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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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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

NEVER FORGET - POWs & MIAs

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Commander Steve Willis

Can you believe another year has come and gone? I hope all of you had a Merry Christmas, and will have a Happy New Year.

We had a busy 2010 and 2011 looks for much of the same.

Thank you Patty O' and Joanie for the wonderful Christmas party buffet, Ya'll out did yourselves? Thanks also to Kathy and the ALA for all there Christmas endeavors.

Come join us for the New Years celebrations. We should have a new big screen TV for the Super Bowl.

Remember the meeting on January the 6th.

For God and Country,
Steve



1st Vice Commander Roy Havekost

They say that time flies when your having fun...well Post 233 had a ball in 2010 and now it's gone. If you missed it or any part of it, blame no one but yourself. This year, 2011, can again be so much fun that it too may fly by. So, come on down to the Post and get involved in the fun making, and enjoy the camaraderie too. Legion meetings are the first Thursday of every month at 7:00pm. New members come make new friends. Come to a meeting, share your ideas and expertise, we're always in the market for something new and fun.

In 2010 the Post website played host to more than 15,000 visitors who viewed more than 35,500 pages of information. The website, www.al233fl.org, contains such pages as upcoming events, event flyers, officers reports and meeting minutes, archived copies of the monthly newsletter and much more. If you received this newsletter copy at the Post and don't have a computer at home, you can access the website via a family member, friend or even at the local library. The website has archived files dating back to 2007 at this time and makes for interesting reading.

New and old members are always welcome at Post 233. . . recently moved into our area. . . transfers are always welcomed. Transfer requests as well as new applications are available online through the website or via email at Vicecom1@al233fl.org.

Happy New Year
For God and Country,
Roy



2nd Vice Commander Stu Lilly

Thank you to ALL the kitchen help for 2010 and I look forward to working with you during 2011. Happy New Year to all our Legion, ALA and SAL members and their families.

For God and Country,
Stu.



3rd Vice Commander Rick Kapeghian

Happy New Year to everyone, and just a reminder that effective January 1, 2011 you must present a 2011 membership card to be served. Our bartenders will be checking.

For God and Country,
Rick



4th Vice Commander Charlie Walker

Happy New Year
No report this month
For God and Country,
Charlie

“AS THE POST CHURNS”

The only way to say it is...if you can spare some time once or twice a month, please come in and sign up to help cook, help serve or help wash dishes in the kitchen on Wednesdays, Fridays or Sundays.

We don't want our regular cooks and helpers to get burned out.

See Stu, Diane or Charlie for info. Thank you for getting involved in your Post.

CANTEEN MANAGERS REPORT- by Diane Beason

Hope everyone had a safe and happy Holiday Season! As business and schedules return to normal at Post 233 we have several new and exciting events in the works for 2011. First up will be the 3rd Annual Chili Cook Off on Saturday, January 29th so Chili cooks, start working on your winning recipe. Flyers with all the details are up at the Post and details are online at the Post website.

Taco Trivia Mondays have been a huge success as well as a lot of fun. It's every other Monday night with January 10th being the first date of the New Year. A full self serve taco bar is available for 1.00 per taco and you can eat and play at the same time. Patty O'Callahan does a masterful job presenting the trivia questions and the competition among the teams is fierce. If exercise is in your New Years plan, consider some brain exercise and join us on Monday nights. That counts as exercise, right?

Beginning January 1st your bartenders will be asking to see your 2011 membership card. No card, no service at the canteen so remember your new card or receipt for dues payment. The bartenders will also gladly take your payment for Legion, SAL or Auxiliary dues if you have not already renewed. We are all living in an electronic world and as always Post 233 is on the cutting edge. The fastest easiest way to stay on top of news and events at the Post is via the weekly email updates. If you are not receiving updates go to the Post website at www.al233fl.org and update your email address. You may also leave it with the bartender and we'll add you to the list. Flyers for upcoming events and updated Post calendars are also available on the website. If you are a Facebook user, click the "like" button on the website and news and event updates will be posted to your Facebook page.

As always, constructive suggestions and ideas on ways we can serve you better or ideas for events you'd like to see happen are always welcome. My email address is dianebeason@comcast.net. Your canteen staff is committed to making your experience at Post 233 a good one and to making 2011 our best year yet.

For God and Country,
Diane Beason



FROM THE SAL- Commander Jeff 'Tex' Ward

Happy 2011 S.A.L. members,

Hope you all had a happy and safe Christmas and New Years. Many of you have not yet paid for your 2011 membership fees (\$25). We are close to achieving 100%+ membership again for the upcoming year. At this point we are at approximately 75% membership. Also, starting in January, a list of members that have not paid will be posted on the bulletin board at the Legion...you DO NOT want to be on that list. Don't say we didn't give you fair warning! Please make checks payable to "S.A.L. American Legion" and be sure to include your details: name, address, phone, and particularly your e-mail. You can send them to the Post or drop by and give them to a bartender. We want to **increase our membership** so be on the lookout for potential new members! REMEMBER: As of January 1st you must show a current membership card or you will NOT be allowed to use the Post facilities, nor can you be signed in by someone else!

