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## Commander's Report



Here we are going into March now we have a Vaccine for the COVID-19 virus, but it still looks like it will be some time before everyone will be inoculated. So, we are still

having to do the social distancing, hopefully sometime this year we can get somewhat back to normal. We had a calendar full of events last month. Started off with the Legion roast Pork dinner on the 5<sup>th</sup> the ALA had a wonderful Valentine's dinner on the 12<sup>th</sup> and we ended the month with the ALR Annual Chili Cook off.

Starting this month ever Saturday from 1 to 4pm we will have a tap TV Trivia challenge. The winner of each round will receive one free drink chip, If Post 283 ranks #1 as a venue, the top three players will receive a drink chip. So, come out and play some afternoon Trivia. It is free to play, all you need is your smartPhone to download the tap TV app.

Registration is now open for the 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual Department of Florida American Legion Convention at the Orlando World Center Marriott from July 1<sup>st</sup> - July 4<sup>th</sup>. The phone number is (888) 789-3090. For more information go to the Legion website.

It's that time of the year for Election Nominations. Nominations will be on March 8<sup>th</sup>, April 12<sup>th</sup>, and May 10<sup>th</sup> at the general membership meetings. Elections will be on June 12<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. till 5 p.m. all you need to do is stop by the Post with your 2021 card to vote. Thank you for all your support!

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## 2nd Vice Report

Friday March 5th, the Legion will be serving a Baby Back Rib dinner from 6:00-7:30. Any leftover slabs will be sold after the meal on a first come, first served basis.

Live Bands return this month every Friday starting at 7pm. Check the calendar for band names and dates.

Starting in March, every Saturday from 1-4pm, the winner of each TapTV Trivia game will get a FREE DRINK. If Post 283 finishes in 1st place as a venue, the top three finishers get a free drink. It's free to play, just download the TapTV App on your smartphone and join in the fun.

Survey Says is on the 17th. We will be serving cheeseburgers & fries from 6:00-7:30. Join us for some fun and food.

Live Bingo is going strong every Thursday at 6:30pm. The ALA serves a meal from 5:30 to 7:00. Menus are on the calendar and web at [Floridalegion283.org](http://Floridalegion283.org).

Trivia with Jim Mullay is popular on Tuesday nights at 7pm. Meals will be served from 6:00-7:30. Check the calendar or go to [Floridalegion283.org](http://Floridalegion283.org) for all the menus.

Karaoke starts at 7pm every Saturday. Come on out and join the fun. The more you drink, the better we sound. I'll see you at the Post!

Richie Sours  
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## SAL Commander's Report

We are moving later in the year and are still short on our membership renewals. Presently at 77%, so we need to make a concerted effort for those who have not submitted for your 2021 membership card to

do so now. Please drop off your dues to the bartender and ask for a receipt or you can mail in your dues to the attention of Val Mauer, First Vice, SAL Squadron 283, 9459 Ft. Caroline Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32225. Starting with the first meeting in March we will start nominations for 2021/2022 officers. If you are interested in holding an officer's position, please attend the meeting. You will need to be there to accept. Detachment requires we hold three consecutive meetings for nominations. The second and third rounds will be in April and May meetings. If there is no competition for any of the positions, then the final vote cast will occur at the May meeting. Second Vice is always looking for volunteers. So, if you have an interest in pitching in please contact Louis Pucci.

For God & Country  
Tom Harris, Commander

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



Happy St. Patrick Day  
Welcome to March madness!!!!  
This weather is crazy this pass month, hopefully it will calm down a bit.

February 10<sup>th</sup>, we voted in another new member Judy McDonald and her husband was voted in at the Legionnaires meeting Monday.

Nominations have begun for 2021 - 2022 fiscal year. Our nomination committee is Linda Nogle as chairperson, Wendy LeBarron and Heidi Tyler. If you are interested in running for any of the Officer positions, please let them know or you can write your name on the Nomination sheet located on the Auxiliary Bulletin Board.

