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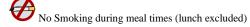


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MON-FRI: 1100 until ?? hrs. SAT: 0900 until ?? hrs. SUN: 0900 until ?? hrs. (St.Johns County - closing hour is 2:00am)

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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's Corner





Commander Robert 'Robby' A. Bacom

I just completed my second bus trip event. For those who follow us on Facebook, you can see fun was had by all. A special thank you goes to Judy Mills, Auxiliary 1st Vice, for coordinating the many details needed to successfully pull off this event.

Each post we visited had its own unique personality, and a heart-felt thank you goes out to all the posts. I would like to extend a special thank you to Post #137 who actually had a red carpet for us, along with a welcoming committee who greeted each of us as we arrived and departed. Along with their warm hospitality and exceptional food, they displayed the true spirit of The American Legion to provide support to and a welcoming place for all veterans. It was interesting seeing other Posts and talking with them about their approaches and activities, but at the end of the day we were all saying, "There's no place like home!"

Speaking of bus trips, I was very proud of our Post when #137 visited us recently on their bus trip. Thank you to Auxiliary members and all others who helped set what I believe will be the standard for all other Posts to follow for these kinds of visits. There is a lot of work required to welcome bus trips, poker runs, and other "drop-by" events. The goodwill and public relations that come with going above and beyond expectations contributes to our reputation as a friendly, involved organization. Thanks to all who volunteer for this kind of duty.

The Post was hopping during August with some great events handled by some great volunteers! If I haven't already thanked you in person, please accept my sincere thanks to everyone who stepped up to make it a great month!

For God and Country, *Robby*





Adjutant Patty O'Callahan

Hello fellow Legionnaires! I want to say 'Thank You!' to all that have renewed your memberships for 2012 so early in the year! We really appreciate your support. We are now at 62%! No Post in Florida has reached 100% and most are not as close as we are. Let's be the first this year to reach that 100% goal!

We have 371 Regular paying Legionnaires-only 139 renewals to go. You can pay online, mail it to or drop it off at the Post. A huge thank you to the 16 Paid-Up-For-Life members that we have! (Not included in the 371 count.)

Don't forget our fabulous Early Bird Dinner, free, to those of you that renew for 2012 before Veteran's Day, November 11th.

A shout-out to the ALA & SAL members that have not renewed yet, either, you are also eligible for the free Early Bird Dinner! Help your Unit reach their goals, too. We all are representatives of one fabulous Post!

A Note from 5th District Commander, Jerry Brandt:

'October 1st, 2011, District Picnic will be held at American Legion Post #137. The first 5th District Picnic in many years. Bring your swimwear, the pool is open. All drinks will be at happy hour prices, at the Tiki bar, please bring fishing rods, horseshoes etc., this will be from 1pm until... Commanders, we will need a count on the number of personnel who will be attending this function, we need to buy the food for this event.'

POST #233: PLEASE RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 10TH.

For God and Country, *Patty*





Chaplain Bob Nagel

People don't realize that the word "GOD" is becoming a common every day word, when it should be used only when referring to the Bible and the printed word of "God". Our nation, and specifically we have become very lax and commonplace about using this word. It is being used on TV, Radio, and even in the comics.

The Bible said that anyone using the name of the Lord in vain, shall not remain harmless. We are a "nation under God "-we say it here at the Legion and yet in conversations here the word "God " and "Jesus Christ" come up frequently in conversing with one another. It isn't appropriate usage at all and one wonders what visitors to our post think upon hearing such blasphemy. So, PLEASE, PLEASE, let's watch it here as well as at home.

For God and Country, *Bob*





1st Vice Commander Roy Havekost

Dues for the 2012 fiscal year is now due. Payment before Nov. 11th qualifies the member for the FREE Early Bird Dinner next year. A reminder to all, dues can be paid online, direct to National. A hyper-link is provided on our website, and a temporary membership card can be printed immediately after payment is made.

September 11th is Patriot Day, this year is the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attack on the United States of America. Let our thoughts and prayers reflect on the lives lost, 2,506 civilians at the WTC, 37 Port Authority Police Officers, 343 New York City Firemen, 23 New York City Police Officers, 42 Emergency Service First Responders, 44 Civilians on flight 93, and finally 1 Port Authority Police K-9 bomb dog named Sirius; may they all rest in peace and may their families find comfort in the fact that America will never forget their sacrifice.

For God and Country, *Roy*





2nd Vice Commander Ed Della Penna

Our newest Vice Commander will submit a report next month.

For God and Country, *Ed*





3rd Vice Commander Rick Kapeghian

No report this month, as Rick is still on the mend from some recent health issues. On a special note though, even though he is on the mend he still makes time for the bread runs to the Post. Thanks Rick.

