



# AL233FL Newsletter



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

Legionnaire meetings, first Thursday each month, 7:00pm  
Auxiliary meetings, second Thursday each month, 7:00pm  
Son's meetings, third Thursday each month, 6:30pm  
Rider's meetings, first Sunday each month, 11:00am



### 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



No Smoking during meal times (lunch excluded)



**NEVER FORGET ~ POW's & MIA's**

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**LEGIONNAIRES, COME OUT & VOTE, FEBRUARY 6, 2014, betw. 8am & 8pm**



### Commander - Roy Havekost

Email: [Commander@AL233FL.org](mailto:Commander@AL233FL.org)

First of all I would like to thank all those members who showed up for National Commander Daniel Dellinger's visit to Post 233. It was an honor to meet him and hear him speak. A special thank you goes out to both Department Commander Art Schwabe and 5<sup>th</sup> District Commander Tom Gora for including Post 233 in the visit itinerary.

February 6<sup>th</sup> is an important date for Post 233. On that day the Legionnaires will be voting whether or not to make 233 a non-smoking Post. The issue has been discussed at both the December and January meetings, and at the bar for sure. This is a very important issue and the outcome will affect the future of our Post. We CAN make a difference and keep both the smokers and non-smokers happy members. Please come out and vote! Thank you.

For God and Country,

**Roy**



### Adjutant - Sheri Martinez

Email: [Adjutant@AL233FL.org](mailto:Adjutant@AL233FL.org)

Membership as of January 23<sup>rd</sup> is at 83.204% . We have more than 6 new members to read in at the February meeting. Also, Legionnaires please remember to come in and vote on the No-Smoking issue. Polls will be open from 8am to 8pm.

For God & Country,

**Sheri**



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

*Past Commander 2002-2003, 2003-2004*

My report this month is taken from an article written by National Commander Daniel Dellinger regarding paid up for life membership.

“By now you are familiar with the vast benefits of being a member of The American Legion. Today, I am not reminding you about the importance and value of membership. You already know that. Instead, I am here to encourage you to consider joining the [Paid Up For Life program](#) so you will always be a proud Legionnaire, along with me and the other 200,000 members who are paid up for life.

Why join the Paid Up For Life program?

First off, once you do, you will no longer receive annual renewal notices or be subject to any possible future dues increases. You will also receive a lifetime subscription to *The American Legion Magazine*.

To join the program, just head to the online enrollment page at [www.legion.org/join/pufl](http://www.legion.org/join/pufl) . From there you can enroll in the program and pay in full or select 12 monthly installments. Once you identify yourself using your member ID number you will be shown your personalized Paid Up For Life offer and can see why PUFL is an affordable choice. You will also be able to print out a copy of your offer to mail in if you prefer.

Each PUFL member receives a permanent plastic card, as well as an annual paper card to verify continuing membership in The American Legion. The annual card is mailed in July of each year.”

If you have any questions or need more information, feel free to contact me.

For God & Country,

**Mark**



### **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander - Don Mills**

*Past Commander 2008-2009*

The new freezer has been stocked thanks to the generous donation of Craig Smith, Alhambra Theatre & Dining with the help of Dale Little, SAL member. We look forward to serving up some very scrumptious meals in the near future. So come on down and support your Post. Events are posted on the e-calendar online or you can pickup a copy of the newsletter at the Post.

For God & Country,  
*Don*

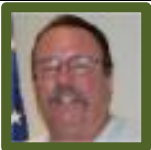


### **Chaplain - Wilbur Burnett**

Some will say you will pray because it is a nice thing to say or it is politically correct. Then there are those of you who will get down on your knees and really do it. This prayer means so much so please say the prayer for everyone and pass it on. Cancer is a strange cell. If you ever have it, you will never be free of it. If you never had it, don't feel too cozy, you can get it. Pray for the day there will be a permanent cure.

*Dear God, I pray that You will guide someone to find a cure for cancer in 2014 ... Amen*

For God & Country,  
*Wilbur*



### **E-Board Member/ Planning Cmte.- Dan Wortmann**

This week I will be in contact with TPC officials. We want to have a table set up at the Veterans Tent during the week of the Tournament in May. We will need to have a few Volunteers doing shifts to talk to local Veterans to see if we can recruit them or at least let them know about Palm Valley Post 233. Please contact me or Commander Roy Havekost to let us know if you are interested in HELPING OUT . There is also free food and drinks and snacks all day.

