

LEGION NEWS

Arlington American Legion Post 283

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Commander's Report

Hope this newsletter finds all in good health and spirits. The legion family had a good April with everyone showing up for the Easter brunch. It is our first one and hopefully the start of a new tradition. Also wanted to thank Tom Dora, our 5th District Commander and Bob Brewster, Past District 5 Commander and Past Northern Area Commander, for taking time out of their our busy schedule to provide training to our legion. It was highly informative and provided great tools for our post officers and members. The blood drive went well. We were able to get the blood bank 15 good units. From 11 donors who gave whole blood and 2 donors gave double reds. The Easter party the auxiliary sponsored had over 33 participants and a very busy Easter Bunny. Thanks Auxiliary for making the children happy and supporting the legion Family.

The softball team continues to represent the post well. They played VFW post 1689 and Legion post 137. If that is not enough for you, the post is now sponsoring an American Legion youth baseball team. There will be more to follow but they will start the end of May. Look for their schedule at the post.

Don't forget Mother's Day on the 11th. The SAL will be doing a breakfast that morning from 830 until 11 am. At 6am on the 24th, there will be a group of people leaving the post to put flags on graves at our local cemeteries. The Legion will have an open house on the 26th which is Memorial Day. We will be providing hot dogs and hamburgers.

Don't forget 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 and itinerary is also posted on the bulletin board at the post.

The final nominations for next year's officers were accepted at the last general membership meeting. Requests for absentee ballots are posted on the Legion bulletin board. You can fill them out and put them in the membership box if you would like one. Cutoff for requests for an absentee ballot will be 5 May so that the post has time to process and mail the ballots and time for return. Elections will be May 17th from 7am until 7pm and will require a current dues card to vote. Nominees 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 – open, Historian

– open, Chaplain – John Hugus , Haim Cassorla , Executive Committee –Phil Jansen, Richard Kassner ,and Board of Directors – Terry Howard, Corey Glassner, Jim Wallace, Herb Fogarty

Hope to see you at the post.

For God & Country
Troy Horsley- Post 283 Commander

1st Vice Report

Hi everyone, I hope you had a great Easter! Can you believe it's already May? Membership renewals continue to roll in and we are currently at 105%. Thank you for helping us exceed our goal of 100%!!

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 our 6 new members; Christopher Morgan, John Balcom, Rufus Sallas, Christopher Hartman, David Cadenhead and Sheila Haskins, Welcome aboard!!

Remember, Post elections are coming up so look for your sample ballot and vote to support your officers.

For God and Country,
Jim Welch
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2nd Vice Report

Hope everyone had a great Easter. The Legion brunch was well received. Please follow the newsletter for upcoming meals this month.

For God and Country
Thomas "Chick" Gagner

3rd Vice Report

Welcome to the month of May Post 283 Legion Family! April was an extremely busy month with May looking just as busy.

We held our blood drive on the 6th of April. The Blood Alliance registered 17 donors, deferred four, and collected

15 good units meeting our post goal. The post helped save the lives of 45 people in our community. Our next blood drive is tentatively scheduled for the end of July. More information will follow in next month's newsletter. Thanks to the SAL for their support with breakfast and Janice Dixon for all of her help.

The Terry Parker High School NJROTC Commander, LCDR Morosetti and a few of his cadets spoke at our general meeting at the post in April. The post Commander and I were honored to attend both the Terry Parker High School NJROTC and First Coast High School NJROTC awards banquets and present the ROTC Excellence Medal and the ROTC Scholastic Medal to recipients in both programs.

The post would like to welcome Cub Scout Troop 181 who will be conducting their meetings at the post until renovation of their primary meeting facility is completed. Boy Scout Troop 181 is still meeting at the post and is looking for assistance with transportation to events as well as other Scouting events. If anyone is interested please contact myself or the Scout Troop Leader Don Morrell. Thanks to Ken Klocko for volunteering to assist Boy Scout Troop 181.

