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Commander's Report

Hello Legion family. September and summer have passed, but not without great dedication by our Legion family. We had a great meal prepared for open house on Labor Day and we served over 147 meals. Thanks Ken. The karaoke

was awesome. Scott Pagaue did a great job performing the ceremony for 9-11/Patriots Day followed by a wonderful meal prepared by the Disaster Preparedness crew. Thank you all so very much.

Hopefully everyone has gotten their membership renewed. The October drawing for the \$100.00 dollar raffle has come and passed. If you have not renewed, don't forget to get it done soon, so you are eligible for our early bird dinner on the 1st of November. All Legionnaires, Auxiliary and SAL who have their 2016 Post 283 membership cards are going to get a free dinner. You may receive something from National American Legion HQ requesting you to renew your membership. If you have already renewed thank you and disregard, if not please do so. The Legionnaire dues will be increasing after January 1st to \$40.00, and \$29.00 for those over 70yrs old with 5 consecutive years. So renew now.

At the September General meeting, a Motion was made and passed to have a vote on smoking in the Post, this vote will take place at the 2016 General meeting on April 11th.

The 5th District Legionnaires will be having a family picnic at Post 137 on October 3rd from 11 am until. It is open to the entire Legion family. On October 11th, we are sponsoring the 5th district officers at our post for the monthly meeting. The meeting will begin at 2 p.m.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who came out for the annual cleanup day, which is what the American Legion is all about, everyone taking time to volunteer. We will celebrate the US Navy's birthday on the 13th.

Our kids Halloween party will be on the 24th from 1-3. Look for the sign-up sheet on the Auxiliary board. The Adult Halloween party will be on the 30th beginning at 6 pm, with a FL/GA SAL BBQ going on during the event. Come and get some great BBQ. Later that same night, there will be a costume contest hosted by the Auxiliary, with judging starting at 9 pm. A lot of scary stuff happening that night!!

The Veterans Day Parade will be held November 11th at 11:01 a.m. Post 283 will be in Group A. We usually meet at the post and leave around 8:30 so we can get to the staging area in time to decorate the float. Everyone is welcome, so come out and support our Veteran's and show your pride, plus it's a lot of fun!

The softball season has started their fall season. The games have been changed to 11:00 am on Sundays.

The game schedule and location of the games is posted on the general announcement board at the post. If you are interested in playing, contact Jodi Welch. If you can't play, come out and support your team. Most games are followed by returning to the home teams post for food, fun and comradery, plus supporting other American Legions and Units in the area.

The Post web page has been updated and looking great. To log on, go to floridalegion283.org Thank you Web man!

I would like to take one last opportunity to remind everyone that the Legion meeting has been rescheduled for Monday, October 5th, executive board at 6:00pm and general meeting at 7:00pm. Thank you again.

For God & Country
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1st Vice Report

Hi everyone, welcome to October. I would like to start by thanking everyone for their hard work around the legion. We have gotten a lot accomplished this past month. Our current membership renewal percentage is at 51%, which is slightly below our Department goal. To help us bridge this gap I am asking for volunteers on October 17th at 1100am to help us make calls to the members that have not renewed. There is a signup sheet on the board for anyone willing to help, it is very much appreciated! I would like to welcome new members to our legion family, Glenis Heirs, Dean Campbell, Jayce Macdonald, Jessica Young, Randy Barclay, Christopher McClendon, Robert Sikorski, James Wall II, Ray E. Burgess, and Wendell Wright. Also welcoming transfer memberships of David Shilliday, Truman Cleveland, Joseph Oquinn, and Russell Holt. You have joined the greatest Post and Legion Family in the Country!! The early bird dinner is a month away, the date has been set for November 1st. Please encourage family and friends to renew by the end of the month so they can join us for the wonderful event. Hope to see you all soon at our great Post!

For God and Country,
Michael Dux
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2nd Vice Report

October is here and fall is in the air. Well, as much as we can expect it Florida. What an awesome September we had. Starting with the Steak Dinner on the 4th. We sold out of steaks at 68. Thanks for those who showed up and helped. Also, Thanks to Martha and the Terry Parker NJROTC for the help as well. October Steak Night is on the 2nd. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there. What would really be great is have some help late. I am asking for 2-3 volunteers to show up in the kitchen at about 7:15 to help with cleanup. We should be done by 8:30. That's an hour and 15 minutes once a month.

I want to say Thank You to Ken and the crew he put together for the Labor Day Open House. The food was great, and we had a good turnout. I believe we did 134 dinners.

The Americanism Celebration on the 11th was phenomenal. Scott put a lot of hard work into it, and the ceremony could not have been better. The Disaster Preparedness team did an excellent job with the Shrimp Scampi Dinner. It was awesome. Thanks to all of you!

