



# 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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**Commander - Roy Havekost**

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

As 2013 comes to an end, I would like to thank the Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Sons and Riders for all their help this past year. You should all be very proud to have helped contribute your time and efforts which helped Post 233 earn the 5<sup>th</sup> District Post of the Year Award. Again thank you all.

Further down in the newsletter you will find a page outlining the upcoming No-Smoking vote for February. I will allow time at the January 2<sup>nd</sup> Legion meeting for anyone ( Legionnaire, Auxiliary, Sons or Rider members) who wish to be heard on this issue, an opportunity to speak at the meeting.

American Legion National Commander Daniel M. Dellinger will visit Post 233 on Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Coffee and donuts will be offered, officers should wear your Freedom Polo's and name tags when attending.

From the Havekost Family, we wish everyone a Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year.

For God and Country,  
**Roy**



**Adjutant - Sheri Martinez**

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

Membership is currently 72.093%, with the next goal of 80% due on January 3rd. Although we will not make that goal, we could make the next goal of 85% on February 3rd with everyone's help. We currently have 279 renewed members and need another 108 to renew to make 100%. Have a Happy New Year everyone.

For God & Country,  
**Sheri**



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

*Past Commander 2002-2003, 2003-2004*

Happy New Year!

For God & Country,  
**Mark**

**Bar chip retirement:**



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**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander - Don Mills**  
*Past Commander 2008-2009*

Happy New Year!  
 For God & Country,  
*Don*



**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander - Stu Lilly**

Happy New Year to everyone!  
 For God & Country,  
*Stu*



**4<sup>th</sup> Vice Commander - Charlie Walker**

Happy New Year!  
 For God & Country,  
*Charlie*



**Chaplain - Wilbur Burnett**

God Bless and protect our troops near and far. Have a Happy and blessed New Year everyone.  
 For God & Country,  
*Wilbur*

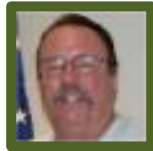


**Finance Officer - Tom Leppard**

At this time I would like to extend to all of our members of Post 233, ALA, SAL and the ALR a very happy and healthy holiday and for good health and prosperity in the coming new year.

I would like to say just a few words concerning the current demands that are happening to all of the American Legion posts across the nation and that is the situation with the IRS and the DD-214 requirements. By now most have heard of the situation with one of our posts and the IRS. Personally I have searched the IRS regulations and have found nothing that allows the IRS to penalize a post \$1,000 per day for not having a DD-214 on file. Under audit the IRS auditor has the right to request copies of the DD-214 to ensure that the post is in compliance with the rules concerning the American Legion posts. That does not rule out that the IRS will try to impose such penalties knowing that it may be more costly to fight the assessment in a court of law. The National and District leadership has suggested or demanded that all posts keep a copy of the DD-214's on file for all members of the post. It is an inconvenience for some of our long term members to once again present a copy of their DD-214 and I apologize for that, but this solution is easier than a fight with the IRS in court. As required by law, all copies will be in a locked file cabinet in a secured room as has already been done at the post. Rest assured that the IRS will not be knocking at our door anytime soon in my opinion, they have enough to deal with enforcing compliance with other tax regulations including the Affordable Care Act among other things. The American Legion has been in existence for nearly one hundred years with little interference from the IRS and I do not believe the American Legions are in the crosshairs of the IRS, they have bigger fish to fry. God bless America and all of her active duty personnel, veterans and their families.

For God & Country,  
**Tom**



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

Happy New Year everyone!

For God & Country,  
**Dan**



**E-Board Member/ Planning Cmte./ Service Officer - Maury Lazenby**

Happy New Year!

For God & Country,  
**Maury**

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**E-Board Member - Sonny Kirkwood**

With much reservation, I am submitting my resignation from the Executive Committee and House Committee effective today (Dec.30, 2013). My reasons are personal in nature. I will miss all the wonderful folks I've enjoyed working with/socializing with over the years. Please pass on to all the Board Members my sincere thanks for their support over the years and I wish Post 233 the very best in the future. Happy New Year to all.

For God & Country,  
*Sonny*



**E-Board Member - Mike Eatmon**

Happy New Year!

For God & Country,  
*Mike*



**Judge Advocate - Ric Smith**  
Email: JudgeAdvocate@AL233FL.org

Wishing everyone a Happy and Safe New Year . . .

For God and Country,  
*Ric*



**Auxiliary - President Judy Mills**

I would like to wish all of you a very Happy New Year!!!!!! Please be safe.  
I hope to see you at our regular meeting on January 9, 2014 we need to plan some new events for 2014 so let's get the

new year kick started.

