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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 10th Annual 5 Star Veterans Poker run, it was a huge success with the ALR raising over

\$15,000, Thanks to everyone who Volunteered.

There are lots of events in November for everyone to enjoy. So, come out and have some fun.

Don't forget to set your clocks back on November 5th for the end of daylight savings time. The early bird dinner will be November 12th at 5:00 pm and is open to all Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and SAL who have their 2018 Post 283 membership renewed by the end of October. It will be free for Post members and donations for guests. there will be a drawing for a \$100.00-dollar gift card before serving the meal.

The 10th of November is the US Marine Corps birthday, Semper Parati!

The Veterans Day Parade will be November 11th at 11:01 a.m. 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 our first annual Turkey shoot at 3 p.m.

There will be a SAL breakfast the morning of the 19th 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 Michelle Mohilchock, Auxiliary President.

Department of Florida Commander Steve Shuga will visit us for Thanksgiving dinner on the 23th Everyone is welcome hope to see you at the Post.

I would like to send a special thank you to all the post Officers, they are doing a fantastic job. For the first time since I've been Commander we will have some new Legion Programs; we will have Shooting Sports, Oratorical Contest, charter a Boys/Cub Scouts pack, Woman's Veterans Advocacy Program and The American Legion Amateur (HAM) Radio Club.

And a big thank you to Lena Null Wood 3rd Vice for the great job with Flag etiquette classes. She has been to 6 Elementary Schools in our area to conduct Training on the U S Flag.

Also, our Post Historian Denise Houltzhouser is hard at work on putting together an Album of Photo's and past Post History. If you have any old Photo or Information about the Post that you can share it would

be greatly appreciated. Your inputs could help us take the top Prize at our next Department Convention. You may send the Information to her by e-mail at denise.houltehouser@yahoo.com or tex 904-200-1734

If you haven't been to the Post in a while we are now a non-smoking facility with an outside covered deck for smokers and non-smokers. It is a great place to enjoy the beautiful fall weather.

And once again, I would like to say "Thank you" to all the American Legion Post 283 **FAMILY** of Volunteers for making this the greatest post in Florida.

Hope to see you at the post.

For God and Country

Jim Welch Post 283 Commander

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1st Vice Report

Post 283 can you believe it is already November? Wow, we have so much to be thankful for this year I have no idea where to begin. Let's start by saying THANK YOU to all our Marines and Happy Birthday! Happy Veterans Day to all! From my family to our Legion Family Happy Thanksgiving Post 283. I thank each of you for all that you do for veterans and our post daily. It is an honor to serve with each of you.

Please remember we still have the month of November until we are out of the woods from hurricane season. Please stay prepared just in case as it has been a wild and crazy season. There are numerous resources available on coj.net or the phone app JAX Ready. We continue to raise donations at the post for The National Emergency Fund and have been able to aid posts in Florida that needed assistance. Anyone interested in getting involved with the Disaster Preparedness Team please get in touch me. We have numerous opportunities to get involved and assistance our community.

Our membership program continues to move forward. For some reason we seem to be chasing about a 7% deficit from meeting our goal but our membership team is diligently working to close the gap. As of 04 October 2017, our percentage was 52.959% with our target being 60%. Our next target is 65% by 01 November 2017 but please remember that the next couple of months are typically the hardest months to make goal. Sooner is better for the post when it comes to renewal of membership. **Please renew for 2018 at your soonest convenience.** By renewing as soon as possible, you help the post make its end of year goal of 100%. The post needs you. We look forward to seeing all Early Bird eligible members (those that have a little bird stamp on their cards) at the Early Bird Dinner on the 12th of November. Good luck at winning the \$100 gift card.

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 mombuestar@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 October are:
PATRICK BASS AIR FORCE
STEVEN ARCHULETA ARMY
FITZGERALD DESPREZ ARMY
HOLLI CORCORAN NAVY
JOHN HERNANDEZ NAVY

Transfers are:
DONALD INGRAM NAVY/POST 400
MELLISSA BLACK NAVY/POST129

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

2nd Vice Report

I can't believe it's November already. The year is flying by. Thanks to everyone who helped me celebrate turning 50. The wishes, cards, gifts, and food were much appreciated. It's great to have such good friends and family.

Steak night went very well last month thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers and the young men and women from 1st Coast High School JROTC who donated their time to put on a great meal. .

Also, thanks to everyone who came out and donated their hard earned money to support Post 283. The next Steak Night will be November 3rd from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Hope to see you there.

We will be serving Hot Appetizers during the Jaguar games on the 5th and 19th. The SAL will be serving chicken tenders and fries on the 26th. Come out and enjoy some football and snacks.

