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Commander's Report



April has been a very stressful month for all of us and it looks like we will have at least another month social distancing.

As soon as I know when we can get the Post open and get our events going, we will put the dates out on social media.

What's been happening at the Post since the shut down?

Installed 22 LED Lights and 2 LED track Lights, installed 65" Television Mounting Bracket, replaced Window Blinds in lounge,

Repaired and/or replaced all exposed electrical wiring, Painted Lounge area and Remodeled the bar. 98% of the material was donated

I want to thank all the 29 Volunteers who donated their time to make this happen.

Until further notice, the only people who are authorized to be inside the Legion Post are Post Officer, Bartenders and Vendors. Volunteers are still needed to clean up the outside of the Post.

If interested in taking care of the outside maintenance. Please contact Jim Welch at 904-710-3568 or email at

jameswelch88@comcast.net

Our Veterans Service Officer (VSO) J.P. Paterson is available to help those Veterans or their immediate Family members who need assistance with getting groceries or any other items during this period of social distancing. JP can be reach at 904-710-3656 or

jppaterson48@gmail.com

If you would like to talk to the Chaplain John Hugus, he can be reach at 904-699-0323 or jhugus@msn.com

Nominations for next year's Legionnaire Officers were accepted at the last general membership meeting and will continue hopefully in May during our General Membership Meeting. June will be the last opportunity for nominations.

Due to the Legion Post being shut down if you would like to nominate someone contact me and I will call them and ask if they will except the nomination.

Elections will be June 13th from 7am until 7pm. Nominees so far are: Commander -Eric Tyler, James Welch, 1st Vice -Rob Dovel , 2nd Vice -Dan Brown, 3rd Vice -open, Finance Officer - Bill Curnutte, Sgt-at-Arms - David Brown, Asst Sgt-at-Arms - open, Historian - Carl Ocampo, Chaplain - John Hugus , Executive Committee - Larry Collier, Phil Jansen, John Lang, Bruce Fister, Dean Altizer, Board of Directors - Richie Sours, al kling.

If you have not renewed for 2020, please do so and help us reach our goal of 100% + 1 by May 2nd

Please take care of yourself I hope to see you all soon

Thank you for all your support!

For God and Country
Jim Welch Post 283 Commander
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For Our Lounge Staff

At this time, the Post is accepting monetary donations to help our out of work staff during the shutdown. Only checks or money order are being accepted at this time. Also please indicate in the memo section of your check that this is a donation for the Lounge staff.

The mailing address for the Post is:

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1st Vice Report

I want to thank everyone for their hard work this year on membership. We will be at 100% for the year and this is thanks to every one's dedication to the American Legion and Post 283. Thank you again. However, Membership renewal is still ongoing so if you have not renewed, please do so. You can renew with myself or Nancy Senter. If you have any questions you can contact me or Nancy at newletterpost283@yahoo.com. You can also go online to renew by visiting www.legion.org/renew, just make sure you click on Post 283. I sincerely hope that everyone is making the best of this COVID-19 situation and everyone is staying safe. It is a tough time but make the best of it. I cannot wait for to see everyone back at the post and having fun again. I am sure it will not be that much longer. I would like to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication for making this post the greatest post in the State of Florida!

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 "

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For God and Country,
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2nd Vice Report

With the Corona Virus restrictions still in place, I am hoping that when this over, I find you all well. I am missing doing Bingo and preparing a good meal for our members and quests. Stay safe and do what we need to do to healthy. Till we return.

Daniel Brown, 2nd Vice

3rd Vice Report

So, things have slowed down but not come to a complete halt. The next Blood Drive is still on! It is on May 17th but at this time we will not be serving

breakfast. (Subject to change) If the Post is still closed, I will provide vouchers for an upcoming breakfast. As usual One Blood will also have something to give away. Remember that with the shut downs One Blood has had to cancel numerous events that they would normally carry out. Now is the time to sign up and step up to help the community.

For God and Country
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SAL Report

SAL membership for 2020 is currently at 90%. National has changed the 90% target date to May 13th and 100% to June 17th. So we have until the 17th to reach our goal of 100%. To do so we need 23 renewals/new members.



