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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)

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

Sunday: Breakfast 9am-12N 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 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?







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Commander Robert 'Robby' A. Bacom



Christmas is the season of giving and for counting your blessings. Thanks to everyone who has given their time, talent and funds to help improve our Post. I count my blessings at every District meeting and at other Posts when positive comments are made about our welcoming environment, great events, and wonderful food. I especially would like to thank all the Officers and Committees of all the organizations for their leadership and the many, many hours spent in taking care of business behind the scenes. Special Seasons Greetings to our great Canteen Staff and 4th Vice Charlie Walker for all you do every day.

At this time of year, my thoughts also turn to those in the military who are spending their Christmas away from their country, homes and/or families on our behalf. At some time during your Holiday celebrations, please remember to send a prayer to protect them from harm and wishes for their safe return.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!

For God and Country, *Robby*





Adjutant Patty O'Callahan



Thank you to those of you that have paid your renewals, transferred & have recently joined our post, we truly do appreciate your membership. Our members help us support our Veterans, Community, Children and Youth. The deadline has passed for the free Early Bird Dinner; however, we still need you to renew for 2012 as soon as you can. We are very close to reaching our 100% goal.

I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas!

For God and Country, *Patty*





1st Vice Commander Roy Havekost



2011 has been a very productive year and I would like to thank everyone who has contributed in any way to our success. Without your dedication and volunteerism we would have had to close our doors long ago, thank you for being there, you all know who you are. A special thanks to all who have worked on the pavilion project, you all rock!

Congratulations to everyone that paid their 2012 dues before November 11th, you qualify for next years free early bird dinner, which by the way will again be Prime Rib and all the fixin's. The date for the early bird will be posted on the website soon.

Just a reminder for our business card advertisers in this newsletter, I need to receive your check for \$25.00 this month for next year. Please leave it in an envelope at the bar, marked to my attention. Cards will be removed from the newsletter and website if your payment is not received before January 1st. Thank you and I hope you will continue to advertise with us again in 2012. Newcomers place a business card along with your check in the envelope. Ads run from January to December each year.

On behalf of myself and my family we would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa and a safe, happy and healthy New Year.

For God and Country, *Roy*





2nd Vice Commander Ed Della Penna



No report this month. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

For God and Country, *Ed*





3rd Vice Commander Rick Kapeghian



Thank you to everyone who paid their 2012 dues early. We still need to make 100%, so please pay your dues now if you haven't.

I would like to wish all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

For God and Country, *Rick*





4th Vice Commander Charlie Walker



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

For God and Country, *Charlie*





Chaplain Bob Nagel



Are you sick and tired of hearing and seeing the words "Oh, my God" in newspapers, comics, books, magazines, radio and television?

Television and radio do a good job of blanking out swear words, but not the words "Oh, my God". One good example is HGTV (House

and Garden TV). Just watch the ladies who are viewing their new renovated homes. It's every other word out of their mouths. One

wonders about their upbringing. If only they kew how stupid, irreverent, and common they sound. It's like the only words they know.

We have all gotten to common in using the words of the Deity. It is slanderous and an insult to God. Why can't we just use the words,

"Oh, my goodness," or just plain "Oh, my"?

Think about it!!!!!

For God and Country, *Bob*





Sgt. at Arms Dan Wortmann



Please try to remember that a 2100 hrs. Children that are not of drinking age must leave the post. Thank you.

For God and Country, *Dan*





CANTEEN MANAGERS REPORT- by Diane Dorsey



As we head into the Holiday Season I for one am thankful for our volunteers, that small but mighty group without whom the great meals we all enjoy weekly would not happen, the grounds would not look nearly as nice, the wonderful events that showcase our Post would not happen, and the ongoing improvements to our facility would be a pipe dream. You all know who you are and to each of you, Thank You!

Once again, Don and Ben Mills stepped up and put on one of the most popular of our fall events, the 3rd Annual Cowboy Night. This year the proceeds were donated to the outdoor Pavillion fund. If you have not yet seen the tremendous improvement to our outdoor patio pavilion, please take a look at your next opportunity. Tex Ward, Pete Braud, Rick Kapeghian and their crew of dedicated helpers have done a fabulous job and there is more to come. While you're out there, check out the new permanent cooking shelter for Capt. Ski's Original Fish Fry Team. Capt. Ski and his crew raised the funds for the new shelter with a golf club set raffle, won by a happy Greg Buckley, and then literally raised the roof. After the Holidays, you can look forward to a grand opening celebration for both the patio pavilion and the fish fry hut. As the New Year approaches so does the deadline to renew your Legionnaire, SAL or Auxiliary membership. Beginning January 1 your Canteen server will be asking to see your 2012 membership card. No card, no service, so if you have not yet done so, please take care of it promptly. You may pay by check or in cash at the Canteen or by credit card online at www.al233fl.org.

From your Canteen staff at Post 233, a safe and Happy Holidays to all. Please remember those around us less fortunate and of course, our service men and women who are making the ultimate sacrifice to protect the freedom we all enjoy.

For God and Country, *Diane*





FROM THE SAL- Commander Jeff 'Tex' Ward



I am very disappointed in all of you that have not paid your 2012 dues. If you don't want to be a member of the best Squadron and Post in Florida then at least have the courtesy to let us know. I am tired of chasing you for it and pleading with you in this column. Besides a handful of guys that help out and volunteer (Mike, Randy, Ned, Van, Pete, Sean, Ben, Bags and Jason) it seems the rest of you just don't care. I'm sick of it! No one ever reads or responds to this column anyway.

