



# ARLINGTON AMERICAN LEGION **LEGION NEWS** POST 283

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## **Commander's Report**



Hello Legion family. October has come and gone and fall is in full swing. I personally want to thank all the members who came out to help clean up the post for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual 5 Star Veterans Poker run. It was a huge success with the ALR raising \$26,000, due to the help across the board from our Legion family. Those who attended the Fifth District monthly meeting were impressed at how nice our post looked. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped cook the fantastic food, and decorate for the day's event.

The 5<sup>th</sup> district family picnic at Post 137 on October 4<sup>th</sup> was a great time and good fellowship. Thanks to all for attending.

There are lots of events in November to peak the interests of almost everyone. Don't forget to reset your clocks on November 1<sup>st</sup> for daylight savings time to end. The early bird dinner will be November 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 pm and is open to all Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and SAL who have their 2016 Post 283 membership renewed by the end of October. It will be free for Post members and donations for guests. For all those Legionnaires who renewed their 2016 dues before the end of October, there will be a drawing for the \$100.00 dollar gift card before serving the meal.

The 10<sup>th</sup> of November we will be celebrating the US Marine Corps birthday, Semper Parati!

The Veterans Day Parade will be November 11<sup>th</sup> 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! There will be an Open House for Veteran's Day, with the Post serving chicken breast and thighs with all the fixings. We will end the day with a Flag Retirement ceremony at sunset.

There will be a SAL breakfast the morning of the 22<sup>nd</sup> which coincides with our Post Blood Drive. Anyone who donates or attempts to donate will receive a free breakfast. Please give the gift of life.

The Post family will start collecting dry goods for Thanksgiving baskets the last week in October thru November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Delivery of baskets will happen November 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. If you know any families in need, please contact Janice Dixon, Auxiliary President, or myself.

Thanksgiving dinner on the 26<sup>th</sup> will be our traditional fare of turkey and ham with all the fixings. Hope to see you at the Post.

Just a reminder that at the September General meeting, a motion was made and passed to have a vote on the Post becoming smoke-free. This vote will take place at the 2016 General meeting on April 11, 2016.

And once again, I would like to say thank you to our American Legion Post 283 family for making this the greatest post in Florida.

For God & Country  
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## **1st Vice Report**

Hello everyone, the holiday season is quickly approaching, we have some great events lined up for our post. What an outstanding 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 1<sup>st</sup> of November with pork tenderloin 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 currently at 60%, please encourage everyone to stop by and get your renewals by the deadline, 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, Joshua Clifford, Eric Dayne, Timothy Maciolek, Tracy Gonzo, Bobby Beck, Albert Price, Bronwyn Glasbrenner, Patrick Curley, and Lena Null-Wood. Welcome all to Post 283.

As many may know we held a membership drive at the post on October 17<sup>th</sup>. I want to send out a thank you to those who helped out, it was very much appreciated! I would like to thank everyone at the post for their hard work and helping make 283 the greatest post in the state. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have.

For God and Country,  
Michael Dux  
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## **2nd Vice Report**

What a great October we had, with lots going on. In addition to our normal weekly meals / events, we also had numerous poker runs come through, hosted the 5<sup>th</sup> District meeting, Hot Dogs on Saturdays, Wings and Nachos for Jag games, Adult and Children Halloween Parties, FL/GA BBQ, Talent Show, etc. I do want to send a Special Thanks to everyone who helped again for the Steak Night. WE SERVED 78 STEAKS!

I also want to thank everyone who helped Commander Tom "Too Tall" Harris with the meal we laid out for the 5<sup>th</sup> District meeting. As usual, nothing but outstanding comments. Once again, the Post 283 Family setting the example for other Posts to follow.

Our November Steak Dinner is on the 6<sup>th</sup>. I'll have 80 on hand again. Let's see if ya'll can make me run out. If so, I'll order 90 next time. See if ya'll can make

our grill master, Richie, cry for mercy. I'll be giving him oxygen when he needs it.

Our Early Bird Dinner this year is on November 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 open for a flyer going up in a few weeks. Ken, myself, and a few others are teaming up to provide a "gourmet" brunch sometime in December. Watch for the flyer for the date and menu items.

