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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 100 meals, thank you to everyone who volunteers.

I would like to personally thank Scott Pagaau. He did a great job

performing the 9-11/Patriots Day ceremony.

On Sunday October 8th, we are hosting the 5th District monthly meeting at our post. The meeting starts at 2 p.m.

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 23th. Thank you to the Legion Family for all the support.

The Post will celebrate the US Navy's birthday on October 13th

Our kids Halloween party will be on the 21st from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Look for the sign-up sheet on the Auxiliary board. The Adult Halloween party will be on the 27th beginning at 6 pm. 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 Florida-Georgia rivalry dates all the way back to 1904 and is one of college football's greatest traditions the game is at 3:30 p.m. on the 28th

so, bring a dish come out and watch some football

The Veterans Day Parade will be held November 11th at 11:01 a.m. Post 283 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!

Jodi and my self's prayers remain with all the people affected by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

Hope to see you at the post.

For God and Country

Jim Welch Post 283 Commander

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1st Vice Report

October is upon us Post 283. Happy Birthday to the UNITED STATES NAVY on 13 October 2017, GO NAVY! Stay tuned for a Flag Retirement Ceremony during the month as we are awaiting the required paperwork from the city.

We conducted a 9/11 ceremony on 08 September 2017 at 5pm. Thanks to those who could support with the one of the most powerful hurricanes (IRMA) bearing down on our state. That evening the Disaster Preparedness Team served Harry's Philly Cheese Steaks and the team were honored to provide a meal to three Police Officers on patrol in our zone. Hats off to Harry and the awesome crew that showed up to execute. Mr. Bruce Firster did an awesome job spending days baking for our annual bake sale. We can't thank him enough. Special thanks to Val Maurer and Gene Leddon for helping to sell the baked goods throughout the weekend. All

donations will go to the American Legion National Emergency Fund. We still have a month left of hurricane season so please review your plan and replenish emergency supplies to sustain you and your family after Irma. There are numerous resources available on coj.net and a source for information about preparing is the JAX Ready app.

Our membership program is coming along slowly but surely. As of 07 September 2017, our membership percentage was at 46.795% just missing our goal of 50% by 06 September 2017 by a mere 3.205%. No worries, we will push on and push toward our next goal of 60% by 04 October 2017. We have continued to submit renewals and new memberships as fast as possible. Sooner is better for the post when it comes to renewal of membership. **Please** renew for 2018 at your soonest convenience. The eligibility to participate in the Early Bird dinner scheduled to be held on 12 November 2017, expired 30 September 2017. That said, you can still renew as soon as possible to help the post make its goal end of year goal of 100%.

There are many ways to renew your membership. You can leave your payment with me or Nancy directly. Another option is to leave your payment with a copy of your 2017 card in an envelope with your name and stating renewal for 2018 in the LEGION box by the bar. We will process your new card and it will be available for pick-up at the bar for 5 days. If not retrieved in that time frame we will mail it to you. Too busy to stop by in person this is no problem. You can go online to renew by visiting www.legion.org/renew but please ensure you click on Post 283. Another effective way to renew is through the mail. You can mail your dues to:

American Legion Post 283

Attn: Adjutant

9549 Fort Caroline Road

Jacksonville FL 32225.

Nancy or I can be contacted at mombluestar@att.net or spageau_70@yahoo.com should you have any questions or need assistance with Legion membership.

As always new members as well as transfers are welcome so if you know anyone that meets the eligibility criteria to join invite them out to see what we are all about. I can tell you from traveling around the 5th District we are a busy post with a lot going on. We have a lot to offer in ways of programs and events.

Membership in the American Legion as a Legionnaire is reserved exclusively for those that have served in a time of war. The dates listed below are mandated by the United States Congress in the charter they have granted 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 - PRESENT GULF WAR/WAR ON TERRORISM
- DEC 20, 1989 - JAN 31, 1990 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 the 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 everyone else dues are \$40.00.

