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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)

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Sunday: Breakfast 9am-11:30am Wednesday Dinner: 6:30pm-8:00pm Friday Dinner: 6:30pm-8:00pm Mon-Fri Lunch 11:30am-1pm



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

### **NEVER FORGET ~** POWs & MIAs

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### Commander Robert 'Robby' A. Bacom

Among the many things I have learned so far as your Commander, is what it really takes behind the scenes at our Post just to keep the doors open. To achieve more than just getting by, I see clearly now that much more is required of each of us as members of the Legion, Auxiliary and SAL. We have always said that volunteers are the heart of our success, but that success cannot reside just on the shoulders of a small group of dedicated volunteers, regardless of how broad some of those shoulders have been. To be considered a truly successful post, each of us has a responsibility to take our talents to the Post and find a way to make a contribution.

For those who have served as the shoulders of this Post, we all extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation. For those who have stepped up and increased your volunteer hours, we want to say we've noticed and thank you!. For those who have yet to find your place to volunteer at the Post, we hope you will attend your next organization's general meeting to learn more about how you can become involved. Your participation with your respective organization is the first place your volunteer journey begins. We'd love to have you join the volunteer team on other activities as well to provide your talents, ideas and input.

It takes the efforts of the entire Legion family to take care of our Post home and make it even better!

For God and Country, Sincerely yours, *Robby* 





### **Adjutant Patty O'Callahan**

Thanks to all of you, we have met our Membership Goal, and then some, now over 110%! We will be getting our Membership Banner from Department & that is a great honor for a lot of hard work! Well done!

That is the good news, the not-so-good news is there are 52 members that are not current. If your card does not show 2012, you are delinquent, and will not be allowed canteen service, legally. We hope you continue to support your Post & your Veterans by renewing in the very near future.

Thank you for helping us reach our membership goal!

For the Good of the Legion, *Patty* 





### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Roy Havekost

This month I have written a quite lengthy report in my 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander monthly report for the March meeting. If you are reading this newsletter online follow this link to read my report. Want a preview of my report, come to the meeting. (Link will be active after Legionnaire Meeting at 7pm on 3/1/12) For God and Country,

Roy





### **Chaplain Bob Nagel**

Prayers are in order for Mark Boling and family on the tragic loss of their daughter Sarah. Mark is an SAL member of Squad 233. A memorial service will be held at the Post on Saturday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00pm. For God and Country,

Roh





### **CANTEEN MANAGERS REPORT- by Diane Dorsey**

VOLUNTEERISM, "the policy or practice of volunteering one's time or talents for charitable, educational, or other worthwhile activities"

For the Legionnaires who have volunteered their time and effort to Post 233 in any capacity or have sponsored Wednesday night dinners, Thank you and feel free to skip over the following paragraph.

The American Legion in general and Post 233 specifically is a volunteer based operation. The responsibility for two (2) Wednesday night dinners a month and every Friday night dinner falls to the LEGIONNAIRES. (The alternate Wednesdays go to the Auxiliary and SAL) For quite some time now all but two (2) Legion Wednesday nights as well as every Friday night have been handled entirely by a small group of Auxiliary and SAL members, who are working as VOLUNTEERS. Legionnaire help has been non-existent on these nights. The Wednesday Night Meal Sponsorship program worked well for a short time and then tapered off. Folks, it just isn't that tough. For those who do cook it's pretty simple. For those that don't, you would be amazed at the array of fresh and frozen prepared foods available in quantity these days and they are quite good. There is no financial commitment necessary. For those unable to execute either of those options, the Meal Sponsorship program is still available to you and your donation will be much appreciated. There is just no good reason that the same few Auxiliary and SAL members are taking up the slack for over 400 Legionnaire members. Rant over. Carry on.

Tuesday night Texas Hold 'Em and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month Theme Nights continue to be very popular and lots of fun. New in March, the multi-talented entertainer Will Hurley will join our Friday night entertainment roster. Will Hurley will be on our stage March 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> with Frankie Martin, Jr. hosting Karaoke on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> and The Boz Man on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Now that spring is upon us, we are looking forward to the completion of the outdoor pavilion and some great outdoor events.

As always, it's our pleasure to serve you in the Post 233 Canteen and we appreciate your support. Your constructive comments and suggestions are always welcome.

For God and Country, *Diane* 





### FROM THE SAL- Commander Jeff 'Tex' Ward

Gentlemen,

We have reached our goal of +100% membership. Congratulations to us! However, we want to <u>increase our membership</u> so be on the lookout for potential new members. We do not have addresses for all of you so if you have paid and have not received your card it is probably behind the bar.

Thanks to 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Jason Bass for again stepping in to provide our "once-a-month" Wednesday night dinner for February. The chicken and dumplings were a hit. He had help from his wife Allyson (now an "honorary" SAL member). The S.A.L. is responsible for one Wednesday night a month to cook dinner. Please help us by volunteering at least once this year. March date is Wed. the 21<sup>th</sup>. Chef Mike and Jason will put together a delicious and unique menu. 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 for \$100</u>. That will pay for the food and someone else to cook it. C'mon!

