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**AUGUST 2012** 



560 N. Wilderness Trail ~ Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082



### Canteen hours:

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



No Smoking during meal times (lunch excluded)



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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### **Commander Roy Havekost**

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July came in like a lion and it doesn't appear to be leaving like a lamb. The dance floor area wall air conditioner had met its demise and needed to be replaced. I would like to thank Dan Wortmann for taking the time to investigate the split air conditioner system that had been suggested and meet with J&W Heat and Air and secure the estimate. After a quick turn around email vote, the Executive Board authorized the expenditure and the unit was installed on July 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the E-Board for their quick response. The Post is now enjoying very much needed cool (cold) air conditioning.

The Post hosted the fourth K9s for Warriors Graduation Ceremony on July 27<sup>th</sup>. If you missed the graduation, the next scheduled graduation will be August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30pm. Please come out and welcome these warriors back home. Following the graduation we held our American Flag Retirement Ceremony. My thanks to the officers and members of the Post who attended and a special thanks to Master Chief JJ Jones, the Beaches Honor Guard, and Boy Scout Troop 288 for their participation and attendance.

Lastly, if anyone has an idea for an event at the Post, please contact me so that we can lock in a date and work on making it happen.

For God and Country, *Roy* 





### Adjutant Patty O'Callahan

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Legionnaires: Outstanding & Thank You to all of you Early Birds! I have received & processed 157 membership cards in the past two weeks, bringing us to 62% already! They have all been mailed & are on their way to you. Also, here's a tip, if you want to stop those pesky notices from National each month, renew your membership soon. Remember, you can also renew online & I will mail your card as soon as payment is posted to the database. We are off to a great start, let's keep the momentum going & meet our 100% goal by September 1st. I know we can do it!

For the Good of the Legion, *Patty* 





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

You have always heard that the three most important things to remember in real estate is location, location, location. As 1<sup>st</sup> Vice the three most important things to remember are membership, membership, and membership. Without members we do not have a Legion and would unable to donate to our charities, help our veterans and members.

Within the last month we have received our new cards and are mailing out renewals as quick as possible. If you have not renewed your card yet now is a good time.

On a new topic we are forming a Past Commanders Club, our first meeting will be Saturday August 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. I will be contacting our past commanders either by e-mail or phone of the meeting. With this club we hope tap into some of the vast knowledge these commanders have had in past years of being a post commander. And in the process develop more camaraderie between all of us. For the good of the post.

For God and Country, *Mark* 





### 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Robby Bacom

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With the new split air conditioning system that was installed, measures are being taken to possibly re-route one of the air conditioning ducts from the dance floor ceiling into the kitchen area. This along with new exhaust fan measures should be able to make it a more pleasant work environment.

For God and Country, *Robby* 





3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander Stu Lilly

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Thing's around the post our starting to come together, the new A/C for the canteen (Thanks Dan), the landscape around the patio, what a great job to all. We are always looking for new members and members to volunteer for our many functions. So please volunteer for functions at our post and keep on the lookout for new members.

For God and Country, *Stu* 





**Chaplain Bob Nagel** 

God Bless our Troops and remember to keep their families in our prayers. Remember too, some of our Post members and their families who could also use some spiritual assistance, in particular our Sgt. at Arms Rick Kapeghian.

For God and Country, **Bob** 





Ric Smith, Judge Advocate

The House Committee rules have been updated as per recommendations received from the 2012 State Convention presentation by Dick Mondro, Florida Judge Advocate. Changes have been posted in the canteen for your review. Post management is like running a successful business. We have situations arise which require review and resolution based on rules. Example; a barefoot white male, convicted felon on probation, staggered into our post, created a big disturbance, was removed, continued outside, the neighbors called law enforcement and the sheriff took care of the

Similar issues arise at other posts which result in statewide rule changes. Examples; personalities making threats, in fighting or just plain stupid mistakes. Rules apply across the board in all 17 Districts and 397 Posts in Florida. We do review our cases with our State Judge Advocate, State Adjutant, Asst State Adjutant or if necessary, the National Adjutant or Judge Advocate.

If you have questions or other situations, pass it along and resolution will be found within Legion guidelines.

For God and Country,

Ric

situation.





### **CANTEEN MANAGERS REPORT- by Diane Dorsey**

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Email: SAL@AL233FL.org

The dog days of Florida summer are upon us and it's hot outside but thanks to Dan Wortmann and the recent installation of an additional 3 ton high efficiency A/C unit, Post 233 customers are keeping their cool. Working in conjunction with our central air system, the new unit is keeping all four corners of our indoor area cool and comfortable. Plans are also underway for a rework of the vent system in the kitchen to provide some much needed relief for our hard working overheated volunteers in that area.

