



# ARLINGTON AMERICAN LEGION

# LEGION NEWS POST 283

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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 served over 150 meals, thank to Ken and his volunteers. Special thanks goes out to Bristol for the awesome karaoke.

Our new Department Commander Joe Magee was in Jacksonville for the Jacksonville National Cemetery Monument Dedication hosted by the Fifth District. Thanks to all the members who dedicated their time to make it a wonderful event. Commander Magee was very impressed with our Post. I would like to personally thank Scott Pagaue. He did a great job performing the 9-11/Patriots Day ceremony. Also thank to the breakfast crew who served over 185 meals. What a great weekend.

Hopefully everyone has gotten their membership renewed. You must renew before October 31<sup>st</sup> to be eligible for the \$100.00 dollar raffle drawing. At our early bird dinner on November 6<sup>th</sup>, All Legionnaires, Auxiliary and SAL who have their Post 283 2017 membership card will receive a free dinner.

Just a reminder that if you receive a renewal notice from National American Legion HQ and you have already renewed, please disregard the notice. The Post has no control over the notices being sent as they come directly from National HQ.

The 5<sup>th</sup> District Family Picnic will be held on October 8<sup>th</sup> at Post 137. It is open to the entire Legion family and will start at 1100. Weather permitting the pool will be open so your swim suit. On Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup> we are hosting the 5th District monthly meeting at our post. The meeting starts at 2 p.m.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Legion's Got Talent contest will be Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Signup sheet is on the general board

I would like to thank all the volunteers who came out for the Post annual cleanup day. Everyone taking time to volunteer is what the American Legion is all about, we had an awesome turnout for the Annual ALR Five Star Poker run on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the Legion Family for all the support.

The Post will celebrate the US Navy's birthday on October 13<sup>th</sup> with a cake a brief ceremony.

Our kids Halloween party will be on the 23<sup>th</sup> from 11-1. Look for the sign-up sheet on the Auxiliary board. The Adult Halloween party will be on the 28<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6 pm, with a FL/GA SAL BBQ going on during the event. Come and get some great BBQ. 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 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!

The softball team has started their fall season. The games have been changed to 10:00 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](http://floridalegion283.org) Thank you Web man!

For God & Country  
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## 1st Vice Report

September is over and October is here. Time flies when you're having fun. The Five Star poker run was a huge success thanks to everyone who participated and helped out.

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 [mombliestar@att.net](mailto:mombliestar@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!

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. Welcome to the greatest post in Florida.

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

**Wow!** I can't believe fall is here already. But that does mean FOOTBALL! As you all know, September was a very busy month for the Post Family. The last Steak Night was huge. We had 100 steaks on hand and had NONE left. Our JROTC had to eat hamburgers. We'll have 140 on hand for the October Steak Night, which will be on the 7<sup>th</sup>. If anyone would like to volunteer to do 50/50, help clean up, etc., please let me know. This thing keeps growing and it's pretty hectic serving that many steaks to order.

I want to thank the Auxiliary, as well as anyone else who helped with the food for the reception after the Monument Dedication Ceremony. There was a variety of food, and it was all amazing. Everyone got plenty to eat, and there was next to nothing left. I received complements as much as 2 weeks later from people from other Posts. Again, 283 leads the way. When we get visitors from other Posts, as well as District and Department guests, we don't half step. We set the bar for others to try and clear.

Thanks to everyone that helped in the Post Cleanup. And as far as the Poker Run, what more can I add to what has already been said. All I can say is WOW!

There is one matter I need to address. Most any Post member with a need can sign out the garage key. However, at times we find things missing or misplaced. In the near future, I will be creating a sign out log if anyone wants to take anything off of the property. This will be any equipment that is kept on Post property. Some of the items in the garage belong to individuals; other equipment belongs to the Post Family. Please do not just borrow something without someone knowing, as it may be needed. We do not want to have to start restricting access to the garage.

Don't forget the Nachos and Boneless Wings for the Jag games. Just look at the dates in the calendar, then come up and enjoy hanging at the Post with your friends and have a great snack.

There's a first time event on the 8<sup>th</sup>. As an LSU Tiger fan, it's tradition to cook / eat gator when we play Florida. With that said, I have issued a Gator Tail Challenge / Cookoff. Only rules are is that it has to be ready 30 minutes before kickoff time, and it has to have at least one lb of gator. I suppose the Florida fans can substitute Tiger meat for the gator if they choose.

