



# 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

The American Legion stands for a strong America. There is no better way to bring this about than to work with the youth in our community by preparing them to meet the tasks they will face in the future. The American Legion plays a leading role in developing future citizens through its Boys State program. This program helps to develop a youths' mental, moral and physical growth by his participation in a mythical government unit in which he participates in the functions of local, county and state government. This coming year let's see if we can vote to send another youth, bringing our annual total to four boys who will attend this program in Tallahassee in 2014.

Members are reminded that the MIAP will be interring 13 veterans and 1 veteran spouses cremains at the Jacksonville National Cemetery on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. Members are invited, uniform attire suggested but not mandatory.

A Veterans Day Ceremony, November 11<sup>th</sup>, will again take place this year at the Ponte Vedra Valley Cemetery at 10:30am. This year's guest speaker will be WWII Veteran John Valente, a member of Post 233. Come out and show not only your support but also your patriotism for this important event. Refreshments will be offered after the ceremony at Post 233.

The IRS audit rules require that an American Legion Post maintain proof of eligibility of all members. It is requested that all members provide Post 233 Adjutant with a copy of your DD214. For active duty members who have no DD214, provide a copy of your ID card. For those members who served before DD214s were issued, provide a copy of your record that shows your dates of service. All documents will be filed in a locked cabinet in the office. Should the Post be audited and not have proof of eligibility, it will be a \$1,000 fine a day until we show proof on every member. The copy that you provide the Post may have your social security number redacted for security reasons.

The Legion will sponsor the annual Thanksgiving Day luncheon, volunteers to help out are appreciated. This year turkeys and hams will be donated by myself, Charlie Walker, Dan Wortmann and Chuck Kees. The Auxiliary will again be providing the sides.

Here is an early heads up, the State Commander Art Schwabe will be visiting our Post on December 5<sup>th</sup>. We are arranging to have a meal at 5:30pm, prior to our regular membership meeting at 7:00pm. All members are invited to attend both the dinner and of course the meeting. Let's show the Commander our Post of the Year spirit!

For God and Country,  
**Roy**



**Adjutant - Sheri Martinez**  
 Email: Adjutant@AL233FL.org

Just a quick note this month, membership renewals are at 62.532% as of October 24<sup>th</sup>. In order to meet the Department targeted goal of 65% we need you to send in your renewal now, before Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> so we stay on target. A reminder to everyone that if you bring in three new members, someone who has never been a Legionnaire, you next years' dues will be paid by the Post. This is for Legion members only, not SAL or ALA. Renewals can be left at the bar or in the Commanders mailbox in an envelope marked Post Adjutant.

Remember, we are being required by the IRS to keep a copy of your DD-214 on file at the Post. The Commander has stated that the copy that you provide us can have your social security number redacted. We need to comply with this requirement.

For God & Country,  
**Sheri**

Halloween costumes and face makeup was AWESOME at this years party!



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

*Past Commander 2002-2003, 2003-2004*

You have until November 11<sup>th</sup> to be an Early Bird and be entitled to a free dinner so don't wait renew your dues now. We also offer members a Paid-Up-For-Life Plan. Members who enroll in the Paid-For-Life Program become, as the name implies, American Legion members for life. These members pay a one-time fee or can choose to utilize the time payment plan option to gain lifetime membership in the American Legion. See me or Sherri Martinez our Adjutant for more information.

For God & Country,  
**Mark**



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

*Past Commander 2008-2009*

As you may or may not be aware, the commercial kitchen dishwasher (which is old and antiquated) is costing us about \$36 a week in soap, not counting the sanitizer liquid that must also be used. The House Committee will be looking into alternatives to cleaning the dishes, one of which would be the leasing of a newer model commercial dishwasher. While this is being done, anyone who works kitchen cleanup must pre-wash all items before placing the items in the dishwasher. On another kitchen update, make sure you attend the next general meeting as we will be voting on the purchase of an upright freezer. We need to make this purchase so that we have plenty of space to store the donated foods that we receive.

