

# LEGION NEWS

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## Commander's Report

Support, Support, and more Support.

The Family came together this month with a whole lot of it. I want to thank all the members who came out to help clean up the post. The post looks like a top notch establishment. Come by and check out how wonderful it is to be here. Those who stopped by from the Fifth District were impressed at how nice our post looked. The Riders had a fantastic turn out for 5 Star Veterans and were helped across the board with members from the Legionaries, Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion. It was a great effort which enabled 5 Star Veterans to get a check for over \$19,000 this year. We held a POW/MIA ceremony during our open house. The 5<sup>th</sup> district family picnic at Post 137 on October 4<sup>th</sup> was a very "chilling" experience for some, but was a great time and good fellowship.

There are lots of events in November to peak the interests of almost everyone. Don't forget to reset your clocks on the 2<sup>nd</sup> for daylight savings time to end. The early bird dinner will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November from 4-6 pm and is for all Legionnaires, Auxiliary and SAL who have their 2015 Post 283 membership cards renewed by the end of October. Free for members, donations for guests. The drawing for the \$50.00 dollar raffle will be done before serving the meal.

Election on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Go and vote. It is the right you defend for all to get out and make a choice for democracy

The 10<sup>th</sup> of November we will be celebrating the US Marine Corps birthday, Semper Fi !! On Tuesday, the 11<sup>th</sup>. it will be Open House for Veteran's Day. The Post will be serving All American hot dogs and hamburgers with all the fixings. Mid-winter convention will be in Orlando from the 7<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> Of November. Post 283 is sponsoring the 5<sup>th</sup> district fun cruise on 17 November. Sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board along with the particulars.

There will be a SAL breakfast the morning of the 24<sup>th</sup> which coincides with our post Blood drive. Please give the gift of life. Thanksgiving dinner on the 27<sup>th</sup> will be our traditional fare of turkey and ham with all the fixings. There will be a collection box at the legion for thanksgiving supplies for our local community. If you know of a member in our family network that is need of our support this year for thanksgiving, please contact me or the first vice so we can make sure we can provide them assistance with a holiday basket. Auxiliary will have their breakfast with SANTA on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

Don't forget we have the NFL ticket so you don't have to miss your favorite football game. Bring a dish of your favorite football food and come on down to the legion for some fellowship.

Finally there is some great news from the DMV. The State of Florida is offering the opportunity to purchase American Legion license plates. Go online and preorder yours today.

Hope to see you at the post.

For God & Country  
Troy Horsley- Post 283 Commander

## 1st Vice Report

Hi everyone hope you had a great summer! The holiday season is fast approaching. I would like to say I was amazed at the fantastic job everyone did for the FIVE STAR VETERANS event, especially our Legion Riders for all their hard work leading up to the event, and all our family for making it GREAT!!

The early bird dinner is the 2<sup>th</sup> of November with Stuffed Smoked Meat Loaf and all the fixings for those who had their membership renewed by October 31<sup>st</sup>. Hope to see everyone there. Our Membership is not going well; we have not reached our November goal of 70%. Encourage everyone to stop by and get your renewals by the dead line, I am at the post most afternoons and you can get your membership renewed while you wait in just minutes. I would like to welcome new members to our post; Pedro Borrero, Danny Suber, Paul Boucher, Huey James, Victor Mitchell, Michael Elliott, Roger Stewart and Kevin Nesbitt. Transfer members; Kenneth Cochran, William White and Charles Hickmon . Welcome all to Post 283.

If you have misplaced your newsletter our weekly events are now in the Jacksonville Times Union in the Metro section in Monday's paper under the veterans Calendar. There is a lot of good information about events in the Jacksonville area also.

Again, I would like to thank everyone for all their hard work in making Post 283 the greatest post in the State. Please don't hesitate to contact me for any questions you might have. Thank You.

For God and Country,  
Jim Welch

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## 2nd Vice Report

Wow! I can't believe the holiday season is almost upon us already. As such, we have lots of things going on.

The Legion Steak Night continues to do well. I again want to thank all of those who have been helping. I'd like to thank the First Coast NJROTC Cadets for their help during the October Steak Night. And a big thanks to our 3<sup>RD</sup> Vice Commander for getting a different group of kids in to help us each month.

I'd like to thank all SAL members who helped provide the meal on October 12<sup>th</sup>. We hosted the 5<sup>th</sup> district meeting, and we showed all of the other Posts, as well as the District Officers, how it should be done. Everyone really enjoyed Too Tall's Pulled Pork Sandwiches, as well as all of the fixings.

We have a brand new commercial deep fryer. As of the time I'm writing this, all we have to do is get it connected; scheduled for the 21<sup>st</sup>. Which means by the time this new letter is out; Ken should be frying up them wings. The plan is to have wings for all 1:00PM Jag games. Come on out and enjoy some delicious wings and watch our Jags get better each week. Who knows, we may even win a couple of games soon.

