

LEGION NEWS

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Commander's Report

Well, summer is here and the kids are out of school. So drive carefully and keep a close eye on them as they turn up all over the streets.

I would like to thank all of the members who voted for me these past two years. I enjoyed serving as your Commander. It was a good learning experience. Keep your new Commander, Craig, in mind this next year. He will be a good one.

Don't be a stranger around the Legion. Come on out and meet the new officers. Try and be a part of our Legion. We have a real nice post. We have a lot of events going on throughout the month so be sure to check the newsletter for dates and times of events.

The yearly Department Convention is later in the month of June. If you have any questions concerning the American Legion bring them to the next general meeting and, if we can't answer them for you, one of the delegates will take them to the convention and try to get answers.

I was out of town for 3 or 4 days and had to miss the meeting and was unable to attend our Post softball game which I'm sorry to say we lost. We also lost the league. Well we shall return next year and we will be back on top again. Post 88 beat us pretty good. But this is not the end of the world. We shall return.

Installation of new officers will be July 10 at 1:00 p.m. Please try to make this event to meet your new officers and get to know them. Don't be afraid to ask questions or express your concerns about the upcoming year. Don't forget -

Installation date and time is Saturday, July 10 at 1:00 p.m.

Once again, thanks for everyone's help during the past two years of my being Commander. It was a learning experience for me.

In closing, don't forget our troops in the Middle East and all over the world in your prayers.

For God & Country
Bobby Daub
Commander

P.S. Welcome to our new newsletter editor - Mrs. Terri Lucas.

Did You Know???

The term "fireworks" didn't come about until 1777 when the first 4th of July celebration took place. Before that, they were simply called "rockets." Because they were more visual than anything, they called them "fireworks." Later on, the ones that were made for noise (and not beauty) were called "fire crackers." And in 1880 "sparklers" were created. What child hasn't held a sparkler in his or her hand?



2nd Vice Report



Only 12 more months to go!

i am a lucky man i almost lost Ken the BRITT . . . i figured if U.S.A.

scored one more goal, he would have been on top of the dame's point bridge, and I dont have any more britts left!!! Anyway, the queen of the kitchen has been kicking major butt as always (I love my suzy'q) with those cheap but very tasty bingo meals she serves, I dont know how she does it but I am glad she does, Ken continues to do the same on every other trivia night (Tuesday.) memorial day . . . holy mother of god . . . we could have fed NAS MAYPORT with the food that was served, between the stuff our new commander, my self, Ken, cooked, and all of you fine people cooked at home and brought in . . . it was incredible, all of us veterans thank you . . . but not as much as me thanking the clean up crew that I didn't know I had, my lil candy cane anderson, patti hill, nancy senter, diana vaneffen (the first lady) ken, joe . . . there is so many people that helped usin the kitchen, I cant list them all . . . THANK YOU!!!! . . . (sorry about the burgers) . . then there was the Constitutional conference . . . should have seen big'e, me, and the britt in that kitchen cooking at the same time, I told them . . . were gonna need a bigger boat . . .and thank you gene funk, and lil chucky patterson for helping to . . . anyway . . . Sunday dinners, it's to hot to cook at home . . . let us do it for you!!!! Come and enjoy your post and see us worry about the heat and the food along with our sexy bartenders (Philadelphia harry included, love those legs) remember, spaghetti is brain food, well thats what harry says, July 30th and don't forget about the open house on the 4th of

July !!!!! free food . . . again . . . and again . . . come and drink, sing, and be merry . . . at least be something.

Your 2ND vice commander
FOD GOD COUNTRY AND GOOD FOOD
THAT DAMN YANKEE, PAT COSTIGAN

Editor's note: Yankee Pat's column is left unedited in consideration of his colorful personality.



Fun Facts

2.8 Million - In July 1776, the estimated number of people living in the newly independent states.

307 Million - The nations population on this July 4th.



S.A.L. Commander's Report

It's the first of July and summer is upon us. To start, I want to apologize for not having our end of year figures. We have two dinners left before the Convention and I had

to get this report in. I will have that information for you in next month's report.