For God & Country,  
**Don**



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

I want to take this opportunity to thank Chris and Cynthia for stepping up to cook lunches during Rita's absence this past month. Rita spent time away from the Post, vacationing in Europe and I'm sure had a fun time for herself. I would also like to thank all the volunteers that help out in the kitchen each week.

For God & Country,  
**Charlie**

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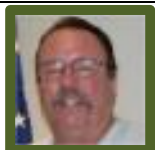


### Chaplain - Wilbur Burnett

Almighty and eternal God, those who take refuge in you will be glad and forever will shout for joy. Protect our soldiers as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise you for your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

If anyone knows of any sick or distressed member of our Post, please contact me with the details.

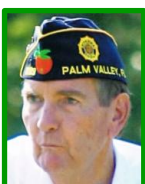
For God & Country,  
**Wilbur**



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

I am still looking for a few volunteers to help me with some small projects that come up from time to time at the Post. If you are handy, can work with tools or just want to help anyway you can, please contact me via email at danwortmann@gmail.com or call the Post and leave a message at the bar. I WILL get back to you. Thanks.

For God & Country,  
**Dan**



### Judge Advocate - Ric Smith

Email: JudgeAdvocate@AL233FL.org

The Allied Veterans of the World attorney Kelly Mathis was found guilty on 103 of 104 counts of gambling, racketeering (RICO) and operating a lottery with slot machines. He will be sentenced in February, 2014. Half of the 57 defendants have made deals with the prosecutors, the Florida legislature banned internet cafes statewide. As this case involved state politicians as well as local government officials, we need to be careful with any fund raising events. Be alert to card table operations outside Walmart and grocery stores this holiday season relating to veterans relief donations.

For God and Country,  
**Ric**

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### Auxiliary - President Judy Mills

Hi ladies hope to find everyone well. The Auxiliary had a very busy October starting with two dinners, one on October 2 and the other on the 23rd, I would like to thank everyone that participated in making these nights a great success and especially Susan Hernandez who sponsored the dinner on the 23rd thank you Susan. The Auxiliary is looking for volunteers to step up with a team to cook on November 6, 2013 if you are interested please contact Kathy Helmly or myself.

The Auxiliary held our Halloween Festival/Party on October 26, 2013 this turned out to be one heck of a party fun was had by all the house was rocking and the costumes were beyond great. There are so many people to thank that helped with decorating, planning, food that was donated and working that night with the raffles, serving and just making sure everything went well, I sincerely thank you all it was greatly appreciated and was a great success.

The District meeting was held on October 13, 2013, myself, Kathy Helmly and Kathy Church attended the next District meeting will be held on December 8, 2013 at Post 129 at 2:00pm if you would like to attend with me please let me know.

The Auxiliary regular meeting will be held on November 14, 2013 at 7:00pm please try to attend, we have the holidays coming up and have several things to plan for. The next Executive meeting will be held on November 7, 2013 at 7:00pm.

I would like to remind everyone we are collecting canned goods and any non perishable items for our Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets to go to two needy families for each holiday so if you come into the Legion please bring some items with you and leave them in the meeting room, thank you.

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



### SAL - Commander Jeff 'Tex' Ward

No report this month.

God Bless Our Troops  
Jeff "TEX" Ward  
Commander – Squadron 233







### Riders - Director Jarrod Buchman

No report this month.

God Bless Our Troops  
*Jarrod*

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		<b>Canteen - Diane Dorsey, Manager</b>
<p>November 11th is the day our nation sets aside to honor the Veterans past and present who have served their country selflessly. Every year Post 233 is proud to host a luncheon buffet following the Veteran's Day service at the Palm Valley Cemetery. All members are welcome to attend the service as well as the buffet luncheon.</p> <p>Trivia buffs get ready! Team Trivia is returning to Post 233 on Monday nights beginning November 16<sup>th</sup>. You may play alone or in teams of up to four people. Professional trivia host Clint Swinehart will be with us. Feel free to bring a dish to share or pizza delivery will also be available. Should be a fun and entertaining addition to the Post entertainment line-up!</p> <p>Plans are well underway for the annual Post 233 Thanksgiving Dinner, hosted by the Legionnaires. Everyone is welcome to bring your family and enjoy the bounty of food and the fellowship of friends. There will be a sign up sheet in the Canteen area and all food donations will be much appreciated. Help for set up and tear down is also needed.</p> <p>The Post 233 Auxiliary is collecting donations of canned or packaged food items to be incorporated in baskets that will be delivered to needy families in our community. As you do your holiday shopping please add a few items to help fill these baskets and make them special.</p> <p>As we go into the Holiday season please remember our service men and women who will not be with their families as well as those in our community less fortunate.</p> <p>On behalf of the Post 233 Canteen staff, we wish everyone a safe and happy Holiday season and look forward to serving you.</p> <p>For God and Country, Diane Dorsey</p>		

