

233 Happenings

Scout Troop Meetings on Mon @ 6:30 & 7pm , Campout 3/8/25

Warrant Officer Volunteer Renovations will recommence as required. Announcements to follow.

Let's Read Adult Literacy @ Varina Library Feb (Various dates & times) Volunteers Needed – See Adjutant

Planning meeting for June Comedy Show 23 February@ 430 pm

CDCE VA Veterans – Valentines Card Project planned w/Scout support – 14 February immediately following National Salute Week

11th District Meeting planned for Mon 3 Mar 25 @7 PM

Ashland Nursing and CDCE Veteran Donations Continue

Be The One Buddy Checks in person, home visit, & hospital visits will continue each month .

Regular Post Meeting voted to change to 2nd Tuesdays @ 6:30 BEGINNING ON TUESDAY 11 MARCH 2025

ALA Unit 233 Meeting Wednesday 12 Feb 25 @ 6 pm Robertos did not take place. No meeting held or new meeting announced.

Adult Reading Project Volunteers Needed. See Adjutant for details. Upcoming 15 Feb

Black History Month Program Hear2Hear 15 Feb 25 – See Website.

Varina High School Visit upcoming in March 2025

Wrestling Cancelled until further Notice

Upcoming High School Scholarship Packets/Volunteers Needed

Commander's Corner

Continuance is strength because perseverance gives us power.

Kennith Harvey, Varina Post Commander



VARINA
POST 233
IN THE KNOW
Newsletter

Conventions and Upcoming Events

Keep your eye on the Department page for convention updates and registrations. Forms may be downloaded at your convenience. Hold down the ctrl button and click the link below.

<https://valegion.org/tools-and-media/upcoming-events/>

Contact Varina Post 233 message center 804-859-1359 with questions. Take action as early as possible when attending. ****Emergencies handled on a case-by-case basis.**

DID YOUR CHILD Miss THE ESSAY CONTEST???

No Worries - Practice Makes Perfect

Announcing Varina Post 233 - Middle School Essay Contest.

4 Prizes Available - Gift Cards \$20, \$40, \$60, & \$80

Title: "I like being an American because..."

Contact the Post Adjutant for rules and application
Post Competition in Preparation for 2026 Virginia Essay Contest

TECHNOLOGY & INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

THE VARINA POST 233 WEBSITE IS UP
AND RUNNING!!! WE ARE OFFICIALLY ONLINE

Check the Calendar Regularly

<https://varinapost233.org/>

MEDICAL RECOVERY and CONDOLENCES

Varina Post 233 wishes V2 Harry Wallace, Chaplain Bennett, VSO Bonnie Griffith, and Legionnaire Francene Lance & others a speedy recovery. For anyone with a loss, we lift you up as well. Amen!

Boys State Candidate Announced

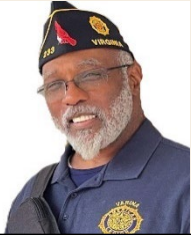
Post 233 Congratulates Malachi Green!

Hard work pays off. It has been a long while since Varina Post 233 has had the honor of sending a representative Boys State. That will not be the case this year. Join us in celebrating our sole candidate Malachi Green. He passed his interview!!!

In the Spotlight
Legionnaire James Curry
5th Trip to National
Creative Arts Festival
Sponsored by 40&8, Voiture 449



Silky smooth are just words to some, but when describing the voice of Legionnaire James Curry, they mean more than a lot. This crooner can sing the phone book and it comes out like butter. Great job Legionnaire Curry on representing Richmond VA and now Legionnaires!! Proud is too small of a word for the accolades we want for you. Congratulations to you and your spouse Mrs. Cohen-Curry on transferring to Varina Post 233. It is our pleasure to seek assistance and grants on your behalf. Kudos to Voiture 449 of 40&8. Your support and sponsorship is very much appreciate. Look out Indiana!!! Be prepared to be entertained. James Curry is on the way!!!



Ask The Commander(s)

Anonymous Question from Anonymous email. Will our local dues ever go back to being normal dues of in the \$50 or under range?

Answer by Post Commander Harvey. Thanks for asking this question. The answer is yes dues will get cheaper, but probably more like \$55 or \$60 range is my best guess. Varina Post had to adjust local dues temporarily, because there were none for so long. There was no operational budget to repair the post. We needed help really desperately, and there was nowhere to turn. Our dues currently equate to \$10 per month or \$120 per year. From that amount, the National application fees are taken care of, as well as Department fees. The National and Department fees are increasing next year. However, our local fees will decrease. Good news is we do not expect to have local dues of \$120. The members have done their part. Our members ensured our Post made it. That was the blessing. Things will stabilize and our Post will remain operational. Long standing challenges have been an issue that the current leadership inherited. The goal is to ensure Varina Post 233 has good footing for incoming future leaders. In a nutshell, there is a plan to readjust our local dues for the benefit of our members and the Post. The members will vote on the actual amount as a body. We are smoothing out because that's what team work does. We have been able to replace ancient cooling and heating systems and creatively renovate our Post. The loyalty lies in numbers, and we are doing well. Thanks again for your question. Please email us or call if you need more clarification.

One Team One Fight !!!

National Salute Week Honors Those Patronizing Veteran Facilities

Varina Post 233 Joined Richmond Hospital To Pay Tribute!!!

Commander Harvey and Varina Post Legionnaires are honored to be of Service



Although 14 February is a day normally reserved for sweethearts, Varina Post 233 joined forces with others paying tribute to veterans. Receiving care at veteran healthcare facilities throughout the nation is a big deal, and so is trusting the VA with healthcare needs. Commander Harvey indicated that VA Health care may not have everything right, but navigating the system is one of those things that takes patience and practicality. Good doctors and understanding by the veteran make "whole health more than a concept. Veterans have to continue to advocate and know their patient rights in order for VA Health care to stay on the steady climb up. It was great to see so many sections from the VA out there with smiles supporting the veterans, and even better seeing the smiles on the faces of the veterans who took a



National Salute Week 2-14-25 Supporting Veterans' Health

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

DUES OUR POST PROCEDURE

Post dues are \$10 per month, \$40 quarterly \$60 twice a year, or \$120 Annually. Reminder: Membership voted. **Anyone in receipt of National dues statement contact the Post. Mail National Dues Statement to Varina POST 233. If you decide to renew for 3 years your local dues are \$85 for the year Questions???** Call or email the post.

Varina Post 233 VSD Claims Support

By Appointment Only call or email Us!

Call 804-859-1359 In-person and telephone support

On Behalf of Commander Harvey, the Varina Post 233 Executive Board, and members; a hearty welcome is extended to ALL 233 Legion Family.

WE want to hear from you. Write us at:
American Legion
Varina Post 233
8088 Recreation Road
Henrico, VA 23231

Donate to Virginia Legacy Run. It's year around and never too late to give! Please email Randy at randybbgunn@comcast.net or call Varina Post 233 at 804-859-1359

Varina Post 233 wishes good luck always to Legionnaire **Roderick Simms** as we continue to partner with **Good Faith Veteran Foundation!** Thanks for the support!!! Go to Thegfvf.org

Do you have ITK Pub Input, Ideas, Ask the Commander Questions, or stories? Please contact us no later than the 25^h of each month at 804-859-1359 or al233varinapost@gmail.com