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Commander's Report



Hello. I hope everyone is doing good. It has been a Busy time at the Post with the Riders Chili cook off and the Mardi Gras Party both were very good thank you for all your hard work.

Look for our American Legion Post 283 Youth Baseball Wolves to be

getting their season started soon. so, come out and support our team, the schedule will be on the general board.

On April 8th Terry Parker ROTC will be doing a Car wash at 8:30 a.m.

Don't forget will be hosting the 5th District Annual Picnic Saturday April 21st with the Kids Fishing Tournament ages 4 through 12 years old. To coincide with our Annual Chip, Toss and Shoot Event. come out and have some fun

April the 28th we will sponsor a walk for Veterans at 10 a. m. there will be a \$20 donation to participate in the walk, which includes a t-shirt. All proceeds will be going to the K-9 for Warriors Charity. The walk chairman will be posting a signup sheet soon. Hope to see you there.

The 99th Annual Department of Florida American Legion Convention will be held at The Orlando World Center Marriott from July 5th -July 8th. To make a reservation call (407) 351-5555 and make sure you ask for the legion group of rooms. For more information you can go to web site, floridalegion.org. The flyer and itinerary are also posted on the bulletin board at the Post.

At the April meeting there will be a motion to name the Post after Mr. James Gilleo who was Marine Gunny Sergeant stationed on board the USS Leyte in 1953 when there an explosion in the catapult room while the ship in the port. He risked his life to help save Sailors, Marines and Civilians. After being injured, he was taken by ambulance to the Hospital. Knowing there were others still on the Leyte, Gunny jumped out of the ambulance and rushed back to help rescue several other people on board the Ship. He also served in Combat Action against enemy forces in Korea and Vietnam.

Mr. Gilleo had been a continuous member of Post 283 for 43 Years where he served both the Post and the Squadron in various positions including Commander and Chaplin.

Nominations for next year's Legionnaire Officers were accepted at the last general membership meeting and will continue April 9th and May 14th during our General Membership Meeting. May will be the last opportunity for nominations. Elections will be June 9th from 7am until 7pm. Nominees so far are: Commander – Scott Pageau , 1st Vice –Jeff Lafferty , 2nd Vice –open, 3rd Vice –Lena Null Wood, Finance Officer – Bill Curnutte, Sgt-at-Arms – open, Asst Sgt-at-Arms – David

Brown, Historian – Denise Houltzhouser, Chaplain – John Hugus , Executive Committee – Larry Collier, Dean Altizer, Board of Directors – Terry Repko.

If you have not renewed for 2018, please do so and help us reach our goal of 100% + 1 by May 2nd
Thank you for all your support!

For God and Country
Jim Welch Post 283 Commander
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1st Vice Report

Spring is upon us 283! Our quest to meet our 100% goal is so close to being achieved. Our goal for 07 March 2018 was 95%. Unfortunately, we only missed meeting by one card just missing the mark at 94.87%. We are keeping the last-minute press on as we sprint for the finish line. Our goal of 100% has been set for 04 April 2018.

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 March are:

JOHN SORRELL	MARINES
KEN BRADFORD	NAVY
MICHAEL LITZ	NAVY
KENNETH BRUMMET	ARMY
SONYA PHILLIPS	NAVY
SUSAN MORK	MARINES
SHANE PHILLIPS	NAVY
SHAWN STEBBINS	NAVY

March transfers are:

CHARLES TOWER	NAVY – POST 400
LISA GORMAN	NAVY – POST 129
DONALD MARONEY	NAVY – POST 316
MICHAEL WATLEY	NAVY – POST 316

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

2nd Vice Report

We had a great steak night last month. We offered swordfish as an option for all the members observing Lent. They were very good and we served 12 dinners. We also served over 100 Ribeye dinners. A great group of volunteers made for a smooth dinner service and an enjoyable night for the incredibly large crowd. We will again be offering swordfish steaks as an option the the Ribeyes this month. Come out for a great meal and stay for music and dancing.

Survey Says is going strong on the third Wednesday of every month. Join us on April 18th for a night of fun. Cheeseburgers will be served before the game begins.

Thursday Night Live Bingo is a great way to relax, have a nice meal, and possibly take home part of our \$750 weekly payout. The games start at 6:30 and dinner is served beforehand.

The Cadillac Tournament was a little short of players last month. We have changed a few things to make the games go faster so there is not a lot of waiting around. Come out on the 18th starting at 3pm(or show up when you can) and bring a snack to share. Guaranteed fun and good food will be had.

April 21st promises to be a fun filled day at the post beginning with the 1st annual Kids Fishing Tournament and moving right into the SAL Chip, Toss, & Shoot event. All of this will be in conjunction with the 5th

District Picnic. Come out for a day of fun and food while supporting your American Legion Post and District.

I'll see you at the post!

Richie Sours

Post 283 2nd Vice Commander

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3rd Vice Report

Thank you to all those who donated much needed blood to Florida Blood Banks on March 18th. Your donations help save lives. Our next blood drive is scheduled for May 13, 2018.

We are currently seeking applicants for Law Cadet Program. Please visit www.floridalegion.org/program and open Law Cadet resource link to download an application and/or feel free to contact me at lenna.nullwood@gmail.com or 904 334 3715 Limited slots are available.

