



Commander's Report



January is gone and we are into the post-holiday spirit.

Much appreciation goes to the Volunteers that assisted for the Legion Steak night it was a much needed and welcomed by everyone.

I would like to see more legionnaires help out in the kitchen, so we do not have to rely on the SAL, AUX to assist. They have their own dinners to prepare for so I am challenging you to come out and show your support. While we have the meals planned it is only 2 times a month so let get this handled.

I would like to thank all of you for making Post 283 the best Post in the Department of Florida.

It's getting to be that time again to start thinking about the upcoming post elections so if you want to be part of the resolution then come out and volunteer to be a member of the greatest team in Florida.

Come by and see all your friends.
For God & Country
Randy Whisman
Post 283 Commander

1st Vice Report

Our post is now up to 80% but we are not there yet. Covid has taken a toll on all American Legion Posts but with online

renewal makes it simple. So if you know someone who hasn't responded yet urge them to read the calendar and see what we are doing. We are an awesome post doing great things for the community.

I thought I would start listing our new members and transfers. We welcome them all.

- Randy Wickowski
- Vincent Rondinone
- John Street
- Darrin Green
- Rosario Marchione
- David Cooter
- Amber Lehman
- Christopher Mays
- Paul Bryant
- James McAlister
- Juan Semidey
- Joseph Coulombe
- Jack Caulkins
- Robert Green

Did you miss the last Town Hall Meeting? Well, the quarterly meeting is back on February 23rd at 6:30 pm. There were some great questions and vivid discussions. So, what to know where your Legion Family is headed? Come to the meeting and submit your questions. Like last time, I will place a drop box for questions by the main entrance door.

For the upcoming information on the newest Homeless Veteran Stand Down in Northeast Florida. It is a three-day event starting the last day of September. Meetings have started so if you are interested let me know.

For God and Country
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SAL Report

We're getting closer to meeting our Squadron 100% goal as we are currently 89% membership. If you know of members who have not renewed their membership, please encourage them to do so now.

Beginning the first meeting in March, as required by Detachment, we will hold the first round of Squadron officer's nominations. If you are interested in holding a position, please attend the meeting to accept if nominated. Officer's positions are Commander, 1st Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander, Finance Officer, Chaplin and Sargent at Arms.

I would like to pass on some information as passed on by Detachment regarding volunteering. If you are a Legion, Auxiliary or Squadron Rider member who is volunteering for a Squadron event, those hours can be counted twice. So, it's important you report your hours throughout the year which are then reported to Detachment in my Commanders Consolidated Year-End Report. If you are a Squadron member who is volunteering for another's group event for a charity fund raising, even though those funds go directly to that groups event, you need to report those hours to the Squadron Commander or Adjutant. Those hours can be reported to Detachment for a total sum of \$28.00 per hour and reported as a donation being we did not receive any funds raised for the charity receiving the funds as a charity donation. You can also report 53 cents per mile. So, it's extremely important you report any hours and milage you provided for another's group event.

The 2022 National Special Olympics' Event will be held in Orlando. Further information is forthcoming.

On another note, the Detachment of Florida won the National Child Welfare

Foundation Award with a total donation of \$50,000.00. This year in Florida, between all Legion groups, a total of \$80,000.00 was donated to CWF with \$61,000.00 donated by the Squadrons throughout the state. Job well done goes out to all Squadrons throughout the State. And more so, a JOB WELL DONE for all those who volunteer for Squadron 283! It's volunteers like you that make such programs mentioned above a success. Thank You

For God & Country
Tom Harris, SAL Commander

Auxiliary President's Report

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!

Happy Birthday to everyone who is celebrating a February Birthday.

January meeting, we **welcome** 5 transfers and 8 new members.

New member include Beverly Mayo spouse of Richard Mayo 283 Legionnaire, Benjamin Basile spouse of Rene Basile 283 Legionnaire, Patricia Hisman spouse of James Hisman 283 Legionnaire, Kimberly Watts daughter of William Lethio 283 Legionnaire, Pamela Peterson spouse of Bob Peterson 283 Legionnaire, Teena Mallow-Smith daughter of Louis Mallow, Teri-Lyn Sharpe daughter of Harvey Sharpe, Raffaella Santana sister of Rosario Marchion 283 Legionnaire.

Transfers include Pleshette Johnson from PA Unit 771, Sandy Mallow from FL Unit 233, Patsy Carmichael from FL Unit 137, Melita Doran from FL Unit 233, Megan Powanda from VA Unit 327.