For God and Country,





4th Vice Commander Charlie Walker

We now have cook teams for all four Sunday months. We still need volunteers for any month with a fifth Sunday. Thank you to our newest teams of Capt. Ski, Stu and Billy, and also Patty O and Joanie Corlew. A special thank you to Ed for his donation of a new kitchen A/C unit and to Jim Durnal for assisting with the installation.

For God and Country, *Charlie*





Sgt. at Arms Dan Wortmann

No report this month.

For God and Country, *Dan*





Historian Rod Garing

No report this month.

For God and Country, *Rod*





CANTEEN MANAGERS REPORT- by Diane Dorsey

Thanks to each of our tireless volunteers who helped make our August Post events and activities a success. Please know that you are appreciated.

For all who have spent time in our Post kitchen this summer, this is HUGE. Thanks to our new 2nd Vice, Ed DellaPenna, we have a new air conditioner! Conditions in the kitchen are much improved thanks to Ed's generosity. Thanks as well to Jim Durnall who volunteered his time and expertise for the installation. You guys are our new heros!

If you missed the August Theme Night party, you really missed a good one. The Theme was *M*A*S*H* and our members and guests had a great time with it. Post 233 became the 233rd MASH Unit complete with all the appropriate props and decorations. Congratulations to costume winners Jim Durnall, Joni Corlew, Kathy Church and Ronnie and Sylvia Bass. Well done! Special thanks to Luke Schneider and his Wild Thangs Trappers for their donation of the pigs that Chef Dale Little expertly smoked for us.

Congratulations to Judy Mills who won the first Post 233 Texas Hold-Em Tournament. Judy knows when to hold 'em and when to fold 'em! We have a large and very enthusiastic group of poker players every Tuesday night. There is no cost to play, no experience necessary and always room for more players. Come enjoy one of Rita's light dinners and then get in on the fun at the tables.

The September Theme Night will be September 17th. The evening's theme will be Hollywood Nights. Start thinking about your costume (think glam) and plan on attending.

On September 24th we'll be hosting a benefit event for the Bands Against Breast Cancer charity. There will be live entertainment, good food, door prizes and raffles, all benefiting a very worthy cause. Contact Patty O'Callahan for information about the Bands Against Breast Cancer group or to volunteer to help with the event. She'd love to hear from

vou.

We have a great new entertainer joining us at Post 233. If you missed M.R. Sunshine last month, please try to make his performances on Sept 16th and Sept. 23rd. M.R. Sunshine puts on an energetic, attention grabbing show that will leave you clapping and foot tapping. Combined with Chef Mike Shaar's grilled to order steak dinner you've got a real winning Friday dinner and entertainment night out.

Save the date on Saturday, October 1st for Jason Bass's famous Oar House Wet Burritos. It will be first come, first serve so plan on being here early. The flyers will be out soon.

For Facebook users, join our group at Palm Valley American Legion Post 233. All of our event flyers, pictures and breaking news is posted there. If you are not receiving your weekly Post update, email us at palmvalleypost233@yahoo.com and we'll get you on the list. You can also visit our website at al233fl.org or email me personally at dianebeason@comcast.net with ideas or constructive comments on how we can better serve you. As always, on behalf of our hard working Canteen staff, Thank you for your support of Post 233.

For God and Country, *Diane*





FROM THE SAL- Commander Jeff 'Tex' Ward

Greetings "Sons",

I start off this month with some overdue acknowledgements for outstanding volunteerism. The S.A.L. have accepted the responsibility for the upkeep of the outside grounds at our Post. Two men have taken the task to heart and the area has never looked better. A very special THANK YOU goes to Ned Mullen and Van Martin for their hard work in getting our grounds looking better than they have in a long, long time. They worked for many hours in the heat clearing the front street area, trimming and cutting overgrown trees and bushes, removing all the debris in the "back 40" (including numerous trips to the dump!), spreading fertilizer and weed-killer, and weekly mowing of the lawns. Take a look around the next time you are there and see the difference, then personally thank them and buy them a beer. Also, thanks to Paul (T-Bo) Farace and Jack and Sue Hord for the chemicals and fertilizer. Now the boys will really have something to mow!! Way to git 'er done guys!

MORE "ATTABOYS": The July theme party was a real "hootenanny". Many thanks to Ben Mills (S.A.L.) and Don Mills (Legionnaire) who smoked chicken all day and numerous members of the Ladies Auxiliary working the kitchen. We raised enough money for Rosie's ransom and in the process added to our Outdoor Pavilion Fund.

The August theme party (M*A*S*H) was also a huge hit! Dale Little (S.A.L.) spent all day smoking wild pig and Allyson Bass and Diane Dorsey worked in the hot kitchen to provide a fantastic meal.

