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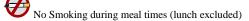
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Canteen hours: MON-FRI: 1100 until ?? hrs. SAT: 0900 until ?? hrs. SUN: 0900 until ?? hrs. (St.Johns County - closing hour is 2:00am)

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Sunday: Breakfast 9am-11:30am Wednesday: Dinner 6:30pm-8:00pm Friday: Dinner 6:30pm-8:00pm Mon-Fri: Lunch 11:00am-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, third Sunday each month, 12:00noon

NEVER FORGET ~ POW's & MIA's

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

As of March 2013, event flyers were no longer a part of the emailed newsletter. Event flyers can be viewed on the Post website from the Special Events Page. A newly created e-calendar has been included on the website and a printout copy is included with this newsletter. Due to a file size issue the calendar will no longer contain graphics, however as information is added to the calendar it is updated online in real time thereby keeping everyone up to date as changes happen. For those members without computer access, a copy of the monthly calendar will be printed for you at the Post, just ask the bartender or an officer.

Thank you,

Commander Roy Havekost

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Commander, Roy Havekost

Email: Commander@AL233FL.org

I hope that everyone has been enjoying their summer up 'til now. With August upon us we have a short schedule of events this month, so you can wind up your vacation plans without missing too much at the Post. Just a reminder that both the E-Board and General Membership meetings are on the same night, the first Thursday of the month at 6pm and 7pm respectively. An electronic license plate display frame has been placed behind the bar, it displays the American Legion license plates from various Posts around the country. This project was completed by my daughter Victoria. On August 29th the K9s For Warriors will hold another graduation class at the Post. The ceremony starts at 5:30pm. light food refreshments will be served afterwards.

Sheri Martinez has been in training for the position of Adjutant and has adapted to the duties extremely well and at a pace faster than expected. Having received assurance from First Vice/Adjutant Mark Dorsey that he feels confident in her abilities to continue as Adjutant, I will make that appointment official at our next meeting.

An event note: On September 14th we will be having our 2nd Annual Law & Order Awards Presentations for both Officer of the Year and Firefighter of the Year. Please plan to attend this event and show your support for our hometown hero's.

Hope that everyone continues to have a safe and happy summer!

For God and Country, *Roy*





Adjutant, Sheri Martinez Email: Adjutant@AL233FL.org

We closed out 2013 with 115.385% for Membership. Many, many thanks to all the members of Post 233 who helped us exceed our goal!! The goal for 2014 is 110% and we have already begun processing memberships. If you would like your 2014 card please send in payment and we'll get your card in the mail. You can also leave your payment with the bartenders. If you pay before Veterans Day November 11th, you are eligible for our Early-Bird Dinner held in early 2014 (date to be announced later). Post 233 is happy to continue the policy of providing free memberships to all of our WWII Veterans. Your 2014 membership cards will be in the mail over the next few weeks.

For God & Country, *Sheri*





1st Vice Commander, Mark Dorsey Email: ViceComm1@AL233FL.org

This month, the Commander will officially appoint Sheri Martinez Post Adjutant. She is more than capable of handling this job and I offer her my support, help and assistance where needed.

For God & Country, *Mark*





Pic coming soon

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

For God & Country, *Wilbur*





Finance Officer Tom Leppeard

I would like to take this time to say that is a great honor and privilege to have been elected as the Finance Officer for the post, and as such will perform the duties as Finance Officer to the best of my abilities. July starts the new fiscal year for the post and I have been working on the financials of the post in order to provide the most accurate financial information to the E-board and members as possible. Timely and detailed financial information is of the utmost importance as it allows for decision making as to planning and reaching the goals set by the post. We all are aware that as things grow old they must be replaced, and today replacement costs can be and are costly. I will be submitting a budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year that we can use as a road map as to how we can accomplish what needs to be done. I cannot accomplish this on my own, so any and all ideas and support would be greatly appreciated. Let's make this a great year for American Legion Post 233.

