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Commander's Report



What a great November with a lot of things happening this past month starting with the early bird dinner serving over 90 dinners. The Veterans

Day parade was outstanding. Our post had two WWII Veterans who participated, Korean War Veterans, many Vietnam Veteran's, Active Duty Members and over twenty members of the Legion family. It was followed by an open house and karaoke at the post. We ended the day with our first Turkey shoot. With four outstanding Shooters winning a \$25-dollar gift card. Wow what an awesome day recognizing our Veterans and Active Duty military!!

What a great turnout for the Thanksgiving dinner. We had our Department Commander Steve Shuga and the Department President Treva T.K. Wildrick here they were very impressed with our Post

There is a collection box at the Legion for Christmas food supplies for our local community. If you know of a member in our family network that needs our support this year for Christmas, please contact our Auxiliary President or myself so we can make sure we can provide them with a holiday basket.

December will be a busy month also. On the 7th is Pearl Harbor Day, a day to reflect on the devastating loss to our military and their families and the beginning of the United States of America's entry into WWII.

The kids Christmas party will be on the 9th from 1-3pm followed by the adult Christmas party on the 22nd.

On the 23rd we are having our Annual Santa Shuffleboard tournament in memory of Mark "The Shark" Snider. You must be in Santa attire to participate. A sign-up sheet is on the general board. Come join in the holiday fun.

We will have dinner Christmas day from 1pm until it all runs out. It will be our traditional fare of turkey and ham with all the fixings. If you know of someone unable to have a holiday meal or are spending Christmas by themselves please bring them to the legion with you, as this day is Open House.

On New Year's Eve, the post will ring in the New Year with, the band Spektra, we are also having bring a dish for life support and you might be able to see the ball drop and safely make it home! Always remember that AAA's tow to go program will assist you to arrive home safely if you have had too much that evening There phone # is 855-286-9246.

Remember on New Year's Day we will have the traditional Bloody Mary breakfast from 830am till 11am.

On the 1st, make sure your membership cards are up to date and on your person. As per our by-laws, people who are delinquent in their dues cannot be signed in by another member. Please remember to have your membership cards available for presentation to our staff. They are not picking on any one, they are just doing their job per the lounge rules posted on the bulletin board and will ask everyone to present their 2018 membership cards.

Too everyone I wish you all a great and save holiday season.

Hope to see you at the post.

For God and Country

Jim Welch Post 283 Commander

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1st Vice Report

Happy Holidays Post 283! From my family to yours we wish you a great holiday season and a fabulous New Year. 2017 was a great year and I only expect 2018 to be even better. Our post family has done so many good things this year. The interaction between the families and the cohesion was evident this last month as we were successful at making everything we had scheduled work as one team. THANK YOU 283!

We are slowly closing the gap of our 7% deficit in chasing our goal. Keep the hard work up. Get those that have not renewed to do so ASAP and get family, friends and other Veterans in to join our great post. At the time of typing this, our membership percentage stood at 63.333% with our next goal of 75% set for 06 December 2017. We can make it!

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 November are:

TOM LUDLOW	NAVY
WINFIELD KELLER	NAVY
MARK LAFEBVRE	NAVY
WILLIAM WATSON	NAVY
RYAN ARINGDALE	NAVY
JONATHAN MEDLEY	NAVY
RALPH BELTER	ARMY

Transfers are:

MICHAEL C KOCIJAN	AIR FORCE/POST 316
ANTHONY CONTESSA	NAVY/POST 233
DENNIS KILLINGSWORTH	NAVY/POST 400
MARK R BOUNDY	MARINES/POST 400
DONALD KENDRICK	ARMY/POST 414 (MA)
BECQUER ROSADO JR	MARINES/POST 137
DAVID GARRETT	MARINES/POST 400
DAVID KNAPPER	NAVY/POST 400
CHARLES TESSONE	NAVY/POST 400

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 hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving. December is here and Christmas is around the corner. All of the meals went very well last month. We served 120 steaks on the 3rd and 80 meals for the Veteran's Day open house. We also served 85 meals for the early bird dinner on the 12th. and one lucky person won a \$100 gift card. I hope the stir fry dishes we prepared were as good as we hoped they would be. We just wanted to do something different for a change.

Thanksgiving has come and gone since the writing of this letter and I'm sure Ken, Too Tall, and Jim, as well as all who helped did a fabulous job.

Steak night will be December 1st. Come enjoy a nice ribeye and support our post. There will be an open house on Christmas Day starting at 1pm with a traditional Christmas dinner with all the fixins. All are welcome. SAL 2nd Vice Jim Mullay and myself will be preparing a prime rib dinner on the 29th. A little red meat will be good after all that turkey.

