



Commander's Report



Hello Legion family. October has come and gone, and fall is in full swing. The Annual Chip run was a huge success with the ALR raising over \$17,000, for Wreaths Across American and K-9 Line 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 3rd for the end of daylight savings time. The early bird dinner will be November 1st at 6:00 pm and is open to all Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and SAL who have their 2020 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 gift card before serving the meal.

The 10th of November is the US Marine Corps birthday, Semper Fi!! We will have a cake cutting ceremony at Noon.

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! **Pending city approval**, there will be an Open House for Veteran's Day.

There will be an ALA breakfast the morning of the 17th which coincides with our Post Blood Drive. 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 Jane Lafferty, Auxiliary President.

Our Thanksgiving dinner is on the 28th at 1 pm. Everyone is welcome. Hope to see you at the Post.

And a big thank you to Lena Null Wood for the great job with Flag etiquette classes. She has been to 7 Elementary Schools in our area to conduct Training on the U S Flag.

Also, our Post Historian Carl Ocampo 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 me by e-mail at jameswelch88@comcast.net or text 904-710-3568

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.

The November Legion meeting will be November 4th due to Veterans day

For God & Country
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1st Vice Report

As of October 10th, our 2020 membership was at 54.02%. However, Nancy has processed numerous cards since then. Our next goal is 65% by November 6th. 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:

American Legion Post 283
Attn: Adjutant
9549 Fort Caroline Road
Jacksonville FL 32225.

Nancy or I can be contacted at newsletterpost283@yahoo.com or retiredcjingnr76@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 October General Meeting. Welcome to the top post in Florida. New members for October are:

Dana Crews - Air Force
Jeremy Potter - Air Force
James H. Johnson - Navy
Donald E. Percy - Navy
Donald Perry - Navy / AD
Clement Valot - Navy / AD
David K. Gibson - Navy
Milas "Ed" King - Navy

Transfers for September are:
Glenn Wickburg - Army /Post 9
Troy Cumber - Air Force /Post 400
Tommy Triplett - Air Force/Post 183 (Orlando)
Steve Walker - Air Force/Post 400
Arthur Lowther - Marines/Post 400
Russell Fauls - Navy/Post 400
Roger P. Fricker - Navy/Post 400
Frederick M. Pitts - Navy/Post 400
Dale Wells - Navy/Post 400

For God and Country,
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2nd Vice Report

We have a lot that will be happening here at Post 283. We will celebrate the Marines birthday on November 10th. Sorry Army or Coast Guard members. Yours is next year. Veterans Day open house is the 11th, with meal starting around 2 PM. Also, we will have a flag retirement ceremony at dusk. Thanksgiving is on the 28th and I am going to cook a traditional Thanksgiving meal. I will post the menu. I am working on a surprise meal for November 29th since it is the 5th Friday of the month. One of the items will be onion rings.

I want to remind all that Friday is RED (Remember Everyone Deployed) Shirt Friday. Let us show our support for those deployed who is defending our nation. I would love to see more red shirts on Fridays.

While I love all the help from the all the volunteers, without whose help nothing would get done and I give them the credit for the work that allows food and events to take place. In fact, I cannot thank them enough. What I find missing is volunteers from Legion members. Those who volunteer to do the food and events do so knowing what we do helps those veterans in need. I know, I am a veteran that an American Legion post helped.

I am also asking for propane deep fryers to help the SAL deep fry turkeys. I also would like volunteers to help prep or serve the Thanksgiving meal. I am also sorry that on November 1st, instead of our usual steak or fish meal the Post Commander wants to do an Early Bird dinner.

Let me be among the first to wish each veteran a hearty Thank You for serving and welcome home. Your sacrifice and what you did is what help make this country great. I also want to wish all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving.

As we go into the holiday season, I want to wish Post 283 safe travels, and the very best during this holiday season.

Daniel Brown
2nd Vice Commander

3rd Vice Report

I hear a lot on the news about guns and the Second Amendment. What I don't hear is a lot of solutions to the issues

brought forth. But one solution I do know is that teaching teenagers the safe handling of weapons is a huge step in the right direction. We have determined that the post does not have enough space to put together an adequate shooting range for our shooting team. So Chris Garcia is working on plan B and that is to try to join with a local shooting range where we can use our NRA approved targets and scoring system. Hopefully he will be successful.

For Veterans Day the post has a full schedule. With the parade in the morning, an Open House in the afternoon and a Flag Retirement ceremony at dusk. Anyone willing to step up for the Flag retirement ceremony would be appreciated. I have let them collect too long.