Our St. Patrick Dinner will be March 12, 2021 at 6-7:30 pm. It will be corn beef, cabbage, and carrots plus more.

Check out the menu this month. We have a lot of different food items that you would probably never cook for yourself. So, come and join us. The food is great.

For the whole month of March we are now collecting ink pens for the Domiciliary in Lake City, FL so if you have any pens just drop them off at the post and put them in the red cart.

Mari and her crew Linda Nogle, Patty Trauthwein, Michael & John Hassell, and Sandra Story put out a fantastic Valentines Dinner on February 12, 2021.

Carmen Roden has been doing a fantastic job in Veterans Affairs, & Rehabilitation (VA & R) by collecting different items for Domiciliary, Stand down, also our Thanksgiving & Christmas baskets with the help of Vicki & Dennis Compton, Patty Trauthwein, Brenda Findley, Penny, Bettiemae Kitchens along with the Jim J. Dotson Foundation and Christine Gibson.

Janice Dixon who has stepped up to the plate to be Community Service chair. She has made it happen by collecting for the clean empty amber bottles, Rethreaded t-shirt, setting up Farm Share which will be coming up in June, collecting food for Arlington Community Center & Jim J. Dotson Foundation in their time of need.

The Auxiliary Breakfast crews. Elizabeth & Mark Lowy, Vicki & Dennis Compton, Linda Nogle, Nancy Chandler, Carolyn Brown, Lynn, Nancy Deaton, Patty Trauthwien, Heidi Tyler, Nancy Senter, Yvette Moore, Josiah Moore, Brenda Findley, Linda Hartford, Sylvia Curnutte, Anne DeVore, Sue Conley, Leah Cooter, and JP.

For our Tuesday Dinners & Thursday Dinners, Wendy LeBarron, Mari Gierok, Courtney Mullen, Linda Nogle, Janice Dixon, Heidi Tyler, Patty Trauthwein, Nancy Senter, April Whisman, Carolyn Jensen, Nancy Chandler, Carmen Roden, Elizabeth Lowy, Brenda Findley, Bettiemae Kitchens & her crew from the Jim J. Dotson Foundation, Michael Hassell, Jessica, Ianna, Michelle Johnson, and Tanya Seymour-Keefe.

Thank you to everyone that has been supporting the Auxiliary with their contributions on everything that we have been collecting for our veterans, Ronald McDonald, Humane Society, military families, and our local pantries that helps feed the needs of many people.

For God, Country, & Veterans  
Nancy Paterson  
283 Unit President

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



Hello Post Family, It is March Madness! Our general meeting will be the 6<sup>th</sup> at 0900. March 21<sup>st</sup> Veteran Suicide Prevention Rally sponsored by Rolling Thunder. March 26<sup>th</sup> is Red shirt rider Friday Mardi Gras Dinner. Coming on April 3<sup>rd</sup> Children and Youth Picnic in Titusville. The annual campout is scheduled for April 9, 10 and 11<sup>th</sup>. A signup sheet will be on the board next to the flyer. This will take place during the round robin event that is sponsored by the Legion to support Project Vet Relief and suicide prevention. The campout is an open event to anyone who likes to campout under the stars. The riders will begin planning our Annual Poker run to sponsor K-9 Line September 21.

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## **Post Service Officer Report**

The Military Times just put out an article this morning about a retiree's wife's checking to see if you are still covered under Tricare Select. Really not a bad idea.

"I would highly recommend anyone who believes they are enrolled in Tricare Select to verify their enrollment is active, or at least verify the monthly withdrawal is happening as expected," said Constance Hathaway. On Feb. 8, the day before a scheduled medical procedure, she and her husband — an Army retiree — discovered they [no longer had health insurance](#) through Tricare West — although they had set up their automatic payment in October.

As of Jan. 1, working-age retirees in Tricare Select are required by law to pay new enrollment fees of \$12.50 per month for individuals or \$25 per month for family coverage. These retirees were required to set up a payment process by allotment, or automatic payments through electronic funds transfers from a bank account, debit card or credit card. This does not affect retirees who are in Tricare for Life, Tricare Prime, or those using a premium-based plan. Nor does it

affect active-duty families on Tricare Select, survivors of deceased active-duty members, or medically retired veterans and family members.