At the April general meeting Post 283 was been asked to sponsor a local American Legion Baseball team. We have accepted and our 283 Team is expected to take the field at the end of May. The schedule is being drafted and will be made available as soon as we have it. Thanks to Mike Dux for volunteering to be the Chair person for this important program.

Lastly, a couple of facts I came across about the history of the United States Flag found in the Americanism Manual. Authorized by Congress on 14 June 1777 the date of June 14 is now observed as Flag Day in America. The first time the flag was flown was in Rome, New York, on August 3rd 1777. Three days later on the 6th of August 1777 it came under fire for the first time at the Battle of Oriskany.

For God and Country
Scott Pageau

Disaster Preparedness

It is that time again to prepare for Hurricane season. As we all know the first of June marks the beginning of the season. The post Disaster Preparedness Team would like to remind everyone to verify their personal family plans, check your disaster kits and don't forget to plan for your animals during a disaster. Also, anyone interested in completing training courses to enhance their personal knowledge is invited to go to <http://training.fema.gov/IS/crslist.aspx> to complete free online courses. The course, Are you ready? is available to help you with any planning questions you may have. Currently, a CPR class is being organized at the post more information to follow.

Scott Pageau

S.A.L. Commander's Report



Congratulations Squadron! Thanks to our 1st Vice, Kevin Winn's diligence, the renewal of our current members and the interest of new members to associate with our Squadron we have gone over the 100% goal. As a reminder, membership dues for the upcoming year 2014/2015, starting June 1st will increase from \$15.00 to \$20.00. The increase is in part of the

Detachment of Florida increasing our contribution portion which has not been done since 2002. Duel members' dues will increase from \$9.00 to \$10.00 and children under 18 dues will remain the same at \$6.00.

The third round of nominations for officers for the year 2014/2015 will take place on Wednesday, May 7th during our general membership meeting. Per the first two

rounds the following nominations have been made and accepted. Commander-Tom Harris, 1st Vice-Kevin Winn, 2nd Vice-Jeff Lafferty, Chaplin-Jeff Roberson and Sergeant at Arms-Terry Wallace. Elected position still open is Finance Officer. Wednesday is your opportunity to participate in the election of your Squadron's officers and to be informed as to the goals the Squadron has plans for the upcoming year.

I don't say often enough, "Thanks", to those of you who spend the many hours and taking your own personal time to provide the meals we serve our membership and their quest. Friday Night Dinners, the Breakfast Crew and the Pizza Crew. And let's not forget that one guy that's really important to the Pizza Crew, Pizza Man Mikey, the box folder. And it's just not all of you. It's our Squadron members that will step up and assist the other family groups when they have their events as well. Your time and efforts do not go unnoticed and all I can say is "it's working together that makes it work". THANKS

Our first annual Chip, Toss & Shoot Event was held April 26th. I will give a full report in the June letter.

For God and Country
Tom Harris, Commander

Auxiliary President's Report



We would like to announce the candidates for 2014-2015 Auxiliary officer positions, President-Robbin Walker, Janice Dixon (pending acceptance at May meeting) Vice President-Sylvia Curnutte; Second Vice President-Mari Gierok;

Chaplan-Linda Nogle; Historian-Open; Treasurer-Rosemarie Harper; Sgt at Arms Jane Burley; Assistant Sgt at Arms-Peggy Miller; Executive Committee-Bettiemae Kitchens, Jann Schneider, Evelyn Tessler, and Marge Stroud.

Our elections will be held on Wednesday, May 14th at 7 p.m. We will be taking nominations from the floor as well. You must present your 2014 Auxiliary membership card in order to vote. There are no absentee ballots.

The Meet and Greet for members 4 years and under was a great success. Fifteen new members attended and were treated to a wonderful lunch by Mari. Sylvia emceed and gave handout information on volunteerism as well as officer duties. Jane made a presentation about Poppies.

The Easter Party was wonderful. Thirty-three children were treated to lunch, Easter egg hunt, basket raffle and a visit by the Easter Bunny. Co-chairman, Megan, did a great job. Jean, the bartender donated some awesome Easter baskets.

