

LEGION NEWS

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Commander's Report

Happy August. The post had a very good July. On the 4th of July, we had a good open house and had some new members join our ranks. The food was good. I received lots of praises on Trey's

BBQ chicken. Thanks to all that served your fellow veterans. All of the officers were installed by our mighty 5th District officers followed by a great meal made by the SAL. Congrats to our new Legionnaire of the Year, Legionnaire Scott Pageau. We were just a couple of people short this time on our blood drive. Hopefully those that can give will come out next time. 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 2015 membership drive continues and a lesson learned from last year that I wanted to put forward. You have the ability to come by the legion and pick up your new membership card. The new cards can be mailed to you or you can pick them up from the once you have paid for them. Please indicate your desire on the envelope you turn in to the legion box. If you receive a renewal notice after you receive your card, please disregard. The local Posts' do not control the issuing of renewal notices and come from a data base maintained by HQ in Orlando. 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. So 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.

The Coast guard is celebrating its 223rd birthday on August 4th. They were founded on 4 august in 1790 as part of the Department of Treasury. Happy Birthday!!! The SAL will be cooking up breakfast three times this month. Come out on the 3rd, 17th, or the 31st from 830 am till 11 am. It is a very good deal for those of you who come hungry. Please check out the calendar for the other activities happening at the post.

The American Legion Riders are having their 7th annual poker run on the 27th 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 and the legion will have an open house that day. Hope to see you at the post.

For God & Country
Troy Horsley- Post 283 Commander

1st Vice Report

Well we are off and running with our first month in office, and again I would like to thank everyone for their support. We now have the 2015 membership cards ready for renewal and would be more than happy to get your 2015 renewal and have everyone renewed in time for the early bird dinner. You can renew with me or Nancy Senter. Nancy

was selected as American Legion Post 283 Adjutant for 2014-2015. I'm sure she will do an outstanding job. You can contact her at mombluestar@att.net. You can leave your payment with one of us or put it in the Legion Box at the bar with a copy of your 2014 card. Your new card will be left for you to pick up at the bar for 5 days, after that it will be mailed to you. You can also go online to renew by visiting www.legion.org/renew, just make sure you click on Post 283. Also, if you know of anyone who is eligible and might be interested in joining the post please invite them over to check us out!

Membership in the American Legion as a Legionnaire is reserved exclusively for those who have served their country in time of war. The dates listed below are mandated by the United States Congress in the charter they have granted to 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—CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES OPERATION DESERTSHIELD/DESERT STORM
- DEC. 20, 1989—JAN. 31, 1990 OPERATION JUST CAUSE/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 DD214 showing your period of service, or an Active Duty ID card. The dues for this 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 \$21.00, for all others dues are \$30.00. You may also mail your renewal to:

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

I would like to welcome our new members to American Legion Post 283, Jeffrey Pickering, William Dye and Michael Powell II and 5 transfer members William Ekis, Alan Harmon, Constance Knowles, Thomas Mgunigale and Christopher Morgan. Welcome to the greatest post in Florida.

For God and Country,
Jim Welch jameswelch88@comcast.net
904-710-3568

2nd Vice Report

July was another great month. It started off with a very busy week, with the 4th being a Friday. I'd like to thank Ken and the numerous people who assisted him in the kitchen. It was a very long day for them, serving all afternoon for the Open House, then the evening dinner. I would also like to thank our SAL Commander, and those who assisted him, for the outstanding meal they provided following our Installation of Officers on the 6th. It was a packed house, and everyone enjoyed the BBQ.

I have been working with all of our groups to help schedule and organize the meals / events. Thanks to all for your corporation. With that said, if any of you want to add or change something in the event calendar, please let me know. I just want to not have any scheduling conflicts. Also in the book, we now have Hall Rental Agreement forms. If

anyone wants to rent the hall, please see the Bartender or a Post Officer to fill one out. The hall will not be reserved until this is complete.