Also, for your convenience the new ATM machine is up and running in the Canteen area. To all those who have been voicing the need for it, please use it! The nominal 2.00 fee that it charges is a split with the Post so it's a win-win. In spite of the heat our outdoor Pavilion area continues to be in use by our members and several great events are being planned for the fall months. We also have several private parties booked by our members for family celebrations. We are fortunate to now have one of the nicest outdoor facilities available in our area and encourage anyone planning a family get together or function for another group to take advantage of our fabulous setting. Catering, party planning and entertainment services are all available in house and can be combined with our very reasonable facility rental fees. Dates are filling up so think ahead and let us know if there is a future event that we can help make special for your family or other group.

We have Monday Night Trivia with Patty O., Tuesday Night Texas Hold-Em, Wednesday Night Dinner, Friday Night Steaks and Fish by Chef Mike Shaar followed by great live entertainment, The Johnston Duo and Theme Night with Frankie Martin, Jr. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday nights respectively and Sunday Morning Breakfast, soon to be followed by NFL football on our big screens. We also have Karaoke with the Legion Riders on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month and don't forget that we also serve lunch Monday thru Friday. There really is something going on all the time at Post 233! For Facebook users, Event flyers and updates are regularly posted on the Legion, Auxiliary and ALR pages. "Like" those pages to be sure that you are getting the most up to date information. The same information is also updated on the Legion webpage at www.al233fl.org . If you are less than computer savvy, you can always call the Post at 904-285-2484 and we'll be happy to let you know what's going on, what's coming up or what's for dinner.

As always, Thank you to our volunteers without whom we could not offer the full schedule of meals and activities that so many enjoy. Our volunteers rock! There is always a need and room for more hands, so please consider joining the fun. On behalf of our Canteen Staff, I hope that we will have the opportunity to see and serve each of you soon.

For God and Country, *Diane* 





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

Believe it or not it is MEMBERSHIP time again. It is that time of year that we encourage all members to pay their dues for the 2012-13 year. We have a very good record of %100 membership renewal and want to keep it that way. You can send in your check or give it to the bartender on duty.

Our best wishes go to Jason Bass with his upcoming hip surgery later this month. He has been doing a great job of keeping the grounds manicured but due to his surgery he will not be able to do this for a few months. We need to help out! Unfortunately, he has also decided that he can no longer attend to his duties as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice and has resigned. Congratulations to Randy Cottle who moved to 1<sup>st</sup> Vice and Russell Langley who wase elected to 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice. We have a fantastic team.

We are responsible for one Wednesday night a month to cook dinner. Please help us by volunteering <u>at least</u> once this year. The July dinner was sponsored by Roger Achey (Gold sponsor). The dinner was prepared by Dale Little (his famous fried chicken) and was assisted in the kitchen by Mike Shaar and Randy Cottle. Great job folks! The next S.A.L. dinner is 8/22. Please plan to be there (even if you can't help out) to buy a meal and support our squadron Post. Dates for other months are not yet finalized but don't let that stop you. If you know when you can do it please let me know and I will make arrangements. Pick a date that you can either cook or volunteer in the kitchen. Also, 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.) If the same names keep showing up here it is because the same people are doing the volunteering. This is NOT acceptable. It would be nice to give the "regulars" a break! It is not that difficult. C'mon!

The S.A.L. is also selling scented "trees" for your car or home - (Vanilla, in the style of the U.S. Flag). Just ask

the bartender if you want to buy one (or three). These were donated to us and sell for \$1. Next time you are there please purchase one of them and try to promote them as well. All the proceeds go to the S.A.L.!

There are other fun and exciting events and fundraisers coming up in the near future so keep your eyes on the newsletter, visit the website (<a href="www.al233fl.org">www.al233fl.org</a>) or better yet, come in to your Post and have a drink! 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 <a href="flagman49@yahoo.com">flagman49@yahoo.com</a>.

God Bless America. *Jeff "TEX" Ward* 





### FROM THE AUXILIARY- President Kathy Church Email: ALA@AL233FL.org

### WALL OF HONOR

If you have been to the Post lately hopefully you have seen our "Wall of Honor" and have taken a few minutes to read about the person we (Auxiliary members) joined under. We will be adding

more to our wall as Auxiliary members submit their pictures and info. Thank you to new members Debbie Eatmon & Rita Barger for taking on this project. Ladies please contact me and I will let you know how to submit your info (219-3035).

