

233 Happenings

Scout Troop Meetings on Mon @ 7pm as necessary, Court of Honor held 10 June 2024

Warrant/Volunteer Renovations June 1 & 15
Ductless HVAC systems installed and complete as of 15 June

Summer Hiatus continues through August 2024. Post Contact will be as required. ITK will continue monthly. **No regular monthly meeting**
Executive Board Meeting and Updates at Commander's discretion during hiatus.

Congratulations Commander Harvey for your new position as District II Seargent At Arms!

Paint Party Fundraiser Saturday 22 June. 1-430 pm at Post. Flyer already published. Have you secured your ticket? Tickets have been distributed to members responsible for soliciting donations. DJ, food, door prizes, and more.

Hiring Event Thursday June 27th, Fort Myer, 11am-3pm, Bldg. 407; 214 McNair Rd, 22211

6 July C&F Bank Computer Literacy Day Stop by the bank to learn about troubleshooting minor disk cleanup issues, computer safety, learning about mobile deposits, how to navigate online banking and more. Hosted by Micheal Hollemon
16 July Dedication Taylor Farms Park honoring ALL Henrico County personnel who have served. More to follow. Please add to your calendar

Community Fair w/partners TBA, Planning for Fall

Bylaws Review/Update to start in September. Completion no later than December 2024

Commander's Corner

If you lead from the back, no one will see you. However, if you lead from the front, you will be seen and often criticized. For every Father or Father figure, continue to show them how it's done. You can change a life with mentorship.

Kenneth Harvey, Post Commander



VARINA POST 233 IN THE KNOW Newsletter

Conventions & Legion College Info

Dept Convention July 10-14 Hilton Washington Dulles. **Original Registration Deadline June 10th (Be advised you may still register by paying a late fee. Banquet is no longer available)**

Legion College 2-4 August Doubletree Midlothian, Va
Registration Deadline, July 15th (Currently we have 5 attendees)

National Convention 23-29 August, New Orleans, LA **Registration Deadline July 19th (late fee after deadline & Banquet not available)**

For applications/registration forms please go to VA department website, email post at al233varinapost@gmail.com, or contact post adjutant at our message center 804-859-1359. **Please take action no later than 72 hours** prior to specified deadlines to prevent Late fees. ****Emergencies will be handled on a case-by-case basis.**

TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT

Did you know Final updates to our social media sites has slowed down. We are moving slowly because we need more IT support? Can you assist? If so, please contact al233varinapost@gmail.com

CONDOLENCES TO ALA UNIT 233 PRESIDENT

Varina Post 233 offers heartfelt sympathy to **Madam President Penny Otey** in the recent loss of her sister Judy Jefferson.

Varina Post 233 Shines Bright and Moves Forward

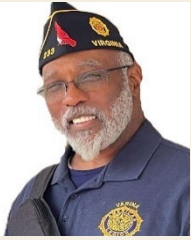
AL Varina Post 233 has consistently maintained one of the top two membership spots within the 11th District. This is something to celebrate. Especially since the post was about to close to close in 2022. A debt of gratitude is owed to existing and new members for placing confidence in the leadership of this growing post. **Congrats to 233 S.A.L. squadron for maintaining over 300 percent since Spring Conference.** Continue to wear the 100% badge with honor Varina Post Family!

In the Spotlight

**AL Varina Post 233 Honors Post Adjutant
Dr. Vee Harvey
Richmond Veterans Hospital Volunteer of the Year!!**



Post Adjutant Dr. Vee Harvey received Volunteer of the Year Award for completing Over 300 volunteer hours for this Calendar Year, and 500 volunteer hours since COVID. Dr. Vee was all smiles with the Richmond Veteran's Hospital's Civic Engagement Chief "Mr. Eric." She did not realize she had completed so many hours. The award was for completing the most hours of any individual volunteer supporting the hospital. She spends a significant amount of time working as a whole health veteran peer in the Veteran's Integrated Pain Center. She also works with Visually Impaired veterans, women veterans, and assists veterans with claims. Dr. Vee represents Varina post 233, Women Veterans Interactive, Blinded Veterans of America, and American Legion Auxiliary Unit 23. She has been volunteering at the Richmond VA for 6 years.



