

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

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## **Commander's Report**



Hello Legion family. The Legion had a very busy August. We started early this past month by celebrating the Coast Guards birthday on Aug 4th. Several of our members have been assisting our Veterans and the community. Our Awesome American Legion Auxiliary stuffed backpacks with, glue, paper,

crayons, and all sorts of school supplies for the USO to donate to needy children of veterans in our area.

The Early Bird drive is on to get our 2017 membership dues paid. The First Vice is entering all who renew their dues by 1st October into a drawing for \$100.00. Take the opportunity to get your dues paid to be eligible. It will also make you eligible for our early bird dinner on the 6th of November where the winner from the drawing will get their prize. All Legionnaires, Auxiliary and SAL who have their 2017 Post 283 membership cards are going to get a free dinner.

September is a big month for the Legion. On the 5th of September, there will be an open house in recognition of Labor Day, and Patriot Day. Grab a veteran and bring them to the post. We will be serving Pork Loin plus sides starting at 1pm until we run out.

September 10th will be the American Legion 5th District Jacksonville National Cemetery Monument Dedication with a reception to follow at our post.

We have American Legion Day and POW/MIA Recognition day on the 16th, there will be a POW/MIA ceremony at 5:00 pm prior to a dinner.

On the 17th we are hosting the 5th District Officers/Membership Training Workshop from 9 a.m. till 2 p. m. everyone is welcome

On the morning of the 18th of September we are having a Legion cleanup day that will start around 8 a.m. We are in need of support from all our Legion family, so any and all who can come out and make our Legion beautiful it would be greatly appreciated. Our Legion will be in the public eye with two big events the following couple of weekends. On the weekend of the 24th, it is the 5 Star Veteran Center Motorcycle Run fundraising event that will bring people from all over the country to our post including possible news team coverage so putting our best face on is important.

On October 9th, we are sponsoring the 5th District at our post for their official yearly visit. Let's try to make our Post the one that visiting Legionnaires would like to emulate as our Post is the greatest place to come to for food, fun and fellowship.

I would personally like to congratulate Jack Collins on his 50 years of membership!! Thank you "Jack" for all your support.

The softball season is starting back up with the first game usually the first weekend of September, so if you know anyone who would like to play have them get in touch with Jodi and she will let them know when practices will be. We will be playing other American Legion Posts around town, and the Fleet Reserve 290. The games are usually

Sunday mornings at 11 am. The game schedule will be posted on the general announcement board at the post.

We are looking to be the place for you to come to watch football. The Jaguars will be playing on the big screen, we also have the NFL package so we can have up to 8 more game on. So come out and enjoy some football.

The post went smoke free this past August 1st and so far I think it has been a huge success. Thank you all for your support during this change and being patient until we have the smoking area completed.

Also I would like to thank the SAL for their donation to cover the cost of the Architect and Structural engineer.

**The September meeting will be moved to the 19th due to conflicting work schedules.**

Again I want to thank you for electing me your commander and my door is always open!!

Hope to see you at the post.

For God & Country

J R Welch- Post 283 Commander

## **1st Vice Report**

August is over and another month is here. September promises to be a very busy month.

We now have the 2017 membership cards ready for renewal and I would be more than happy to get your 2017 renewal and have everyone renewed in time for the early bird dinner. You can renew with me or Nancy Senter. You can contact me at [jawall3@gmail.com](mailto:jawall3@gmail.com) or contact Nancy at [mombluestar@att.net](mailto:mombluestar@att.net). Leave your payment with one of us or put it in the Legion Box at the bar with a copy of your 2016 card. Your new card will be left for you to pick up at the bar for 5 days, after that it will be mailed to you. You can also go online to renew by visiting [www.legion.org/renew](http://www.legion.org/renew), just make sure you click on Post 283. Also, if you know of anyone who is eligible and might be interested in joining the post please invite them over to check us out! Please plan on attending our next meeting on September 19th.

On behalf of the officers and members I would like to thank Art Belcher for his donation of \$100.00. And thanks Art for your service.

