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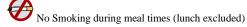


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MON-FRI: 1100 until ?? hrs. SAT: 0900 until ?? hrs. SUN: 0900 until ?? hrs. (St.Johns County - closing hour is 2:00am)

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Sunday: Breakfast 9am-12N Supper 5:30-6:30pm Wednesday Dinner: 6:30pm-8:00pm Friday Dinner: 6:30pm-8:00pm Mon-Fri Lunch 11:30am-1pm



Legionnaire Membership: did you sign up a new member this month?

ALA Membership: did you sign up a new member this month?

SAL Membership: did you sign up a new member this month?

NEVER FORGET ~ POWs & MIAs

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Commander's Corner





Commander Robert 'Robby' A. Bacom

July has been a busy month as I have been getting to know more members, listening to suggestions, greeting/recruiting visitors, and learning about Legion requirements. The business of the Post will begin in earnest in August as the new leadership teams kick off the year. My to do list for the month includes:

Collect and review past Legion records
Review financial funds, reports and controls
Meet with SAL and Auxiliary leaders
Attend District meetings
Kick off Executive Board, House Committee, and General meetings

Volunteers truly are the heart of the Post. I would like to thank all our regular volunteers who continue to step up to share their time, talents, and smiles. There are some new faces beginning to volunteer, and I want to welcome you to the team. I would ask each of you to: Continue to keep your ideas and suggestions coming. Remember to put our events on your calendar and bring your family and friends. Continue to be involved and do your part in making this a great Post. Keep smiling and continue to offer the hospitality we are known to provide to everyone. Friendliness is a big reason many visitors want to join our Post family.

For God and Country, Robby





Adjutant Patty O'Callahan

Hello Fellow Legionnaires:

I would like to report that on July 13th I received the new 2012 Membership Renewal Cards from the Department of Florida. I have been diligently working on them and have since processed & mailed 232 Renewals for 2012. Please keep your renewals coming! If your membership card does not have '2012' on it, you have not paid your 2012 dues.

For our WWII Veterans, many of you have received your check or credit card info back from me along with your 2012 membership card; that is because Post #233 considers it an honor to proudly pay your Membership renewal. So please keep this in mind next year to avoid any inconvenience of re-working of your check books.

Hopefully, we will meet our Membership goals for CDR Bacom and Post #233 this year.

For God and Country, Patty





1st Vice Commander Roy Havekost

Membership goals for the 2011-12 term really need to be met this year. Nationally, new membership is at a decline, we need to help change this. For 2 years now we have not been able to attain our 100% goal. If every member brings in just one new member 100% will be easy to reach. Also, your 2012 dues can be paid direct to National, via a secure online link provided on our website. You can immediately print a temporary membership card too. Details are on the website. I will be attending both the ALA and SAL meetings this month to take officer pictures for the website and discuss ideas for an upcoming membership drive. Remember there are 17,000 veterans living in St. Johns County, FL. We need to get them

signed up in Post 233 and make our family grow. Remember that by paying your 2012 dues before Veterans Day (Nov.11th) you qualify for the free Early Bird Dinner (held in February or March 2012). The last Early Bird Dinner was a fabulous Prime Rib special, and 2012 will prove to be a great one too.

On another note, I wish to commend both Rick Kapeghian and Charlie Walker for stepping up and continuing as the 3rd and 4th Vice Commanders. To make it official they must be approved (by vote) at the August meeting. Be sure to attend. Have you been to the website lately? We have uploaded some new changes, what do you think?

For God and Country, Roy



2nd Vice Commander (vacant)

No report this month.





3rd Vice Commander Rick Kapeghian

During my term as Vice Commander I will be working toward getting our membership roll to 100%. Members should wear a legion shirt or hat whenever possible and remember to carry one or two membership applications in your wallet. Veterans do acknowledge other vets when in public, you may just signup a new member. I also plan on getting our Blue Star program up and operating this term

For God and Country, Rick





4th Vice Commander Charlie Walker

First I would like to thank the cook teams of Stu Lilly & Company, and Capt. Ski & Company for helping out in the kitchen. We are still in need of more help though. A job WELL DONE goes out to Cdr. Robby and Concrete Pete for cooking 41 breakfasts (by themselves) on Sunday the 24th, BRAVO, and thank you to the cleanup crew too. Please attend our next meeting as member Ed Della Penna has indicated he will serve as 2nd Vice, in charge of the kitchen, and he needs your vote.

For God and Country, Charlie





Sgt. at Arms Dan Wortmann

"I just can't wait to slap the cuffs on Rosie's takers." Let's dig deep into your pockets and make that donation. Not only do we want our icon 'Rosie Legion' back safe, sound and unharmed, we NEED the improvements to our pavilion.

