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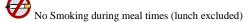


# Canteen hours:

MON-FRI: 1100 until ?? hrs. SAT: 0900 until ?? hrs. SUN: 0900 until ?? hrs. (St.Johns County - closing hour is 2:00am)

Website: www.AL233FL.org Email: info@al233fl.org Post telephone: 904.285.2484

Sunday: Breakfast 9am-11:30am Wednesday: Dinner 6:30pm-8:00pm Friday: Dinner 6:30pm-8:00pm Mon-Fri: Lunch 11:30am-1pm





Legionnaire meetings, first Thursday each month, 7:00pm Auxiliary meetings, second Thursday each month, 7:00pm Son's meetings, third Thursday each month, 6:00pm Rider's meetings, first Sunday each month, 11:00am

# **NEVER FORGET ~ POW's & MIA's**

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#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

This past month the Post 233 Yahoo email account was closed down by Yahoo. Yahoo sites large quantities of outgoing emails which they look at as a possible spamming violation of their terms and conditions as a free email service provider. They also stated that the account had been compromised. To hopefully combat this mini crisis, a new Post email account was opened with Gmail. In an effort to not repeat this problem with Gmail, we will reduce the size of our emails by temporarily suspending the emailing of the <u>event flyers</u> with the newsletter. Event flyers will be available on the website linked to the 'Special Events' page. We will continue to offer a one page printable event calendar with each months' newsletter.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Commander Roy Havekost





#### **Commander Roy Havekost**

Email: Commander@AL233FL.org

This newsletter should be published before the end of March, so just a reminder March 30<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating the 94<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the American Legion Organization with an Oyster Roast, and on Easter Sunday the ALR is sponsoring an Easter Pancake Breakfast for the children followed by an Easter Egg Hunt, it will be a family fun day.

Now onto some legion business, elections for the 2013-2014 term are fast approaching. A nominating committee of Stu Lilly and Sonny Kirkwood has been formed. If you intend to run for office contact one of these members and they will place you on the nominating list. Nominations will also be taken at the April and May meetings. Nominations will close at the May meeting. Any uncontested officers positions will be voted in at the May meeting by acclamation, voting for all other positions will be Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, tentatively from 11:00am to 6:00pm. Results will be announced after ballots are counted. Lady and Gentlemen Veterans, part of our goal in the American Legion is to provide help to other veterans in need. I would like to see some new faces step up to the plate and get involved. This is your Post, you joined it, now you should show some interest. It really doesn't take much time to be involved, just as much time as you are willing to give back. Keep on serving America though your Post.

The Department annual convention will be held on June 6-7-8-9 in Orlando. If you plan on attending or aren't really sure, please come to the April meeting for more details.

Kudos to the Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, Riders and especially Kenny Holliday and all of the performers that he lined up for a Concert Benefit for Sgt. Larry 'Stew' Stewart on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Even though the weather put a big damper on our outdoor plans, the concert was a very successful indoor event. Thank you to everyone who was involved pulling this off on such very short notice. Team 233 does rock and always shines when the chips are down. BIG THANKS!

For God and Country, *Roy* 

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# 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander/ Adjutant Mark Dorsey

Email: ViceComm1@AL233FL.org

Our Legion membership at Post 233 is over 110% as of this writing, with a roster of 415 members.

Congratulations to everyone at our post that made this happen. We have a lot of new members this year and continuing to receive new applications every month. We still have members that have not renewed their membership. If you have not done so please send in your legion dues for 2013.

The next Past commanders Dinner will be on April 24th. Details will be available on the website.

For God & Country, *Mark* 



# 4<sup>th</sup> Vice Commander Charlie Walker

Email: ViceComm4@AL233FL.org

We are in need of a fill-in volunteer cook for the first Sunday of the month to help Joni Corlew. Her cook team partner Capt. Ski is ill but hopefully will be back soon.

Thanks to Big John Richardson for stepping up to help with Wednesday night dinners for the Legionnaires. We are in desperate need of more Legionnaires to help out on Wednesdays nights, Friday nights and Sunday mornings. Contact the Canteen Manager for more information.

Special thanks to Jason Bass and his wife Allyson for another great SAL dinner and to all of our volunteers!

For God & Country, *Charlie* 





**Chaplain Bob Nagel** Email: Chaplain@AL233FL.org

Remember our military both at home and in harms way by keeping them in your thoughts and prayers. For God and Country,

Bob





**Ric Smith, Judge Advocate** Email: judgeadvocate@AL233FL.org

I am sure most of you are watching the latest articles from the Jacksoville Times Union and the St. Augustine Record on the Allied Veterans of the World. This group has been active with card tables in front of Walmarts, grocery stores, gambling at internet cafes and now facing federal RICO (racketeering and money laundering) charges on 60 plus members.