For God & Country, *Tom*



E-Board Member / Planning Committee, Dan Wortmann

I am still looking for a few volunteers to help me with some small projects that come up from time to time at the Post. If you are handy, can work with tools or just want to help anyway you can, please contact me via email at danwortmann@gmail.com or call the Post and leave a message at the bar. I WILL get back to you. Thanks.

For God & Country, *Dan*



Service Officer /Planning Committee Chairman, Maury Lazenby

Post projects: The water drainage system on the south side of the property is complete. Wilbur Burnett and Howard Alford finished making the permanent electrical connections last month. Thanks also goes out to Dan Wortman and Jeff Tex Ward for their help with the project.

The ladies restroom floor has been repaired and both toilets are back in working order.

For God and Country, *Maury*





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

All is quiet on the advisory fronts during the summer. The Department of Florida has changed the website. There is no new information relative to posts statewide at this time. My September report should include the latest from the National Convention, Houston, Texas, August 24th thru 26th.

For God and Country, *Ric*





I would like to remind everyone that the Auxiliary is working on the second edition of our Cookbook. If anyone is interested in placing a recipe in the book there are forms at the Legion, you may fill them out with your favorite recipes and return them to the Legion, they must be in by August 15, 2013. We will be taking pre-orders of the book for \$10.00 ea. after December 1, 2013 the price will be \$15.00. You can leave your order at the bar or with Cynthia Gaines, myself Judy Mills, or any Auxiliary member.

July 3rd, 6th Kenny Holliday event and July 24, 1013 dinners was a great success I would like to thank Natalie O'Loughran, John O'Loughran, Carol Lee Smith, Debbie Eatmon, Kathy Helmly, Kathy Church, Ann Cook, Patty Williams, Allyson Bass, Rita Connelly, Angie Kees and Diane Dorsey for all their help in the success of these dinners, thank you ladies.

Our next Wednesday night dinners are scheduled for August 7th and 28th, 2013 if anyone would like to get a team together to cook please let Kathy Helmly or Judy Mills know. Anyone may also sponsor a dinner and we will find someone to cook the meal for you.

The next Auxiliary meeting is August 8, 2013 at 7:00pm hope to see you all there, come out and support your Auxiliary.

For God and Country, *Judy*



FROM THE SAL-Commander Jeff 'Tex' Ward Email: SAL@AL233FL.org

Sons,

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 2014. 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. (\$25.)

Thanks to Dale Little for his effort to ensure that our July "Wed. Night Dinner" was a success. With the help of Charlie Weeden, T.J. Wagner, John Paparelli, and a guest appearance by Chef Mike, we had yet another successful night with 50 dinners sold!! Dale smoked the BBQ chicken and donated the mac & cheese, combread and baked beans. Thanks for the help guys. As I state every newsletter, we are responsible for one Wednesday night a month to provide dinner. Dates for other months are not yet finalized but don't let that stop you. Please help us by volunteering <u>at least</u> once a year. That is not asking too much, is it? If you know when you can do it please let me know and I will make arrangements. The next S.A.L. dinner is 8/21. Even if you can't help out at least be there to buy a meal and support

your Squadron and Post. 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!*

The S.A.L. is hosting a Legion fundraiser on Saturday, September 7th. This will be an outside event with the pavilion in play, music on the stage, and Chef Mike and Chef Jason cooking up a scrumptious meal. Keep your eyes peeled for more details but please save the date to help out and/or participate.

Our Squadron 233, Palm Valley attire (shirts & hats) along with our new flag will be arriving in the next couple of weeks. When they do we will host a "Pizza and Beer" party for the S.A.L. members at which time we will be selling those items.

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 (<u>www.al233fl.org</u>) 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, or are not receiving my email updates please contact me on my phone (904-233-0976) or email (<u>flagman49@yahoo.com</u>).

The next SAL meeting is Thurs. Aug. 15th @ 7 p.m. Please try to attend. We will be finalizing plans for the fundraiser.

God Bless America For God and Country, *Tex*





FROM THE RIDERS-Director Jarrod Buchman

Chapter 233 Rider meetings have been changed to the first Sunday of the month at 11:00am. Our next meeting is August 4th.

