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HAPPY NEW YEAR



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 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 ~ POW's & MIA's

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Commander Roy Havekost

Email: Commander@AL233FL.org

Wow, it's hard to believe that 2012 has come and gone. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all that have supported and volunteered throughout the past year and helped make our Post the greatest Post in northeast Florida. Thank you all.

Just a reminder, starting January 1st you will be required to present your 2013 membership card when requested by the bar staff in order to be served. Effective Monday, January 7th a price increase will be implemented at the bar on all drinks. This increase will only be a mere 25 to 50 cents per drink, which will help to pay for the rising costs of the refreshments served.

District 5 Commander Benny Combs is sponsoring a Legion Extension Institute class on January 12th at Post 88. The cost of the class is \$10.00 and includes lunch. Myself, Sonny Kirkwood and Dan Wortmann are signed up. If you are interested in attending please contact me asap and I will get you registered.

January 26th is scheduled for our Early Bird Dinner for our Legionnaires, Auxiliary and SAL. We are planning on having Prime Rib and all the fixins. More information will be appearing on the website.

I would also like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year, be safe and please drink responsibly and remember that a designated driver is good insurance that we will see you again and again.

For God and Country, *Roy*





1st Vice Commander/ Adjutant Mark Dorsey

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Well we have come to the end of another year and guess what the First Vice talks about? Membership. Our current membership is at approx. 92% we need about 25 more paid members to reach 100%, so pay as soon as you can. Remember the bartenders will be checking the 2013 membership cards starting Jan 1st.

For God & Country, *Mark*





2nd Vice Commander Robby Bacom

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Contact me if you want to volunteer to collect money on Friday night dinners. This is a Legion responsibility; we need a few good men to step up.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

For God and Country, *Robby*





Chaplain Bob Nagel Email: Chaplain@AL233FL.org

Remember our troops during this Holiday Season by keeping them in your thoughts and prayers. Happy New Year to everyone.

For God and Country, **Bob**





Ric Smith, Judge Advocate Email: judgeadvocate@AL233FL.org

Review of the Legion Link and One Source publications by FL State Headquarters, available at floridalegion.org covered the basic Legion programs and updates for the incoming year. Boys State registrations are due in mid-December with post contests completed not later than January 13, 2013. District 5 conducts the competitions headed up by Post 129. Registrations are the same as last year, \$325.00 per boy. Post 233 usually has three openings for attending the week long program in Tallahassee. Everyone have a Happy and Safe New Year.

For God and Country, *Ric*





Maury Lazenby, Service Officer Email: service@AL233FL.org

Vietnam vets presumptively qualify for medical benefits and their survivors for survivor benefits for a number of serious illnesses including heart, cancer and lung presumptively judged to be caused by Agent Orange, if they were "boots on the ground" in Vietnam. The latest list of Naval units qualifying because of riverine ops or port operations or visits has been released and numbers over 200. Happy New Year everyone.

For God and Country, *Maury*





FROM THE AUXILIARY-President Kathy Church

Email: ALA@AL233FL.org

HAPPY NEW YEAR! See my report on page 19 Be safe, *Kathy*





FROM THE SAL- Commander Jeff 'Tex' Ward

HAPPY NEW YEAR! See my report on page 20 God Bless America

Jeff "TEX" Ward





FROM THE CANTEEN Diane Dorsey, Manager

Please remember that all Post 233 Legionnaire, SAL and Auxiliary members will be asked to show their up to date 2013 membership cards beginning Tuesday, January 1, 2013 prior to being served at the Canteen. You may be asked serveral times over the coming weeks however it is each bartenders responsibility to check the card of each patron she serves. We appreciate your patience and cooperation.

On behalf of the Post 233 Canteen staff, we wish each of you a happy, safe and prosperous New Year and look forward to serving you.

For God and Country, Diane Dorsey

JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S

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	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	31	Don Duffy		



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 ~~~~~

FYI: mail directed to the Commander can now be left in the locked black mailbox on the wall by the bar.

(formerly the Adjutants mailbox)

# Commander's Note: There will be a mandatory Canteen bartenders meeting Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm

## 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 is a



A **BIG** thank you to our December contributors: Bill Pelham, Service Officer @ 316





There's a new look at <a href="www.AL233FL.org">www.AL233FL.org</a> 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



@ PalmValleyPost233.