The Service officer is usually not responsible for ensuring Veterans get everything that a Vet needs. So, I thought I would put this under 3rd Vice instead. Just wanted to give a big shout out to Janice Dixon, Jim Wallace, my wife Nancy and several others who have moved furniture for veterans. This usually happens on Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday and a lot of you are working and can't assist. But if you see these great people at the post give them a shout out... they deserve it.

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SAL Report



The Detachment of Florida has set our Squadron 283 membership goal for 2019/2020 at 290 members. As of today we have reached a 30% renewal rate, 87 members. The Detachments goal for all Squadrons is to reach 35% by November 14th which means we need to gain an additional 14 members and to reach 45% by December 11th which will be an additional 29. So from now to December 11th we need to gain an additional 43 renewals/new members. If you have not renewed you dues in the amount of \$20.00 please do so now. Val Maurer, 1st Vice is the Squadron's Membership Chairman and you can send in your renewal to his attention. The address is Squadron 283, Attention Val Maurer, 9459 Ft. Caroline Road, Jacksonville Florida 32202 or to my attention and we will mail your card to you. You can also pay inhouse and leave it with the bartender and note if you want it mailed out or left at the bar for pick up. As a reminder on January 1, 2020 the bartenders will be checking to see if you are caring your 2020 card and if not you cannot be served nor have anyone sign you in. So I encourage you to get your payment in to avoid a lapse keeping you membership up to date. I also want to point out that when entering the Post you should always have your card in your possession. The bartender can ask to see your card anytime throughout the year you come into the Post. On November 28, 2019 starting at 6AM with a cut off time receiving turkeys at 11 AM the SAL will be cooking fried turkeys for those of you who want to bring one up to the Post. The weight limit is 13 lbs. with a max weight up to 15 lbs. If you bring a turkey up that has been seasoned or rubbed down with any form of liquid WE WILL NOT fry it. You can bring an injector rub which the crew will inject your turkey prior to frying. I would like to thank all those who volunteered for the October Oyster Roast. It was a great time and the SAL looks forward doing it again next year. And as always I would like to give kudo's to all those who volunteer throughout the year supporting the pizza nights, breakfast and Friday night dinners. It doesn't work without your time and effort. Job well done.

For God & Country
Tom Harris, Commander
SAL Squadron 283

Auxiliary President's Report



October was a busy month for us! We had 15 volunteers from our Unit participate in the Homeless Veteran's Stand Down at the Jacksonville Fairgrounds on October 12th. Our members made sure that the vets had everything they needed to shower and groom for job interviews!

The 5th District meeting was held at our own Post on October 13th. The 5th District President presented our Unit with a \$25 gift card for having the highest attendance at the Auxiliary School of Instruction in September. We will also have the honor of hosting the Auxiliary Basic Concept School on January 25th. Details will be forthcoming.

The Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk scheduled for October 19th was postponed to a later date TBA. We were able to raise over \$2,000 to fight this disease. And can't wait to go out and show our support! Please watch your email or check the Auxiliary bulletin board at the Post for updates on a new date for the event.

As I write this I am looking forward to a great turnout for the Halloween parties scheduled for Oct 25th – Adult and 26th – Children's. We have collected a lot of goodies for the children's party. Thanks for your generosity!

We are selling raffle tickets for a beautiful red, white, and blue lap afghan, proceeds to benefit Honor Flight. See an Auxiliary member to purchase.

Our meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the dining hall. Come out and find out how you can get involved!

For God and Country,
Jane Lafferty, Unit 283 President

Legion Rider Director's Report



With the beginning of November I can now let you all know with certainty that our Sept Poker Chip Ride to benefit K9Line and Wreaths Across America was a tremendous success. We were able to give checks of \$8000 to each of these charities and it was a rewarding day for all of us.

Again, a "thank you" to everyone at post 283 for the help and support. Thanksgiving is upon us and we have a lot to be thankful for.

The November ALR dinner is on the 22nd and some of our lady riders are going to prepare a home made beef stew, salad and desserts.

I will be sending out an e-mail about a ride Sunday Nov 10th to escort the "WALL" from Rossmyers HD to St Aug.

Hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving/ride safe
Ride With Pride

Phil Jansen
ALR Director Chapter 283

Post Service Officer Report

I had an interesting question from a Korean Veteran the other day that I really didn't understand. He wanted to know how to fill out the form for Pension Benefits. I looked at him with a smile and asked if he had served for full retirement. He stated that he had done 4 years in the Army in the Korean War and that was it. I said that I didn't understand and he showed me the form to complete. It was a Texas two-step that I did and told him that I would have to get some more information. You see this information wasn't covered in the 2-day course I took.

