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Commander's Report



Let me start with the vote to go smoke free has passed. The vote to go smoke free will go in to effect on August 1st 2016, this includes all tobacco products as well as e-cigarettes and vapors!

What a great month April was. With everyone showing up for the Auxiliary's Kid's Easter party. We had over 23

participants and a very busy Easter Bunny. Thanks Auxiliary for making the children happy and supporting the Legion Family. The blood drive was outstanding. We were able to get the blood bank 29 good units. From 27 donors who gave whole blood. Just a note, please eat prior to donating blood.

May is Poppy Month. It is pretty busy so first and foremost don't forget Mother's Day on May 8th. The SAL will be doing a breakfast that morning from 830 until 11 am. Armed forces day is the 21st. On the 28th, there will be a group of people leaving from the post to put flags on graves at our local cemeteries in remembrance of our fallen comrades for Memorial Day. If you would like to volunteer there will be a sign up list on the general bulletin board. The Post will have an open house on the 30th which is Memorial Day. The 98th Annual Department American Legion Convention will be held at The Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld from June 16-19th. To make a reservation call (407) 351-5555 and make sure you ask for the legion group of rooms. 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.

May's General Meeting on the 9th will be the last opportunity for Legion officers nominations, for the upcoming year. Requests for absentee ballots will be 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 20th of May so that the post has time to process and mail the ballots and time for return. Elections will be June 4th from 7am until 7pm. Nominees so far are: Commander - Jim Welch, 1st Vic Jim Wallace, 2nd Vice - Jeff Lafferty, 3rd Vice - Marta Nelson, Finance Officer - Bill Curnutte, Sgt-at-arms - Dean Altizer, Asst Sgt-at-arms - Gerald Hiatt, Historian - Don Collins, Chaplain - John Hugus, Executive Committee - Rich Kassner, Wesley McMillan, Scott Walker, Phil Jansen and Larry Collins. Board of Directors - Terry Repok and Rusty Crowdus

If you have not renewed your 2016 membership please do so and help us reach our goal of 100% by May 31st

Thank you for all your support!

For God & Country
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1st Vice Report

May is with us rather fast it seems, with that being said I want to wish all moms a happy Mother's Day! Our current membership for 2016 stands at 96%, our goal is to

exceed 100%, if you haven't renewed please stop in the Post or mail your renewal to the address listed below.

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. Membership Eligibility Dates or

April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918
December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946
June 25, 1950 to January 31, 1955
February 28 to May 7, 1975
August 24, 1982 to July, 1984
December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990
August 2, 1990 to cessation of hostilities

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 continuous member of the American Legion for 5 years or longer your dues are \$29.00, for all others dues are \$40.00. 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 new members; Robert Bryan, Johnny Avera, Cheryl Bennett, Nathaniel Jackson, Thomaas Kruman, Karen Torelli, David Lucas, Kuiana Quinn, and our 3 transfers, Michael Nejedly, Dayton Warfle, and William Anwander. Welcome aboard!!

For God and Country,

Michael Dux

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2nd Vice Report

Another awesome month is in the books. We started out with our steak night, which is still a success and will continue. However, we are still looking for a better cut of meat. We're trying another different source in May.

We also hosted a dinner for the Florida American Legion Legacy Ride. All of the guests were very impressed with our hospitality, as well as the meal. I'd like to send a big Thank You to Mari and her Crew, as well as Craig Carnes, for the amazing Italian Cuisine. The Department Commander stayed well after everyone else left for the hotel and just simply enjoyed visiting with our members. 283 steps up again!

I also want to say Thank You to everyone who helped out with the SAL Third Annual Chip, Toss, Shoot Event & Kids Carnival. Although we did not have huge turn out this year, it was still a good crowd. Everyone had a blast, and we raised a good amount of money for the National Emergency Fund. Everyone enjoyed the

great Hamburgers and Sausage dogs laid out by Richie and the SAL crew. The Rib Cook-off was a barrel of fun as well. ALL of the contestants made great ribs, as expected. The judges had a hard decision, but they could only pick one winner. I'm not one to brag, but.....