Starting in January the S.A.L. will be responsible for one Wednesday a month to cook dinner. We actually started last month on the 29th. Pete Braud and his wife Debbie stepped up for this one and did a fantastic job. Thank you both! The following dates are locked in for the first half of the year and are available for you to help out: 1/19, 2/9, 3/16 (St. Patrick's Day dinner?), 5/25, and 6/15. Please pick a date that you can either cook or volunteer in the kitchen. Let's show them what we are made of (no pun intended!).

We are in the throes of an on-going fund raising project, specifically for the S.A.L. We are selling the "Flip-It" pancake maker. That's right, the same one selling on the shopping network for \$29.95 (plus s&h) is available at our Post for only \$20. That's not all...! If you buy more than one, each one of those is only \$15. We have exclusive rights to these very cool utensils that are assembled and marketed in St. Augustine, FL. The pan will put an impression of the Flag on your pancake, crepe, grilled sandwich, panini, etc. But wait...! With the extra pan that is included you can have a "Good Morning" smiley face on your pancake if you wish. There's more...! We have also included an omelet ring, full color instruction and recipe brochure and an instructional DVD. What a deal!! As a bonus, the lovely Virna Waldron (a big thanks to you Virna) has gift-wrapped quite a few of them if you need a last minute X-mas gift, a pre-wrapped gift for next year, or forgot someone on your list. *Be sure to get one for yourself!* These are selling like hotcakes (pun intended!) so come on in to the Post and check them out. It is for a good cause.

The next 5th District meeting is at Post #88 at 3 p.m. on Sat., Feb. 12th. Our support is important and I would like to have a good turnout by our squadron. If you are interested in attending let me know.

There are many fun and exciting events coming up in the near future at our Post so keep your eyes on the newsletter, visit the website (www.al233fl.org) 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, my phone number is 904-233-0976 and my email is flagman49@yahoo.com.

All the best to you and your for a safe and prosperous 2011!

For The Good Of The Post,
Jeff "TEX" Ward
Commander



FROM THE AUXILIARY- President Kathy Church

Happy New Year to everyone. I will present a detailed report next month.

Peace & Love to all
Kathy



Legionnaire Patty O'Callahan

Patty O's Point(s):

TRIVIA: I want each & every one of the Teams that have played during this new Trivia Season to know how much I appreciate you joining me in educational & stimulating Trivia Mondays. The new night and time of Mondays, beginning at 1800 hrs has proven to be a winner! Especially, with our \$1.00 Tacos w/all the fixin's, to include chips-n-salsa & refried beans. A great deal!

However, none of this would be possible without my Trivia Queens. And they are, in alphabetical order: Allyson; *Diane*; Beth; *Diane*; Deb; *Diane*; Kathy; *Diane*; Rita; *Diane*; Sherri, oh & Diane!! HA! Seriously, Ladies, thank you so much for the chopping & prep work before serving, the refilling & the clean-up. I do appreciate you!

We start again in 2011, every other Monday, for January it is the 10th & 24th! We have great Prizes & Tacos & lots o' fun, so c'mon down! Trivia is free & great for those gray cells!

LEGIONNAIRE CHRISTMAS PARTY: Again, I would like to thank all of you that came to our Adult Christmas Party on 22DEC to join us in the festivities of the season. Special thanks go to our American Legion Carolers for their fantastic show! We have some really amazing talent at our Post. We were also entertained again by the multi-talented, fabulous Johnston Duo!

However, I owe a debt of gratitude to my one & only, fantastic Sister, Joni!! She chopped, diced, minced, mixed, stirred, rolled & arranged for almost 8 hours alongside me that day, w/nary a complaint. Together we put out 16 hors d'oeuvres & all were very tasty! Thanks to my son, Sean for helping w/the set-up & clean-up, as well as, Rita w/set-up & Kathy w/clean-up! I also appreciate the treats that Nan & Virna brought in, you didn't have to, but thanks! And, Ira, we are always grateful for your dessert & bread contributions from Publix!



I wish you all a very Happy New Year!!


