



# Post News

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

Comrades, friends and family members;

Hello February....the month for Valentines!!!!

On Monday, January 13th, I received a call from Past Commander Don Hartsfield inviting me to attend a Meet and Greet at Hawthorne post 230. Our National Commander, James A. LaCoursiere, Jr. along with Department Commander Chris Hamrick, Northern Area Commander Jim Bowers and their entourage were in attendance. It was very interesting and inspiring for me. I wish I had more warning to give you all a heads up to be included. Our National Commander talked about his time in the Legion and where he sees it going. He discussed the "Be the One" program and hopes all members could "Be the One" to help prevent Soldier and Veteran Suicide.

February 8th Chris and I will be attending the 17th District planning meeting in Edgewater. I will fill the Executive Board in on the particulars at our next meeting and they can inform you at the Dinner meeting as I will not be there. Chaplain Ron Leggett has the Four Chaplains ceremony all lined up for this month's meeting. He insists it will be better than last year....if so, you surely don't want to miss it.

February 15th will be our dinner dance. The menu sounds delicious....check out the flyer!!! Have a Happy Valentines Day, too!

Keep recruiting....we always want new members!!!

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY!!!

DAN CARROLL  
Commander



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

- Sons of the American Legion Meeting - Feb 3
- Finance Committee Meeting - Feb 4
- Auxiliary Meeting - Feb 10
- Executive Meeting - Feb 10
- NO BSA Car Wash this month - we are camping!
- Dinner/Dance - Feb 15
- General Dinner Mtg - Feb 17
- Breakfast - Feb 22

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



Dan at Post 230 with the National Commander

## AUXILIARY REPORT

First of all, I would like to welcome all new members!

As the calendar year is only beginning, our fiscal year/reporting period for 2024/2025 is quickly approaching its end. Unit reports will be due no later than April 1.

Beverly is trying to compile our service hours / \$\$ spent on charitable events / miles driven to such etc. PLEASE let her know what you have contributed so she can get a more appropriate number to go 'up the ladder'. Not sure what counts? You can find the things we report on [www.ALAFL.org](http://www.ALAFL.org). Look around there, you might find some of the information provided helpful.

Our Department President, Charlotte Bass, is on the move in February and I was asked if she (along with our District 17 President Mary Bryan) could attend our Dinner Dance this month. Some of you may remember our special shin-dig we put together for last year's President (we had a really great turnout from Auxiliary and Post members as well).

Let's show them why we are #1 in our group in the state of Florida!

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## AUXILIARY REPORT

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We already had a special dinner planned for Valentines (see our dinner dance flyer), so this will make it even more special.

We are planning a couple extra events for this year. The first one I'd like to mention here is a "March-toberfest" (yes, it's Octoberfest in March) on March 29th. We will have a live music accordion player (imported from Germany) for entertainment. Be prepared to get up on the dance floor as he'll teach you a couple of german 'line dances' - Bavarian style. Of course we're planning a German menu with Brats & Sauerkraut and more. We are pre-selling tickets for this event for \$15 ea. Let me know how many you need! (see flyer)

Our next Flea Market will be on April 12th, Cindy is already filling slots for this, so let her know if you need one before she runs out of space.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on February 10th at 3:30 pm.  
See you there!

Chris Carroll  
President Unit 293



Dan and Danielle Playing Bingo, perhaps for the last time

## POST NEEDS

Below are some items the Post needs. Let us know if you wish to donate funds, materials, or time towards them now.

- More Fundraisers / Donations
- 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

Just like the Auxiliary, our Consolidated Post Reports are coming due soon, too. Please help me collect the Post's numbers by sending me any hours and money you've personally invested in any of the American Legion's programs. You can find information on all these programs here: <https://www.legion.org/get-involved>. Your support for any of these programs can be individual and does not have to have been through any organized event of our Post. The Data is used by National to report to Congress on how much good the Legion does for our nation and our communities. More information on this report itself can be found here:

<https://www.legion.org/information-center/news/dispatch/2024/december/start-filling-out-the-2024-25-cpr-and-csr>. BTW, the Son's have their own version of this to do, too.

The grant committee is still working on the application for a grant from Clay Electric for funds will be used to repair/replace the septic system and drain field as well as improvements to the kitchen and front office.

Attendance at Bingo has been dwindling and, without enough players to make the prizes worth the cost, the Post has been forced to end our weekly Bingo for the time being. Please help come up with ideas to fill the gap because we'll still need to pay the bills.

Be sure to regularly check out the Post's Website, [www.post293fl.org](http://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 recruitment 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.

# BE THE ONE

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

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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