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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 9th Annual 5 Star Veterans Poker run. It was a huge success with the ALR raising over \$25,000, due to the help from our Legion family.

There are lots of events in November for everyone to enjoy. November 5th will be the first annual Turkey shoot with golf chipping, Horseshoes, Corn hole and a low Country Boil, so come out and have some fun.

Don't forget to set your clocks back on November 6th for the end of daylight savings time. The early bird dinner will be November 6th at 6:00 pm and is open to all Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and SAL who have their 2017 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 2017 dues before the end of October, there will be a drawing for the \$100.00 dollar gift card before serving the meal.

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

The Veterans Day Parade will be November 11th 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. We will end the day with a Flag Retirement ceremony at sunset. There will be a SAL breakfast the morning of the 20th which coincides with our Post Blood Drive, and bake sale. 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 22nd. With Delivery of baskets before Thanksgiving if you know any families in need, please contact Beth Fullwood, Auxiliary President.

Thanksgiving dinner on the 24th will be our traditional fare of turkey and ham with all the fixings. Hope to see you at the Post.

I would like to send a special thank you to all that have volunteered their time and muscle in building our deck outside. It is looking marvelous. It is a great place to enjoy some comradery with the beautiful fall weather and good company. Great job everyone!!

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

October is over and November promises to be another 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 or contact Nancy at 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, 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!

The Early Bird dinner is scheduled for November 6. The dinner is free for every member with a 2017 membership card.

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.

New members for October are:

SHANNON STOREY - AIR FORCE
DALE MCCOMBS - AIR FORCE
VICKIE HOWARD - NAVY
RUSSELL WELLONS - NAVY
SCOTT ELY - NAVY (AD)
MICHAEL LEE - NAVY (AD)
KEVIN PARKER - NAVY (AD)
THERESA VIETS - ARMY

For God and Country,
Jim Wallace
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2nd Vice Report

Although some of us suffered more damage than others, and some without power longer than others, with The Lord's help we all survived Mathew. We had to cancel a couple of things, but we'll make up what we can this month. Of course, Steak Night was canceled, so I expect to see a great turn out for this month's Steak Night on the 4th.

Next up in November is our **1st Annual Legion 283 Fun Day!** We're doing a Low Country Boil, donation will depend on the market price of the shrimp. We will also be chipping Golf balls into the pond, Corn Hole & Horse Shoe Tournaments, and Turkey Shoot. DJ Bristol will be spinning up the tunes. Additionally, the SAL Oyster Roast had to be postponed as Mathew screwed up the oysters for a few weeks. Not confirmed as of this writing, but that may go down that day as well. All proceeds will go toward replenishing our building fund while enjoying our new deck. So come on out, have some fun, good seafood, and support your American Legion!

This year's Early Bird Dinner is on the 6th. We'll be serving up chicken. I'm still undecided on exactly how I will prepare it and what side will go along. But I promise I will do my best to make it great for you.

Our Veterans Day Open house is at 1:00 on the 11th. We'll be serving up Sausage Dogs with grilled onions and peppers. Burgers as well. The evening meal will be Grilled Pork Chops by the SAL.

As you all know, the Florida / LSU game was postponed, as well as our Gator Tail Cook Off Challenge. Both have been rescheduled for the 19th. So come out and cheer on your team and have some fun. The time depends on game time.

We will be frying Turkeys again this year at no charge on Thanksgiving morning. Here are the requirements:

1. No birds over 13lbs.
2. Must be fully defrosted.
3. No rub, butter, etc. on the outside.
4. You may use an injection marinade made for such.
5. Must be dropped off between 8:00 and 11:00, as we have to get ready to serve our open house meal at 1:00.

One last thing on a bit of a sour note - Ken is going to be taking some time off for personal reasons. He has our full support and we'll stay in touch with him. I know

how much he does at the Post, but all appropriate people have talked, and we have a plan on how to cover his duties until his return.

For God and Country!
Jeff Lafferty
Post 283 2nd Vice Commander
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3rd Vice Report

First of all I hope everyone is safe from Hurricane Matthew. I know Jacksonville took a hard hit.

October Steak Night was cancelled due to the Hurricane but will be made up next month. The First Coast High School Jr. ROTC helped out our post in an outstanding manner.

The next couple of Friday's there will be some yummy dinners. Come out and enjoy the food that they have worked hard preparing.