Check out the calendar for some of the new additions we've made, as most of you have already noticed. The SAL Chicken Wings for Jag Home games, and a Legion Nacho Bar for Jag Away games. Also, the SAL has started selling Hot Dogs with their fancy new Hot Dog Machine.

As of this writing, we are still planning the 5 Star Poker Run. By the time you get this, it will be in the books. I know it's going to be great as always. Thanks to all who put in many hours to make it happen.

Ken is conducting a Food Safety Class on the 10th. It will be the same material covered in the Food Handler Training Course. You will not get the certification, but you will get the training, and it's free. You can also take the actual course online now, and get your certification, for \$12.95. The link is http://www.foodsafetytrainingcourses.com/florida_food_safety_training_course.html. **I STRONGLY ENCOURAGE ALL 2ND VICE'S, AND ANYONE ELSE WHO HELPS IN THE KITCHEN ON A REGULAR BASIS,** to do one of the two above. You'd be surprised what you'll learn, and possibly keep from getting anyone sick.

Our Early Bird Dinner this year is on November 1st. If you have not paid your 2016 dues, there is still time. Anyone holding a 2016 membership card will eat for free.

Keep your eyes out for the flyer and sign-up sheet for the "Legion's Got Talent" event. I know I'm looking forward to it. I know it's going to be loads of fun.

Last for October, but certainly not least, is the SAL's Annual Florida/Georgia BBQ, in conjunction with the AUX's Adult Halloween Party. That's gonna be a great day as well!

For God and Country!

Jeff Lafferty

Post 283 2nd Vice Commander

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3rd Vice Report

Well here we are another month gone by and October is here. September was a busy month. The Steak Night on 4th of September went really well and Terry Parker JROTC helped with preparing the meal, helping serve the food and then helped clean up after the dinner ended. They did a great job and were very professional.

On 11th of September we had the National Disaster Preparedness Patriots Remembrance Day. First Coast Junior ROTC helped out with helping prepare the meal, serving and then cleaning up after the event. They did an outstanding job.

On the 18th of September we had the POW/MIA Ceremony. First Coast also helped out with this event.

On the 26th of September will be a big event. We will be having the American Leaders Riders 8th Annual Poker Run. Terry Parker JROTC will be helping out in the morning with the breakfast and then in the afternoon other students from Terry Parker JROTC will be helping with the dinners and then the cleanup. This will be a great event.

On 1 October the money for the 5 delegates that will be selected for Boy's State will be sent in. To be eligible they have to successfully complete their Junior Year of High School and will have to have at least one more semester remaining to be considered. Previous participants of a Boy's

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. Merit and ability are the basis for evaluation during the actual citizen's selection process. More information can be found at www.legion.org/boysnation/stateeligibility.

On 2nd of October for the Steak Night we will be looking to one of the JROTC for help.

On 27th of October there will be a National Disaster Preparedness Remembrance Day. This event will help raise money for the National Emergency Fund, which was created in response to Hurricane Hugo in 1989.

FACTS ABOUT MILITARY FLAGS

U.S. Marine Corps

Although information about the flags carried by the first American Marines is unelaborated, it is likely that the Continental Colors, or Grand Union flag, was carried as the official flag of the American naval forces. This flag designated by the Continental Congress in 1776. It has also been reported that the bright yellow Gadsden flag ("Don't Tread on Me") was carried during these early days of the Marine Corps. During the early to mid-1800s, Marines carried a white flag with gold fringe featuring a depiction of an eagle, an anchor, and the words "To the Shores of Tripoli" across the top. Later during this period, the legend was changed to "From Tripoli", to the "Halls of Montezuma." After the Civil War, a flag closely resembling the American flag was carried by the Corps. On it was an eagle perched on a shield with 29 stars with the words "U.S. Marine Corps" embroidered in yellow on the middle red stripe. (This practice was stopped in 1921, all such flags were removed from circulation within a year.)

In 1868, the first official Marine Corps emblem was adopted featuring an eagle and a globe signifying service on land and sea. A ribbon in the eagle's beak carried the motto "Semper Fidelis" meaning "Always Faithful" in Latin. By 1914, this emblem was featured on a blue flag with a laurel wreath and "Semper Fidelis" on a scarlet ribbon below. A flag similar to the 1914 flag, called "Old Blue," was used by the Marine Corps 4th Regiment with a scarlet ribbon at the top that read "Fourth Regiment".

Finally, the colors gold and scarlet were designated as the official colors of the U.S. Marine Corps in 1925, these colors were reflected in a new design of its flag in 1939. It is a scarlet flag with the Corps emblem in gray and gold with the words "United States Marine Corps" below. This design is essentially the Marine Corps flag of today. As is the case with several other branches of the military, battle streamers commemorating achievements in military encounters may be flown with the flag.

