



# AUGUST 2010

## BULLETIN

PALISADES POST 283 - THE AMERICAN LEGION

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Post meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month

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### POST 283 OFFICERS

**Commander: Paul Walquist 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Commander: Kevin Niles 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander: Kurt Hiete**

**Jr. Past Commander: John Johansen Finance Officer: Hal Vieau Historian: Don Segel**

**Adjutant: Bob Ryan Assistant Adjutant: Scott Erickson Judge Advocate: Everett Maguire**

**Chaplain: Dr. Mike Martini Service Officer: Joe Halper Sgt-at-Arms: Steve Bro**

#### *Executive Committee Members*

*Eric Measles -3*

*Emil Wroblecky – 2*

*Lou Cozolino – 1*

*Lee Barksdale -3*

*Everett Maguire – 2*

*Steve Dobrenchuk - 1*

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The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade was a great success. As well as providing funding to PAPA, our post also provided the Marine Marching Band, The Reviewing Officer, General Rex McMillan, the red white and blue float and lunch for 250 guests served by the Auxiliary at the open house after the parade. Many of our Legionnaires helped in the kitchen or served in many other ways.

Coming up September 25<sup>th</sup> the SALS and the Auxiliary will join forces to host the Fall Fling Dinner Dance, proceeds from which will benefit the Ride 2 Recovery. We should all give our support to their effort and make this a gala affair.

In October we once again will host the Ride 2 Recovery. This year the R2R will begin in San Francisco and culminate at the Santa Monica Pier. The participants are cyclists who have been severely wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan and use these rides to raise funds and as part of their rehabilitation.

Post 283 is providing lunch and beverages for the riders and Boy Scouts from Troop 223 will greet them with a flag salute as they complete their journey.

This summer many of the post's officers and executive committee members will travel as delegates to the DEC in Sacramento and the National Convention being held in Milwaukee Wisconsin. This will keep many of us busy learning and doing all the things that the American Legion is involved in. I will report back to you with the highlights when we return in September.

Paul Walquist, Commander

**CALENDAR of EVENTS**

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**AUGUST**

August 1 <sup>st</sup>	Saturday	24 <sup>th</sup> District Officers Installation	3:00 PM
August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tuesday	Executive Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
August 14 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday – Sunday	DEC @ Sacramento Location TBA	8:00 AM
August 18 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	NO REGULAR POST MEETING	
August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sunday	Red Cross Blood Drive @ the Post	9:00AM – 3PM
August 26 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday-Sunday	National Convention in Milwaukee	

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**SEPTEMBER**

September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Thursday	Return from Convention	
September 7 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Executive Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
September 14 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Computer class @ Post	10:00 AM
September 14 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Bingo at the West Los Angeles Hospital Post Van departs at 1:30 PM	2:00 PM
September 15 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Regular Post Meeting Social Hour Dinner Meeting	5:30 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Fall Dinner Dance Social Hour Dinner Dancing Begins	5:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM
September 27 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	24 <sup>th</sup> District Meeting Post283 Social Hour Dinner Meeting	5:30 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM

***“Dinner Reservations required by 4:00 PM one day in advance of all events”***  
*(Refunds only if cancellation received 24 hours in advance)*

### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander – Kevin Niles**

Membership cards and materials were provided to Post membership chairs at the California Convention in Fresno. A membership informational meeting is scheduled for July 31<sup>st</sup>, to provide techniques on recruiting and retention of members. The National Workshop is slated for August 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Bill Clapp will represent the Department at the meeting at which time New goals will be determined for the Posts. See you at Convention.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander – Kurt Hiete**

**Computer Class** –No class held in August, September class Usually the Fourth Tuesday of each Month will be held Tuesday 9/14/10, class begins at 10:00 AM

Joint Sons/ Auxiliary Fall Fling Dinner Dance September 25<sup>th</sup> Doors open at 5:30 PM. Mark your calendars and make your reservations. Proceeds to benefit Road 2 Recovery, Reserve your tickets early.

A firing range outing is being scheduled for September, contact Asst Adjutant for time and date.

### **Chaplain Mike Martini**

Mike DeHennis and Tim Leisen are back from hospital stays and are doing well . We are sorry to report Lee Barksdale broke his ankle, get well soon Lee.

Thelma Toles Past Auxiliary President and Past Department Commander Chuck Parnell are seriously ill and need our prayers.

Comrade Harold Boren has been called to Post Everlasting.

Doctor Mike Martini will be sponsoring another Red Cross Blood Drive here at the Post on Sunday, August 22, 2010, 9 AM- 3 PM. Call the office to sign up yourself, a relative or a friend.

**Thought for the Month** – A smile costs nothing but gives much.

### **Adjutant – Bob Ryan**

By the time you read this the American Legion 24<sup>th</sup> district summer Baseball program will have ended. This Year we had 14 teams. Six senior teams (17 and older) and eight junior teams (under 17). Seniors averaged 18 years of age the juniors 16. The teams were comprised of players from several high schools; Malibu, Beverly Hills, University, Windward, Fairfax and Loyola. Palisades and Santa Monica entered two teams each. Teams advancing to the District Senior A tournament were Santa Monica, Culver City and Westchester. Westchester went on to win the 6<sup>th</sup> Area Tournament by beating Culver City and teams from Lancaster and Palmdale. Advancing to the State Tournament at Yountville Westchester placed second behind Long Beach Wilson high, who will advance to the Regional Tournament at The University of Nevada Las Vegas.

