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Commander's Report



What a great start to the New Year. We had a calendar full of events last month. February 2nd started it off with the Steak dinner, on the 4th we had a HUGE turnout for Super Bowl 52, it was Bring a dish, which was a huge success!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Bring a dish, all the food was Awesome. On the 9th the Auxiliary had a wonderful Valentine's dinner. We ended the month with the ALR Annual Chili Cook off.

March's events start with the Mardi Gras Dinner On the 2nd, Steak night will be the 9th

Our Quarterly Blood drive is the 18th stop by. When you give the gift of life, your Auxiliary Pancake Breakfast is free. The American Legion's Birthday is the 15th and Auxiliary's St. Patrick's Day dinner is the 16th.

Registration is now open for the 100th Annual Department of Florida American Legion Convention at the Orlando World center Marriott from July 5th - July 8th. The phone number is (407) 351-5555. For more information go to the Legion web site.

It's that time of the year for Election Nominations. Nominations will be on March 12th, April 9th, and May 14th at the general membership meetings. Elections will be on June 9th 7 a. m. till 7 p. m. all you need to do is stop by the Post with your 2018 card to vote. Thank you for all your support!

For God and Country

Jim Welch Post 283 Commander

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1st Vice Report

March is upon us American Legion Post 283! Great news, we met our goal of 90% for February and are moving in the right direction to meet our next goal of 95% on March 7th. We have a great post that does so many great and positive things within our community. Let's keep the push on to meet our 100% goal for the 2018 year. Keep telling people how awesome our post is and get in all the new members and transfers we can while reminding those that haven't renewed yet we need them, so we need them to do so. Nothing short of 100%! **Go 283!**

There are many ways to renew your membership. 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? 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 mombuestar@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 and the Department 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 a minimum of 5 years **consecutively** your dues are \$29.00. For everyone else 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 February are:

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|-----------------|------|
| ROBERT MCKINZIE | ARMY |
| JOHN WELLS | NAVY |
| DEXTER GRAHAM | NAVY |
| DOUG INGERSOLL | NAVY |
| ALLISON KOSTERS | NAVY |
| MARY CRIGGER | NAVY |
| JOHN CRIGGER | NAVY |
| WINDRA CURLY | NAVY |

DAN KARNUTH NAVY
MICHAEL E. PINDELL NAVY
J.B. PRESSLEY NAVY
ERNEST JOHNSON NAVY

February transfers are:

JACK B, SHANKLIN JR NAVY – POST 137
JAY B PRESSLEY NAVY – POST 268 RIVIERA BEACH
For God and Country,
Scott Pageau
Post 283 1ST Vice
5th District Historian & Law and Order Chairman
Cell: 904-422-6055

2nd Vice Report

Another month is in the books. We started off early with a great Steak Night on the 2nd. We're serving over 100 Grilled Ribeye Dinners every month. Thanks to all the volunteers and diners for the support. Steak Night is moving to the 9th in March as the ALR are putting on a Mardi Gras Dinner on the 2nd.

We had another Cadillac Tournament on the 3rd in the hall. It was a great time and the participation is growing. Come out and join the fun on March 10th at 3pm and bring your favorite dish to share with the other players.

Our Live Bingo every Thursday night at 6:30 is still going strong. Come out and try your luck at winning part of the \$750 payout. A hot meal is also served before the games start. A special thanks goes out to Tony Verone, Ray Scialli, and Lind Nogle for all their help setting up and calling the games. Don Collins is great about coming in with little notice to help out when some of us have other obligations. I understand we had some guest callers while I was away on the 15th and fun was had by all.

Survey Says is on the 21st this month. Come out and play this Family Fued" style game and enjoy a meal before the fun begins.

Our post has the honor of hosting the 5th District Picnic this year on April 21st. We will be having our annual Chip, Toss, and Shoot and the 1st annual Kids Fishing Tournament the same day. Watch the bulletin boards for more details.

I'll see you at the post!

Richie Sours
Post 283 2nd Vice Commander
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3rd Vice Report

Congratulations to Brennan Conley for doing an outstanding job representing American Legion 283 at the Districts Oratorical Competition held February 10, 2018. Our next Blood drive will be held on March 18th 2018. Your donations help save lives. Thank you to all those who donate!

I would like to thank all our volunteers that assist us with various programs, dinners, and activities at the legion. We couldn't do what we do without you.