For God & Country,  
*Dan*

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FOUR CHAPLAINS MEMORIAL SERVICE  
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For More Information Contact:  
Chaplain Bill Reno**

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### E-Board Member - Charlie Waters

Greetings to everyone at Post 233. My name is Charlie Waters and as a fairly new member of Post 233 and E-board member, I would like to say thank you for the welcome and getting me out of retirement! I served 30+ years in the Navy in ships, submarines, and Helo's. Along the way I have been a college and high school baseball umpire for over 20 years and developed a fairly good golf game. I want to pass on my best wishes to Sonny Kirkwood. We faced each other many times while we were both at Naval Station Mayport. I look forward to getting to know everyone and keeping Post 233 one of the best!

For God & Country,  
*Charlie*



### Judge Advocate - Ric Smith

Email: [JudgeAdvocate@AL233FL.org](mailto:JudgeAdvocate@AL233FL.org)

All is quiet on the procedures and legal beagle fronts, subject to change in the next Department Legion Link. Remember to attend the February General Members meeting and vote for your health. Some of us are dealing with years of smoking issues.

For God and Country,  
*Ric*



### Auxiliary - President Judy Mills

Hello everyone hope your January was very safe and fulfilling month with family and friends. I would like to wish you all a happy Valentine's in advanced hope your day with a loved one is great fun.

We served dinner for all on January 22, 2014 which was sponsored by Jody Georgious thank you very much. The Auxiliary had a very successful night and sold out of dinners before 7:30pm, to all that made this possible Kathy Helmly who prepared the meal, Virna Waldron, Celeste Sheble, Kathy Church and anyone else who may have participated and I may have forgot thank you to all.

On January 11th Kathy Helmly and myself attended the ABC school of instruction, this was a very informative class we learned a lot, if you have a chance to attend one of these classes so should you would be very glad.

We will be planning several events for the following months so you need to attend the meetings and help us decide what we need to do.

I would like to remind everyone we will be hosting the District meeting at our Post on February 9, 2014 please try to

attend and we will be needing volunteers to help with the serving and cleaning up afterwards.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on February 6, 2014 at 7:00pm. The next regular Auxiliary meeting will be held on February 13, 2014 at 7:00pm please try to attend.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY  
God Bless Our Troops  
Judy Mills ALA President



## SAL - Commander Jeff 'Tex' Ward

Sons,

The big event is coming soon!! Jason Bass and the SAL are hosting a "WET BURRITO" night on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are on sale now at the Post canteen. A \$10 donation will get you one of Jason's famous meals. This will be another huge night so we will need some help. Frankie Martin, Jr. will be hosting karaoke later that night!

Thank you to all of you that have paid your 2014 membership dues. Our membership is a little over 70%. We have a very good record of 100% membership renewal and we want to continue that streak. I encourage all members to pay their 2014 dues. You can send your check or give it to the bartender. (\$25.)

As I state in every newsletter, we are responsible for one Wednesday dinner a month. Please help us by volunteering at least once a year. That is not asking too much, is it? If you know when you can do it please let me know the date and I will make the arrangements. Even if you can't help out at least be there to buy a meal and support your Squadron and Post. Or, if you cannot afford the time to volunteer you can always contribute as a Gold Sponsor with a \$100. donation. This will help pay for the food and someone to cook it. The next S.A.L. dinner is Wednesday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>. Any ideas?

Our t-shirts and ball caps are for sale. The shirts are Navy Blue or Grey for \$25. The caps are fully embroidered Navy Blue for \$20. They both look very sharp and are selling like hotcakes! We only have 2X and 3X shirts left but we are ordering more M, L, and XL. Well worth the investment and it helps raise money for our charities. I encourage you all to purchase at least one of each and wear them as often as possible to the Post – especially for SAL events!

There are many fun and exciting events and fundraisers coming in the near future so keep your eyes on the newsletter, visit the website ([www.al233fl.org](http://www.al233fl.org)) or better yet, come in to your Post and have a drink and see what is happening! The next SAL meeting is Thurs. Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm. (note new time!)

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 ([flagman49@yahoo.com](mailto:flagman49@yahoo.com)) – or better yet, attend the meeting and share your thoughts with the rest of us!

**REMEMBER:** *It is a privilege to be a member of the Sons of the American Legion organization! As descendants we are honoring our forefathers who have served in the Armed Forces and in many cases sacrificed their lives for their country. Now is the time to give back! If the same names keep showing up in this column it is because the same people are doing the volunteering.*

Please be sure to keep all of our service man and women and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

God Bless Our Troops  
Jeff "TEX" Ward  
Commander – Squadron 233

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### Canteen - Diane Dorsey, Manager

It is with some sadness but much optimism for the future, I have decided to retire from my position with Post 233. The past eight and a half years have been rewarding and I will always be thankful for and treasure the many friends I have made.