What is a VA Pension? It is a needs-based benefit program for wartime Veterans, who after age 65 or older or have a permanent and total non-service-connected disability, and who have limited income and net worth.

Who is eligible?

- You were discharged from the service under other than dishonorable conditions, AND
- You served 90 days of active duty with at least one day during wartime, AND
- Your countable income is below the maximum annual pension rate (MAPR), AND
- You meet net worth limitations AND
- You meet one of the following criteria:
 - You are age 65 or older.
 - You have a permanent and total nonservice-connected disability.
 - You are a patient in a nursing home due to mental or physical incapacity.
 - You are receiving Social Security disability benefits.

From meeting my new found friend I wasn't sure if he met the requirements. I did not know his current income or his medical status but you could tell the family needed assistance in caring for him. You can use VA form 21P-527 to see if you or another member qualifies.

The MAPR noted above is the maximum annual pension rate and it isn't easy to figure out. I couldn't find what the dollar amount was but what I did notice is that the form only asks for three dollar amounts. 1) what is your gross monthly income for Social Security, 2) Any other income in the family, and 3) does your home have more than \$10K in assets. If you go to the Fleet Reserve often you would probably be thinking that most of these Veterans don't qualify for this benefit. But I would be willing to be that most of you know someone in the community who does.

It is an honor to serve you and I would hope that you are not bashful about calling, emailing, or stepping up and introducing yourselves. The more you know the more you will realize the benefits that this country gives to its veterans, spouses, and children are some of the best.

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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.

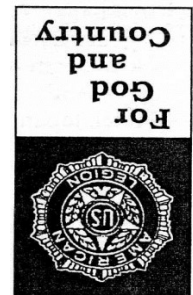
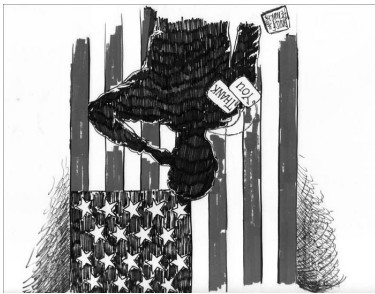




American Legion Jim J. Gilleo Post 283 November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS		SAL WILL FRY TURKEYS THANKSGIVING MORNING 6- 11 AM			1 LEGION EARLY BIRD CHICKEN PARMESAN 6:00 – 7:30 GUITAR RED	2 BRISTOL KARAOKE 7PM
3 SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00	4 LEGION MEETINGS EXEC 6:30 PM GENERAL 7PM	5 SAL PIZZA 5:30 – 7:30 PM TRIVIA 7-9 PM	6 HUMP DAY SNACKS SAL MEETING 7:00 PM	7 ALA MARI'S BEEF STEW 5:30 – 7:00 BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	8 SAL MEATLOAF 6:00 – 7:30 DOUBLE DOWN	9 JIMBO & DEBBIE KARAOKE 7PM
10 ALA BREAKFAST BUFFET 8:30 – 11:00 MARINES' BIRTHDAY NOON	11 VETERAN'S DAY OPEN HOUSE FLAG RETIREMENT AT DUSK JIMBO & DEBBIE KARAOKE	12 SAL CHEESEBURGERS 6:00 – 7:30 PM TRIVIA 7-9 PM	13 HUMP DAY SNACKS ALA MEETINGS EXEC – 6:00 PM GENERAL – 7PM	14 ALA TANYA'S POTATO BAR 5:30 – 7:00 BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	15 ALA PATTI'S CHICHEN TETRAZZINI 6:00 – 7:30 BLACK WATER SWAMP	16 BRISTOL KARAOKE 7PM
17 SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00	18 CUB SCOUTS 7:00 PM	19 SAL PIZZA 5:30 – 7:30 PM TRIVIA 7-9 PM	20 HUMP DAY SNACKS SURVEY SAYS 7PM CHEESEBURGERS 6 – 7:30	21 ALA PATTI'S MAKE YOUR OWN TACOS 5:30 – 7:00 BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	22 ALR BEEF STEW & NOODLES 6 -7:30 SPEKTRA	23 JIMBO & DEBBIE KARAOKE 7PM
24 ALA BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00	25	26 ALA MARI'S ITALIAN DINNER 6 – 7:30 PM TRIVIA 7-9 PM	27 HUMP DAY SNACKS	28 THANKSGIVING OPEN HOUSE TRADITIONAL MEAL 1PM	29 LEGION PORK LOIN & ONION RINGS 6:00 – 7:30 LOCK STOCK & BARREL	30 JIMBO & DEBBIE KARAOKE 7PM

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