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Commander's Report



June is gone and we are into summer. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your support and help over the past year

I am looking forward to another great year as your

commander and Comrade.

We held a Flag Retirement ceremony at sunset on 17th of June in observance of Flag Day. Thanks to everyone who volunteer.

Our Boys State candidates had a great time in Tallahassee learning about our state government at the State Capital.

Much appreciation goes to the ladies of the Auxiliary for their fine cooking of breakfast on Father's Day.

The Post 283 American Legion Youth baseball team Season has started their schedule is posted on the bulletin board at the post. Other events in July will be an open House on the 4th and will provide hamburgers and hot dogs, it the festivities will begin at 1pm till they run out.

I would like to ask all family members if you have a suggestion, common or problem to voice it the correct way by bringing it to the attention of the organization you're a member of Legion, Auxiliary or Son of the Legion. The correct way would be bringing it up at your meeting. If it something dealing with the Legion the way to voice your concern is to put on the agenda for the next meeting posted on the Legion board and percent it at the next meeting. putting something in the Legion box at the bar without identifying yourself is not the correct way. This is American Legion Post 283 not a Lodge.

Installation of new Officers for 2017-2018 will be July 8th 1pm.

Thank you for all your support!

For God and Country

Jim Welch Post 283 Commander

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1st Vice Report

July is here and I want to wish everyone a happy 4th!

I want to encourage everyone to renew if you have not already done so. Membership renewal is still ongoing so if you have not renewed, please do so. You can renew with me or Nancy Senter. You can

contact me at jawall3@gmail.com or contact Nancy at mombuestar@att.net. Leave your payment with one of us or put it in the Legion Box at the bar with a copy of your 2016 card. Your new card will be left for you to pick up at the bar for 5 days, after that it will be mailed to you. You can also go online to renew by visiting www.legion.org/renew, just make sure you click on Post 283. Also, if you know of anyone who is eligible and might be interested in joining the post please invite them over to check us out!

Membership in the American Legion as a Legionnaire is reserved exclusively for those who have served their country in time of war. The dates listed below are mandated by the United States Congress in the charter they have granted to the American Legion. You must have been an active member in one of the five branches of service (or the Merchant Marine for the period specified) and have an Honorable Discharge to be eligible to become a member. The dates are as follows:

- AUG 2, 1990—CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES OPERATION DESERTSHIELD/DESERT STORM
- DEC. 20, 1989—JAN. 31, 1990 OPERATION JUST CAUSE/PANAMA
- AUG. 24, 1982—JUL. 31, 1984 LEBANON/GRENADA
- FEB. 28, 1961—MAY 7, 1975 VIETNAM WAR
- JUNE 25, 1950—JAN. 31, 1955 KOREAN WAR
- DEC. 7, 1941—DEC. 31, 1946 WORLD WAR II
- APR. 6, 1917—NOV. 11, 1918 WORLD WAR I
- U.S. MERCHANT MARINE — DEC. 7, 1941—AUG. 15, 1945

Proof of service is normally established by either a DD-214 showing your period of service, or an Active Duty ID card. The dues for this year are as follows; if you are 70 years old or older and have been a member of post 283 for 5 years or longer your dues are \$29.00, for all others dues are \$40.00. You may also mail your renewal to:

American Legion Post 283
 Attn: Adjutant
 9549 Fort Caroline Road
 Jacksonville, FL 32225

REMINDER: THE JULY LEGION MEETING WILL BE ON JULY 17 DUE TO A SCHEDULING CONFLICT.

Transfers are:

JAMES KIMBLE
 0052 (NC)

AIR FORCE/POST

For God and Country,
 Jim Wallace
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2nd Vice Report

It is with slight sadness that I write this, my last article as 2nd vice for Post 283. It's been a number of years, and it will be strange not having that job. However, I feel comfort in the fact that I know the position will be well taken care of. Richie has time and again proved his abilities and dedication to the Legion Family. Please join me in giving him your full support.

We'll have a different Steak Vendor for the Steak Night on the 1st. This will be my last official Steak Night, as Richie takes over the next day, and I'll be installed as Squadron 283 Commander. Please come out and support us that night as you usually do.

