



## Commander's Report



October is gone and we are into Fall. I would like to take this time and express my gratitude to those that have volunteered to assist the post. The month of November is going to be busy. We will have Veterans Day festivities with an open house. Also have the Jacksonville hockey team that is playing that night. You can get tickets by going to the web site we have posted the signs in the Legion a portion of the tickets go back the American Legion. Now for the better news we will provide thanksgiving meal on November 24<sup>th</sup> so bring your loved ones and enjoy a day of fellowship with your fellow veterans

Much appreciation goes to the Volunteers that assisted with Legion Steak night. It was much needed and welcomed by everyone.

In the past month we have lost a lot of dearly beloved members. I want to express my personal condolences to the families.

I would like to encourage those who may not have been to the Post in a while to stop by for a cold beverage, stay for one of our weekly events, and get some great food.

If you have not done so, renew your membership either thru the post or online at [mylegion.org](http://mylegion.org)

For God & Country  
Randy Whisman- Post 283 Commander

## 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Report

Post 283 can you believe it is already November? Wow, we have so much to be thankful for this year I am thankful for Gary Ecklof, Rob Blossom who made the delicious spice cake, and all the members who worked hard to make the early Bird Dinner a success. A big Bravo Zulu ("Well Done"). November is going to be a busy month around the Post. If you have a couple of hours to volunteer, come pass out flags during the Veteran's Day parade and/or help serve during the Open House. Veterans Day is about honoring those who served in the military, both past and present. Don't forget to set your clocks back on November 6th for the end of daylight savings time.

Buddy Check week is November 11- 17<sup>th</sup>. I plan to make wellness/membership phone calls from the Post on **Tuesday, November 15, 2022, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm**. The membership roster data is considered Protected Personal Information (PPI), so the call lists

must remain at the Post. However, any Post unit member with a cell phone is welcome to participate. There will be copies of the Legion Buddy Check Tool kit available as a resource to all volunteers.

The Dept of Florida Fall Conference is **November 18 - 20 in Orlando**. There will be a Food Handler's class on Saturday, November 19, 2022, from 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM. Pre-registration is mandatory if you are interested in getting certified. Go to [www.floridalegion.org](http://www.floridalegion.org), Click on News & Events, Click on Fall Conference. Scroll down until you locate Fall Conference. Find Class Registration and follow the prompts. On Friday, November 18, 2022, there will be a Women Veterans Forum. Go to [floridalegion.org](http://floridalegion.org) for the completed schedule of events.

**Membership:** There were **4** new members and **4** Transfers voted in at the last General meeting. Welcome to:

Thomas Snavley  
Randal Quade  
Ronday. Harris  
Jeremy Shellenberger  
Ronald Stewart  
Michael Legge  
Dennis Graybush  
Richard Morrison

New Year's Day is closer than you think. Don't wait until the last minute to renew your membership. If you still need to renew for 2022 or are ready to pay for 2023, there are several options:

- Mail your renewal to  
American Legion Post 283  
9459 Fort Caroline Road  
Jacksonville, FL 32225

\*\* The National-issued renewal notice shows \$40.00 as the 2023 dues. If you are 70 years of age or older and have been at Post 283 for **5 years consecutive years**, you pay only \$29.00 \*\*

- Bring your renewal to the Post and drop it in the green box marked "Legion" by the ice machine.  
**Note:** If you want to pick up your card at the Post, make sure you make the envelope "will pick up at the bar." Otherwise, the card will be mailed to the address on file.
- Renew your membership online at [mylegion.org](http://mylegion.org). You can renew online without having a login and password. Just location "Renew" in the red banner that runs across the top of the page. Click on the word "Renew" and follow the prompts. Make sure you have your membership number available. Using this option, you can also sign up to take your dues out annually.

The outside covered deck is a great place to enjoy the beautiful fall weather. Let's all work together to keep it that way. Please return all glasses to the bartender and throw away any trash in the receptacles provided. For some guests, this deck is the first area of the Post they see. Let's everyone do their part to keep it neat.

