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Commander's Report



Commander's Report

Hello, I hope everyone is doing well. It has been a busy time at the Post with the Riders Chili cook off, ALAs St Patrick's Day dinner and

party, and the Mardi Gras Party all were very good thank you for all your hard work.

APRIL 24th, we are having a legion cleanup day that will start at around 7:30 a.m. We need the support from our Legion family to come out and make our Legion beautiful, all your help is greatly appreciated.

The 102nd Annual Department of Florida American Legion Convention will be held at The Orlando World Center Marriott from July 1st -July4th. To make a reservation call (888) 789-3090 and make sure you ask for the Legion group of rooms. For more information you can go to the website, floridalegion.org. The flyer and itinerary are also posted on the bulletin board 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 Sons of the Legion. The correct way would be bringing it up at your meeting. If it is something dealing with the Legion, the way to voice your concern is to put it 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.

Nominations for next year's Legionnaire Officers were accepted at the last general membership meeting and will continue April 12th and May 10th during our General Membership Meeting. May will be the last

opportunity for nominations. Elections will be June 12th from 7am until 5pm. Nominees so far are: Commander –Aaron Tyler, Randy Whisman, 1st Vice –JP Paterson, 2nd Vice –open, 3rd Vice –open, Finance Officer – Bill Curnutte, Sgt-at-Arms – David Brown, Asst Sgt-at-Arms – Shawn Michael, Historian – Carl Ocampo, Chaplain – John Hugus, Executive Committee – John Lang, Dean Altizer, Board of Directors – Wesley McMillan. Phil Jansen, Jim Wallace

If you have not renewed for 2021, please do so and help us reach our goal of 100% + 1 by May 2nd

Also, due to the Coronavirus, please do not come to the post if you are feeling sick or have flu like symptoms. Please take care of yourself. This is for the safety of our employees, and all our Legion family.

Thank you for all your support!

For God and Country

Jim Welch Post 283 Commander

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2nd Vice Report

Friday April 2nd, the Legion will be serving BBQ Chicken, potato salad, baked beans, bread, and dessert from 6:00-7:30. Live music by Spektra starting at 7pm.

Trivia Challenge 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 21st. 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.

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 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.

Richie Sours
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SAL Commander's Report

In addition to general business, April's meeting will be our second round of nominations for 2021/2022 Squadron officers. If you're interested in holding a position as an officer please be there for acceptance if you are nominated. May's meeting will be the third and final round of nominations which is required by Detachment. Afterwards, the vote will be cast for those who have accepted. The positions are Commander, 1st Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander, Finance Officer, Chaplin and Sergeant at Arms. At present, the Squadron is approximately 75 % membership renewals/new members. If you have not renewed your 2021 membership please do so now. Dinners are going well as we experience an increase in attendance. I would like to thank all our Legion members and their guests who continue to support the Squadron's dinner events. Additionally, a job well done goes to those volunteers who step up week after week supporting Louis Pucci, 2nd Vice Commander as well as the Squadron. Upon popular demand, I have placed an order for twenty "Squadron 283, Jacksonville, Florida" navy blue ball caps which should arrive within the next few weeks. The cost per cap is \$20.00. If you would like to purchase one please come see me. This will be a first come first served.

For God & Country
Tom Harris, Commander

Auxiliary President's Report



Welcome to **Spring!!** Hope everyone enjoyed their Easter with family & or friends.

March 10, 2021 at our general meeting we voted in two ladies:

Brandy Saunders (eligible by her husband, Alan Saunders)
Valerie Valls (eligible by her husband, John Valls, Jr.)
If you see them at the post make them welcome to 283.

APRIL IS CHILDREN & YOUTH MONTH

We are planning our **Easter Children's Party** on **April 10, 2021** from **1-3pm**. We will have crafts, games, and food. **Sign-up** your daughter, son, granddaughter, or grandson from the ages of newborn to twelve, the sheet is on the Auxiliary board.

April 17, 2021 starting at 9am SAL is going to have their fishing tournament, along with target shooting. Children **MUST be accompanied** by an adult or guardian. Fisher girls/boys must bring their own fishing poles and bait.

It has been **Two** years since we had the **Masonic Child Identification Event** at our post. They will start at 10:00am. Parents will be provided with a Free child protection kit. The kit, which helps with the identification and recovery of missing children, contains digital fingerprinting, digital photo, and data about the child on a disk.

Sign -up at the Post or contact Nancy Paterson.

April 17, 2021 9am – 5pm is the **YARD SALE/CRAFT SALE** going on. **10 x 10 space available -\$25.00** (supply **your own** tables, tents & supplies). Set up begins at 7am. If you want to do some spring cleaning now is the time to start getting things ready, clean, and price or if you have some crafts that you would like to sell, now is your time. Sign up sheet is on the Auxiliary board or for more information call Brenda Findley by April 14, 2021.