For God and Country, Dan





Historian Rod Garing

It has been my pleasure to witness a recent upswing in post activity and participation. This statement being made without having reviewed any financial reports, but from simple observation when I have been present. I would like to welcome our new commander, Robby Bacom. I hope each of us will be able to lend a little of our time to the post in the coming year to make his job run along smoothly. In particular I would like to thank the Auxiliary and the S.A.L. for all of their efforts at our post. You do a wonderful job and make the Legionnaires lives a little more relaxed and enjoyable when at our post. Finally, I would like to thank all of the officers, board members, and members in totality, both past and present for helping keep our post in running order.

For God and Country,

Rod





CANTEEN MANAGERS REPORT- by Diane Dorsey

The weather has heated up and so has the activity and entertainment quotient at Post 233. First, thank you to all who attended the Installation of our 2011 - 2012 Officers as well as the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner that same evening. It was a long day but well worth the effort. Special thanks to Chef Mike Shaar, Past Commander Steve Willis and my personal hero, Robert Scarlett who stepped in and cleaned up the kitchen for us that night. Well done Team 233!

The action at the poker tables on Tuesday nights has been both hot and great fun. We now have two full tables playing every week and they are having a ball. Players rotate in and out and table to table so there is always room for new players. If you haven't tried it yet you are really missing out. No experience is necessary, the dealers will teach you as you go. Several people who had never played the game before have won weekly games and are now in the monthly playoff tournament vying for a 100.00 prize. It could be you too! This month's tournament is Tuesday the 16th. Light dinners are available on poker nights for a 5.00 donation so come for dinner and get in the game or just watch the action.

We have a new and really exciting entertainer booked for the 2nd and 4th Friday nights in August. MR Sunshine will be live on our 233 stage doing his Vegas style act. MR Sunshine is a very talented high energy performer with some pretty impressive gigs on his resume. Watch for the flyers around the Post and on line and make plans to be there. If you can't smile and tap your foot watching this guy perform, you may want to check your own pulse!

The ever popular Frankie Martin, Jr (1st & 3rd Fridays) and Johnston Duo (Sat. the 27th) are also on the calendar. Your own Post 233 is the best deal in town for great food and top notch entertainment.

The August Theme Night party is a surefire winner. The date is Saturday the 20th and the theme is *MASH*. We're going to turn Post 233 into the 4077th! The costume options are endless on this one folks. Think Hawkeye, Hot Lips, Klinger, the nurses... you get the drift. The "mess tent" will be open, menu TBA, and there will be some medicinal beverage specials.

Rumor has it that there is a Jason Bass Famous Wet Burrito Night in our near future! Date and details TBA. There is still plenty of room left on the bus for the August 27th Post 233 Bus Road Trip. Details are posted around the Canteen and online. Cost is 25.00 per person. Contact Judy Mills to reserve your seat.

The Legion Wednesday night Meal Sponsors for August are the Ron Joy Family and Sonny Kirkwood and the SAL and Auxiliary also have dinners planned. Watch your Weekly Update and expect some fabulous menus. Remember that the Wednesday night dinners are fund raisers for the respective entities. The food is great, the price is right, and your donation goes to a very good cause. Win-Win!

Post 233 Weekly Updates go out via email every Monday. We are trying very hard to keep everyone up to date on the weekly happenings, menus, entertainment, etc. If you are not receiving these, send a brief message to palmvalley233@yahoo.com and we'll get you on the list.

If you are a Facebook user, check out our page @ Palm Valley American Legion Post 233. Click on the "Like" button and join our group. Event flyers, news, photos and general comments are posted there and everyone is welcome. Thinking ahead to cooler weather, plans will be in the works for an outdoor Oyster Roast and of course the hotly contested Post 233 Rib Cook Off. Suggestions for events you would like to see happen are always welcome and volunteer help is much appreciated.

As always, thank you for your support of Post 233, our Canteen and our hard working Officers and Staff. We are there to serve you and hope to see you soon.

For God and Country,

Diane





FROM THE SAL- Commander Jeff 'Tex' Ward

No report this month.

Jeff "TEX" Ward





FROM THE AUXILIARY- President Kathy Church

Well ladies it is time for us to start gearing up for our 2012 term and do some planning. Our August meeting will be on Thursday, August 11th starting @ 7:00pm, this being our first meeting for 2012. I will start the meeting by handing out our awards and summary for the 2011 term. Then it will be on to start brain storming for our fall events. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this meeting.