I would like to close with a special thanks to the Legion membership for helping us meet our membership goal of 55% The next membership goal is November 2, 2022. Let's continue to work towards moving our membership program forward.

For God and Country

Nancy Senter, 1st Vice Commander  
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## **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Report**

October is gone and we are now into November. Last month's Steak Night went over very well, and we about sold out for the night. I cannot thank all the wonderful volunteers who take a portion of their time and dedicate it to making all our meals a huge success!!!

Pizza sales continue to go at a good clip with over 277 purchases in the fifty plus days since we started. It seems quite a few people are enjoying the ability to catch something to eat at times none of the Legion Families are serving meals and helps to keep people in seats at the Post which contributes collectively to our overall benefit. We have added a selection of thinner crust types of pizza in Cheese, Pepperoni, 3-Meat and Supreme varieties.

As a note, there is to be no moving of tables and/or chairs from the dining hall to the canteen at any time or vice versa. This places the Post in violation of the Fire Marshall's seating capacity safety limits. You will be asked to return the tables and/or chairs to their original location. I know it gets crowded out there at times, but there is never an excuse for additional obstructions should the building require evacuation or emergency personnel are required to address an individual in distress.

Thanksgiving is upon on us, and the Legion Families hope that everyone takes the time to come out and enjoy the dinner meal between 2-5PM. There will be no Bingo on Thanksgiving Day!

As a reminder, we continue to work diligently for the good of the Post and the Legion across all areas. If you have ideas, questions and/or concerns, you can address these directly with any Post Officer. Writing a brief note with your name and number and dropping it in the Legion box on the side of the ice machine suffices just as well when there are other activities going on. As always, you can contact me anytime at [mikegajnos@outlook.com](mailto:mikegajnos@outlook.com) and give us to time to

review, address and/or clarify anything you might believe to be an issue.

Respectfully and for the good of the Legion!!

Mike Gajnos, Post 283 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Report**

Last Friday Steak Night we had volunteers from Sandalwood JROTC again. We presented their Commander with a \$250 check for their fundraiser. Their help was greatly appreciated. Sandalwood Flag Detail is looking for events that they can volunteer.

Fletcher JROTC has volunteered for some Friday Dinners. Auxiliary, SAL and Riders can contact me if they need any help.

The City of Jacksonville approved our participation request for the Veterans Day Parade. I will have a signup sheet on the bulletin board. I told them 25 participants would be there. Michael Ann will be driving her vehicle if anyone needs a rest from the walking.

We will have a Flag Retirement Ceremony on Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> the day after Thanksgiving. 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Volunteers can come anytime and help out. There will be other small Flag Retirements as the weather cools.

For God and Country,

John Kiel

American Legion Post 283

Third Vice Commander

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## **SAL Report**



Membership is doing well, and the Squadron is currently at 41% renewals/new members. As I noted in my October report and we move closure to the end of the year, for those who have not renewed your membership, keep in mind you need to do so by years end. As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, the bartenders will be checking for your 2023 membership card. If you cannot produce it, you will not be served nor can you have another member sign you in or purchase beverages on your behalf. Please see Val Mauer, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander or me and we can take care of your card. If we are not in the Post, just get with the bartender. As a reminder, if you have changed your address in the last year, please so note so we can update our records.

On November 24<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Day, the Squadron, as has been our tradition, will be deep frying turkeys for members of the Post. We will begin at 6 AM that morning and the cut off time for last turkey received is 11 AM sharp! Do not put any type of rub or coating on the outside of the turkey. If we receive turkeys with such, it will not be cooked. If you want to use an injector sauce, you can inject before you come or bring the sauce with you, and we will inject it for you. Because of the time it takes to fry the number of turkeys we do; THE MAXIMUM WEIGHT OF TURKEY IS TO BE NO MORE THAN 14 LB'S. For your safety and those who are preparing and frying turkeys, during this time we ask that you "DO NOT ENTER" the screened porch area or any other area the cooking crew is working within. We will have a table behind the side screen door for pick up.