For God & Country,
Patty O'Callahan

~HAPPY BIRTHDAY in JANUARY~

1	Bill Gray	16	Barbara Inabinet
	Danielle Roberts	18	Naomi Perry
5	Dick Salzarulo	20	Mike Witham
6	Nancy Greame	21	Shari Jones
7	Ben Ward		Cecelia Kale
8	Zeke Reynolds	24	Helen Kiesel
9	Jud Root	26	Beverly Rogers
	Joyce Sterling	29	Roy Havekost
14	Don Rolph	30	Maryann Smith
	Barbara Wentworth		

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

 <p align="center">Come join our group, online</p>	<p>Empty space in this newsletter is available for your advertising, or comments. Content for the newsletter MUST be received no later than the 25th, each month. This will leave a 3-4 day buffer for editing and formatting. We will strive to have each months newsletter published before the 1st of the month. Please help with this effort by getting your reports in on time. Thank you.</p>
<p align="center">2010 ~ THANK YOU ~ 2010</p> <p>To all of the volunteers who donated their time to the Post in the kitchen, at events, at projects and gatherings or just by coming into the Post for a quick meal and a drink.</p> <p align="center">The Officers of Post 233</p>	 <p align="right">Check out our new selection of T-shirts and other merchandise in our on-line store on the website.</p> <p align="center">Over 40 designs to choose from</p>
<p>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. Make checks to Post 233. ©</p>	<p align="center">Send Get Well cards to our wounded troops: A Recovering American Soldier c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center 6900 Georgia Avenue, NW Washington , D.C. 20307-5001</p>

	<p align="center">Mondays on January 10th & 24th , Trivia & \$1.⁰⁰ Tacos w/ Patty O</p>
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JANUARY



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>2 *Breakfast 9-12</p> <p>Regular Season Ends at the Post!</p>	<p>3 * Lunch: 11-1</p> <p>God Bless America!</p>	<p>4 * Lunch: 11-1</p> <p>Members Wanted!</p>	<p>5 * Lunch: 11-1</p> <p>* Dinner: 6:30-8:00</p> <p>Volunteers for 11-11!</p>	<p>6 * Lunch: 11-1</p> <p>* Legionnaire: 7:00</p>	<p>7 * Lunch: 11-1</p> <p>* Steak Night/Music</p> <p>Frankie Martin, Jr.</p> <p>8-11</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Johnston Duo</p> <p>7-10</p> <p>Wild Card Weekend at the Post!</p>
<p>9 *Breakfast 9-12</p> <p>Wild Card Weekend at the Post!</p>	<p>10 * Lunch: 11-1</p> <p>\$1 Tacos & Trivia w/Patty O' ~ 6-8!</p>	<p>11 * Lunch: 11-1</p> <p>Volunteers!</p>	<p>12 * Lunch: 11-1</p> <p>* Dinner: 6:30-8:00</p> <p>Volunteers to Cook!</p>	<p>13 * Lunch: 11-1</p> <p>* Auxiliary: 7:00</p>	<p>14 * Lunch: 11-1</p> <p>* Steak Night/Music</p> <p>Reggie!</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Divisional Playoffs at the Post!</p>
<p>16 *Breakfast 9-12</p> <p>Divisional Playoffs at the Post!</p>	<p>17 * Lunch: 11-1</p>	<p>18 * Lunch: 11-1</p> <p>* House Cmte: 6:00</p> <p>Tell us your ideas & suggestions!</p>	<p>19 * Lunch: 11-1</p> <p>* Dinner: 6:30-8:00</p> <p>By the S.A.L. Chefs</p>	<p>20 * Lunch: 11-1</p> <p>* S.A.L.: 6:00</p>	<p>21 * Lunch: 11-1</p> <p>* Steak Night/Music</p> <p>Frankie Martin, Jr.</p> <p>8-11</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Olive Reynolds' Memorial, 11:00</p>
<p>32</p> <p>Breakfast: 9-12</p> <p>Carnival at the Post!</p> <p>Pre Bowl at the Post!</p>	<p>24 Lunch: 11-1</p> <p>\$1 Tacos & Trivia w/Patty O' ~ 6-8!</p> <p>Lunch: 11-1</p> <p>18-1</p>	<p>25 * Lunch: 11-1</p> <p>* Exec Cmte: 7:00</p>	<p>26 * Lunch: 11-1</p> <p>* Dinner: 6:30-8:00</p>	<p>27 * Lunch: 11-1</p> <p>Visit your website for updates at: www.al233fl.org</p>	<p>28 * Lunch: 11-1</p> <p>* Steak Night/Music</p> <p>Volunteers!</p>	<p>29 3rd Annual Chili Cook Off!</p> <p>5 to 7</p> <p>Judges, Prizes, Music</p>

Friday Steak: \$13.00/\$14.00 ~ Wednesday Dinner: \$8.00/\$9.00 ~ Sunday Breakfast: \$7.00 ~ Member/Non-Member Donation www.al233fl.org * Support Your Troops * 904.285.2484

3rd Annual Chili Cook Off!

SAT, 29 JAN, 3 to 7

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