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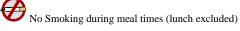


Canteen hours:

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

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





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 MIA's POW's

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Commander Roy Havekost

Email: Commander@AL233FL.org

It's hard to believe that January has come and gone as fast as it did. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank PC Jim Ross and the Past Commanders Club for a superb Spaghetti Dinner last month, and thank you to all of the volunteers who helped out. A second personal thank you for a fabulous Early Bird Prime Rib Dinner night goes to Chef Mike, Jason B., Cynthia G., Susan C., Talia S., Rita C., Kathy H., our CS helper Clyde S., and of course Kathy C., and not to forget the bartending staff Allyson, Debbie, Anita, and to Charlie W., Dan W., and Don and Judy M. for cleanup of the pavilion and grounds. Last but not least thank you to Virna W. and the ALA for the surprise birthday cake for me and to the Beach Street Boogie band and all the members and guests who sang happy birthday to me.

Ok, now on an official note, we have in the past months read in as new members, a number of female veterans as well as male veterans. I am looking for a legionnaire volunteer to act as my recording secretary. If you have basic computer skills and wish to help out, please contact me at commander@al233fl.org or call me at 201-803-0839. Thank you in advance for your consideration to this request.

For God and Country, *Roy*





1st Vice Commander/ Adjutant Mark Dorsey

Email: ViceComm1@AL233FL.org

Congratulations members, our membership as of January 24th is at 102.122%. We accomplished this goal ahead of schedule and are 1 of only 5 Posts in the District to be over 100%. Membership is very important to the Legion. Since there are only a very few delinquents this year, we will not post a list in the newsletter, you probably just forgot to send it in. If you aren't sure just contact the post to inquire. Thank you.

For God & Country, *Mark*





2nd Vice Commander Robby Bacom

Email: ViceComm2@AL233FL.org

If any legionnaire wishes to volunteer on Friday's steak/fish nights as a money collector, please contact me with your availability. If any newly transferred members, or members who have recently joined the Post that may have cooking skills and are interested in volunteering on a Wednesday night dinner or Sunday morning breakfast team please contact me via email vicecomm2@al233fl.org or by phone at 705-9028 for more details.

For God and Country, *Robby*





Chaplain Bob Nagel Email: Chaplain@AL233FL.org

May this Year bring our Post Members, our Military, our Veterans and all our families good health, prosperity and with the help of God, love and kindness towards one another.

For God and Country,

Bob





Ric Smith, Judge Advocate

Email: judgeadvocate@AL233FL.org

Policy and legal issues have been quiet so far this year. Each post is encouraged to continue resolving internal matters among fellow legionnaires at the local level. Our 2013 membership has exceeded 102% so far, congratulations to Mark and his helpers. 400 members is a good target, we have been there before, only need 15 more.

For God and Country, *Ric*





FROM THE AUXILIARY-President Kathy Church

Email: ALA@AL233FL.org

MEMBERSHIP - MEMBERSHIP - MEMBERSHIP

OK Auxiliary members, THIS IS IT!!! If you have not paid your 2013 dues as of Jan 31st you will be considered **DELINQUENT**. What does that mean for you? That means you will not be served at any American Legion Post and no you can't ask another member to sign you in as a guest or buy you a drink. Please remit your \$25.00 dues to me ASAP. You can drop them off at the Post or mail to our PO Box which is PO Box 51138, Jax Bch, FL, 32240

If you have paid your dues and you get a notice from National please just ignore it. If you think you have paid your dues but have not yet received your card them please email me with your payment info & I will research it for you. bartenderpost233@yahoo.com

All members should carry their cards with them at all times. The bartenders have the right to refuse to serve you if you don't have our card on you. Remember also, any member (Legion, Auxiliary or SAL) if you bring a new member to our Auxiliary you will receive a gift certificate for a Wednesday night dinner. Now that's a deal.