My husband and I will continue our support of Post 233 through our patronage and volunteerism. At this time in our lives, greener pastures and opportunities to pursue beckon.

My heartfelt thanks to each of you! I will be around for a few more weeks and hope to see everyone! As always, it has been my pleasure to serve you, our veterans and Post 233.

Diane Dorsey



### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY'S



- 1 Sylvia Bass
- Stephanie Holland
- Tony Kulper
- 3 Trudy Cavanaugh
- 4 Catherine Leblanc
- 6 Cherie Lee
- 9 Randy Corlew (In memoriam)
- 11 Chuck Kees
- Joe Bing
- 12 Johnny Jones Jr.
- Barbara Nielson
- 14 Lorraine Joy

- 17 Clen Ward
- Jarrod Buchman
- 18 Cindy Martin
- 21 Georgia Barnes
- 22 Joey Holland
- 24 Wilford Lyons
- 25 Kelsey Howell
- 26 Mark Stewart
- 28 Ed Parrett

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

## THE GARBAGE DUMPSTER IN THE FRONT OF THE POST

IS NOT

FOR MEMBER OR NON-MEMBER PERSONAL USE.

The Post pays a monthly fee(s) based on the amount of pickups made by the trash company. Dumping debris in our dumpster is costing us more \$\$\$\$\$\$. Please STOP!

Whoever you are.

## **LEGIONNAIRES COME OUT AND VOTE!**

### **POST 233, 2014 NO SMOKING VOTE FEB.6<sup>th</sup>**

**At the November 25<sup>th</sup> House Committee meeting, after much discussion a motion to adopt a No Smoking policy passed unanimously.**

**At the December 3<sup>rd</sup> Executive Committee meeting after much discussion it was motioned to take the No Smoking issue to the General Membership for a vote.**

**The Commander has placed the issue on his meeting agenda for the December 5<sup>th</sup> and the January 2<sup>nd</sup> General Membership meetings for further discussion and has set **Thursday February 6<sup>th</sup> 2014 as the date to vote. Voting will take place at Post 233, all day, from 8am to 8pm.** As February 6, 2014 will be the date of the General Membership Meeting the votes cast will be tallied and announced at the end of the meeting at about 8:15pm.**

**YES VOTE: If the No Smoking vote passes, all smoking of lighted tobacco products will cease in all of the indoor areas of Post 233. Members and guests who smoke will be allowed to smoke in all outdoor areas of Post 233, including the outdoor pavilion.**

**NO VOTE: If the No Smoking vote fails, the current policy will remain in effect and members and guests will be allowed to smoke in the indoor areas of Post 233.**

**The current exceptions will remain in effect: No Smoking during food service hours, Wednesdays 6:00pm-8:00pm, Fridays 6:00pm-8:00pm, and Sundays 9:00am-12:00noon. No Smoking in kitchen or office.**

**Volunteers who would like to help man the polling area contact either the Commander or Adjutant with your availability.**

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### MONTH 2014 GRADUATING CLASS



Thank you for your service and welcome home!

MIAP will hold its second “Call to Honor” on Friday, March 28, 2014. This service will be at 1:30pm at the Jacksonville National Cemetery and members of our communities are welcome to attend. We will inter 20 veterans whose cremated remains have sat on funeral homes shelves for decades.

We are still in need of volunteers to work this project. You can help out in a very easy way but it would help us tremendously. We need to continue to spread the word about MIAP and what we do. As Florida St Coordinator it is my duty to get volunteers across the state. Currently we are only working here in northeast Florida. We need team leaders and volunteers in all capacities. Go to our website at [www.miap.us](http://www.miap.us), sign up as a supporter (there is no charge), read all about us and then you can start spreading the word. If you know anyone who lives in another area of the state that would be interested in this project please ask them to go to our website and sign up as a supporter. Anyone who signs up will receive a welcoming letter from Charles Warthling, MIAP National Assistant Vice President. Charles will then send me the info on this person for me to make contact with.

We also need funding for our services. We have expenses that include registered letters, admin supplies, insurance cost, copies of Death Certificates, Burial Permits (in some cases), Public “Notices of Intended Action” in newspapers, etc. You can make a donation directly to any Compass Bank with a memo line that reads “donation to MIAP – FL”. You may also send a check made out to MIAP – FL to Kathy Church, 101 Bowles Street, Neptune Beach, FL, 32266.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding MIAP @ [miapjax@yahoo.com](mailto:miapjax@yahoo.com).

Kathy Church  
MIAP – FL State Coordinator  
(904)219-3035

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