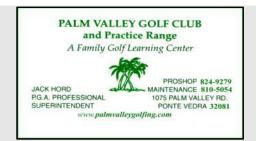




Consider renting our pavilion area for your next birthday, anniversary, family gathering, business meeting or picnic. For details contact our Canteen Manager or any of our bartenders for more details. Go to AL233FL.org for pix. Call 285-2484.

## SUPPORT THE BUSINESSES THAT HELP SUPPORT YOUR POST





\$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.



Advertising space available here



# 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 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!

American Legion~Post #233~www.al233fl.org~904.285.2484



# Performing on FRI, January 4th Shw tm: 8:11-11:11

Fish or Steak Dinner by Chef Mike~6:30-8:00 \$12.00 dinner donation

# BCS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



MON, JAN 7th

# KICK-OFF AT 8:00 pm CANTEEN OPENS AT 10:00 am



Support your team! Wear your team colors!

Bring Your Favorite Snacks
Or Enjoy Ours!

American Legion-Post #233 www.al233fl.org-285.2484 Frankie Martin, Jr. FRI, JAN 11th, 8:00-11:00



Fish or Steak Dinner by Chef Mike 6:30-8:00
\$12.00 dinner donation

American Legion~Post 233 www.al233fl.org~904.285.2484





# PERFORMING ON FRI, JANUARY 18TH SHOW TIME: 8:00-10:00

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

# Post #233's Past Commanders' Club



# invite you to a Special Wednesday Night Dinner

January 23rd, 6:30-8:00



American Legion, Post #233, 560 N. Wilderness Trail, PVPV 904.285.2484 www.al233fl.org









# **Warrior Graduation**

THU, January 24th, 1730 hrs



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

American Legion, Post #233, 560 N. Wilderness Trail, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

www.al233fl.org 904.285.2484

# The Boz Man m Our Stage FRI, January 25th Show times 8:00-10:00 Fish or Steak Dinner by Chef Mike 6:30-8:00~\$12.00 dinner donation

American Legion~Post 233 www.al233fl.org~904.285.2484

# Early Bird Prime Rib Dinner Music: Deb Johnston

If you paid your dues prior to Veteran's Day, you have an Early Bird Stamp on your membership card.

To show our appreciation, your Dinner is Free!

Be sure to bring your membership card Check our web site or call for details, please R.S.V.P.

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# Join us in January for the NFL Playoffs!

Wild Card Round, JAN 05th, SAT & 06th, SUN

Divisional Round, JAN 12th, SAT & 13th, SUN

Championship Games, JAN 20th, SUN

Pro Bowl-AFC vs NFC, JAN 27th, SUN

3 HD Flatscreen TVs!
Bring Your Friends & Football Snacks
or Enjoy Ours!

Kick-Off Time & Teams Playing: TBD
This information not available at time of printing





Tell us your ideas & suggestions!

Championship NFL

Games

28 \* Lunch: 11-1

27 \*Breakfast: 9-11:30

Martin Luther King, Jr., Day

nauguration 20 \*Breakfast: 9-11:30

21 \* Lunch: 11-1

Round

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Sponsorship Club

Tournament: 6:30

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 AFC vs NFC 8





# FROM THE AUXILIARY-President Kathy Church

Email: ALA@AL233FL.org

### MEMBERSHIP - MEMBERSHIP - MEMBERSHIP

It is that time of the year again when those who have not paid their 2013 dues will be considered delinquent on January 31<sup>st</sup> (not to be confused with the Legion & SAL which becomes delinquent of Dec 31st). Our National Handbook & Local Bylaws state January 31<sup>st</sup> for the Auxiliary. I do strongly suggest that you pay you dues now to avoid any confusion. Other Post might follow different rules. I also strongly suggest that you carry you 2012 card just in case the bartender ask you for it. They have the right to not serve you if you don't have your card on you. Don't complain about this if you are not carrying your card with you at all times.