Post 283 collected 157lbs of food to be distributed to our local Arlington Community Center & Jim J. Dotson Foundation. Plus, the gardening drawing raffle also had given them both over \$300.00 each.

We are still going strong collecting the label free, clean amber pill bottles.

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

Legion Rider Director's Report



Hello Post Family,
April is here, time has changed
and riding weather is upon us.
April is Round Robin Month for
the Dept. Of Fl. We are raising

funds for Children and Youth Legion Programs. There will be a Children and Youth Picnic on the 3rd, this takes place in Titusville FL. The Central Ride in on April 10 in Seminole Florida. The Unity Ride is coming to Post 283. On Thursday, the 22nd, we will host the Unity Riders participating in the ride with a hot meal as they come through Jacksonville. Then we'll finish the month with a Red Shirt Rider Friday dinner on the 23rd. April 24 is the State Rally in Kissimmee FL. There will be a gun raffle to raise funds for Project Vet Relief. It's a great time to be a member of the ALR. There are many miles ahead of us. At this time there are 115 members and an average attendance of 40 at our meetings. Still the best Chapter in the Fifth District.

Officer Nominations have started for the 2021-2022 year and it's looking good. Our next meetings will be April 3 and May 1.

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Post Service Officer Report

Well, it's that time of the year as we start elections for the upcoming year. I am stepping down as Service Officer this year and am asking for your vote for 1st Vice. Knowing there are a lot of great people in the Legion who can fill my shoes, I will step up to assist any member that wants to help other Veterans.

Although the position is not an elected one and is appointed and approved by the Executive Board, I think it fills a great need for not only our Legion Family but also for the community. Should you have any questions please contact me and I will answer each one.

As the VA moves more toward electronic files and information, I wanted to make sure everyone knew about the site EBenefits...

(<https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/homepage>) There are some answers there and if you haven't already you might want to register on the website. When you look at Manage Benefits you might see some programs that you were not aware of. Also, this is a good way to check on changes that the VA has made for certain medical conditions, geographic locations and other benefits. If you are unsure about the site, you can always contact me and I will be glad to assist. The VA, like most government agencies, has a form for everything. One of the most common questions I get is for burial benefits. The form number is VA Form 21P-530 and can be downloaded and printed for your use. In general, eligibility is


- 1) Non-service-connected burial allowance,
- 2) Service -connected burial allowance, and
- 3) VA Medical Center Death burial allowance.

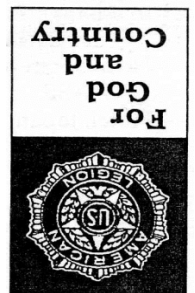
Please read the instructions carefully as not all expenses are covered. And lastly as a reminder, you do not need to be a Legion Member or part of the Legion Family to ask for assistance. So please, if you know of a Vet or their family that needs assistance give them my name and number. For God and Country

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American Legion Jim J. Gilleo Post 283 April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS				1 ALA Hot Beef w/Au Jus sandwiches 5:30 – 7:00 BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	2 Legion BBQ Chicken, potato salad, & baked beans 6:00- 7:30 Spektra	3 ALR Meeting 9AM KARAOKE 7PM BRISTOL
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11 ALA Breakfast 8:30 – 11:00	12 LEGION MEETINGS EXEC – 6:00PM GEN'L – 6:30PM	13 SAL Bacon Cheeseburgers 6:00 – 7:30 PM TRIVIA 7-9 PM	14 ALA MEETINGS EXEC – 6:00 PM GENERAL – 7PM	15 ALA Salisbury Steak & More 5:30 – 7:00 BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	16 ALA Spaghetti, spaghetti squash w/meatballs 6:00 – 7:30 DBW	17 9am Kid's fishing, target shooting, games, & more KARAOKE 7PM BRISTOL
18 SAL Breakfast 8:30 – 11:00	19	20 SAL Philly Cheese Steaks 6:00 – 7:30 PM TRIVIA 7-9 PM	21 SURVEY SAYS 7PM CHEESEBURGER & FRIES 6 – 7:30	22 ALR Smoked Pork Butts Dinner 5:30 – 7:00 BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	23 ALR Pulled Pork Jambalaya 6:00 – 7:30 Hittin the Bed	24 Post Cleanup 7:30am KARAOKE 7 PM JIM & DEBBIE
25 ALA Breakfast 8:30 – 11:00	26	27 ALA Chicken Salad Sandwiches 6:00 – 7:30 PM TRIVIA 7-9 PM	28	29 ALA Taco Salad 5:30 – 7:00 BINGO BEGINS AT 6:30PM	30 ALA Fried Chicken, potato salad, beans, slaw 6:00-7:30 Band on the Run	



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