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Commander's Report



Welcome to June! Once again the vote to go smoke free passed. The vote to go smoke free will go into effect on August 1st 2016, this includes all tobacco products as well as e-cigarettes and vapors!

What a great month May was.

Thank you to the Auxiliary and the SAL for some wonderful meals. You did an outstanding job for the meals for Mother's Day, and all the breakfasts and dinners you've both done this month and every month. What a great job you do supporting the Legion Family.

On the 14th our "Sippin Sailor" Jessica Young raised over \$4500 for the Second Annual Charity ride for K9s for Warriors. I would like to personally thank everyone who supported this event. Way to go Jessica and our Legion Family, this is a great Charity and cause. God Bless our Active duty and Veteran's.

June 14th is Flag Day, we will have a Flag retirement ceremony at 6 p. m.

The 19th is Father's Day the Auxiliary will be serving Breakfast from 8:30 a. m. till 11 a. m. It is free for all fathers.

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.

The 2016 general Elections are **June 4th** from 7am until 7pm. Nominees so far are: Commander – Jim Welch, Ron Howard, 1st Vice - Jim Wallace , 2nd Vice –Jeff Lafferty, 3rd Vice – Marta Nelson, Scott Pageau, Finance Officer – Bill Curnutte, Sgt-at-arms – Dean Altizer, Asst Sgt-at-arms – Gerald Hiett, Historian –Don Collins, Chaplain – John Hugus , Executive Committee –Rich Kassner, Wesley McMillan, Scott Walker, Phil Jansen and Larry Collins. Board of Directors – Terry Repok, Rusty Crowdus, Victor Sciullo. Please come out and vote for your new officers.

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

Welcome to June 2016! I Hope everyone has a great start to the summer. Good luck to everyone running in the upcoming election! I would like to take this time to welcome our new members; Jared Alessi, Loyd Jones, Eric Johnson, William E. Dryden, and Thomas Herzog. Welcome Aboard!!

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. 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

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. 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 member of Post 283 for 5 years or longer your dues are \$29.00, for all others dues are \$40.00. You may mail to:

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For God and Country,
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2nd Vice Report

As this Legion year winds to an end, I would like to personally thank the MANY people who I have had the great pleasure of working with all year long. We have had a ton of fun events, countless awesome meals, and as a Legion Family have raised so much money that has allowed us to help so many Veterans', their families, and Children & Youth through our many programs. I also would like to say what a pleasure this year has been for me to work with such a great group of Officers. This has been an awesome group, and our Post has grown throughout the year. Sure, we've had our trials and tribulations, but at the end of the day we all work together and do what we do as a Legion Family. I look forward to the year to come, and working with ALL of you again, UNLESS someone else wants to run for 2nd Vice. PLEASE!! Just kidding. It's an honor for me to contribute my small part.

I also want to thank Ken, our Kitchen Manager. Most folks don't see what all Ken does, as most of it is during the day, and behind the scene. But I could not do what I do without him. In addition to his normal responsibilities, when needed for an Open House or Memorial Service, Ken steps in and knocks it out of the park. Thanks Ken!

May was another great month. The feedback I received was that the new supplier of our steaks (Thanks Commander) was favorable. Hopefully we can get them fine tuned for that perfect cut of meat. In addition to all of our regular meals, we had Boots on the Ground Riders come through (numerous times) during their run. Then there was our K9's for Warriors Ride. I don't think I need to even comment on that. Wow! Great job everyone. Special Thanks to Oppie and Terri (and Too Tall) for the excellent meat. That was awesome teamwork. Opie slaving over the smoker while Terri barked out orders to him. ☺

Thanks to everyone who helped place, and retrieve, the flags for Memorial Day. That is very important for us to honor our Veterans who came before us, laying the groundwork for the life we enjoy today. Additionally, thanks to everyone who helped for the Open House as well.

Steak Night this month is on the 3rd. All volunteers are welcome. If not, come enjoy the best \$12.00 steak in Arlington; maybe even Jacksonville. Most places are not fortunate enough to have a Grillmaster like Rich! See the calendar for all of the other amazing meals planned ahead for June.

For God and Country!
Jeff Lafferty
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3rd Vice Report

Well here we are in June already. On 6th of May it went very well and had help from First Coast High School with Mari. All 12 cadets did an outstanding job with preparing the meal, serving, and then cleaning up. On 13 June there was Steak Night and First Coast showed up with 8 cadets. They also did an outstanding job with preparing the meal, serving, and then cleaning up.

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.

In May an Awards Ceremony was done with Terry Parker High School 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.

