

LEGION NEWS

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Commander's Report

Hello legion family. The legion had a very busy August. Several of our members have been assisting our veterans and the community. Stuff the bus brought in backpacks, glue, paper, crayons, and all sorts of school supplies

for needy children. We started early this past month by celebrating the Coast Guards birthday on Aug 4th. There was also a back to school party that was held at one of our low income apartment complexes that provided a great day of fun for children, disabled and some veterans. Thanks for all who came out to provide their time in assisting our community and veterans.

The drive is on for getting out and having our members get their 2015 dues into the legion. The First vice is entering all who renew their dues by 1 October into a drawing for \$50.00. Take the opportunity to get your dues finished and to be eligible. It will also make you eligible for our early bird dinner on the 2nd of November where the winner from the drawing will get their prize. All Legionnaires, Auxiliary and SAL who have their 2015 Post 283 membership cards are going to get a free dinner. It is a win for everyone.

September is a big month for the Legion. The 1st will be an open house day for the post in recognition of Labor Day. Grab a veteran and bring them to the post. We will have hot dogs and burgers starting at 1 until we run out. The CPO Selectees from the USS Farragut will also be here holding a car wash to help them raise some much needed funds. We have VJ(Victory of Japan) day on the 2nd, American Legion Day on the 15th, The US Air force Birthday on the 18th, and quickly followed by POW/MIA Recognition day on the 19th.

On the morning of the 21st, we are having a legion cleanup day that morning that will start at around 8 a.m. We are in big need of across the board support from our legion family so any and all who can come out and make our legion beautiful would be great. Our legion will be in the public eye with two big events the following couple of weekends. On the weekend of the 27th, it is the Legion riders 5 Star Motorcycle run fundraising event that will bring people from all over to our post including possible news team coverage. On October 12th, we are sponsoring the entire 5th district at our post for their official visit. Let's try and get out and make our legion the one that visiting legions would like to emulate as our legion is the greatest place to come to for food, fun and fellowship.

The softball season is starting back up with the first game on the 7th. We will be playing other posts around town, the Fleet Reserve 290, and a few of the VFW posts. The games are usually Sunday mornings at 10 am. The game schedule will be posted on the general announcement board at the post. If you are interested in playing, get a hold of Jody Welch.

We are looking to be the place for you to come to watch football. The Jaguars will be playing on the big screen as well as the RED ZONE will be on the TV's in the center of the bar so you won't miss the scores or action from your team. So come one and come all and enjoy fellowship with the family members.

Hope to see you at the post.

For God & Country
Troy Horsley- Post 283 Commander

1st Vice Report

Well September is here and we are off to a slow start on membership. Currently at 33.8%. Our Department goal is 55% by September 3. Please help us meet this goal given by Department by renewing your membership ASAP. I would like to welcome 6 new members and 4 transfer members (Forrest Guthrie US Army, Charles Leddon US Army, John Culin US Army, Nicholas Arias US Navy, Laiarus Burgess US Army, Murrell Metts US Marine and transfer Members Chris Parrish, US Army, Mark Johnson US Army, Jerome Seefried US Air Force and George Erkila US Navy.) This month the post would like recognize our members with 60 years and over continuous membership. Hank Pelz 60 years and Lawrence Bessler 63 years, Thank you for your service to The American Legion!

This year we are having the early bird dinner for those who pay their membership by the November 1st. The date for the early bird dinner will be November 2th from 4pm - 6pm. The dues for this year are as follows; if you are 70 years young 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.

If you would like to sign up to receive your newsletter by email we would be happy to oblige. It would help save your post a lot of money in postage. Contact myself or Nancy and we would be happy to get you signed up. If you know anyone who is eligible to become a Legionnaire please have them contact us and show them how great our post is and what a good Legion Family we have! Remember, there are a lot of additional benefits to being a member besides supporting our great Post. There are discounts on rental cars, home services (Apple, Dell, Dish Network, DirecTV, USAA), CVS Caremark prescriptions, Budget rental trucks, and hotels to name a few.

