AMERICAN LEGION POST 293 NEWSLETTER





COMMANDER'S CORNER

Comrades, friends and family members;

Chris and I are back. We had a wonderful time.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and are well!!

Here it is December!! November events were well attended. Thank you Volunteers!!!

We did great at the Interlachen Fall Festival and had some good representation at Faith Life Church's Veterans' Day Ceremony, including opening and closing flag ceremonies done well by our scout troops!

I'd like to thank Paul for keeping the lights on while I was gone, especially for putting together a very solemn and professional Post Everlasting. By all accounts it was very well done and was a reverent and fitting farewell for the brothers we lost this year.

This month has a lot going on. Saturday the 14th is the Auxiliary Holiday Bazaar and as well as Wreaths Across America. That day we will need all hands on board to make both events successful!

Dinner meeting on the 18th is a Pot Luck. Bring your favorite dish to show off, please. The 21st is our annual Christmas Dinner Dance with Dave and Rita as DJ again. Remember this is a FREE event but we need Potluck items to serve. On Dec 28th we will have our regular Breakfast.

Happy Holidays and I hope you can attend these events!!

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY!!!

Dan Carroll Commander



UPCOMING EVENTS

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

- Bingo Every Wednesday @ 11AM
- Sons of the American Legion Meeting Dec 2
- Interlachen Christmas Parade Dec 7
- Auxiliary Meeting Dec 9
- Executive Meeting Dec 9
- Holiday Bazaar and BSA Car Wash Dec 14
- Wreaths Across America Dec 14
- Post Holiday Potluck Dinner Dec 21
- General Dinner Mtg Dec 16
- Breakfast Dec 28

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

Ask about 3-year renewals



Post Everlasting

AUXILIARY REPORT

As many of us are starting to count down the days until Christmas, I want to wish all of you a blessed and peaceful month ahead.

November was busy (without me). Thanks to all the Auxiliary members who stepped up and filled my shoes in my absence. You did great!

From passing out Candy at Halloween to representing our Unit at the Interlachen Town Festival, the Veteran day event, cooking for and putting on the dinner dance and helping out at breakfast.

Thanks to Danielle, Cindy and Beverly for planning and putting on an awesome Legion Family Thanksgiving dinner. We had 30 people in attendance! Great turnout, great food, great fellowship! Thanks to all that came and brought a dish to share. (and help with cleanup afterwards:)) Thanks to Thom Glaza for bringing some surprise prizes to give out to us as well. It was overall awesome to come home to this.

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AUXILIARY REPORT

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For December ~ we have our meeting on the 9th at 3:30. The Holiday Bazaar is coming up fast on December 14th (last minute Christmas shopping!!!). We will also have the Blood Mobile on site that day, so if you are eligible to donate, please come out and do so between 9 AM and 2 PM.

That same day is also Wreaths across America day. Irene is coordinating all the volunteers for the ceremony and wreath laying at Pine View cemetery and Sister Springs cemetery at 10 AM on the 14th, if you'd like to stop by and see this.

Our dinner dance this month will be "Potluck" style as we've been doing for December in the past few years. No cover charge, but please bring your favorite side dish to share.

Hope to see everyone at our events and meetings this month!

Happy Holidays!

For God and Country Chris Carroll President Unit 293



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 and sign
- Drainfield
- Parking Lot
- Clean up
- Additional Security Cameras

VSO BRIEF

If you are a Gulf War or Vietnam Era veteran and not getting any Disability from the VA, please contact Sam Walker via Text at 239-887-0822

POST BUSINESS

You may notice that we've got a new fence around our propane tank. The old one was damaged by the storms. Thanks to Jeff, Ed, Paul, and Rick for donating the supplies and to Jeff, CJ, and one of our Scouts, Farrix, for putting it together!

The executive board has formed a committee to put together and submit an application for a grant from Clay Electric. If the application is successful, the funds will be used to repair/replace the septic system and drain field and fund improvements to the kitchen and front office.

We're almost there, but Wreaths Across America still needs our support. We will be putting wreaths on veterans graves at Pineview Cemetery for the holidays on Dec 14 starting at 10am. We will need volunteers to assist. Please see or speak with Irene Koenig or Mary Strong for questions or to volunteer to place the wreaths.

As always, we need to continue to focus on attracting new membership to the Post. Please invite those you know and share ideas for attracting new members with the executive team.

Be sure to regularly check out the Post's Website, www.post293fl.org. 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.



Thanksgiving Dinner at the Post

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