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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-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 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 Robert 'Robby' A. Bacom

Inside, outside, floors, doors and more. With donations, members and volunteers at the core! Legion Riders and Palm Valley Dancers help us ride high. Our country cookers, singers and costume makers make other Posts sigh! The first half of the year has been great. By the end of the year, what a year we will make! Come one and come all to support the Legion. We're here for you no matter the Season!

For God and Country, *Robby* 



#### Adjutant Patty O'Callahan

Fabulous News! We are at 98.25% for our Legionnaire Membership! And after our meeting this THU, I will be sending in 31 new/renewals/transfers, increasing our tally to well over 100% and ahead of all deadlines. Last month we were awarded a \$50 bonus from Department for our excellent membership renewals-paid percentage!

That is the good news, the not-so-good news is there are 52 members that are not current. If your card does not show 2012, you are delinquent, and will not be allowed canteen service, legally. We hope you continue to support your Post & your Veterans by renewing in the very near future.

Thank you for helping us maintain our membership goal!

For the Good of the Legion,

Patty

The Outdoor Pavilion is Spectacular! Take a step outside & check it out. A huge thank you to our fabulous volunteers & all of their hard work! It's time now to refill our bank account with donated funds to bring this project to full circle. I'm ready for a Grand Opening Party, aren't you? Lets Do This!

Gratefully, *Patty* Outdoor Pavilion Chairman



#### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Roy Havekost

The Post hall floor replacement project was started this month. The 'ramp drop off' by the pool table has been eliminated and leveled out. The subflooring beams needed to be replaced in their entirety as we discovered some termite damage in those beams. The good news is that the remaining 2/3 floor seems to be fairly sturdy, so only the subfloor will have to be replaced with plywood. We will be scheduling this replacement in the upcoming weeks. I would like to thank everyone who came out to help with this project this past month especially, Jason, Tex, Rick, TJ, Robert, Ben, Bill and Dan, we all make a great team.

More on this report will be reported at our general membership meeting, Thursday Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

For God and Country,

Roy



#### Chaplain Bob Nagel

The following is a poem written by Judge Roy Moore from Alabama. Judge Moore was sued by the ACLU for displaying the Ten Commandments in his courtroom foyer. He has been stripped of his judgeship and now they are trying to strip his right to practice law in Alabama ! The judge's poem sums it up quite well. America the beautiful, or so you used to be.

Land of the Pilgrims' pride;	Too soft to place a killer
I'm glad they'll never see.	in a well-deserved tomb,
	But brave enough to kill a baby
Babies piled in dumpsters,	before he leaves the womb.
Abortion on demand,	
Oh, sweet land of liberty;	You think that God's not angry,
your house is on the sand.	that our land's a moral slum?
	How much longer will He wait
Our children wander aimlessly poisoned by cocaine	before His judgment comes ?
choosing to indulge their lusts,	How are we to face our God,
when God has said abstain	from Whom we cannot hide ?
	What then is left for us to do,
From sea to shining sea,	but stem this evil tide ?
our Nation turns away	
From the teaching of God's love	If we who are His children,
and a need to always pray	will humbly turn and pray;
	Seek His holy face
We've kept God in our temples,	and mend our evil way:
how callous we have grown.	
When earth is but His footstool,	Then God will hear from Heaven;
and Heaven is His throne.	and forgive us of our sins,
	He'll heal our sickly land
We've voted in a government	and those who live within
that's rotting at the core,	
Appointing Godless Judges	But, America the Beautiful,
who throw reason out the door,	If you don't - then you will see,
, · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	A sad but Holy God
	withdraw His hand from Thee.
	~~Judge Roy Moore~~

This says it all. May we all forward this message and offer our prayers for Judge Moore to be blessed and for America to wake up and realize what we need to do to keep OUR America the Beautiful.

