



Post News

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to this month's Commanders Corner.

Another month down, so you all know that I kept the new breakfast item and it remains a hit.

On Wednesday the 18th of March myself, First Vice Jeff Jernigan, Adj/2nd Vice CJ Myers, and Sgt at Arms James Ware, went down to Post 45 in Palatka, and met with the Legion higher ups.

On the 28th of March myself, Jeff Jernigan, and Ron Leggett went to Mrs. Freda Jones funeral at the national cemetery in Bushnell Florida. The Navy and the cemetery's staff put on excellent service.

I joined the Scouts for the monthly car wash this month and had a blast. I hope to hear more of you go up and show your support for the scouts this month coming up.

The Auxiliary's art Auction went off without a hitch. It was fun and different; and I can't wait to see the new events they may have planned.

With Integrity and Honor,
Paul Warring, Commander
American Legion Post 293



Lois and Ann at the Art Auction

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

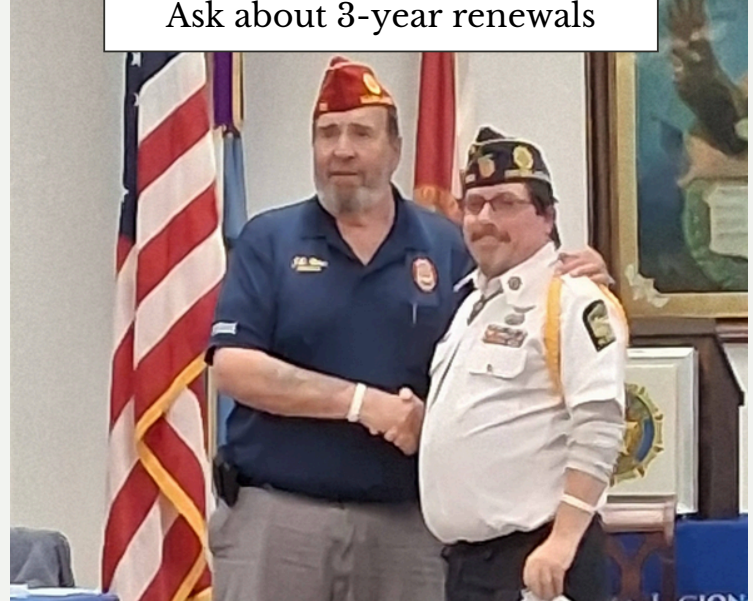
- Sons of the American Legion Meeting - Apr 6
- Community Flea Markey and Scouts Car Wash - Apr 11
- Executive Meeting - Apr 12
- Auxiliary Meeting - Apr 13
- General Dinner Mtg - Apr 20
- Breakfast - Apr 25
- VetFest @ Putnam County Fairgrounds - Apr 25

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

TIME TO RENEW!

Contact 1st Vice, Jeff Jernigan to
renew your membership
352-214-7323

Ask about 3-year renewals



Paul and National Vice Commander JD Larsen

1ST VICE REPORT

First of all let me thank the members besides myself that have been helping with all the work we have been doing around the post. My Thanks goes out to James (Gunny) Ware, James Bohannon, and Dan Carroll. I have had a busy but productive month. Besides Post watch twice a week, Executive Board meeting, and committee meetings and of course Breakfast .

On the 18th Myself, Commander Paul Warring, 2nd Vice Commander CJ Myers, and Sergeant at Arms James (Gunny)Ware had a very nice time at Post 45 in a meet and greet dinner meeting with the Department Of Florida Commander Ms. Jessica Moore and 9 other officers from the department as well as National Vice Commander JD Larsen.

Then on the 25th Ms. Jones Services was held at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell. It was a really nice service. Myself, Commander Paul Warring, and Chaplin Ron Leggett attended. The Marion County Honor Guard, and Navy Active duty members conducted the services.

The post membership numbers are really good. We are sitting at 120.97% and are leading the rest of District 17. We have 11 new members or transfers, 7 paid up for life, 52 renewals with 10 needing to renew, 3 members from Post 400, 2 Active Duty. for a total of 75 members for our Post. That means we are getting bigger and bigger. However we do not need to stop recruiting new members, especially younger members. I need the membership to help secure different places to set up recruitment tables and help man them.

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Auxiliary at Post 45 for ABC Training

1ST VICE REPORT

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We also need members to help with fundraising ideas and participate in the fundraisers. We made \$90.00 dollars from the Queen of Hearts last month, I was hoping for more. Ron Leggitt won the drawing and donated his \$10.00 back to the Post. He drew the 3 of diamonds. So the Queen is still in the deck somewhere. Get your ticket soon. Remember you need a new ticket each month. Speaking of which, we have 75 members, if 38 members (about half) bought 1 ticket at \$5.00 we could raise \$190 from just the Legionnaires. That's not counting the tickets bought by the Auxiliary or the SAL's if they wanted to participate in our fundraiser as we do theirs.

As you may have noticed that there are some changes to the post. We have moved the stage and podium to the Northwest wall and have the tables set in a horseshoe shape. And we have taken the paneling off of the Southeast wall with plans to seal and paint the wall and eventually put up sheetrock when we can afford to or it's donated. I was able to secure donations from Queens Building Supply and Ace Hardware, and am waiting to hear back from Home Depot. Queens Has donated 24 4x4x8PT posts towards building a rail fence along the parking lot. I am hoping by the time this newsletter is posted to have secured 42 1x4x4PT boards from Home Depot for the building and completion of the rail fence. And Ace Hardware is donating 4 solar powered motion activated flood lights for the 4 corners outside our post.

We can always use some help with the projects that we are doing. And of course anyone is invited to come by and do Post Watch with us on Tuesday's from 10am until 2pm or on Thursday's from 4pm until 8pm. Next month is starting to look busy too. On April 25th after working Breakfast I hope to be manning a recruitment booth at the County Fair Grounds during Vets Freedom Fest from 10am until 4pm. I would be glad to have some help.

AUXILIARY REPORT

As March comes to an end, all of our required reports (all 18 of them) have been completed and sent off to District on time. Speaking about being 'on time', unfortunately our Girls State Candidates were unable to complete their tasks before the deadline and won't be able to attend this year. I hope the Alternate who gets our spot crushes it in Tallahassee in June.

I want to thank all who came out to support our Art Auction in March. We certainly had the goods in place and I hope you are happy with the treasures you carried home.

7 of us also attended an Auxiliary Basic Concept School (ABC): A leadership training program aimed at empowering members of the American Legion Auxiliary. Palatka graciously hosted and invited us to attend as well as tour their remarkable new building. What a blessing for them.

Going forward, don't miss our Annual Spring Flea Market on April 11th! Come and get your baked goods, hopefully get your car washed by the scouts, shop with our vendors and donate a little blood at the blood mobile. Maybe top it off with a burger or hot dog for lunch served by our Legionnaires. Any last minute sign-ups can contact Cindy at clester1@comcast.net

Our next Auxiliary meeting will be April 13th at 3:30 PM

For God and Country

Chris Carroll

HAPPY EASTER

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<https://www.legion.org/advocacy/be-the-one>

DON'T FORGET TO RENEW!

Contact Jeff Jernigan
For Membership and Renewal
Information
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If you have anything to add or mention, please let me know no later than 1 week following the general meeting!

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