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Commander's Report



Hope everyone had a Wonderful holiday season. We are off to a great start this year. I would like to thank all of our Legion family volunteers, you are the ones who make Post 283 the best American Legion Post in Florida.

January was an outstanding month we rang in the New Year. Had a calendar full of events. Started the month with the Bloody Mary Breakfast. Then we hosted our quarterly Blood Drive on the 21st. And ended the month with the ALR Stuffed Cabbage Dinner. Great job everyone!!

February's events start with the four Chaplin's ceremony on the 4th at 2 p. m. at Post 129.

Also on the 4th we will be having Super Bowl bring a dish at our post, so come out and enjoy some football, friends and good food.

The 9th is the Auxiliary's Valentine Day Dinner with some lucky person wining a Basket of cheer, tickets are available from any Auxiliary member. On the 11th is the 5th District Meeting at Post 250 at 2 p. m.

We will be having a membership drive effort at our post on February 9th - 11th. If you would like to volunteer let me know it would be greatly appreciated.

Also starting on February 2nd the Price of Water Moccasin, Red Snapper, Girl Scout and Jelly Bean Shots and other Shooters will be increase to be more in line with other American Legion Post

1 June is the cutoff date for Reservations to the 99th Annual Department of Florida American Legion Convention at the Orlando World Center Marriott from July 5-8. The phone number is (407) 239-4200. For more information go to the Legion web site.

It's that time of the year for Election nominations. Nominations will be on March 12^h, April 9th, and May 14th at the general membership meetings. Elections will be on June 9th 7 a. m. till 7 p. m. all you need to do is stop by the Post with your 2018 card to vote.

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

It is hard to believe that it is already February! I hope all finds everyone well. We are doing an excellent job at the post with membership. We surpassed our goal of 85% goal and amassed a membership percentage of 86.02% as of 07 January 2018. We are well on our way to our next target of

90% by 07 February 2018. If we keep the press on we will be able to get that last 100 cards or so in and easily meet our 100% goal for the year. Continue to show your Post pride by working to get new members and transfers in. Make sure you sign as the recruiter on the application form to get credit for a new member.

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 January are:

TAYLOR HARRINGTON	AIR FORCE
NORMAN LOWRY	NAVY
JERRY MARTIN	ARMY
JOHN MARTIN	ARMY

For God and Country,
Scott Pageau
Post 283 1ST Vice

5th District Historian & Law and Order Chairman
Cell: 904-422-6055

2nd Vice Report

Hello Legion Family. The New Year started off well with the annual SAL Bloody Mary Breakfast. We followed that up on the 5th with our monthly Steak Night. We served 120 dinners. We didn't have the help from 1st Coast High School as they were still out on break but we had a great cast of volunteers who stepped up to make it a great night.

The Jaguars had a home playoff game against the Bills and we set up a nacho bar for the game. A lot of positive feedback was given and I don't think anybody went home hungry. We also setup a wing bar with all your favorite sauces for the Steelers game. The Jags played well and the fans ate well. We went through 80 lbs. of wings and a case of fries. We served cheeseburgers, potato salad, and chips for our monthly Survey Says game night. A special thanks to the SAL 2nd Vice Jim Mullay, Ken Klocko, Val Maurer, Brenda Findley, Brendon Olinto, Ernie Ern, Too Tall, Robin Walker, Marty Vanbeber, John and Gina Curzi, and Harry Shuman for helping prepare, serve, and clean up afterwards. I am grateful for all their help. Please give them your thanks when you see them around the post.

Don't forget to join us every Thursday for Live Bingo starting at 6:30pm. You could be one of our lucky winners of our weekly \$750 payout. There is food served before we get started. We've also started a monthly Cadillac Tournament on the 1st Saturday of the month at 3pm. Come out and play this fun card game and you could take home some prizes, Players are asked to bring your favorite snack/dish to share.

I'll see you at the post!

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

3rd Vice Report

First Round of the 2017/18 HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL Competition was held on Jan 17th 2018. Bravo Zulu to Brennan Conley, Jaylon Chambers, Michael Snyder, and Caitlyn Engler. You ALL did a fantastic job preparing and presenting your speeches. Congratulations to Brennan Conley, American Legion Post 283, 1st place winner and our representative for the District level Oratorical Competition. A huge THANK YOU to all the judges, timekeepers, tabulators, SSgt-at-Arms, and Chaps for assisting in making our post level competition a success. We couldn't have done it without you!!!

Thank you to all those who braved the cold January weather on Jan 21st to donate much needed blood to Florida Blood Banks. Your donations help save lives. Additionally, I would like to thank all those who came out to assist in Jan 31st Flag Retirement Ceremony.

We are currently seeking applicants for Boys State Program. The applicant interview process will begin at the end of January/early February. For more information and applications for Boys State, please visit www.floridalegion.org/program and open Boys State link and/or feel free to contact me at lena.nullwood@gmail.com or 904 334 3715 Limited slots are available.

We currently have 2 four person teams that will participate and represent American Legion 283 in the Jr Shooting Program Competition. However, we are offering classes in gun safety, shooting techniques etc. All children ages 13 till 18 are encouraged to participate. Anyone interested in signing up for classes can do so at the post or 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 and Sea Scout Program. Cub/Boy Scout 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.