This year the post is having a drawing for a \$50.00 gift card for all the member who paid their dues by October 1st. drawing we be at the early bird dinner

For God and Country,
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2nd Vice Report

I want to start by sending out a huge Thank You to everyone who pitched in for the Memorial Dinner / Air Force Day / Steak Dinner in honor of Gene Funk on August 1st. There was a great turn out. The SAL 2nd Vice started shaking in his boots when he opened the door and saw the line. The dinner was a success, serving all 70 steaks in just under an hour. We had a few lessons learned, but everyone tightened up and made it happen. A special Thank You to our 3rd Vice and the Boy Scouts who helped. The boys jumped right in and were a tremendous part of the team.

As most of you already know, the Legion will be doing a monthly steak dinner. The first one is on the 7th. The SAL 2nd Vice has passed on his lessons learned to the Legion 2nd Vice from last month's steak dinner. We will continue to improve each month with the outstanding Steak Crew we've put together. It takes around 15 people to execute this menu, so if anyone else wants to help, please let me know. Looking forward to all of you coming out and enjoying the steak dinner. The best \$12.00 steak dinner you'll find in JAX, outside of cooking at home. This month we're ordering 100 steaks, and 10oz vice 8oz. If you are not one of the 1st 100 to order, you'll miss out. We'll order even more next month if the turn out calls for it. We are also adding shrimp skewers to the menu as an option for another \$2.00 donation.

Thanks to Ken and the few who helped him on the Christmas in August dinner. I heard nothing but good comments.

A few of us have been discussing doing some meals on Saturdays. If you have any input or suggestions, let us know. IF YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER to do anything on a Saturday, see me! This is to members of the whole family.

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

Welcome to the month of September American Legion Post 283 family. I hope everyone enjoyed their summer. It went by so fast!

Calling all American Legion Post 283 family volunteers! We are soliciting Chairpersons for the following programs: Americanism, Baseball, Boy Scout, Boys State, Oratorical, Law and Order, ROTC/Shooting Sports, and Children and Youth. These programs are a major part of our community involvement and providing our youth with a positive outlook for tomorrow. Anyone interested in volunteering please contact me. I can either be contacted at the post or approach any Officer and give them your contact information. I will get in touch with you and look forward to working with you. For more information on any of these programs please visit www.floridalegion.org/index.php

Please mark the date of 23 November 2014 on your calendars. It is the date we have invited The Blood Alliance back to the post from 0800 – 1200 in conjunction with the SAL breakfast for our next blood drive. We were almost at our goal last time so please come out and support. The support from the last drive was great. Let's keep it up.

As we begin our year in youth programs we are looking for students to represent us in various programs. One such program that I failed to find a candidate to represent the post last year is the Oratorical

Contest. I have made this one of my missions this year. If you know of anyone interested please let me know and have them investigate the following information located at www.legion.org/oratorical/about. The American Legion Oratorical Contest exists to develop deeper knowledge and appreciation for the U.S. Constitution among high school students. Since 1938, the program has presented participants with an academic speaking challenge that teaches important leadership qualities, the history of our nation's laws, the ability to think and speak clearly, and an understanding of the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship. The program has featured numerous politicians and prominent contestants over the years, including former presidential candidate Alan Keyes and CNN anchor [Lou Dobbs](http://www.cnn.com).

The other program we are looking for delegates to represent the post is Boys State. If you know any young gentleman that is interested and you would like to nominate them please get in touch with me. Boys State is a comprehensive one week course in state and local government. Florida American Legion Boys State is a "leadership action program" where qualified male high school juniors take part in a practical government course. It is designed to develop a working knowledge of the structure of government and to impress upon the citizen the fact that our government is just what we make it. Along the way they will have the opportunity to learn the political process. Each level of government will be run by those delegates who are elected to serve. Instruction will be presented on the law and court system, parliamentary procedure and Florida political history.

The post has scheduled the next Flag Retirement Ceremony for 01 September 2014 at sunset. Come out and participate with Legionnaires, Boy/Cub Scouts and local NJROTC Units. Our last retirement was the best yet. The post officers look forward to seeing you there.