The SAL 2nd Vice asked me to pass along a message concerning the bi-weekly breakfast. Due to the rapidly increasing food cost; particularly meats, we have not been hitting the modest profit percentage goals for our charities. This is, after all, why we all do what we do. With all of that said, the donation for breakfast will increase from \$6.00 to \$7.00 beginning in September. Instead of half price, kids will remain at \$3.00.

I'd like to remind everyone that on August 1st, the SAL will be doing a steak dinner in memory of Gene Funk. It's also Air Force day. Gene was an Air Force Veteran. The donations raised will be used to purchase more flags for placement on Veterans' graves; a program that was very dear to Gene.

Please check the calendar below for all of the August meals and entertainment.

Please keep our Military Members, and their families, in your thoughts and prayers.

For God and Country
Jeff Lafferty
Post 283 2nd Vice
Squadron 283 2nd Vice

3rd Vice Report

This past year has gone by so quickly and it is hard to believe we are already in the month of August. I appreciate all of you giving me the opportunity to continue to represent the post as the 3rd Vice. I look forward to continuing to work the Youth Programs as well as the Blood Drive, Americanism and being a part of the Disaster Preparedness Team. If I have learned one thing about our post it is you get out of it what you put into it. I request that if you are remotely interested in ANY program, please volunteer to be a chair person or a team member. There are a lot of opportunities to get involved and we are all glad to get any help we can.

The post held its blood drive on the 20th of July with The Blood Alliance. Many thanks to the SAL for providing breakfasts to all the people that attempted to give. As we say in the USN BZ. We had numerous folks attempt to give to meet our goal of 15 units. The bus was literally full with people trying to donate from the time they arrived until the time they left. Unfortunately, we missed our goal by one pint and were only able to get 14 units of blood donated. Never fear, if you were unable to make the blood drive or unable to give you can schedule an appointment to donate at one of The Blood Alliance Donation Centers and tell them you would like to donate to the American Legion 283 account.

Please go to <http://www.igiveblood.com/> to find a Donor Center near you or address any questions you may have.

Our post Boys State delegates returned from their week experience of learning how the government in Florida works to pass legislation. All five boys will be invited to the post for a meet and greet to share their experiences at a date to be announced. Letters that the post received from the delegates are located on the Legion bulletin board. Please start thinking about possible nominations for delegates that you would like to see represent the post next year. More information about the program will be provided in next month's newsletter.

The SAL provided an awesome dinner on the 26th of July for the American Legion 283 Baseball Team during the weekend of the State Tournament held at JU and Terry Parker High School. The team has been extremely busy practicing for the area and state tournaments through the end of the season. The league August events are as follows:

August 7-11 Southeast Regionals (Asheboro, NC)

August 14-18 World Series (Shelby, NC)

In closing it is time for a couple of more myths and facts about the flag. The first myth is it is believed that the Flag Code prohibits the "fringing" of the flag. Fringing of the flag is neither approved of nor prohibited by the Flag Code. The American Legion considers that fringe is used as an honorable enrichment to the Flag. Additionally, the courts have deemed without merit and frivolous, lawsuits that contend that the gold fringe adorning the flag conferred Admiralty/Maritime jurisdiction. The second myth is it is believed that the Flag Code states that when the

flag is no longer a fitting emblem for display it is to be disposed of by burning in private.

The Flag Code as revised and adopted by the Congress of the United States in 1942 has never included the word(s) "private" or "in privacy." Section 8(k) of the Flag Code states: "The flag, when it is in such a condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning." Since 1937, The American Legion has promoted the use of a public flag disposal ceremony. This ceremony is a fitting tribute and an overt expression of patriotism, which enhances the public's understanding of honor and respect due the American flag. For more information about Flag etiquette please visit www.legion.org/flag/flagmyths where I have been getting most of this information from.

For God and Country
Scott Pageau

S.A.L. Commander's Report



Congratulations go to "Mikey" and Jeff Lafferty, Second Vice. At this year's Installation of Officers Mikey received the Commanders "Job Well Done" award for his work assisting the pizza crew. Jeff Lafferty received the Commanders "Member of the Year" award for his service as Second Vice.