Another thing I need to mention to help tighten up the kitchen. I routinely see food in the walk in and the freezers not labeled. Per health codes, EVERYTHING must be labeled as to what it is, and the date. Additionally, if it is

something you need / saving, mark who it belongs to. If anything is left unmarked, I have asked the Kitchen Manager to either discard it or use how he sees fit.

On a very exciting note! A huge, stainless steel, commercial freezer (never even been plugged in) has been generously donated to us. By the time this gets published, it should be installed. We plan to put it in the kitchen. The two freezers currently in the kitchen will be re-purposed within the Post.

For those of you who are on your game and have your 2015 membership cards, you have a free dinner coming your way. The Early Bird Dinner is on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. See the calendar for the time and menu.

Veterans Day is November 11<sup>th</sup>. It's "Open House". We'll be serving up Burgers and Dogs from 6:00 til 7:30.

We have a new event taking place on the 1<sup>st</sup>. It's a "Pot Luck Cook Off". Like a chili cook off, except you can prepare any dish. So prepare your best dish and let the judges stack it up. See Teri Howard for details.

Happy Thanksgiving! As 283 tradition, we will be frying Turkeys again Thanksgiving morning. We will be doing everything the same as last year, as it seemed to work very well. We will again ask for a modest \$5.00 donation to help cover the expense of oil and propane. We will be taking the birds in from 8:00am until 11:00 am. Other than that, if you want your turkey fried, here are the criteria:

1. No bird over 13lbs. Must have tag in place.
2. No rub or marinade on the exterior of the bird. Injection marinade is fine.
3. Absolutely HAS to be defrosted fully.

I will be sending out emails in the near future asking for volunteers and equipment to borrow (turkey frying pots, burners, and propane bottles). We will refill the bottle when we're done. We'll be executing my same ridiculous plan as last year.

Finally, we will also be providing a Thanksgiving feast on Thanksgiving Day as well. Ken will be asking for help to put that on as well I'm sure.

Please keep our military and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

For God and Country  
Jeff Lafferty  
Post 283 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice  
Squadron 283 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice

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

Welcome to November. The year is winding down but as a post some of our programs are in full swing.

The Post's blood drive is scheduled for the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November from 8am-12pm. All those interested in signing up can do so on the sign-up sheet at the legion or go to [www.igiveblood.com](http://www.igiveblood.com). Currently, we have seven donors signed up but are looking to fill up all the time slots which is a total of 24. Our goal is to donate 15 units of whole blood. This drive is being run in conjunction with the SAL breakfast and the Auxiliary bake sale. Please come out and support those causes as well. Remember that for every unit of blood collected up to three patients in our community can be saved.

In order to be eligible participants for the Oratorical Contest potential candidates must be citizens of or lawful permanent residents of the United States. All contestants must be bona fide students herein described as any student under the age of 20 years on the date of the national contest who is presently enrolled in a high school or junior high school (public, parochial, military, private or home school). The curriculum of the school must be considered to be of high school level, commencing with grade 9 and terminating with grade 12. Students must be enrolled in high school or junior high school during the time of participation at any level of The American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest. Contestants must either be legally domiciled within or attend an educational

institution within the department that they enter competition. Contestants can enter competition through only one department. High school students that graduate early during the school year are eligible to compete if they are not enrolled in a college, university, trade school or other institution of higher learning at the time of the department finals contest. Further information can be obtained at [www.legion.org/oratorical/rules](http://www.legion.org/oratorical/rules). We need to have our Post contest completed by 18 January 2015 with the 5<sup>th</sup> District contest being held on 24 January 2015. If you are interested in being a judge for the post contest or know of a student that is interested please contact me as soon as possible.

We continue to look for potential delegates to represent the post in the Boys State program. As a post we intend to send five boys to do so. To be eligible to participate in Boys State, only males who have successfully completed their junior year of high school and who have at least one more semester remaining are considered. Previous participants of a Boys State competition are not allowed to attend a second session. Only those who illustrate leadership, character, scholarship, loyalty and service in their schools and community should be considered. More information can be found at [www.legion.org/boysnation/stateeligibility](http://www.legion.org/boysnation/stateeligibility) or check out the pamphlet on the information board at the Legion.

Thanks to all that came out to assist with the post clean-up in preparation for the 5<sup>th</sup> District meeting and the ALR Poker Run on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September. As always the run was a great success. The Terry Parker NJROTC supported with 30 cadets along with our very own Boy Scout Troop 181. They volunteered to assist with parking, serving and general clean-up. Thanks to them for their contribution. We had the First Coast NJROTC volunteer to come out and assist with the Legion Steak Night last month. All of our volunteers do a great job and we are looking forward to working with them again soon.

