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PALISADES POST 283 - THE AMERICAN LEGION

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Post meets the 3rd Wednesday each month

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Jr. Past Commander: Kevin Niles: Finance Officer: Hal Vieau : Historian: Don Segel

Adjutant: Scott Erickson Judge Advocate: Jay McCann Chaplain: Lou Cozolino

Service Officer: John Johansen Sgt-at-Arms: Frank Palladino

Executive Committee Members

Everett Maguire-3

Lou Cozolino-2

Eric Measles -1

Emil Wroblecki-3

Bill Branch-2

Lee Barksdale -1

Reflecting on the past year, On the one hand, I believe the Post can be proud of some remarkable achievements, but, of course, on the other hand we did not get around to all that we would have liked.

However, I am confident that in the coming year we will continue to strive to do everything possible to continue to support the four pillars of the American Legion.

In addition it is imperative for our Post and for the American Legion's long-term survival that we increase our membership. But this is a daunting challenge because so many American youth no longer are required to serve in the military, and sadly the Veterans of WWII, Korea, and Vietnam are leaving us in ever increasing numbers.

This past year we have been concentrating on recruiting local reservists, local active duty personnel, and young returning veterans attending schools on the GI Bill. But these young people have a lot going on in their lives and to be successful we need to recognize that to attract them we need to insure that joining the Post is a meaningful, rewarding experience.

In the June 2013 issue of the American Legion Magazine is an article entitled "A Tale of Two Posts" which details the success of two Legion Posts. Post 56 had fallen to just 22 members in the mid-2000s and the article details how they have increased membership to 243 members. Post 24's membership was stuck at 500 and idling. The article goes on to explain that membership has increased to over 700 Legionnaires and that nearly 250 have served in uniform since September 11,2001, and they attribute these results to a change in culture which is explained in detail.

I also believe a excellent source of new members are veterans who have recently retired and do not want to play golf all day. However, when such individuals are identified, it is so important that they be shown all the different things we do and the innumerable opportunities that are available for making a difference.

One of my most enjoyable pursuits has been to identify members who due to their age find it difficult to come to meetings and visit them at their homes, hear some of the most amazing war stories, and provide books that I know they will enjoy. I mention this as an example of the kinds of things one can do to make being a member so worthwhile.

In closing, I do appreciate all the help and support I have received during my term as your Commander and I wish you all fair winds and a following sea in the coming years.

Kurt Hiete Commander

Palisades Post 283 The American Legion

Calendar of Events

~ June 2013 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 EXERCISE CLASS EXEX COMMITTEE	5	6 EXERCISE CLASS AUX BINGO	7	8
9 BOYS STATE ORIENTATION DINNER 5pm	10	11 EXERCISE CLASS BINGO VA	12	13 EXERCISE CLASS	14 FLAG DAY Lunch Cal Vet Home 12pm	15
16 FATHERS DAY	17	18 EXERCISE CLASS	19 COMPUTER CLASS POST MEETING INSTALLATION OF 2013-14 OFFICERS	20 EXERCISE CLASS	21 BOYS ST DELEGATES DEPART 9:30PM	22
23	24	25 EXERCISE CLASS	26 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION PALM SPRINGS	27	28	29 BOYS ST DELEGATES RETURN 7AM
30	Notes: BOYS STATE DELEGATES ASSEMBLE JUNE 21 BUS DEPARTS 9:30PM DEPARTMENT CONVENTION JUNE 27- JUNE 30, 2013 POST CLOSED					

1st Vice Commander- Dave Borgeson

The results of the Membership Drive for Palisades Post 283 are as follows:

Goal established – 632

Paid Membership - 588

Percentage of Goal – 93.04

2nd Vice Commander – Wayne Hays

As we come to the end of this Legion Year, I wish to thank all those members who supported our 'Big Band' dinner/dances this past year. I hope you all feel that you had a special experience, and will continue support our dances in the future. I especially want to thank Emil Wroblicky for his invaluable help in finding the bands and arranging the dates and times. Just a reminder – when you renew your American Legion Membership this year, please send or take your renewal payment to Post 283. If you use the on-line capability at the National web-site The Post may be delayed in knowing of your renewal.

I have a holiday trip planned so I will not be at the June Post meeting for installation of officers. I hope that many of you can be there to attend the installation of our new slate of officers.

I hope to see many of you as we go forward to the New Year.

Heard Around the Post:

Lt Col Edwin Ramsey:

June 28, 2013 former Post 283 member Lt Col (ret) Edwin Price Ramsey, recipient of the Silver Star and Distinguished Service Cross will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery.

A graduate of Oklahoma Military Academy he volunteered to serve with the 26th Cavalry of the Philippine Scouts. Captured by the Japanese he later escaped and mobilized 40,000 Philippine guerrilla fighters to combat the Japanese threat. In 1942 on Bataan, he led the last mounted U.S. Horse Cavalry charge in U.S. history. A painting of this historic event commissioned by the U.S. Army hangs in the U.S. Cavalry Museum Fort Riley Kansas.

Palm Springs:

Convention Delegates are reminded that their first nights lodging at the Riviera has already been paid for by the Post. When checking out review your bill to be certain you have received credit for one nights stay.

A hearty welcome:

To our newest Post Member Michael Camarena. Michael recently transferred in from Santa Ana Post 131. He is a Department Service Officer working with Scott McKee (Post 131 Commander) at the Department Offices in the West Los Angeles Federal Building. He is eager to become actively involved in the activities of the Post and can be reached by e-mail at michael.camarena@va.gov.