It's that time of year again. **THANKSGIVING!** Ken will be heading up our traditional meal for the Open House; serving at 1:00. As always, we'll also be frying Turkeys on Thanksgiving Morning. Please read the below guidelines if you want us to fry your turkey. Turkey may be dropped off between 8:00 and 11:00.

1. Maximum weight of 13.5 lbs; leave the weight tag with your bird.
2. Bird must be completely thawed.
3. Nothing rubbed on the outside of the bird. Internal liquid injection (marinade) is fine.

Ken and I will both need help that day. If you do not have plans, please consider helping out.

For God and Country!

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

Well here we go into the month of November, and it's hard to believe that we are getting ready for the Holiday Season. The Steak Night on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October was the best yet. Terry Parker JROTC helped out with preparing the meal, serving, and then cleaning up after the meal. Needless to say they did an outstanding job and were very professional.

Hopefully this month I will be receiving all the documentation for the Boy's State so that I can start the interviewing process. I already have a couple of names of young men that I plan on interviewing. I am looking forward to this new adventure. At the Legion Meeting is was voted in that I will be able to have 5 delegates this year.

This month I have planned to do a ceremony to retire some of the flags. The Boy's Scouts have already volunteered to help with this ceremony.

#### **FACTS ABOUT THE UNITED STATES ARMY FLAG**

Before 1956, the U.S. Army was the only branch of the Armed Services without a flag to represent it as a unit in joint service ceremonies. Based on this need, several designs were developed, and the Secretary of the Army Wilber Brucker selected the design as you see it today. The U.S. Army flag was officially adopted by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956. With a white background and a blue rendering of the official seal of the U.S. Army, this military flag is classic and recognizable. The seal on the U.S. Army flag goes back to the American Revolution, when it was used to authenticate documents from what was then called the War Office. It bears the year of the Army's establishment in 1775 and a rattlesnake (hearkening back to the "Don't Tread on Me" rattlesnake) holding a scroll with the words "This We'll Defend" in its mouth. Also included in the seal are a Revolutionary War American Flag, a Roman

cuirass, a musket, a cannon, a snare drum, mortar and two bomb shells. The US Army flag is to be displayed first of the American Services Flags in honor of the Army's precedence in creation (it was the first service branch created by the United States Government). As is the case with several other military branches, streamers representing campaigns fought by the Army throughout our country's history may be flown with the flag.

For God And Country  
Martha Nelson  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vice

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



Membership is now at 37.4%.

However Detachment would have liked us to have reached 40% at this point.

As always, once again I encourage you to renew your dues if you haven't already. It's also that reminder time.

Please understand come January 1<sup>st</sup> you will have to show your 2016 card. If

you do not have your card "YOU CANNOT BE SIGNED IN BY ANOTHER MEMBER". And even though you cannot be signed in no member can purchase anything from the bar for your benefit. So if you frequent the Post often get your dues paid up before the first of the year.

I would like to thank all those who participated in assisting the SAL pull off one of the best BBQ's provided for the 5 Star Poker Run held September 26<sup>th</sup>. A special thanks goes to Danny Hill and Danny Mims for their long day flipping ribs, chicken and butts. I would like to also thank our guest Jim Roberts, Detachment Assistant Adjutant from Haines City and Kent Smith, Detachment Vice Commander, Western Area from Panama City who traveled to attend the event and ended up slicing and dicing ribs and pork butt until the kitchen was shut down. Great job to all who helped out and a big pat on the back for all those who volunteered in this great event.

The SAL would also like to congratulate the Riders on their huge success with the 5 Star Poker Run. I can't tell you the number of people who work on planning this event and the hours spent to make it happen. It's pure dedication and the results are what gives that satisfaction of being one of those who made it happen. If I'm correct it is my understanding that the Center will be presented with a check that totals over \$25,000.00. GREAT JOB ALL!

On ending, I also would like to thank all those who assisted with the memorial for Bruce Kindig. Bruce was an SAL member who loved working with the breakfast crew. His family expressed their sincere appreciation not only for remembering Bruce but that Bruce loved coming up and being a part of the crew on Sunday mornings. I know he made a darn good cheese cake. Will always remember you Bruce, RIP.