Look forward to seeing you there and have a great Thanksgiving Day with family and friends.

I want to thank the Squadron for making a \$2,000.00 donation to Super Hero Chip Run, which event was held at the Post October 8<sup>th</sup>. This was another donation from the Squadron in support of Legion and Community Children & Youth Programs. Also want to thank all those SAL members who were there volunteering hours spent in support of this function. As always, JOB WELL DONE!

For God & Country  
Tom Harris, SAL Commander

### **Auxiliary President's Report**



*Happy Veteran's Day* Let us remember our Veteran's during this month and continue the Buddy Check. Come out and join the Legion Family in the Parade.

I would like to wish a Happy Birthday to all members with a birthday November.

Keep in prayer the families still recovering from Hurricane Ian and let us continue to gather items for our legion family disaster relief effort.

Get out and VOTE Tuesday November 8<sup>th</sup>.

Welcome to our new members voted in during our October meeting.

Carrie Dakin  
Ardis Davis  
Donna Embleton  
Debbie Klassen  
Katherine Leger  
Jena Perez  
Crystal Jean Whitaker  
Nicole Kurlove

NEW MEMBERS please contact Unit Membership Chair Kam Sons - [membershipaux283@gmail.com](mailto:membershipaux283@gmail.com) for your "New Member Kit".

We are at 42% on our membership, congratulations everyone. Let us keep up the good work to achieve our membership goal of 75% by Dec 7<sup>th</sup> – PEARL HARBOR DAY.

I would like to thank everyone that donated candy for our Children Halloween Party. We are still collecting non-perishable items for the Holiday Food Baskets (Thanksgiving and Christmas), in the Red Carts.

We plan to put the Thanksgiving baskets together sometime after breakfast on Sunday the Nov 13<sup>th</sup> for the legion family school teacher distribution and another gathering on a weekday in the daytime. Anyone willing to help please watch the Auxiliary Facebook page for the specific times.

As always, we have volunteer opportunities available for our Sunday breakfast and Thursday /Friday meals.

Still have a chairman position in Public Relations. Please contact Unit President [alauxiliarypres283@gmail.com](mailto:alauxiliarypres283@gmail.com) for any Auxiliary concerns.

For God and Country  
"C.O.L.O.R" Continuing Our Legacy Through Respect  
Yvette Moore [alauxiliarypres283@gmail.com](mailto:alauxiliarypres283@gmail.com)  
Unit 283 President

### **Legion Rider Director's Report**



Hi Legion family. Our Merry Go Round is over, we must wait till next month to report the results. I want to thank all who donated and the volunteers who donated their time to make our poker run a success.

And what a success it was. We raised over \$22,000 for K9Line. We will be presenting the check to K9Line at the November 12th meeting.

It's hard to believe Thanksgiving is already here and Christmas is around the corner. This year seemed to go really fast. I guess that comes with age, years just click by.

Post 57 in Lake City is having their annual toy run on the 5th. There is a fund-raising ride hosted by post 88, starting at 8am, for DJ Jimbo who was diagnosed with cancer. I understand he used to DJ at our post. They will be stopping at our post. We have moved our meeting to the 12th at 9 am, because most will be in Salt Springs on the first Saturday of November for the Cactus Jacks Party. We will also be riding to Fort McCoy to visit the Veterans Retirement facility. Our Taco Tuesday is on the 22nd and, due to the higher cost of food these days, we are having to raise the cost of the tacos by \$1 across the board. Our rider dinner is on the 25th. We will be serving Chicken gumbo with rice, a salad and dessert.

Cooling weather makes for better riding, so let's ride. Ride safe.