1st Vice Jason "Hop-a-long" Bass and 2nd Vice Randy "Mr. Facebook" Cottle stepped up (again!) and covered for Chef Mike cooking the Friday Night steak dinner on Aug. 19th and did they're usual great job.

The past few S.A.L. Wednesday Night Dinners have seen Pete and Debbie Braud provide the June dinner (2nd time this year!), Randy Cottle and his crew covered the July date with a delicious lasagna (great job!), and Gerry Murray used a "gold sponsorship" for the August dinner that Rita cooked and Randy Cottle and I served. I am sure I forgot someone... but Thank You All!!

MEMBERSHIP: Gentlemen... **2011 memberships are due.** (I know it seems like you just paid for them but that is because you were late in 2010!) We want to achieve our goal of 100%+ membership again this year. If you pay up by November 11th, you are eligible for the "Early Bird" dinner that you DO NOT want to miss! Please make checks payable to "S.A.L. Squadron 233" and be sure to include your details: name, address, phone, *and particularly your e-mail*. You can send them to the Post or drop by and give them to a bartender. Always be on the lookout for potential new members!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER: We are still responsible for one Wednesday a month and we can't have the same people doing it! Our next assignment is Sept. 14th so if you can help with this please let me know. As of this printing we do not have any volunteers. HELP!! Don't forget that you can also take advantage of the dinner "sponsorship" program. You will find details regarding this in the newsletter, on the website or call me and I will explain.

<u>UPCOMING EVENTS:</u> Jason Bass has recovered from his surgeries (thank goodness!) and has committed to serving his world famous "wet burritos" on Sat. October 1st as a fundraiser for the S.A.L. and Outdoor Pavilion Fund. This is always a **huge** event so we will need help for that as well. Stay tuned for more details. There are many more fun and exciting events coming up in the near future at our Post. Keep your eyes on the newsletter, visit the website (<u>www.al233fl.org</u>), check out the Facebook page (PALM VALLEY POST 233), or better yet **come in to your Post**, enjoy a meal and have a drink!

<u>E-MAIL ADDRESSES</u>: Our Squadron is in the process of collecting e-mail addresses from our members so that we can keep you all posted on events, meetings, etc. Please send me a message (see address below) with "SAL" and your name in the subject line. If you want to add your phone number please do. This list is only for our SAL members. You

will not be inundated with junk mail – I promise!

If you want to get some "press" in this column or kudos for volunteering, then it is time to step up. You should not have to be asked... ask what you can do for your Post! Any questions, suggestions or constructive criticism regarding our Squadron or Post issues are most welcome. My phone is 904-233-0976 and my email is <u>flagman49@yahoo.com</u>. The next S.A.L. meeting is Tues. 9/13 at 6 pm.

Honoring our Fathers and Grand Fathers, *Jeff "TEX" Ward*





FROM THE AUXILIARY- President Kathy Church

As 5th District Junior Activities Chairman I would like to concentrate this year on signing up more Junior members and getting them INVOLVED in our Post. Our Juniors are the future of our Auxiliary. For those of you who have young daughters, granddaughters or nieces you need to consider signing them up as a Junior member. To my knowledge most high school students have to put in a certain number of community service hours and what better place to do this then at the Legion or helping out with one of our community projects through the Auxiliary. The Auxiliary offers several opportunities for high school seniors to win scholarships to college. In order to be able to apply for these scholarships they have to be active Junior members. Let's all work on this project together.

I would like to thank all Auxiliary members who have been putting volunteer hours in at our Post, mainly in the kitchen. The Auxiliary usually takes part in all events at our Post and I just want you to know that it does not go unrecognized.

Please .remember to log in all your Volunteer hours, whether it be performed at the Post or volunteering elsewhere in the community that involves Veterans or their families. Our Volunteer Log is kept in the Auxiliary room on the book case.

One last note: I would like to thank all who have purchased some of the Redneck Wine Glasses. For each glass purchased 50 cents is donated to the Auxiliary. I would like to start putting all of this donated money to our AEF (Auxiliary Emergency Fund. With economic issues and more & more harsh weather events the Auxiliary has seen more members asking for help from the AEF (state & nation wide). So with your purchase you are helping others.

As always please keep dear to your heart those who are serving our Country (past & present) and their families who sacrifice so much for us.

Kathy





~SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY's ~

3	Jodi Mons	
4	Tex Ward	
5	5 Marsha Vaughan	
6	Ed Kees	
7	Bill Furr	
10	Taya Salzarulo	
12	KC Carter	
13	JJ Johnson	
15	Barbara Crews	

18	Bill (POB) Lee	
	Ted Spetnagel	
19	Midge Lilly	
20	Pam Johnson	
22	Bob Hartman	
23	Shari Duval	
25	Jeannette Amonettee	
28	Debbie Smith	
29	Debbie Curro	

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



On August 23, 2011

The House Committee updated and adopted a new set of House Rules and Regulations. All members are asked to familiarize themselves with the new rules, as these rules are now in effect.



