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Commander's Report



Once again, I would like to start out by thanking everyone for having faith in me and reelecting me as your Commander of American Legion Post 283. I think we have a great group of Officer's and will continue the work that the previous Officers started.

Just remember, my door is always open for input on how things could be improved! On July 8th, all the incoming Officers were installed by our mighty 5th District Officers followed by a great meal.

With that said, the post had a very good July. On the 4th of July, we had an outstanding Open House and had some new members join our ranks. The food was great and I appreciate all the volunteers who showed up to help, I received lots of praises on our Volunteers. Thanks to all that served your fellow veterans and their families.

We had a Blood Drive on July 16th, thank you to all that came out to donate. Keep an eye on your Newsletter to see when the next one is. Hopefully those that can donate will come and try. Remember that even if you are unable to donate you still get a free breakfast for trying.

The post also received letters from the young men we sent to Boy's State. They all seemed to have learned a lot. Their letters are posted on the legion board in the hall. Overall it was a very good month at the post.

The 2018 membership cards are here so you may now, renew online, by mail or you can stop by the Post and pick up your new membership cards. If you wish to pick up your card instead of waiting on the mail, give the bartender your renewal and let them know you will pick it up at the bar.

If you receive a Renewal notice after you receive your card, please disregard. The local Posts' do not control the issuing of renewal notices, they come from a data base maintained by the American Legion HQ in Indianapolis, IN. All dues are transmitted as quickly as possible to the Department of Florida Membership Chairman however; there will be times where our transmittal and renewal reminders cross in the mail. I apologize for any confusion this may cause. Please come by the post and renew your membership so we can invite you to the early bird dinner for everyone who gets their cards by November 1st. if you are over 70 years of age, and have 5 years continuous membership, your dues are \$29. You must pay by mail or stop by the post. You will not be able to renew online for \$29

The United States Coast Guard is celebrating its 226rd birthday on August 4th. They were founded in 1790 as part of the Department of Treasury. Happy Birthday!!!

The Auxiliary and SAL will be cooking up breakfast four times this month. Come out on the 6th, 13th, 20th, and the 27th. from 830 am till 11 am. It is a very good deal. Please check out the calendar for the other activities happening at the post.

Looking ahead on August 16th we will be starting a new game night. We will have "The Survey Says" starting on Wednesday. So, come out and try to match the answers given to survey questions. support our newest game night.

August 26th, we are having a legion cleanup day that will start at around 7 a.m. We need the support from our Legion family to come out and make our Legion beautiful, all your help is greatly appreciated. Our Legion will be in the public eye with two of our big events following in a few weeks. On the weekend of the 23th, it is the American Legion Riders 5 Star motorcycle run, fundraising event that will bring people from all over to our post including possible news team coverage, so it's very important to have our post looking as sharp as possible!! On October 8th, we are sponsoring the 5th district at our post for their official visit. Let's get out and make our Legion the one that visiting Legions would like to emulate, as our Legion is the greatest place to come to for food, fun and fellowship.

Post 283 American Legion Riders are having their 10th annual poker run on the 23th of September. All proceeds are going to support the Five Star Veterans center. Help them out if you can and put it on your calendar and tell your friends. There are also opportunities and different levels of sponsorship available. There will be a band DCMS and the Legion will have an open house that day. Hope to see you at the post.

For God and Country
Jim Welch Post 283 Commander
Cell: 904-710-3925 FloridaLegion283.org

1st Vice Report

Greetings American Legion Post 283 it is hard to believe August is already here! I am honored to be your new 1st Vice Commander and am excited about working with all of the newly appointed officers as well as each of you this year.

The membership program is off and running. Our first post goal is 50% by 06 September 2017. Watch our progress on the Legion board, it will be posted. Please renew for 2018 at your soonest convenience. You can leave your payment with me or Nancy directly. Another

option is to leave your payment with a copy of your 2017 card in an envelope with your name and stating renewal for 2018 in the LEGION box by the bar. We will process your new card and it will be available for pick-up at the bar for 5 days. If not retrieved in that time frame we will mail it to you. Too busy to stop by in person this is no problem. You can go online to renew by visiting www.legion.org/renew but please ensure you click on Post 283. Another effective way to renew is through the mail. You can mail your dues to:

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

Nancy or I can be contacted at nombuestar@att.net or spageau_70@yahoo.com should you have any questions or need assistance with Legion membership.

As always new members as well as transfers are welcome so if you know anyone that meets the eligibility criteria to join invite them out to see what we are all about. I can tell you from traveling around the 5th District we are a busy post with a lot going on. We have a lot to offer in ways of programs and events.

