



ARLINGTON AMERICAN LEGION **LEGION NEWS** POST 283

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Commander's Report



Welcome to April 2017 and the 60th Birthday of our Post Charter! We will be celebrating the anniversary on the 29th with a host of activities.

On April 22nd The American Legion Post 283 will be honored to present and dedicate, **The Soldiers**

Battlefield Cross, at the Jacksonville National Cemetery main building. The Post Family is invited to attend, the formal unveiling is at 10:30 a.m., This is a shared honor of the American Legion, the Auxiliary, Sons of the Legion and the Legion Riders.

The in State Ralley was a great Weekend. I would like to thank everone who volunteered for this event which raised over 5,000 Dollars for the Children's Organ Transplant Association.

St Patrick's Day corn beef and cabbage dinner by the auxiliary was an overwhelming success, thanks to all who decorated and pulled it all together.

Look for our American Legion Post 283 Youth Baseball Wolves to be getting there season started in June. Also our Softball team's first game starts April 4th, so come out and support, the schedule for both will be on the general board.

Don't forget the SAL Squadron 283's 4th Annual chip, toss and shoot event is on Saturday April 15th.

Then on the 29th is 3rd annual K-9 for Warriors Ride with BBQ and a Band to follow after the ride.

May the 13th will sponsor a walk for Veterans at 11 a. m. there will be a \$20 donation to participate in the walk, which includes a t-shirt. All proceeds will be going to the K-9 for Warriors Charity. The walk chairman will be posting a sign up sheet soon. Hope to see you there.

The 99th Annual Department of Florida American Legion Convention will be held at The Orlando World Center Marriott from June 29th -July 2nd. 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 web site, floridalegion.org. The flyer and itinerary are also posted on the bulletin board at the post.

Nominations for next year's Legionnaire Officers were accepted at the last general membership meeting and will continue April 10th and May 1st during our general membership meeting. May will be the last opportunity for nominations. Elections will be May 13th from 7am until 7pm. Nominees so far are: Commander - Jim Welch, 1st Vice - Scott Pageau, 2nd Vice -John Sours, 3rd Vice -open , Finance Officer - Bill Curnutte, Sgt-at-arms - Gerald Hiett, Asst Sgt-at-arms - Shawn Beal, Historian - open ,

Chaplain - John Hugus , Executive Committee -open. Board of Directors - open.

If you have not renewed your 2017 membership please do so and help us reach our goal of 100% by April 30th

Thank you for all your support!

The May Legion meeting will be on the 1st due to conflicting schedules. Thank you for all your support!

For God and Country
Jim Welch Post 283 Commander
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1st Vice Report

Another month has gone by and April is already here.

I want to encourage everyone to renew if you have not already done so. Membership renewal is still ongoing so if you have not renewed, please do so. You can renew with me or Nancy Senter. You can contact me at jawall3@gmail.com or contact Nancy at mombuestar@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!

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 March are:

BRANDON HIGGIN	AIR FORCE
BILL BARKER	MARINES
RODERICK HENRY	NAVY
IRENEO LAGUADOR	NAVY
JAMES RACHAL	NAVY

Transfers are:

SHANE GRIFFIN	NAVY/POST 88
RICHARD PHILLIPS	ARMY/POST 400

For God and Country,
Jim Wallace
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2nd Vice Report

HAPPY 60TH BIRTHDAY AMERICAN LEGION POST 283!!!

I won't start this month by saying how busy we have been or are going to be. That's a given by now. ALWAYS!

First thing for April is the Steak Night on the 7th. As all of you know, our steak night is grown bigger with each passing month. Don't miss out.

We have two outdoor events this month. First on the 15TH is the SAL Squadron 283's **4th Annual Chip, Toss, Shoot event!!** This is an awesome, fun day for all. Mark your calendars and don't miss it. Funds raised are going to the 5 Star Veteran's Center. Then, on the 29TH is the **K-9 for Warriors Ride**. This is also always a fun event as well. This year, in conjunction with the ride, we'll be celebrating the **60th anniversary of Post 283**. Keep your ears open on what we will be doing to celebrate.

As your 2nd Vice Commander, I am responsible for coordinating with all entities of our Legion Family for kitchen use, Hall reservations, events, etc. Any conflicts that arise are usually easily rectified by working with the involved persons. In the event it does not work that way, then I have to make a decision to make things work as smoothly as I can. Keep in mind, when someone writes something in the event book, which you should be, that does not automatically confirm that slot. As I work the calendar the month prior, in time to get it to the print shop, that's when I recognize any conflicts still present, and try and fix them before submitting the calendar.

