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No Smoking during meal times (lunch excluded)



Legionnaire Membership: did you sign up a new member this month?

ALA Membership: did you sign up a new member this month?

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Commander Robert 'Robby' A. Bacom

It's been a great year! As my time as Commander comes to a close, I have been thinking about everything that has been accomplished and what I have learned.

I started the year with four goals that stood for the F.L.A.G.:

- Financial Stability: Membership and Money Management
- Leadership: SAL and Auxiliary Partnership, Volunteers, and Events
- Alliance with District & National: Follow the rules and collaborate with other posts
- God and Country: Honor our vets and active military and make charitable donations to our community

With the help of everyone, we have achieved much, and I want to thank everyone who contributed to the success of the Post this year. When all is said and done, the Post exists to serve you as members. You should expect the highest caliber of service and integrity from all the officers, committees and employees. We need you to volunteer your skills and abilities wherever you can. It takes all of us to do our part to continue to make this a great Post.

I have a much greater appreciation of what it really takes to keep an American Legion Post thriving for its members and community. I also have to come to deeply appreciate what the American Legion National and District organizations mean to this country.

Thank you for the opportunity to have served as your Commander. I am committed to assist and support your new Commander Roy Havekost however I can in the coming year.

For God and Country (one last time),

Robby





Adjutant Patty O'Callahan

It has been a very busy and extremely successful year. I want to thank each and every one of our members for continuing to support our Veterans and your Post. We have over 30 new members and 15 transfers. The word is truly getting out that we have the best Post in Northeast Florida! We achieved the 100% banner for the first time in years and it's encouraging to see more and more members at our Fabulous Events.

It has been my pleasure serving as the Post Adjutant, alongside CDR Bacom and his great team of Officers! I look forward to serving Roy Havekost as his Adjutant during his Administration this year. For the Good of the Legion,

Patty





1st Vice Commander Roy Havekost (Commander Elect 2012-13)

Wow, it's hard to believe that another year has passed so quickly. Post 233 has been very fortunate this past year with a significant increase in both new membership and member transfers into the Post. We are also pleased to welcome aboard our newest unit, Legion Riders Chapter 233. As we close out the 2011-2012 term, I look forward to assuming the helm as your new Commander for 2012-2013. I am certain that the next term of officers will continue to carry out the mission of the American Legion and I look forward to working with you all.

For God and Country,

Roy





Chaplain Bob Nagel

God Bless our Troops and remember to keep their families in our prayers.

For God and Country,

Bob





CANTEEN MANAGERS REPORT- by Diane Dorsey

Another successful Legion year is coming to a close. Everyone should take this time to thank the Officers of the Legion, SAL and Auxiliary who have given their time and expertise to Post 233 this past term. We welcome and thank the new Officers as well who will be Installed in office on June 17th and look forward to another great year.

Hopefully you did not miss the SAL Event featuring The Big Lonesome or the Memorial Event with Kenny Holiday. We were blessed with beautiful weather and some fabulous food and entertainment for both. This weekend, June 2nd, we'll have the official Grand Opening party for the newly completed Post 233 Crown Jewel, the Veterans Memorial Pavilion, featuring Flatblack on the outdoor stage. Capt. Ski's Fish Fry team will be frying up fish and serving it with all the fixings from the all new and improved Fish Fry Hut. The fun begins at 5:00.

As mentioned above, the Installation of Officers for the 2012 – 2013 term will take place on Sunday June 17th at 10:00 am. Following the Installation ceremony, brunch will be served for all Officers, our members and visiting guests. Volunteer Appreciation Awards will be given as well. Please plan to attend and show your support for those who have stepped up to serve our Post in the coming year and honor those who have served in the past year.

Join us on Facebook and check our webpage often for the most up to date news on regular happenings and Post special events.

As always, Thank you for your support of Post 233.

For God and Country,

Diane





FROM THE SAL- Commander Jeff 'Tex' Ward

Sons

Wow!! What a month this has been! Two outdoor events that the Sons Of The American Legion organized and hosted with any major hiccups. That is how we work!

The first one (S.A.L. fundraiser -5/6) was huge! Thanks to John Paparelli we were able to have a fantastic band and thanks to Ron Joy, Jason Bass and Mike Shaar we were able to serve the guests an outstanding menu of baby back ribs and the works. The second event (Wounded Warriors/K-9 for Warriors fundraiser -5/26) was just as successful (if not better!). Ben Mills and cuz'n Don smoked pork butts all day and served pulled pork sandwiches, again with delicious sides. Special thanks go to Diane, Rocky and members of the ALA for above and beyond help and support. Thanks to all these people we were able to raise funds to improve our Post and to help two very deserving veteran charities. Great work folks!