AUXILIARY BADGES

I would like to thank Commander Roy Havekost for making all Auxiliary Officers and Executive Committee members a name badge. They are very professional looking. I ask that our Officers and EC members wear your badge at official functions (5th District meetings, etc) or at any event that you might be volunteering for. Also take the time to introduce yourself to guests that are visiting. This is a good way to make people feel welcome and also to recruit new members.

AUXILIARY REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS

The Auxiliary members who regularly attend our monthly meetings would like to see more members attend these meetings. New Auxiliary members should attend at least one meeting after joining our Auxiliary so you can see what we get accomplished and what the Auxiliary is all about. Meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of the month @ 7:00pm. If you attend a meeting in the month of your birthday your will receive one free drink on the Auxiliary. Now that's another deal!

This month the 5th District meeting will be at our Post. This will be a Legion and Auxiliary meeting as well. This meeting will be on Sunday, Feb 10th @ 2:00pm. We will serve a spaghetti dinner (thanks to Richard & Diane Thomas) after the meeting so we need volunteers to help set up, serve and clean Let's have a good attendance and show the 5th District just how MIGHTY Unit 233 is. We need to gather some door prizes for this meeting so if you have any small gift you would like to donate please bring it in and put it in the Auxiliary room with my & your name on it and what it is for.

SECOND QUARTER EVENT

This year the House Committee voted that each entity pick a quarter and do an event with all proceeds going back to the Legion. The entity doing the event will absorb all cost for this event. This can be a special dinner or something on a larger scale. The Auxiliary has picked the 2^{nd} quarter so we have to do something in April, May or June. I am asking for ideas. Put your thinking cap on & let's come up with something original.

Be safe, *Kathy*





FROM THE SAL- Commander Jeff 'Tex' Ward

Greetings Sons,

CONGRATULATIONS!! We have achieved our membership goal for 2013 and as of this writing we are at 106%. However, there are still some of you that have not paid. <u>If you have not paid your dues you will not be able to use the facilities at the Post!!</u> You can send in your payment (\$25.) or give it to the bartender on duty at your earliest convenience.

This Saturday night (2/2 – Groundhog Day) the S.A.L. is having a fundraiser. Jason Bass is serving up his famous Wet Burrito's starting at 5:30pm. He and Chef Mike Shaar will be in the kitchen preparing these awesome meals. This is always a huge event (150 dinners +/-) so we will need some extra help in the kitchen with serving and clean-up.

Thanks to Chef Mike for providing our January dinner. With help from T.J. Wagner, new member Charlie Weeden, Randy Cottle, and a Gold Sponsorship from Steve Hard, we had another successful Wed. dinner. Thanks for the help gentlemen. We are responsible for one Wednesday night a month to provide dinner. Please help us by volunteering at least once this coming year. The next S.A.L. dinner is 2/20. Please plan to be there (even if you can't help out) to buy a meal and support our Post. We seem to regularly have the 3rd Wed. of the month. 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 Gold Sponsor (a \$100 donation will pay for the food and someone else to cook it). 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!

There will be other exciting events and fundraisers coming up this year so keep your eyes on the newsletter, visit the website (www.al233fl.org) and Facebook page or better yet, come to our meeting and have a drink! The next SAL meeting is Thurs. Feb. 21st @ 7pm.

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 flagman49@yahoo.com.

God Bless America

Jeff "TEX" Ward





FROM THE RIDERS- Director Jarrod Buchman

I would like to wish all of our family at Post 233 a very happy and healthy new year. In January, the riders held our elections for the 2013 Riders Officers. I would like to introduce all of our officers for 2013.

Assistant Director Jared LoPiano Road Captain Bill Marshall
Treasurer Kathy Church Sgt. at Arms Bill Marshall
Secretary Virna Waldron Historian Becky Blaylock

Our group is looking forward to great things this year for both our chapter and the post. We have already set on the books our first Chapter Poker Run based out of Post on February 23rd.. This is going to be an all-day event starting with a breakfast buffet for \$5 in the morning and some back yard hamburgers and hotdogs in the evening. This is going to be a great time to make our post shine. We are inviting community members and fellow riders from other posts. Let's show them all that we know how to party in the Valley! This ride is to benefit a gentleman who was diagnosed with a rare form of Leukemia. This gentleman is also a member of the motorcycle business community in Jacksonville. Let's all come to this event and show your support for this man.