For God and Country  
Tom Harris, Commander

### **Auxiliary President's Report**



October was a busy month. We had two fishing trips with our Veterans, one at Reddie Point and another at Brown's Creek on Heckscher Drive. Both were fun and

very fulfilling. Our service to Veterans didn't stop there as we were able to provide Army Vet John with a BIG buddy basket and two bikes for his sons. He was so grateful and appreciative.

Tammy Pitman and Mari Gierok were busy keeping out tummys full with their delish dinners on Friday and Bingo nights. Special thanks to all that helped with the 5<sup>th</sup> District Meeting we hosted and the cooks. Finally we partied the last two weekends with our annual Children's Halloween Party and the Adult Halloween Party. A good time was had by all. Thanks to all our come out and help and support our events.

Please help me welcome new members Melissa Vander Heyden, Jenni Sukovich, Kathy Silvey, Mary Hare, Kacy Sleffel and Janine Chauncey. Also welcome transferred members Patricia Cleveland, Della O'Quinn, and Mary Robbins. Yearend will be here before you know it so be sure to renew your dues for 2015 - 2016. You can now renew online through National Auxiliary website [www.alaforveterans.org](http://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. A big Thank You to everyone that has renewed and members and the bartenders that are helping with the process. Beth's recent vacation gave me a new appreciation of the membership job and all of the people that help.

We are collecting manufacturer's coupons to send to active duty military serving in foreign countries so they can save money through a program called "Troopons". Also we are collecting Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education to help our local area school get some extra funding. Just save your coupon sections, labels or box tops and leave in the basket on the office door. The Unit helps support the USO welcome center at the airport with snack items that are available to active duty military as they travel through our area. Our Boxes to the Troops project is also ongoing to provide active duty members deployed overseas with goodies from home. Donations for both are collected in the Patriotic box at the Post.

November brings the annual Post Family collection of dry food goods to help provide Thanksgiving baskets for 10 families in need. A basket is in the Post for to receive your donations of food. Donations must be delivered to Post by Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you.

Here's what we have coming up. Poppies are being distributed at the Cobblestone Publix from 10 am - 3 pm to honor and remember our Veterans. A signup sheet is on our bulletin board. Come out and help. Early Bird Dinner Nov 1<sup>st</sup> at 4pm. To qualify for a FREE dinner your dues must be paid by October 31<sup>st</sup>. Veterans Day Nov 11<sup>th</sup> the Post Family will once again be in the parade in the first section. Please come out and show your support and honor the Veterans. Post will also be having Open house that day.

Fall Conference in Orlando Nov 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>. Our next Unit meetings are Nov 18<sup>th</sup> with Executive Committee at 6:30 pm and General at 7 pm. Oct 20<sup>th</sup> is Auxiliary Dinner at 6 pm - 8 pm Taco Bar with all the fixings by Michelle Mohilchock and Beth Fullwood. Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> is our Unit Bake Sale so break out bake ware and make some goodies. It is from 8:30 - 11 am. Also that day is next Post Family Blood Drive 8 am - noon and the SAL yummy Breakfast 8:30 - 11 am. Thanksgiving Day Nov 26<sup>th</sup> Post Open house dinner. Finally we will be

hosting Breakfast with Santa Nov 29<sup>th</sup> 8:30 - 11 am. Be sure to sign up your kids and grandkids so they can come tell Santa what they want for Christmas.

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](mailto: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**



With October and good riding weather gone; we come into November with great riding weather. The poker run committee spent part of the month finalizing our 5 Star Poker Run. I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank everyone involved in another very successful poker run. Tom and his SAL crew did their usual excellent work with the meal; and the Auxiliary with breakfast. And of course, we couldn't have done any of it without the use of the Legion Hall and grounds and the entire legion family.

It seemed like every weekend was one poker run after another. From ALR129's Habitat for Humanity to ALR194's George Holman Memorial Inaugural Poker Run to ALR137's Wreaths Across America. We even helped with hosting the 5<sup>th</sup> District for their monthly meeting. It's what we do best. We ride and support. With all the happenings in October, a few of us even had time to take a trip to Starke and Daytona for Biketoberfest.