Merry Christmas. Honoring our Fathers and Grand Fathers, Jeff "TEX" Ward





FROM THE AUXILIARY- President Kathy Church



Well the Christmas Season is upon us and once again we will be BUSY, BUSY!

I would like to thank all the Auxiliary members who worked so very hard the week of Veterans Day and also on Thanksgiving Day. We just moved from one event to another so very smoothly.

Here is what is up for December that the Auxiliary will be involved in.

Thursday, Dec 1st - Auxiliary Executive Committee Meeting @ 7:00pm

Saturday, Dec 3rd – Dept. Commander & President's dinner @ Post 129 @ 6:30pm

Sunday, Dec 4th – Dept. Dignataries visiting Post 233 @ 11:00am – 12:30pm

Sunday, Dec 4th – 5th District Meeting @ Post 129 @ 1:00pm (meeting starts @ 2:00pm)

Monday, Dec 5th – Dinner @ Unit 137 for Dept. President

Thursday, Dec 8th – Unit 233 Regular Monthly Meeting @ 7:00pm

Saturday, Dec 10th – Wreaths Across America @ Veterans Cemetary

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY – Saturday, Dec. 17th from 2pm- 4pm. Please sign any child that you would like to bring to our party up by Dec. 10th. The sign up sheet is on the Auxiliary Board (10 yrs & younger). Santa & Elfie will be in the house. I would like to thank Jody Mons for donating \$100.00 for this party.

ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY – Saturday, Dec. 17th from 7:00 - ???? We are asking that anyone attending this party please bring an appetizer. Frankie Martin Jr. will be entertaining and leading karaoke for us.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCHEON - Starting @ 12n. There will be a sign up sheet at the Post so anyone who is going to prepare something for this please sign up so we can see what we will need to get.

For those Auxiliary members who signed up to deliver Ann Cook's Christmas basket, please get with Ann to get you baskets. Ann works very hard and puts her heart into making these baskets. It is very rewarding to deliver them and spend time with the recipients.

I told you we were going to be BUSY, BUSY, BUSY!!!!

One last note – I ask that all our members please enjoy this Holiday Season but also PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE be SAFE and party responsibly.

Be Safe, Kathy





~DECEMBER BIRTHDAY's

1	Jack Hord	17	Rita Connolly
2	Don Mills	19	Susie White
3	Amanda Trevino	22	Maggie Furr
5	John Wagener	26	Melita Doran
12	Angie Russell	27	Marty Mally
	Karen Dubin	29	Cathy Corcoran
16	Mike Wright	31	Patty Mally
			Mickey Williams

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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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



**Remembering Our Hero's** 

who sacrificed all

**December 7, 1941** 

Gone but not forgotten,

and always honored!

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. ☺

Renewal checks are due in December!



Reminder:

The new and revised House Rules & Regulations are in a binder behind the bar. This book is available to be viewed by members, just ask the bartender. This book is NOT to be removed from the Post.

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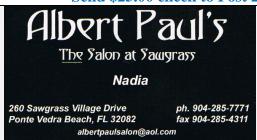


There's a new look at www.AL233FL.org get connected, see what your missing!

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

Business card renewal is due this month for 2012

Send \$25.00 check to Post 233 attn. 1st Vice Commander Roy Havekost





A. Morris Busbia GEICO Field Representative

997 Atlantic Boulevard Jacksonville, FL 32233 Telephone: (904) 246-8650 Fax: (904) 249-0013 Claims: 1-800-841-3000





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JACK HORD owner



Thank You: Website and Newsletter Boosters

**BILL WALKER** 



# 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

- **★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.

Dealers work on tips~your generosity is greatly appreciated! American Legion~Post #233~www.al233fl.org~904.285.2484

#### ~~~~~~ SUPPORT OUR POST ~~~~~~~

#### 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

Any copies provided will be scanned and returned.

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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

## PBOZ Ma Dur Stage FRI. DEC 9th & 16th W time: 8:00-10:0 Friday Night Steaks by Chef Mike 6:30-8:00~\$12.00 dinner donation

American Legion~Post 233 www.al233fl.org~904.285.2484 Adust Christmas Theme Night Party Share your Festive Treats Saturday, December 17th, 7:00-? Karaoke Host: Santa Martin, Jr. Other invited guests are: 🍑 Dancer, Prancer, Comet & Vixon, & many of their friends Fun & Frolic, Costumes & Prizes Donate an unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots' American Legion - Post 233-www. al233fl.org-904.285.2484



### Children's Christmas Party

SAT, DEC 17th, 2:00 p.m.



Sign-up a child by DEC 10th, under 10 years old, to attend & receive a stocking of surprises!

Santa & Elfie will be here to hand out gifts!

Remember our Toys for Tots' Box!



Hosted By: Auxiliary

Sunday, December 25th, 12:00-4:00

Accepting Donations of Food/Assistance Sign-up Sheet at the Post

On the Menu: Pork Loins, Turkeys, Hams, Potatoes, Casseroles, Vegetable Dishes, Rolls & Desserts

Members & Guests Welcome! No Charge!

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#### POST OFFICERS 2011-2012

#### **LEGIONNAIRE**

Commander: Robert 'Robby' Bacom

Adjutant: Patty O'Callahan Finance Officer: Malcolm Marvin 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Cdr.: Roy Havekost 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Cdr.: Ed DellaPenna 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Cdr.: Rick Kapeghian 4<sup>th</sup> Vice Cdr.: Charlie Walker

Chaplain: Bob Nagel

Sgt. at Arms: Dan Wortmann

Historian: Rod Garing

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Barbara Green Angie Kees Joan Corlew

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