I want to give a shout out to all of the volunteers who help prepare all the meals at our post.(Jim Mullay, Ray Scialli, Val and Christine Maurer, Brendon Olinto, Brenda Findley, Tony Verone, Geno Wagner, Tom Harris, Ken and Linda Martin, Ken Klocko, Kevin Winn, Michelle Mohilchock, Jeff and Jane Lafferty, Lisa Sours, Patti Hill, Beth Fullwood, Phil and Ella Rae Jansen, Carolyn Brown, Linda Hartford, Ann DeVore, Jodi Welch, John and Gina Curzi, Mari Gierock, Michael Smith, Mike Vickers, John Hoff, Jim Wallace, Barry Evert, Bruce Firster, Dave Levesque, Shawn Beal, Peggy Miller, Johnny Quinn, and all the kids from 1st Coast,Sandalwood, and Terry Parker) (I hope I didn't leave anyone out). It's the volunteers that make Post 283 the best. Please give them a pat on the back when you see them.

I'll see you at the post.

Richie Sours

Post 283 2nd Vice Commander

2ndvice@floridalegion283.org

3rd Vice Report

Hope all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. Thank you to all those who came out and participated in the November 19th Blood Drive! Enjoy the Fleece blanket given to all those who donated by One blood. The month of December will be very busy in support of Youth and Children Programs at the post.

First Round of the 2017/18 HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL Competition will be held on December 4th 2017 starting at 6pm at American Legion Post 283. All High School Students (public, private or home schooled students in 9-12th grade) interested in 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

We are starting Jr Shooting Club classes and establishing a Post shooting competition team. All children ages 13 till 18 are encouraged to participate. Anyone interested in signing up for classes or competing please contact Chris Garcia at 214-326-3065 or via email at quickfuze@msn.com.

Post 283 is now the proud sponsor of a Cub/Boy Scout Pack. Meetings will be held on Monday nights at the post. For more information and If you are interested in signing up your son(s) please contact Rusty Crowdus at wcrowdus@gmail.com or via phone 904-504-3515.

We are currently seeking applicants for Boys State Program. The applicant interview process will begin in January. For more information and applications for Boys State, please visit www.floridalegion/program and open

Boys State link and/or please contact me Limited slots are available.

Finally, we will be planning another Flag Retirement Ceremony to be held in December. Date and more information will be posted on the bulletin board at the post. Hope to see you there

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

SAL Report



I hope everyone is enjoying the Holiday Season. The SAL and our 283 Family has been very busy as of late. All the meals have been outstanding, as usual. To put this in perspective, here is a breakdown on some of what our Squadron alone does. Remember, this is just the SAL. Put this together with what the Legion, the Auxiliary, and the

Riders did, and WOW! For the months of October and September our Squadron accomplished the following:

- Served 14 meals
- Served 1,012 plates
- Raised (after expenses) \$2,496.00
- We had 25 volunteers in September, and 22

in October, to include the help from Sandlewood and Terry Parker ROTC's

- 824 labor hours
- Also raised \$369.00 (donated \$1,000.00) for Post 154 in Marathon

If you are not currently involved and would like to be, we can certainly use you. Even if for an hour here and there. Our 2nd Vice Commander puts a signup sheet on the SAL Bulletin Board listing all our upcoming events. You can pick any event to your liking and sign up. Be sure to leave contact information, and Jim will certainly contact you.

Our membership is going well, but we need to continue to push hard, as this is our life blood. As of November 15th, we are at 47.27%. With the end of the calendar year approaching, we ask that all of you please renew your membership if you have not already done so. As a reminder, starting January 1st, if you do not have a 2018 Membership card, **you cannot be in the Post, and cannot be signed in!** Please do not be the person that gets refused service because of this. You can see our 1st Vice Commander, Val to renew. You can also see myself, particularly during the week when Val is working. You can also leave it with the bartender. With that said, there is no excuse not to renew.

The SAL also has a number of different shirts for sale. Some are in the display case. We also have last years' blue SAL Member shirts, as well as this years' green SAL Member shirts.

I hope to see all of you at the Post, as this month has much happening. Come enjoy the rest of the Holiday Season with us.

Here's wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please keep our Troops in your thoughts and prayers as many of them will miss the Season with their families in order to keep us safe and protect the American way of life.

God bless America and God bless our troops.