We will be having the annual Open House on July 4th at 1:00. Come on out and enjoy the fellowship and celebrate our Independence. We'll be serving Sausage Dogs & Burgers.

Come on out on the 8th for the Installation of your 2017-2018 Legion Family Officers. There will be food available after. Come out and show your support for this year's elected Officers that **YOU** elected. I feel great about all of this year's Officers. I am very excited to see how much we have to look forward to in the next year.

I want to close by saying what a great time and what an honor it was the last several years serving as your 2nd Vice Commander. I couldn't have done it without all of the great volunteers along the way that helped me. Thank all of you so much, and I know Rich will enjoy the job as well as I did, and continue to elevate our standards. But all of you don't celebrate too quick. You'll still hear from me monthly. I'll still be writing an article, just from a different position.

See all of you around the Post, as I know we're in for an awesome year.

For God and Country!
Jeff Lafferty
Post 283 2nd Vice Commander
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3rd Vice Report

It is hard to believe that July is already upon us. Happy Independence Day. Thanks for all the support over the last few months that I have been conducting the 3rd Vice duties. I would like to welcome Lena. She is extremely excited to be the 3rd Vice and I wish her all the best.

We had great support throughout the month from the two NJROTC units we work with. The Terry Parker NJROTC provided 15 Cadets to assist placing approximately 700 flags on the graves of veterans on 28 May in observance of Memorial Day. Thanks to all those from the post that assisted with placing, retrieving and cleaning the flags we place at seven local cemeteries. We are still in the process of cleaning them and putting them away for next year so anyone interested in helping can contact Sean Beal or myself. On June 3rd, the post held the Past Commanders dinner where four First Coast High School NJROTC Cadets plated and served 42 guests in attendance. Thanks to all involved it was a true team effort.

Our five Boys State delegates are all in Tallahassee attending the program as I am writing this article. They were all excited and I look forward to hearing about each of their experiences upon their return. We will be setting

up a meet and greet with them soon and invite them to one of our upcoming meetings so stay tuned.

The Department of Florida Youth Law Cadet candidates are signed up and ready to attend the Florida Highway Patrol Academy in Havana, Florida from 09-13 July 2017. They are two of 16 cadets attending across the state. We will also schedule a time for them to attend a meeting to give us some feedback on their experiences.

Our American Legion Post 283 Baseball team season is underway. Our very own Coach Terry Phillips attended our last meeting and gave an update on the baseball program. He stated our team is doing great. They are looking for opportunities to assist around the post if you have any ideas please contact Terry. We have posted a game schedule on the bulletin boards for anyone interested in attending games. Also, don't forget the Jumbo Shrimp Legion Night on Sunday, 09 July 2017. Here is a list of games for July.

- 7/3 Home vs 316 (Double Header) 6PM/8PM @ Sans Souci
- 7/6 Away vs 197 7:45 @Hammond Park
- 7/8 Home vs 283 N.S. (FC) 6PM @ Holiday Hill
- 7/10 - 7/14 Senior Northern Area Tournament @ Sans Souci check times.
- 7/15 Senior Northern Area Tournament Championship games @ Jumbo Shrimp Field

Our next blood drive will be held on 16 July 2017. Thanks to all that come out to support. Also, please remember it is hurricane season and the storms are starting to form. One resource available to track the status of things going on that could affect Jacksonville is a phone app called Jax Ready that you can download from COJ.NET. Remember to check your emergency kit and if you need a list of recommended items please contact one of the Disaster Preparedness Team members.