Congratulations to Randy Cottle. He will be representing our squadron at the Convention this June. Randy is also 5th District Sgt.-At-Arms so he will be busy. I am sure we will enjoy the camaraderie and will come back with a plethora of knowledge.

We are responsible for one Wednesday night a month to cook dinner. Please help us by volunteering <u>at least</u> once this year. The May dinner was handled by Randy Cottle (thanks Lisa!) and served by our tux wearing maitre 'd Will hurley (who also made his famous garlic bread.) Great job folks! The next SAL is 6/20. Please plan to be there (even if you

can't help out) to buy a meal and support the S.A.L. and your 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 <u>Gold Sponsor</u>. A \$100 donation will pay for the food and someone else to cook it. If the same names keep showing up here it is because the same people are doing the volunteering. This is NOT acceptable. It would be nice to give the "regulars" a break! It is not that difficult. C'mon!

The S.A.L. is also selling scented "trees" for your car or home - (Vanilla, in the style of the U.S. Flag). Just ask the bartender if you want to buy one (or three). These were donated to us and sell for \$1. Next time you are there please purchase one of them and try to promote them as well. All the proceeds go to the S.A.L.!

There are other fun and exciting events and fundraisers coming up in the near future 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. The next SAL meeting is Thurs. June 28th @ 6 p.m.

God Bless America. *Jeff "TEX" Ward*





FROM THE AUXILIARY- President Kathy Church

With the close of books on 5/24/2012 for the Auxiliary, we ended the 2011-2012 term at 109.59% with 160 members. Thanks to all who brought new members to our Unit.

This year Linda Williams and myself along with Patty O'Callahan, Randy Cottle, Dave Thomas & Russ Langley will be attending convention next weekend. We hope to come back with some new & interesting ideas for 2013.

On May 19th the Auxiliary had our first Auxiliary High Society Early Bird Brunch. We had close to 70 members & guest attend. Many thanks to Patty O'Callahan & Joan Corlew for doing all the cooking & decorating for our brunch. We invited several non members that our members thought might be potential new members. I know everyone had a good time and we might think about having this again next year.

Speaking of new members, the Auxiliary has just signed our first dual membership. We are honored to have Legionnaire, Patty O'Callahan join our Auxiliary under her brother Michael Callahan. Welcome to Unit 233 Patty. The Legion approved for Girl Scout, Dana Ratcliffe, to make an Auxiliary Memorial Garden outside in the space between the Post & the pavilion. The Auxiliary is funding this along with donations that Dana has received from pet sitting. Dana is going for her Gold Star. She will be graduating from PVHS on June 2nd and will be going on to college in the fall. This area will be accessible from the front side walk and will have benches to sit on. I will post pictures on Facebook & via email when this project is completed.

Speaking of Facebook, we have several pages, American Legion Post 233, American Legion Auxiliary, American Legion Riders Chapter 233 and American Legion Softball Team 233. I urge you to use these pages to communicate amongst our members. Recently we had our posted pictures from our WWP & K9s for Warriors benefit shared by several District Officers their pages. These sharings help to spread the word to others in the district know what we are doing at Post 233. This is a plus for us in every way.

As always stay safe. Keep our military & their families in your hearts & prayers.

Be Safe, *Kathy*

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#### FROM THE RIDERS- Director Russ Langley

What a wonderful month for our riders! We were honored by the chapters of the 5th district rider's choosing our post for the monthly meeting! Even thought the meeting went STELLAR, I've never heard so many accolades towards the hospitality that our post provides! Even though, this is second nature to us, it was so nice to roll in all the compliments from folks of our neighboring posts! Thanks to the ladies of our Auxiliary, WE HAVE A ROCK'N POST! I am so proud of 233!

And now, to top it off, OUR NEW RIDER'S PATCHES ARE IN! The patrons of our Legion will now see a new member to our post! WE WILL BE VISIBLE! The Rider's are here! Our patches will be a new and exciting presence within our building! And be sure you honk and wave hello when passing our patched riders out and on the roads! We are so proud to be, essentially, a riding billboard for our growing post in this paradise of Palm Valley!

Always remember, we welcome anyone wishing to be an iatrical part of this prosperous and growing entity! As long as you are a member of ANY American Legion in good standings, you can join our Rider's Chapter! You don't even have to own a bike! But, it helps if wishing to go on our exciting rides! We do have plenty of empty back seats, that welcome anyone wishing to come along! Come check us out with any questions you may have! I guarantee, you will see us around! And Check out our web page on face book; "AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS POST 233 PALM VALLEY"

You are also welcome to attend our monthly meetings on the first Sunday of EVERY month, 11am. Side note; Several of us will be representing our Post at the American Legion Convention in Orlando, the weekend of June 8th. This will be one EXTREME avenue of highlighting 233 on a State and National level! We will represent with much PRIDE!