Post 233 has a new Facebook group page click the icon above to join



if you need to stay connected when your away from the office or home just bring in your laptop, ipad, 4G, whatever... we're always online

Empty space in this newsletter is available for your advertising, or comments. Content for the newsletter MUST be received no later than the 25th, each month. This will leave a 3-4 day buffer for editing and formatting.

We will strive to have each months newsletter published before the 1st of the month. Please help with this effort by getting your reports in on time.

Thank you. newsletter@al233fl.org



Check out our new selection of T-shirts and other merchandise in our on-line store on the website.

Over 40 designs to choose from

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.

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A Recovering American Soldier

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There's a new look at www.AL233FL.org

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Our community friends at the UPS Store at Tournament Plaza Shopping Center 830-13 A1A by the Shell station, has offered to print all of our Legion needs, not only with our Tax-Exempt Status, of course, but for 50% less than what they charge other customers. This Post #233 specific discount includes all of our color calendars, flyers, banners, etc., they do an excellent job & saves our Post hundreds of \$\$\$ annually! Please keep them in mind when you need printing, shipping, notarizations & many other services.

The owner of this franchise is Brett & his grandfather has an American Legion named after him in South Carolina! Helping Us & Helping Them-support our local businesses.

The English language has some wonderfully anthropomorphic collective nouns for the various groups of animals.

We are all familiar with a Herd of cows, a Flock of chickens, a School of fish and a Gaggle of geese.

However, less widely known is a Pride of lions, a Murder of crows (as well as their cousins the rooks and ravens), an Exaltation of doves and, presumably because they look so wise, a Parliament of owls.

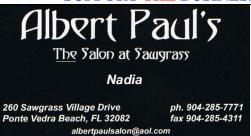
Now consider a group of Baboons. They are the loudest, most dangerous, most obnoxious, most viciously aggressive and least intelligent of all primates. And what is the proper collective noun for a group of baboons? Believe it or not a Congress!

I guess that pretty much explains some of the things that come out of Washington!



Jason's Famous Wet Burritos coming to Post 233
October 1st !!!

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## Every Tuesday!

- \* Multiple Games during the evening
- \* Rita's Light Dinner at 6:00
- **★ Game Registration at 6:30**
- \* Games begin at 7:00 sharp



### ~Earn Chips~

1,000 Chips to start the Game for buying dinner 500 Chips for each drink you buy during the Game



Rita's Light Dinner before the Games begin for \$5.00 donation

- **★One win registers you to play in a monthly tournament.**
- **★** Each additional win in the same month rewards extra chips to start the tournament.
- \*Winner of the monthly tournament receives a sponsorship to the poker room.

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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.

GOLD SPONSOR - 100.00 SILVER SPONSOR - 50.00 BRONZE SPONSOR - 25.00

### POST 233 NEWSLETTERS LOOKING FOR OLD EDITIONS FOR THE WEBSITE ARCHIVES

If anyone has or knows of anyone who has older editions of the Posts newsletters, specifically:

January to July, & October & November 2006

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Any issues prior to 2004

Please help me to complete this archive of information for the Post.

Contact Roy at 287-6909

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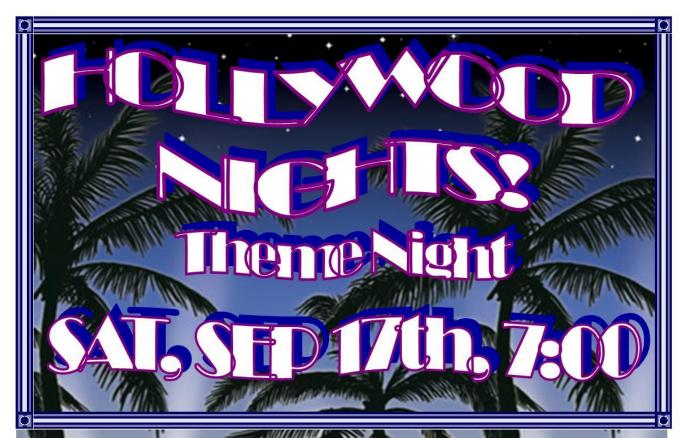
### Breast Cancer Fundraiser!



### SAT, SEP 24th, 5:00 Music & Fun!

Gourmet Hamburgers, Vegie Burgers & Sausage Dogs Donations for Bands Against Breast Cancer American Cancer Society

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