For God and Country, *Bob* 



#### Sgt. at Arms Dan Wortmann

Work on the pavilion has been steady but slow. If anyone is interested in helping out with putting some finishing touches on the outdoor pavilion area, please contact myself, Chairperson Patty O'Callahan or Tex Ward. We can always use more helping hands.

For God and Country, *Dan* 



#### CANTEEN MANAGERS REPORT- by Diane Dorsey

And the beat goes on.. If you have not visited the Post lately, you are in for a pleasant surprise. The repair work on the Canteen floor is well under way. To date, two major portions have been replaced and before months end, the other two should be completed. Well done guys! Work continues on the outdoor pavilion as well. Hopefully it should be ready very soon. As soon as we have a definite completion date, we will get on with a Grand Opening Fish Fry / Oyster Roast and set a date for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Post 233 Rib Cook-Off to break our new facility in. In the meantime, Chili cooks get your best game face on! The Post 233 Chili Cook-Off is Saturday February 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place and a separate category for "Alternative Chili" (think white bean, chicken, vegetarian, etc.) Following the judging there will be lots of great Chili to eat. See the flyer attached to your newsletter or displayed at the Post for all the details. Beginning Saturday Feb. 11 we'll welcome the Johnstons back to Post 233 on a regular basis on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month. This month the Auxiliary will be serving a Spaghetti dinner that evening in celebration of Valentine's Day so plan on making it a festive night out. Our Friday night Dinner and Live Entertainment just keeps getting better. Chef Mike Shaar is now offering a choice of a Seafood entrée as well as his beautifully hand cut and grilled to order steaks. On alternate Fridays Frankie Martin, Jr. takes the stage to host the Post 233 Karaoke singers and this month we have The Boz Man on stage with his mix of popular listening and dance music.

Congratulations to Judy Mills, the winner of the January Post 233 Texas Hold-Em Tournament. Every Play starts at 7:00 (sign in at 6:30) every Tuesday night and there is always room for new players. Rita is in the kitchen preparing a light supper from 6:00 to 8:00 for a 5.00 donation. It's a fun night and the weekly winners qualify for the monthly Tournament held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday.

The monthly Theme nights, held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night, continue to be a huge success. The costumes keep getting better and more creative and the singers are pretty darn good too. Thanks to Tex Ward for the thought and effort he puts into

these nights and to all that attend and make them so much fun.

Thank you to Steve Barnett and Dieter Arnold who both sponsored Wednesday night dinners on behalf of the Legionnaires in January. We appreciate their generosity and dedication to Post 233. If you would like to help, please consider sponsoring a Wednesday night dinner. There are opportunities available for Legionnaires, SAL and Auxiliary members. Full details of the sponsorship program are available in this newsletter, online or by calling the Post. As always, your suggestions and constructive comments are always welcome. On behalf of our hard working and dedicated Canteen staff, we look forward to serving you and hope to see you soon.

For God and Country, *Diane* 



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

#### Gentlemen,

We are already one month into 2012! Can you believe that? I guess by now, if you have not paid your dues for this year then you are not interested in our Post. Too bad for you.