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. The dates are as follows:

AUG 2, 1990—CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES OPERATION DESERTSHIELD/DESERT STORM

DEC. 20, 1989—JAN. 31, 1990 OPERATION JUST CAUSE/PANAMA

AUG. 24, 1982—JUL. 31, 1984 LEBANON/GRENADA

FEB. 28, 1961—MAY 7, 1975 VIETNAM WAR

JUNE 25, 1950—JAN. 31, 1955 KOREAN WAR

DEC. 7, 1941—DEC. 31, 1946 WORLD WAR II

APR. 6, 1917—NOV. 11, 1918 WORLD WAR I

U.S. MERCHANT MARINE — DEC. 7, 1941—AUG. 15, 1945

Proof of service is normally established by either a DD-214 showing your period of service, 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 also mail your renewal to:

American Legion Post 283  
Attn: Adjutant  
9549 Fort Caroline Road  
Jacksonville, FL 32225

I would like to welcome our new members to American Legion Post 283, William Dunn, Jason J Ebert, Faris Williams, Zachary Stone, Richard Grimes, James Gallagher and Arthur C. Eadie. Welcome to the greatest post in Florida.

For God and Country,  
Jim Wallace  
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## **2nd Vice Report**

Can you believe it? Fall is almost here. 1st day of Fall is on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. We're looking forward to the relief from the heat.

Our Steak night did well last month, and we're expecting another good turnout for this next one, which is in the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thanks to all who help with this, and if anyone else is interested, please see me. If not, come on out and enjoy a steak, great people, and know that you are donated to those in need.

Our Annual Labor Day Open House is on the 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00. Ken's putting on a Stuffed Pork Loin Dinner. If anyone would like to volunteer to help him out, he'll need help that morning, and the day before for prep. If nothing else, if a couple of people can show up for 2 hours as the meal is finishing for cleanup, that is very much appreciated. Actually, that goes for any meal.

After the Monument Dedication on the 10<sup>th</sup>, we will have something laid out for those who participate, as well as the dignitaries.

FOOTBALL SEASON IS HERE! As discussed in the last Newsletter, we'll be having food for most of the Jag games. The first game on the 11<sup>th</sup> will be a Nacho Bar. The following game on the 18<sup>th</sup>, we'll have Boneless Chicken Wings, followed with Nacho Bar on the 25<sup>th</sup>. And don't forget, if anyone wants to do anything for any college game, let me know. I may reserve the hall on October 9<sup>th</sup> when my Tigers whoop up on the Gators. I have numerous recipes for Gator Tail if anyone would like to pitch in.

I am more than happy to pass on the following information at Scott Pageau's request: September is also the American Legion's Disaster Preparedness Month. Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup> is a busy day at the Post. We will start the day conducting a Blood Drive from 0730-1230 sponsored by One Blood to coincide with the SAL breakfast. Please come out and donate, one pint can save the life of up to 3 people in the local community. If donating, it is important to eat prior to doing so and remember to stay hydrated. We will be inviting local First Responders that morning and providing a well deserved breakfast to those that take care of us every day. Bruce Firster has graciously volunteered for the third year in a row to provide baked goods for the annual Disaster Preparedness Bake Sale. All donations will go to the National Emergency Fund. Speaking of which our Post was the number one Post in the State of Florida last year donating over \$5000.00. Great job Legion Family. The fund is used to assist current Legion Family members via grants providing emergency assistance to those who have been

displaced from their homes for out-of-pocket temporary housing, food and clothing expenses after a disaster such as the flooding in the Gulf Coast or fires in the West. During the breakfast we will be conducting a 9/11 ceremony to take a moment to remember what happened on that fateful day.

For God and Country!

Jeff Lafferty  
Post 283 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander  
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## **3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Report**

August was a busy month. I have spoken to the Boy's State Delegates and their Families. Boys that were quite going to Tallahassee came back a different person and will have made friends for life. One young man is looking forward to going into politics due to his experience. Prior to Boy's State he really did not have a goal in mind. One young man has already registered to vote and his parents stated that he would never have registered if he had not gone to Boy's State. He and his father went out to the Virginia Military Institute to take a tour due to his experience's that he received. Another one of the delegates father and his sister plan on doing volunteer work at the Post. All the parents were so impressed how Post 283 treated these young men.

I'm just so proud of all the Boy's State Delegates this year they made Post 283 shine.

The meet and greet on 31 July went great. It was great to see all the Boy's and Girl's that represented Post 283 in one room. There was plenty of food and fellowship. Thanks to all the volunteers that helped Peggy and Myself.

The Steak Night on 5 August went very well. The families from Boy's State really appreciated the dinner. Thanks goes to the Commander and Jeff for making this happen. As always the JROTC from Terry Parker did an outstanding job with the meal.