In addition, the SAL presented Nancy Center a dinner gift certificate for all her service assisting the SAL with it dinners over the years. Nancy never ask, she just shows up and jumps in on the action.

Membership renewals are in full swing. Dues for renewals and new members are \$20.00. If you are renewing just mail it in to the attention of Kevin Winn. If you are renewing at the Post just give it to the Bartender and ask to have put in the SAL mailbox. Also, if your address has changed you need to make a note of it and include with your payment.

As all know we have been experiencing an increase in food cost. One of the meals the SAL provides is breakfast every other Sunday. The cost on breakfast items have increased to the point where we have to increase the cost to \$7.00. This increase will take affect beginning September 7th. The cost for other dinners provided by the SAL will be based on the menu and posted on the flyer. Thanks for your support of all our meals which allows us to donate to local Veteran's groups and charities.

Recently the SAL had a request to make a donation to the Boy Scouts, North Florida Council for improvements to Camp Shands. This is a camp on 1,000 acres located just east of Hawthorne Florida where Boy Scouts meet on weekends and during summer camp. The SAL made a \$1,500.00 donation along with donations from our Legion family groups as well. Chuck Patterson, an Eagle Scout himself, is spearheading the effort within the 5th District to help raise funds for this endeavor. If you know of any Corporations or other Businesses that Chuck might be able to approach please let him know.

For God and Country
Tom Harris, Commander



Auxiliary President's Report

The installation of your 2014-2015 officers went very well on July 6th. Unit 283 received the following awards,

Certificate of Appreciation for Education, ROTC/JROTC and the VA Clinic. An award for the best overall Homeless Veterans Initiative Program in group IV, Special Olympics, gold, silver and bronze award for a donation of \$1000.00. Sylvia Curnutte received a Certificate of Appreciation for Americanism. Cheryl Labarge received a Certificate of Appreciation from the VA Clinic Jacksonville. Unit 283 received The Unit of Year Award for best unit in the 5th district. Our juniors received Certificates of Appreciation for their hard work this year in assisting the auxiliary and its programs. Our unit member of the year was Peggy Miller. We presented

Bruce Firster, a legionnaire, with an appreciation plaque for supporting all the auxiliary programs. Thank you ladies for an outstanding year and the difference you make in the lives of our veterans, their children and our community. Bettiemae received her flip flop pin for achieving over 100% (109.5%) membership as well as the membership ribbon to be placed on our flag. The ladies of Unit 283 rock with 8196 volunteer hours, 109% membership, and over \$32,000 in donations to the local community as well as support of Legion programs.

We have begun collecting school supplies for the USO and our post home teachers. Any school item is very much appreciated so that we can help these children start out on the right foot for their new school year.

The auxiliary was very busy last month providing bus passes to the VA Clinic for those in the IOP Program, holding a barbeque for Regents Nursing home, providing Capri Sun drinks to Operation Homefront, and monthly providing coffee, juice and water to the VA Outpatient Clinic, as well as many other volunteer efforts. We held a barbeque for the residents of Regents Nursing home.

The auxiliary will be sponsoring 2 dinners this month. First Friday, August 15 at 6 p.m. featuring meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, fresh vegetable, salad bread and dessert \$7.00 donation. In support of the Stand Down for homeless veterans we are asking you to bring in an item for this event. You will receive a free 50/50 ticket. The items needed for the Stand Down are socks, tee shirts, boxer shorts, hotel type toiletries, tooth paste, deoderant, chapstick, hand sanitizer and gently used or new ball caps.

Our auxiliary has been participated in this event for many, many years.

The second dinner is Friday, August 29th at 6 p.m. featuring Roasted pork with gravy, fresh vegetable, salad, roll and dessert, \$7.00 donation. The auxiliary sponsors these dinners to allow us to continue our good work supporting our veterans, children and our community. We would love to see you join us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next Fifth District meeting will be held on Sunday, August 10, at post 316 at 2 p.m. Unit 283 Auxiliary meeting Wednesday, August 13th at 7 p.m. Auxiliary dinners Friday, August 15th and Friday, August 29th.

Please see the auxiliary board for a list of the chairmanships that are available. We currently have Poppies, Education, National Security, and Public Relations available.