A little Trivia: (Not to take any thunder from Harry) The American Legion Post 283 Family serves food at a minimum of 19 days each month. This

includes Hump Day Snacks. For example, this month we are serving food of some sort 20 out of 31 days. What an awesome Legion Family to be a part of. Thanks to all of you who volunteer your time to make this happen. This is where we raise much of our charity funds to help with all our programs, and so many people enjoy the great meals that all of you turn out. **ALL OF YOU SHOULD BE VERY PROUD OF WHAT YOU DO!!**

For God and Country!

Jeff Lafferty

Post 283 2nd Vice Commander
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3rd Vice Report

As some of you know by now March was my last month as 3rd Vice as I am moving to New Hampshire. I have loved my job and will really miss my kids. Scott will be taking over until the election.

BOY'S STATE

I have selected the 5 Delegates for Boys State and 3 Alternates. The 5 Delegates that will be representing our Post will make us proud. They are very smart young men. They will be leaving to Tallahassee from June 18th to June 24th. The Boy's that will be attending Boy's State will be able to apply for the Samsung Scholarship if they are a son, grandson or adopted son of a war-time veteran. One Delegate will be chosen as the state winner who will compete with the other state winners from each Boys and Girls State Program in the nation. The state winner will receive a 1,100 scholarship and then be eligible for one of several 20,000 scholarships awarded to the national winners. It would be a great thing if one of our Boys or Girls will have the honor of winning.

Again, thanks for letting me be the 3rd Vice. It has been an honor to work with the kids in all the programs that I worked with. I have seen so much growth and knowledge from the kids. They love helping and talking to our Veterans. I will miss everyone at the American Legion and have seen so much progress since I have been 3rd Vice. I would love to keep in touch with you. Again it has been my pleasure.

For God and Country

MARTHA NELSON

3RD VICE, POST 283

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SAL Report

Almost there! We are now at 99.20% in our membership and only need 2 renewals to reach 100% for a total of 249 SAL members. So as you have heard me preach over and over please get you renewals in. Renewals for the year 2017 must be



in by end of fiscal year, May 31st. Jeff Lafferty, First Vice has received mail returns on members who have changed their address. If you know of any members who have relocated elsewhere please get with Jeff and let him know. They may be one of those who he has received the return notice.

First round of nominations for 2017-2018 officers were made at our last meeting held on March 1st. Thus far those nominated and who have accepted are: Commander, Jeff Lafferty; First Vice, Val Maurer; Second Vice, James Mullay; Finance Officer, Danny Hill; Sergeant at Arms, Brandon Oliato. The position of Chaplin is open. The second round of nominations will be made at the next scheduled meeting Wednesday, April 5th.

I would like to thank all those who participated in helping with the BBQ for the In State Rally. It was a great day and all had a good time. The Chip, Toss & Shoot Event will be held April 15th which Jeff Lafferty is heading up. Put out the word and invite those you know at other Post. Additionally, this is your opportunity to chip balls in the pond and not only to try to get it in the ring but to "pop" one of TW's fish. That's if the birds haven't eaten them all. A belated thanks goes to all those who put on the previous Philly Cheese Steak dinner. After sorting things out the SAL is pleased that we were able to make a \$1000.00 donation to the National Emergency Fund which is headed up by Legionnaire Scott Pageau.

For God & Country
Tom Harris, Commander

Chairmen please remember your reports are coming up need to make sure they are to your District Chairman on time with 2 copies sent.

Thank you for all you do. Let's have a great month.

God and Country,
Michelle Mohilchock, Unit President



Legion Rider Director's Report

Hello Riders and Friends,



The new meaning for March Madness, A State Rally, Mardi Gras, Bike week, and a camping trip all in one month. Let's start with the ALR State Rally. The object was to raise funds for COTA, (Children's Organ Transplant

Association helps children and young adults who need a life-saving transplant by providing fundraising assistance and family support.) Attendance was not up to par, even local support was low. Web site registration was below standard. The event itself was great. Entertainment, Food and Fun Rides were right on the mark. Thank You again for all that helped. It's estimated that we raised \$5500.00. Well Done! Cheryl Altman, and the planning committee did it right. We also enjoyed our Mardi Gras Dinner and sold about 100 dinners. Bike week Daytona is always a good time. And the ALR annual Campout the last weekend of March.

