



Barrett-Davis-Watson
Post 233



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Commander's Corner

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January has been a rough month for the Post, we had two of our members transfer to Post Everlasting. Retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Art Rosier passed unexpectedly on Sunday January 6th. Art was a member of the Post for over 8 years. Art was the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) Senior Instructor at the Monroe Area High School. This was his “dream job” and his students will miss his guidance and compassion. On Thursday January 24th Charles Robert (High Pocket) Yancey passed. Charles was a member of the Post for over 61 years, he served in various positions including the Senior Vice Commander and was also a member of our Color Guard. The American Legion Family will sorely miss their wit and their wisdom.

Our Color Guard presented colors at the viewing for Mr. Yancey and our American Legion Riders stood a flag line for both the viewing for Mr. Yancey and the Memorial Service for Mr. Rozier. Our Color Guard and American Legion Riders are our most visible Legion Ambassadors. They stand in the cold and the heat to honor our Veterans at their families greatest hour of need. Please thank these selfless individuals for their dedication and service to our Veterans.

On a happier note, the Post held their annual Oratorical competition on Sunday January 20, 2019. We had two contestants, Jesse Kronen and Sudhan Chitgopkar. Both contestants gave their prepared Oration which was between 8-10 minutes and then gave their assigned topic speech which was between 3-5 minutes. The competition was extremely close with only two points separating them. Congratulations to Jesse Kronen our 2019 Post 233 Oratorical Winner. Jesse went on to compete at the 10th District Oratorical competition in Jefferson, GA, at American Legion Post 56, and finished in Second place on Sunday January 27, 2019.

Several Post members asked if we were going to host a Super Bowl Party this year. We will indeed be hosting it in the Patriot's Grille starting at 4:30pm on Sunday February 3, 2019. We will have a cheese and meat tray, Hot Dogs, Wings, Nacho's and veggies for dipping. Please stop by to check out the newly decorated Grille and enjoy the Super Bowl.

The Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting the Sweetheart Dance on Saturday, February 16, 2019 from 8:00—11:30pm. Entertainment will be provided by the Chris Hampton Band. Door prizes will be given throughout the night and a raffle will be held with a “Date Night Gift Basket” loaded with lots of special goodies for the main prize. Please come out and support the Ladies as they host this dance for our membership and the public.

Jerry Mahaffey will be holding the Post Blood Drive on Thursday February 14th. ALERT! Right now, the American Red Cross is facing a blood emergency and has issued an urgent call for eligible individuals of all blood types and help save patient lives! Please help replenish the blood supply!

Just a reminder, we will be forming our nomination committee soon for the Post Officer Elections. Please give some consideration to running for a position that interests you. We elect our Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Finance Officer, and three Executive Committee Members. All members who have paid their dues for 2019 are eligible to run for any of the elected positions. Not only will you be helping the Post, you will be expanding your knowledge of how The American Legion works. Thanks in advance for your consideration.

mark your **Calendar**

February 2019

Sunday Feb 3rd—Super Bowl Sunday Party in the Patriot's Grille
Point of Contact is Jim Dennis

Thursday Feb 14th— Blood Drive at the Post—There is an urgent need for Blood this time of year.
Point of Contact is Jerry Mahaffey

Saturday Feb 16th—Sweetheart Dance in the Main Hall featuring the music of the Chris Hampton Band
Point of Contact is the Ladies Auxiliary Unit 233

March 2019

Friday March 15th—JROTC Military Spring Ball
Point of Contact is SMSgt Clay Slayton

Saturday March 23rd—Veterans Informational Workshop
Point of Contact is Stan Mauldin

April 2019

Friday April 12th—First Responders Appreciation Dinner
Point of Contact is Bill Dolan

Saturday April 13th— Flea Market and Country Breakfast
Point of Contact is Mary Dolan