It has been a great honor working with the children this year and I know the voting for the Officer's Position will be in June. I hope that I have proved myself this year and that I will still continue to be 3rd Vice for Post 283 for the coming year.

On May 28th I will have cadets helping to put flags at the Veteran's grave. I believe that will be a great experience for them

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!

Also on 31 July 2016 Post 283 will have a meet and greet for the Girls that made Girls State and also for the Boys who made Boys State. It will be from 2-4 pm. Food will be served. It will be a great experience to hear what they all did for the week in Tallahassee.

For God And Country
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S.A.L. Commander's Report



I would like to congratulate Squadron 283 for reaching its 100% membership goal for 2015-2016! This would not have happened if it weren't for those of you who have recruited new members and those who reminded current members to renew their membership. The 2017 membership cards will be available when I return from convention in mid June. Those of you who are now elected officers for the 2016-2017 year will need to have your dues paid before being sworn in. So get with the 1st Vice Commander and get it done.

Election for 2016-2017 officers was held Wednesday, May 4th during our monthly meeting. Officers elected are as follows: Commander; Tom Harris, 1st Vice Commander; Jeff Lafferty, Second Vice Commander; Richie Sours, Finance Officer; Danny Hill, Chaplin; Johnny Quinn and Sergeant at Arms; Rodney Fullwood. Glen Hefner has been appointed as SAL Adjutant. Please congratulate all who have stepped up to serve this upcoming year.

I would like to give a big "Hoo Raw" to Richie Sours, Second Vice and his crew for the outstanding job they performed providing for the Mothers Day Breakfast. They prepared breakfast for 165 people of which 75 moms were served breakfast on the house. As always guys (and gals) you did a fantastic job. I would also like to thank all those SAL members and others who stepped up cooking BBQ and providing assistance for the K-9 Event held on May 14th. Jessica did an outstanding job and can now calm down. Job Well Done Jessica!

For those of you who are not aware the Legion membership voted in favor of the Post going non-smoking effective August 1st. Plans are in the making to provide accommodations to provide a smoking section just outside the east end of the building. I have confidence it 's going to be an asset to our Post facilities and will provide a nice area for those of you who will benefit.

For God and Country
Tom Harris, Commander

Auxiliary President's Report



Happy Father's Day to all the Dads especially my Legionnaire Dad Art Belcher.

June has arrived already and with that the conclusion of my year serving as the Unit President. I want to thank all of the officers and members that made the year so great

for our Unit. Ladies, you do outstanding work and I have been proud to have worked with you this year. Please continue that support for the new officers, our Unit's programs and its objectives. Also thank you to all of the Post family that pitch in and help the Unit whenever an occasion arises. Our teamwork shows.

In May, we started out the month on a very positive note by delivering living room furniture and a Buddy Basket to a veteran who had just transitioned into housing after being homeless. Thank you Cheryl LaBarge and Jim Wallace for all your help. Mother's Day dinner by Mari was yummy with a very nice turn out. We were able delivered 8 handmade quilts and other items for the veterans at Clyde E Lassen VA nursing home. It's always nice to visit the veterans and say Hi. We are honored to help with a sendoff party for one of the Post's active duty members for his deployment in Iraq. We had our annual poppy month distribution and thank everyone that supported that program to honor our veterans. Thank you also to all that came out to honor those veterans that are no longer with us by placing and picking up the flags at local cemeteries for Memorial Day.

We came close to our 100% membership goal but finished the year at 96.18% and that included 60 new memberships this year. Thank you all!! Remember you can still submit your dues so that you can continue your years of service by mail, online or stop by the Post and drop them off with the bartender. Dues for the 2016-2017 will start to be collected July 2017. Welcome to newest members Laura Ambrose, Amanda Green, Jessica Keidel, Stacey Maurer, Jean Moore, Karolinna Murphy, Susan Rodehaver, Jessica Simmons, Linda Lott, and junior member Kylie Kleine.

Elections were held at the May meeting. Representing our Unit for the 2016-2017 year will be President- Beth Fullwood; 1st Vice President- Michelle Mohilchock; 2nd Vice President- Jane Sciuillo; Treasurer- Amy Germann; Chaplain- Linda Nogle; Historian- Robbin Walker; Sgt-at-Arms- Sylvia Curnutte; Asst Sgt-at-Arms- Brenda Findley; and Ella Jensen, Charlene Elswick and Jan Klocko for Executive Committee.