For God and Country,
Scott Pageau
American Legion Post 283 3rd Vice Commander
5th District Law and Order Chairman
American Legion Post 283 Blood Drive Chairman
American Legion Post 283 Disaster Preparedness
Chairman

SAL Report



I now have come to my ending tenor as Squadron Commander for the past 5 years. It has been a great journey working with all of you who dedicate your time and energy for the good of the Sons of the American Legion. Without a doubt this is the best Squadron in the State of Florida. I can assure you the accomplishments this Squadron has made over the years is well known throughout the District and State. And it is only because of those of you who are willing to accept and take on the obligations of leadership positions and those members who volunteer in support of the Squadron's programs for the benefit of our Veteran's, Children & Youth Programs and the Community. Come Saturday, July 8th at 1 PM I will have the pleasure of passing the torch on to Jeff Lafferty, your incoming Commander for 2017-2018. I wish Jeff well

and ask all members to give him your support for even a better year. THANKS ALL! I will however continue the year 2017-2018 as 5th District Commander. We have two members within this Squadron who also will hold 5th District officers positions. Jeff Lafferty, 1st Vice and Johnny Quinn, Chaplain. Thanks to the both of you for taking on the obligation to carry out these duties.

Membership for Squadron 283, as best I know, has hit an all time high this year with 273 members giving us 110% membership. Thanks to all who continue to support the Squadron and to those who continue to recruit new members. 2018 membership cards will be picked up at convention at the end of June and will be available starting the first week of July. Val Maurer, 1st Vice is this year's Membership Chairman and you can see him regarding your dues which remain \$20.00.

KITCHEN CREWS! Without a doubt the SAL, Legion and Auxiliary "folks" who work the kitchen providing meals on Tuesday's, Sunday's and Friday night are the top of the notch. I want to say the best times I've had throughout the years is working with the kitchen crews. Best camaraderie ever. These "folks" spend hours shopping, cooking and cleaning for your pleasure. When you see them about, just thank them for their service to the Post. The Squadron thanks you for your support.

I would like to thank Commander Jim Welch for the Legion's support working with this Squadron over the past year. I wish him well in his upcoming year and know he will have the continues support of the Squadron. But what's more important to your officer's, is receiving the support of the Legion Family. We have the best Post in the District. In ending, I would like to congratulate Troy Horsley, elected 5th District Legion Commander and as SAL 5th District Commander I look forward working with him in the upcoming year.

For God & Country
"OVER & OUT"

Tom Harris, Commander

Auxiliary President's Report



This year is going fast ladies. The Auxiliary had a wonderful month and looking forward to having another.

Our first Pancake Breakfast went wonderful and looking forward to many more.

Ken's famous fish fry was awesome

We made \$585.00 on dinner and \$336 on 50/50 our Commander Jim Welch won the 50/50 and donated it back to Pet Rescue North.

Dinner proceeds went to Sculzbacher it is great to give back to our Veterans. The Post had Flag Ceremony on Saturday the 17th and I was honored to be apart of it Thank you Commander Jim Welch.

Auxiliary did Father's Day Breakfast June 18th great turn out. Thanks to Patti Hill, Janice Dixon, Sally Fisher, Jane Scuillo, Anne Devore, Beth Fullwood, Peggy Miller, Cheryl LaBarge, Tony Veronee, Jim Brown,

Linda Hartford, Linda M, Kathleen Parker and her Mother, Roxanne Beal, Angel Turner and of course myself we served 75 Dad's 170 people in total made \$692.00 and we donated \$200 to 5 Star veterans center. What a wonderful day.

July 4th Honor our Veterans and Our Country.

We have Installation on July 8th at 1:00 for new Officer's congratulations to all. July 9th Auxiliary Pancake Breakfast come out and support.

July 12th Executive meeting 6:00 and General Membership 7:00

July 13th Auxiliary Bingo dinner

July 21st is our Auxiliary Christmas in July we will be serving a Turkey Dinner with all the fixin's come out and support.

July 27th Auxiliary Bingo dinner

July 23rd Auxiliary Pancake Breakfast.

Ladies keep putting those smiles on our Veterans faces and keep doing what you do.

For God and Country
Michelle Mohilchock
Unit President

Legion Rider Director's Report



Happy Birthday to the United States of America! Hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Independence Day.

Because of the holiday weekend, the Rider's next general meeting will be Saturday, July 8th @ 9 am. We will not have a ride after this meeting as the new officers will be installed on July 8th @ 1 pm. Come and support all the incoming officers. We are already hard at work.