The girl that was selected for the Florida Youth Law Cadet Academy from July 11<sup>th</sup> to 15 July had a great time. She got to fire a gun and learned how to use a tazer, she also drove a patrol car twice. The counselor's would like her to come back next year. She not only has a new respect for law enforcement but plans on going into the Florida Highway Patrol after graduation.

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## **Historian's Report**

It is with great excitement and a good deal of trepidation that I begin my duties as Historian of Post 282. This is an entirely new adventure for me so I will be looking for a lot of assistance. As you all know the American Legion Centennial is fast approaching. All posts are being challenged by National Headquarters to participate and be represented in this celebration. One of the ways to participate is by submitting a dossier outlining why our Post is so great. I will be doing a great deal of research on this project. To make it even better I would ask that any and all of you send/give me any letters, pictures or even anecdotal stories reflecting the history of Post 283. It is our hope that we will submit the best dossier in the nation. It will take some effort and more importantly, your help and input. I look forward to your help.

Don Collins  
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## S.A.L. Commander's Report

No SAL report for September

### Auxiliary President's Report



#### **Jaguar Game Schedule**

Sept. 1 - Jags @ Falcons  
Sept. 11 - Jags host Packers - 1:00 Nacho Bar  
Sept. 18 - Jags @ Chargers - 4:25 Boneless Wings  
Sept. 25 - Jags host Ravens - 1:00 Nacho Bar

Recap for August. Our first meeting was on August 10th with all new officers. Our three girls from Girls State were at our meeting and thanked our Unit as well as the Post for their trip to Tallahassee. These girls were awesome and very thankful for the scholarships given.

Our first District Meeting was held on August 14 without New 5th district President Robbin Walker. This meeting was very informative and we had a great turnout of our Unit's auxiliary members. We had a total of 6 in attendance, and 1 of those was a Junior member. Jane did dinner on August 19 of stuffed manicotti. Very very good. If you were not there, you missed a great dinner. Thank you to Patti Hill, Jane Sciuolo, Sally King, Janice Dixon for shopping and delivering back packs to Mayport USO. Also thanks to Patti, Sally, Brenda for getting the rest of the school supplies to the Children's Home Society. You all ROCK!! On to September.

Thursday, September 1, Thursday September 15, and Thursday September 29, are Auxiliary Bingo Dinners. Open house will be on Monday September 5th, Labor day. Let's have a great turnout. September 11 is a very busy day all around. Our blood drive is from 8:30 until 11 or so. Along with that is SAL breakfast and remember for those that donate or try to donate will receive a free breakfast. September 11 is also Patriot Day, Remembrance Service, and out next 5th district meeting at Unit 88. The next Auxiliary dinner will be September 16th. The 18th is post clean up day before the annual ALR poker run on Sat September 24th. Let's have a great turnout for this clean up as this benefits our 5 Star Veterans Center.

On September 11 is the monument dedication at JNC. Our very own 5th district President Robbin Walker will be unveiling the monument, and our Department President Kelli Becraft will also be in attendance. This has been a long time in the works and to have our Department President in attendance is very rewarding. Let's have a great turnout. See the flyer on the board.

September 17th is School of Instruction at Unit 197. Registration starts at 9:30 and instruction begins at 10. This is a very important part of our Auxiliary as this is when the chairmen are given their Program Action Plan. Please do your best to attend.

Remember to be ever mindful of others.

Beth Fullwood  
President

### Legion Rider Director's Report

Attention Riders,

Labor Day means, September is here! Time to do what we do best. On the 24<sup>th</sup> it's all hands on deck with the poker run. This year's planning has gone well and this event will be the best ever. From the smallest detail to conclusion, we been planning since January. We've redesigned the stage, changed the layout,



and will be working to bring success to the biggest event of the year. Thank You to the planning committee, the Sponsors, and the post Membership for all the hard work. Invite your neighbors, coworkers and friends to come and enjoy the food and music.

On September 10<sup>th</sup>, the riders from around the District will be here to escort VIP's to the Jacksonville National Cemetery for the dedication of the Legion Memorial. After which a reception will follow back at the Post 283.