Lastly, the American Legion Post 283 Baseball Team gave it their all and made it to the State tournament. They met St. Lucy in the first round and lost 4-3. Unfortunately, Tallahassee was the victor in the second round and knocked the Wolves out of the tournament. Coach Phillips sounded extremely proud of the team and is already planning for next year. GREAT JOB WOLVES! We are looking forward to next season.

For God and Country
Scott Pageau

Disaster Preparedness

The Disaster Preparedness Team continues to raise funds for the National Emergency Fund. More information about the program can be found at www.legion.org/emergency/about. The National Emergency Fund, created in response to Hurricane Hugo in 1989, has provided more than \$8 million in direct financial assistance to American Legion Family members and posts. By providing this emergency funding, NEF has prevented damaged posts from closing and enabled American Legion Family members to recover from tragedy. We will be doing a Spaghetti dinner on 11 September 2014 and a Meatball Sub dinner on 23 September 2014.

S.A.L. Commander's Report

Membership: We are at 22% membership at this point. I would like to welcome those new members who have joined the SAL this year and look forward to seeing you at the membership meeting which is starts at 7PM on the first Wednesday of each month. For those of you who need to renew your membership or know of someone interested in joining or transferring see Kevin Winn, First Vice. Membership applications are in the blue folder on the wall next to the refrigerator at the bar. Transfer forms are also in the same folder. If you have an interest and would like to



volunteer for any activities put on by the SAL see Jeff Lafferty, Second Vice or you can speak with me. The Early Bird Dinner will be held on November 2, 2014. All you will need to come and join us all is proof of your 2015 membership card.

Events: Again this year the SAL sponsored the Ryan Oaks Back To School Party. This event was spearheaded by Chuck Patterson, Past Commander. He was assisted by Johnny Q, Entertainment Director, Eddie C, Spanish Professor and Kevin W / Jim B, D & B Flippers. Special thanks goes to Gloria for keeping all those guys in check. The event went well and was enjoyed by all the residents in the complex. A special thanks also goes out to the Riders that came by to entertain the kids. They really like hearing the sounds of the bikes and of course the appearance of the riders themselves. JOB WELL DONE!

Saturday, September 27, 2014. Put it on your calendar. This is the day of the Five Star Veteran's Center 7th Annual Poker Run. This is an all day event with a live band starting in the late afternoon. And once again the SAL will be putting on the BBQ. Menu will include Baby Back Ribs, Pork Butt, Chicken and all the fixen's, \$12.00 per plate. If anyone wants to participate and help out the SAL just contact me. It's a long day and we can always use some additional hands.

For God and Country
Tom Harris, Commander



Auxiliary President's Report

Our children are back in school, please be aware while driving on a day to day basis.

Speaking of our children, thank you post home for all the school supplies, we were able to supply the USO with 40

backpacks as well as pack a box for our post home teachers.

Thank you to all who participated in our 50/50 raffle ticket program for Stand Down items. This was a huge success and we are looking forward to distributing these items later this month.

A school of instruction was held at post 88 for all the unit chairman and it was a big success. Now our ladies are ready to rock and roll with their programs.

Our ladies continue to support activities in our community with volunteerism.

Welcome new member Shelly Blevins.

The auxiliary can begin to take new members for 2015 on September 1st. Help us to reach our goals in membership this year. Those who have not paid their 2015 dues yet, please drop them off at the Bar or see an auxiliary member. Our Department President, Edna Schwabe's theme is LIGHTING THE WAY FOR VETERANS. Please talk to your friends and see if they are eligible to join. The auxiliary is a wonderful program and we have many, many benefits to offer.

Due to the increasing food costs, the auxiliary dinner donations for most dinners will be \$8.00. The exception to this price is for speciality dinners--sorry for any inconvenience.

First Vice President Mari, would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who help with the auxiliary dinners and for supporting the auxiliary programs.

We hope everyone has a wonderful and safe Labor Day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Wednesday, September 10th auxiliary meeting 7 p.m.