Membership in the American Legion as a Legionnaire is reserved exclusively for those that have served in a time of war. The dates listed below are mandated by the United States Congress in the charter they have granted 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 - PRESENT
- GULF WAR/WAR ON TERRORISM
- DEC 20, 1989 - JAN 31, 1990 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 the 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.

We would like to welcome our new members to American Legion Post 283. Welcome to the top post in Florida.

New members for July are:

GARY W. REED	ARMY
FRANCIS PAGEAU	ARMY
JACOB ALARCON	MARINES(AD)
PATRICK M FROST	MARINES
DAVID BISHOP	NAVY(AD)
DAVID SEARLES	NAVY(AD)
JOSEPH B JULIAN	NAVY(AD)
JACOB SEEKINS	NAVY(AD)
WILLIAM BURTON	NAVY
DANEIL SPEARIN	NAVY
GREG NOWLIN	NAVY
RACHEL MCCRAE	NAVY

TYRELLE HINES	NAVY
WILLIAM B. BARNHILL	NAVY
ALFRED POLLOCK	NAVY
DAVID AL KULISH	NAVY

Transfers are:

DAVID E. BROWN	NAVY/POST 0197
CAROL M KLINE	NAVY/POST 0400
DANNY BOLBECKER	AIR FORCE/POST 0945 (PA)
CARL OCAMPO	AIR FORCE/POST 0833(NY)
HENRY R. BLAND	MARINES/POST 0208(FL)
DAVID F WRIGHT	MARINES/POST 0250

For God and Country,
Scott Pageau
Post 283 1ST Vice
5th District Historian
5th District Law and Order Chairman
Cell: 904-422-6055

2nd Vice Report

Hello Legion Family. I am proud to be your new 2nd vice commander. Congratulations to all of our newly elected officers. A special thanks to Tom "Too Tall" Harris for his outstanding service to Squadron 283. His mentoring of myself and all of the kitchen crew has been a blast and a great experience. You are always welcome in OUR kitchen Tom.

Legion Steak Night went very well last month and will continue to thrive as we have started using a new supplier. Come out on Aug. 4th and see for yourselves. Thanks to Ken, Brenda, Harry, Tom and Jerry for serving over 100 meals on Independence Day. Our volunteers always do a great job. Feel free to get involved and help out whenever you can, even if it's just taking out the trash or washing a few dishes, it WILL be appreciated. See you at the post.

Richie Sours
Post 283 2nd Vice Commander

3rd Vice Report

I am extremely honored and excited to be serving as 3rd Vice for this year. First and foremost I would like to thank Martha Nelson and Scott Pageau for the outstanding job they both did as 3rd Vice last year. Your hard work and dedication to the programs supported by American Legion Post 283 was truly appreciated by all. I am looking forward to continuing and expanding on the relationships/programs you both patiently nurtured which have had such a positive impact on so many.

Your help is needed to keep our programs going. Many volunteer and chairman opportunities are available to help our youth of today be good citizens and the legionnaire's of the future. Please contact me at Lena.nullwood@gmail.com if you are interested in a chairmanship, volunteering or getting involved in great programs.

American Legion 283 Programs include: Children and Youth; Boy Scouts of America; JROTC/ROTC; Americanism; Scholarships; American Legion School Awards; Teacher of the Year; Boys State; Oratorical competition; Junior Shooting Sports; employer rewards; Law and Order; School Medals; Women Veterans Advocacy; Florida Youth Law Cadet Academy; Homeless Veteran Outreach; Special Olympics; POW/MIA Remembrance. For more

information on all programs please go to
<https://www.floridalegion.org/programs-services>

Our five Boys State delegates have returned from Tallahassee. We will be having a Boy/Girl State meet and greet on 13 August 2017 from 1-3 in the hall. Please join us to hear about each of their experiences. Our two Department of Florida Youth Law Cadet candidates have returned from the Florida Highway Patrol Academy in Havana, Florida. They had an excellent time and a great learning opportunity. We will be scheduling a time for them to attend a meeting to give us some feedback on their experiences. Our Thanks to all who came out to support the July 16th blood drive. Your blood can save some one's life. Our next blood drive will be held on 10 September 2017 from 7:30 am till 12:30 pm to run in conjunction with our 9/11 Ceremonies. Hope to see you there

For God and Country,
Lena Null Wood

American Legion Post 283 3rd Vice Commander
American Legion Post 283 Blood Drive Chairman

SAL Report



I want everyone to know that it is an extreme honor for me to be serving as your Squadron 283 Commander this year. I am taking on that responsibility very seriously. However, I am not feeling any anxiety concerning getting the business of the

Squadron done. I am fortunate to have an awesome group of Officers serving with me, not to mention the many other SAL Members who constantly pitch in to help. Past Commander Harris will also be there to offer his help if / when I may need it. I'm excited just thinking about the things coming up this year.

