

LEGION NEWS

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Commander's Report

I am glad to report that all is well at the post. We had a Super bowl party at the post. Lots of people turned out and brought all different kinds of "football" dishes. Way too delicious on the food and in 283 style, If you went away hungry

that was your own fault. The Auxiliary did a wonderful job on Valentine's Day with the Cornish hen dinner. They raffled off the big basket of cheer. Congrats went to Ms. Sally.

On Sunday March 9th at sunset, we are having another Flag Retirement Ceremony. If you have never attended this solemn ceremony, it is an event you should come out and experience. A traditional St Patty's day dinner will be conjured up by the auxiliary complete with corned beef and cabbage on the 14th. Softball season has started with their first game against 137 at home on the 16th. Come out and cheer them on. The big ALR annual Mardi Gras Dinner is coming on the 21st. There will be another Missing in America Project (MIAP) mass interment at the Jacksonville National Cemetery, Friday March 28 at 130 pm. Looking for volunteers to help. Please put on your calendar our next Blood drive is April 6th at the legion from 830 until noon. There is a free breakfast for all who participate.

SAL Squadron 283 is putting on their first annual Chip toss and shoot event on Saturday April 26th from noon until done. "chip" golf balls into a floating circle in pond. "toss" horseshoes tournament , double elimination, "shoot" turkey shoot with a pellet gun with three 50/50 pots. Menu will be hamburgers and hot dogs. Participation is limited to members of the American legion and VFW. Signed in guests are welcome.

The 6th Annual Department American Legion Convention will be held at The Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld from June 12-15th. The reservation cutoff date is May 19th. For more information you can go to the legion web site and the flyer is also posted on the bulletin board at the post.

We are looking into maybe starting our own Post 283 Honor Guard. Legionnaire Alan Allen is heading up this project and looking for some others who maybe of the same interest. Please contact him at alan.allen@portsamerica.com if you have questions or would like to be a part.

For you that are on the go, the American Legion has a new application for smartphones and the iPhone. Go to play store on your phone and down load now.

It is that time of year to accept nominations for next year's officers. Nominations were accepted at the last general membership meeting and nominations for Post officers will continue March 10, and April 14 during our general membership meeting. Elections will be May 17th from 7 am until 7pm.. Nominees so far are:

Commander – Troy Horsley , 1st Vice – Jim Welch, 2nd Vice – Corry Glasner, 3rd Vice – open, Finance Officer – Craig Vaneffen, Sgt-at-arms – open, Asst Sgt-at-arms – open, Historian – open, Chaplain – Haim Cassorla , Executive Committee – Terry Howard, and Board of Directors – open
See you at the post.

For God & Country
Troy Horsley- Post 283 Commander

1st Vice Report

Hi everyone, I hope you are having a great start to 2014! Can you believe it's already March? Membership renewals continue to roll in and we are currently at 97%. We have met our next goal of 95% which was by March 5th. We are working to our next goal of 100% so if you have not paid your dues for 2014, please pay your dues now at the Post or you can pay online. Since we are starting a new year please remember that you must show your 2014 card to enjoy daily events at our Post, and remember you are responsible for purchasing for your guests. **Plus, if you have not renewed your dues for 2014 you will not be able to be signed in until your dues are current!**

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 also mail your renewal to:

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

I would like to take this time to welcome 6 new members and 7 transfer members.

Billy McCloskoskey, Michael Propst, Violet Davis, David Pratt, Gene Demers,
William P. Petty, Charles Schnieder (t), Matthew Lazarski (t), Marvin McCoy (t), Jack Burnmaister (t), Todd Theil (t), Christopher Wilson (t), and Dennis Arroyo (t).

For God and Country,
Jim Welch
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2nd Vice Report

Legion Friday night dinner on March 7 is Ken's fish and chips. Hump day Wednesday has been a success. Stop in for a snack and brew. Check the calendar for the meals on trivia and bingo nights. All the volunteers work hard and need your support.

For God and Country
Thomas "Chick" Gagnier

3rd Vice Report

Welcome to the month of March American Legion Post 283 family! It is hard to believe we are so far into the 2014 year already.

We got off to a slow start in our blood donations with The Blood Alliance on our January 26th blood drive. We were able to meet our goal of 15 donors attempting to donate. In the end the Post donated 11 units of Whole Blood and two units of Double Red Blood Cells. The result of our donation provides blood to and can save lives of up to three people in our community with each unit of blood donated. Thanks again to all that participated. Our next blood drive is scheduled to be held on the 6th of April 2014 from 8AM through 12PM. Come out and save a life.

On the 9th of March at sunset, we are organizing another Flag Retirement ceremony. We have asked Boy Scout Troop 181 and both NJROTC Units we have been working with to participate.

We continue to look for volunteers to assist with Boy Scout Troop 181 with various things. If you are interested please get in touch with me. The Troop also continues to look for projects to help out with around the Legion.

There are a few scholarships and awards available that have due dates in April.

Medical School Scholarship: First Place – One scholarship award of \$2500.00. Runner-Ups- Two scholarship awards of \$1500.00 each. The candidate must be a U.S. Citizen or permanent resident, entering the third year of study in a LCME (Liaison Committee on Medical Education) accredited Florida medical school next fall. The deadline for submission is April 1 of the current school year.

