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## Commander's Report



June is over, and we are into summer.

The Post observed Flag Day on the 14th of June.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered during the shutdown you did an outstanding job.

The Post opened June 5<sup>th</sup> we will be operating at 50% capacity until the Governor changes the percentage limits.

I hope we will be serving food by the end of June. BINGO is back on Thursdays at 6:30 pm. One of our Member owns a food truck called the BBQ Barn you can check his schedule at [bbqbarnjax.com](http://bbqbarnjax.com) too see when he's at the Post

I would like to ask all family members if you have a suggestion, comment or problem to voice it the correct way by bringing it to the attention of the organization you're a member of Legion, Auxiliary or Son of the Legion. The correct way would be bringing it up at your meeting. If it something dealing with the Legion the way to voice your concern is to put on the agenda for the next meeting posted on the Legion board and present it at the next meeting. Putting something in the Legion box at the bar without identifying yourself is not the correct way. This is American Legion Jim J Gilles Post 283 not a Lodge.

Election Legion Officers took place June 13<sup>th</sup>. I would like to congratulate our new Officers for 2020-2021 Year:

- Commander Jim Welch,
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Rob Dovel,
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander John Sours, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander Dan Brown, Finance Officer Bill Curnutte,
- Sgt-at-Arms David Brown,
- Asst Sgt-at-Arms Michael Short, Historian Carl Ocampo,
- Chaplain John Hugus,

Executive Committee Larry Collier, Phil Jansen, John Lang, Bruce Fister and Dean Altizer.

Board of Directors John Sours and JP Paterson

Installation of the newly elected Officers for 2020-2021 will be held July 11<sup>th</sup> 1pm.

I would like to thank all of you for making Post 283 the best Post in the Department of Florida.

Come by and see all your friends.

For God and Country  
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## 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Report

I want to welcome everyone back! It has been along 2 ½ months but we are moving forward. While we are moving forward with the processes that are in place, please respect the CDC guidelines and the Governors protocol for operations as we are operating at 50% capacity. I want to thank everyone for their hard work this year on membership. July starts our new fiscal year 2021 with new goals and new memberships. If you would like to renew early and have your 2021 Early Bird membership card you can renew with myself or Nancy Senter. If you have any questions you can contact myself or Nancy at [newsletterpost283@yahoo.com](mailto:newsletterpost283@yahoo.com). You can also go online to renew by visiting [www.legion.org/renew](http://www.legion.org/renew), just make sure you click on Post 283. 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
- o "Until a time later determined by the Federal Government "

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### **2nd Vice Report**

I want to wish all of the Legion family a Happy 4th of July. While we are still slowly opening, still have no idea when Friday night steak/fish night will happen. Until next newsletter check the website for updates. We do have bingo on Thursday nights, cards start selling at 6 pm and the games start at 6:30 pm. While we may not be cooking food, there will be a food truck to sell food. This will be my last newsletter as 2nd vice. The next one will be me as 3rd vice. I learned a lot and I enjoyed my year as 2nd vice.

Daniel Brown, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice

### **3rd Vice Report**

As most of you know Boy's State was cancelled this year. Our Commander was able to get a refund on costs of sponsoring young men to this great program. To that end we are giving each of the seven boys the money that was going to be used for attending. Congratulations to all these fine young men.

With the post partially opened I am scheduling a Flag Retirement Ceremony for July 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. I hope to have the support of the Post 283 Legion Family as we are seriously backed up with flags. Anyone that can come out and just spend some time assisting would be appreciated.

The next Blood Drive is July 19<sup>th</sup>. Maybe we can get those great Sunday morning breakfasts that SAL and the Auxiliary do back on the calendar.

Congratulations to Dan Brown as the next 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice. I am sure he will do a great job but he definitely needs all of our support.

For God and Country  
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### **SAL Report**



Our year end Membership for 2019/2020 is 102%. Congratulations to First Vice Commander Val Mauer for a fantastic job working so hard to have reached our 100% goal, plus. We should by the end of June receive our 2021 membership cards so renewals will begin in July. I encourage all to renew their dues as quickly as possible as this makes Val's job much easier. Installation of 2021/2022 SAL Officer's will be held at the Post on Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM. All elected officer's need to attend to be sworn in. We have been given the go ahead to have dinners again so refer to the July calendar for dates and meals to be served. Now that the Post has reopened I want to thank all those SAL members and others who spent so many volunteer hour providing upgrades within the lounge area and hall. Just look around and you will see the difference. We still have a little work to do outside and cleaning out the garage and will need volunteers. Richie Sours, incoming Second Vice Commander for the Legion will post notice as to when this will take place. For those who are able please come out and let's get err done.

For God & Country  
 Tom Harris, Commander

### **Auxiliary President's Report**



This is my last Newsletter article as your Unit President. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve you this crazy year! We started off with a hurricane and ended with a pandemic. What a roller coaster ride! Throughout we raised money and supported good causes like Honor Flight and Masking Strides Against Breast Cancer: All because of you and your support! Thanks to everyone who supported either by serving in or patronizing our events!