Speaking of membership... We have reached our goal of 100% (congrats to us!) however, we want to <u>increase our</u> <u>membership</u> so be on the lookout for more potential new members! I want to welcome our two newest members, Dan Reidel and Hugh O'Neil, to our Squadron. Dan lives locally and I hear he is quite the chef (we can always use more) so hopefully he will put together a cooking team and participate very soon. Hugh is an avid golfer and enjoys our Texas Hold 'Em nights. He can also tell a good joke. Please introduce yourselves to them when you get a chance. We do not have addresses for all of you so if you have paid and have not received your card it is probably behind the bar. Thanks to 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Jason Bass for starting off the year with our "once-a-month" Wednesday night dinner. The Southern Fried pork chops were a huge hit. He had help from 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Randy Cottle (as always) and Allyson Bass (God love ya!). The S.A.L. is responsible for one Wednesday night a month to cook dinner. Please help us by volunteering at least once this year. <u>February date is Wed. the 15<sup>th</sup></u>. Valentine dinner perhaps? 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 for \$100</u>. That will pay for the food and someone else to cook it. C'mon! At our last meeting (1/19) we voted to allocate some of our charity money to "Voices For Children" (\$500.) and "CHERUBS" (\$500.). The only plaque from the Special Olympics that we do not have is the "\$1000. Donation" recognition. That is a goal I want to achieve before the convention in June so please start thinking of a fundraiser we can do to reach that plateau. We will discuss the allocations of more funds at the <u>next SAL meeting on Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm</u>. *Please try to be there. We want your input and participation*. We have some great ideas for fundraisers and need your help. The S.A.L. is also selling scented trees for your car (Vanilla scent and in the colors of the U.S. Flag) that are behind the bar. These were donated and sell for \$1. Next time you are in there please purchase one or three of them and try to promote them as well. All the \$\$ goes to us!

Lastly (but not in the least), I want to personally thank the team that volunteered to help replace another section of the floor at the Post. This included Legionnaire members, Aux. members (fed us breakfast) and in particular S.A.L. members

Ben Mills, Jason Bass, T.J. Wagner, John Paparelli (comedy relief) and myself. Even our "soon to be official" Legion Riders Chapter was represented. That is how it happens men! We can always use an extra hand. There are many 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 <u>your</u> 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 <u>flagman49@yahoo.com</u>.

God Bless and Protect our Service men and women, *Jeff "TEX" Ward* 



#### FROM THE AUXILIARY- President Kathy Church

Reminder to all that Sunday Feb 5th @ 2:00pm is the Four Chaplain's Memorial Service @ Post 129. This is a very moving service and I encourage all to attend.

Saturday, Feb 11th the Johnston Duo will be at our Post. The Auxiliary will be hosting a pre Valentine's dinner. You will have a choice of a Spaghetti Dinner (salad, garlic bread, meatballs & dessert) for an \$8.00 donation or a Meatball Sub with chips for a \$5.00 donation. Dinner will be served from 6:30pm - 8:00pm. The Johnston Duo will be celebrating 19 years of performing together so come out and celebrate with them. Invite your neighbors, friends and other family members to be your guest. Let's have a good showing for this event.

I would like to send out a special thanks to all the Auxiliary members who constantly put in volunteer hours to support the Legion, SAL & Auxiliary. We all know who these members are as we see them working for every event and then some. Many times members say "if you need help just call me". Well it is pretty much a given that we can always use help for Friday & Wednesday night dinners and for any special event that we have so there is no need for me to call you. Just show up and pitch in, it's that simple. Please remember also to log in any volunteer hours you do put in, in our Volunteer Log in book which is located in the Auxiliary room.

Our next regular monthly meeting will be on Thursday, Feb 9th @ 7:00pm. Robin Combs, 5th District Auxiliary President will be attending this meeting so let's have a great attendance for this meeting.

One last note - All Auxiliary members are welcome to join our newly formed American Legion Riders Chapter. We hold our monthly meetings on the 1st Sunday of the month @ 11:00am. We have been meeting around 10:00 to enjoy a breakfast before the meeting. Check us out on Facebook.

Please keep all our military members & their families in your thoughts & prayers.