We are also looking for more riders. If you know anyone that owns a motorcycle and would like to ride with us, please let one of us know. You can also invite them to our Poker Run on February 23rd. I am excited to be your new rider Director and look forward to the great things we will accomplish in 2013.

For God and Country *Jarrod*





FROM THE CANTEEN Diane Dorsey, Manager

The Post 233 calendar is full again this month! First though, Thanks and congratulations to the Post 233 Past Commanders Club for their spectacular Spaghetti dinner production. Chef Jim Ross and his team worked very hard on the special sauce, salad and bread and they served over eighty dinners on a Wednesday night! Well done! Chef Mike Shaar and sous chef Jason Bass prepared a fabulous prime rib dinner for the 2013 Early Bird dinner. Auxiliary volunteers Rita Connolly, Kathy Helmley, Talia Salzurulo and Susan Crews served nearly 100 dinners in two hours. Good show! The January K-9's for Warriors graduation was well attended and was filmed by our local news station as well as a documentary filmmaker. Well deserved promotion for the K-9's program as well as good press for our Post! If you have not yet purchased a ticket for the SAL's Wet Burrito Night dinner on Feb. 2nd, you have a couple of days to do so. Tickets are 10.00 and are available at the Canteen. There will be tickets available dinner night. Chef Jason Bass has vowed that everyone that wants one will get one! Dinner service will start at 5:30. The Pavilion bar will be open and there will be outdoor seating available. Following dinner Wanda and Big John of "Be A Star Karaoke" will take the stage to entertain you.

On Saturday Feb. 9th Deb Johnston's Debrann.com Duo will be on stage performing her always popular listening and dance music. The Auxiliary will be serving dinner. Bring you sweetie for and early Valentine dinner and fun evening. Saturday Feb. 16th will be Theme Night with Frankie Martin, Jr. Theme tba. On Saturday Feb. 23rd, the Post 233 Legion Riders will be hosting their first charity Poker Run. The ride will start and end at Post 233 with food and a band on the outdoor stage. The Pavilion bar will be open and everyone is invited to come out and support the Riders for a good cause and a fun evening.

We have an excellent line-up of Friday night entertainers to follow Chef Shaars always perfectly executed Steak or Fish dinners as well as a good mix of well prepared Wednesday night dinners on tap. All meals at Post 233 are smoke free so feel free to bring the family. If you have not been to your Post in a while, please give it a try in the New Year. You will be pleasantly surprised!

As always, thank you for your support of Post 233 and we look forward to serving you soon.

For God and Country, *Diane*

Joe Bing

Johnny Jones Jr.

Barbara Nielson

Lorraine Joy

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY's 1 17 Sylvia Bass Clen Ward 18 Stephanie Holland Cindy Martin Tony Kulper 21 Georgia Barnes 3 Trudy Cavanaugh 22 Joey Holland 4 24 Catherine Leblanc Wilford Lyons 25 6 Kelsey Howell Cherie Lee 9 Randy Corlew 26 Mark Stewart 11 28 **Ed Parrett** Chuck Kees

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

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

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A BIG thank you to our January contributors:
Napoli's Pastaria





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



@ Post233, & Watch us on

You Tube

@ PalmValleyPost233.

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.

SUPPORT THE BUSINESSES THAT HELP SUPPORT YOUR POST





PALM VALLEY GOLF CLUB and Practice Range

A Family Golf Learning Center

\$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

The Boz Man m Dur Stage FRI, February 1st Show times 8:00-10:00 Fish or Steak Dinner by Chef Mike 6:30-8:00~\$12.00 dinner donation

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S.A.L. Presents: The Palm Valley Oarhouse WET BURRITO by Jason