MEMBERSHIP DUES NOTE:

With the start of the 2012 term that means it is also time to renew your dues (seems like we just paid them). I know I have said this before but paying your dues and paying them early is very important. Monies collected from dues help with the programs that not only we participate in locally but on a District & National level. From what I hear National won't be sending out renewals notices until October but I am asking that you send your dues in now. Auxiliary dues are still only \$25.00 (that's a deal) which entitles you to many benefits. Please see the benefit sheet hanging on the Auxiliary board or go to the American Legion Auxiliary website to view your benefits. Please make your check out to ALA Unit 233 and mail to me @ 101 Bowles Street, Neptune Beach, FL 32266. I will send your card out to you as soon as I receive your check.

2nd Vice, Linda Williams is asking for volunteers to cook & serve on Auxiliary Wed. nights. There are several ways you can do dinner and I am always willing to help out on these nights. Contact Linda at LindaW186@bellsouth.net. Linda has all the details and the schedule. I will be in the kitchen on Wed 8/3 but Chef Mike will actually will be cooking for us, so come join us for dinner.

Thanks to Ann Cook, Anita Vigil and all who have donated money and items for Wounded Warrior Zach O'Grady. Zach is settled into his new home and has sent thanks to all for helping him furnish his house. I will be publishing a list of items he is still in need of.

I will also be publishing emails regarding other programs we are participating in to help children with school supplies and lunches.

Thanks to all who work so hard for our Post/Unit and for your continued support. We are a strong group and we get things done!

Kathy





~AUGUST BIRTHDAY's ~

2	Juanita Bibbee
5	Angie Kees
	Eileen Havekost
6	Gene Williams
8	Gereg Curret
9	James Durnal
10	Kim Price
13	Edward Matthews
14	Michael Marvin
15	Jonnie Cotton
16	Bob Andrews
17	Paul Zander
	Cheryl Reynolds

19	Arlene Jones
	Priscilla Jones
21	Michael Corcoran
22	Bob Nagel
24	Johnnie Jones
25	Mike Charles
26	Eileen Breden
	Bill Reilly
27	Hudye Garrison
30	Wendy Hummel
	Patrice Sowerby

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

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Get Rosie back!

REWARD

\$\$ ~ A new improved outside pavilion ~ \$\$

On or about July 17th, it was discovered that our beloved 'Rosie Legion' was missing from the Post. Word immediately went out over the internet via our <u>Facebook page</u> and emails alerting everyone of Rosie's disappearance. The Post was scrambled and members began the search for Rosie.

Much to our dismay a <u>ransom note</u> was discovered taped to the front door of the Post on Monday morning demanding \$2000+ for her return. The 'Rosie Takers' have joined Facebook and are now communicating with us through our <u>Facebook page</u>.

We need everyone's help in getting Rosie back home.

Come on people, HELP US OUT of this situation. We'll get Rosie back and a new and improved pavilion as well!

Donations are willingly received anytime at the Post.

(write a check, it's Tax Deductible)

Thank you to those who have already contributed!



Post 233 has a new Facebook group page click the icon above to join



if you need to stay connected when your away from the office or home just bring in your laptop, ipad, 4G, whatever... we're always online

Empty space in this newsletter is available for your advertising, or comments. Content for the newsletter MUST be received no later than the 25th, each month.

This will leave a 3-4 day buffer for editing and formatting.

We will strive to have each months newsletter published before the 1st of the month. Please help with this effort by getting your reports in on time.

Thank you. newsletter@al233fl.org

To advertise your business in the Post Newsletter and on our website, submit a donation of \$25.00 and your business card to Roy Havekost, 1st Vice Commander. Pick up an envelope at the bar.

> Ads run for one year Jan-Dec (prorated). Make checks payable to Post 233. ©



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End of an era. What's next?



Navy pilots... really tough duty.



There's a new look at www.AL233FL.org

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Our community friends at the UPS Store at Tournament Plaza Shopping Center 830-13 A1A by the Shell station, has offered to print all of our Legion needs, not only with our Tax-Exempt Status, of course, but for 50% less than what they charge other customers. This Post #233 specific discount includes all of our color calendars, flyers, banners, etc., they do an excellent job & saves our Post hundreds of \$\$\$ annually! Please keep them in mind when you need printing, shipping, notarizations & many other services.

The owner of this franchise is Brett & his grandfather has an American Legion named after him in South Carolina! Helping Us & Helping Them-support our local businesses.