Be Safe, *Kathy* 



#### FROM THE RIDERS- Director Russ Langley

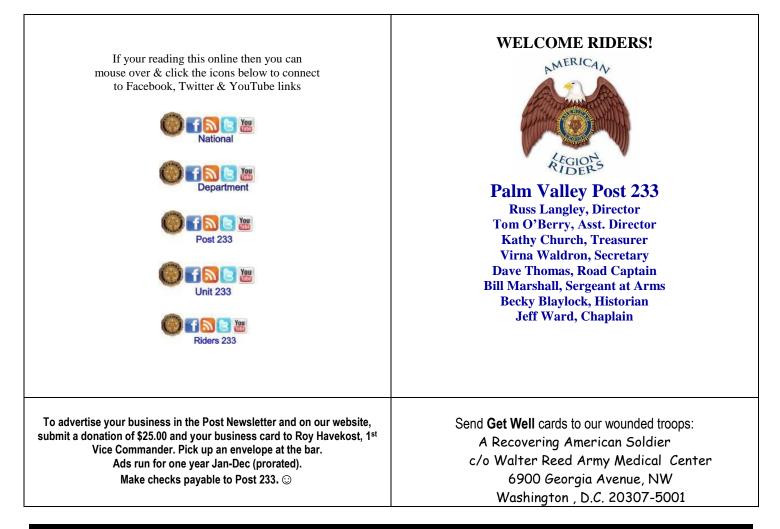
Well, it's happening! The dreams of many to create an American Legion Rider's Chapter here at Post 233, is rolling! We all our so proud, not only of our Post, of the overwhelming comradeship that is bonding this new and exciting group! This Chapter will open up many roads and avenues that will lead to our little dirt road here, where the pavement ends at 233. We are inviting everyone, and anyone who wishes to be an integral spoke in this giant wheel turning! Even though this is an organization founded on the sport of motorcycling, you will find it to be much more. The important, and overriding purpose we roll, is for our Legion, Post 233. We will open the eyes, of other Post's, that we are here! There will be many rides, events, parades, fundraisers of which we will need the support from all of you! Each individual group or organization at our Post requires, and deserves a helping hand from everyone! It takes an entire set of pistons to make the bike run. We need you! Our Rider's Chapter will have so much to offer other than just riding a motorcycle! Therefore, we encourage you to become a member whether you own a bike or not! Our By-Laws are now forged in Chrome, and will be approved by our Post's executive officers, then sent off to the state. We are extremely close of being an established Rider's chapter! We are scheduled to meet on the 2nd Sunday of each month, at 11am! Again, please feel free to attend. Our officers have been established, and they are; Director- Russ Langley, Assistant Director- Tom O'Berry, Road Captain- David Thomas, Sergeant of Arms- Bill Marshall, Secretary- Virna Waldron, Treasurer- Kathy Church, Historian- Becky Blaylock, and our Chaplain- Jeff Ward. There is a website established on Facebook for us to communicate! Please take the time to visit and feel free to join it! You'll be astonished how active we've been thus far! The page is; American Legion Riders Post 233 Palm Valley We have annual dues of \$25. But, if you choose to become one of our founding members, and want a "Charter" membership (lifelong), a one- time fee of \$100 will get you this prestigious honor and all the accessories that will accompany! You'll have to come out to one of meetings and learn the details, and to check out what's going on with this new and exciting adventure for or Post.

For God and Country, *Russ* 

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	Stephanie Holland	17	Clen Ward		
	Tony Kulper	18	Cindy Martin		
3	Trudy Cavanaugh	21	Georgia Barnes		
4	Catherine Leblanc	22	Joey Holland		
6	Cherie Lee	24	Wilford Lyons		
9	Randy Corlew	25	Kelsey Howell		
11	Chuck Kees	26	Mark Stewart		
	Joe Bing	28	Ed Parrett		
12	Johnny Jones Jr.				
	Barbara Nielson	Your birthday can be listed here by sending your name, month			
		and day to webmaster@al233fl.org			
			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

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







 $\star$  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

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# Karaoke Host: Frankie Martin, Jr. FD. FEB 3rd & 17th. 8-11 Friday Night Steaks by Chef Mike **6:30-8:00 \$12.00 dinner donation** American Legion~Post 233 ww.al233fl.org~904.285.2484

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## NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS vs NEW YORK GIANTS

### BRING YOUR FAVORITE SUPER BOWL SNACK (OR NOT) AND WATCH THE GAME!









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