Florida Senate Bill 1030, presently still in committee, is addressing some of the gambling issues. A letter from Florida Legion Hqtrs is in the works and will be sent to all Commanders on how this affects our posts in the next 3 to 3 weeks. Poker nights, chance machines, and card games are possible issues on the table at present.

The new facepage for the Florida American Legion website is up and running. The purpose is to simplify locating current issues, membership totals, meetings and statewide activities. Looks good, even I can use it, with practice, being a computer probee at large. Have a safe April.

For God and Country, *Ric* 





FROM THE AUXILIARY-President Kathy Church

Email: ALA@AL233FL.org

"SPRING is in the AIR" and the Auxiliary is just abuzz.

The Auxiliary is ready to go with our event which is our "Tax Relief" event. Barbara Turley has taken the lead on this event and it is actually going to be a 2 day event starting out with a bake sale on Friday April  $12^{th}$  and continuing on to Saturday April  $13^{th}$ . If you would like to back something for this sale please sign up at the Post or contact Barbara Turley. Then it is on to Saturday April  $13^{th}$  with a special fine dinning dinner served from 6:30pm – 8:00pm with a menu of: London Broil, Salad, Au Gratin Potatoes, Carrot Coins & Find the Prize Cupcakes. Debbie Johnston will be on stage from 7pm – 10pm.

Tickets may be purchased in advance for a \$10.00 donation. Sylvia Bass has also put together a "Tax Relief" raffle basket with all the items to get you over Tax Day. Tickets for this raffle are also available now. Proceeds from this special event go to Post 233.

The Auxiliary is working on a birthday list. I have some of your birthdays listed but not all. Can you please email me @bartenderpost233@yahoo.com, call me @ (904) 219-3035 or Facebook me your birthday. If you prefer not to list your birth year that is ok, just send me you month and day.

Year End Reports are due to the Dept no later than April 15<sup>th</sup>. This means we need your volunteer hours turned in and totaled by Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. We will not accept any late reports on this.

As always I have to send out THANKS to all Auxiliary members who continually donate their time and money for the good of our Post and Unit. I would still like to see a better attendance at our regular monthly meetings. April's meeting will be on Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm.

We are still in need of a cook team for Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice, Kathy Helmly is out of town for Easter. If you would like to cook please contact me.

Please keep Bob & Judy Nagel in your thoughts are prayers. Bob is home recovering form his stroke. Judy is taking good care of him but it has put extra work on her. We miss them both at the Post.





## FROM THE SAL- Commander Jeff 'Tex' Ward

#### Greetings Sons,

Congratulations gentlemen! We have achieved our membership goal for 2013 and as of this writing we are at 120+%! Still a few of you out there that have not paid... C'mon guys!

Thanks to Jason Bass for his effort to ensure that our March "Wed. Night Dinner" was a success. With the help of Randy Cottle, Allyson Bass, T.J. Wagner (and a guest appearance by Chef Mike) we had yet another successful dinner. The shrimp, clams and homemade hush puppies were awesome!! Thanks for the help folks. As I sate every newsletter, we are responsible for one Wednesday night a month to provide dinner. Please help us by volunteering <u>at least</u> once a year. That is not asking too much, is it? The next S.A.L. dinner is 4/17. Even if you can't help out at least be there to buy a meal and support our Post. We seem to regularly have the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. of the month. If you know when you can do it please let me know and I will make arrangements. Remember that if you cannot volunteer you can always be a <u>Gold Sponsor</u>. A \$100. donation will pay for the food and someone else to cook it. *NOTE: If the same names keep showing up in this column it is because the same people are doing the volunteering. It sure would be nice to give the "regulars" a break!* 

At our March meeting we voted to send Sgt. Larry "Stew" Stewart on a charter fishing trip with the program from Post 54 in Fernandina. Unfortunately, he is not able to participate so we are donating that money (\$300.) to the money raised at his benefit we hosted on 3/23. That will go a long way in helping his family. We do good things!

We are also very involved in maintaining the building and grounds at our Post. We repaired the floor of the men's room (great job Pete Braud!!) and Jason Bass painted the bar area so that T.J. Wagner and I (with help from Dan Wortmann) could finish installing the rope lighting. We are looking to finish painting the inside of the building (with the okay from the Bldg. Comm.) in the very near future and will need help from some of you to complete that project. As soon as we get the okay I will plan a "working bee". Many hands make light work so if you can help please let me know. Our idea is to start/finish it on a Saturday.

