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Commander's Report

Welcome to June!

What a great month May was.

Thank you to the Auxiliary, SAL and ALR for some wonderful meals. You did an outstanding job for the meals for Mother's Day, and all the breakfasts and dinners you've done this month

and every month. What a great job you do supporting the Legion Family.

Going back to April 29th our "Sippin Sailor" Jessica Young raised over \$4200 for the 3rd 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 Veterans.

On May 13th we had our 2nd annual Walk for Veterans. I would like to say Thank you to all of you who walked and purchased shirts to support the American Legion, Veterans and K9 for Warriors. A special "thank you" goes out to Wendy Laberron for organizing the event and ordering the shirts.

June 14th is Flag Day, which is also the Army Birthday we will have a Flag retirement ceremony on June 17th at 6 p. m.

The 18th 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.

Also on Saturday afternoons we have music on the Deck by Buckshot and Carl so come out and enjoy the music.

My newest charity that I feel is worthy of our support is Pet Rescue North. Barbara Moody started this shelter 27yrs ago as a dream to establish a non-profit, NO KILL animal shelter to help all animals in the area to find a haven where they would be safe until loving homes could be found. Currently we have a donation basket for supplies, food, toys, towels, etc... I know that they would appreciate any volunteers, as they currently have over 80 animals looking for a "fur"ever home.

The 99th Annual Department American Legion Convention will be held at The Orlando World Center Marriott from June 29-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 the Legion web site and the flyer and itinerary is posted on the bulletin board at the Post.

The 2017 General Elections were held May 13th. Post Legion officers for 2017-2018 are: Commander - Jim Welch, 1st Vice - Scott Pageau, 2nd Vice - John (Richie)Sours, 3rd Vice - Lena Null-Wood, Finance Officer - Bill Curnutte, Sgt-at-Arms - Gerald Hiatt, Asst Sgt-at-Arms - Shawn Beal, Historian -Denise Houltzhouser, Chaplain - John Hugus, Executive Committee -Dean Altizer, Larry Collier, Craig Vaneffen, Bruce Fister, and Rusty Crowdus. Board of Directors -

Terry Repko and Al Kling. Please congratulate our new officers.

Installation of new officers will be at 1 p.m. on the 8th of July

Congratulations to our Past Post Commander Troy Horsley who was selected for 5th District Commander 2017-2018.

If you have not renewed your 2017 membership please do so and help us reach our goal of 100% by May 31st

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 June is already here.

I would like to congratulate all the newly elected officers of post 283. I'm sure with your guidance next year will be another fabulous year.

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:

CHRISTOPHER GREGORY	AIR FORCE
ROGER SABOL	ARMY
TIMOTHY HADEY	ARMY
ROBERT MAURICE	ARMY
KELLY MORROW	MARINES
MARK RUSS	NAVY (AD)
TIMOTHY SCHUMAKER	NAVY
PAUL DIETRICH	NAVY
AUTUMN JULIAN	NAVY
ERIC NOWLIN	NAVY

Transfers are:

JAMES KIMBLE AIR FORCE/POST 0052 (NC)
For God and Country,
Jim Wallace
Jawall3@gmail.com
904-210-8153

2nd Vice Report

Here we are at the last month of the Legion year. May was another good month for our Post. Steak night is still doing well, having sold 101 dinners. We're looking forward to the next Steak Night on June 2nd. I want to again thank all who pitched in to help. The Steak crew is really fine tuning the execution. We received numerous comments on how fast the steaks are coming out now. Great job everyone.

I want to also thank everyone who helped out for the Memorial Day Open House with Ken being out on a well deserved vacation. It was as success as well. Great Team work with the Legion, SAL, and the Auxiliary. That's one of the main reasons our Post is one of the best in Florida; TEAMWORK!!!

I have reserved the Hall for June 17th for our first ever **CADILLAC TOURNEMENT!** For those of you who have not heard of Cadillac, it's an easy card game similar to 31. Everyone brings finger food. I will put up a flyer and a sign up sheet, so be looking for it. It will be a blast.

For God and Country!
Jeff Lafferty

Post 283 2nd Vice Commander
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3rd Vice Report

Welcome to June American Legion 283. Summer is finally upon us. There is no sign of slowing down this summer.

On the 3rd of May, the post awarded two deserving cadets from Terry Parker High School with the American Legion Excellence Award and the American Legion

Scholastic Aptitude Award. Both NJROTC units from First Coast High School and Terry Parker High School have continued to support the post with Friday dinners. Please remember summer break is upon us and NJROTC assistance may be difficult to come by. Everyone is encouraged to come out help with the various events.