I am working on several issues.

1. Boys State started in October so soon I will be looking for Boys to send from the different schools.
2. Working on Teacher of the Year
3. JROTC cadet of the Year
4. Oratorical Competition
5. American Legion School Medal Award Program

I feel so blessed to have my job I love working with the kids and working the other Programs.

If anyone needs help with the dinner's you will need to let me know ASAP so I can get you the help you need.

Hopefully if you take your kiddos trick or treating please be safe.

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FOR GOD AND
COUNTRY

S.A.L. Commander's Report



Well, it's about done! The SAL would like to thank Marty and all those who have taken up hammers to build the designated smoking area deck. Hot weather, aching backs and a few nail picks, but what the heck. It looks great. I would like to thank the members of the SAL for your

support and contribution of \$3,000.00 to the cause. Thanks to those who came to the Post during hurricane Mathew to hook up the generator to provide power for the freezers. And thanks goes to those who came before the storm to secure the property and minimize any damage that could have occurred. WE appreciate what you do for the Post and for the good of the Legion.

Membership is currently standing at 35%. It's this time of the year you receive a reminder if your dues have not been paid by year's end then you will not be able to purchase beverages from the canteen. Additionally you will not be able to have another member purchase for you and you cannot be signed in as a guest. So you have from now to year's end to get your dues paid. You can

leave your dues with the bartender, mail them in or see Jeff Lafferty, 1st Vice.

We apologize for cancellation of the oyster roast. Due to the hurricane the oyster beds could not be harvested. Additionally the supply was limited and the price went way up. We will reschedule so watch out for the notice.

For God & Country
Tom Harris, Commander

Jaguar Game Schedule

- Nov. 6 - Jags @Chiefs – 1:00 - Wings
- Nov. 13 – Jags host Texans – 1:00 - Nachos
- Nov.20 – Jags @ Lions – 1:00 - Wings
- Nov. 27 – Jags @ Bills – 1:00 - Nachos

Auxiliary President's Report



With October gone and Halloween done, we move on into November. Fall is in the air and cooler weather along with it.

I want to thank everyone who helped with the Stand Down, which is our biggest event every year, for our homeless veterans. I know these men, women, and families are so appreciative. We could not do this without the help of our auxiliary members, the donations we receive from businesses and also donations for other Auxiliary Units in our 5th district. This is why we are call The Mighty Fifth.

November is a cool down month. Here is what we have going on in November. Our November meeting will be on November 9th at 7PM. November 10th and 17th is auxiliary bingo dinner with our regular monthly Auxiliary dinner on the 18th. Veterans Day is November 11th with open house on that day. We have many that participate in the Veterans Day Parade downtown. Please see Janice Dixon or Cheryl LaBarge if you would like to be a part of this parade. Fall Conference is the 17-20 in Orlando. On the 20th we have our Legion wide blood drive. As every November, we will be having our bake sale to co-incide with the blood drive. This goes over very well every year and we always sell out of the goodies that are donated by our members. Not only do we have Auxiliary members that bake goodies, we also have legionnaires and SAL members that donate baked good also. Come out and donate blood, or just buy some wonderful baked goods. If you donate or try to donate, you will also receive a free SAL breakfast. We are taking donations for our Thanksgiving baskets which should be delivered to needy families on the 23rd. November 24 is Thanksgiving day and as always, our Post will be serving Thanksgiving lunch/dinner. This is open to everyone.

Membership is still on the rise with new members every month. Renewals are coming in as well. We want to be at 100% by December 31 so lets get those renewals in. Remember why you joined the Auxiliary and what your dues are used for. They are used to support programs that help our Veterans and their families. As our Department President's theme is, "Navigating the course for our Veterans and their Families", let's keep it going.

Have a great November.

Beth Fullwood
President

auxiliarypresident@outlook.com

Legion Rider Director's Report



Saddle up Riders!

Announcement! We are proud to announce that Danny Hill is our new Road Captain. After several years of serving as Road Captain, Mike Smith has stepped down to work on other Projects. I and the Riders at 283, would

like to thank Mike for the wonderful job he did for the Riders and our post.

The Holidays are upon us. The weather is changing. Almost time to pull out the leathers and the gloves. Toys for Tots, Turkey shoots, Christmas shopping. Stay aware of your surroundings and keep it locked.