The American Legion Teacher of the Year. Awarded to the teacher who best meets the qualifications of the Nomination Form will be selected, by a committee of the Americanism Commission, as the Florida American Legion Teacher of the Year. The Florida American Legion Teacher of the Year will be invited to participate in the Annual Department Convention held in June. Every Post may make a nomination of an exceptional Teacher. Deadline for submission is April 15th of the current year. For a nomination applications please see me.

For God and Country
Scott Pageau

S.A.L. Commander's Report



Membership: We're at 90%! Thanks goes to Kevin Winn keeping up with and getting membership enrollment up. Three months to go to reach our 100% goal. If you know someone who is qualified for

membership under the SAL I encourage you to have them sign up. I would also like to thank those of you who attend the monthly meetings. Our meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month starting at 7:00 PM. It is in the meetings our SAL business is discussed, business brought up on the floor and decisions made. If you want to be a part of the decision making process, be there! The next meeting will be held on March 5th and the issue regarding raising SAL dues will be on the agenda.

Also on the agenda will be the nomination of officers for the year 2014-2015. Nominations are for Commander, 1st Vice, 2nd Vice, Finance Officer, Sergeant At Arms and Chaplin. If you are interested in running for office then have your name thrown in the pot. I encourage all SAL members to consider running for an officers position and being a part of the governing body.

On Saturday, March 8th at 1:00 PM the SAL will be hosting a BBQ at the 5 Star Veterans Center. The center is a local veterans meeting place and rehabilitation center for homeless veterans. The event is open to all groups within Post 283 and our surrounding Post. Come join us and support our local veterans. The center is located at 40 Acme Street, right across Century 21 Boulevard off Atlantic Boulevard.

The first annual SAL Chip, Toss & Shoot Event is scheduled for Saturday, April 26th starting a 1:00 PM. If you are interested in the Toss Event (Horseshoe Tournament) please be there by 12 noon for signing up.

Flyers have been posted on the board and the event is open to Post within the 5th District and the VFW. Active members can bring a guest but you must sign them in the registry book in the lounge. An outside bar, burgers and dogs will be available. All proceeds will benefit the 5 Star Veterans Center.

For God and Country
Tom Harris, Commander

Auxiliary President's Report



Thank you to all who attended our Valentine's Day celebration. It was a huge success and the basket of cheer was definitely the center of attention and won by Sally King. The donations from this basket will go to veterans

programs. Susan Veronee and crew great, great job.

The next auxiliary meeting is Wednesday, March 12th at 7 p.m. At this meeting we will be nominating and voting on 3 auxiliary members to be on the election committee. The April meeting we will be taking nominations as well as in May. Our elections will be May 14th at 7 p.m. These are very important meetings. Please consider an officer position with this wonderful auxiliary unit.

Friday, March 14th Auxiliary sponsored St. Patrick's dinner featuring traditional food starting at 6 p.m.

The auxiliary as well is in the process of changing our Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules. What are these? The Constitution explains the structure, the name, purpose, and membership eligibility, elected and appointed officers and Executive Committee and the procedures to amend. The Bylaws govern us and deals with issues. It defines the procedures to elect officers, the duties of the officers. etc. The Standing Rules relates to the administration and operation of the unit. It

outlines the customs and wishes of the unit. These must be voted on and approved by the general membership in attendance before submission to Department of Florida.

As promised last month, I am featuring more Auxiliary chairmanships. Community Service: Kat Worsencroft. Community Service embraces all activities for improvement of conditions of life in the community where the American Legion Auxiliary unit is located. It has been a major activity of The American Legion and Auxiliary since 1926, and has resulted in the completion of a vast number of projects to make American communities better places in which to live. Every Auxiliary Unit is expected to carry out or cooperate in at least one project for community betterment each year.

Each unit should have a Community Service Committee in charge of Community Service projects. It is the duty of this committee to study community needs, recommend projects to the Unit, then lead in the accomplishment of projects adopted, and report the work to the Department Community Service Committee.

EMERGENCY FUND-Evelyn Tessler
This fund provides emergency assistance to a member for a limited period of time, provided she has been a member of the Auxiliary for the immediate past two consecutive years (for National's application) and past three consecutive years (for Department's application) and has her current year's dues paid.

Temporary assistance for food and shelter to eligible members related to weather-related emergencies and natural disasters.

Temporary assistance for educational training for eligible members who lack the necessary skills for employment or to upgrade competitive workforce skills.

Booking Reading/Signing

Did you know that a fellow auxiliary member is a published Author-Francina " Ms Caramel" Lucas has been a member of the American Legion Auxiliary since 1997. She now lives in Florida. She will be having a booking reading and signing on April 12, 2014 from 2pm to 5pm. The book is called "In Love With The Other Man" which is now is all online bookstores such as Amazon, Kindle, Books A Million, Barnes & Nobles, etc. This book is about four ladies,; Denise, Keisha, Liz and Tonya who are best friends and they all live different lives. But someone falls in love with the other man.. If you like Romance, Erotic, Drama, Suspense... well this book is for you. This book will take you on a roller coaster so you better hold on.. Come out and join the fun. We will have food, drinks, books and full of fun. Not only for the women.. men you can come too...

www.francinalucas.wix.com/ms-carmel and order a book. Please click on the link of your choice. Can't wait to see you there.. This should be a fun event.

