

LEGION NEWS

Arlington American Legion Post 283

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Commander's Report

May is in the books and we are running into summer. Get your sunscreen and aloe because it is going to be a hot one, with an occasional shower in the afternoons.

The legion family supported the SAL 1st annual Chip, Toss, and Shoot event. It turned out to be a huge success. All had laughs and the day concluded with the crowning of a new BBQ Brisket-Queen. Congratulations to Teri Howard. Along with the great food and fun, the SAL was able to raise **\$1,353.00** for the Five Star Veterans Center. See what good the post does and has fun in the process. You may or may not have noticed poppies around the post. They are part of an important auxiliary project so please support them in their fund raiser if you can.

The elections were held 17 May and the results are final. Your next year's slate of officers are: Commander – Troy Horsley, 1st Vice – Jim Welch, 2nd Vice – Jeff Lafferty, 3rd Vice – Scott Pageau, Finance Officer – Craig Vaneffen, Sgt-at-arms – Alan Allen, Asst. Sgt-at-arms – Randy Thomas, Chaplain – John Hugus, Executive Committee – Phil Jansen, Richard Kassner, Jim Brown, Ron Howard, Al Kling and Board of Directors – Terry Howard and Jim Wallace. If you see them around the post, thank them for volunteering for the 2014-2015 year. Installation will be July 6 at 2pm.

The softball team continues to represent the post well. They have their last game of the fall season on June 1st against Post 88. The outcome will determine the season winner. Come on out for some early morning sunshine and cheer them on to victory.

The Jacksonville Post 283 Wolves will start playing soon. The schedule at time of print was not available but will be posted at <http://www.al5thdistrictfl.org/baseball2014.html>. Get out and support our legions youth baseball team. We may be trying to organize a bus to leave from the post to the games and returning to the post. If we can get enough participation, there will be a sign up sheet posted on the legion bulletin board.

There will be a Flag Retirement ceremony at sunset on 14th of June in observance of Flag Day. The Boy Scout Troop 181 along with our NJROTC units will be helping to retire the colors.

The 6th Annual Department American Legion Convention will be held at The Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld from June 12-15th. The itinerary for the events and times for classes are posted on the bulletin board at the post.

Happy Father's Day to all of our dads on June 15th. Make sure you get to the post before 11 as the auxiliary will be cooking breakfast from 830 until 11. It is supposed to be a great spread and good way to start your day.

Hope to see you at the post.

For God & Country
Troy Horsley- Post 283 Commander

1st Vice Report

Welcome to June 2013! Can you believe we have been in office for a whole year? Thank you to everyone who has made this year a great one! Membership has been fantastic with a renewal percentage of 107.9%. Thank you to everyone that has been on time with membership and to our new members for helping us exceed our goal of 100%!! I would like to take this time to welcome our 7 new members; Donald Connelly Jr., Eliot Falcon, Joseph Mathews, Tiffany Hurrell, Wendi Temple, Mark R. Hribar, Adrian Hatcher and 2 transfer members, Floyd Ware Jr., and Howard Collins. Welcome Aboard!!

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. Proof of service is normally established by either a DD- 214 showing your period of service, with an honorable discharge, 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 mail to:

Attention Adjunct

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I would like to thank everyone who came out to show their support for electing our current post officers. Welcome aboard to the incoming team.

For God and Country,
Jim Welch

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2nd Vice Report

Newly elected Jeff Lafferty will be taking over this month. Let us all wish him "good luck" and we look forward to some "good" eats.

For God and Country
Thomas "Chick" Gagnier

3rd Vice Report

Another month has come to pass. I guess that is why they say time flies when you are having fun. June is here and along with it comes summer.

First I would like to say it has been an honor working with the youth programs for American Legion Post 283 for the last nine months and I look forward to another year of doing so. Thank you all for your support. We are going to be very busy over the next year and now that I have kind of figured out how it all works I would like to welcome any help with whatever program you are passionate about.

On Flag Day 14 June 2014 at sunset the Post will be conducting our next Flag Retirement at the Legion. We look forward to participation from Boy Scout Troop 181, Cub Scout Troop 181, Terry Parker High School NJROTC and First Coast High School NJROTC.

The Post 283 American Legion Baseball Team was scheduled to kick off its season over Memorial Day weekend. Stay tuned for game results and upcoming games once the schedule is released.

