



AL233FL Newsletter



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'SMOKE FREE POST'

MAY 2014



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)

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 11:00am-1pm

We are a Smoke Free Post, 24/7



NEVER FORGET ~ POW's & MIA's

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Commander - Roy Havekost

Email: Commander@AL233FL.org

Nominee: Commander 2014-2015

As you can see, if you have been to the Post lately, we are not only well underway with our floor renovation project as well as the ceiling beam strengthening project (something we didn't anticipate), but as of Tuesday April 29th the new carpet has been installed. The Post is looking great. The new furniture should be shipped in about two weeks and then the existing furniture will be moved to the pavilion for use there. Pete Braud has donated a new window for the northside wall, this project will be discussed at the next Legion meeting May 1st. We will also be discussing replacing the old paneling in the main hall, so come out to this meeting and be heard. The May 1st Legion meeting we will also be electing our officers for the 2014-2015 term. Many thanks are in order to all who have helped with this renovation project and those people will be recognized at our official GRAND REOPENING to be held on Memorial Day weekend, Saturday May 24th. We will be having an old fashion family Bar-B-Que to celebrate, and yes the public is invited. More details will follow in the coming days.

For God and Country,
Roy



Adjutant - Sheri Martinez

Email: Adjutant@AL233FL.org

Hello Everyone,
I have a couple things to address...

First, we reached 100%!! Our membership, as of April 24th, is 101.809. Thank you to everyone who renewed!!
Second, I need your help with Lola. I have allowed many of you to pet her if you asked in advance. Lola has gotten so used to this and that she now looks for attention from many of you. When she does this, she is not working for me. Effective immediately, I ask that you not ask to pet Lola or pay her any attention when she is working and has her vest on. If we are in the yard and she does not have her vest on, you are more than welcome to pet her. I appreciate all your cooperation and help!!
Third, I witnessed something in the Post that disturbs me. I love this Post and I feel more welcome here than any other Post in our area and it upset me to see a member airing out his grievances about another member in front of everyone who was in the Post. If you are upset with someone or know that a rule is being broken, please do not air it for the whole Post to hear. It is disrespectful and rude. In this case, the person being disrespected was not even present to defend himself. You would not appreciate it if someone did it to you. Instead, please take it up your chain in your respective group and so the issue can come before the Executive Board to be addressed.

For God & Country,
Sheri





1st Vice Commander nominee
2014-2015 Dan Wortmann



2nd Vice Commander - Don Mills
Past Commander 2008-2009

Nominee: 2nd Vice Commander 2014-2015

For God & Country,
Don



3rd Vice Commander nominee
2014-2015 Sheri Martinez



4th Vice Commander - Charlie Walker

Nominee: 4th Vice Commander 2014-2015

For God & Country,
Charlie



Chaplain - Wilbur Burnett

Nominee: Chaplain 2014-2015

For God & Country,
Wilbur





Finance Officer - Tom Leppard

Nominee: Finance Officer 2014-2015

For God & Country,
Tom



Sergeant at Arms – Robert Scarlett

Nominee: Sergeant at Arms 2014-2015

For God & Country,
Robert



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

Nominee: Executive Board 2014-2015

For God & Country,
Maury



E-Board Member - Mike Eatmon

Nominee: Executive Board 2014-2015

For God & Country,
Mike





E-Board Member – James Durnal

Nominee: Executive Board 2014-2015

For God & Country,
Jim



E-Board Member – Ted Veber

Nominee: Executive Board 2014-2015

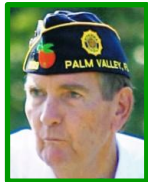
For God & Country,
Ted



E-Board Member – Mike Williams

Nominee: Executive Board 2014-2015

For God & Country,
Mike



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

It has been a great year...come out and VOTE for your officers...looking for a 50 percent turnout.

For God and Country,
Ric





Auxiliary - President Judy Mills

Hello everyone hope all is well with you and your families. There is not a lot to talk about right now since I have been out of the loop for awhile, but things are getting better.

This is the close of a year and getting ready to start a new year. This has been a wonderful and fulfilling year and I have enjoyed working with all of you, I could not have done it without my officers and of course the membership. We begin this year with our election on May 8, 2014 so please be at the meeting so you can vote. June is the Department Convention held in Orlando, Debbie Eatmon has entered our beautiful scrapbook filled with the years events and happenings to Department to be judged keep your fingers crossed we win. July we will hold the installation of our new officers you should come out and meet the new officers and some of the District officers it will be a great time. This is hot off the presses that Kathy Church is going to be our next 5th District Secretary and Virna Waldron will be the 5th District Poppy Chairman congratulations to both of them they will do a great job.

I would like to thank Linda Williams for a job well done while I have been incapacitated for the past month, and also to all the ladies who assisted her and volunteered to make April a successful month.

On April 12th the Auxiliary held the Spring Fling and from all of the reviews it was a great success. Kenny Holliday and company put on a wonderful show and from what I heard it was great, all had a wonderful time, even late into the night, thank you Kenny. The proceeds for that night were donated to the American Legion Building Fund which was being used to replace the carpet and floor in the Legion hip hip hooray.

Well that just about sums it all up and I hope to see everyone in this next year to make it an even better one if that is possible.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on May 1, 2014 at 7:00pm. The next regular Auxiliary meeting will be held on May 8, 2014 at 7:00pm please try to attend as we will be electing officers.