Remember that at our next meeting we will take nominations for officers and then vote on them at the May meeting. <u>All postitions are open</u>. If you want to get more involved please attend the April meeting and "throw your hat in the ring". That meeting is scheduled for Thurs., the 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

Also, on Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup> our squadron is hosting the 5<sup>th</sup> District S.A.L. meeting. It should be a beautiful day so we will be in the Pavilion for it. After the meeting we will host an informal luncheon (nothing fancy - possibly grilled hotdogs or hamburgers?). If any of you have some time to help prepare and serve it would be greatly appreciated. Please let me know.

There will be other exciting events and fundraisers coming up this year so keep your eyes on the newsletter, visit the website (<u>www.al233fl.org</u>) and Facebook page or better yet, come to the Post and have a drink! You are always invited to attend the monthly S.A.L. meeting and have some input or at least be current with what we are doing.

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding our Squadron or Post 233 issues, my phone number is 904-233-0976 and my email is <u>flagman49@yahoo.com</u>.

God Bless Our Troops God Bless America Jeff "TEX" Ward



#### FROM THE RIDERS- Director Jarrod Buchman

Jarrod and family are away on a vacation cruise. He would like to remind everyone of the Easter Egg Hunt, breakfast and Family Fun Day on Easter Sunday. Also remember that the District 5 ALR meeting will be on Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm at Post 137.

For God and Country *Jarrod* 



### FROM THE CANTEEN Diane Dorsey, Manager

Happy Easter and Welcome to Spring! Hard to believe that the first quarter of the year has passed us by. The Post 233 Canteen has been busy with some great events and there are lots more coming! Please note that the Post email address has changed. Please add <u>palmvalley233@gmail.com</u> to your address book. This will insure that you receive timely updates, special event announcements, etc.

March 2013 marks the 94<sup>th</sup> birthday of The American Legion. In celebration, the Post 233 Legionnaires are hosting an outdoor birthday bash on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. We'll be roasting oysters, boiling shrimp and cooking hamburgers and hot dogs on the big ole' grill. Beach Street Boogie will perform on the big stage and the Pavilion will be open for beverage service. This is a family event so load up the kids, grandkids, friends and neighbors and bring your lawn chairs.

The Post 233 Auxiliary will be hosting a Tax Day Relief dinner event on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. They have a very nice upscale menu planned as well as some very clever surprises. A beautiful basket of all the necessities to survive tax day is on display at the Post and raffle tickets are on sale in the Canteen.

The Past Commanders Club will be at it again in April cooking up a fabulous special dinner on Wednesday night the 24<sup>th</sup>. Chef Don Mills will be preparing his famous Seafood Cassarole. Just a hint, shrimp, crabmeat and cheese are involved!

We have several private parties / events on the books over the next couple of months. The word is spreading about our lovely Pavilion facility and outdoor setting! If you have a family or business event to plan, please consider Post 233 as the perfect location. We can accommodate any size group and assistance is available for your catering and entertainment needs.

As always, thank you to all the dedicated volunteers that work tirelessly week in and week out to produce the fabulous meals we serve, take care of the minor repairs that always need doing and keep our grounds and public areas in top shape. New volunteers are always welcome and encouraged!

Looking forward to serving you soon!

For God and Country, *Diane* 



1	Claire Tillis
3	Judy Mills
4	Mary Ann Vaccaro
8	Bill Breden
9	Jim Campbell
11	Steve Willis
	Patricia Owings
13	Allyson Keen Bass
	Jo Ann Jones
16	Sue Hord

17	Julie Scofield	
18	Marcia White	
21	Beverly Geltmache	
22	Susan Caruso	
23	Luke Thornton	
	Charlie Saffles	
24	Ric Smith	
30	Jim Watford	
	Steve Torbert	

Your birthday can be listed here by sending your name, month and day to webmaster@al233fl.org or call Roy @ 287-6909

#### POST 233 "MEAL DEAL" SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Are you one of those people who would love to volunteer to help your Post but you don't trust your culinary skills or aren't able to manage the kitchen duties?

We've got a DEAL for you! There are others willing to do the work for you and better yet, you get all the credit. Become a Post 233 LEGIONNAIRE MEAL SPONSOR and all the planning, shopping, cooking, service and clean-up will be taken care of and you will be honored as that Wednesday evening's Meal Sponsor. Your dinner will be on the house and you can even request a favorite meal you would like to have prepared.

There is a Sponsorship Level for everyone and your Sponsorship is a tax deductible donation to American Legion Post 233. Your donation will be used to offset the food cost and compensate the evening's Chef for their time and effort on your behalf.