Veterans Day Open House will be on Nov. 11th at 2pm. Dinner is free to everyone. Come out and celebrate our Veterans. Our Early Bird dinner will be Nov. 12th at 5 pm. Dinner is free to everyone who has a valid 2018 membership card that was renewed by Nov. 1st.

We will have an open house on the 23rd for Thanksgiving. We will be serving a traditional Thanksgiving meal starting at 1 pm. Department Commander Shuga, SAL Commander Bernie Wildrick, and Auxiliary President "TK" Wildrick will be in attendance. Come out and welcome them to our post and enjoy a holiday meal with the Legion Family.

I'll see you at the post.

Richie Sours
Post 283 2nd Vice Commander
2ndvice@floridalegion283.org

3rd Vice Report

SEEKING CONTESTANTS FOR 2017/18 HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL PROGRAM. All High School Students (public, private or home schooled students in 9-12th grade) interested earning scholarships from American Legion are eligible to compete. First round qualifications will be held the first week of December. For more information about the contest/program please go to www.legion.org/oratorical or contact Lena Wood at 904 334 3715 or lena.nullwood@gmail.com

In the wake of all the natural disasters throughout the nation, ALL blood banks are hurting for donations. Please help save a life, be a silent hero/heroine to someone in need. Our next blood drive will be held November 19th from 7:30 to 12:30. Come out and help fill the seats on our buses. Appointments are recommended but ALL walk-ins are welcome. Raffle ticket and FREE breakfast will be provided.

Woman Veterans Advocacy Program is available at our post providing resources and guidance to assist veterans (active and retired) in issues unique to female service members. Please contact Martha Nelson at 304-790-2988 or sgmmartha@hotmail.com for more information or assistance.

On November 11th Veterans Day from .3pm until 6 pm we will be hosting a TURKEY SHOOT at the post. Come out try to win a Turkey and support the Jr Shooting Sports Program. To sign up your child to participate in the Jr Shooting Sports Program please contact Chris Garcia at quickfuze@msn.com.

We are in the preliminary stages of starting Cub/Boy Scout groups at the post. In order to gage interest, if you would be interested in signing up your son(s) please contact Rusty Crowdus at wcrowdus@gmail.com or sign-up sheet at the post.

Thank you to all that participated in our Flag Retirement Ceremony. Your help was greatly appreciated.
 Lena Null Wood
 Post 283 3rd Vice Commander
 Blood Drive Chairman
 ROTC/JROTC Chairman
 Children and Youth Chairman

SAL Report



The Holidays are here upon us already. It's a great time of the year to be enjoying all of the activities at the Post. With Halloween just past, now we look toward November and THANKSGIVING! Not to mention all of our regular events.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the people who volunteer for all the meals the SAL puts on. All of you do an amazing job, and everyone really enjoys your meals. It also helps make our Post so amazing. Most any other Post that does so many meals have to pay someone to spend the time necessary to pull it off. Some of you have been doing it a while, others are just starting to step up. **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!**

With Thanksgiving around the corner, you know what that means. The Legion will be frying your turkeys for free if you like. It's a 283 tradition, and we do it well. You just have to follow a couple of rules.

1. **Turkey must not weigh over 14 pounds max. Our pots are filled with oil to that amount, anything above that will spill the oil over, causing a fire hazard.**
2. **The tag with the weight on it must be with the Turkey. Not just to ensure it's not over weight, but so we can calculate the cooking time for your particular bird.**
3. **Bird must be completely thawed. If not, it will not cook properly, and can make the oil spill over and cause a fire.**
4. **NO OIL, RUB, OR ANYTHING ELSE ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE BIRD. This will burn the outside of your bird and ruin our oil.**
5. **Injection marinade is fine. You can inject it yourself, or bring your marinade and we'll inject it for you. No extra charge.**
6. **There will probably be people there shortly after 6:00 am, so you can drop your bird off any time after that. Last bird in no later than 12:00. We will be tired by then, and we have to get ready to serve the Thanksgiving Open House meal.**

Anyone wanting to volunteer to help with the Turkey Frying, please see Richie or myself. We have a blast back there.

Please keep all of the people effected by this year's storms and wild fires in your thoughts and prayers.