June will be another busy month. We are scheduled to go on another fishing trip with the veterans on June 1st at Reddie Point. Time to be determined. The 5th District Constitutional Conference is June 5th at 8:30 am at Post 137. Our next Unit meetings are June 8th with the Executive Committee at 6:30 and General Membership at 7 pm. Hope to see you there. Florida Legion convention is June 16 - 19, 2016 in Orlando.

June 14th is Flag Day so proudly fly it high that day if not every day. Our next Auxiliary Dinner will be June 17th from 6 - 8 pm featuring roasted pork. The annual Father's Day Breakfast is June 19th 8:30 - 11 am. Come out and treat Dad to a special breakfast. All Dad's eat free.

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



May was a full month for the riders.

Starting out with the Boots On The Ground poker run supporting The Gold Star Mothers, Inc. Then on to the following week with our own Jessica Young's (Sippin' Sailor) K-9's For Warrior charity run. Next it's the Riders Against Cancer poker run for the Pediatric Cancer Treatment Foundation benefitting Wolfson Children's Hospital. Then we will finish up the month by placing flags on the grave markers of our fallen veterans throughout Arlington and Jacksonville National Cemetery and celebrating Memorial Day.

We also held our final nominations last month. All positions were uncontested, so at this time I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our new Rider Officers for the 2016-2017 year.

Director - Rodney Fullwood, Asst. Director - Phil Jensen, Sergeant-at-Arms - John Reffitt, Asst. Sergeant-at-Arms - Gerry Heitt, Road Captain - Mike Smith, Safety Officer - Scott Brown, Treasurer - Ella Jensen, Quartermaster - Stacey McCormick, Secretary - Jane Sciuillo, Membership Officer - Debbie Collins, 2nd Vice - Shelly Blevins and Jeff Lafferty

June looks to be a fairly easy month with no poker runs, charity runs or anything else for the riders. Make sure you make it to the post on the 4th for post elections. Then the 5th District Constitutional Conference at Post 137 on June 5th. Then off to the Convention from the 16th to 19th.

It has been an honor and privilege serving as your Rider Director for the past year. And at this time I will turn the helm over to your new and returning director, Rodney. And remember: RIDE HARD, RIDE SAFE, RIDE FREE. And do it for them, not you.

For God and Country
Rusty Crowds
Director Chapter 283

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Freedom's Colors

by Roger W Hancock

"Red is for Bravery";
blood shed in sacrifice.
Freedom came with lives the price.

"White is for Liberty";
freedom's purity.
Life be free from God's decree.

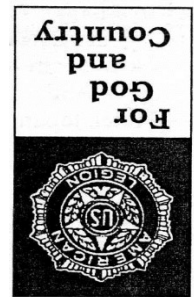
"Blue is for Justice";
as vast as the sky.
Over freedom's land to occupy.



American Legion Post 283 June 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS	FLAG DAY IS ON THE 14 TH - FLAG RETIREMENT AT 6PM	MAKE A NOTE! GENERAL ELECTIONS WILL BE ON JUNE 4TH	1 HUMP DAY SNACKS SAL MEETING 7PM	2 SOFTBALL CHILI & SLAW DOGS BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	3 LEGION STEAK NIGHT 6 - 7:30 BAND ON THE RUN	4 ALR MTG 9AM WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA COOKOUT 5PM - TIL JAMMIN' JIM KARAOKE
5 SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 - 11 5 th DIST. CONST. CONGRESS POST137	6	7 SAL PIZZA 6 - 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	8 HUMP DAY SNACKS AUX MEETINGS EXEC - 6:30PM GENERAL - 7PM	9 AUX LASAGNA DINNER BY MARI BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	10 SAL GRILLED PORK CHOPS 6 - 7:30 ROCKING MACHINE	11 JIMBO & DEBBIE KARAOKE
12	13 LEGION MEETINGS EXEC 6PM GENERAL 7PM	14 SAL/LEGION PORK & STEAK FAJITIAS 6 - 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	15 HUMP DAY SNACKS	16 SOFTBALL - HAM & SCALLOPED POTATO CASSEROLE BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	17 AUX ROASTED PORK DINNER LYONS	18 JAMMIN' JIM KARAOKE
19 AUX FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST 8:30 - 11	20	21 SAL PIZZA 6 - 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	22 HUMP DAY SNACKS	23 DISASTER PREP SLOPPY JOES BLDG COMM MTG 7PM BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	24 ALR STUFFED CHICKEN W/MAC & CHEESE BY JANE DOUBLE DOWN	25 JIMBO & DEBBIE KARAOKE
26	27	28 DISASATER PREP CHICKEN POT PIE HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	29	30 AUX CHICKEN GRAVY OVER BISCUITS BY MARI BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM		

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