

16 August 2024 Edition ITK Varina Post 233 1 of 3  
(Corrected Copy)

## 233 Happenings

**Scout Troop Meetings** on Mon @ 7pm as necessary.

**Supported Scout Troop 500** 4 Aug at Sweet Frog  
.Fundraiser

**Warrant/Volunteer** Renovations on hold for August  
2024 and September, Next Renovation in October..

**One more Ductless HVAC** system is necessary to  
maximize environment in the building. **Raised \$913** at Paint  
Party Fundraiser. **Post Leaders sold ALL Tickets!!**  
**Thanks to all who donated as well.**

**Vice Commander's Meeting** took place 7 August by  
teleconference

**Executive Board Meeting** 28 Aug 7pm by teleconference  
due to National Convention

**Audit to be Completed NLT** 16 Sept 2024 (Books will be  
open for member review upon request)

**Regular Post Meeting Change Thursday 12 September  
2024** @ 630pm instead of Wednesday 11 September. to  
honor 9-1-1 programs & meet building inspections. **Zoom  
Only. PLEASE DO NOT SHOW UP AT THE POST!!!**

**Bylaws Review/Update** to start in September. Completion  
no later than December 2024 Distribution by email. **Have  
you updated your email address?**

**\*\*Varina Post 233 Post Awards Sneaker Ball 26  
October 2024** What have you contributed this year? Are  
you a winner? Get your best outfit and sneakers ready.

**Yard Sale Fundraiser 14 September** @Post 0700-3PM  
Personal Care Items, Gently used clothing, & Coat Drive  
Benefits Veterans in area Nursing Facilities

**Varina Youth Sports Football Homecoming** 28  
September @ 4pm (Tables Available & Volunteers Needed)



**VARINA  
POST 233  
IN THE KNOW  
Newsletter**

## Conventions, Conferences & Legion College Info

**Did you graduate Legion College 2024?** Varina Post will  
frame your graduation certificate at no cost to you –  
**Congratulations!!!**

**National Convention** 23-29 August, New Orleans, LA  
**DID YOU REGISTER???**  
Transportation is available from airport by calling 832-578-  
3657 or visit the transportation cost comparison website  
<https://www.msyrider.com/national-convention>

**ALR College (FREE 10am-3pm Lunch provided)** 14 Sept  
Post 75 Gloucester, 28 Sep Post 16 Lynchburg, or 12 Oct  
Post 330 Culpepper (Walk-in welcome) To register Email  
ALR Vice Chairman Don Forshey [donff24@verizon.net](mailto:donff24@verizon.net)

**2024 American Legion Virginia Department Fall  
Conference** Double Tree Williamsburg, VA 1 – 3 November  
2024

To download registration form, click below

[https://valegion.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Fall-  
Conference-2024-Registration.pdf](https://valegion.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Fall-Conference-2024-Registration.pdf)

Contact our message center 804-859-1359 with questions. **Please take action  
within 72 hours** of specified deadlines. **\*\*Emergencies will be handled on a case-  
by-case basis.**

## Varina Post 233 Claims Support

By Appointment on Wednesdays call or email Us!  
Call 804-859-1359 In-person and telephone support

## Varina Post 233

### Took in a Lot at Legion College

AL Varina Post 233 proudly represented at Legion College  
in Midlothian, VA. Commander Harvey was proud that 11  
members registered as students this year. The focus was  
on learning, and growth. This marks the first time the  
Post was able to bring leaders and members to Legion  
college to get a better understanding of what the Post  
should be doing. The classes were informative and helped  
improve knowledge about post effectiveness and  
efficiency across the board. One of the biggest takeaways  
is maximizing the use of technology and sharing  
responsibility. The facilitators were amazing.

## In the Spotlight

**Thank You to the Real Super Heros!!!  
VA Department Committees & Staff  
Like Johnny Baker & Erica Eccleston**



Without support from dedicated Virginia Department  
committee personnel, and well-organized staff; a lot  
can go south quickly. Varina Post 233 recognizes the  
efforts of ALL the superstars responsible for Legion  
College and other events. It's the attention to detail  
that pulls things together. You are ALL superheroes in  
our book. **THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU DO!!!**



**ALA Unit 233  
Announcements  
& Updates Beneficial  
For Dual Members**

Congratulations to ALA newly installed Officers.

President (re-elected) Penny Otey  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice/Membership– Patti Herring  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice- Elaine Robinson  
Sergeant At Arms – Chris Olgers  
Treasurer – Lonie Austin  
Chaplain – Patty Ann Bourne  
Historian – Barbara Bendle

**Next meeting** Wednesday 11 September 2024  
*ALA Unit 233 members voted to change meeting day to Wednesday. Location is Roberto's Restaurant Address: 5550 Williamsburg Rd Sandston, Virginia 23150. Time is still 6PM*

All interested potential members are welcome but **MUST** have certifying documentation to be eligible for consideration for ALA unit 233 membership.

Please remember to pay 2025 dues as soon as possible. If dues are paid online, please inform

*On Behalf of Commander Harvey, and the Varina Post 233 Executive Board, WE hope you are looking forward to September's meeting. We extend a heartv welcome to new members of 233 Legion Family*

**THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SERVICE, SACRIFICE, AND SUPPORT!!!**

# Our Youth Mimic What We Do? So... We Did College

***Congratulations Varina Post 233 Legion College graduates. One way to show our youth that there is no age limit on learning is by learning in real time!!!***

### Malachi Green

Parents Eric and Lorna Moss are excited to share that SAL Malachi was the youngest 233 member attending Legion College in Midlothian. He spent the weekend learning about Sons of the American Legion. He was a quick study in finding out what he will be expected of him as the SAL Finance Officer. Great job Malachi!