For God And Country

Martha Nelson

3rd Vice

S.A.L. Commander's Report



Membership is lagging a little behind as we are presently around 27%. I would encourage those of you who frequent the Post to please go ahead and re-up your dues. In addition to bringing our membership forward this will be a great help for First Vice, Bob Bertram to get as many taken care of as he can. Please keep in mind I don't want you to feel pushed about your dues. This is a top priority that comes as a directive from The Detachment of Florida to all Commanders state wide. I would like to welcome all those new members who have

recently signed up. As a reminder our monthly meeting is held the first Wednesday starting at 7 PM. I would encourage you to attend and participate in the Squadron activities. I'm sure you have a talent that would be applicable to what we do for our Veteran's and Community.

HOT DOGS! The SAL has recently bought a hot dog machine. The machine will be set up Saturday mornings from 10 AM until the dogs are gone. We will be serving Nathan Hot Dogs, 1 for \$2.00 or 2 for \$3.00. Just see the bartender and he or she will take your money. Funds raised will be use for SAL community projects. As always we appreciate your support. Thank you Second Vice, Richey Sours for your committed time and efforts handling our SAL Dinner, Breakfast, Jaguar Chicken Wings and Dogs! October 31st will be the SAL's annual Florida/Georgia BBQ. If anyone is interested with assisting on this Friday please let me our Richey know. We could use some help as this is pretty much an all day affair.

I want to say things are going well with the Squadron and we will continue to move forward. Other than that there is not much more to report.

For God and Country
Tom Harris, Commander

Auxiliary President's Report



September was another great month for our Unit and we were busy. Thank you to all the members that came out and helped with the Post cleanup Labor Day weekend. The Post looks great! Our 5th Annual HUD/VASH picnic was a huge success with over 60 Veterans and children

attending. It was a fun time for all. The 5th District School of Instruction hosted by the Unit was well attended and everyone left full of information and enthusiasm for the Auxiliary's programs. The 8th Annual ALR Poker Run to benefit 5 Star Veterans Center was a fun filled and productive day. A BIG thanks to all of the members that pitched in to help. An event this big takes many hands to accomplish. We ended the month with a great fishing trip to Brown's Creek with the homeless and at risk Veterans. None of this could happen without the help from so many of members and our Post family. Give yourselves a big pat on the back. Thank you.

Please help me welcome new members Karen O'Regan, Glennis Hiers, Anna Pageau, Melanie Piper, Christine Robinson and Kathi Wooten. Now is time to renew your dues for 2015 - 2016. You can now renew online through National Auxiliary website www.alaforveterans.org or by mail to the Post, or stop by and the bartenders will accept them and give you a receipt, or see Beth Fullwood at one of the events.

Our schedule in October doesn't slow a bit as we start the holiday season. Saturday Oct. 3rd from 9 am - till? we are holding a car wash. Cars are \$5, a vacuum \$2 and motorcycles \$3 so come out and get your vehicle clean. October 11th the Post is hosting the 5th District meeting at 2 pm. All are welcome. Our next Unit meetings are Oct 14 with Executive Committee at 6:30 and general meeting at 7 pm. Mari Gierok is cooking her wonderful Salisbury Steak dinner on Oct 16th at 6 p.m. Hope you can come out and join us. Our annual Children's Halloween Party will be Saturday Oct 24th from 1 pm - 3 pm. There will be games, fun Halloween food and a costume contest so bring out the gremlins in your family for the experiences. We are asking for donations of candy to fill the kids goodie bags. A box is at the Post for donations. A sign up list is on the bulletin board for the children's names and ages so we can get an idea how many will be attending. We end the month with a

scary event, the Adult Halloween party in conjunction with the SAL BBQ dinner. There will be 50/50, door prizes and of course the costume contest. Costume judging will begin at 9 pm so break out your best outfits and join us.

Additional details for all events are in the Unit's weekly news emails. If you are not receiving the emails and would like to please let me know. Hope to see you at our next event or monthly meeting. Please join us soon. If you have questions, suggestions, or ideas you can reach me at 571-4541 or by email at janicedixon2132@comcast.net.

Be ever mindful of those serving our country, the sick & wounded and their families. From the service of one comes the support of many.

Janice Dixon
President

Legion Rider Director's Report



September had its ups and downs in the biker community. On the down side we lost several more bikers due to carelessness, inattentiveness or whatever the reason; eEven natural causes. We even said goodbye to one of our own, Keith Mason, Past Director of Chapter 9 riders.