Welcome new members: Lorilyn Pickering and Brenda Findley.

Please pray for the safe return of our troops and continue to support them and their families. Thank you to all who volunteer at our post home and in the community.

For God and Country,

Robbin Walker, Auxiliary President

Legion Rider Director's Report

Hey Riders!

Can you feel the heat? We continue to grow as we added three new members and three transfers at the July Meeting. Great work on reporting miles and hours! Please continue this and write them on the sign in sheet or e-mail them to me. Installation of Officers is done! Congratulations to all.



Five Star Center planning is DONE. We are ready to start riding out and promoting the Poker Run for September 27. Bring in your door prizes and raffle stuff. Preregistration is key to success. Bike Nights help as well.

Spread the word.

Also in September, on the 20th Team ALR283 will ride in the Bikersforbabies event. This event is for the March of Dimes. Log into bikersforbabies.org and register or make a donation. Join the Team. Our goal is 20 riders and \$2500.

On August 16th, The Post is a stop for the Poker ride for the Youth Advisory Committee. This ride starts at Post 54 in Fernandina. This will be a good ride to attend. *Northern Area Training will be at 129 on July 27th. 9am start time.

*5th District Meeting August 10th at Post 316, 2pm.

*ALR Dinner at 6pm, August 22nd.

*August 23rd, Raise the Roof. Post 194 in St. Augustine.

Starts at 129

Come out and join the fun.

Live well, ride safe!

Rodney Fullwood Jr.

Director ALR Chapter 283

Alr5thfl.org/ director283@gmail.com

Face Book: American Legion Riders Chapter 283, Arlington FL



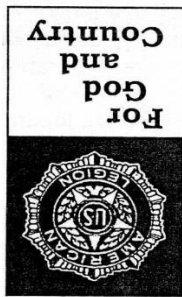
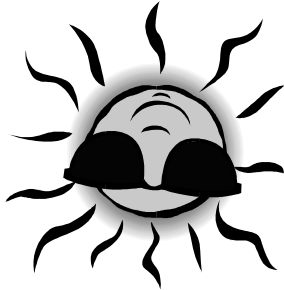
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Mark your calendars for these upcoming events!				1 AIR FORCE DAY MEMORIAL STEAK DINNER HONORING GENE FUNK BY SAL GHOST RADIO	2 ALR MEETING 9AM JAMMIN' JIM KARAOKE
3 SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00	4 COAST GUARD DAY	5 SAL PIZZA 6 – 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	6 HUMP DAY SNACKS SAL MEETING 7PM	7 AUX DINNER BY WENDY LOADED POTATOES BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	8 LEGION CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST PORK SHOLDER & TURKEY BAND ON THE RUN	9 SOFTBALL END O YEAR PARTY 1 - 4 KAREN KARAOKE

10 DISTRICT MEETING @ 316	11 LEGION MEETINGS EXEC 6PM GENERAL 7PM	12 SAL HAM 7 CHEESE SANDWICHES 6 – 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	13 HUMP DAY SNACKS AUX MEETINGS EXEC – 6:30PM GENERAL – 7PM	14 SOFTBALL HOT DOGS & SLAW BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	15 AUX MEATLOAF, VEGGIES & GRAVY BACKWOOD BOYS	16 POKER RUN STOP 10 – 2
17 SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00	18	19 SAL PIZZA 6 – 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	20 HUMP DAY SNACKS	21 AUX DINNER BY MARI – CHIC & BISCUITS BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	22 ALR DINNER MICHELLE'S AUSTRALIAN MEATBALLS MIDLIFE CRISIS	23 POST 194 RAISE THE ROOF POKER RUN KSU 10:30 – 2 ND STOP JAMMIN' JIM KARAOKE
24	25	26 CHICKEN TETRAZZINI BY CRAIG HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	27	28 SOFTBALL CHICKEN & RICE W/GREEN BEANS BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	29 AUX DINNER PORK W/VEGGIES & GRAVY WOLF PACK	30 LINDA PONCE KARAOKE
31 SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00						

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