May is Poppy month. We will be distributing poppies at Publix on Atlantic and Hodges Saturday, May 24th and Sunday, May 25th, from 9-3 p.m. each day. Jane Burley is our chairman. We have a sign-up sheet on the auxiliary board at the post if you would like to volunteer. We will have 1 hour shifts. We never ask someone to purchase a poppy. We only accept donations.

Because our poppy is an emblem of sacrifice, those who love it must make every effort to teach the public the true meaning of the flower. The success of the poppy distribution depends upon the advance publicity. The poppy can make the public recall the sacrifices which have been made by the men and women who gave their lives that our country might be saved - the first and greatest mission of the poppy has been fulfilled. Poppies are made by Veterans. All the proceeds are donated to Veterans Programs.

The second mission is to win the confidence of the public through knowledge of the purposes to which the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary expend the money derived from the poppy distribution. By means of

publicity on the expenditure of the poppy proceeds, public confidence can be won. The public has the right to this information. Every Post and Unit should see that the poppy proceeds are so spent that publicity will bring honor and reward to our organization.

The public should also be reminded that the disabled men and women in hospitals, and their families are assisted by our poppy funds. The public will then know that The American Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary are continuing to keep faith with those who gave their all for our freedom.

In Flanders Fields

by John McCrae, May 1915

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.

If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Friday, May 2 beginning at 6 p.m. the auxiliary will be featuring the Cinco De Mayo dinner. This wonderful dinner will include Chicken enchiladas, Mexican Rice, refried beans, and desserts for a \$8.00 donation.

We have the honor of hosting the Girl's State orientation on Saturday, May 17th at 1 p.m. Susan Winn, our chairman, will host the event. Good Luck young ladies.

The Men of 283 Calendars are still available for a \$5.00 donation. All the proceeds will go to Prostate Research.

Welcome new members Pamela Benson, Loretta King, Kelly Kraus Stephens. Transfers Denise Buck-Mangels and Deborah Collins.

Five -Star Veteran's Center update--our auxiliary purchased \$500.00 in towels, pillows, cleaning and laundry supplies and delivered to a very grateful 5-Star organization. Thank you to our American Legion post family for their generous donations.

Our Constitution and Bylaws Chairman, Jann Schneider presented to the General Membership on Wednesday, April 9th at 7 p.m. our final changes to the Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules. They were unanimously approved by the General Membership. We will be bringing these forward once more at our May meeting for final approval by the General Membership and then they will be sent to the Department of Florida.

Thank you ladies for breaking our attendance record once again with 35+ 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

Legion Rider Director's Report

Rider at full throttle,



The riders at post 283 are on the move. April was a busy month with the success of Mardi Gras on March 21, and the Florida Legacy Run March 27 thru April 3. The poker run for the USO by ALR316 on April 12 and our annual ALR Campout

Weekend in the Ocala National Forest. We visited the VFW veteran's village in Ft. McCoy and spread the Love and gratitude from our post.

We will be on the move again in May with Boots on the Ground on May 10th, The ALR State Rally May 16 thru 18. The next Five Star meeting is May 8th. We are ready to start promoting this event and getting sponsors. Red Shirt Fridays are working well, if you don't have your shirt come to the meetings or see Marjie.

On May 24th at 0900, we are pleased to bring HANDS ONLY CPR training to the post. Instructors from UF-Health will bring some life saving tips and instruction to us at no cost. The class will last about an hour and you will leave with the confidence that you can help in an emergency.

The Legacy run raised over \$20,000. TW, Janice, and Jim Wallace and others participated. Our Riders will also be making their donation at the Convention in June. Information about the Convention is on the Florida Legion web site.