Terry Parker ROTC will be conducting fundraising car washes at the Legion Post 283 on Sunday April 8th and Sunday May 22. Please come out get your car washed, eat breakfast by SAL and help the ROTC unit raise much needed funds.

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

SAL Report

Welcome to Spring everybody!!

The flowers are blooming and the Harley's are booming. What a great time of year.

As of this writing (March 19th), our membership is at 93.45%. The mailings we sent out have been paying off. They have also helped us in identifying bad addresses. Let's keep pushing hard. We're almost there. Please encourage anyone you know who has not renewed to do so.

Round one of our 2017-2018 Squadron Officers is complete. We also voted to add a 3rd Vice Commander position this year. The elected person will be responsible for all SAL Children and Youth Programs. We decided to add this as the result of our decision to sponsor an American Legion Baseball Team. The results of our nominations so far are:

Commander – Jeff Lafferty
 Finance Officer – Danny Hill
 Chaplain – Johnny Quinn
 1st Vice Commander – Val Maurer
 2nd Vice Commander – Jim Mullay



3rd Vice Commander – Terri Phyllips

We have also made the decision to add the position of Assistant SGT at Arms. This is an appointed position. **Harry Shuman graciously accepted the position!**
Thank you Harry! Congratulations!

REMINDER! REMINDER! 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 at 8:00 AM 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 here and the weather is getting warmer. Remember elections are coming up in May, nominations started in March. If you are interested in being an officer the sign up sheet is on the Auxiliary Bulletin board.

Your nominating committee is Patti Hill, Jane Lafferty and Brenda Findley so you can also see one of the nominating committee members. We will be doing nominations at our next meeting April 11th so if you are interested come join the meeting. Elections will be on our May 9th meeting. If anyone is interested in going to Convention or DCC contact me by email or please contact by phone.

Remember the Auxiliary will not be doing breakfast on Easter Sunday so you may spend it with your families.

Our 5th District Meeting is April 8th at Post 54 at 2:00 pm.

The Auxiliary has Bingo dinners on the 12th, the 19th and the 26th of April. Auxiliary Breakfast are the 15th and the 29th of April.

If there is a chairmanship you would like to do please come and we will give you information on the chairmanship you are interested in any one of the officers can help direct to in the right direction.

HAPPY EASTER TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

For God and Country

Michelle Mohilchock

Unit President

Legion Rider Director's Report

Spring is here let the riding begin!

It is time to start deciding who we as Riders would like as officers for the 2018 year. We will continue nominations at the April 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.

April is Round Robin month so be sure to log onto the www.floridalegion.org and sign up for your rides this month. Every mile we ride puts the 5th district one mile closer to the Round Robin trophy.

The ALR General Meeting will be Saturday, April 14 @ 9 am. (Please note the date change)

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

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I Love America

by Donna Wade

America, red, white, and blue
The country that I love
I'll defend this land with all I have
Until my life is done

And if I die in battle
Hang my medals high
For I want to be remembered
For my honor and my pride

Send me home to family
And tell them I was brave
I fought just like a soldier should
Until my dying day.

Mama I am sorry
I tried to make you proud
But fighting for my country
Was never something you allowed.

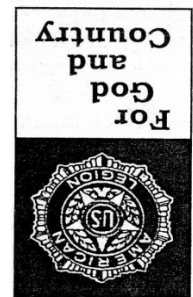
I fight for all our freedom
The lives of you and me
I wish it could be easier
But freedom don't come free



American Legion Post 283 April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Happy Easter</i>	2	3 SAL PIZZA 5:30 – 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	4 HUMP DAY SNACKS SAL MEETING 7:00 PM	5 AUX SPAGHETTI DINNER BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	6 LEGION STEAK NIGHT 6:00 – 7:30 GUITAR RED	7 CADILLAC TOURNAMENT BRING A DISH 3PM JIMBO & DEBBIE
8 SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00 ROTC CAR WASH 8 - NOON	9 LEGION MEETINGS EXEC 6:30 PM GENERAL 7PM	10 SAL ITALIAN ROAST 5:30 – 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	11 HUMP DAY SNACKS AUX MEETINGS EXEC – 6:00 PM GENERAL – 7PM	12 AUX SHISH KABOB BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	13 SAL FISH FRY 6:00 – 7:30 BAND ON THE RUN	14 ALR MEETING 9AM BRISTOL KARAOKE
15 AUX BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00	16	17 SAL PIZZA 5:30 – 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	18 HUMP DAY SNACKS SURVEY SAYS 7PM CHEESEBURGERS 6 – 7:30	19 AUX CASSEROLE SURPRISE BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	20 AUX MEATLOAF DINNER DOUBLE DOWN	21 JIMBO & DEBBIE KARAOKE
22 SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00	23	24 DISASTER PREP CHIX POT PIE 6:00 – 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	25 HUMP DAY SNACKS	26 AUX TACO SOUP BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	27 SAL SALISBURY STEAK 6 – 7:30 SPEKTRA	28 BRISTOL KARAOKE
29 AUX BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00	30		MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS			

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