If you have not renewed your dues in the amount of \$20.00 please do so now. You can mail your dues into the Post to the attention of Val Mauer, 1st Vice Commander or drop it off to the bartender and request a receipt at the time of payment. I have been notified Detachment is raising our prorated share of contribution of dues paid for SAL membership effective 2021. I will bring this up in our May meeting under new business for discussion on raising SAL dues to offset the increase by Detachment. If you desire a say so in the matter then you need to be at the meeting. As of now all nominations for 2020/2021 officers positions have been accepted. Those are Commander, Tom Harris; 1st Vice Commander, Val Mauer; 2nd Vice Commander, Louis Pucci; Finance Officer, Jim Mullay; Chaplin, Johnny Quinn and Sgt. At Arms, Brandon Olinto. The final round of nominations will be held during our May meeting. If we are not able to hold our first Wednesday of the month meeting because of the Post shutdown then a determination as to when it can be rescheduled will be made. A special meeting will be held to finalize the elections but it must be done before June 1st. During this Covid-19 shut down period the Post has found this to be an opportune time to provide interior improvements within the lounge and hall. I would like to thank Legion Post Commander, Jim Welch and SAL Liaison Officer Richie Sours who have spearheaded these task in addition to the SAL volunteers who have spent enormous amount of hours working on these upgrades. I think the Post membership will be pleased how well it has turned out. Dinners for the month of May will not be scheduled in this month's calendar. However if the Post should be back open before the end of May then dinners will be posted

on the SAL bulletin board and for those who have access posted through emails or Facebook. Hope all are doing well, staying healthy and look forward to things getting back to normal.

For God & Country
Tom Harris, Commander

Auxiliary President's Report



Well April has come and gone. We have cancelled all parties and meals until further notice. Here is what has been put on hold until further notice; District Constitutional Conference (election

of District officers) our Unit May meeting (election of Unit officers) The National Convention has been cancelled and the National President will remain in position for another year. Our State Convention has been cancelled on the Legion side but I have no word as to the Auxiliary side.

I pray that you are safe and well. Remember to stay positive and keep in touch with your friends and relatives. If you know of a member who is not doing well please let me know –

arlingtonauxiliaryunit283@gmail.com If you are a member of at least two prior years and hold a 2020 membership card you may be eligible for assistance in paying your rent, mortgage or electric bill if you have lost your job, been furloughed or become ill due to COVID 19. This program is called AEF: Auxiliary Emergency Fund it also covers temporary shelter due to disasters such as hurricanes. You should exhaust all other means of support first (unemployment compensation, stimulus check etc...) You can contact the email address above and Megan Roberson our AEF Chairman will contact you.

I am staying tuned and planning to get busy as soon as we reopen. Please check our Facebook page for announcements. If you have not joined the page please do! The page name is: American Legion Auxiliary Unit 283.

My sincere best wishes,
Jane Lafferty, Unit President

Legion Rider Director's Report



First of all let me say that I sincerely hope that everyone from the Post 283 family is free of this "Covid 19" pandemic. I know we are all frustrated, angry and bored but as they say "this too shall pass".

At this time almost everything has been canceled or postponed. Realizing that our vendors and just individual

riders are closed down or out of work, and the time for financial recovery could be 6 to 12 months we have canceled our ride in September, 2020. We will now concentrate on 2021.

Elections for the ALR 283 will go on as planned even if it takes place by e-mail. At this time we only have one contested office (assist. Director) which we can vote on by email

I am sure everyone will be quite pleased with the overall appearance and upgrades that have been done to the post, big shout out to all those who have helped with this.

Looking forward to getting together again soon.
Phil

Post Service Officer Report

Last night I received a message from a friend who stated that a Vet needed assistance with their home. Pictures showed a yard in disarray and plastic covering the roof. I am now in the process of gathering resources to help this Vet who lives in the Arlington area. Please join, if you haven't already, our Facebook site American Legion Florida 283 for updates.

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In Memory of all who gave the ultimate sacrifice . . .

"In Flanders Fields"

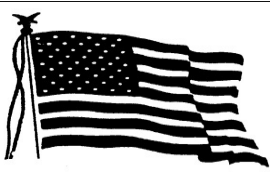
by John McCrae, May 1915

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now
we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

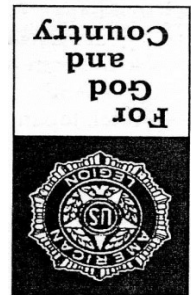
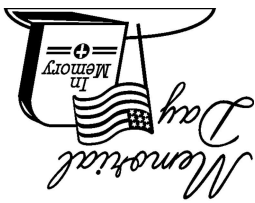




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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 <i>MOTHER'S DAY</i>	11	12	13	14	15	16 <i>ARMED FORCES DAY</i>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 <i>MEMORIAL DAY</i>	26	27	28	29	30
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