Our Boys State delegates and alternates will be attending the orientation on June 8th at 7pm, at Post 137 located at 5443 San Juan Avenue. The five post delegates will depart for Tallahassee from Post 137 at 6:30 am on June 18th and return to Post 137 on June 24th time to be determined.

The post was approached by the Department of Florida Youth Law Cadet Chairman, Bob Brewster looking for volunteers to possibly sponsor another cadet. In typical 283 fashion, we did, so now we are sending two young people to the program from 09-13 July 2017 at the Florida Highway Patrol Academy in Havana, Florida.

During our last blood drive on 14 May 2017, we collect 13 units of blood to assist the local community. Thanks for all those that came out to support. Our next drive will be held on 09 July 2017 from 0730 - 1230 with us hosting One Blood. The month will be busy but please mark your calendar and come out and donate. Please don't forget 01 June marks the beginning of hurricane season. Please check that your emergency kits are prepared and your emergency plan contact information is up to date.

Wednesday June 14th 2017, is Flag Day. The American Legion has put together a great bookazine called INDIVISIBLE THE STORY OF OUR FLAG that is a great reference about almost anything you can think of regarding the American flag. In observance of Flag Day, I would like to share a little information from the bookazine about Flag Day.

In 1885, a Wisconsin teacher Bernard J. Cigrand held his first Flag Day observance to honor the congressional resolution anniversary June 14, 1777 that adopted it. Over numerous years he, with help kept pushing for a Flag Day. He organized celebrations as well as wrote seven books on U.S. history and the flag, after which he served in the United States Navy during WWI. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson finally called for the nationwide observance of Flag Day. HAPPY FLAG DAY AMERICAN LEGION POST 283!

For God and Country,
Scott Pageau

American Legion Post 283 3rd Vice Commander
5th District Law and Order Chairman
American Legion Post 283 Blood Drive Chairman
American Legion Post 283 Disaster Preparedness
Chairman

SAL Report



Congratulations newly elected SAL Officer's for the year 2017-2018. Your officers for the upcoming year are: Jeff Lafferty, Commander; Val Maurer, 1st Vice, Jim Mullay, 2nd Vice; Finance Officer, Danny Hill; Chaplin, Johnny Quinn and Sergeant at Arms, Brendon Olinto. Jeff Lafferty, the incoming Commander

is ready to take over the reins and move the Squadron forward. I wish you all well and ask all SAL members to give you there full support. Installation of Officers will be held at the Post on Saturday, July 8th at 1 PM. It been a very good year with regards to membership. Our membership has increased from 249 members last year to 271 this year. Most Squadron members within the 5th District. That's almost a 10% increase and were not done for the end of the year yet. Thanks Jeff Lafferty for staying on top of this grueling task and thanks to all the SAL members for your recruiting of new members. With the upcoming year I will continue as SAL 5th District Commander and I look forward with working with Troy Horsely the incoming Commander for 5th District, Legion. Pizza Night and Sunday Morning Breakfast have been going outstandingly. Thank you Richie and all those who step up being a part of the program that makes these two dinners a success. Great job to all! That's All Folks.

For God & Country
Tom Harris, Commander

Auxiliary President's Report



It's that time again. I hope everyone has had a wonderful Mother's Day . At our last meeting we got a lot accomplished we voted on our New Officer's for 2018.

President - Michelle Mohilchock
1st Vice - Megan Roberson

2nd Vice - Jane Scuillo
Chaplain - Linda Nogle
Treasurer - Pamela Mullay
Sgt at Arms - Brenda Finley
Historian - Beth Fullwood
Executive Committee -
Ella Rae Jansen
Patricia Hill
Jodi Welch

Congratulations to all incoming Officer's.

June 11th is our first Auxiliary breakfast.

June 14th is our Auxiliary Executive meeting at 6:00 pm and General Assembly at 7:00 pm.

June 16th Fish and Chip dinner by Jane Scuillo and British Ken.

June 18th Father's Day Breakfast.

June 21st is our Auxiliary Sip and Paint bonding night at 7:00 it is \$20 if you are interested see Pam Mullay or sign up on bulletin board.Held at our Post in dining hall. Come out and have some fun.

June 25th Auxiliary Breakfast come out and volunteer or support.

June 29th thru July 2nd Convention.

We have a lot going on in June let's make this month a wonderful month. Keep doing what you do it's never unnoticed.

For God and Country
Michelle Mohilchock
Unit President

Legion Rider Director's Report



ALR283 Year in review!