Graduation Day was a great day! Varina Post 233 members capture the moment with new Virginia Department Commander Gene Malinowski. **Congratulations to Varina Post 233 Legion College graduates.** Anthony Brothers, Kenneth Harvey, John King, Edan Harrison, Malachi Green, Eric Moss, Bonnie Griffith, Vaneada Harvey, Angel Ramirez, Charley Faniel, Rhonda Wright, and Felicia Elliott.

### Virginia American Legion Middle School Essay Contest.

**Title: "I like living in America because..."**

**Hold down CTRL Key and click link below to get access to all information**

<https://valegion.org/programs/middle-school-essay-contest-2/>

### Virginia Military Survivors & Dependents Education Program

This program was recently scaled back. It is now under review. Survey will aid in research. Hold down CTRL KEY and click below [online survey](#)

**Questions?** Contact Post Adjutant Dr. Vee Harvey (910) 322-3051

### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

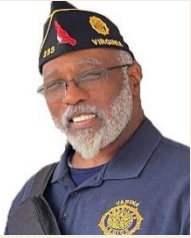
**HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 2025 DUES?**

### POST 233 PROCEDURES

Remember we voted to pay \$10 per month.(However you wish)  
We pay your Annual dues out of that, so you do not have to pay \$\$ when you get the slip in the mail. JUST SEND IT TO THE POST.

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, DO NOT PAY ANYTHING UNTIL YOU GET CLARIFICATION. FROM POST LEADERS**

(Corrected Copy)



**Ask The Commander(s)**

*From 233 Member Who Recently Rented Legion Post in another State.  
Why is my 233 Legion membership card not good for a discount when renting American Legion facilities in other states?*

**Answer by Post Commander Harvey:** Thanks for asking your question. American Legion Posts are governed by their own set of rules and regulations. Each Post commander and executive board yields to constitution and bylaws that the members vote on. Our post, for example, has rental agreements with specific language and fee schedules we agreed on. The committees with the responsibility to exercise rental contracts may or may not decide to offer a standard price for all Legionnaires. Fee schedules are up to those entrusted to run the part of the post. Here at Varina post 233 our prices are based on a few factors. One is our financial disposition. Another is what our competitors charge. Still another is demand. Plus, we are obligated to offer our own members a fair and reasonable fee with what is called consideration. This is the same thing as privilege for being a member. When we deal with those who are not members, there is no ill intent meant. I believe this may be the case at other Legion facilities. Some posts may opt to offer Legion discounts.

Our contracts are based on hourly rates that are very reasonable when compared to hotels and larger banquet facilities. We do a contract to protect our building and interest of the renter as well. No matter who rents the building we must consider risk and safety. My recommendation is to negotiate with the Legion Post in other states. They are generally reasonable and accommodating. The rates are generally very good across the board from what I have experienced. I hope this information helps.

**Donate to Virginia Legacy Run.** It's never too early of too late to give!!! Please email Randy at [randybbgunn@comcast.net](mailto:randybbgunn@comcast.net) or call Post # 804-859-1359

**Write us at:**  
**American Legion**  
**Varina Post 233**  
**8088 Recreation Road**  
**Henrico, VA 23231**

**Do you have Publication Input, Ideas, Ask the Commander Questions, or stories?** Please contact us no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month at 804-859-1359 or [al233varinapost@gmail.com](mailto:al233varinapost@gmail.com)

# VARINA YOUTH FOOTBALL HOMECOMING 28 SEPT @ 4PM!!

**Calling Legionnaires, ALR, ALA, Scouts, Volunteers and Partners. It's Time to Come Out to show our support for youth sports. Varina. Post 233 Will sponsor 8-10 Tables!!! Legion Family have priority. Others first come, first served.**

## Show Your Support

It's that time of year again where the cleats are on and the cheering is loud. Varina Youth sports is hosting homecoming on the field across from Varina Post 233 on Recreation Road. We are collaborating with our scout troops 500 and 501 to present pre-game color guard opening ceremonies. This year we would also like to have a brief American Legion Rider (ALR) drive by as approved by the athletic president. We need ALR volunteers to make this happen. Are you an ALR waiting for the opportunity to show off your bike while proudly presenting the ALR Emblem? We also need other Legion family and volunteers to assist in other ways.

Let us come together and make this a homecoming our Varina youth will be proud to remember. We are allowed to set up tables, bring mementos, and even bring items for purchase. The concession stand will be selling food so we are not allowed to sell food. Let's show some spirit.

We need your help to make this homecoming event a success. How about coming out to support the youth. **If interested call the Post number to reserve your table today!**

### SAVE THE DATE

**26 OCT 2024**  
**6pm@ the Post**  
**8088 Recreation Road**  
**Henrico , VA 23231**



### 1<sup>st</sup> Annual AWARDS SNEAKER BALL

*Dinner Served*  
*Doors Prizes and Giveaways*

### TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT

**WELCOME SAL MALACHI GARY our Social Media/IT Support Jr. Manager.**

**He will assist us in getting Social Media Platforms Cleaned Up and IAW Legion Standards!!!**

### GET WELL SOON

**Varina Post 233 wishes continued grace in recovery for**

**Judge Advocate Joe Robinson and Legionnaire Gregory Bennett.** We also wish **God's speed to all 233 family who are sick and/or shut in.** Please let us know how we can be of service. Post chaplains are standing by for any and all prayer request. Post leadership is also available.

### Commander's Corner

If you never find it in your heart to forgive, you will miss out on many great surprises that were once called mistakes. Everyone deserves room to grow.

**Kennith Harvey, Post Commander**