Nominations have begun for the next year. It looks to be exciting as we continue to grow. Still some spots open. We be processing nominations till May's meeting. Convention is at the end of June which means installation will happen in July.

Our April Meeting is April 1st at 0900 with a ride after. April things to do include, *Merry Go Round* begins on the 1st, with a picnic at Post 117 Palm Bay. All proceeds from the Merry Go Round benefit Legion Children and youth programs. We want to keep the Trophy in the 5th district for another year. Bunnies for Babies Dice run, (post 54) April 8th, SAL's Pitch Toss and Shoot (Squadron 283) Easter weekend Saturday the 15th, April 22nd is the Post 283 Soldiers Cross Dedication at JNC. The Riders Red Shirt Friday dinner is the 14th. The Sipp'in Sailor Fun ride for K9 for Warriors is the 29th. Come out and have some fun. Watch your email for more details.

Rodney Fullwood Jr.
Director, Chapter 283

Auxiliary President's Report



I hope everyone had a great month .

Need everyone to remember we will be voting on delicates and alternates for Constitutional Conference and Convention in our

April meeting. We also will be doing nominations for Auxiliary officer's don't forget we will be voting in our May Meeting.

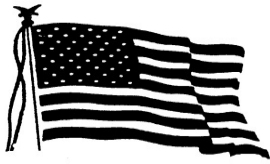
[April 22, 2017 at 10:30](#) we are having the Soldiers Cross Ceremony at Jacksonville National Cemetery Honoring our Post Family.

Children's Easter party April 8th at [1:00](#). A donation box will be out if you would like to donate plastic eggs, candy and treat bags items . Volunteers are welcome.

Thanks to Jane Sciuolo for a wonderful St. Patrick's Dinner.

Membership is coming along keep doing what you do . If you have not renewed your dues please see Beth Fullwood.

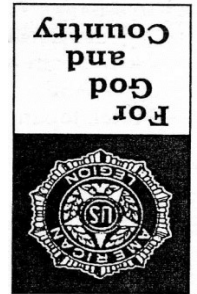
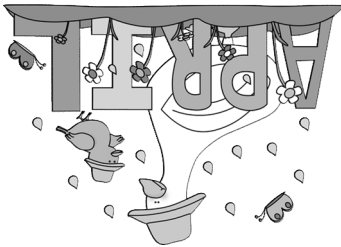
We have interviewed some wonderful young ladies for Girls State they made are job a little bit harder this year . Thanks to Peggy Miller, Linda Nogle and Sylvia Curnutte.



American Legion Post 283 April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS						1 ALR MEETING 9AM BRISTOL KARAOKE
2	3	4 SAL PIZZA 6 – 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	5 HUMP DAY SNACKS SAL MEETING 7PM	6 SOFTBALL AIN'T YOUR GRANDMA'S TUNA CASSEROLE BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	7 LEGION STEAK NIGHT 6 – 7:30 LYONS	8 KIDS' EASTER PARTY 1:00 – 3:00 JIMBO & DEBBIE KARAOKE
9 5 TH DIST MEETINGS POST 54 LEGION – 2:00 ALR- 12:30 SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00	10 LEGION MEETINGS EXEC 6:30 PM GENERAL 7PM	11 SAL GRILLED CHICKEN SANDWICHES 6 – 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	12 HUMP DAY SNACKS AUX MEETINGS EXEC – 6:30PM GENERAL – 7PM	13 AUX SAUSAGE CASSEROLE BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	14 ALR TEX MEX TACO DINNER GUITAR RED	15 SAL CHIP, TOSS, SHOOT 11:00 BRISTOL KARAOKE
16	17	18 SAL PIZZA 6 – 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	19 HUMP DAY SNACKS	20 SOFTBALL TAMALE PIE BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	21 AUX CHICKEN CARBONARA 6 - 7:30 BAND ON THE RUN	22 COMBAT VETERAN'S STOP 12:30 JIMBO & DEBBIE KARAOKE
23 SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00	24	25 DISASTER PREP TATER TOT CASSEROLE HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	26 HUMP DAY SNACKS	27 AUX CLAM ALFREDO & CHIX FETTUCINE BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	28 SAL BBQ CHICKEN DINNER 6 - 7:30 DOUBLE DOWN	29 POST 283 60TH BIRTHDAY SIPP'IN SAILOR EVENT KAREN KARAOKE
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