Our membership is at grew to 166 and our dedication to the American Legion mission has followed track. Highlights of our year include large, medium and small but significant support events. ALR283 successfully hosted the Florida ALR State Rally and raised \$5700.00. Raised funds for K-9 for Warriors and Five Star Veterans Center. We replaced post display flags at our neighboring American Legion Post 197 as well as donated funds to Post 45 for their projects. Supported other chapters with funds for their fund raisers. Supported the 1st ALR Summit with funds as well as attendance. Our chapter SOP was used as a model for the ALR Dept. of Florida.

ALR283's individual contributions include, Suzi Hiett was nationally recognized for her service to veterans by her employer United Parcel Service, UPS. With this recognition came a large financial donation given in her name to ALR283's select charity, Wreaths across America. She was also sent to Arlington National Cemetery to place a wreath on the Tomb of the unknown Solider while representing our chapter. Locally, ALR283 was recognized as lead escort for the Jacksonville National Cemetery, American Legion 5th District monument dedication. Additionally, with work from Michael W. Smith, The Jacksonville National Cemetery selected ALR283 to commission and place a Soldier's/Battlefield Cross honoring our local fallen interred at the National Cemetery.

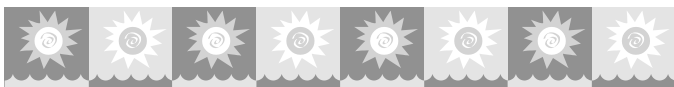
This past year ALR283 extensively built up our own infrastructure by creating a Rider-Down fund that has helped several members in their time of need. ALR283 held a public Blessing of the Bikes event that boosted our spiritual energy! When our own American Legion Post needed support to build a beautiful new covered deck, ALR283 was there with material, labor, financial and in-kind support. Throughout the year, ALR283 directly contributed to our public image by maintaining our beautiful Post, the Post grounds and the facility that allows us to do our good works and grow membership.

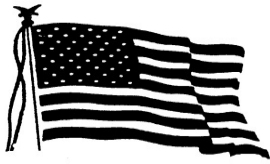
Our riders also helped bring both the Merry go Round, and Round Robin Trophies to our District. This also supported Legion fundraising efforts such as COTA, Children and Youth and Project Vet Relief.

The Officer Line up for this 2017-18 Year is. Director Cheryl Altman, Assistant Director Rodney Fullwood, Road Captain Shawn Beal, Safety Officer Scott Brown, Treasurer Ella Jansen, Secretary Jane Scuillo, Membership Debbie Collins, Chaplain Suzi Hiett, Historian Trish Refitt, Sargent AT Arms John Refitt, and Matt Altman Assistant Sargent at Arms.

Looking forward to another year of riding and enjoying the fellowship of friends and the Legion family... To be Continued.....

Rodney Fullwood Jr.
Director, Chapter 283

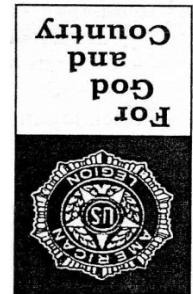




American Legion Post 283 June 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS		LIVE MUSIC ON THE DECK EVERY SATURDAY AT 1PM		1 AUX SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	2 LEGION STEAK DINNER 6 – 7:30 SIDEWALK 65	3 ALR MEETING 9AM BRISTOL KARAOKE
4 SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00	5	6 SAL PIZZA 6 – 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	7 HUMP DAY SNACKS SAL MEETING 7PM	8 CHICKEN FRICASSEE BY DANNY & PATTY BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	9 SAL PORK LOIN 6 – 7:30 JAX OR BETTER	10 JIMBO & DEBBIE KARAOKE
11 AUX PANCAKES PLUS BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00	12 LEGION MEETINGS EXEC 6:30 PM GENERAL 7PM	13 SAL MEATBALL SUBS 6 – 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	14 HUMP DAY SNACKS AUX MEETINGS EXEC – 6:30PM GENERAL – 7PM	15 HAM & CHEESE SLIDERS BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	16 AUX KEN'S FISH & CHIPS 6 – 7:30 BACKWOOD BOYS	17 BRISTOL KARAOKE
18 AUX FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00	19	20 SAL PIZZA 6 – 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	21 HUMP DAY SNACKS	22 AUX CHINESE CASSEROLE BY MARI BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	23 ALR RIB DINNER 6 - 7:30 GUITAR RED	24 JIMBO & DEBBIE KARAOKE
25 AUX PANCAKES PLUS BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00	26	27 DISASTER PREP MEATBALL SUBS HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	28 HUMP DAY SNACKS	29 AUX BAKED CHICKEN BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	30 AUX PULLED PORK 6 - 7:30 DOUBLE DOWN	

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