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

Auxiliary President's Report



I want to thank the SAL and the Riders for their generous donation for our Holiday Baskets we were able to do 13 this year for Thanksgiving. I would also like to thank these ladies for their time for helping to put the baskets together

Patti Hill, Brenda Findley, Jane

Lafferty and myself.

This year is flying by December is upon us. We have lots of things going on this month. December 9th is our Children's Christmas party from 1 to 3 come visit with Santa Claus and his helpers.

December 10th the PJ Breakfast

December 13th Auxiliary Meeting 6:00 Executive and 7:00 General Membership. At our meeting I'm requesting that everyone bring an appetizer and bring a Christmas ornament trying something special for the Holiday.

December 14th Bingo Dinner

December 21st Bingo Dinner

December 22nd Adult Christmas Party. December 24th Auxiliary Breakfast. December 25th Christmas Day open house

December 26th Trivia, December 28th Girls State Bingo. December 31st is our

New Year's Eve Party if you will be attending we need a dish look forward to seeing everyone in 2018.

For God and Country
Michelle Mohilchock
Unit President

Legion Rider Director's Report



I hope everyone had a Great

Thanksgiving with family and friends.

On November 4th we delivered a check for \$18,114.50 to 5 Star Veterans Center.

We will be busy again this month.

December 9th will be the 19th Street Charities Toys for Tots Escort ride. December 16th will be the Wreaths Across America Escort ride.

January 1st will be the Blessing of the Bikes and New Year's Ride.

The Rider dinner will be December 15th and TW is cooking his famous Fried Ribs! 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 your Riders dues are not paid by Dec 31st you will be removed from the Riders emails.

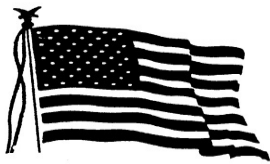
If you are traveling for the holidays, be safe! Merry Christmas and Happy New Years!

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

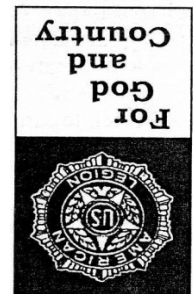
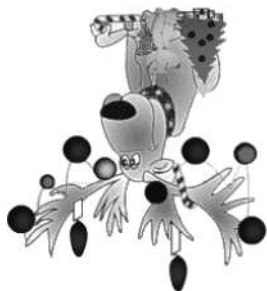
- 3rd Jags vs. Colts – 1:00 Legion Hot Appetizers
- 10th Jags vs. Seahawks – 1:00 SAL Wings
- 17th Jags vs. Texans – 1:00 Legion Hot Appetizers
- 24th Jags @ 49ers – 4:05



American Legion Post 283 December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SEE THE TEXT BOX ON PAGE 3 FOR JAGUARS SCHEDULE		MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS			1 LEGION STEAK NIGHT 6 – 7:30 SPEKTRA	2 ALR MEETING 9AM BRISTOL KARAOKE
3 SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00	4	5 SAL PIZZA 5:30 – 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	6 HUMP DAY SNACKS SAL MEETING 7PM PEARL HARBOR DAY	7 SOFTBALL VEGETABLE BEEF STEW BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	8 SAL FISH FRY 6:00 – 7:30 ROCKIN MACHINE	9 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY JIMBO & DEBBIE KARAOKE
10 AUX PANCAKES PLUS BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00	11 LEGION MEETINGS EXEC 6:30 PM GENERAL 7PM	12 SAL PULLED PORK SANDWICHES 6:00 – 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	13 HUMP DAY SNACKS AUX MEETINGS EXEC – 6:30 PM GENERAL – 7PM	14 AUX DINNER SLOPPYJOES BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	15 AUX ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY 6 – 7:30 SIDEWALK 65	16 BRISTOL KARAOKE
17 SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00	18	19 SAL PIZZA 5:30 – 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	20 HUMP DAY SNACKS SURVEY SAYS 7PM CHEESEBURGERS & FRIES	21 AUX CHOW MEIN & FRIED RICE BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	22 ALR DINNER T.W.'S FRIED RIBS 6 – 7:30 GUITAR RED	23 JIMBO & DEBBIE KARAOKE
24	25 CHRISTMAS DINNER OPEN HOUSE 1PM	26 AUX ITALIAN SUBS BACON MAC&CHEESE 6 -7:30 HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	27 HUMP DAY SNACKS	28 GIRLS' STATE SAUSAGE DOGS BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	29 LEGION/SAL PRIME RIB DINNER 6 – 7:30 DOUBLE DOWN	30
31 6PM BRING-A-DISH NEW YEAR'S EVE						

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