The only recognition from the Special Olympics that we do not have is the "\$1000. Donation" plaque. That is a goal I want to achieve before the convention in June so please start thinking of a fundraiser we can do to reach that plateau. We will discuss the allocation of more funds at the next SAL meeting. Please try to be there. We want your input and participation. We have some great ideas for fundraisers and need your help. The S.A.L. is also selling scented "trees" for your car (Vanilla scent and in the style of the U.S. Flag) that are behind the bar. These were donated to us and sell for \$1. Next time you are there please purchase one (or three) of them and try to promote them as well. All the \$\$ goes 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 (<a href="www.al233fl.org">www.al233fl.org</a>) or better yet, come in to <a href="www.al233fl.org">your</a> 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

God Bless and Protect our Service men and women,

Jeff "TEX" Ward





### FROM THE AUXILIARY- President Kathy Church

This month I would like to talk about Junior Members. Currently the Auxiliary has 22 Jr. members. Some of these members I know who they are related to some of them I have never been able to find this out. Recently we have added 7 new Jr. members to our roster I would like to get our Jr members involved more in the Auxiliary. Now I do realize that some of these members are little ones but they also can be of help. During Christmas time, Destinie Keathley (Linda Williams granddaughter) helped us in taking the Christmas tree down. Soon these Jr's will be teenagers and young adults. If we get them involved now there is a better chance that they will continue on as they get older. In May when we do our Poppy Drive and go out to places asking for donations, I would like to see some of these members out there helping out.

If you as an Auxiliary member have a daughter or granddaughter they are eligible to become an Auxiliary Jr member under the same person you joined under (father, grandfather) The Auxiliary pays Jr dues until the age of 18. Most high school students now a days have to put in community hours and we are always willing to let these girls come and help us out. Last night Riley (daughter of Debbie Braud) helped out in the kitchen for hours she needed for school. IIf these members become active then they are eligible to apply for scholarships or become a Girls State delegate. Let's just do it, let's get our Jr's involved, they can be the future of our Unit. Thursday, March 8th is our regular monthly meeting starting @ 7pm. It would be see members that have not been to a meeting in a long time and to see new members at this meeting.

Saturday March 10th, The Johnston Duo will be in the house and the Auxiliary will once again be serving dinner. On this menu for this evening will be Chicken Tetrazinni as the main course. Dinner will be served from 6:30-8:00 and we are asking for a donation of

Wednesday, March 14th the Auxiliary will be cooking a traditional St. Patty's Day dinner. Chef Mike will be helping us with this meal and we are going to be taking reservations so we can get a head count in advance. You can sign up and reserve a dinner the beginning of next week.

We encourage you to continue to invite your friends, family members, neighbors, etc as your guest. This is a good way for them to find out what the Legion/Auxiliary/SAL is all about so they will be interested in joining. Remember if a person is membership eligible they are really only suppose to be a guest to our Post 3 times (per our House Rules). We are doing good on our 2012 membership numbers and I will be publishing our numbers this week.

I am also reminding Auxiliary members that they are invited to become a member of our newly formed Riders Chapter. Our next meeting is this Sunday, March 4th @ 11am. Come and have breakfast first if you would like.

Lastly I would like to thank all the Auxiliary Officers and members that do continually support our Post/Unit. We are a hard working group and we support the Legion in the daily activities as well as special events. These ladies need to be thanked and acknowledged for there efforts. There again I would encourage our members to volunteer. Thank you also to those who donated items and clothing to the Briley family who lost everything in a use fire two weeks ago. They were most appreciative. Keep in your thoughts and prayers the family of Sarah Boling who passed away unexpectedly the end of Feb. Her father, Mark is an SAL member.

Hold dear to your heart all our service men and women as well as our firemen and policemen who risk their lives daily to keep us safe

Be Safe, *Kathy* 





### FROM THE RIDERS- Director Russ Langley

Well, since our last news letter entry, our Legion Rider's Chapter has been accepted and approved by the Department of Florida! We are now officially a full fledged Rider's Chapter, acknowledged by the state! We all have happy feet! Now, we've got to kick em' up and get it into to gear, working on membership!

Even though we currently have about 20 members, we've got to all work together and recruit more! It takes the camaraderie of numbers to make things happen! And, let me tell ya, we have some things on the horizon! And do remember! You DON'T HAVE TO OWN A BIKE to be a part of us! There are plenty of empty seats on the back of my fellow rider's bikes! We encourage you, and anyone you can entice to join our new and exciting group! Not only will we have exhilarating road trips from here to there, to eat and dine, to let the wind blow in our hair, we simply wish to be together in the sunshine! We'll be involved with special events to raise money that will in turn, raise our spirits! So come on, and be with us on the ground floor of our inaugural year!

Come to our next meeting and find out about the hottest thing that's going on at our Legion! We meet on the first Sunday of each month, at 11am. Don't feel obligated on your first visit, but we do have dues to be a member! If you care to join on a yearly basis, the dues are \$25. But, we have an EXCITING offer for those joining in this first year of our Chapter! You can pay \$100 dues, AND YOU'RE SET FOR LIFE! That's right! That will give you a Charter membership in our Rider's Chapter 233 for life! DIG THAT!

Now, for the fun stuff, I know we'll have a group that will ride down to Daytona's Bikeweek! Come join us, whether you're in a car, on your bike, or on the back of one of ours! Just come and be with us!

Lastly, be sure to check out our web page on Facebook where we communicate!

American Legion Riders Post 233 Palm Valley

You guys Rock, so let's keep it rolling,

For God and Country, *Russ* 





### MARCH BIRTHDAY'S

2	Ron Joy
3	Michelle Sears
6	Ronnie Bass
7	Bill Rutkowski
8	Janet Kibler
	Ken Crocker
10	Elizabeth Ann Payne
11	Brenda Cowgill
	Diane Aprile
16	Sandy Jones
	Karia Singleton
	Duke Horner
	Bob Craig

17	C.P. Connelly
18	Betty Bacom
22	Barbara Green
25	Debbie Muehlheuser
	Connie Warren
27	John Berry
29	Huff Lehman
	Donna Floyd
31	Kim Mullins

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

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

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### 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.

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- **†** 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.

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# Karaoke Host: Frankie Martin, Jr. FRI, MAR 2nd & 16th, 8-11



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

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