You guys Rock, so lets keep it Rolling,

For God and Country, *Russ* 

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#### JUNE BIRTHDAY'S

| 3  | Tony Kulper      |  |
|----|------------------|--|
| 4  | Richard Bright   |  |
| 5  | Cynthia Gaines   |  |
|    | Alice Leary      |  |
| 6  | Susan Reilly     |  |
| 9  | Ben Ward         |  |
| 13 | Rosemarie Harkin |  |
|    | Jan Tipton       |  |
| 14 | 14 Helen Toebert |  |
| 15 | Jim Ross         |  |
|    |                  |  |

| 16 | Linda Walker   |  |
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| 21 | Lisa Burdett   |  |
| 23 | Patti Riordan  |  |
| 24 | Tod Warren     |  |
|    | Beth Floyd     |  |
|    | Kathy Church   |  |
| 26 | John Paparelli |  |

Your birthday can be listed here by sending your name, month and day to <a href="webmaster@al233fl.org">webmaster@al233fl.org</a> or call Roy @ 287-6909

#### **Outdoor Pavilion Committee Report:**

In case you have not been outside yet to see our newly renovated Pavilion, you really should. We have already had many successful and enjoyable events, with rave reviews. I would like to thank all of you who gave a financial donation, without them, we could not have proceeded this far with the project. We are close, but not quite there, as we do have a few final items to attend do, so please continue with donating funds, as you see fit.

Our Magnificent Volunteers: I would like to thank all of the fabulous volunteers that have tirelessly worked on and are still working on this project, donating their time, ideas, blood, sweat, and tears:

- ➤ Legionnaires: CDR Bacom, Dan Wortmann, Roy Havekost, Rick Kapeghian, Don Mills, Michael Eatmon, Wilbur Burnett & Howard Alford;
- > S.A.L.: Jeff (Tex) Ward, Jason Bass, Pete Braud, Zeke Reynolds, Sean O'Callahan, Van Martin, & Jr. S.A.L. Ben (Joy);
- ➤ ALR: Bill Marshall & team clean-up on several occasions; and,
- > ALA: Joni Corlew & our amazing bartenders always taking care of us with food & beverages!
- > Last, but by no means least, our beautiful Rosie Legion, the catalyst!

As you can see this has been a total joint effort from all of our entities working as a TEAM! After eight years of discussions and almost one year of construction, we have a joint project that we can all be proud of. The Post will reap the benefits from this Pavilion for many years to come.

For the Good of the Legion, Patty O'Callahan

Outdoor Pavilion Committee Chairperson

P.S. If I left anyone off this list, my humblest apologies, please let me know so that I can update my roster.

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 Jan-Dec (prorated).

Make checks payable to Post 233. ③



**June Pavilion Events** 

GRAND OPENING GALA

Don't miss the Grand Opening of the

Pavilion on Saturday, June 2nd, with

Flatblack entertaining us, 6:30-10:00 &

Cap'n Ski's Fish Fry Team in the new

cooking hut, 5:00-8:00!

Be sure to bring a camping chair.



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Our 2nd K9s for Warriors Graduation was another great success, felt by all attendees. Our Warriors & their families are so grateful to hear thank you & to see how appreciative for all they have done for our great country. Thank you to everyone that came to this event & remember the Warrior Graduation will be taking place monthly, towards the end of each month. They are now Legionnaires of our Post. It was a wonderful send-off for them as they reconnect to their lives with their new K9 Partners, to their families & to serving our country. We wish them Godspeed & our thanks for the special mark that Justin & Cody; Derek & Destiny; Moises & Harley; and Shane & Rudy placed on our hearts.

BRAVO! to the entire K9s for Warriors group. Words cannot express our gratitude for all that you do for our Warriors! We look forward to our next group of Warriors & K9s! As well as the upcoming events we will be hosting on your behalf, our newly adopted Community Charity.

For God & Country, Patty O'Callahan K9s for Warriors Committee Chairperson

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Post #233's Veterans Memorial Pavilion Grand Opening SAT, JUNE 2, 5-10

Music 6:30-10:00 with:

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- * Games begin at 7:00 sharp



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- \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.

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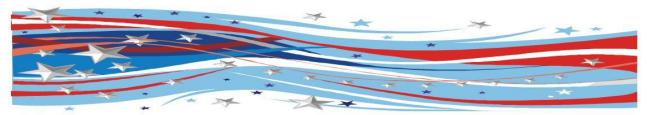








Installation of Officers June 17th-SUN-1000 hrs



Father's Day Breakfast Buffet After Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony



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There is no Post without Officers & Volunteers
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Warrior Graduation THU, JUNE 28th, 1730 hrs



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

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