		<b>MIAP – Kathy Church, FL State Coordinator</b>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MISSING IN AMERICA PROJECT – FLORIDA</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MISSION STATEMENT</u></b></p> <p>The purpose of the Missing in America Project is to locate, identify and inter the unclaimed cremated remains of American veterans through the joint efforts of private, state and federal organizations. To provide honor, respect and dignity to those who have served this country by securing a final resting place for these forgotten heroes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>CALL TO HONOR</u></b></p> <p>On Friday, November 08, 2013 at 1:00pm MIAP along with AB Coleman Mortuary will be interring 13 veterans and 1 spouse of a veteran that were located through the work of our dedicated volunteers. This ceremony will be held at the Jacksonville National Cemetery located at 4083 Lannie Road, Jacksonville, FL 32218.</p> <p>You are cordially invited to attend this service in which we will honor these veterans with full military honors.</p> <p>RSVP by Nov. 04, 2013</p> <p>Kathy Church MIAP – FL State Coordinator (904) 219-3035 <a href="mailto:miapjax@yahoo.com">miapjax@yahoo.com</a> Please go to our website @ <a href="http://www.miap.us">www.miap.us</a> for more info on MIAP</p>		

**Bar chip retirement:**



If you have any of these chips you must use them before the end of 2013. The above chips are being retired on Dec. 31, 2013. New chips with a different design and value will be put into effect on January 1, 2014.

Those members who sometimes buy chips to be used as Christmas Gifts, the new chips will go on sale on December 15<sup>th</sup>, but cannot be used until January 1, 2014.

If you do not turn in your old chips by Dec.31<sup>st</sup>, you will only have memorable souvenirs!



**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY'S**



1	Tyler Fenton	25	Bill Hayes
2	Mary Merritt		Jason Blessing
6	Joni Corlew		Tom Conley
9	Kimberly Allison	27	Melvin Ard
10	Herb Bennett		Guy McFaddin
17	Rick Fenton	28	Wilbur Burnett
22	Sherri Parker		Michael Dubin
			Sean O'Callahan

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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**SUPPORT THE BUSINESSES THAT HELP SUPPORT YOUR POST**

Judy Nagel  
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**NOTICE - NOTICE - NOTICE**

It has come to my attention that last month we paid double the monthly fee for our garbage removal service by SWS.

Upon further inquiry it was discovered that more pickups were made by SWS, above the twice a week regularly scheduled pickups. This was due to an increase of garbage in the dumpster. It was further learned, from one of our neighbors, that it appears as though some of our members are dumping there own garbage/refuse in our dumpster.

If this is the case it must STOP IMMEDIATELY.

The Post is not in the business of paying for your garbage disposal from home or elsewhere.

Hopefully a word to the wise will be sufficient. Thank you.

*Commander Roy Havekost*



**OCTOBER 2013 GRADUATING CLASS**



Thank you for your service and welcome home!

The October 2013 Graduation was filmed by CNN and portions of the graduation ceremony will become part of a special about the K9s For Warriors organization, scheduled to air on CNN on Veterans Day, November 11, 2013.

(Exact time for special not available at press time, check your local listing)

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[Chapter 76 Exempt Organizations Examination Guideline (IRM 4.76.26) rel. January 2011]

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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 2013-2014  
Service Officer: Maury Lazenby

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Chaplain: Jeff Ward  
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