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Commander's Report



Hello Legion family. September and summer have passed, but not without great dedication by our Legion family.

On Sunday October 13th, we are hosting the 5th District monthly meeting at our post. The meeting

starts at 2 p.m. it is also the Navy's Birthday

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 Chip run to benefit Wreaths across America and K-9line on the 21st Thank you to the Legion Family for all the support.

The Adult Halloween party will be on the 25th 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!!

Our kids Halloween party will be on the 26th from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Look for the sign-up sheet on the Auxiliary board.

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 November 2 so come out bring a dish 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!

For God & Country
James Welch, Commander
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1st Vice Report

As of September 13th, our 2020 membership was at 45.02%. However, Nancy has processed numerous cards since then. Our next goal is 55% by October 2nd. I'd like to encourage everyone to renew as early as you can. This really helps our membership %, and you will be eligible for the Early Bird Dinner.

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 2019 card in an envelope with your name and stating renewal for 2020 in the LEGION box by the bar. We will process your new card and mail it to you via the address we have on file

for you. If you want to pick it up from the lounge, simply write LEAVE AT BAR on the envelope. 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:

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Attn: Adjutant
9549 Fort Caroline Road
Jacksonville FL 32225.

Nancy or I can be contacted at newsletterpost283@yahoo.com or retiredcjpgnr76@gmail.com should you have any questions or need assistance with Legion membership.

As always, new members, as well as transfers, are welcome. 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 and the Department 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 honorably. 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:**

- April 6th 1917 - November 11th, 1918
- December 7th, 1941 - PRESENT "Until a time later determined by the Federal Government "

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 a minimum of 5 years **consecutively** 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, who were voted in during our September General Meeting. Welcome to the top post in Florida.

New members for September are:

- Allen Shemetulskis - Army
- Gary Penny - Army
- Charles T. Phillips - Army
- Tyler P. Mace - Coast Guard (AD)
- Emmanuel Starling - Marines
- Daniel Hadden - Navy

James Johnson – Navy
Richard Kurtz – Navy
Robert Roselle - Navy
David C. Smith - Navy
Wayne Toole - Navy

Transfers for September are:

Martin Lussier – Navy /Post 316 (PUFL)
David Sherman – Navy /Post 400

For God and Country,
Jeff Lafferty

Post 283 1ST Vice Commander
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ALR 283 2nd Vice Commander
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2nd Vice Report

Well folks we are coming into the holiday season. We will start with Halloween for the adults on the 25th and the following day 26th for the children. We are hosting the 5th district on the 5th and the 13th. Sorry to tell you this on November 1st, we are not having steak/fish night. We are having Early Bird dinner that night.

In preparation for Thanksgiving, I am asking for loan of your deep fryer to allow the legion to fry turkeys. With this in mind, we will be letting the legion know how we will want your turkey if you allow us to fry them.

A special thanks goes out to the volunteers who showed up and made steak/fish night a great success. I cannot begin to thank you enough. We also had First Coast ROTC helped and we donated 1/2 of 50/50 to them.

Daniel Brown
2nd Vice Commander

3rd Vice Report

There are always good things happening around our post. Sometimes you really just don't realize it. We just donated numerous medical devices to Henderson Haven which is a non-profit that works with disabled kids. We filled up the back of the pick-up with all the wheelchairs, walkers and canes. We moved furniture for a Vet that just came out of the shelter and has an apartment. JDOG Junk Removal, a local business of Veterans and military, donate the furniture for his use. And the Auxiliary, came through with their basket for the first-time owner. Great job.

The Children and Youth program is really starting to take shape. The Halloween coloring books have arrived and will be delivered to the schools. Lena Wood is starting to work on the successful Boys State and other programs for the kids. But did you know that on a national basis that the Legion provides services to children medical, physical and mental problems? The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation does just that. And when active duty or any Veteran needs assistance for their children, the Temporary Financial Assistance program is there to

help. With the Legion Act granting all Veterans membership to the Legion these programs and more can be helpful for those who have children with a serious medical condition, autism, physical anomalies and Huntington's disease to name a few.

There are always good places to put your talents to work. Positions we have available are for Post Level Recognition and Children and Youth Annual Programs. If anyone is interested, I would appreciate it.

For God and Country
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SAL Report

There is no SAL report this month. Just a reminder that the SAL oyster roast and Horseshoe/Cornhole tournament will be Saturday, October 19th starting at 10AM.

For God & Country
Tom Harris, Commander
SAL Squadron 283

Auxiliary President's Report



Thanks to your donations we were able to donate two big boxes of clothes for refugees from the Bahamas who were hit the hardest during Hurricane Dorian.

Our Making Strides Against Breast Cancer campaign is in full swing. We are raising funds and forming a team to walk on October 19th. Please check the Auxiliary board for the sign-up sheet.

Our VA&R Chairman, Janice Dixon, organized a team of ladies to present a "travel basket" full of goodies and pampering items to a lady vet with terminal cancer. She was traveling home thanks to Jasmine Booth and Final Salute. It was a beautiful send off!

Now Janice is busy preparing for the Homeless Veteran Stand Down October 10th – 12th. Check the Auxiliary board for details.

We have started a fundraising campaign for Possibilities Plus, a charity which aids people with special needs such as Autism and Downs Syndrome. We have planned an adult Halloween party for October 25th starting with dinner at 6:00 pm to benefit that cause. Come hungry for a great meal and wear your spookiest costume for the contest!

