, and various sandwiches every day from 11am-2pm. There has been steady growth in the lunch crowd over the past month and hopefully this continues to grow for the rest of the year.

There is also a Tailgate Fest and Flea Market event happening on Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. The event will be a fundraiser for the Legion and its respective charitable affiliates such as K9's for Warriors. The Flea Market will be from 8am-12pm and we have 20+ booths sold for the event. There will be live entertainment throughout the day as well as a good old-fashioned fish fry and the Auxiliary will provide some tasty sides. Instaramps will be providing a skateboarding clinic for kids age 5-12. Jax Murals is also doing face and body painting for children too. This is a great opportunity to bring the family along and get people involved with the Legion. This fundraising event is a chance to give back and to spread the word about Post 233 and how we area 'place to do good'.

Milk Kilm

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander/Canteen Manager



## The American Legion Family

Fellow American Legion and friends your Post would like you to consider assisting us in reaching our goal of \$5,000.00 by making a contribution to allow us to improve your Post. The Post is in great need of replacing and updating our air-conditioning. We are being given special pricing as we are a veteran's organization. Any contribution you may be able to give would be greatly appreciated and enjoyed by all our Post family.

Checks should be made to the order of:

American Legion Post 233 and please additionally note "A/C Building Fund" in the memo section and sent to:

American Legion Post 233  
560 N Wilderness Trail  
Ponte Vedra, FL 32082

Thank you,

Dan Wortmann American Legion Post 233 Commander