On another note, we have been having a rash of uprisings in our Legion lounge concerning some of our brother SAL members. Gentlemen, this must stop and will stop I will guarantee you that. Find a local bar or tavern anywhere in town that donates tens of thousands of volunteer hours to local and national charities along with tens of thousands of dollars as our Legion organizations have done collectively. I challenge you to do so. With that said, give American Legion Post 283 the respect it deserves. To be a member is a privilege given to you by the sacrifices of your Fathers and Grandfathers.

On another note, I need volunteers for our dinners. If you come to eat, drop by the kitchen and wash a pan or two when you are through. Sweep the floor - anything to help. It won't take more than 15 or 20 minutes. The guys putting on the dinners are spending hours to put together a meal.

So, in closing, I will be more cheerful next time. Just come on out and pitch in. We need you.

Respectfully,
John Largey
Commander

A Note From The Editor:

Please feel free to submit any articles that you think are relevant to the newsletter. I also welcome cartoons and fun facts as long as they are in good taste and not political. Of course, all must be approved by the Commander.



Auxiliary President's Report

The dog days of summer are here, but that hasn't stopped our volunteers. Thank you to all who saw our WWII Veterans off at Jacksonville International Airport as they boarded the "Honor Air Flight" to see the WWII Monument and other sites in Washington D.C. And a very special thank you to young ladies Kellie Miller and Amber Parks who gave our WWII Veterans a "Memorial Poppy" and a "thank you for serving card" when they entered the airport. Kellie and Amber also helped escort our WWII Veterans to the plane and gave them WWII Veteran Ball caps just as the flight left.

Bettiemae and Katie said they had a great time volunteering at the 7th Annual "Putt and Crawl" benefit for the USO at Jacksonville Beach June 12th. Can't wait to hear the stories!!

Thank you to The American Legion Riders for partnering with us in support of a veteran in need at Robert H. Jenkins Veterans Domiciliary in Lake City. We couldn't do it without you!!

The Veterans Reintegration Center of Jacksonville has partnered with Edward Waters College and the College has leased two duplexes at \$1 per year for ten years to help homeless female veterans with housing. Our homeless female veterans are often overlooked. More information will be forthcoming in the upcoming months.

Our July dinner will feature meat loaf with mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, rolls and dessert Friday July 9th. I look forward to seeing you there.

Installation of Officers will be held Saturday July 10th at 1pm. Please come, welcome and support our new Legion, SAL, Auxiliary and ALR incoming Officers.

Our new officers for 2010-2011 are:

President - Cheryl LaBarge
Vice President - Jane Burley
2nd Vice President - To be announced
Secretary - Susan Veronee
Treasurer - Nancy Senter
Chaplain - Kim Oliver
Historian - Sherri Sheridan
Sgt: at Arms - Mo Reiter
Asst. Sgt. at Arms - Janice Dixon
Members at Large:
Martha Clark
Candy Anderson
Marie Wilhoite

Yours in Service,
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Important Information About Your 2011 Legion Dues



Legion Rider Director's Report

First let me thank Wesley McMillan, departing Director of Post 283 Riders, for the outstanding job he and his officers did in 2009-2010. I have some big shoes to fill.

Our new officers for 2010-2011 are:

Director – Bob Fluckiger
Asst. Director – Jerry Giecko
2nd Vice – Mike McKee
Secretary – Michelle Sawyer
Treasurer – Ella Jansen
Chaplain – Phil Jansen
Sgt. at Arms – Steve Vigue
Asst. Sgt. at Arms – Jim Wallace
Road Captain – Robert Williams
Membership Chair – Esther McMillan
Safety Officer – Jason Giecko
Event Coordinator – Dan Field
Quartermaster – Terry Wallace
Historian – Marlene Allison
Webmaster – Bob Fluckiger

With the help of the membership we can make things happen.

Because the 4th of July is on our meeting weekend, the July meeting has been moved to Saturday July 10th at 9 a.m. Be there – we need everyone involved. Not only that, I'm sure you will enjoy the very friendly and informative meeting. After the meeting we will go on a ride. I don't know where yet, but we will ride (weather permitting.)

On July 23rd the ALR dinner will be served at 6 p.m. Be there and get involved. We need help in the kitchen.

On Saturday, July 24th we will meet at Post 283 at 6 p.m. to ride to Johnny Angels Diner bike night, have a sandwich and enjoy each other's company. It's a 1950's diner. Hope you can make it.

Don't forget July 1, 7 p.m. PedsCare meeting.