This month we start off with our Mother's Day dinner by the Auxiliary on the 6th, Steak Night on the 13th, SAL Meatloaf (by Lisa) on the 20th, Mississippi Pot Roast Hoagies by the ALR (Susan) on the 27th. Not to mention all of our Tuesday and Thursday meals. I have come to realize one thing; all of our meals are good. They're put on throughout the month by many dedicated volunteers. That's what makes our Legion Family one of the best in the state.

Don't forget, we have our Memorial Day Open House on the 30th.

On the 28th, we can use all of the volunteers we can get to put flags out on our local Veteran's graves for Memorial Day. Please see me if you can help. We will also be picking them up on the 31st.

For God and Country!

Jeff Lafferty

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3rd Vice Report

Well here we are in May already. Steak night on 1 April went very well and had help from Terry Parker High School and First Coast High School. All 12 cadets did an outstanding job with preparing the meal, serving, and then cleaning up. But of course they got their choice of a yummy steak or hamburger.

On 10 April there was the Legacy Ride that was sponsored this year by Post 283. I had First Coast JROTC helping out with the dinner. All of the riders were thanking First Coast JROTC for their outstanding work and they were also presented with a coin.

Letters have been sent out to the parents informing them about Boy's State Orientation as well as the departure and arrival times to and from Tallahassee. All boys are very excited knowing that Boy's State is right around the corner. It has been a great honor getting to know all of the boys. The Orientation will be on 9 June 2016 at Post 197 at 7 pm. On 19 June the Boy's will be leaving for Tallahassee and I am excited that I will be riding to Tallahassee with them.

On April 13th an Awards Ceremony was done with First Coast JROTC. It was an honor to present the top two JROTC Cadet's with an American Legion Certificate, the award to wear on their uniform, a portfolio, and an Excellence Coin that I had made talking about excellence and leadership.

Terry Parker's award ceremony for the JROTC will be this month also.

On 15 April 3 cadets from Terry parker helped serve the lasagna for the night in a very professional manner.

On 16 April the Children's Carnival was open to the public and I had 5 Cadets from First Coast JROTC help out and as usual they did a great job!

On 6 May there will be a Lasagna dinner and the Steak dinner will be on 13 May. I will be getting JROTC cadets to help out with the dinners.

I am still in need for a boy or girl to attend the Florida Highway Patrol Youth Cadet Academy. Whoever will be attending will have an experience that I'm sure they will never forget!

For God And Country

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S.A.L. Commander's Report



We are coming to the years end as of May 31st. The SAL is currently at 97.15% for 2016 membership. All we need is 7 more members to hit the 100% mark with a total of 246 members. This can be accomplished through renewals or new members. So we have till the end of May and I am encouraged we will get there. I want to thank all the Son's who throughout the year have devoted your time and energy for the good of the Legion and the Legion Family as a whole. This is why we are the best Squadron in the 5th District.

The second round for nominations of SAL officers were held at the April 6th meeting. Nominations are as follows: Commander, Tom Harris; First Vice Commander, Jeff Lafferty; Second Vice Commander, Richie Sours; Finance Officer, Danny Hill; Chaplin, Johnny Quinn and Sergeant at Arm, Rodney Fullwood. As per required a third and last round for nominations for officer will be held on the May 4th meeting. Upon completion of nominations and if no others are nominated other than those that have already been then the vote will be taken.

Even though the weather was touch and go the Chip, Toss & Shoot Event went off well. I want to thank all those who volunteered that day putting on a great event. You know who you are. A special thanks goes to Richie for all his time running all over town picking up supplies and cooking food, Matt for the music, Wendy the bartender, Jim the Shoot event, Danny the Toss event, and John and Ella for Chip event. A special thanks also goes to Jane and all the ladies who put on the Kids Event. The kids had a great time with fun and games and dressing in full Fireman gear. The committee decided the proceeds this year would go to Scott Pageau's Legion program, The American Legion National Emergency Fund. So I would like to give a big "THANK YOU" to all the participants who came out to support the event. As a result I am pleased to announce we were able to donate to Scott's program a check in the amount of \$1,300.50! To all, A JOB WELL DONE!