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



SAL - Commander Jeff 'Tex' Ward

Greetings men,

We now have our own squadron Facebook page. If you are a social media aficionado the go to *Sons Of The American Legion Squadron 233* and join the group. This will be a convenient and fun way to stay informed.

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? 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. The next S.A.L. dinner is Wednesday, May 21st. Any ideas?

There are many fun and exciting events and fundraisers coming in the near future so keep your eyes on the newsletter, visit the website (www.al233fl.org) and Facebook page (*palm valley post 233 american legion*) or better yet, come in to your Post and have a drink and see what is happening!

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) – or better yet, attend the meeting and share your thoughts with the rest of us!

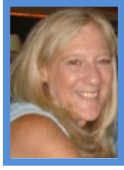
The next SAL meeting is Thurs. May 22nd @ 6:30pm. The meeting follows K9's For Warriors graduation ceremony that I highly recommend you attend at least once to show your support for these heroes.

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.*

Please continue to keep all of our service men and women and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

God Bless Our Troops, Jeff "TEX" Ward, Commander-Squadron 233





Canteen Manager – Rita Connolly

Thank you for your patience while the Post has been renovated. There has been a lot of noise and dust, but well worth the inconvenience. Please visit us and enjoy our new décor.

Our entertainment for May will include karaoke with Frankie Martin, Jr. on Friday, May 2nd and May 17th, The Boz Man on May 9th, Beach St. Boogie on May 23rd and Don Miniard on May 30th. Breakfast on Mother's Day will be prepared by Debbie and Mike Eatmon and Tex Ward. As always, mothers will receive a free breakfast.

Memorial Day weekend will be celebrated in the Pavilion on May 24th. Details will be provided later this month.

We have had new applications for membership to Post 233. I would like to invite all members to please consider volunteering your time at the Post. We have many opportunities. Meals on Wednesday and Friday nights and breakfast on Sunday require a few people to work a few hours. If you can't cook, can you wash dishes or serve? Contact Rita Connolly at the Post 904-285-2484.

Rita



MAY BIRTHDAY's



1	Millie Bristol	21	Carol Lamb
2	Barbara Turley	24	Pat Mosley-Root
3	Van Martin	26	Dee Durnal
4	Victoria Lynch	28	Ann Cook
5	Peggy Chapman	29	Jean Batchelder
7	Robert Parsons Jr.	30	Rick Kapeghian (In memoriam)
11	Fred Henderson	31	Doug Cope
19	Tina Reynolds		Brenda Brooks
	Debbie Stewart		Deane O'Donnell

Your birthday can be listed here by sending your name, month and day to webmaster@al233fl.org or call Roy @ 287-6909

IMPORTANT NOTICE

We are looking for anyone with some computer skills to take over updating the monthly e-calendar for the Post.

All that you would be required to do is input the monthly events each month from your own computer at home.

You will need to have a 'gmail' account that can be linked to the e-calendar. Please contact the Commander if interested.



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



MIAP – FL – May 2014

I would like to take a moment to thank the American Legion 5th District for the Special Award that was presented to me at the 5th District Constitutional Conference on Sunday, April 27th. This award has my name on it but MIAP – FL would not be able to accomplish what we have in the past three years if not for all the dedicated volunteers we have on board. This award goes to all of us. The support we have been getting from the American Legion family throughout the 5th District has also been amazing and very much appreciated.

On Friday, June 27, 2014 @ 1pm MIAP - FL will hold “Call to Honor” #3 at the Jacksonville National Cemetery. Currently we will be interring 16 veterans and 4 spouses. Included in this service is a USMC WWII veteran and his spouse. They died within ten days of each other in 1991. Also included are veterans from the Army, Marine Corp, Navy, Air Force, Army National Guard and Merchant Marine. Several of these “forgotten heroes” have sat on funeral home shelves dating back to 1970. They are veterans of WWI, WWII, Korea and Vietnam.

As always we invite all members of the American Legion family to participate in or attend this service. ALR riders and any rider organization are invited to join the JSO in the escorting of the hearse to the cemetery. I will keep everyone posted on this service as the plans come together.

MIAP – FL would like to thank the SAL Squadron 137 for their very generous donation of \$500.00. These donations help us with sending out registered letters to last known next of kin, newspaper notices, insurance for volunteers and escort riders, administration fees, vendor table set up and displays and other things of this nature. All donations go to the cause. No MIAP volunteers nationwide receive a salary.

Thank you again for all the support MIAP – FL has been receiving from the American Legion.

Sincerely,


Kathy Church
MIAP – FL State Coordinator



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APRIL 2014 GRADUATING CLASS



Thank you for your service and welcome home!



POST OFFICERS

2013-2014

LEGIONNAIRE

Commander: Roy Havekost
Adjutant: Sheri Martinez
Finance Officer: Tom Leppeard
1st Vice Cmdr.: Mark Dorsey
2nd Vice Cmdr.: Don Mills
3rd Vice Cmdr.: Stu Lilly
4th Vice Cmdr.: Charlie Walker
Chaplain: Wilbur Burnett
Sgt. at Arms: Robert Scarlet
Historian: vacant 2013-2014
Service Officer: Maury Lazenby

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dan Wortmann
Maury Lazenby
Charlie Waters
Mike Eatmon
James Durnal

LEGION RIDERS

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Asst. Director: Jared LoPiano
Secretary: Virna Waldron
Treasurer: Kathy Church
Road Captain: Bill Marshall
Sergeant at Arms: Kevin Terranella
Historian: Becky Blaylock
Chaplain: Jeff Ward
Asst. Chaplain: Linda Williams

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