



Post News

Commander's Corner

Dear fellow comrades, family and friends;

Wow!! It's April already... Easter has come and gone, time to prepare for spring cleaning. We always have a few things to do around the post. If anybody is interested in helping out, give us a call. We need to get our post organized. We have a lot of "stuff" and I personally don't know if it's something we need to keep or just throw it out. I don't want to lose any sentimental mementos.

Election of Officers is coming up. CJ Myers will let you know who is on the ballot.

This month's events start with our Executive Board Meeting on Monday the 8th, followed by our Auxiliary having a Flea Market on Saturday the 13th (see the flyer), next up is our General Membership meeting on Monday the 15th, potluck...bring a dish to share, Saturday the 20th is our dinner dance, come sing and dance , it's a fun time. Then on Saturday the 27th is our breakfast followed by our Sons meeting. Hope to see you at some of these events.

I had the honor of watching one of our scouts become an Eagle Scout... Congratulations to Levi Strickland!! Great Job!!! We have a couple more scouts climbing the ladder.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY!!!

Dan Carroll
Commander



UPCOMING EVENTS

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

- Bingo - Every Wednesday @ 11AM
- Auxiliary Meeting - Apr 8
- Executive Meeting - Apr 8
- Community Flea Market - Apr 13
- BSA Car Wash - Apr 13 @ Flea Market
- General Dinner Mtg - Apr 15
- Dinner/Dance - Apr 20
- Breakfast - Apr 27
- Sons of the American Legion Meeting - Apr 27

Be sure to see the full calendar attached to the newsletter.

TIME TO RENEW!

Contact 1st Vice, Paul Warring
to renew your membership
386-666-1381



Eleanor Amato (District 17 President) presenting Chris Carroll (Aux293 President) the Charter for Auxiliary Unit 293



1ST VICE CORNER

Welcome to My corner of the Legion. Currently we are sitting at 113.76% and are 2nd place for our district as far as membership is Concerned. In July after the conference, we will be starting the early bird special for early renewal.

Also, I would also like to let you know that we will be starting a raffle for a 1-of-1 fishing pole worth 600 dollars and 200 dollars' worth of fishing gear put together to go with the pole. The fishing pole will have the American Legion Logo and American Flag.

Breakfast will be from 7 am to 10 – 1030 am depending on how busy we are. If you would be interested in helping with the breakfast and don't come to meetings you can reach me at 386-666-1381.

Also, we would love to see you whether it is for a meeting, bingo on Wednesday, the dinner dance or even breakfast. For now, that is all for me.

Your Honorable First Vice,
Paul A. Warring

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AUXILIARY REPORT

We are so happy to officially be part of the "Post 293 Legion Family" again!

Of course....it's not like we ever left - just working in the background.

We have our Annual Spring Flea Market coming up on April 13th. Spaces are filled with members of our community selling their wares, as well as the Boy Scouts doing their monthly car wash at the Post this month. If you are eligible to donate blood, please consider stopping by the Big Red Bus parked by the driveway. There will be baked goods, lunch and our awesome raffle baskets! You don't want to miss it!

Our school liaison Irene is working with West Putnam Elementary schools on a "Poppy Poster Contest". We can't wait to see what they come up with.

VSO BRIEF

Starting May 1st, the Putnam County Veteran Service Office will be moving it's walk-in hours from every Friday to every Wednesday.

2024 SLATE OF OFFICERS

Commander: Dan Carroll
1st Vice: Paul Warring
2nd Vice: CJ Myers
3rd Vice: Ed Ralosky
Finance: Melissa Keal
Chaplain: Rick Haynes
Historian: Tom Lynn
Executive Committee:
James Dandeneau
Ron Leggett
Sgt@Arms: Don Rylander
JAG: Michael Pernerewski
Appointed:
Adjutant: CJ Myers
VSO: Sam Walker



D 17 President Eleanor Amato showed up at our meeting on March 11 to officially present our Charter and install our officers



We celebrated the 105th Birthday of the American Legion on March 15



Our Scouts washing cars

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POST NEEDS

Below are some items the Post needs. We will likely run individual fundraisers for these in the future, but wanted them on your radar should you wish to donate funds, materials, or time towards them now.