The Americanism Manual contains many interesting facts and information on various programs sponsored by the American Legion one of which is the history of the flag. As we have been taught, each of the colors of our beloved flag was used to represent different things. Red was believed to be used to represent valor, zeal and fervency. The white equates to hope, purity, and cleanliness of life and rectitude of conduct. The blue was used to represent heaven, reverence to God, loyalty, sincerity, justice and truth. The white star is used to symbolize dominion, sovereignty and lofty aspirations one for each state. George Washington was quoted, his interpretation of the flag as "We take the stars from heaven, the red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes, thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripes shall go down to prosperity representing liberty."

For God and Country
Scott Pageau

S.A.L. Commander's Report



The SAL election for officers was held on May 7, 2014. Your 2014/2015 officers are as follows.

Commander, Tom Harris-First Vice, Kevin Winn-Second Vice, Jeff Lafferty-Finance Officer, Danny Hill-Chaplin, Jeff Roberson and Sergeant

at Arms, Terry Wallace. I would like to express congratulations to all and in addition to elected Troy Horsley, Post Commander, Robbin Walker, Unit President and Rodney Fullwood, ALR Director.

104%. That's our membership total for 2013-2014. I would like to thank all the new members who joined the SAL this past year and all those who continue to renew your membership. We had a great year and I'm sure the upcoming year is even going to be better. Kevin Winn did a great job as 1st Vice, Membership Chairman and is going to take on this role for another year. Renewals for 2014/2015 will start in June with dues being \$20.00. On May 18th I attended a meeting at Post 54 headed up by Tom Gora, 5th District Commander. There were many issues discussed regarding the upcoming year and how he as our District Commander wants to see improvement from each Post. One of those issues was "meeting attendance". As I have mentioned in my past reports, if you want to be aware of what's planned and participate in the business of your Squadron you need to be at the meetings.

As you all know we lost a long time SAL member recently, Gene Funk. Gene was a duel member and loved to attend SAL meetings where he didn't hold back speaking his mind. Gene loved being a part of the let's do it and get it done crowd. For many years his real love was heading up the program for placing the American Flags on the head stones at the cemeteries for Memorial Day. Before his passing he said he wanted his Squadron to have a celebration in his memory. On August 1st the SAL will be putting on a dinner and the proceeds will go towards buying new flags. Gene was an Air Force veteran and August 1st is also the Air Force Birthday. Please mark your calendar and come have dinner in remembrance of Gene Funk.

For our first Chip, Toss & Shoot Event I think it turned out great. The weather was fantastic and those who attended had a good time. Thanks to Jim Brown, Ella Jansen and Danny Hill for running the events. Another thanks goes out to Hamburger Well Done, Jeff Lafferty and his crew for doing the cooking. And let's don't forget our Westside Redneck'ett Bartender, Wendy, thank you. By end day we raised \$1,353.00 for the Five Star Homeless Veterans Center. And over \$700.00 was divvied out from the 50/50 pots. We are

planning on having this event next year and hope to see you there.

This year's American Legion Convention will be held June 12th through the 15th. I along with Kevin Winn, Jeff Lafferty and Chuck Patterson, Past Commander will represent your Squadron. Our SAL Year End Consolidated Report was submitted to Detachment and I am proud to inform you that over 13,000 hours combined were logged by members for the good of the Squadron. In addition donations were given in support of our Veterans Programs, Post, Community and Children & Youth Programs totaling a whopping \$33,281.00! It can't get any better than that, or can it? Will know this time next year.

On an end note, the swearing in of officers for all groups will be held at the Post on July 6th, 2014 at 2:00 PM. Hope to see you there.

For God and Country
Tom Harris, Commander



Auxiliary President's Report

Congratulations to our new post home officers for 2014-2014.

Unit 283 elections were held on Wednesday, May 14th.

Congratulations to the newly elected officers for 2014-2015: President--Robbin Walker; Vice President--Susan Winn; Second Vice President--Mari Gierok; Treasurer--Rosemarie Harper; Chaplan--Linda Nogle; Historian--Kathleen Worsencroft; Sgt at Arms--Jane Burley; Assist Sgt at Arms--Peggy Miller; Executive Committee--Evelyn Tessler, Bettiemae Kitchens and Marge Strout. President appointments--Bettiemae Kitchens, Membership and June Scullio, Unit Secretary.

Fifty-seven auxiliary members cast their vote in the elections. These officers will take office at installation scheduled for Sunday, July 6th at 2 p.m. Please come out and support all the officers of our post home.

Thank you to all who volunteered at Publix over Memorial Day weekend and distributed poppies as well as those who donated to this program for our veterans.