But we're not finished riding yet. Some of us will start November by attending the early bird dinner on the 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have your 2016 membership card you can eat for free. There's still time so get your dues in. On November 7<sup>th</sup>, after the riders meeting, we will be off to 5 Star and present them a check for \$26000. And some will go on the ride in the C-Mo's poker run with ALR9 at Fast Freddie's. The 11<sup>th</sup> is Veterans Day and the riders have been invited to participate in the parade downtown. November 14<sup>th</sup> will bring on the Toys for Tots poker run at ALR54.

And if you like chili, go on out to Adamec Harley Orange Park on the 21<sup>st</sup> for the Wreaths Across America 2<sup>nd</sup> annual chili cookoff. Starts at noon and will end when the chili is gone. And don't forget to be at the post the next morning and eat breakfast and give blood.

And then, we have Thanksgiving. The auxiliary is collecting dry goods for their Thanksgiving baskets until the 22<sup>nd</sup>. See Janice Dixon or any of the auxiliary ladies if you can help or if you know a family in need.

On Thanksgiving Day, if you are in town, go on down and enjoy the open house and Thanksgiving Day meal. Eating starts at 1 PM. If you are traveling, whether it be local or out of town, on 2, 4, 6, 10 or 18 wheels; be safe and have a Happy Thanksgiving and we'll see you back in December.

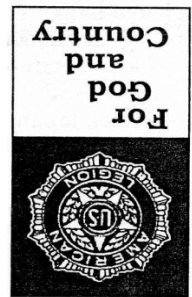
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 EARLY BIRD DINNER 4:00	2	3 SAL PIZZZ 6 – 7:30 PM  <b>HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM</b>	4 HUMP DAY SNACKS  SAL MEETING 7PM	5 SOFTBALL JODI'S CRUNCHY CHIX CASSEROLE <b>BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM</b>	6 LEGION STEAK DINNER  <b>MIDLIFE CRISIS</b>	7 ALR MTG 9AM  <b>JAMMIN' JIM KARAOKE</b>
8 <b>JAGS VS. JETS 1:00 NACHO BAR SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11</b>	9 LEGION MEETINGS EXEC 6PM GENERAL 7PM	10 MARINE CORP DAY SAL JAMBALAYA 6 – 7:30 PM <b>HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM</b>	11 VETERAN'S DAY	12 SAUSAGE CASSEROLE BY MARI <b>BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM</b>	13 SAL GRILLED TERIYAKI PORK CHOP DINNER  <b>DIAL TONE</b>	14 FALL CONFERENCE  <b>JIMBO &amp; DEBBIE KARAOKE</b>
15 <b>JAGS VS RAVENS 1:00 NACHOS</b>	16	17 SAL PIZZZ 6 – 7:30 PM  <b>HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM</b>	18 BLDG COMM MEETING HUMP DAY SNACKS AUX MEETINGS EXEC – 6:30PM GENERAL – 7PM	19 SOFTBALL PULLED PORK JAGS VS. TITANS NO WINGS <b>BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM</b>	20 AUX TACO DINNER  <b>DOUBLE DOWN</b>	21   <b>JAMMIN' JIM KARAOKE</b>
22 SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11 <b>BLOOD DRIVE NASCAR PARTY NOON – 'TIL</b>	23	24 DISASTER PREP SHEPHERD'S PIE 6 – 7:30 PM <b>HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM</b>	25 HUMP DAY SNACKS	26 <b>THANKSGIVING OPEN HOUSE 1:00 PM – 'TIL</b>	27 ALR TURKEY & SAUSAGE GUMBO BY JEFF BAND ON THE RUN	28   <b>JIMBO &amp; DEBBIE</b>
29 AUX BREAKFAST WITH SANTA 9 – 11 JAGS VS. CHARGERS 1PM WINGS	30		<b>Mark your calendars for these upcoming events!</b>	**AUX BAKE SALE ON THE 22 <sup>ND</sup>	<b>**5 STAR CHECK PRESENTATION ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>***TOYS 4 TOTS POKER RUN ON THE 14<sup>TH</sup></b>

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