**Back by popular demand!** The SAL is hosting another Oyster Roast on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. It was amazing last time, so we expect more of the same. Keep an eye out for the details on flyers in the Post. Also, we have a great surprise for all SAL members that have paid their **2017** dues at that time.

For God and Country!  
Jeff Lafferty  
Post 283 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander  
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## **3rd Vice Report**

September was a busy month with everything that was going on. The First Coast High School Jr. ROTC was kept very busy with all the dinners, monument dedication and the poker run. The kids did another fabulous job for our post units. The 5<sup>th</sup> district Aux. President stopped by the post and spent some time talking with the kids and gave each one a pin. They were excited to talk with her.

The general meeting of the American Legion was held on the 16<sup>th</sup> and the young lady (Cheyenne) that attended the Florida Highway Patrol Academy representing the post came in and spoke to the membership about her experience. She said she had a great time and would love to do it again. She had physical training, shot a pistol on the gun range, trained in self-defense and watched a drug sniffing dog work. They kept the kids attending very busy.

Over the next couple of months, I will be working on selection of kids for Boy's State and Jr. ROTC Cadet of the year. Here we go again. I do enjoy working with the young people that help us.

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



Membership is now at 32%. If you haven't renewed your 2017 dues please see Jeff Lafferty. As I mentioned previously the Detachment would like renewals paid as quickly as possible. Remember a portion of all members' dues are paid to State and National. Also as a reminder, if you have a change of address let us know. We do get cards sent back because of address change and therefore have no way of knowing where to send it to.

September 10<sup>th</sup> was a memorial day. Approximately 200 people, some from across the State, attended the dedication of the 5<sup>th</sup> District Monument placed along the Memorial Walk at the Jacksonville National Cemetery. It was a very hot day but the ceremony went very well. The flyover was awesome! Tom Gora, Committee Chairman

has sent a letter outlining the dedication with a photo of the placing of the wreath to the Legion Department to have printed in the Legion Link. So click on the Link if you want to know more.

I want to thank all those whose participated in assisting with the 5 Star Poker Run BBQ cooking. As always the SAL steps up and does a great job. Long hot day but a lot of fun! SAL donation of \$1,500.00 to the cause. And a big thanks to the Riders and all who those who went on the ride for a great event.

Come join us on Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup> for the SAL Oyster Roast. We will be providing steamed oysters along with our brandy oysters. Price will be based on our cost. If you have an oyster shucker, bring it.

For God & Country  
Tom Harris, Commander

#### Jaguar Game Schedule

- Oct. 2 – Jags host Colts –9:30 a.m. no food
- Oct. 16 – Jags @ Bears – 1:00 Wings
- Oct. 23 – Jags host Raiders – 1:00 Nachos
- Oct. 27 – Jags @ Titans – 8:25 p.m. no food

### Auxiliary President's Report



Happy Halloween!! Can you believe that Halloween is almost here? This year has flown by. It would be nice to slow down a little, but I don't see that happening any time soon.

October is going to be just as busy as September was.

The monument dedication at JNC on Sept 10th, was beautiful. Although it was hot, the service was very moving. Thank you to all of the ALR from the 5th district for the escort of our dignitaries. There are so many to thank for making this day such a success, I am just going to say Thank You to everyone. The blood drive on Sept 11 was a great success. Thank you to all who were able to donate, and to those that tried. School of Instruction was Sept 17. Thank you to all who were able to attend. You all are awesome.

Starting off October is the 5th district Picnic at Post 137 on Saturday the 8th from 11AM - 4PM. Bring your swim suits as it may still be warm enough to swim. Yes, this is the post that has that large swimming pool. This is always a fun time. Fifth district meeting will be at our Post on Sun. October 9th. Auxiliary meeting starts at 2 PM. We have trivia and bingo dinner throughout the month, so be sure to look at the calendar for those dates. Our next Friday Night dinner is on October 21st. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, October 12 at 7PM. Annual Stand Down to benefit the homeless is Saturday the 22. We would love to have as many volunteers as we can. Please see Cheryl Labarge with any questions. Children's Halloween party will be Sun, October 23 from 11-1 and the adult Halloween Party is Friday, October 28th.

Membership renewal letters have now been mailed form National Headquarters. Please know that you do not need to wait for that letter to arrive. Dues can now be paid online as well. Just go to [alaforveterans.org](http://alaforveterans.org)

You will need to register, and then you can navigate through it and be paid online. You can print out a temporary card, and when we receive notice that dues are paid, you will receive your hard copy. **Also please be aware that membership cards will no longer be left at the bar. They will be mailed to our members.**

Everyone have a great October and remember to be ever mindful of others.