We would like to welcome our new members to American Legion Post 283. Welcome to the top post in Florida.

New members for September are:

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| RAFAEL PEREZ | ARMY |
| SCOTT D. SHAW | NAVY |
| TALIB SAMPLE | MARINES |
| HEATHER SCHIRMER | NAVY |
| JOHN MARREN | NAVY |

Transfers are:

EUGENE HAGAN NAVY/POST 400

For God and Country,
Scott Pageau
Post 283 1ST Vice
5th District Historian
5th District Law and Order Chairman
Cell: 904-422-6055

2nd Vice Report

I'll start off by wishing everyone a safe, and fast recovery from any hardship brought on by Hurricane Irma. She gave us a heck of a time, but all of us working together helped minimize her effect on our post, our families, and our community. May we all continue to help each other through this and any future difficult times.

Our Open House on the 4th for Labor Day was a great success as we served nearly 100 dinners. Thanks again to all of all of our wonderful volunteers who helped prepare, serve, and clean up after the meal. Our Steak Night on the 15th was our biggest yet as we served 130 dinners. There were a few complaints/criticisms, but overall, the feedback was positive. We try to please everyone, but as you know, that's next to impossible.

Steak Night returns to the first Friday of the month in October on the 6th. Although we canceled the Hot Appetizers for the Jag game on the 10th due to the approaching Hurricane, there were enough hungry football fans at the post to warrant firing up the fryer. We served 40 orders with chicken livers and gizzards being the most popular.

The next Hot Appetizers game day will be on October 22nd when the Jags travel to Indianapolis to take on the Colts at 1pm. The SAL will be serving chicken strips with a variety of sauces and french fries for the games on the 1st and the 15th. Come out and enjoy some snacks while cheering on your team. I'll see you at the post.

Richie Sours
Post 283 2nd Vice Commander
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3rd Vice Report

Hopefully everyone made it through Hurricane Irma safely. However many people are still in need of help and assistance. The American Legion Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) program can provide grants to help families in need meet the cost of shelter, food, utilities and health expenses, thereby keeping the child or children in a more stable environment. Project Vet Relief supports our service members and their families with immediate financial assistance to keep food on the table or the lights on while a family works through a trying time in their lives. Also the American Legion National Emergency Fund, is also available

to assist displaced veteran's in the event of a natural disaster.

Thank you for all those who came out to support American Legion Post 283 Blood Drive on September 17th. Your blood donation was desperately needed to help restock the blood banks and save lives throughout Florida in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma. I would also like to thank Sandalwood High School Air Force ROTC for helping with our Post Clean up/beautification held on August 26th and all the JROTC's volunteers from First Coast, Terry Parker, and Sandalwood High Schools for assisting our post during our Friday night dinners each month.

Do you have children ready to begin college? Many scholarship opportunities are available through the American Legion programs to include: General Scholarships, National Flight Academy Scholarship, SAMSUNG American Legion Scholarship, Lance CPL Andrew J Aviles Scholarship, Eagle Scout of the Year, JROTC Cadet of the Year, Junior Shooting Sports, High School Oratorical Contest, Nursing School and Medical School. Each scholarship has specific requirements and different submission deadlines. Please visit <https://www.legion.org/scholarships> for more information and application forms. Additionally, we will soon be seeking out applicants for Boys State Program and the High School Oratorical Scholarship Program. For more information on Boys State and Oratorical Program please visit <https://www.legion.org/programs>

We are in progress of starting up The American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Program at American Legion 283. It is a gun safety education and marksmanship program that encompasses the basic elements of safety, education, enjoyment and competition. Shooters use the .177 caliber air rifle. Both males and females can participate, through Legion sponsorship; disabled youth are encouraged to join, as competitive shooting is a sport that creates an equal playing field for all competitors. Please contact Chris Garcia, Program chairman, at 214-326-3065 or via email quickfuze@msn.com for more information and to sign up for classes. There will also be a signup sheet posted at the Post.