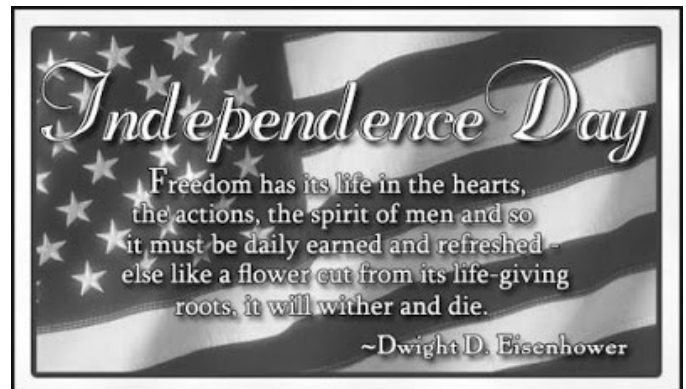
At the June meeting, we had 34 members and 2 guests who added \$44.00 to the Rider Down Fund. Please turn in all miles, hours and donations to Rodney. Debbie Collins has volunteered to plan this year's Rider Picnic. Please see Debbie if you would like to help. We are setting a goal of 100% Rider members registration for this year's Poker Run. The Pre-Ride will be Aug 5th; more information on this to come soon. Please join us for the next Poker Run meeting Thursday, July 27th @ 7 pm. Our next dinner will be July 28th. Come on out and support the Riders and/or volunteer. We can always use the extra help. The next V4V meeting will be July 15th @ the Veterans Memorial Arena - Speakers starting @ 11 am and Free Buffet Lunch @ 12:30 pm.

The Riders are looking forward to another GREAT year at our Post. We will continue to work as a family with the Post as this has been the key to our success.

Ride hard, ride safe, always enjoy the ride.

Remember, it's about the journey not the destination!

Cheryl Altman
Director Chapter 283
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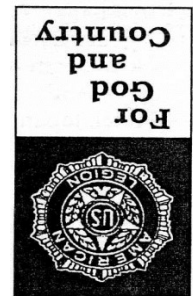




American Legion Post 283 July 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS		LIVE MUSIC ON THE DECK EVERY SATURDAY AT 1PM		INDEPENDENCE DAY OPEN HOUSE ON THE 4 TH FROM 1:00 – 'TIL		1 BRISTOL KARAOKE
2 SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00	3	4 OPEN HOUSE! SAL PIZZA 6 – 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	5 HUMP DAY SNACKS SAL MEETING 7PM	6 SOFTBALL CHILI SLAW DOGS BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	7 LEGION STEAK NIGHT 6 – 7:30 SPEKTRA	8 ALR MEETING 9AM JIMBO & DEBBIE KARAOKE
9 AUX PANCAKES PLUS BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00	10	11 SAL SHREDDED BBQ 6 – 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	12 HUMP DAY SNACKS AUX MEETINGS EXEC – 6:30PM GENERAL – 7PM	13 AUX PULLED PORK PICNIC BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	14 SAL HAMBURGER STEAK W/ONION GRAVY 6 – 7:30 BAND ON THE RUN	15 BRISTOL KARAOKE
16 SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00 BLOOD DRIVE	17 LEGION MEETINGS EXEC 6:30 PM GENERAL 7PM	18 SAL PIZZA 6 – 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	19 HUMP DAY SNACKS	20 JODI'S CHICKEN & SAUSAGE JAMBALAYA BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	21 AUX CHRISTMAS IN JULY TURKEY DINNER 6 - 7:30 BACKWOOD BOYS	22 JIMBO & DEBBIE KARAOKE
23 AUX PANCAKES PLUS BREAKFAST 8:00 – 11:00	24	25 DISASTER PREP KING RANCH CHICKEN	26 HUMP DAY SNACKS	27 AUX BAKED ENCHILADAS & MORE BY MARI	28 ALR FRENCH DIP SANDWICHES 6 - 7:30 ROCKIN' MACHINE	29 KAREN KARAOKE
30 SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00	31	HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM		BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM		

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