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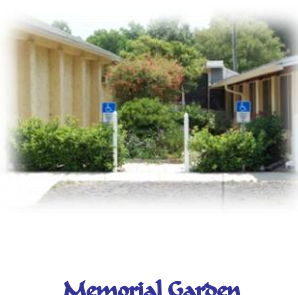
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'SMOKE FREE POST'

January 2015



Our Post Home



Memorial Garden



Commander Louis 'Pappy' Martin Pavilion

560 N. Wilderness 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: 10:00am until ?? hrs.

SAT: 4pm until ?? hrs. Happy Hour 4-7pm

On event Saturday's, call for opening time

SUN: 9am until ?? hrs. Happy Hour 3-7pm

Website: www.AL233FL.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/AL233FL

Email: info@al233fl.org

Post telephone: 904.285.2484

Monday-Friday: Lunch 11:00am-1:00pm

Wednesday: Dinner 6:30pm-8:00pm

Friday: Dinner 6:30pm-8:00pm

Sunday: Breakfast 9:00am-11:30am



We are a Smoke Free Post, 24/7



Smoking only allowed outside

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NEVER FORGET ~ POW's & MIA's



2014

OFFICERS

2015



Cdr. Roy Havekost



1st Vice Cdr. Dan Wortmann



2nd Vice Cdr. Don Mills



3rd Vice Cdr., Service Officer & Adjutant Sheri Martinez



4th Vice Cdr. Charlie Walker



Chaplain William 'Bill' Reno



Finance Tom Leppeard



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E-Board Jim Durnal



E-Board Mike Eatmon



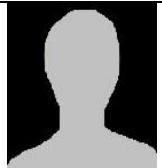
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E-Board Mike Williams



Judge Advocate Ric Smith



Asst. Adjutant Jim Crutchfield



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Chaplain Celeste Sheble
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Historian Linda Mathis
E-Board Dee Durnal
E-Board Debbie Eatmon
E-Board Patty Williams



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Jeff 'Tex' Ward



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2nd Vice Cdr. Mike Shaar
Adjutant-Finance J. Crutchfield
Chaplain Will Hurley
Historian John Gabbard



Canteen Mgr. Rita Connolly

BARTENDERS:
Anita
Allyson
Beth
Debbie

Commanders corner:



The new year is now upon us and I would like to wish everyone in our Legion Family a happy, healthy and prosperous 2015.

I would take this time to thank everyone for their contributions to the Post in the past year, whether you volunteered your service, contributed money, supported our events and raffles, whatever you did, thank you again.

January will be a busy month at 233, we will be holding our Early Bird Dinner (w/2 seating times) and we will also be honoring our World War II veterans with a special dinner on the 24th. More details are listed further down in this newsletter.

Just a reminder that our bartenders are required to check for your 2015 membership cards. You will not be served without one, so please renew and avoid any embarrassment. Legion renewals do require a copy of a DD214 for our files. Personal numeric identifiers may be redacted from our copy.

The official calendar for events for Post 233 is online and can be found at <http://www.al233fl.org/ecalendar.htm> on our website.

Here you will find the most up to date listings of events, meetings, at 233 as well as district activities.

If you want to be added to our weekly email list for updates on the weekly activities at the Post, send your email address to palmvalley233@gmail.com.

For God and Country,
Roy Havekost, Commander

Early Bird Dinner

Date: January 10th

Time: 3:00pm **OR** 6:00pm

Cost: No cost for Early Bird Renewals, \$10 for all others

Dinner: Prime Rib by Mike Shaar

Entertainment: Kenny Holliday and MIKE Jagger

There will be door prizes for anyone who renewed on or before November 11th.

We will be having TWO seatings. The first seating is at 3:00pm so that we can honor those members who do not drive at night and the second will be at 6:00pm. Entertainment will begin at 8:00pm

Signup sheets are located at the Post or you can email me at AmericanLegionPost233@yahoo.com to sign up. If you do not sign up ahead of time, there is no guarantee that you can be served. We need a headcount at least a week in advance so that we can order enough food.

Please, please, please sign up if you are coming. We would hate to turn away anyone who has supported the Post by renewing early!!!



3rd Vice Cdr., Adjutant, Service Officer:



I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year!!

We are SO close to 100%!! Please renew soon if you haven't already. In fact, now that it is January, your 2014 membership cards are no longer valid and you cannot be served in the canteen.

If you need to renew your membership quickly, go to www.legion.org/renew where you can print out your receipt after you completed your renewal. I check the online renewals daily and mail your membership card immediately. You can also renew by leaving your renewal at the Post or mail it to P.O. Box 2494, Ponte Vedra, FL 32004.

Our membership as of December 18th is 82.701% I have processed 19 renewals since then and have mailed three online renewals. This should bring us to 87.915% when Department reports in January. Our goal is 90% for January 7th. We are 9 renewals short!!

Here are some Membership stats for Post 233:

Members renewed (or new) for 2015.....	371
Members needed to reach 100%.....	51
Members Paid up for Life (PUFL).....	14
New members in 2014.....	37
2014-15 Transfers into Post 233.....	19
2014-15 Transfers out of Post 233.....	5
2013 Member reinstated.....	1
Deceased*.....	21
WWII Post 233 Members.....	58
Members- NOT -renewed-for-2015.....	155

(we need 51 of these 155 to renew so we make 100%)

Where we need to be:

January 7 th	90% or 380 Renewals
February 4 th	95% or 401
March 4 th	100% or 422

423 Renewals will make Post 233 eligible for the National Post Excellence Award.

For God and Country,

Sheri

World War II Veteran Luncheon

Date: January 24th

Time: 11:00am

Cost: No cost for WWII Veterans and their guest, \$8 for all others

Lunch: Meatloaf, baked potatoes, green beans, and dessert
Everyone is welcome to join us but we ask that you RSVP by January 17th by signing up at the Post or emailing me at AmericanLegionPost233@yahoo.com.