I get asked frequently why I spend more time with the SAL instead of the Legion, being as I am a Legionnaire. The answer is simple. Although I am a Legionnaire first, I want to contribute wherever I feel the Post Family needs me. Commander Welch, in my opinion, has been doing an excellent job, and he's got great Officers working with him. If it isn't broke, don't fix it. I very much believe in the entire Legion Family supporting each other, and we do that as well as any Post in the Department. I look forward to doing my part in helping the SAL support the rest of the family.

It will be business as usual for the SAL, as things are running great, and the results are phenomenal. I do have a couple of things up my sleeve for our Squadron this year, but I will disclose when the time is right.

Please take note of the new email address below.

For God and Country!

Jeff Lafferty

Squadron 283 Commander

SALcommander@floridalegion283.org

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 Scullo, 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



The Rider's next general meeting will be Saturday, Aug 5th @ 9 am. We will be going on the Poker Run Pre ride after this meeting.

At the July meeting, we had 45 members and 2 guests who added \$54.00 to the Rider Down Fund. Please turn in all miles, hours and donations to Rodney.

Mark your calendars on Nov 11th we will have the Rider Picnic. Please see Debbie Collins if you would like to help. We have set a goal of 100% Rider members registration for this year's Poker Run. Please join us for the next Poker Run meeting Thursday, Aug 10th @ 7 pm. Our next dinner will be Aug 25th. Come on out and support the Riders and/or volunteer. We can always use the extra help.

Wednesday, Aug 23rd will be Military Appreciation night at the Jumbo Shrimp game. Matt Altman will be signing the National Anthem. If you would like to sit with us in a group, please see me as I am working with the Shrimp to get a block of tickets together.

Ride hard, ride safe, always enjoy the ride.

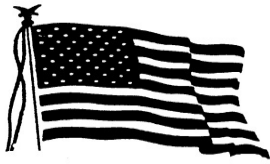
Remember, it's about the journey not the destination!

Cheryl Altman

Director Chapter 283

Alr283director@gmail.com

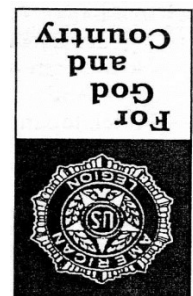
Join us for the Jags games every Thursday!



American Legion Post 283 August 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS		1 SAL PIZZA 6 – 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	2 SAL MEETING 7PM	3 SOFTBALL BANG BANG SHRIMP PASTA BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	4 LEGION STEAK DINNER 6 – 7:30 SIDEWALK 65	5 ALR MEETING 9AM BRISTOL KARAOKE
	6 AUX PANCAKES PLUS BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00	7	8 DISASTER PREP STUFFED SHELLS 6 – 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	9 HUMP DAY SNACKS AUX MEETINGS EXEC – 6:30PM GENERAL – 7PM	10 AUX BAKED ZITI BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	11 SAL FISH FRY DINNER 6 – 7:30 DOUBLE DOWN
13 SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00	14 LEGION MEETINGS EXEC 6:30 PM GENERAL 7PM	15 SAL PIZZA 6 – 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	16 HUMP DAY SNACKS SURVEY SAYS (FAMILY FEUD) 7 – 9 SAUSAGE DOGS	17 AUX HOT TAMALE PIE BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	18 AUX BAKED HAM W/MAC & CHEESE 6 – 7:30 BLACK CREEK RISING	19 BRISTOL KARAOKE
20 AUX PANCAKES PLUS BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00	21	22 SAL BACON CHEESEBURGERS 6 – 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	23 HUMP DAY SNACKS	24 GIRLS' STATE PASTRAMI SLIDERS BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	25 ALR RED BEANS & RICE W/SAUSAGE 6 - 7:30 SPEKTRA	26 POST CLEAN UP DAY 7 am – 'til JIMBO & DEBBIE KARAOKE
27 SAL BREAKFAST 8:00 – 11:00	28	29 AUX SPAGHETTI DINNER HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	30 HUMP DAY SNACKS	31 DISASTER PREP TATER TOT CASSEROLE BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM		

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