REMINDER If you have not paid your 2022 dues you will not be able to get sign in, play Trivia, Bingo, get drinks at the bar.

Sunday, February 6, 7:30am to 12:00pm is our **Blood Drive**. To donate your blood can save a life, or even several if your blood is rare. When you happen to make that donation, you will be able to get a free breakfast. If you can't make it to

this blood drive and you happen to donate, just tell them you would like it to be credited to post 283.

Friday, February 11, at 6:00pm-7:30pm will be our annual Valentine Dinner. We will be serving Shrimp scampi, salad, and dessert.

Kam Sons is raffling Valentine tickets for fun Valentine baskets. Let's get in touch with Kam so you can have a chance winning a basket. \$1.00 for one ticket, \$5.00 for six tickets. If any would like to be involve with the Valentine decoration, please let Brenda Findley or Kam Sons know.

Wednesday, February 23, at 6:30pm will be our second **Town Hall meeting**. Come join us. Everyone is invited.

Saturday, February 5, tentatively set is **ABC School** (Auxiliary Basic Concept) at post 316. Registration starts at 10:00am, school starts at 10:30. Please come and learn more about the Auxiliary. It is surprising what you learn. If there are any changes, I will let you know.

Come join the fun at our breakfasts & dinners to get to know one another.

We have more events going on in the upcoming months, see you soon.

Service Not Self for God and Country
"DARE TO COMMIT" for our Veterans

Nancy Paterson
283 Unit President

Legion Rider Director's Report

Well riders, the 1st month of the new year is over. Hopefully everyone is recovered and healthy. We had some fun last month, going out of town to steal some plaques. Hope to continue that this month if



possible. The ALR summit is coming up on the 3rd of this month. This is a great way to get officer training for current and future officers. Because of summit, our meeting is being postponed 1 week to the 12th at 9am. We have our annual Chile Cook off on the 25th. Sign-up sheet is on the ALR bulletin board. It's open to all so please sign up to see if your Chile is the best. \$125 goes to 1st place and \$75 for the number one loser. It should be a fun event.

As always ride safe.

YOUR MILES AND HOURS count:

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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. Send your submissions to me at

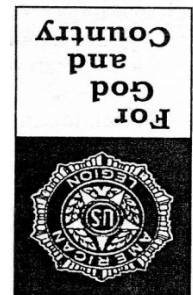
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American Legion Jim J. Gilleo Post 283 February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS		1 SAL MEATBALL SUBS 6:00 – 7:30 TRIVIA 7-9 PM	2 SAL MEETINGS EXEC – 6:00 GENERAL – 6:30	3 ALA STUFFED CHICKEN, SALAD 5:30 – 7:00 BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	4 LEGION STEAK DINNER 6:00 – 7:00 CLOUD 9	5 KARAOKE 7PM BRISTOL
6 SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00	7	8 SAL BACON CHEESEBURGERS 6:00 – 7:30 PM TRIVIA 7-9 PM	9 ALA MEETINGS EXEC – 6:00 PM GENERAL – 7PM	10 ALA MAC & CHEESE, HOT DOGS & MORE 5:30 – 7:00 BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	11 VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER, SHRIMP SCAMPI & MORE 6:00 – 7:00 BACKTRACKS	12 ALR MEETING 9AM SAL & JR MTG 11 - 1 KARAOKE 7PM JIMBO & DEBBIE
13 ALA BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00	14 LEGION MEETINGS EXEC 6:00 PM GENERAL 6:30PM	15 SAL FISH SANDWICHES 6:00 – 7:30 TRIVIA 7-9 PM	16 SURVEY SAYS 7PM CHEESEBURGERS & FRIES 6:00 – 7:30	17 ALA GOULASH, SALAD, DESSERT 5:30 – 7:00 BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	18 SAL TERIYAKI PORK CHOPS 6 – 7:30 BLACK WATER SWAMP BAND	19 KARAOKE 7PM BRISTOL
20 SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00	21	22 ALA TUNA NOODLE CASSEROLE & MORE 6:00 – 7:30 PM TRIVIA 7-9 PM	23 TOWN HALL MEETING 6:30 – 7:30	24 ALA ROAST BEEF, MASHED POTATOES 5:30 – 7:00 BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	25 ALR DINNER TW'S CHILI COOKOFF 6:00 – 7:30 SIDEWALK 65	26 KARAOKE 7PM JIMBO & DEBBIE
27 ALA BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00 SHUFFLEBOARD TOURNAMENT NOON	28					

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