YOUR MILES AND HOURS count:

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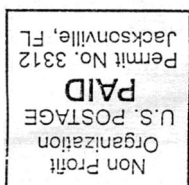
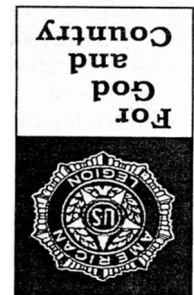


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## November 2022

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday   |
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| 30  | 31  | 1<br>SAL PIZZA<br>5:30-7:30PM<br><br>TRIVIA 7PM  | 2<br>SAL MEETINGS<br>EXEC/GENERAL 6:30PM                             | 3<br>ALA SHEPERD'S PIE<br>5:30-7:00PM<br><br>BINGO 6:30PM  | 4<br>LEGION STEAK NIGHT<br>6-7:30PM<br><br>MATT ALTMAN<br>BAND 7-11PM   | 5<br><br><br>TAP TRIVIA 1-4PM<br>KARAOKE W/BRISTOL 7PM   |
| 6<br>ALA BREAKFAST<br>8:30-11AM<br>DIANE RESSLER COL<br>1-6PM             | 7<br><br>CREATE & SIP W/KAM<br>6:30PM               | 8<br>ELECTION DAY<br>SAL BACON<br>CHEESEBURGERS & FRIES<br>6:00-7:30PM<br><br>TRIVIA 7PM                                       | 9<br>ALA MEETINGS<br>EXEC 6PM/GENERAL 7PM                            | 10<br>USMC B-DAY<br>ALA TACO SALAD<br>5:30-7:00PM<br><br>BINGO 6:30PM                                  | 11<br>VETERAN'S DAY<br>LEGION OPEN HOUSE<br>BURGERS & DOGS 1-3PM<br>KARAOKE W/KJ MAE 1-3PM<br>SAL FISH FRY 6-7:30PM<br>SIDEWALK 65 7-11PM | 12<br>ALR MEETING 9AM<br>POST 88 POKER STOP TBD<br>JACKWAY XMAS PARTY<br>HALL 12-4PM<br>TAP TRIVIA 1-4PM<br>KARAOKE W/KJ MAE 7PM |
| 13<br>SAL BREAKFAST<br>8:30-11AM<br>ALA HOLIDAY BASKET<br>ACTIVITY 12-4PM | 14<br>LEGION MEETINGS<br>EXEC 6PM/GENERAL<br>6:30PM | 15<br>SAL MISSISSIPPI<br>POT ROAST SANDWICH<br>ONION STRAWS, FRIES &<br>SLAW 6-7:30PM<br>BUDDY CHECK CALL 10-3PM<br>TRIVIA 7PM | 16<br>LEGION CHEESEBURGERS &<br>FRIES 6-7:30PM<br><br>SURVEY SAY 7PM | 17<br>ALA PORK CHOPS<br>5:30-7:00PM<br><br>BINGO 6:30PM  | 18<br>ALA CAJUN CHICKEN<br>W/RED BEANS & RICE<br>6-7:30PM<br><br>PINK PAISLEYS 7-11PM   | 19<br><br><br>TAP TRIVIA 1-4PM<br>KARAOKE W/BRISTOL 7PM  |
| 20<br>ALA BREAKFAST<br>8:30-11AM  | 21<br><br>CREATE & SIP W/KAM<br>6:30PM              | 22<br>ALR TACO TUESDAY<br>6-7:30PM<br><br>TRIVIA 7PM   | 23<br>HESS 80TH BIRTHDAY<br>PARTY, HALL 1-10PM                       | 24<br>THANKSGIVING<br>LEGION OPEN HOUSE<br>THANKSGIVING DINNER<br>FEAST 2-5PM<br><br>NO BINGO TONIGHT! | 25<br>ALR CHICKEN GUMBO<br>W/RICE, SALAD &<br>DESSERT 6-7:30PM<br><br>ROAD RUNNER 7-11PM  | 26<br><br><br>TAP TRIVIA 1-4PM<br>KARAOKE W/JIMBO &<br>DEBBIE 7PM  |
| 27<br>SAL BREAKFAST<br>8:30-11AM<br><br>SHUFFLEBOARD<br>TOURNAMENT NOON   | 28  | 29<br>LEGION SAUSAGE &<br>BRAT FRY W/FRIES<br>6-7:30PM<br><br>TRIVIA 7PM   | 30   |  |   |  |
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