Our 9th annual poker run was a great day and a big success. A total of \$25,000.00 was raised for our local young Veterans at the Five Star Veterans Center. The post provided great support as well as our District 5 chapters. The Veteran Enforcers, Leather Necks, Latino's and the Sons of the Beaches just to name a few organizations, rode and worked together for this special cause. ROTC students from several schools came out to help. For the record: 275 Bikes, 109 Passengers, 6 Cars, 62 extra dinners sold. Special thanks to all our sponsors. The planning team headed by Cheryl Altman worked to no end to bring the post a big event. There are too many people to name, however, Thank You to all.

The 283 Riders are turning over all Proceeds from October events to the post for the building fund. 50/50, Dinner, and a Fun run on the 30th. We also made a donation to the post to move things along. We are making good progress. The Riders also donated to other causes like Toys for Tots (19th Street), Hero's on the Water (129), and Families and Children in need (250). It's important that we keep the support for others going.

October was Round Robin Month to raise funds for Project Vet Relief. Last year we raised \$6200.00 as a Dept. With all the round robins this year state wide, I think will blow that number out of the water. At Convention Chapter 283 donated \$1000.00 to PVR. Project Vet Relief is a Legion supported charity and the Riders are the vehicle to support that cause. The mighty 5th district plans to win the trophy!

Fall Conference November 18th-20th. ALR General Session is Saturday the 18th at 2:30-4:30pm. I'll be heading down on Saturday for the day if anyone would like to ride. The Department of Florida ALR Rider Summit is in January 20th-22nd in Orlando.

Last but not most important, MEMBERSHIP. This is the engine that drives the Legion. The 283 Riders are adding an average 3 new members a month. Our renewals are going well. We can do better! Get renewed! Stay a member of the Family and belong to a great organization.

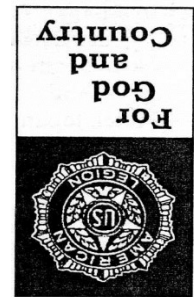
Check your oil,
Rodney Fullwood Jr.
Chapter Director 283



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS	EARLY BIRD CHICKEN DINNER NOV. 6 TH AT 6:00	1 SAL PIZZA 6 – 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	2 HUMP DAY SNACKS SAL MEETING 7PM	3 SOFTBALL TURKEY CASS. W/STUFFING & GRAVY BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	4 LEGION STEAK NIGHT 6 – 7:30 GUITAR RED	5 POST 283 FUN DAY LOW COUNTRY BOIL NOON ALR MEETING 9AM BRISTOL KARAOKE
6 SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS	7	8 WINGS BY DEX & ANGIE 6 – 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	9 HUMP DAY SNACKS AUX MEETINGS EXEC – 6:30PM GENERAL – 7PM	10 AUX PORK ROAST DINNER MARINE CORP BDAY BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	11 SAL GRILLED PORK CHOPS 6 – 7:30 OPEN HOUSE 1:00 DOUBLE DOWN	12 TOYS FOR TOTS POKER RUN STOP JIMBO & DEBBIE KARAOKE
13 5 TH DISTRICT MEETINGS POST 202 LEGION – 2:00 AUX – 2:00 SAL – 12:30	14 LEGION MEETINGS EXEC 6:30 PM GENERAL 7PM	15 SAL PIZZA 6 – 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	16 HUMP DAY SNACKS	17 AUX LOADED BAKED POTATOES BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	18 AUX PULLED PORK BY PAM & JIM 6 – 7:30 BLACK CREEK RIZEN	19 BRISTOL KARAOKE
20 SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00 BLOOD DRIVE & BAKE SALE	21	22 SAL BACON CHEESEBURGERS 6 – 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	23 HUMP DAY SNACKS	24 THANKSGIVING DAY TURKEY FRYING 8:00 – 11:00 AM OPEN HOUSE 1PM	25 ALR SPAGHETTI DINNER BY JEFF BAND ON THERUN	26 JIMBO & DEBBIE KARAOKE
27 AUX CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY 1 – 3PM	28	29 DISASTER PREP TURKEY POT PIE HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	30 HUMP DAY SNACKS	VETERAN'S DAY FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY NOV. 11 @ SUNSET		***SEE THE JAG'S SCHEDULE IN THE INFO BOX ON PAGE 3 ***

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