NEXT BLOOD DRIVE WILL BE HELD NOV 19TH 730 UNTIL NOON

Lena Null Wood
Post 283 3rd Vice Commander
Blood Drive Chairman
ROTC/JROTC Chairman
Children and Youth Chairman

SAL Report

It seems as though most of us survived the storm OK. Some with more damage than others, some without power longer than others. I saw numerous people from the Post helping each other out, as well as help being offered outside of the Post. That's an example of how good friend's and good people respond in the face of adversity.

The American Legion as a whole (from National all the way down) is also providing a great amount of needed help as a result of both Harvey and Irma. For our Post, all units within our Post are doing numerous things throughout the month to raise funds for our friends down at Post 154 in Marathon. They took a big hit; not just the Post, but numerous of their members lost their homes. Please keep an eye out for when you can give to this cause, as our Post



Family will be sending them a check at the end of the month.

I'm also proud to report that our Squadron sent a \$1,000.00 check to the National Emergency Fund. This is because, as we speak, they are getting ready to pay out a lot of \$ to Posts, as well as Members, as a result of these two storms. This means they will be depleting the fund substantially.

I want to share an example of how good people look for opportunities to give back. I won't mention names, because this couple did not do it for the recognition. This past Legion Steak Night, we designated the proceeds from the 50/50 to Marathon Post 154. The couple who had the winning ticket donated their winnings back to the pot. This means instead of providing \$155.00 that night to Marathon, we were able to give them \$311.00. That's so unselfish, and is a great example of how good and righteous people give back.

Lastly, I would like to encourage anyone who is able to come out and help with some of the meals and events the SAL does each month. As you all know, the SAL stays very busy. Unfortunately, often times it's the same people doing it all. This is how people get overworked and burned out. So please sign up, show up, or otherwise make it known if you are willing to pitch in. It will be greatly appreciated, and it is very rewarding when you volunteer. Not to mention we have a blast in the kitchen.

For God and Country!
Jeff Lafferty

Squadron 283 Commander
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Auxiliary President's Report



The Fall is upon us and I hope all weathered the storm with a small amount of damage and there are still some that are without power. We need to keep in mind there are parts of our state that have been devastated.

We are taking donations for our sister Unit 154 in Marathon Florida. Our Auxiliary has decided that the proceeds from our 50/50's and our breakfast for the month of October will be donated to our sister Unit 154.

I would like to personally like to thank everyone who volunteered with the 5 Star Poker Run. Thank you, Patti Hill, and your crew for a wonderful breakfast. Thanks to Beth Fullwood for The lunch during 5 Star Poker Run.

Thank you, Peggy Miller, for the proceeds from the Girl State Bingo dinner to help our sister Unit 154.

School of Instructions was pushed back to October not sure at this time when or where it will be held will keep you informed.

Ladies our District Meeting will be at our Post October 8th at 2:00 pm would like to see as many of you to support our Unit.

Our Meetings are on October 11th 6:00 Executive 7:00 General Membership hope to see you all there.

We are also in need of socks, t-shirts and boxers in sizes med to 4x for stand down October 14th.

Come support the Auxiliary's Sunday Breakfast

October 1st

October 15th

October 29th Our Halloween Breakfast

Our Children's Halloween Party October 21st from 1-3 come out and have some fun bring your children with the costumes and enjoy the day. The Auxiliary is also having a Paint and Sip night October 23rd at 7:00pm sign up on bulletin board \$ 20.00 come out and have some fun all invited.

Auxiliary Adult Halloween Party is October 27th and there is

a Costume Contest so bring your best there will be prizes and Dinner.

Also come out and support our Bingo Dinners and Trivia Dinners and take your chance at bingo and trivia.

I would like to personally Thank each and everyone of you for becoming one again as a Unit and for all you do keep putting those smiles on our veterans faces.