We are pleased to report we had 100% reporting of year-end chairman reports to the 5th District president.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Auxiliary meeting Wednesday, June 11th at 7 p.m.
- Convention Orlando. Thursday, June 12-15th. (Info to follow next month).
- Father's Day Breakfast Sunday, June 15th from 8:30-11 a.m. Fathers eat free, all others \$6.00 donation. Happy Father's Day all dads--The auxiliary will be sponsoring this event. We would love to

see all those wonderful dads join us to celebrate their great day.

Come out and enjoy the Luau Dinner, Friday June 20th, 2014 from 6-8 p.m. or sold out, sponsored by the auxiliary. The Hawaiian menu includes Tropical Salad with Pineapple Vinegrette, Roasted Pork, Mustard Potatoes (roasted), Green Bean Almondine, Creamy Coleslaw, warm cheese bread and dessert. \$7.00 donation.

Welcome new members: Elizabeth Byrnes, Jamie Black, and Bonnie Jewett.

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,

Elections are done,

congratulations to the Officers for 2014-2015. They are as follows:

Director: Rodney Fullwood Jr;

Assistant Director: Jim Brown;

Secretary: Jane Scullio; Treasurer: Ella Jansen; Road Captain: Mike Smith; Safety Officer: Scott Brown; Membership: Beth Fullwood. Sargent at Arms: TW; Assistant Sargent at Arms: Gary Gillis; 2nd Vice: Brett Stepp. Appointed positions are Historian: Dave Kline; Web Master: William Phebus; Chaplain: Terry Glasner. Another great year ahead.

Convention is upon us. June 12-15. Orlando Florida. This is when we find out about our standing as Chapter of the year. I am pleased with our stats and they are as follows as of May 11, 2014. Members 145, legion 72/Auxiliary 38/ SAL 33. 104 Motorcycle owners. We supported 28 charities to the tune of 161,072 Miles, 16,659 Hours, and over \$63,000 dollars donated. Our chapter has grown by over 30% this year and our active riders has improved to 40%.

I would like to thank the riders that continue to come out, (rain or shine) and support the task at hand. Whether it's a Poker run, or a dinner night, an honor escort, or a work day at the post. This is how things get done and we keep the pace going. It has been an honor to serve Veterans and I am looking forward to another Legiontastic Year.

June 5th is the Five Star planning meeting at 7pm. We need door prizes, Raffle items and Silent Auction Items. Check everywhere and let's start getting it together. Time going to go fast and it will be here before we know.

Thank You for a great year post 283. We are Family.

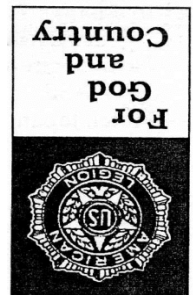
Rodney Fullwood Jr.
Director ALR Chapter 283
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American Legion Post 283 June 2014

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 SOFTBALL 316@283 | 2 | 3 SAL PIZZA 6 – 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM | 4 HUMP DAY SNACKS SAL MEETING 7PM | 5 SOFTBALL CRUNCHY CHICKEN CASSEROL BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM | 6 SAL ½ BBQ CHICKEN DOUBLE DOWN | 7 ALR MEETING 9AM JAMMIN' JIM KARAOKE |
| 8 SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00 | 9 LEGION MEETINGS EXEC 6PM GENERAL 7PM | 10 SAL JUMBO HOTDOGAS/CHILI DOGS HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM | 11 HUMP DAY SNACKS AUX MEETINGS EXEC – 6:30PM GENERAL – 7PM | 12 SUSAN'S BEEF STROGANOFF BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM | 13 LEGION DRUNKEN SPAGHETTI & MEAT SAUCE MIDLIFE CRISIS | 14 FLAG DAY KAREN KARAOKE |
| 15 AUX FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00 | 16 | 17 SAL PIZZA 6 – 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM | 18 HUMP DAY SNACKS | 19 SOFTBALL PULLED PORK BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM | 20 AUX LUAU GHOST RADIO | 21 JAMMIN' JIM KARAOKE |
| 22 SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00 | 23 | 24 CRAIG'S FABULOUS LASAGNA HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM | 25 HUMP DAY SNACKS | 26 SOFTBALL SLOPPY JOES BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM | 27 ALR SCALLOPED POTATOES & HAM LYONS | 28 KAREN KARAOKE |
| 29 | 30 | | | Mark your calendars for these upcoming events! | | |

There will be a Flag Retirement ceremony at sunset on the 14th of June in observance of Flag Day



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