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



## SAL - Commander Jeff 'Tex' Ward

Happy New Year 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.

Thank you to all of you that have paid your 2014 membership dues. Our membership is a little over 60%. 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 no later than Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> as on 1/1/14 you will not be able to use your canteen privileges until you are current. 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.

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! Keep them in mind for X-mas presents.

There are many fun and exciting events and fundraisers coming in the near future including 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. Nov. 21<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm. (note new time!). Jason Bass will be doing his famous "Wet Burritos" on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> so we will be preparing for that.

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.*

Have a safe and happy Holiday Season and 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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**Riders - Director Jarrod Buchman**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

God Bless Our Troops

*Jarrod*



**Canteen - Diane Dorsey, Manager**

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE! It has been a year filled with fun, great Events, service to our community and the comradeship of our members and friends. We were proud to have our Post awarded Post of the Year in the 5<sup>th</sup> District of Florida. We have also felt the sadness of loss among our membership and their families. We continue to hold them in our prayers as well as those struggling with illness and especially those who are serving our country at home and abroad.

Just a few housekeeping reminders to begin the New Year:

Beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> you will be asked to show your 2014 membership card prior to service at the Canteen. This applies to Legionnaires, Auxiliary and SAL members. If you have not paid your 2014 dues, now is the time. If you have paid and have not received a 2014 card, contact the Adjutant of your entity. You may be asked several times in the coming weeks however please remember that the bar staff are doing their job. We appreciate your cooperation!

Your old Post 233 drink chips are now collector's items. The new drink chips are in use beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>. The new chips have a specific dollar value that relates to the price point of the various beverages and brands offered at the Canteen. You will be able to "upgrade" your chip. (Example: You have a chip valued at 2.50 but would like a beverage that is 3.50. Your 2.50 chip plus 1.00 in cash will work) All chips will be rung up through the cash register and treated as legal tender. We will continue to offer chips to volunteers and as prizes, etc. The bartender on duty will be glad to answer any questions regarding the new chip policies.

Monday night Trivia and Tuesday night Texas Hold 'Em continue to be a lot of fun and popular with our members and guests. Following the holiday hiatus, both will resume the week of January 6<sup>th</sup>.

Without our very dedicated Volunteers we could not continue to offer the wonderful meals and events that make our Post special. Thank you to each and every one! Please consider joining the fun in the New Year by volunteering just a few hours of your time!

Visit our website at [www.al233fl.org](http://www.al233fl.org) to keep up with Post news, meeting dates, upcoming events, and important Legion happenings. Weekly email updates go out on Tuesdays listing the events of the week, meal menus, etc. If you know of someone not receiving weekly updates or this newsletter by email, please leave their email address at the Canteen and we will include them.

On behalf of the Post 233 Canteen staff, it has been our pleasure to serve you and wish each of you a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. Thank you for your continued support!

For God and Country,  
Diane Dorsey

**Cathy Costley of the Florida Attorney Generals Office  
will present a 45 minute seminar on Scams and Identity Theft  
Monday January 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am at the Post  
Attendance is free.**

## **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.**





## JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S

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](mailto:webmaster@al233fl.org) or call Roy @ 287-6909

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

As of March 2013, event flyers were no longer a part of the emailed newsletter. Event flyers can be viewed on the Post website from the Special Events Page. The reason for event flyer elimination was the file size of each flyer which ultimately made the emailing of the entire newsletter a violation of the terms and conditions of the free email service being used. The monthly event calendar is now produced using Google Calendar. This permits a real time version to be viewed as changes and additions are entered. Under the old system, once the calendar was printed and emailed, changes and additions could not be made. If you are not connected to the internet, you are missing out on important information. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Commander Roy Havekost

### ~~~~~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**



### 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.**

**POST 233 is a FREE WiFi spot.**

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**Business cards that missed the payment deadline will be posted immediately to the website when your payment is received.**





DECEMBER 2013 GRADUATING CLASS



Thank you for your service and welcome home!

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**2013-2014**

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2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Cmdr.: Don Mills  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Cmdr.: Stu Lilly  
4<sup>th</sup> Vice Cmdr.: Charlie Walker  
Chaplain: Wilbur Burnett  
Sgt. at Arms: Robert Scarlett  
Historian: *Vacant position*  
Service Officer: Maury Lazenby

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Dan Wortmann  
Maury Lazenby  
*Vacant position*  
Mike Eatmon  
James Durnal

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Sergeant at Arms: Bill Marshall  
Historian: Becky Blaylock  
Chaplain: Jeff Ward  
Asst. Chaplain: Linda Williams

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