### **COMING TO OUR POST 233 in AUGUST**

Taken from A Review of M.R. Sunshine by Lance Miller, Post #129 August Newsletter:

There's nothing like a burst of light to brighten a room, especially sunshine or in this case M.R. Sunshine, the latest talent to be showcased in the evenings at Post 129.

M.R. (Michael Robinson) is a versatile musician/singer whose vocal range enables him to easily cover popular artists, male and female, both recent and past. One minute he's crooning Etta James' 'At Last' and he'll quickly follow with the velvet bass tones of Barry White's 'My First, My Last, My Everything'. This reviewer was blown away with his rendition of the Bee Gees hit 'How Deep is Your Love', where he seamlessly handles three-part harmony (not at the same time, of course).

Currently living in Middleburg, Michael has appeared on stage and clubs throughout the United States as not only a singer, but bass guitarist, pianist/organist. His musical repertoire focuses on pop, rock, R & B, country and gospel. But as captivating as his wonderful musical talent is, it's his engaging rapport with his audience as he plays the room with his wireless mike that has caused his band of Legion followers to increase in number since he came on our scene about two months ago.

His biggest "gig" in the Jacksonville area was when he hosted and performed at the welcoming ceremony for the American Idol local auditions at the Jacksonville Landing. More recently, he auditioned for Simon Cowell's new X Factor TV show, where he finished in the top 80 out of 3,000 + aspiring acts. When he's not performing commercially, he appears monthly at Senior Citizen homes as part of his "People Need to Care Project", bringing joy to the elderly through his music and performances. And, by the way, he's a veteran of the U.S. Army (Infantry).

MR Sunshine will appear at Post 233 on August 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> (Fridays)



Jason's Famous Wet Burritos are coming to Post 233 soon...



Put the Pedal to the Metal & Let's Share in Some Fun!

Departure Date & Time:
AUG 27th at 9:00 a.m. sharp

R.S.V.P. by AUG 20th~\$25.00 each, per bus! Seating for 36 people! 1st Come~1st Serve!

Visiting Posts: #129~#316~#283~#54~#137

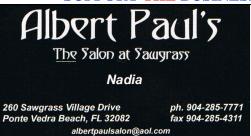
Return at approximately 7:35 p.m.

Contact Judy Mills at:

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- * Games begin at 7:00 sharp



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Rita's Light Dinner before the Games begin for \$5.00 donation

- **★One win registers you to play in a monthly tournament.**
- **★** Each additional win in the same month rewards extra chips to start the tournament.
- *Winner of the monthly tournament receives a sponsorship to the poker room.

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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.

GOLD SPONSOR - 100.00 SILVER SPONSOR - 50.00 BRONZE SPONSOR - 25.00

POST 233 NEWSLETTERS LOOKING FOR OLD EDITIONS FOR THE WEBSITE ARCHIVES

If anyone has or knows of anyone who has older editions of the Posts newsletters, specifically:

January to July, & October & November 2006

January to April, & June to December 2005

January to July, & December 2004

Any issues prior to 2004

Please help me to complete this archive of information for the Post.

Contact Roy at 287-6909

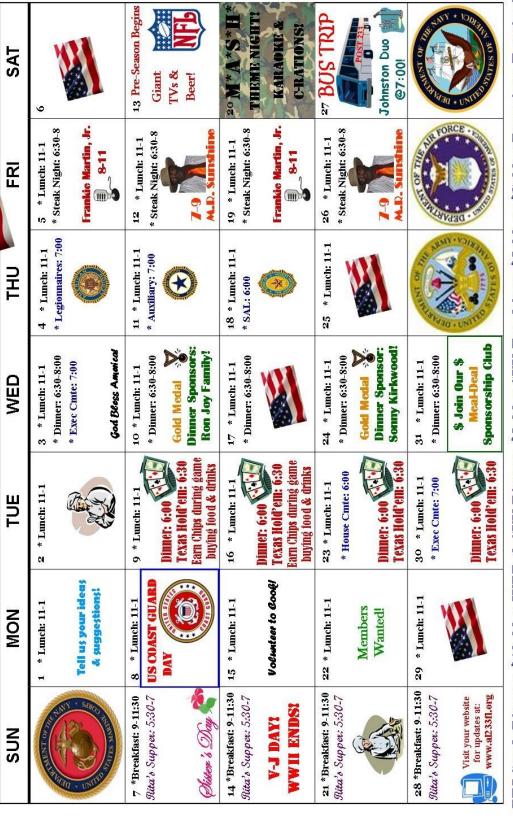
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On July 22, 2011, Florida Governor Rick Scott officially declared August 7th as Florida Purple Heart Day in honor of the 1.7 million recipients in our Nations History.



National Month Golf



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