The 5th District Riders have a website for all riders to sign up on. The site is located at: <u>http://www.alr5thfl.org/</u> and contains rider information and events from all of the 5th District Chapters. Register today, stay informed.

For God and Country *Jarrod*





No report this month.

Just a reminder though, event details are not only listed on the Special Events page of the website but they are also emailed out weekly from the Post email at <u>palmvalley233@gmail.com</u>. If you want to be included on this mailing list send us your name, and email address for inclusion.

For God and Country *Diane*





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 <u>webmaster@al233fl.org</u> or call Roy @ 287-6909

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

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





Planning an outdoor Party ?

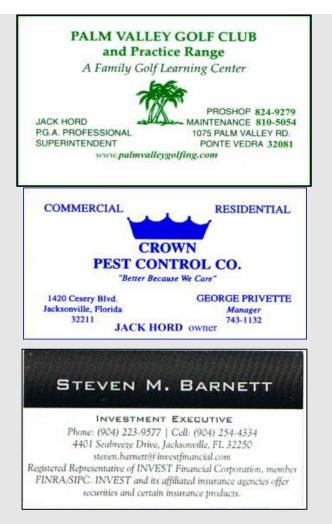
Consider renting our pavilion area for your next birthday, anniversary, family gathering, business meeting or picnic. For details contact our Canteen Manager or any of our bartenders for more details. Go to AL233FL.org for pix. Call 285-2484.

POST 233 is a FREE WiFi spot.

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



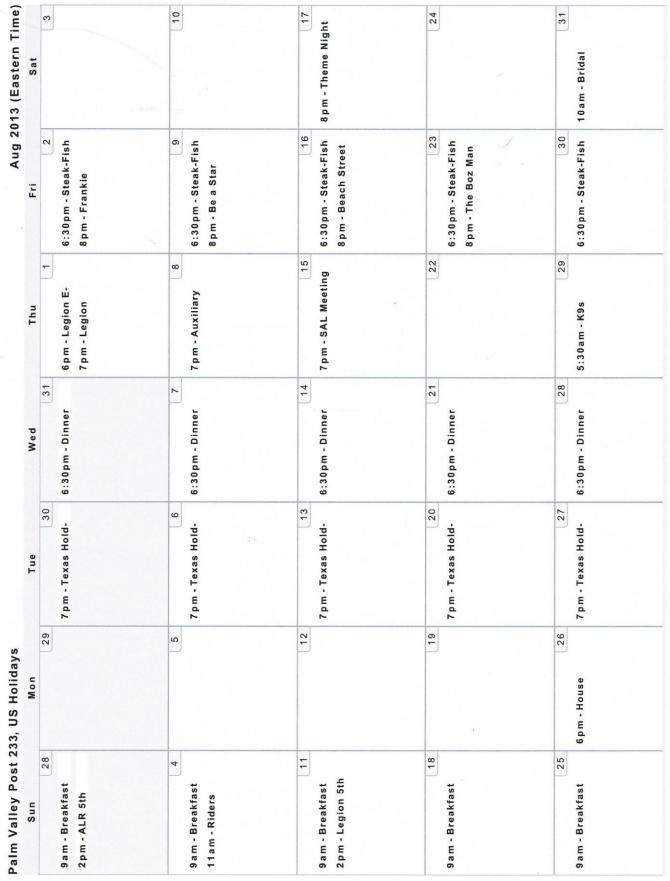
JULY 2013 GRADUATING CLASS



L-R Todd Galley, Director of Operations; Service Dog Teams Ryan and Moe, Steve and Torii; Brett Simon, Director of K9 Operations; Service Dog Team Jon and Bolt; Roslyn Henderson, Lead Trainer and Evaluator.

Warriors: thank you for your service and welcome home!

K9s for Warriors graduated their 79th Service Dog Team on Thursday, July 18th. Graduations are held the third Thursday of every class. Warriors come from all over the Country to attend a three-week class where they are given their dogs and all training materials. The next class begins on Monday, August 5th and will have five Warriors. For more information about how you can help, please call (904) 686-1956 or email volunteers@k9sforwarriors.org.



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2013-2014

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