On June 26 we had five members represent us at the 2010 convention. Post 283 Riders hosted a party for 5th district Riders.

If there is anything you would like to know about the 283 Riders or you have anything to share, check us out at our web site -

<http://alrpost283.com>

Have a safe and happy 4th of July.

We thank the men and women that keep us free. Don't slide – it will hurt. Keep the rubber to the road.

Bob Fluckiger – Director

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Current members who pay their 2011 dues between the June 2010 convention and Veteran's Day (November 11, 2010) will only pay \$25. This reduced rate will be in lieu of the early bird dinner. The \$25 must be paid by check or cash. If you wish to pay by credit card your dues will be \$30 as the Department of The American Legion cannot process credit card payments for less than \$30.

Members who pay after November 11 will pay \$30. All new members will pay \$30 regardless of payment date. Dues for members 70 years of age and over, with 5 years membership, will be \$21 or whatever the Department establishes. These dues must be paid by check or cash.

Motion was made, seconded and passed at the February 8, 2010 meeting.

Congratulations!!!!

Miguel M. Lumbag, better known as "My Way Mike", was recently presented the Legionnaire of the Year award.

Mike has been an American Legion member for 20 years and is a Vietnam Veteran.

Thank you, Mike, for all that you do for American Legion Post 283 and for your country.

Coach's Corner



Our team concluded the summer season with back to back losses to Post 54 (9 – 6) and Post 88 (23 – 10.) Our players worked very hard over the summer practicing and playing in 90+ degree heat.

The "perfect storm" hit the team with injuries, players being assigned different shifts, and other personal issues. However, those that did make it gave a tremendous effort. I'm proud of all players for a gutsy effort all season and for putting up with my B.S.

The mission was complete with food, fun and fellowship had by all players, fans and supporters. That is what it is all about.

Thanks to the Legion Riders for their efforts with the flag bearer and an outstanding ceremony at Post 88.

Thanks again to all cooking personnel, English Ken, Yankee Pat, Paul the Barber, Media Man Hurley Manor Steve, Photoman Trivia Harry, Scorekeeper Anita and #1 fan Bobby Daub. Thanks to Captain Susan Veronee for all her hard work behind the scenes and again to all players, fans and supporters.


Keep our troops in your thoughts and prayers.

Everyone have a great summer! Fall league will be posted, hopefully, by late August.

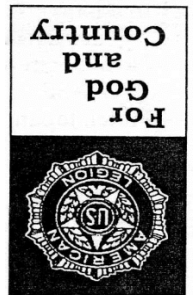
In Unity There Is Strength
Jeff Brodie
Coach



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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | 1 Census 8 – 4 HAM & CHEESE W/CHIPS & PICKLES BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30 PM | 2 SAL FISH DINNER GUITAR RED | 3 KAREN KARAOKE |
| 4 OPEN HOUSE NOON - ?  | 5 LEGION FAMILY MEETING 7PM | 6 SAL PIZZA 6 – 8 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM | 7 | 8 SWEDISH MEATBALLS BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM | 9 AUX MEATLOAF DINNER \$7 MID LIFE CRISIS | 10 ALR MEETING 7 AM <i>INST OF</i> <i>OFFICERS 1 PM</i> MY WAY MIKE KARAOKE |
| 11 | 12 AMERICAN LEGION MEETING 7PM | 13 SAL MEETING 7 PM MEATBALL SUBS HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM | 14 AUX EXEC. COMM 6:30 PM AUX GEN MEMBERSHIP MTG 7 PM | 15 BBQ PORK SANDWICHES BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM | 16 SAL STEAK DINNER SOUTH STREET BAND | 17 JOHN VEST KARAOKE |
| 18 | 19 | 20 SAL PIZZA 6 – 8 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM | 21 | 22 LEG QTRS W/MASH POT BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM | 23 ALR DINNER | 24 KAREN KARAOKE |
| 25 | 26 AMER LEGION EXECUTIVE BOARD MTG 7PM | 27 MEXICAN LASAGNA HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM | 28 | 29 SHEPHERD'S PIE BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM | 30 LEGION SPAGHETTI DINNER KOUNTRY BOYS | 31 JOHN VEST KARAOKE |

Membership Drive for the Legion, SAL, and Auxiliary for 2011 will begin the first of August



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