If you have any questions about membership or either of these two events, please give me a call at (904) 790-2551 or email me at AmericanLegionPost233@yahoo.com.

For God and Country,
Sheri

Finance-Officer:



Hope everyone had a joyful holiday season and a Happy New Year to all. Seems like 2014 went by in a snap of the fingers, but we have accomplished a lot in 2014. The no smoking ban has made visiting the post more enjoyable and has brought in some members and family that could not tolerate the smoke. The renovations have really changed the appearance of the post and it feels more like home when sharing time there with good friends. But the work is not yet done. In 2015 plans are to continue the work we started. This year we hope to replace the ceilings and update the air conditioning system. In 2014 our financial position got tight due to the rising costs over the last couple of years. The members of the E Board are addressing the situation and are making plans to strengthen the financial position of the post. We are confident that together with the support from our members and our associations with the Auxiliary, the SAL and the ALR we can accomplish what needs to be done. We are looking forward to a bright and prosperous 2015. I am looking forward to working with everyone this coming year to make our post our home away from all. God bless and a happy and healthy 2015 to all. May all of your hopes and desires be granted to you.

For God and Country,
Tom Leppard

Judge Advocate:



Policy changes and legal beagle stuff has been relatively quiet the past several months. The American Legion has recently started a TV advertizing program for wounded warriors and a donation program for families of our Iraq and Afghanistan veterans. We Legionnaires have a responsibility to help our newer comrades with multiple amputations, PTSD and TBI injuries, at the post and in our community. Keep these veterans in your thoughts as we enter 2015.

A Happy and Healthy New Year to all...

For God and Country,
Ric Smith

Chaplain:



I would like to take this opportunity to invite all members to the 5th District annual Four Chaplains Memorial Service to be held on February 1st, 2015 at 2:00pm at American Legion Post 129.

For more details a flyer is posted on the 5th District website at <http://www.al5thdistrictfl.org/bulletins/2014-5/FOUR-CHAPLAINS-CEREMONY-2015.pdf>.

For God and Country,
Bill Reno

Auxiliary:



Well here we are folks the beginning of a new year, I will have to say that last year was full of events and get-together's and some were great and others were fabulous. I am hoping this next year is equally as successful.

Last year we lost some long time Legionnaires and they will be missed and remembered in the memories that we made. The Auxiliary has some new members and we welcome them to our group of special ladies.

I would like to remind everyone that the early bird dinner will be held on January 10, 2015, there will be two dinners one at 3:00pm and the other at 6:00pm, if you were an early bird you need to sign up at the Post 233 for the dinner you would prefer.

The Auxiliary with the assistance of Post 129 Auxiliary will be holding a memorial for Robert Lee (Rob) Watson the son of Helen Lemon Mays. The service for Rob will be on January 4, 2015 at 2:00pm at the Ponte Vedra Palm Valley Cemetery with the memorial to follow at Post 233. It is an honor for our Post to help Helen and her family remember Rob with this memorial. If you knew Rob and/or Helen you are welcome to attend.

I hope that everyone had a great New Year's celebration and we will see everyone next year.

Judy Mills

Canteen:

We hope you all enjoyed your Christmas Holiday and will have a wonderful and prosperous New Year.

We have some great events planned for 2015, so please check the e-calendar on our website www.al233fl.org.

The new year will begin with a celebration on December 31st with karaoke at 8:00 pm followed by a New Year Brunch to be served after midnight. \$5.00 donation. Please come out and enjoy!

Friday, January 2, 2015 – Steak or fish dinner followed by Frankie Martin, Jr. hosting karaoke.

Friday, January 9, 2015 – Steak or fish dinner followed by entertainment by Patrick Rose.

Saturday, January 10, 2015 Early Bird Dinner. Please make your reservations. See the bartender on duty for the list. There will be two seatings at 3 pm or 6pm.

Friday, January 16, 2016 – Steak or fish dinner followed by entertainment by Neil Dixon.

January 23, 2015 – Steak or fish dinner followed by entertainment by The Boz Man

January 24, 2015 – WWII Veterans' Appreciation Luncheon.

As always, we greatly appreciate all of our volunteers. We cannot do it without you. Thank you, thank you, thank you!



JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S

1 Bill Gray
Danielle Roberts
5 Dick Salzarulo
6 Nancy Greame
7 Ben Ward
Ted Veber
8 Zeke Reynolds
9 Jud Root
Joyce Sterling
14 Don Rolph
Barbara Wentworth

16 Barbara Inabinet
18 Naomi Perry
20 Mike Witham
21 Shari Jones
Cecelia Kale
24 Helen Kiesel
26 Beverly Rogers
29 Roy Havekost
30 Maryann Smith
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

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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.

Smoking is permitted outside and at the pavilion bar.

POST 233 is a FREE WiFi spot

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS CARD ON THE POST TV FOR ONLY \$75.00/YEAR

Ask the bartender for details

The Post 233 calendar of events is online at:

<http://www.al233fl.org/ecalendar.htm>

If you have a smart phone, you can connect to the e-calendar with your gmail account and have all the Post 233 event dates at your fingertips.

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Thank you to those who have contributed to this newsletter.

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