Welcome New Members, Christine Maurer, Marlene E. Jarvis, and Gayle M. Moore.

Saturday, March 30th from 2-4 p.m. There will be an auxiliary meet and greet for new members. Please look for your invitation. Lunch will be served. This will be an opportunity for the new members to learn more about the auxiliary and its programs as well as meet other members.

The Annual Children's Easter party will be held Sunday, April 6 from 1-3 p.m. A sign up sheet will be on the auxiliary bulletin board beginning March 3rd.

Thank you ladies for breaking our attendance record with 30+ at our last meeting. The auxiliary is only as strong as it members and it shows.

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



Mark your calendars now! The annual Mardi Gras Party will be on March 21st, 2014

Legion Rider Director's Report



Riders Rock the House, Riders, what can I say. At the February meeting we had 64 riders in attendance. We have added 3 new Members since putting our roster to around 157. The riders have never been bigger and more active. The 5th district ALR meeting will be on March 2, 1400, at post 54. The Five Star poker run planning meetings are the first Thursday of every Month 7pm. The 2nd annual ALR State Rally is on the 14th, 15th, and 16th in Palm Bay Florida. March is the edge on madness with Mardi Gras on the 21st. This is a 283 tradition. The Florida In State Legacy Run starts on the 27th, from post 129. I can't say that I have nothing to do. It's a blast. It's time to start thinking about your choices for Officers. Let your voice be heard. Nominations will be during the ALR 283 Meeting March 1, 0900. Riding to the battle Museum after the meeting.

On a personal note: Since we are members of the Legion, Aux, and the SAL, we need to attend those meetings as well. As a SAL member, I find they are doing good things also and could use more support. The SAL has invited the riders to help with the Five Star BBQ on March the 8th. Let's go and meet the people we are riding for in Sept.

The April Camping trip is upon us, sign up, pay up before April and get ready for some fun.

By the time this is read, the riders will have supported the Dream Come True poker run at post 233, The Four Chaplain's escort ride, and enjoyed a hot bowl of Chili. Congratulations to the winners of the cook off.

Prayers continue for Dragon, Hound, and T- Bird. If you're not getting weekly e-mails from me it's because you have not renewed your membership, or I don't have your e-mail address. E-mail me at directorlr283@gmail.com. Congratulation's 283 Riders and keep it going.

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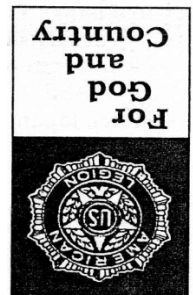
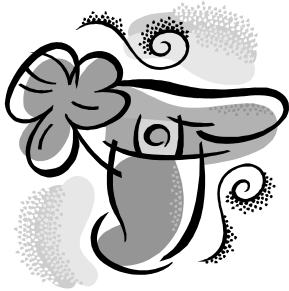
HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



American Legion Post 283 March 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mark your calendars for these upcoming events!		AUX NEW MEMBER MEET & GREET WILL BE THE 30TH FROM 2 - 4 PM				¹ ALR MEETING 9AM JAMMIN' JIM KARAOKE
²	³	⁴ SAL PIZZA 6 - 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	⁵ HUMP DAY SNACKS SAL MEETING 7PM	⁶ SOFTBALL CHILI DOGS & SLAW BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	⁷ LEGION FISH & CHIPS BACKWOOD BOYS	⁸ SAL 5 STAR BBQ KAREN KARAOKE
⁹ SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 - 11:00 LEGION 5 TH DISTRICT POST 197	¹⁰ LEGION MEETINGS EXEC 6PM GENERAL 7PM	¹¹ SAL PIZZA 6 - 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	¹² HUMP DAY SNACKS AUX MEETINGS EXEC - 6:30 GENERAL - 7:00	¹³ LOADED BAKED POTATOES BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	¹⁴ AUX ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER WOLFPACK	¹⁵ JAMMIN' JIM KARAOKE
¹⁶ SOFTBALL GAME 137 @ 283	¹⁷	¹⁸ SAL PIZZA 6 - 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	¹⁹ HUMP DAY SNACKS	²⁰ SOFTBALL BEEF STROGANOFF BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	²¹ RIDERS MARDI GRAS DINNER DOUBLE DOWN	²² KAREN KARAOKE
²³ SAL BKFT 8:30 - 11:00 SOFTBALL GAME 283 @ 316	²⁴ AUX CHAIRMAN MEETING 6:15PM	²⁵ BRAIN FOOD HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	²⁶ HUMP DAY SNACKS	²⁷ HAM & MAC & CHEESE BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	²⁸ SAL NATCHITOCHEs MEAT PIES SPEKTRA	²⁹
³⁰ SOFTBALL GAME 88 @ 283						

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