As of this writing I have three projects I am working on. Some you can assist, and some are waiting for long term answers.

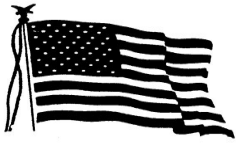
1. We have a Legion member who needs a wheelchair ramp and small patio. Our SAL Commander, Tom Harris, is getting a material list together and then we will be looking for volunteers to assist in the build. Also, the member has several trees that need to be taken down so we are looking for a professional to volunteer their time on this one.

2. By the time you read this hopefully we will have moved a metal carport for another Legion family member. She is getting a new mobile home and it needs to be moved to pull the old one out and put the new one in. After the new mobile home is moved in we will need assistance in putting it back and secured. If you are on Facebook, you can check on Legion 283 on dates and progress.

3. There is a military family in Atlantic Beach where the retired husband has ALS. The wife, also a Navy Veteran, applied to the VA for a Specially Adapted Housing Program (SAHP). Unfortunately, the contractor modifying the house was dishonest and now the work is at a halt awaiting a lawsuit. Meanwhile the VA and Eldersource have pulled the support from the Veteran's Directed Care (VDC) program that provides home and community-based services where the caregiver is experiencing a burden. Because Chris, the husband, is bedridden with ALS, he uses his eyes and a laptop to communicate, this has provided a huge burden on the wife. I am working to try to either restore the services or find other means to provide the services.

For things we accomplished last month, we provided two wheelchairs to the Honor Flight program, a small aluminum wheelchair ramp to a veteran in Green Cove Springs, and the Auxiliary stepped in to provide food to a needy Veteran family. The Legion family takes care of others and I am grateful for your support.

For God and Country  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS</b>	1	2 SAL PIZZA 5:30 – 7:30  TRIVIA 7-9 PM	3 SAL MEETING 6:30 PM	4 ALA Bratwurst, mac & cheese, mix veggies 5:30 – 7:00 <b>BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM</b>	5 Legion Baby Back Ribs 6:00- 7:30  Maybees	6 ALR Meeting 9AM  KARAOKE 7PM BRISTOL
7 SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00	8 LEGION MEETINGS EXEC – 6:00PM GEN'L – 6:30PM	9 SAL BACON CHEESEBURGER & FRIES 6:00 – 7:30 PM  TRIVIA 7-9 PM	10 ALA MEETINGS EXEC – 6:00 PM GENERAL – 7PM	11 ALA Stuffed Chicken Breast w/ rice pilaf 5:30 – 7:00 <b>BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM</b>	12 ALA St Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage & Carrots 6:00- 7:30 <b>Double Down</b>	13  KARAOKE 7 PM JIM & DEBBIE
14 ALA Breakfast 8:30 – 11:00	15	16 SAL Pulled Pork Sandwiches & Chips 6:00 – 7:30 PM TRIVIA 7-9 PM	17 SURVEY SAYS 7PM CHEESEBURGERS & FRIES 6 – 7:30	18 ALA Sausage & potato casserole & Tuna casserole 5:30 – 7:00 <b>BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM</b>	19 SAL Lasagna Dinner 6:00 – 7:30  Rocking Machine	20 CCW CLASS 9:00-2:00  KARAOKE 7PM BRISTOL
21 SAL BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00	22	23 ALA Taco Smashed Potatoes & Taco Soup 6:00 – 7:30 PM TRIVIA 7-9 PM	24	25 ALA Chicken Wings, Potato Salad, beans, & Slaw 5:30 – 7:00 <b>BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM</b>	26 ALR Mardi Gras Dinner 6 – 7:30 <b>Black Water Swamp</b>	27  KARAOKE 7 PM JIM & DEBBIE
28 ALA BREAKFAST 8:30 – 11:00	29	30 ALA Meatball Subs 6:00-7:30  TRIVIA 7-9 PM				



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