For God and Country
Tom Harris, Commander

Auxiliary President's Report



Happy Mother's Day to all.

May is Poppy month. The

purpose of the poppy is to honor our veterans for their service and sacrifice. There will be poppies around the bar starting May 1. Be sure to wear one proudly all month to pay tribute to all veterans. May 18th from 10 am – 1 pm

the Unit will be distributing poppies at the Cobblestone Publix. Please come out and help us educate the public

about the poppy history and the sacrifices of our veterans. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board at the Post. If Unit members would like a can to take to their place of employment to distribute poppies, please see Michelle Mohilchock.

What a beautiful month April was. We had the honor of participating in the Post 283 Commander's Walk for Veterans on April 2nd. The rain cleared out just in time to walk and we had fun and raised awareness of the needs of veterans. The funds raised benefited the National Emergency Fund. The Post had the pleasure of hosting dinner Apr 10th for the Florida In-State Legacy Ride. The Legacy Ride raises funds for the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund. Thanks to all of the Unit members that came out to help with dinner and welcome the riders from around the state.

The SAL Chip, Toss and Shoot and Children's Carnival event were a huge success. Lots of kids and their parents came out to enjoy a day of fun activities and games with cool prizes. A big Thank You to all of the volunteers that helped make the event so great. Once again 283 rocks!! We are doing well in membership but still have several members who have not renewed. Remember you can submit your dues by mail, online or stop by the Post and drop them off with the bartender. We have lots of new members to welcome:

- Patty Borders: Spouse of 283 Member H.K. Borders-Vietnam Vet
- Chelsie Bowman: Daughter of 283 Member James Bowman- Gulf War Vet
- Lisa Bryan: Spouse of 283 Member Robert Bryan-Gulf War Vet
- Ashley Chadwell: Granddaughter of 283 Member Howard Chadwell- Vietnam Vet
- Cindy Chadwell: Daughter of 283 Member Howard Chadwell-Vietnam Vet
- Edna Horne: Spouse-Deceased Vietnam Vet
- Kelly Lamoureux: Daughter of Post 186 Member Spring Hill, FL-Korean Vet
- Kathy Lucas: Spouse of 283 Member David Lucas-Gulf War Vet
- Susan Maurer: Daughter-Deceased Vietnam Vet
- Pamela Mullay: Daughter of Post 350 Member Nanticoke PA- Vietnam Vet

We also had several transfers to our Unit:

- Barbara Saucier from 316: moved closer to 283
- Patricia Kruman from 55 in Yalaka, FL.
- Deborah Paine from 316: moved closer to 283

Also, welcome back to Keri Daub: Daughter of Bobby Daub Post 283 (Deceased) who rejoined the Auxiliary.

The results of the April nominations for Unit Officer positions are:

President – Beth Fullwood
1st Vice President – Michelle Mohilchock
2nd Vice President – Jane Sciullo
Treasurer – Amy Germann
Chaplain – Linda Nogle
Historian – Robbin Walker
Sgt-at-Arms – Sylvia Curnette
Asst-Sgt-at-Arms – Brenda Findley
Executive Committee – Debbie Collins, Ella Jensen, Charlene Elswick

Elections will be held May 11th meeting after nominations. If you are interested in being nominated or want information about the various positions and the responsibilities, please contact one of the members of the committee Linda Hartford, Marge Strout or Debbie Collins.

Our May events start with Mother's Day Dinner by Mari Gierok on May 6th with her famous meatloaf and fixings. May 8, 2016 is Mother's Day as well as 5th District meeting at Post 197. All are encouraged to come out and hear what going on around the District. Our next Unit meetings will May 11th with Executive Committee at 6:30 and General Membership at 7 pm and include the election of officers. Be sure to attend and bring your membership card so you can vote.