Ask The Commander(s)

Anonymous Question

Received by Phone Call Center: 804-859-1359

Why Do we have to pay money to National for membership, and then pay local post dues? It seems like we are paying a lot for a little, and paying twice for the same year.

Answer by Post Commander Harvey : First, Thank you for your question. The annual monies paid each year must be understood. The slip you get in the mail is not from the local post. The monies paid should be viewed as “your annual membership cost. It does not do much for local post expenses. One of the reasons it was imperative for our Post to start assessing local dues is we did not have ample funds to cover our needs. The overall cost you pay to be a Legionnaire from a “global” sense right now is \$35. That is going up next year to \$45. As it stands right now, when you pay your annual membership, the current breakdown is as follows

National receives \$18.50

Department receives \$10.50

Varina Post 233 receives \$6

What we are doing at our post is asking members to pay local dues of \$10 per month however they can. Annual dues will be paid by the Post from the local dues received, even after the National membership amount increases. Plus, addition funds will be available to handle other post issues as they arise. That way you don’t pay twice. PUFL members have the option of donating at will to help the post.

On Behalf of Commander Harvey, and the Varina Post 233 Executive Board, WE HOPE YOU HAD A GREAT FATHER’S DAY!! WE HOPE YOU RECEIVED THE CARDS THAT WERE MAILED.

We extend a hearty welcome to new members of 233 Legion Family

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SERVICE AND SUPPORT!!!

Write us at:

American Legion

Varina Post 233

8088 Recreation Road

Henrico, VA 23231

Donate to Virginia Legacy Run. It’s never too late to give!!!

Please email Randy at randybbgunn@comcast.net

or call the Post 233

804-859-1359

Do you have Publication Input, Ideas, Ask the Commander Questions, or stories? Please contact us no later than the 10th of each month at 804-859-1359 or al233varinapost@gmail.com

Our Youth are the Future. Let’s Celebrate Their Wins!

Congratulations Anayla Hailey, Matthew Edwards, Rufus Arthur, Isha Musa, and Scout Troops 500/501. You Made Parents, Family and Varina Post 233 Very Proud

In these trying times when students have a lot to contend with, it is refreshing to know that parents can celebrate the accomplishments alongside their children. Varina Post 233 is always happy to showcase the positive actions of our youth.

Anayla Hailey

(Picture 1 at top below)

Legionnaire William Hailey and Mrs. Sybil Hailey have supported Varina Post 233 even though they have relocated to a different state. They participate in post activities as what we like to refer to as “e-members.” They are proud to share that rising 8th grader Anayla Hailey received an award for maintain-



ing A/B honor roll all year long. Anayla also earned the Almond Joy award for being “the most joyful.” Great job Anayla!! Now it’s on to High School to do more great things.

Matthew Edwards

(Picture Not shown)

Legionnaires Marvin and Letitia Edwards are also American Legion Riders. Their son Matthew Edwards was officially inducted into the National Honor Society in May of 2024. This brilliant young man was also selected to participate in the Engineering program at Virginia Tech for a summer internship



Rufus Arthur & Isha Musa

(Pictures 2&3 across top below)

Isha Musa and Rufus Arthur are cousins who are very close. These graduating seniors are the offspring of sisters Cherie Harvey-Musa and Kendra Harvey respectively. The parents are surely ecstatic to witness the journey. Isha and Rufus were both members of the High School Marching Band. Isha also played Basketball. These young adults may look to their grandfather (the post commander) for advice as they navigate life. Isha has decided to enroll in vocational



training, while Rufus will start college at University of Phoenix. Good luck and God’s Speed!

Court of Honor Scout Troops 500/501

(Pictures across bottom below)

June 10th was a packed “Court of Honor,” for Scout Troops 500 and 501. The post hall was filled with proud parents and family. Scouts received badges for many tasks they successfully completed throughout the past several months. Scout Masters John King and Cheryl McGolden were among the Scouting staff there to ensure the accolades were handled with honor. Ms. Stacey and others also joyfully congratulated the scouts. A few Legionnaires showed up to witness the momentous event, but the attention was **on the scouts**. It is always heartwarming to see all the young and old faces together to acknowledge a job well done!