Saturday February 2nd



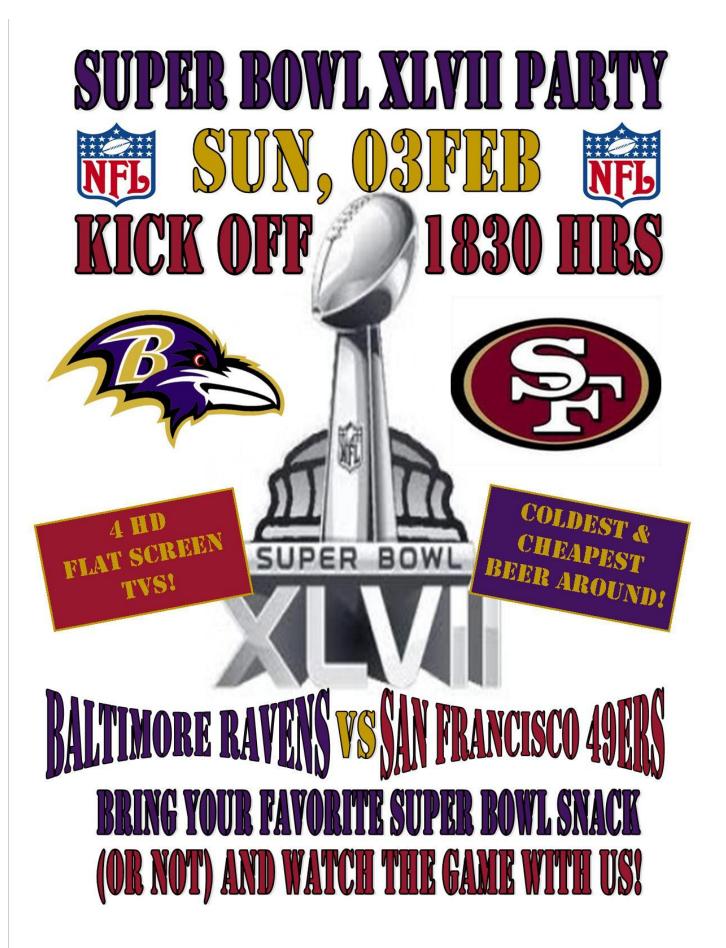
\$10.00 Per Burrito

- * Pre-Sale of 200 Tickets begins January 5th!
- * No Refunds! * Don't Wait!
 - * Service is 5:30-8:00 pm
- * Outdoor Seating Available

Wanda & Big John! Be a Star Karaoke 7:00-10:00 pm

All Donations for S.A.L. Charities!

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Frankie Martin, Jr. FRI, FEB 8th, 8:00-11:00



Fish or Steak Dinner by Chef Mike 6:30-8:00
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Warrior Graduation

THU, February 21st, 1730 hrs



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

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PERFORMING ON FRI, FEBRUARY 22ND SHOW TIME: 8:00-10:00

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

American Legion Riders Chapter #233 Saturday, February 23, 2013

To benefit Robert Davis, owner of 'Chrome it Cycles'

Rob has recently been stricken with a rare form of Leukemia and is undergoing numerous transfusions and rounds of chemotherapy. Rob and Janet have always supported the biker community and its causes. Now it's our time to give back to a fellow biker in need.

Rider: \$25 - Passenger: \$10 - Non-Rider: \$10 - Extra Hand: \$10

Registration: 8 am - 10 am & Breakfast Buffet \$5



Start: Post #233 - 560 N. Wilderness Trail, PV - KSU: 10 am

Bar None Saloon - 312 Anastasia Boulevard, St. Augustine Rehab Saloon - 3297 Highway 17 N, Green Cove Springs

Post 88 - 3662 Spring Park Road, Jacksonville

Chrome it Cycles - 9633 Old St. Augustine Rd, Jacksonville







Entertainment by SUGAR BEAR!

Raffles; \$100 High-Hand & \$50 Low-Hand Winners Announced!





No Smoking During WED/FRI Dinner (6-8) & SUN Breakfast (9-12)



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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Sgt. at Arms: Robert Scarlett
Historian: Rod Garing

Service Officer: Maury Lazenby **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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