For God and Country  
Scott Pageau

### **S.A.L. Commander's Report**



We're getting close to the end of the year and as of yet a lot of folks have not renewed their dues. Until Bob Bertram comes on board I will be handling the membership renewals. I'm usually at the Post most days of the week, so if you haven't obtained your 2015 membership card come see me. As a reminder after December 31 you will be asked to show your 2015 card. Even if you had a 2014 card, if you haven't paid your 2015 dues the bylaws state you are inactive and as a result even if you were a 2014 member you cannot be signed in by a member of any group who holds there 2015 card. So come on board and let's get it taken care of. As of October 17th the SAL has signed up 13 new members and an additional 3 have transferred to Squadron 283. I would like to welcome all new members and transfers and encourage you to get involved with the Squadron. Our meetings are on the first Wednesday of each month starting at 7 PM.

The 5 Star Veterans Center Poker Run held September 27<sup>th</sup> was a great success. It looked a little scary there for a while with a 60% chance of rain but we were lucky and escaped most of the bad weather. I would like to thank the Danny & Danny Show for cooking BBQ all day long. I was really impressed with the results of their well trained cooking skills which they learned from one of the finest culinary BBQ kitchens in Jacksonville. (Post 283) I would also like to thanks all the others, you know who you are, with helping the SAL contribute their part in making this annual event a great success. I'm pleased to announce the SAL contributed \$3,000.00 to this cause and I as well as the membership know helping our Veterans is the least we can do. I would also like to congratulate the Riders for a job well done. What they do for our charities and our Veterans groups is unbelievable and I think most of us should be aware of their causes and thank them for what they do.

October 12<sup>th</sup> Post 283 hosted the 5<sup>th</sup> District Meeting. Once again the SAL stepped up and did the cooking for that day. Guess what was served. Yep, BBQ. Imagine that. Another good day and another good crew. We served at around 100 attendees. So again I want to thank all those who were involved. We received a lot of compliments from the members from the other Posts. Job well done!

With that said I don't want to leave out the others. The Breakfast Crew, The Pizza Crew, all the folks who participate in the SAL functions. These folks put a lot of hours serving our members and what's important the funds we make off our dinners goes to our local charities and Veteran's organizations. I really appreciate everything they do for the SAL and the Legion Post. When you see them around the Post, thank them. And I don't want to forget the "HUMP MAN", Ken Martin. Ken is responsible every Wednesday for setting up the Hump Day foods. Thank Ken and make a little donation.

For God and Country  
Tom Harris, Commander



## Auxiliary President's Report

Happy Veteran's Day to all our veterans. Thank you for your service to our country.

The auxiliary were busy bees working hard in our community and serving our Veterans. As of this writing unit 283 has served over 900 veterans in our community,

with the standown, HUD Vash picnic, Bus passes for the VA outpatient clinic as well as serving coffee and snacks, Buddy Baskets for transitioning veterans, and serving our veterans at the USO airport.

The Adult Halloween party was another tremendous success and a great time was had by all. The costumes were something to see. Thank you for supporting the auxiliary fall basket raffle.

The next auxiliary meeting is Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

Post 373 will be hosting the next 5<sup>th</sup> District meeting at 2 p.m. All are welcome to attend. This is a great time to meet other members and share ideas.

November 14<sup>th</sup> a sign-up sheet will be placed on the bulletin board for the Children's Christmas Party, scheduled for Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 p.m. Age limit 10 years old. Two parents per family. Signed up early a maximum of 30 children. Once again we will be asking each parent to put an item on the list that their child might want from Santa. There is a money maximum limit. Please see the sign up sheet. We will be raffling bicycles once again this year--next month we will be featuring more details.

The Cruise on Victory from Mayport will be Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. There is a sign up sheet on the auxiliary board. Robbin Walker will be at the post home on Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup> to collect final payment from 4-6 p.m. or you may leave cash with the bartender. This is a district event and all family and friends are invited.

Mari and Marge will serving the next auxiliary dinner on Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. Roasted Pork, vegetable, potato, salad and dessert, \$8.00 donation.

The Auxiliary's second annual bake sale will be held on Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 8 a.m. If you wish to donate items for this bake sale, please bring them no later than the morning of, please label them aux bake sale, and have them placed in the walk-in cooler. Last year was a huge success and our post home has many, many great bakers-yummy.

Breakfast with Santa will be Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11 a.m. We will be serving Pancakes, Sausage, scrambled eggs, and juice. Tickets are sold in advance for this event, \$8.00 donation. Please see an auxiliary member. The children will have a magical breakfast with santa. Each child will receive a surprise from Santa.

## AUXILIARY NEEDS

1. We will be placing a donation box at the post home for our Children's Christmas party. An unwrapped toy is greatly appreciated.