### HOLIDAY RECAP

I have to brag & say how pleased and proud I am of what our Auxiliary accomplished this holiday season (Thanksgiving & Christmas). We collected enough food items to make up four food baskets which we gave to families in our community. Ann Cook made up 24 gift baskets which the Auxiliary members teamed up and delivered to elderly members of the community through Heartfelt Ministries. Diane Thomas also made baskets with toiletry items that she passed out. Diane Dorsey adopted a family in Georgia and refurbished a doll house that TJ Wagner & his wife Judy donated. TJ made this doll house for his daughter 35 years ago. It came with furniture & all. Diane also donated food to this family. We hosted the Children's Christmas party with a total of 38 children attending. We collected clothing items for a family in need with two small children & their grandmother.

We gathered over 50 signed cards and sent them to the Red Cross to be sent to soldiers that could not be home with their families for the holidays.

The Auxiliary provided the side dishes for the Legion hosted Thanksgiving Luncheon and several Auxiliary members were on hand to help serve and clean that day. Our annual Christmas Day Buffet was a huge success again this year with us serving around 65 people not only from our Post but from other Post, local policeman and members of the community.

A huge THANK YOU to all who donated items, money, food and their precious time to make all of these things happen. Each and every one of you need to be very proud of yourself for what you gave and did.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

On January 12, 2013 Post 88 will be holding a Legion Institute course. This is open to all Legion family members at a cost of \$10.00 for the cost of books. The class starts at 10:00am and will run late into the afternoon. I am planning on attending this course as I heard it is very informative. If you would like to join me and learn more about the Legion please contact me ASAP. I am strongly asking that all Auxiliary Officers attend this course with me.

Post 316 will also be holding CERT classes in which you will learn how to prepare and handle being in a crisis situation (hurricanes, terrorist attacks, etc). The classes will be on Wed nights for 8 weeks at no cost. This class starts in mid January. I am also planning on attending these classes so please let me know ASAP if you are interested in this.

### **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

We have all seen some trying times in 2012 and one can only pray that 2013 is a better year for all of us. If you plan on celebrating bringing in the New Year please enjoy yourself but please also do so responsibly.

Let's all (Legion, Auxiliary, SAL & ALR) continue to work together as a **TEAM** for the good of our Post and our

Respectfully yours,

Kathy Church Auxiliary President, Unit 233

Be safe, *Kathy* 

Country.





# FROM THE SAL- Commander Jeff 'Tex' Ward

Seasons Greetings Sons,

By now you have finished all the leftovers, the in-laws have over stayed their visit, and you can't wait for 2013 to get here. I sincerely hope you all had a happy and safe holiday.

Speaking of 2013... Remember that if you have not paid by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> you will not be able to use the facilities at the <u>Post!!</u> We have a very good record of 100+% membership renewal and we want to keep it that way. You can send in your payment (\$25.) or give it to the bartender on duty.

Thanks to Dale Little, Steve Hard, Rodger Achey, Wilford Lyons and John Paparelli for the excellent (and oh so tasty!) fried chicken dinner for the December S.A.L. Wed. night dinner. Thanks for the help gentlemen. It was a huge success! We are still responsible for one Wednesday night a month to cook dinner. Please help us by volunteering at least once this coming year. The next S.A.L. dinner is 12/19. Please plan to be there (even if you can't help out) to buy a meal and support our Post. 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 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!

Thanks to the S.A.L. we now have 2 new HD t.v.'s at the Post and with the help of T.J. Wagner ALL of the sets are now receiving true High Def. (no thanks to Comcast!)

Jason Bass has volunteered to cook his famous Oar House Wet Burrito's on Sat., Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> (Super Bowl weekend). He and Chef Mike Shaar will be serving up the goods and will need some help. This is always a huge event (150 dinners +/-) so we will need some extra help in the kitchen. Pre-sales of tickets will start next week. Stay tuned for more details.

There will be other exciting events and fundraisers coming up in the this year so keep your eyes on the newsletter, visit the website (<a href="www.al233fl.org">www.al233fl.org</a>) and Facebook page 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 <a href="mailto:flagman49@yahoo.com">flagman49@yahoo.com</a>.

God Bless America

Jeff "TEX" Ward

# POST OFFICERS 2012-2013

## **LEGIONNAIRE**

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Sgt. at Arms: Robert Scarlett Historian: Rod Garing

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# Palm Valley Post #233 The American Legion 560 N. Wilderness Trail Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082





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