### AUXILIARY MEMORIAL GARDEN

Also if you have been to the Post you might have noticed our new Auxiliary Memorial Garden that is being constructed by Dana Ratcliff with the help of her parents Larry & Yvonne & some friends. Dana came to an Auxiliary meeting to ask if she could do this garden to earn her Girls Scout Gold Award. Dana designed this garden and submitted blueprints to the Auxiliary. With approval from the House Committee and the Auxiliary Dana got to work and has just out done herself in making us a beautiful garden. She is almost finished and will be headed off to college this month. We will be placing plaques in our garden to honor Auxiliary members who have passed on. Many thanks go out to Dana & her parents for taking on this project. Now it is up to the Auxiliary members to maintain this lovely garden. Thanks go out to Charlie Walker who has been turning the sprinkler system on daily. Dana & her father also installed this system to keep all the plants watered.

### MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP

It is that time of the year to renew your membership for the 2012-2013 term. National is behind in sending out notices but please don't let that stop you from sending me your dues. Please make checks out to ALA Unit 233 in the amount of \$25.00 and send them to me @ 101 Bowles Street, Neptune Beach, FL 32266. If you have any info that needs to be changed you may submit that to me also.

### SEPTEMBER MUSIC & CRAFT FESTIVAL

The Auxiliary will be hosting a fall festival on Saturday, Sept 1st with FLATBLACK providing enterainment for us. If anyone is interested in renting table space to sell your arts & crafts at this event please contact any Auxiliary officer for details. We will be finalizing details for this event at our August meeting and then we will start spreading the word. Mark you calendar for a day of fun,food, music & crafts.

### AUGUST AUXILIARY REGULAR MEETING

Our August meeting will be on Thursday, Aug 9th @ 7pm. Last month we actually had to pull a chair in from the main floor as the room was full. I LOVE IT. Ladies if you haven't attended a meeting in sometime please do so. We really do get things done at our meetings as more and more members are attending and adding their imput into our event plannings.

### LAST NOTE

I can't thank all the Auxiliary ladies who put in so much volunteer time at our Post. We are a TEAM and we are here not only to work our Auxiliary programs but to support the Legion/SAL and Riders. Together we get the job done and we have fun doing it!!!!!

Keep in your prayers all our service men, women and their families for their service to our country.

Be Safe, Kathy





### FROM THE RIDERS- Director Russ Langley

Email: ALR@AL233FL.org

This past month was filled with activities! The Riders are branching out from karaoke to breakfast! The gang hosted the morning's breakfast service on the 29<sup>th</sup>, of which was rewarding in it's self! Try this, the thought of patched bikers bringing you your scrambled eggs! We appreciate those that dined with us on that morning! The Rider's host breakfast on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. Our Pavilion/karaoke and dinner

shin-digs are SNOWBALLING! On the 22<sup>nd</sup>, we indulged our 2<sup>nd</sup> party with Chef Paul and Loraine packing the meatballs atop of the mounds of spaghetti! OMG! (I know it's kinda dainty for a biker to use "OMG") BUT OMG!, WAS THAT DEEEEEEE-LISH! We'd like to thank those two for their time with the culinary portion of our day! Now, despite the heat that Florida radiates upon us, we hosted twice as many folks than our first event!

The word is getting out, and folks are finding out that karaoke, food, and bikers are THE PERFECT combination! If you are one of the few that hasn't experienced this, be sure to look for our next one in August! They fall on the 4rth Sunday of each month. Oh by the way, we are moving the karaoke inside for our up-coming events! This will eliminate sweating issues! Biker leather and God's Florida heat are not a good combo.

Other than our Legion affairs, don't forget WE RIDE, AND LOVE IT!

The gang saddled up and took off on a night ride down to the White Horse saloon on the 13<sup>th</sup>. We enjoyed a GREAT steak dinner, and rounded out the ride over to the beach, enjoying Flagler's hospitality, and casually rolling back up the beach! That ride COULDN'T BE BEAT!

Also, our rider's enjoyed Post 316's 5<sup>th</sup> District Rider's Cookout and games! Now dig this, our riders of Post 233 DOMINATED the rider's games, and CAME HOME WITH THE COVETED trophy! That's right our boys out rode, out golfed, and out shot our fellow Post's riders! WE'S GOT SKILLS!

If you are interested being a part of our Rider's group, and would like to join, you are more than welcome! We are always looking for new people. Whether you have a bike or not, there is a place for you! At least, take a look at what we're doing on our facebook page; **American Legion Riders Post 233 Palm Valley** 

You guys Rock, so let's keep it rolling,

For God and Country, *Russ* 





### **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 <a href="webmaster@al233fl.org">webmaster@al233fl.org</a>

or call Roy @ 287-6909

The *American Legion Extension Institute Course* is now available online. This is the official training program for officers, members and those who want to expand their knowledge. It takes less than 2 hours to complete & is divided into 6 sections with a quiz at the end of each section and a final exam. Sections include history, organization, VA&R, national security, Americanism, & children & youth. Those who pass receive a digital certificate & a lapel/cap pin. Course costs \$4.95 for members and \$9.95 for non-members. Visit <a href="www.legion.org/alei">www.legion.org/alei</a> to register and take the course.