The "Gentle Giant" as he was known to many. Although I didn't know him personally, I could see he was well loved by the outflowing of love and support I saw the day we sent him on his way.

On the upside, we have 7 news members. Randy Barclay, Richard Dickerson, Jason Gabler, Dale Keefe, Melanie Piper and Buddy Rodgers. Please welcome them to our family.

September also had a lot of other things happening from the Patriots Day Ceremony organized by Scott Pageau and the Disaster Preparedness Team; the HUD/VASH Homeless Veterans picnic organized by the Auxiliary; the post cleanup; and we even had a chance to go on a couple of fun rides. Not to forget, we still have the 5 Star Poker Run coming up on the 25th. Everything is in the final stage of preparation for the biggest event of the year in Arlington. And the day before that will be the MIAP escort.

October brings more events for us to get involved in. We will be hosting ALR129 for their dice run to raise money for Beaches Habitat for Humanity; ALR194 for the George Holman memorial ride to help establish a Kids Safe Zone; ALR137 for Wreaths Across America. And finish off with a zombie ride for Halloween. But the big event of next month will be hosting the 5th District meeting on the 11th.

Needless to say. Just because it's been wet outside most of the month; it doesn't stops us from doing what we have been called and elected to do. We are always here to support anyone we can, be it Legion, SAL, Auxiliary, Softball or any organization that needs our help. Always remember, we are here for you.

And Please. ALWAYS look twice for bikers.

For God and Country
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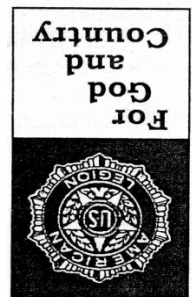
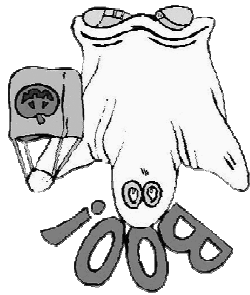




American Legion Post 283 October 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Mark your calendars for these upcoming events!</p>	<p>****ON THE 11TH 5TH DISTRICT MEETING @283 2 PM 194 POKER RUN 10:30</p>			<p>1 SOFTBALL PULLED PORK SANDWICHES BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM</p>	<p>2 LEGION STEAK DINNER GITAR RED</p>	<p>3 ALR MTG 9AM SAL HOT DOGS 10:00 UNTIL JAMMIN' JIM KARAOKE</p>
<p>4 JAGS VS. COLTS 1:00 NACHO BAR</p>	<p>5 LEGION MEETINGS EXEC 6PM GENERAL 7PM</p>	<p>6 SAL PIZZZ 6 – 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM</p>	<p>7 HUMP DAY SNACKS SAL MEETING 7PM</p>	<p>8 ITALIAN SUBS BY TAMMY BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM</p>	<p>9 SAL FLOUNDER SANDWICH DINNER ROCKIN MACHINE</p>	<p>10 SAL HOT DOGS 10:00 UNTIL JIMBO & DEBBIE KARAOKE</p>
<p>11 SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11 **** JAGS VS BUCS 1:00 NO NACHOS</p>	<p>12 COLUMBUS DAY</p>	<p>13 SAL GRILLED CHIX BREAST SANDWICHES 6 – 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM</p>	<p>14 HUMP DAY SNACKS AUX MEETINGS EXEC – 6:30PM GENERAL – 7PM</p>	<p>15 SOFTBALL BAKED ZITI DINNER BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM</p>	<p>16 AUX SALISBURY STEAK DINNER BY MARI BACKWOOD BOYS</p>	<p>17 SAL HOT DOGS 10:00 UNTIL JAMMIN' JIM KARAOKE</p>
<p>18 JAGS VS. TEXANS 1:00 WINGS</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 SAL PIZZA 6 – 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM</p>	<p>21 HUMP DAY SNACKS</p>	<p>22 SHEPHERD'S PIE BY TAMMY BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM</p>	<p>23 ALR CHICKEN TETRAZZINI BY DANNY & PATTI LYONS</p>	<p>24 AUX CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY 1 – 3 PM SAL HOT DOGS 10:00 UNTIL JAMMIN' JIM</p>
<p>25 SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11 JAGS VS. BILLS 9:30 AM NO NACHOS</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 DISASTER PREP SHEPHERD'S PIE 6 – 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM</p>	<p>28 HUMP DAY SNACKS</p>	<p>29 LASAGNA DINNER BY MARI BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM</p>	<p>30 SAL FL/GA BBQ DINNER/AUX ADULT HALLOWEEN PARTY DOUBLE DOWN</p>	<p>31 SAL HOT DOGS 10:00 UNTIL KAREN KARAOKE</p>

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