2. Once again we will be collecting non-perishable items for our prescreened veterans who would not otherwise have Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner.

Welcome new members Charlene Elswick, Connie Rinehart, Marilyn Hucks and transfers Jessica Young, Danielle Demetras, and Ruth Davis.

Thank you to all those members who have already paid your auxiliary dues and supporting the auxiliary programs. Those who have not, we are looking forward to seeing them soon.

Please let Janice Dixon know if you don't receive emails from the auxiliary regarding unit activities. email [janicedixon2132@comcast.net](mailto:janicedixon2132@comcast.net) to be added or contact her at 571-4541.

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.

The auxiliary wishes you a safe and Happy Thanksgiving with family and friends.

For God and Country,  
Robbin Walker, Auxiliary President

## Legion Rider Director's Report



It's time to give thanks for all our blessings. Time for family, friends and time to give thanks to the gifts that meet our needs. The Riders of 283 put on a great event to help the needs of the Veterans at the Five Star Center. Close to 20,000 dollars will be given as a result of the work of the Post Family. Thank You to all that helped and made it a successful day.

It doesn't stop there. ALR 283 participated in Wreaths across America Ride on October 11<sup>th</sup>. We donated 1000.00 to Post 129 for this event. We also donated 1000.00 to Poison Patriots. Our post has hosted a stop for both the rides and we benefited from that as well.

Our group continues to grow. We added several new members to ALR 283. This brings us to 172. We average about 40 at every meeting and a high attendant this year was 59. So Far we have ridden 34 thousand miles, 6600 hours, and raised 40 thousand dollars for charities. We still have 6 months to annual Convention when we give our final numbers. Let's keep up the great work.

- ALR General Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> at 0900
- Day Light Savings Time Ends 2nd
- Fall Conference 7th-9<sup>th</sup> in Orlando.
- Veterans Day the 11<sup>th</sup>.
- ALR Dinner night is the 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Post 54, Toys for Tots. We are a stop for this ride.
- Thanks Giving Day 27<sup>th</sup>.

Don't forget to start renewing your post memberships and show your card to Beth to renew your Riders. Dues go up on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January to 25.00 from 20.00. So renew early to take advantage of the old rate.

Happy Thanksgiving to all,

Rodney Fullwood Jr.  
Director ALR Chapter 283

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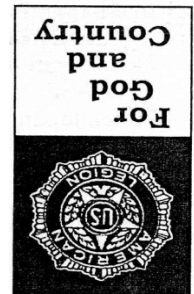
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# American Legion Post 283 November 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mark your calendars for these upcoming events!		Softball Games: 2 <sup>nd</sup> @Fleet 290 9 <sup>th</sup> BYE 16 <sup>th</sup> 88 @ 283 30 <sup>th</sup> 137@283				1 ALR MTG 9AM LEGION POT LUCK COOK OFF 5 - 7pm JAMMIN' JIM KARAOKE
2 EARLY BIRD DINNER STUFFED SMOKED MEATLOAF 4 - 6 PM	3	4 SAL PIZZA 6 - 7:30 PM  HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	5 HUMP DAY SNACKS SAL MEETING 7PM	6 SOFTBALL CHUNKY CHICKEN CASSEROLE BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	7 LEGION STEAK DINNER FALL CONF. 1300 MIAP NATIONAL CEMETARY LYONS	8 FALL CONFERENCE  JIMBO & DIBBI KARAOKE
9 FALL CONF. SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 - 11:00 \$7 DONATION	10 LEGION MEETINGS EXEC 6PM GENERAL 7PM MARINE	11 VETERAN'S DAY OPEN HOUSE - BURGERS & DOGS 6 - 7:30 HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	12 HUMP DAY SNACKS AUX MEETINGS EXEC - 6:30PM GENERAL - 7PM	13 AUX PULLED PORK SAND. W/SAUCE BY MARI BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	14 ALR DINNER KIELBASA W/SAUERKRAUT BAND ON THE RUN	15 TOYS FOR TOTS POST 54  JAMMIN' JIM KARAOKE
16 LEGION & SAL 5 <sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT MTG @ POST 373	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 AUX DINNER ROASTED PORK  DOUBLE DOWN	22   KAREN KARAOKE
23 SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 - 11:00 BLOOD DRV & AUX BAKE SALE 8am	24	25 PORK ADOBO & PANCIT BY CRAIG  HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	26	27 THANKSGIVING DINNER 1-4PM  TURKEY FRYING 8 - 11	28 PRESIDENT'S DAY NO DINNER  B ACKWOOD BOYS	29 5 <sup>TH</sup> DIST VICTORY CASINO CRUISE  LINDA PONCE KARAOKE
30 AUX B'FAST WITH SANTA						

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