We are currently seeking applicants for Boys State Program. The applicant interview process has begun. For more information and applications for Boys State, please visit www.floridalegion.org/program and open Boys

State link and/or feel free to contact me at lerna.nullwood@gmail.com or 904 334 3715 Limited slots are available.

Are your children/students needing volunteer hours to complete Bright Future Community Service Hours? If so, there are many volunteer opportunities available at the Post. Please contact me for more information and scheduling,

Finally, there are many college scholarship programs being offered by the American Legion. Please go to www.floridalegion.org/scholarships to investigate possible scholarships students may be eligible for. Application deadlines are fast approaching.

Lena Null Wood
Post 283 3rd Vice Commander
Blood Drive Chairman
ROTC/JROTC Chairman
Children and Youth Chairman



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!
THE ANNUAL MARDI
GRAS PARTY WILL BE ON
MARCH 2, 2018**

SAL Report

SPRING IS IN THE AIR!!

March is one of my favorite months of the year. Daylight Savings Time begins on the 11th, and the official first day of spring is the 20th.

As of this writing (Feb. 16th), our membership is at 84%. That is great! However, we are at that time

of year where we have hit a lull. To compensate, our 1st Vice, with the help of the 2nd Vice, Richie, and myself, mailed a personal letter to every Squadron member who has not renewed for 2018. We did this last year with much success. With that said, if you know of anyone who has not renewed, please encourage them to do so.

It's that time of year again for us to prepare for elections. As required, we will hold three rounds of nominations before elections taking place. We will do so at our General Meetings in March, April, and May. We will have elections at the June General Meeting. Nominees must be present to except. Installation will be in July. Our Elected Positions are Commander, Finance Officer, Chaplain, 1st Vice, 2nd Vice, and Sgt. At Arms. All other positions are appointed.

Our 2nd Vice has done an outstanding job all year of gathering volunteers to help him pull off all of the awesome meals and events our squadron hosts. I want to thank each and every one of you who has helped out. Without you, we could not accomplish the great things we do. For those of you who would like to volunteer, there is plenty of opportunity. Just see Jim and he will welcome you to enjoy the fun in the kitchen.

April 21st is our **Squadron 283 Annual Chip, Toss, Shoot Event!!** This event is always a huge success, and everyone has a blast. This year, we will start the day with our **1st Annual Kids' Fishing Tournament.** The catfish are getting pretty big, so the kids should have a ball. For details, or if you want to help with this, see TW. Additionally, on top of all of that, we will also be hosting **the 5th District Picnic.** The District Leadership has asked the SAL 5th District Commander (Squadron 283 Past Commander Tom "Too Tall" Harris), to coordinate the Picnic. Tom has formed committees to do this. If you want to volunteer to help in any way, see Too Tall. You will have helped support all of the Programs our Legion Family is involved with to help our Veterans, their Families, and Children and Youth. I also promise you will have a great time doing it.

God Bless America, and God Bless our Troops!
For God and Country!

Jeff Lafferty

Squadron 283 Commander

SALcommander@floridalegion283.org

Auxiliary President's Report



Spring is in the air it's March

🌸🌸remember we have the best party ever coming March 2nd. Ella and Phil Jansen's Mardi Gras you're in for a night of excitement. We will be starting nomination for Officers the list is on our bulletin board so please sign up or see

your election chairman Jane Burley and her committee Brenda Findley, Patti Hill and Jane Lafferty. If you have any questions about the office you would like to run for the nominating committee can answer them. March 14th is our next meeting executive at 6:00 and General Membership at 7:00. If you would like to bring a snack or donate door prizes please see Brenda Findley or Patti Hill. March 24th is our ABC school at post 88 8:30 registration 9:00 class a lite breakfast and lunch will be served so we will need a head count.

Our children's Easter party is March 24th from one to 3:00 so we will have sign up sheet on bulletin board.

I would like to take the time to Thank everyone that donated to the basket of cheer for our Valentine's raffle it was a great turn out as always. Mari Geriok and her crew did a wonderful job. Patti Hill and Jean (bartender) did a beautiful job on decorations.

Remember what we are here for our Veterans not ourselves. Keep the smiles☺☐on their faces. Keep doing what you do it's wonderful.