Also, please keep our troops in mind during this time, as many of them can't be with their families for the Holidays. They're too busy protecting us and our way of life. **May God bless them all!!!**

For God and Country!
 Jeff Lafferty
 Squadron 283 Commander
SALcommander@floridalegion283.org

Auxiliary President's Report



This year is flying by and the Holidays are upon us. The month of November will be a busy one with Thanksgiving around the corner. We will be collecting can goods for our Holiday baskets there will be donation boxes at the post we will be delivering the baskets

November 22nd. On November 2nd Auxiliary Bingo Dinner so come out and support. Fall Conference is November 3rd thru the 5th. Ladies our meeting is November 9th Executive meeting at 6:00 and General Membership at 7:00 pm.

Come join us for our Auxiliary Breakfast on November 12th and we are hosting a Pumpkin Bread Cook-off at the post flyer on bulletin board sign up to compete at 2:00 pm with Judges bring extra to sell all proceeds will be donated to post 250.

November 16th is an Auxiliary Bingo Dinner and the 17th is our Auxiliary Dinner. On November 19th is our Auxiliary Bake Sale so if you would like to donate bake good see Meghan Tyree . post Blood Drive is also November 19th so come out and donate. November 26th is the Auxiliary Halloween Breakfast donation of \$7.00. Girl State **Bingo dinner is the 30th. Keep doing what you do to put smiles on our veterans faces.**

For God and Country
 Michelle Mohilchock
 Unit President

Legion Rider Director's Report



I hope everyone is enjoying the fall weather.

All of our hard work has paid off, the poker run has been completed, donations collected, and monies counted. We will be delivering our donation check to 5 Star Veterans Center after our General Meeting on Nov 4th. I would like to say Thank You Very Much to Everyone who donated time, money, items, cooked, cleaned or rode to support this great cause. We could not have done it without each and every one of you!

Our rider picnic is scheduled for Saturday, November 11th. If you will be attending, please remember to sign up.

The Rider dinner will be Nov 24th. Please join us for a great meal and a fun time with friends and family.

Don't forget to start renewing your post memberships. Then, show your card to Debbie Collins to renew your Rider membership.

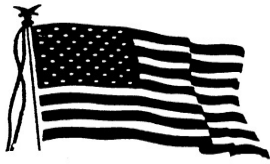
If you are traveling for the holidays, be safe! Happy Thanksgiving!!

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

Cheryl Altman
 Director Chapter 283
Alr283director@gmail.com

Jaguars Schedule

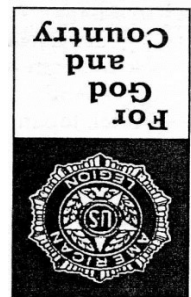
- 5th Jags vs. Bengals – 1:00 Legion Hot Appetizers
- 12th Jags vs. Chargers – 1:00
- 19th Jags @ Browns – 1:00 Legion Hot Appetizers
- 26th Jags @ Cardinals – 4:25 SAL Wings



American Legion Post 283 November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS		1 HUMP DAY SNACKS SAL MEETING 7PM	2 AUX BEEF STEW BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	3 LEGION STEAK NIGHT 6 – 7:30 ROCKIN MACHINE	4 ALR MEETING 9AM BRISTOL KARAOKE
5 SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00	6	7 SAL PIZZA 5:30 – 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	8 HUMP DAY SNACKS AUX MEETINGS EXEC – 6 PM GENERAL – 7PM	9 SOFTBALL BRATS & GERMAN POT SALAD BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	10 SAL BAKED CHICKEN 6 – 7:30 MARINE CORP B'DAY BAND ON THE RUN	11 VETERAN'S DAY PARADE & OPEN HOUSE JIMBO & DEBBIE KARAOKE
12 AUX BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00 EARLY BIRD DINNER 5:00	13 LEGION MEETINGS EXEC 6:30 PM GENERAL 7PM	14 SAL BACON CHEESEBURGERS 5:30 – 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	15 CHEESEBURGERS & SURVEY SAYS 7 – 9 PM HUMP DAY SNACKS	16 AUX ROAST PORK DINNER BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	17 AUX STUFFED MANICOTTI 6 – 7:30 RIO GRAND	18 BRISTOL KARAOKE
19 SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00 BLOOD DRIVE 8 - NOON	20	21 SAL PIZZA 5:30 – 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	22 HUMP DAY SNACKS	23 THANKSGIVING DAY TURKEY FRYING 8:00 – 11:00	24 ALR CHICKEN & SAUSAGE GUMBO 6 – 7:30 GUITAR RED	25 JIMBO & DEBBIE KARAOKE
26 AUX BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00	27	28 DISASTER PREP TATER TOT CASSEROLE 6 -7:30 HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	29	30 GIRLS' STATE GRILLED CHEESESUP BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM		SEE THE TEXT BOX ON PAGE 3 FOR JAGUARS SCHEDULE

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