Bulletin:

Articles and Officers messages to be published in upcoming issues of the Post bulletin must be submitted as an attachment to an e-mail message. Send messages to aide@post283.org.

Adjutants Report:

As we near the end of the current Legion Year I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the new and returning Post Officers for 2013-2014. You will soon assume the responsibility for the direction this Post will take. I encourage each of you to review the duties of the Office you are about to assume. These duties are clearly delineated in the American Legion Post Officers guide. I would further encourage each of you to become actively involved in Legion affairs at all levels, Post, District, Area and Department throughout the year. Especially important are the Department Executive Committee meetings and Conventions as these venues are where much business directly affecting The Post occurs. Attending these functions provides the opportunity to meet and confer with Department and National Officers, learn about your American Legion in depth and grow as a Legionnaire.

Please remember that as Adjutant I will always be available to assist you in the dispatch of your duties. Further I am heartened by the enthusiasm exhibited by the new leadership in their preparations to “hit the ground running” upon the change of command. By working in concert, combined with good leadership we can continue the grand tradition of Palisades Post 283 in “Carrying on for God and Country”.

Scott Erickson
Adjutant

Chaplains Report:

Dear Comrades, Our founding fathers had some wise ideas in their beliefs. The American Legion has recognized this and emphasizes the spiritual foundations upon which our nation rests. Wise Legionnaires believe God needs to be in the religious, social, economic and political life of our nation. Without God, there is no true Americanism.

Lou Cozolino
Chaplain Post 283

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Adjutant: Greg Frost	Historian: Rich Wilken - Asst. Frank Wiley
Sgt-at-Arms: Charles Curtis	Jr. Past Commander: Grant Ivey
Chaplain: Kelly Hornbaker	Sal Advisers: Lee Barksdale/Bob Ryan

Executive Committee Members

Bill Bliss -3	Kelly Hornbaker -3	Kevin Niles-1
Andy Mazzarella -1	Charles Curtis-2	Frank Wiley-2

SONS of American Legion June 2013

My Note— As we sneak into summer, I hope that everyone has some fun planned and I urge all of you to find just one special thing to do for a Vet. We all spend a lot of time planning family trips or making sure the kids have the right camps to go to, but how much time to we each spend helping Vets? If each member of Squadron 283 did one thing to help a Vet, that would be over 100 Vets helped. Take a Vet to lunch or buy them a cup of coffee, give them a ride to where they need to be, fix a rain gutter, buy them a book or just sit down and talk with them. You can find a Vet that would enjoy this, a number of different ways—from our Post, through our contacts at SMC or the VA. Spread your wings and give it a try. When you come to the next meeting, tell all of us how you helped, so we can all be motivated to do the same.

Our Next Meeting – This month’s meeting is a must attend meeting and a special day for us. We are doing a joint, new officer installment, meeting with the American Legion on **Wednesday, June 19th**. This is the meeting where our newly elected officers will be installed in their new positions. Please try and make it to show your support of the SONS and meet with some very special guest from the American Legion that have been asked to conduct the proceedings.

What we are doing— We are gearing up for the California state convention that is happening at the end of June. We have a great group of individuals from the E-Board going and hopefully we’ll bring back some new ideas on what we can to support or Vets and our organization. If you are interested in getting more involved and possible going to our State and National conventions, just talk with one of our officers.

Special Event--Our Jr. Past Commander, **Grant W. Ivey**, has come into some discounted USS Iowa Museum ship tickets. The tickets represent a 33% discount in the tour price and are good till December 31, 2013. If you are interested, please call Grant at (310) 392-1275.

From Kelly Hornbaker, Commander of Squadron 283. As most of you know, this is my last month as Commander of Squadron 283. I turn over the reins and gavel to **Tom Yeager**. **Tom** will make a great commander and I look forward to working with him in the coming year to expand everything that we do and to bring on great new programs to help Vets. Thank you for all of your support and help me welcome **Tom** to his new post at our joint installation meeting on June 19th.

Bring a new member to next meeting. Thank a Vet for their Service. See you around the Post.

Submitted by: Kelly Hornbaker - Squadron 283 Commander

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Musician: Ellie Bundy

Executive Committee: Billy Koenig & Maria Kidd

President's Report

June 2013

Unit 283 District 24

The close of the Auxiliary Year is a busy time for our members. All year end reports have been completed and sent in to the District President. Delegates have been selected for both the Department and National Conventions. Elections are completed and Unit 283 has a dynamic set of officers in place for 2013/2014.

All members are invited to attend the upcoming installation of Auxiliary Officers on Wednesday June 19. The ceremony follows the regular Post dinner. Please call the office to make reservations.

Many of Unit 283 members participated in a community service project hosted by the 3rd grade classes of Calvary Christian School. The event was held at the Post on April 22 and it involved the students interviewing and making friends with Auxiliary members as well as Post 283 participants.

As a reminder, scholarship applications are due to the office by June 30, 2013. Children and grandchildren of Auxiliary Unit 283 members are eligible to apply. The student must be currently attending college or entering in the fall. If you would like an application, please email Nancy Niles at palisadesnancy@gmail.com.

In closing, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of the unit members who have supported auxiliary activities during my two years as president. It has been an honor to work with such dedicated women and we managed to have a lot of fun along the way.

Nancy Niles President