### ~~~~ SUPPORT OUR TROOPS ~~~~

### **USED COOKING OIL**

Post 233 now has a 55 gallon drum outside the back door of the kitchen on the north corner of the building.

This drum is for used cooking oil ONLY.

Griffin Industries will pump out the drum periodically and the Post will receive .70 cents per gallon recycled.

### \$\$ Donations received last month \$\$

CDR. Roy Havekost, Gold Sponsor PC Steve Willis, Gold Sponsor SAL Roger Achey, Gold Sponsor

Thank You.

This space acknowledges donations received from individuals or organizations of \$100.00 or more, and gold meal sponsorships

### 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





There's a new look at <a href="www.AL233FL.org">www.AL233FL.org</a> get connected, see what your missing!

This newsletter is published monthly on our website, printable monthly event calendars are also available from the website.

And you can now follow us on Twitter



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Planning an outdoor Party?

Consider renting our pavilion area for your next birthday, anniversary, family gathering, business meeting or picnic. For details contact our Canteen Manager or any of our bartenders for more details. Call 285-2484.

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It was another fantastic K9s for Warriors' Graduation this month. We were honored to celebrate completion of the buddy training for: Cody & Trigger; Ian & Cody; and, Kelvin & Skipper! This is the beginning of a major turning point in their lives. They are better prepared now to reconnecting with the world by having their K9 Partner beside them. The time has come for them to move on with their future & their families. This was our largest group of supporters, thus far. There is no doubt that our Warriors appreciate your attendance & all your well-wishes. We can never say thank you enough to the amazing K9s for Warriors Team! We are very grateful for all that you do for our Warriors! And we look forward to our next group of Warriors & K9s in August! Immediately following the Warrior Graduation, JJ opened our American Legion Flag Retirement Ceremony with his recitation of 'Toast To The Flag', he was in full uniform & did his usual *magnificent* job. The ceremony was executed accordingly by: CDR Havekost; 1st Vice Dorsey; 2nd Vice (pro tem) O'Callahan; & Sergeant-at-Arms (pro tem) Wortmann. Also part of this event was the Color Guard of Jacksonville Beach, doing their ever-constant outstanding job. Thank you to all that attended, including members of Boy Scout Troop #288 of Ponte Vedra Beach. Well done!



FRI Steak Dinner: \$12.00 ~ WED & SUN Dinner: \$8.00 ~ SUN Breakfast: \$5.00 or \$7.00 ~ Donations Required 904.285.2484 No Smoking During WED/FRI Dinner (6-8) & SUN Breakfast (9-12) Support Your Troops # www.al233fl.org

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Sponsorship Club

Good Eats, too! 1800-2000 hrs rexas Hold'em: 6:30

Dinner: 6:00



AUGUST 1800 to 2000 hrs with Patty O'

Final Trivia is August 27th



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### Every Tuesday!

- \* Multiple Games during the evening
- \* Rita's Light Dinner at 6:00
- \* Game Registration at 6:30
- \* Games begin at 7:00 sharp



### ~Earn Chips~

1,000 Chips to start the Game for buying dinner 500 Chips for each drink you buy during the Game



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

- $\bigstar$  One win registers you to play in the monthly Tournament.
- $\bigstar$  Each additional win in the same month rewards extra chips at the Tournament.
- \* Monthly Tournament is held on the third (3rd) Tuesday of every month.
- \* Winner of the monthly Tournament receives a sponsorship to the Poker Room.

Dealers work on tips~your generosity is greatly appreciated!

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Karaoke Host: Frankie Martin, Jr. FRI, AUG 3rd & 24th, 8:00-11:00



Fish or Steak Dinner by Chef Mike 6:30-8:00
\$12.00 dinner donation

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A Special Legionnaire Wednesday Night Dinner! Prepared by Don & Ben Jerk Chicken Green Beans & Potato Salad \$8.00 per plate WED, August 15th, 6:30-8:00 Don't Be Late! American Legion, Post #233, 560 N. Wilderness www.al233fl.org - 904.285.2484



## PERFORMING ON FRI, AUGUST 1774 SHOW TIME: 8:00-10:00

FISH OR STEAK DINNER
BY CHEF MIKE 6:30-8:00
\$12.00 DINNER DONATION



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getting better!

American Legion Riders



# of Post #233 Invite you to Indoor Karaoke on a Sunday Afternoon! August 26th, 2:00 until ?? Karaoke Host: Russell Serving some Good Eats, too!

\$8.00 per plate, serving 3-6pm

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### **Warrior Graduation**

THU, August 23rd, 1730 hrs



Join us for the monthly graduation of our Bravest Warriors and their K9 Partners!

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