I would like to thank a few special members who really rolled up their sleeves and helped out tremendously this year: Megan Roberson - Girl Friday, what can I say but THANKS!!! Ella Rae Jansen Treasurer EXTRAORDINAIRE and the BACONATER always there when you need her! Vicki Compton the "Octopus" and Elizabeth Lowy the "Pancake Queen" key elements in our Breakfast Crew. Newer volunteers Chrissy Gibson and Ann Roden, thanks ladies for diving in and getting involved! Mari Gierock was the Bingo dinner gourmet chef! Nancy Paterson, our Membership Chairman kept our numbers up. Then there's Patti Hill the energizer bunny, takes a lickin' and keeps on tickin'! What a group!

I am happy to report that we have started back on the road to normalcy with Bingo dinners and live meetings again! Our next meeting is scheduled for July 8th Executive Committee at 6:00 and General Membership at 7:00 pm Come on and say "Hey"!

Saturday, July 11th is our Post Installment of Officers; at that point I say "Good bye" and Nancy Paterson says "Hello". I hope you all come out and wish her the best!

For God and Country  
Jane Lafferty, Unit 283 President

### **Legion Rider Director's Report**



Hello Riders, as we celebrate our 244<sup>th</sup> year as a free nation, the new Legion year begins. We will be facing new challenges both in health and in civility. With that said let get this party started. We will be doing dinners again, going on rides, providing Honor escorts for the fallen. Our next meeting will be July 11<sup>th</sup> at 0900 followed by a BLESSING OF THE BIKES. Then at 1300, I'll be stepping in officially as the Director at installation. I'm looking forward to a great year, I hope you are too. At the June meeting, Phil started the meeting with almost 40 members present. Red shirt rider Friday start July 31<sup>st</sup>. Come get a dinner or two and support the post and the Riders. The riders donated \$200 and hosted a stop for the (District 5) Chapter 372 ride on June 14<sup>th</sup>. This fund raiser is to benefit other post in the district that may be in need. A Big Thank you to 372 for getting that together and including our post. Much more to come.

Rodney Fullwood Jr.  
Chapter 283, Director

### **Post Service Officer Report**

The Florida Department Commander put his muscle behind the goal of raising \$75,000 for Project: VetRelief and COTA. The great news is the current funds raised is over \$150,000. As a Service Officer I have put numerous Veterans in for this program and was very successful in Project: VetRelief granting money to pay bills, repair cars, and other issues. Nice job to everyone who donated to these causes. COTA is an organization solely dedicated to raising life-saving dollars for transplant-needy children and young adults.

Update on the masks for the USS Nimitz is that they were sent over 5,000 masks from across the country. I received numerous "thank you" emails and notes from a bunch of service

members. They were extremely grateful for the outpouring of support.

I try to keep our garage stocked with various DME equipment to include wheelchairs, scooters, walkers, shower chairs to name a few. Recently I was able to get two wheelchairs although one needs some repairs. If you know of a Veteran or their family that needs DME equipment please contact me. If I don't have it I might be able to find it. Also, if you take some of the equipment out of the garage please let me know so I can replace it.

The Veterans Service Office in City Hall had closed down due to Covid-19. They have recently reopened the office as they were advising Veterans only via phone calls. Appointments are now being taken by the office. So, if you have a claim or want to file one, contact me and I will assist you in getting what you need.

I have heard that there will be changes made to the west side of the Veterans Memorial Wall. I understand that "verbiage" is done for the west side of the wall. I have not seen the verbiage nor do I know exactly what the Veterans Council of Duval County is proposing but as soon as I find out I will let everyone know.

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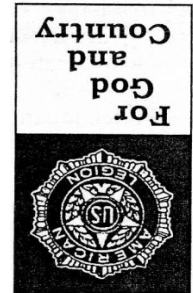




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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS</b>		1 SAL MEETING 7:00 PM	2 ALA BURRITOS 5:30 – 7:00  BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	3	4 <i>NO OPEN HOUSE FLAG</i> RETIREMENT 6PM KARAOKE 7PM
5 NO BREAKFAST	6	7 SAL PIZZA 5:30 – 7:30 PM  TRIVIA 7-9 PM	8 ALA MEETINGS EXEC – 6:00 PM GENERAL – 7PM	9 ALA TUNA NOODLE CASSEROLE 5:30 – 7:00  BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	10 LEGION STEAK/FISH NIGHT 6 – 7:30	11 INSTALLATION 1PM CHEESESTEAK SUBS & FRIES AFTER ALR MEETING 9AM KARAOKE 7PM
12 SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00	13 LEGION MEETINGS EXEC 6:00 PM GENERAL 6:30PM	14 SAL BACON CHEESEBURGERS 6:00 – 7:30 PM  TRIVIA 7-9 PM	15	16 ALA PULLED PORD SALADS 5:30 – 7:00  BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	17 SAL FISH FRY 6 – 7:30	18  <i>SEEBEE MTG</i> 11AM – 1PM  <i>KARAOKE 7PM</i>
19 ALA BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00	20	21 SAL MEATBALL SUBS 6:00 – 7:30 PM  TRIVIA 7-9 PM	22	23 ALA SALAD BAR 5:30 – 7:00  BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	24 ALA BAKED CHICKEN DINNER 6 – 7:30	25  <i>KARAOKE 7PM</i>
26 SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00	27 CUB SCOUTS 7:00	28 ALA XMAS IN JULY TURKEY DINNER 6:00 – 7:30 PM TRIVIA 7-9 PM	29	30 ALA BAKED HAM 5:30 – 7:00  BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	31 ALR SAUSAGE & RED BEANS & RICE 6 – 7:30	

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