On the “B” side Eastside high school (Lancaster) edged out Santa Monica to advance to Yountville. Game results were not available at time of publication.

All in all we were down this year in teams from the 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> districts: however the 20<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> districts carried on the American Legion Baseball tradition with great enthusiasm. The 14 teams within the 24<sup>th</sup> District represented approximately 252 high school boys playing baseball three days a week.

American Legion Winter Baseball will commence in October/November, watch your bulletin for the dates, times and places. Winter games will feature high school travel teams within the 20<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> districts playing on weekends.

**MONTHLY BULLETIN** Your Post is trying to update/correct all its members' current mailing addresses, Telephone numbers and E-Mail addresses. Should you know of a member who is not receiving the Bulletin either electronically or by US Mail please contact the Assistant Adjutant at [Aide@post283.org](mailto:Aide@post283.org), or phone (310) 454-0527.

Mark your calendars, the Boy's State representatives this year will be honored at our regular dinner meeting Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> 2010. Your Post sponsored seventeen attendees this year two of whom were outstanding representatives of this post. It will be interesting to hear about their Boy's State experiences at Cal State University Sacramento.

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<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Betty Tattan</b>	<b>Jr. Past President: Susie Johansen</b>
<b>Secretary/Treasurer: Ruth Hackney</b>	<b>Chaplain: Jean Renner-Manser</b>
<b>Parliamentarian: Nora Mastropieri</b>	<b>Historian: Alice Karl</b>
<b>Sgt-at-Arms: Maria Kidd</b>	<b>Marshall: Donna True</b>
<b><u>Executive Committee: Maxine Johnson &amp; Maria Kidd</u></b>	

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July was indeed a celebration! We in the Legion family have been blessed. Members of the Post along with the Auxiliary participated in the parade. We were at the head of the parade following the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division Band- it couldn't get any better than that. After the parade the community was welcomed to the post for food and drink. A good time was had by all. Thank you ladies for your part in preparing and serving the food and making it a special day. Thanks to Rolf Roth and Dale Van Vlack who served cheeseburgers hot off the grill to the Marines before the parade, the band returned to Camp Pendleton well fed.

Your help is needed for 2 very special events which are now being organized. We are working with the SALS planning the fall dinner dance, scheduled for September 25<sup>th</sup>. A flyer is included with this bulletin. Proceeds to benefit the Ride 2 Recovery. Please plan to attend this festive affair and send in your reservations early.

The Auxiliary has been asked to help with the Ride 2 Recovery on October 9<sup>th</sup>. This year's celebration will be held on the Santa Monica pier.

At the 2010 Awareness Assembly held in Washington D.C. National President Rita Navarette presented the Auxiliary's Public Spirit Award to Ride 2 Recovery. John Wordin, a former Marine, professional cyclist and founder accepted the award. Ride 2 Recovery is a nonprofit program that makes a difference in the lives of our wounded warriors by assisting in their physical and mental rehabilitation through cycling. Your help is needed.

Bingo is scheduled for Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at the VA. From 2:00-3:00 p.m.  
Call Jean Winship, Chairman, at (310) 454-2858 for information.

**August 9<sup>th</sup> Auxiliary District Meeting @ Post 283, Luncheon 12:00 Meeting 1:00 pm**

Five Auxiliary members will be attending the National Convention to be held in Milwaukee Wisconsin August 27<sup>th</sup> to Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> 2010.

**Vi Walquist, President**

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<b>Adjutant: Greg Frost</b>	<b>Historian: Hank Elder</b>
<b>Sgt-at-Arms: Alex Frost/Joey Elder</b>	<b>Jr. Past Commander: Frank Wiley</b>
<b>Chaplain: Kelly Hornbaker</b>	<b>Sal Advisers: Lee Barksdale/Bob Ryan</b>

**Executive Committee Members**

Hank Elder -3	Andy Mazarella -3	Scott Erickson-1
Kelly Hornbaker -1	Kevin Niles-2	Jim Yocum-2

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Greetings Sons! Thank you for nominating and electing me Commander of Squadron 283. I also want to thank all of the returning officers who have also agreed to dedicate some of their time and effort to help veterans, veteran families and veteran causes. We appreciate your support and look forward to expanding on our good work of the past several years.

I would appreciate it if you could send your best wishes and prayers to our SAL National Chaplain, Atwood Granberry. Atwood, who installed all of our new officers at the May meeting, has been diagnosed with leukemia.

It is with deepest sorrow that I report that our former Executive Board Member, Historian and beloved comrade Sal Foti passed away June 19<sup>th</sup>. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Sal's Family.

Alex Frost has sent out several more packages to our Adopt a Platoon in Afghanistan. We are currently out of supplies so more donations would be appreciated. They can be dropped at the Post during regular business hours. Items such as protein bars, other portable snacks, chapstick, hot chocolate packets, chewing gum, magazines, chips and hand sanitizers are always appreciated, as are games and personal letters of encouragement. Donated items should be put in bags marked SAL Adopt a Platoon.

We will not have a regular meeting this month. The Post is dark for the National Convention.

August 7&8 a limited number of VIP tickets to the Pt. Magu Air Show featuring the USAF Thunderbirds. On August 12, VIP slots to witness the change of command aboard the USS Ronald Regan are available on a limited basis. First come first served. Contact Grant Ivey for details.

**Brian Connors**  
**Squadron Commander**