"Navigating the course for Veterans and their Families"

Beth Fullwood  
President

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### Legion Rider Director's Report

Kickstands Up Riders!

Congratulations the American

Legion Riders for raising over a Million dollars this year for the Legacy fund. This is the third year we have done so. The instate legacy ride is coming soon in March with the state rally ending the

week here in our district.

During September, the riders participated in the Monument Escort, fund raisers for Wreaths across America. Post cleanup was manned by many of the riders. Our big event is underway - The Five Star Poker Run. I'll have the numbers to report in the November Newsletter. Although sponsorship is low pre-registrations were doing well.

We look forward to October Activities and rides. Chapter 283 will participate in the ALR Department of Florida, Rodin Robin and use every event we can to earn points. All month long we can register our rides and earn points for our district. We are hoping to bring the trophy back to the 5<sup>th</sup> district. Register, Ride and Report. October brings Halloween fun. The Zombie Ride, Heroes' on the water. Wreaths across America poker runs are headed our way. Toys for Tots. All these rides are eligible for the round robin points. To register, go to [FloridaLegion.org](http://FloridaLegion.org) and click on Legion Riders/Round Robin register and ride. We turn in all the forms on October 30th at our post.

There are still a few Rider dinners that need to be covered. Get with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice's or myself if you would like to do a dinner. Coming soon are events like the Chili Cook off, Marti Gras. Keep your eyes on the Facebook Page for Rider news.

We are taking membership renewals now so get it done. Rider due are \$25 and renewable anytime. Your card expires December 31<sup>st</sup>.

All for now,

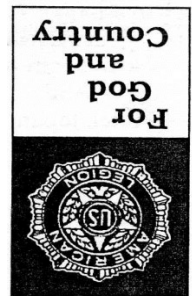
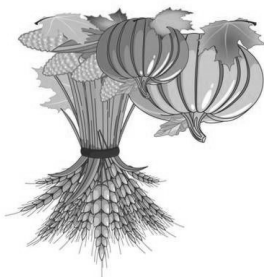
Rodney Fullwood Jr.  
Chapter Director 283



# American Legion Post 283 October 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS</b>	CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY IS ON THE 23 <sup>RD</sup> FROM 11 - 1	<b>SEE THE JAG'S SCHEDULE IN THE INFO BOX ON PAGE 3</b>		ALSO ON THE 8 <sup>TH</sup> . . . GATOR TAIL COOKOFF FL VS. LSU		1 ALR MTG 9AM <b>JAMMIN' JIM KARAOKE</b>
2	3	4 SAL PIZZA 6 - 7:30 PM <b>HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM</b>	5 HUMP DAY SNACKS SAL MEETING 7PM	6 SOFTBALL CHICKEN CASSEROLE <b>BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM</b>	7 LEGION STEAK NIGHT 6 - 7:30 <b>MIDLIFE CRISIS</b>	8 5 <sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT PICNIC <b>JIMBO &amp; DEBBIE KARAOKE</b>
9 SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 - 11:00 5 <sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT MEETINGS ALR - 12:30 LEGION - 2:00 AUX - 2:00	10 LEGION MEETINGS EXEC 6:30 PM GENERAL 7PM	11 SAL FRENCH DIP SANDWICHES <b>HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM</b>	12 HUMP DAY SNACKS AUX MEETINGS EXEC - 6:30PM GENERAL - 7PM	13 AUX BEEF STEW BY MARI <b>BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM</b>	14 ALR TW'S FAMOUS FRIED RIBS 6 - 7:30 <b>LYONS</b>	15  <b>JAMMIN' JIM KARAOKE</b>
16	17	18 SAL PIZZA 6 - 7:30 PM <b>HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM</b>	19 HUMP DAY SNACKS	20 SOFTBALL CHEESY SCALLOPED POTATOES & HAM <b>BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM</b>	21 AUX HAMBURGER STROGANOFF <b>DOUBLE DOWN</b>	22 SAL OYSTER ROAST 3:00 - 'TIL <b>JIMBO &amp; DEBBIE KARAOKE</b>
23 SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 - 11	24	25 DISASTER PREP SLOPPY JOES <b>HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM</b>	26 HUMP DAY SNACKS	27 AUX SALADS & SANDWICHES <b>BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM</b>	28 SAL BBQ 6 - 7:30 AUX ADULT HALLOWEEN PARTY <b>SPEKTRA</b>	29  <b>KAREN KARAOKE</b>
30	31					

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