Our children's Halloween party will be on October 26th starting at 1:00 pm. We are accepting donations of wrapped candies for the children's goodie bags. Look for the sign-up sheet on the Auxiliary board to get your little ones on the list.

We are always collecting coupons for troops and now we are collecting your old cell phones as well. Please put the coupons in the pocket on the Auxiliary office door and the cell phones in the box near the coffee maker at the bar.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with our meals. Please think about cooking, serving or cleaning up at our breakfasts and Friday night dinners. Maybe you want to take the lead and organize a Bingo or Friday dinner? See the Auxiliary board to sign-up.

We will not be doing breakfast on October 13th because our Post will be hosting the 5th District Meeting that day.

For God and Country,
Jane Lafferty, Unit 283 President

Legion Rider Director's Report



First off, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation for all the help, support and understanding by our Legion Family for the 11th annual ALR "poker run" last month. Even though I am writing this before the fact I know it was a great success and benefit to Wreaths Across America and K9line.

October brings ghosts goblins and Biketoberfest so ride safe and have a good time.

Our ALR dinner this month will be on the 3rd Friday(18th)of the month so that the Auxiliary can hold the annual adult Halloween party on the 25th. The dinner will be TW's famous fried ribs.

See ya next month.

Ride With Pride
Phil Jansen
ALR Director Chapter 283

Post Service Officer Report

Most of my calls last month were from Veterans who have fallen behind on payments and are about to lose their apartment, car, phone, etc. Our Legion Post 283 does not have the funds to vet these people and just hand out money. But that doesn't mean we can't help. I have sent requests in for money from the Vets Relief program in Florida and directed several people on how to contact the social workers at the VA. There are other financial options that Veterans can take if they only knew about them. So, although I can't help them directly, I do ensure they get the help and follow up through the process.

I guess the biggest problem I have is the question not asked. Veterans, their spouses, and children should not assume the answer is the same as it was 5 or 10 years ago. Benefits, care, and services are always changing and we try to stay on top of them. And while I may not have all the answers, I do have the resources to get the correct answer. So please don't hesitate, call, email, text or use carrier pigeon. The only bad question is the one that didn't get asked.....

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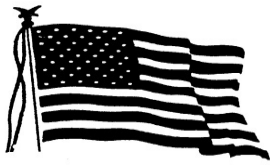
The American Legion Auxiliary's newest project is **Cell Phones for Soldiers**. Post 283 is now a collection location for all types of cell phones from any carrier. Newer, gently-used mobile devices, including smartphones, are preferred, however, proceeds are generated from the recycling of broken and outdated mobile phones. Chargers and accessories are also welcomed to donate. They request that you not send the instruction manuals. I contacted them and confirmed that they also accept Kindles, tablets, and other such devices.

The collection box is located in the lounge of Post 283 next to the coffee maker.

For more information about Cell Phones for Soldiers go to their website at cellphonesforsoldiers.com.



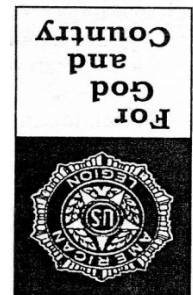
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS		1 SAL PIZZA 5:30 – 7:30 PM TRIVIA 7-9 PM	2 HUMP DAY SNACKS SAL MEETING 7:00 PM	3 ALA SPAGHETTI 5:30- 7:00 BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	4 LEGION STEAK/FISH NIGHT 6:00 – 7:30 BACK TRACK	5 5 TH DISTRICT MEETING 11 - 4 ALR MTG. 9 – 10:30 BRISTOL KARAOKE 7PM	
	6 SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00	7	8 SAL CHEESEBURGERS 6:00 – 7:30 PM TRIVIA 7-9 PM	9 HUMP DAY SNACKS ALA MEETINGS EXEC – 6:00 PM GENERAL – 7PM	10 ALA BURRITOS 5:30 – 7:00 BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	11 SAL ROAST PORK LOIN 6:00 – 7:30 ROCKIN MACHINE	12 JIMBO & DEBBIE KARAOKE 7PM
	13 13 TH 5 TH DISTRICT NOON – 8:00 PM LEGION MEAL	14 LEGION MEETINGS EXEC 6:30 PM GENERAL 7PM	15 SAL PIZZA 5:30 – 7:30 PM TRIVIA 7-9 PM	16 HUMP DAY SNACKS SURVEY SAYS 7PM CHEESEBURGERS 6 – 7:30	17 ALA ROAST PORK BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	18 ALR TW'S FRIED RIBS 6:00 – 7:30 DOUBLE DOWN	19 SAL OYSTER ROAST HORSESHOE/CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT 10AM BRISTOL KARAOKE 7PM
	20 SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00 TOYS FOR TOTS 11 – 4:30	21	22 LEGION MEAL 6 – 7:30 PM TRIVIA 7-9 PM	23 HUMP DAY SNACKS	24 ALA CHICKEN ALFREDO 5:30 – 7:00 BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	25 ADULT HALLOWEEN PARTY PULLED PORK & CHICKEN 6 -7:30 MIKE MILLER	26 CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY 1PM JIMBO & DEBBIE KARAOKE 7PM
	27 ALA BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00	28 SCOUT MEETING 6:30 PM	29 ALA WINGS, FRIES & COLESLAW 6 – 7:30 PM TRIVIA 7-9 PM	30	31 LEGION HOTDOGS & COLE SLAW 5:30 – 7:00 BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM		

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