May 3rd is Election Day. The current nominees are:

•Director: Rodney Fullwood Jr. •Asst. Director: Jim Brown •Treasurer: Ella Jansen •Secretary: Jane Scullo •2nd Vice: Brett Stepp, Corey Glasner •Membership: Beth Fullwood, Cheryl Huff, Marjie Kline •Sargent at Arms TW, Wes McMillan •Road Captain: Mike Smith •Safety Officer: David Levesque, Scott Brown, •Asst Sgt Arms: Gerry Giecko, Donnie Reese, Gary Gillis.

Absentee Ballots will be at the post and can be placed in the Riders box prior to May 3rd. PLEASE VOTE!

Thank You Riders for all the support.

Rodney Fullwood Jr.
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Coach's Corner

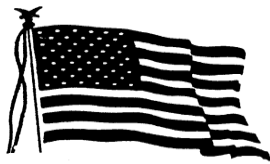


It's great to have you back for another edition of Coach's Corner. The first half of the season flew by with the blink of an eye. The Post 283 Softball Squad has been busy representing the post and appreciates looking out into our very full bleachers to see all of our dedicated supporters.

The team traveled to Abess Park on March 16th for the season opener against Post 316. Electricity was in the air as Post 316 jumped out to an early lead with 6 runs in the first inning. Post 283 came back to tie it up in the 3rd, it was a hard fought game with Post 316 coming away with the victory by a single run. The following week Post 283 had their home opener at their new home field Bruce Park hosting Post 137. Our awesome American Legion Riders were here to present the flag for opening ceremonies. Post 283 came away with a win 17-6. Unfortunately, Post 54 and Post 88 had to forfeit due to unforeseen circumstances so the team used the time for some camaraderie and practice having a 283 scrimmage, everyone enjoyed the light workout. The weekend of April 23th the team traveled to VFW Post 1689 and came away with a win of 15-2. The team currently stands 5-1.

Check the calendar in the newsletter for upcoming games. Thanks you for all your support!

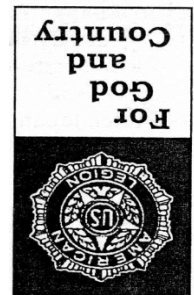
God Bless our Troops
Jodi Welch



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mark your calendars for these upcoming events!		*AUX ELECTIONS AT 7PM ON THE 14TH		1 HAMBURGERS & CHEESEBURGERS BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	2 AUX CHICKEN ENCHILADAS GUITAR RED	3 ALR MEETING 9AM JAMMIN' JIM KARAOKE
4 SOFTBALL 316@283	5	6 SAL PIZZA 6 – 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	7 HUMP DAY SNACKS SAL MEETING 7PM	8 SOFTBALL BEEF STROGANOFF BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	9 LEGION STUFFED CHICKEN BREASTS DOUBLE DOWN	10 KAREN KARAOKE
11 SAL MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00	12 LEGION MEETINGS EXEC 6PM GENERAL 7PM	13 JEFF'S HOMEMADE SLOPPY JOES HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	14 HUMP DAY SNACKS AUX MEETINGS EXEC – 6:30PM *GENERAL – 7PM	15 LEG QUARTERS BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	16 SAL SALISBURY STEAK BACKWOOD BOYS	17 ARMED FORCES DAY LEGION ELECTIONS 7AM – 7PM JAMMIN' JIM KARAOKE
18 LEGION 5 TH DISTRICT POST 54	19	20 SAL PIZZA 6 – 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	21 HUMP DAY SNACKS	22 SOFTBALL CHILI DOGS W/SLAW BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	23 ALR DINNER SPEKTRA	24 POPPIES @ PUBLIX KAREN KARAOKE
25 POPPIES @ PUBLIX SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00	26 MEMORIAL DAY OPEN HOUSE 1PM – 'TIL HAMBURGERS & HOT DOGS	27 CRAIG'S FRIED CHICKEN HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	28 HUMP DAY SNACKS	29 DISASTER PREPAREDNESS SPAGHETTI BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	30 SOFTBALL CHICKEN PARMESAN WOLF PACK	31

OBSERVE A MOMENT OF SILENCE AT 3:00 PM ON THE 26TH TO HONOR THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR OUR FREEDOM



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