Are your children/students needing volunteer hours to complete Bright Future Community Service Hours? If so, there are many volunteer opportunities available at the Post. Please contact me for more information and scheduling,

Finally, there are many college scholarship programs being offered by the American Legion. Please go to www.floridalegion.org/scholarships to investigate possible scholarships students may be eligible for. Application deadlines are fast approaching.

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



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!
THE ANNUAL MARDI
GRAS PARTY WILL BE ON
MARCH 2, 2018**

SAL Report



Now that we all have survived the cold weather of January, let's hope for a warmer February.

January was a pretty routine month for us (as close as it gets) as everyone got over the Holidays and back in the routine. One thing

different this month was bringing back the Cadillac Tournament. A good time was had by all. We will be doing it once a month now, so come enjoy the fun. We also make a little \$ for charity.

I'd like to remind you all to keep April 21st free. It's going to be a great day. The Kids Fishing Rodeo, followed by the Annual Chip, Toss, Shoot Event / 5th District Picnic.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered for the SAL events last month, as well as those who come out and support us. Please keep it up this month.

For God and Country!
Jeff Lafferty

Squadron 283 Commander
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Auxiliary President's Report



Happy February to all the month we're there is love in the air. The Auxiliary is doing raffle tickets for the Valentine's Basket see Megan Roberson. On the 1st of February is our Bingo dinner and the 4th of February is the Auxiliary Sweetheart

Breakfast. Everyone please come out for our Valentine's Dinner and booze basket drawing on February 9th. Thanks to Mary Geriok and her crew. Our meeting is February 14th Executive at 6:00 pm and General Membership at 7 :00 pm hope to see you there. February 15th Auxiliary Bingo Dinner and another Auxiliary breakfast on February 18th, February 22 a Auxiliary Bingo Dinner.

Thank you for your help and support keep doing a great job making our veterans smile.

For God and Country
Michelle Mohilchock
Unit President

Legion Rider Director's Report



Welcome to 2018! I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas with family and friends.

With the start of a new year, I hope to see all riders at our general meeting, Saturday, January 6th @ 9 am.

Please join us for the Blessing of the Bikes and New Year's Day Ride, Monday, January 1st.

The Florida ALR will hold its annual Summit Jan 19th – 21st. This will be a great time for Riders to gather, share ideas and information and meet people from other districts.

Wreaths are scheduled to be picked up from JNC on January 20th. If you are available, help is always welcome.

The Rider dinner will be January 26th and the Lady Riders will be cooking! Please join us for a great meal and a fun time with friends and family.

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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Because of the Brave

by Ron Tranmer

America, the beautiful,
home of the brave and free.
A land that God, our Father,
has given you and me.

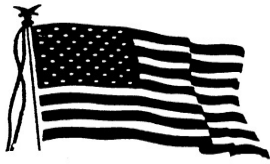
He knows that in our world,
freedom always has it's price,
and can easily be lost,
without fight and sacrifice.

So with a love of country
our bravest give their all,
Many even life itself...
We're grateful to them all.

Our Army, Navy, National Guard,
Air Force and Marines.
Present and past...all have made
our bell of freedom ring.

We thank them for their sacrifice
and pray to God above,
that they may know the greatness
of our gratitude and love

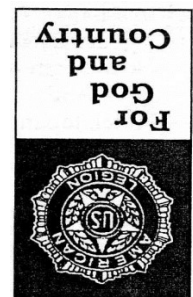
Because of them, our nations flag
will ever proudly waive.
And we are still home of the free
because of them... The brave.



American Legion Post 283 February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS			SAL MEETING IS ON THE 7TH AT 7.	1 AUX 3 SOUPS, 3 SANDWICHES, SALAD BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	2 LEGION STEAK DINNER 6 – 7:30 ROCKIN MACHINE	3 ALR MEETING 9AM BRISTOL KARAOKE
4 AUX BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00	5	6 SAL PIZZA 5:30 – 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	7 HUMP DAY SNACKS AUX MEETINGS EXEC – 6:00 PM GENERAL – 7PM	8 AUX SCALLOPED POTATOES & HAM BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	9 AUX VAL DAY CORNISH HEN DINNER 6:00 – 7:30 DOUBLE DOWN	10 JIMBO & DEBBIE KARAOKE
11 SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00	12 LEGION MEETINGS EXEC 6:30 PM GENERAL 7PM	13 SAL BACON CHEESEBURGERS 5:30 – 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	14 HUMP DAY SNACKS VALENTINE'S DAY	15 AUX STUFFED CHIX BREAST & TWICE BAKED POTATOES BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	16 SAL FISH FRY 6 – 7:30 BACKWOOD BOYS	17 BRISTOL KARAOKE
18 AUX BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00	19 PRESIDENT'S DAY	20 SAL PIZZA 5:30 – 7:30 PM HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	21 HUMP DAY SNACKS SURVEY SAYS 7PM CHEESESTEAKS & FRIES 6 – 7:30	22 AUX CHICKEN TETRAZZINI BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	23 ALR CHILI COOK-OFF 6 – 7:30 GITAR RED	24 JIMBO & DEBBIE KARAOKE
25 SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00	26	27 DISASTER PREP KING RANCH CHICKEN 6 -7:30 HARRY'S TRIVIA 7-9 PM	28 HUMP DAY SNACKS			

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