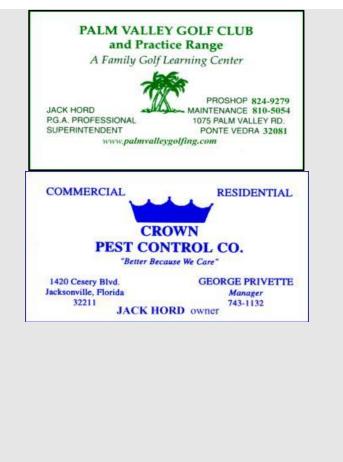


# HELP SPREAD THE WORD

Jacksonville Veterans now have access to FREE training, certification, and job placement in home building, remodeling and light commercial construction through a partnership between Home Builders Institute (HBI) and Florida Dept of Economic Opportunity called Pre-Apprenticeship Certification Training (PACT). Training is in all facets of facilities maintenance including carpentry, electrical wiring, landscaping, masonry, painting, plumbing and weatherization. Training is conducted at the Allied Vets Center, http://www.alliedvetscenter.org/. For more info or to register, email LaTanya Guillory @hbi.org or call 625-3299.

#### SUPPORT THE BUSINESSES THAT HELP SUPPORT YOUR POST





 \$25.00 per year to advertise your business card on both the monthly newsletter and Post website.
Make check payable to American Legion Post 233.
Your check and business card can be left in the Commanders mailbox. Business cards that missed the payment deadline will be posted immediately to the website when your payment is received.

Business card advertising available here





Warriors:

Gerggory Mosher, USMC, North Carolina; James Blanford, US Army, Arkansas; Scott Young, US Army, New Jersey; David Hare, US Army, Ohio; and Karl Fleming, US Army, Alabama

Thank you for your service and welcome home!





Steve Spickelmier, MIAP FL – Field Operations Coordinator and I had the chance to go to Tallahassee and meet with several Representatives and Senators. Representative Ken Roberson invited us to sit in the West Gallery of the House and he introduced the two of us to the floor. House Bill 171 which deals with "Release of Liability" was being voted on and we were there when it passed 116 Yeas to 0 Nays. What a feeling when this passed. MIAP Volunteers have been working on this for over four years.

We then went on to meet with Senator Maria Sachs, she not only supports our Veterans she also supports Fireman, EMTs and Paramedics. Senate Bill 370 which coincides with HB 171 has passed two committees and has two more to go. It goes to the Judicial Committee on April 1<sup>st</sup>. We are pretty confident that this will also pass in the Senate.

What does this all mean? This means that once the law is passed and signed by the Governor it will go into effect on July 1, 2013 and MIAP – FL will be able to proceed with services at the National Cemetery for the 48 verified Veterans/Spouses. I truly believe MIAP – FL will spread fast once this bill is passed. Steve and I have been invited to go back to Tallahassee for the signing of this law. What an honor to be part of history in the making.

I will be attending the Legion 5<sup>th</sup> District meeting to propose that Legion Post in the 5<sup>th</sup> District support MIAP and allow us to form MIAP Committees within each Post. This Committee will be driven by MIAP with Legion, Auxiliary and SAL members as members of these Committees. We will be asking for someone to step up to lead these Committees and to lead the 5<sup>th</sup> District. The American Legion signed Resolution 24 in May 2007 at the National Convention which lends support to MIAP nation wide yet not too many within the Legion know about MIAP. We need your help to change this.

We have rented a vendor table for the Dept Convention in June to help spread the word about MIAP and our Mission. Please go to <u>www.miap.us</u> for more details. We also have a Facebook page under Missing in America Project – Florida. Please contact me if you would like to become an MIAP supporter or volunteer.

Just this past week, Walter Rasco, MIAP Post 137 Committee Chair assisted in reuniting a grandson with the remains of his grandmother. She herself was not eligible to be interred at the National Cemetery but the National Cemetery Scheduling Office contacted her grandson and put him in contact with Walter. Walter than put him in contact with the funeral home for him to pick his grandmothers remains up.

Kathy Church MIAP – FL State Coordinator

<u>MISSING IN AMERICA PROJECT - FLORIDA</u> Summary Report as of:			3/27/2013	(MIAP) TOTAL VERIFIED - 48	
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1 which is a WWI	l Veteran			Verification 62	
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1 is a MAJ (retired	1)				
1 is a spouse of a V	WWII Veteran				
3 are spouses					
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Korean War Veter	an				
MARINE CORP		TOTAL - 3			
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NAVY	<b>TOTAL - 18</b>				
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Report summarized by Kathy Church, MIAP - FL State Coordinator

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FRI Steak Dinner: \$12.00 ~ WED & SUN Dinner: \$8.00 ~ SUN Breakfast: \$5.00 or \$7.00 ~ Donations Required

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