We end the month with Memorial Day weekend. There will be an Open House at the Post on May 28th and other activities to honor the veterans and those that gone before us that weekend.

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. 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



The riders started out April with the First Responders Appreciation Night where they won the prize for the most riders at the event and donated the prize money to WAA. Then a few of them attended the Veterans 4 Veterans Quarterly Gathering the next day.

The next weekend was the busy one with the riders campout, the Legacy Ride-in and the benefit ride for Ryan. The campout was attended by about 50 riders and I understand it was another great time. During the trip they delivered shirt and blankets to the residents at Fort Mccoey Veterans Home where they were greeted with open arms and the gifts were well received..

The In State Legacy Run paid us a visit that Sunday and went over extremely well also. Mari and her crew came through in true 283 fashion with their Italian dinner as only they can do as did the whole Post 283 family. I got responses of how great the food was and how great the reception was and how friendly all the people at 283 were.

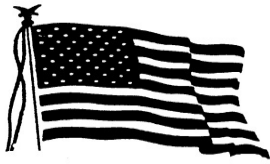
Riders showed up in force to help out with the Aux. children's carnival and SAL chip, toss and shoot. Then finished off the month with the Sulzbacher Fun Run with ALR88.

May starts out the Boots On The Ground on the 7th benefiting the Gold Star Mother's for the construction of an education center and the Vietnam Memorial Wall in D.C. This has been billed as the largest poker run in Florida.

The following weekend will be Jessicas' K-9's for Warrior Charity Ride on the 14th. Then the following weekend, the 21st, will be the Riders Against Cancer Poker Run sponsored by the Pediatric Cancer Treatment Foundation and benefitting Wolfson Children's Hospital, then finish off with placing flags at the cemetery's around the neighborhood on the 28th for Memorial Day before enjoying the weekend. Come out and help us honor those who have gone before us.

And as always. Ride hard, ride safe, but have fun while you ride.

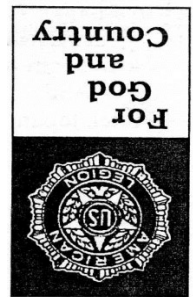
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 5 th DISTRICT MEETING POST 197	2	3 SAL PIZZA 6 – 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	4 HUMP DAY SNACKS SAL MEETING 7PM	5 SOFTBALL JIM'S TACOS WITH INDIAN FRY BREAD BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	6 AUX MOTHER'S DAY MEATLOAF & MASHED TATERS 6 – 7:30 BAND ON THE RUN	7 NASCAR PARTY 2 – 'TIL BOOTS ON THE GROUND RIDE JAMMIN' JIM
8 SAL MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11	9 LEGION MEETINGS EXEC 6PM GENERAL 7PM	10 SAL GRILLED CHIX CEASAR SALAD HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	11 HUMP DAY SNACKS AUX MEETINGS EXEC – 6:30PM GENERAL – 7PM	12 AUX SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS BY MARI BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	13 LEGION STEAK NIGHT 6 – 7:30 MIDLIFE CRISIS	14 ALR MTG 9AM K9'S FOR WARRIORS RIDE NO KARAOKE
15	16	17 SAL PIZZA 6 – 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 P	18	19 SOFTBALL – JODI'S INFAMOUS GOULASH DINNER BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	20 SAL CHICKEN STRIP DINNER GUITAR RED	21 ARMED FORCES DAY JAMMIN' JIM KARAOKE
22 SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 - 11	23	24 SAL LOU'S MEATBALL SUBS HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	25 HUMP DAY SNACKS	26 BEEF CASSEROLE BY MARI BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	27 ALR MISSISSIPPI POT ROAST HOAGIES BY SUSAN DOUBLE DOWN	28 RIDER'S AGAINST CANCER PLACING OF FLAGS JIMBO & DEBBIE KARAOKE
29	30 MEMORIAL DAY OPEN HOUSE 1:00 – 'TIL	31 DISASATER PREP KING RANCH CHIX CASSEROLE PICK UP FLAGS HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM				

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