For God and Country
Michelle Mohilchock
Unit President

Legion Rider Director's Report



Thank you very much to everyone that volunteered, registered, rode, donated or in any way supported our 10th Annual Poker Run for 5 Star Veteran's Center! I'll have the numbers for this event to report in the November Newsletter.

Kickstands up Riders! Fall weather is here! Let's get out and enjoy our rides! We look forward to October activities and rides. We have our General Meeting on 10/7 and the 5th District ALR Meeting at Post 283 on 10/8. We have the following rides to support this month:

- Saturday 10/7 – Post 57 (3rd District) is having a Smokin' Family BBQ and Classic Car Show to benefit their ALR program which is just getting off the ground.
- Saturday 10/7 – Post 250 Annual Poker Run for Families and Children In Need
- Saturday 10/14 – Post 137 Annual Sydney Feagle Dice Run
- Saturday 10/21 – Post 129 is having a Dice Run.
- Saturday 10/28 – Post 316 is having their Annual Zombie Ride.

There are still a few Rider Dinners that need to be covered. Please get with 2nd Vice (Jeff Lafferty) if can do a Dinner.

We are taking Membership renewals now so get it done. Rider dues are \$25 and renewable anytime. Your card expires on Dec 31st. You must renew your Legion Family dues prior to ALR renewal.

Ride hard, ride safe, always enjoy the ride. Remember, it's about the journey not the destination!

Cheryl Altman
Director Chapter 283
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Jaguars Schedule

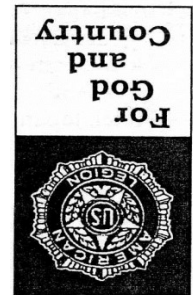
- 1st Jags @ Jets – 1:00 SAL Chicken Strips
- 8th Jags @ Steelers – 1:00
- 15th Jags vs. Rams – 1:00 SAL Chicken Strips
- 22nd Jags @ Colts – 1:00 Legion Hot Appetizers



American Legion Post 283 October 2017

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 AUX BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00 | 2 | 3 SAL PIZZA 5:30 – 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM | 4 HUMP DAY SNACKS SAL MEETING 7PM | 5 SOFTBALL IRISH PORK STEW OVER MASHED POTATOES BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM | 6 LEGION STEAK NIGHT 6 – 7:30 BLACKWATER SWAMP | 7 ALR MEETING 9AM BRISTOL KARAOKE |
| 8 SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00 DIST MTG 2PM | 9 LEGION MEETINGS EXEC 6:30 PM GENERAL 7PM | 10 SAL CHEESE STEAK 6 – 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM | 11 HUMP DAY SNACKS AUX MEETINGS EXEC – 6 PM GENERAL – 7:30PM | 12 AUX BEEF POTATO CASSEROLE BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM | 13 SAL FISH FRY 6 – 7:30 U.S. NAVY B'DAY GUITAR RED | 14 JIMBO & DEBBIE KARAOKE |
| 15 AUX BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00 | 16 | 17 SAL PIZZA 5:30 – 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM | 18 HUMP DAY SNACKS | 19 GIRLS STATE LOADED BAKED POTATOES BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM | 20 ALR CHICKEN TETRAZINI CASSEROLE 6 – 7:30 SPEKTRA | 21 CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY 1 – 3PM BRISTOL KARAOKE |
| 22 SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00 | 23 | 24 DISASTER PREP KING RANCH CHICKEN 6 – 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM | 25 HUMP DAY SNACKS | 26 AUX LASAGNA DINNER BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM | 27 AUX OCTOBERFEST SAURBRATEN ADULT HALLOWEEN PARTY | 28 GEORGIA/FLORIDA BRING A DISH JIMBO & DEBBIE KARAOKE |
| 29 AUX BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00 | 30 | 31 AUX BAKED CHICKEN & MASHED POTATOES 6 -7:30 HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM | | MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS | | SEE THE TEXT BOX ON PAGE 3 FOR JAGUARS SCHEDULE |

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