For God and Country
Michelle Mohilchock
Unit President



Legion Rider Director's Report



It is time to start deciding who we as Riders would like as officers for the 2018 year. We will start nominations at the March General Meeting. If you would like to be an officer or would like to see what is involved in any officer position you can talk to any current or past officer for more information.

The weather is starting to warm up and riding will be increasing as that happens.

Phil and Ella's famous Mardi Gras dinner will be Friday, March 2nd.

The ALR General Meeting will be Saturday, March 3rd @ 9 am.

Daytona Bike Week is March 9th thru the 18th. Please remember, when in our cages (cars) there will be many extra bikes on the roads for those 2 weeks.

Our Annual Camping Trip will be Apr 6th - 8th. The cost will be \$55 per person. Sign-up sheet on the ALR board.

The 6th Annual Florida ALR Unity Run will be Apr 7th - 14th.

Starting at AL Post 54, Fernandina Bch, FL
Ending AL Post 392 Panama City Bch, FL.

Please note this is a multi-state run (FL, GA, AL, MS, LA).

You can register online at the Florida Legion site on the Riders page. (www.floridalegion.org)

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

Our Flag

by William A. Predeau

IT FLIES HIGH UP IN THE SKIES
FOR ALL THE WORLD TO SEE
A BEAUTIFUL SYMBOL OF THIS LAND
OF FREEDOM AND LIBERTY

IT'S FLOWN FOR OVER 200 YEARS
ABOVE THIS WONDEROUS LAND
AND MANY A SOLDIER GAVE HIS LIFE
TO ENSURE IT CONTINUES TO STAND

WHEN FORMER POWS WERE ASKED
WHAT HELPED TO GET THEM THROUGH
MANY SHOWED TATTERED PIECES OF CLOTH
OF THE COLORS RED, WHITE AND BLUE

SO LET US NOT FORGET THE MEN
WHO FORGED THIS LAND WE LOVE
AND THE SYMBOL THEY CREATED
TO FLY THE SKIES ABOVE

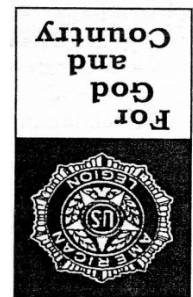
REMEMBER TO HONOR THIS BEAUTIFUL FLAG
EVERY TIME IT PASSES YOU BY
STAND AND SHOW THE PROPER RESPECT
AND LONG MAY IT CONTINUE TO FLY



American Legion Post 283 March 2018

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS | | | | 1 AUX CHICKEN, MASHED TATERS & GRAVY BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM | 2 ALR MARDI GRAS PARTY 6 - 7:30 SPEKTRA | 3 ALR MEETING 9AM BRISTOL KARAOKE |
| 4 AUX BREAKFAST 8:30 - 11:00 | 5 | 6 SAL PIZZA 5:30 - 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM | 7 HUMP DAY SNACKS SAL MEETING 7:00 PM | 8 AUX SPAGHETTI BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM | 9 LEGION STEAK NIGHT 6:00 - 7:30 RIO GRANDE | 10 JIMBO & DEBBIE KARAOKE |
| 11 SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 - 11:00 | 12 LEGION MEETINGS EXEC 6:30 PM GENERAL 7PM | 13 DISASTER PREP MEATBALL SUBS 6:00 - 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM | 14 HUMP DAY SNACKS AUX MEETINGS EXEC - 6:00 PM GENERAL - 7PM | 15 AUX MEATLOAF BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM | 16 AUX ST. PATRICK'S DAY CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE SIDEWALK 65 | 17 BRISTOL KARAOKE |
| 18 AUX BREAKFAST 8:30 - 11:00 BLOOD DRIVE 7:30 - 12:00 | 19 | 20 SAL PIZZA 5:30 - 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM | 21 HUMP DAY SNACKS SURVEY SAYS 7PM CHEESEBURGERS 6 - 7:30 | 22 AUX TACO SOUP BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM | 23 SAL FISH FRY 6 - 7:30 CAT 5 | 24 CHILDREN'S EASTER PARTY 1:00 - 3:00 JIMBO & DEBBIE KARAOKE |
| 25 SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 - 11:00 | 26 | 27 SAL PULLED PORK 6 - 7:30 HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM | 28 HUMP DAY SNACKS | 29 AUX PORK ROAST BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM | 30 DISASTER PREP HARRY'S PHILLY CHEESESTEAK 6 - 7:30 LIVE BAND | 31 KARAOKE |

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