- Sunday, September 14th post 401 fifth district meeting at 2 p.m. all are welcome to attend.
- Friday, September 19th Auxiliary dinner featuring home made lasagna, garlic bread, salad, vegetable and dessert, \$8.00 donation.
- Saturday, September 20th Jacksonville Fairgrounds Veterans Stand Down.
- Sunday, October 19th Children's Halloween Party 1-3 p.m. sign up sheet will be placed at the post home October 1. Details to follow next month.

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



It's here! It's September and our big event is upon us. The weather has been a factor as we have tried to go to bike nights and meetings to promote our 7th annual poker run. Despite the obstacles, we are going to have a great weekend. Thank You!

to the riders who have been faithful and the post members who give support. This is a big event and it takes months of work and worry to get it done. Hope to see all out on the 27th for the fun. On September 14th, Chilies' at Regency will have another pay back day. Stop by for lunch or dinner and take the coupon. The August day resulted in a benefit of \$160. All this effort is to support the Five Star Veterans Center.

Also on September, 20th A Team of 5th district ALR will ride in the Bikers for babies' event. This event is for the March of Dimes. Log into bikersforbabies.org and register to ride or make a donation to a rider. Join the Team. Our goal was 20 riders and \$2500. As this has gone to district wide event, we will not have a problem with this goal.

A Post cleanup day is set for the 21st. This will get us ready for the Five Star Poker Run and the upcoming 5th District meeting on Oct 12th. Put on your work shoes and come out and help.

The ALR5THFL.ORG web site is being rebuilt with a google based more friendly application. Once this is completed it will be the way to get District 5 information. Keep your ear to ground for the launch date.

Rider Events and rides as follows.

Happy Labor Day on Sept. 1st: Sept 6th Police Memorial Ride. Sept. 13th Toys For Tots. : Sept. 14th, 5th District meeting at 401: Sept 20th, Bikersforbabies: Sept 27th, Five Star Poker Run: The 5th District Picnic is on Oct 4th at 137.

September also is a good time to renew membership. Before the holiday crunch, and the hustle and bustle of Christmas shopping. You'll also qualify for the Early Bird Dinner. Chapter 283 now stands at 161 strong. Welcome to John Mohilchock, He joined at the last meeting. See all on Sept 6th for our next rider's general meeting.

Live well, ride safe!

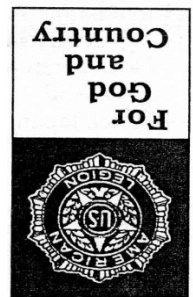
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American Legion Post 283 September 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mark your calendars for these upcoming events!	1 LABOR DAY OPEN HOUSE 1 PM HOT DOGS, BURGERS & FIXINS	2 SAL PIZZA 6 – 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	3 HUMP DAY SNACKS SAL MEETING 7PM	4 CHICKEN CASSEROLE BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	5 LEGION STEAK DINNER LYONS BAND	6 ALR MEETING 9AM JAMMIN' JIM KARAOKE
7 GRANDPARENT'S DAY	8 LEGION MEETINGS EXEC 6PM GENERAL 7PM	9 SAL MEATBALL SUBS 6 – 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	10 HUMP DAY SNACKS AUX MEETINGS EXEC – 6:30PM GENERAL – 7PM	11 DISASTER PREP SPAGHETTI DINNER BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	12 SAL SHRIMP CREOLE DOUBLE DOWN	13 KAREN KARAOKE
14 SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00 \$7 DONATION	15	16 SAL PIZZA 6 – 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	17 HUMP DAY SNACKS	18 SOFTBALL STUFFED PEPPERS BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	19 AUX LASGNA DINNER POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY GUITAR RED	20 BIKERS FOR BABIES JAMMIN' JIM KARAOKE
21	22	23 DISASTER PREP MEATBALL SUBS HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	24 HUMP DAY SNACKS	25 AUX DINNER BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	26 ALR DINNER HOMEMADE CHICKEN/BEEF POT PIE GHOST RADIO	27 5 STAR POKER RUN 2ND SHOT KARAOKE
28 SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00 \$7 DONATION	29	30 FOOD BY CRAIG HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM				

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