- New Bingo Board and machine
- Additional Tree Trimming
- Drainfield
- Parking Lot



SAL REPORT

Hello,
I'm the Sons of the American Legion (SAL)
Commander John Keal.

If you are wondering what the Sons of the American Legion is, the plain and simple fact is we are male descendants of the American Legion and those that have served in the military. I became a SAL to honor not only my father's service, but that of my grandfather, and uncles also. They taught me a great deal of what duty, honor, and respect mean. Joining was my way to show them how much their service means to me. So you see, not only is this showing respect to them, it is also an honor.

This is my way of saying thank you to them and to all service men and women who wore the military uniform. I never knew how this experience would be exciting and to me it has its rewards.

We are always on the lookout for new members. Perhaps you will find this as rewarding as I do.



NEW BUSINESS

Elections are coming up soon. Please see the slate of proposed officer candidates listed on this page. If you are interested in any position, you may contact any officer or put your name forth during elections at the May Meeting. There's been at least one change to the appointed officers since last month, so be sure to review and volunteer.

The pork butt sale helped raise funds to offset expenses for the delegates and members going to the Convention in June. The food sold during the Flea Market will be used to further offset these expenses. Also, Dan and CJ were elected as the Post's delegates this year.

We need to continue to focus on attracting new membership to the post. We have become more and more active in the community, so this should make us more visible to veterans, spouses and families who may be interested in joining the Post, Sons, or Auxiliary, or even the Scouts. Please invite those you know and share ideas for attracting new members with the executive team. With this in mind, Sam and CJ are still trying to organize a monthly recruitment drive, but didn't get any progress this last month due to other commitments.

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Cindy Lester (Aux293 1st Vice) and John Keal (Son's CDR) seasoning Pork Butts before they get smoked.

If you have anything to add or mention, please let me know no later than 1 week following the general meeting!
CJ Myers, 2nd Vice, 386-336-3482

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Congratulations



Levi Strickland, T493's newest Eagle Scout,
Earned April 1, 2024



SCOUTS OUT

Just a quick blurb updating everyone on our Scouts, BSA programs.

Scouting at Post 293 is still going strong. Both the Boy Troop and Girl Troop are growing with a few new members joining recently. Both Troops remain busy with advancement and merit badges in preparation for Summer Camp over July 4th. As you can see, we've found our first Eagle of the Year. We are all proud of you, Levi! There are more Eagle candidates on deck, so be on the lookout for their info if you can help with their projects.

The Cubs, though a smaller unit, are also active, working on their scout advancements, as well. In fact, one Webelos, Victoria Snapp, recently earned her Arrow of Light and has crossed over into the Girl Troop! Congrats Tori!

Finally, our Venturing Crew, which is made up of members of the Order of the Arrow American Indian Activities Dance Team has been active attending and dancing at Pow Wows across Florida and Southern Georgia! Pics will follow next month!

All our Scouts are grateful for the Post's active support!

NEW BUSINESS

Continued...

Along the line of assisting Veterans, we have a member who is in need of assistance in fixing her floor. We need volunteers with some construction abilities to step up and assist. All the materials are already available. We just need bodies! Please see Paul Warring for details and to volunteer.

Be sure to check out the Post's Website, www.post293fl.org. While I am still developing it, I try to keep it up to date with recent events and flyers and have recently added links to photo albums of our recent events. Check it out and send me your photos if you want them included.

And, as always, share your ideas for fundraising and events at a meeting or with an officer. We want to get more involved and do more things to support our Vets and our community.



Dan (CDR) and Chris Carroll (Aux Pres.) Seasoning Pork Butts

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