At the 5<sup>th</sup> District meeting the topics were, State Rally/Instate Legacy Ride/Vest appearance with regards to the SOP. Final escort plans for the monument dedication. Chapter 54 has a save the date for TOYS FOR TOTS as November 12. We talked about a Facebook or Web page just for flyers in order to improve communication between chapters. Five Star Poker Run was promoted and 316 promoted the Zombie Ride for Halloween.

Let's talk about membership, don't wait till the last minute to renew. The Dept. of Florida has set percentage goals at each of the post and district levels. Renew early so we can be trend setters once again for the state.

On August 1<sup>st</sup>, our post engaged a no smoking policy. Thank You, to all the smokers for your understanding and once again setting an example for the other post to follow. Already some members that had stayed away are returning to participate in post activities. As the word gets around our post will thrive. For those that are worried, don't. This will help us in the future to bring in more members.

In August, the Riders supported Chapter 202's run for K9's for Warriors, benefit ride for Jamie Villa, Wreaths across America at BarZ.

Miles and Hours and donations, report them. Examples are:

- Post meetings.
  - Visits to other post/ bike events.
  - Donations made for meals.
- Charity rides/fund raisers.

Email them to, [ALR283director@gmail.com](mailto:ALR283director@gmail.com)

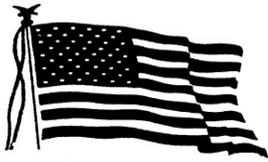
Rodney Fullwood Jr.  
Director Chapter 283

Don 't Miss . . .

### **The Legion's Got Talent Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup>**

There is a sign-up sheet on the notice board. Our winners from last year will be appearing as a guest act and not as a participant.

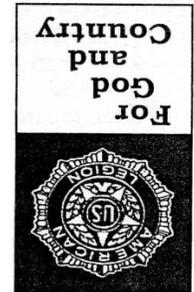
Sign up and show off your talents. Any questions call Ken Martin at 600-8690



# American Legion Post 283 September 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS</b>	*ALSO ON THE 11 <sup>TH</sup> , PATRIOT'S DAY	<b>SEE THE JAG'S SCHEDULE IN THE INFO BOX ON PAGE 3</b>		1 AUX CHICKEN ALFREDO  <b>BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM</b>	2 LEGION STEAK NIGHT 6 – 7:30 <b>BAND ON THE RUN</b>	3  ALR MTG 9AM  <b>JAMMIN' JIM KARAOKE</b>
4	5 <b>LABOR DAY OPEN HOUSE</b> 1:00 – 'TIL <b>STUFFED PORK LOIN</b>	6 SAL PIZZA 6 – 7:30 PM  <b>HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM</b>	7 HUMP DAY SNACKS  SAL MEETING 7PM	8 SOFTBALL CHIX CORDON BLEU  <b>BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM</b>	9 SAL FISH FRY DINNER 6 – 7:30  <b>GUITAR RED</b>	10 MONUMENT DEDICATION @ NAT'L CEMETARY – RECEPTION AT POST <b>JIMBO &amp; DEBBIE KARAOKE</b>
11 SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00 <b>BLOOD DRIVE</b> <b>BAKE SALE</b> 1:00 - 9/11 <b>REMEMBRANCE</b>	12	13 DISASTER PREP KING RANCH CHICKEN  <b>HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM</b>	14 HUMP DAY SNACKS AUX MEETINGS EXEC – 6:30PM GENERAL – 7PM	15 AUX SHEPARD'S PIE  <b>BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM</b>	16 AUX BAKED SPAGHETTI W/CHICKEN 6 – 7:30 <b>BLACK CREEK RIZEN</b>	17       <b>JAMMIN' JIM KARAOKE</b>
18 8 AM POST CLEANUP  AIR FORCE BIRTHDAY	19 LEGION MEETINGS EXEC 6:30 PM GENERAL 7PM	20 SAL PIZZA 6 – 7:30 PM  <b>HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM</b>	21 HUMP DAY SNACKS	22 SOFTBALL ITALIAN MEATBALL SUBS <b>BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM</b>	23 ALR TACO BAR     <b>DOUBLE DOWN</b>	24   5 STAR POKER RUN   <b>NO KARAOKE</b>
25 SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11  GOLD STAR MOTHER'S DAY	26	27 SAL BACON CHEESEBURGERS  <b>HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM</b>	28 HUMP DAY SNACKS	29 AUX SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS  <b>BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM</b>	30 DISASTER PREP STUFFED SHELLS DINNER  <b>BACKWOOD BOYS</b>	

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