



Post News

COMMANDER'S CORNER

More sad news to report. We lost our Historian, Freda Jones. Her energy and spirit will be greatly missed and we will arrange to cover the Charter in her memory at the February General Meeting.

This month was a little slow but I look forward to things picking back up once the weather warms.

At this month's Breakfast, we changed out one of the items and it was a hit, so it looks like the new item is here to stay. If you are curious about what it the item is?, come to breakfast on Feb 28th to find out!

Also, we covered the Charter for Frank Hawkins who we lost at the end of 2025. The general membership meeting is on the 16th of February where our Chaplain will head the Four Chaplain's Ceremony. I hope to see you all here. Remember the general meeting is potluck so bring your dishes and let's enjoy ourselves and have good time right before the start of the meeting.

With Honor and Dignity,

Paul Warring
Commander
American Legion Post 293



In Memory of Freda Jones

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

- Sons of the American Legion Meeting - Feb 2
- Executive Meeting - Feb 8
- Auxiliary Meeting - Feb 9
- Scouts Car Wash - Feb 14, Weather Permitting
- General Dinner Mtg & Four Chaplains Ceremony - Feb 16
- Breakfast - Feb 28

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



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AUXILIARY REPORT

January was a quiet month as several of us went off exploring the world.

Our next meeting is Monday, February 9th at 3:30 PM. I hope you'll be able to make it. We need to establish a nominating committee for our upcoming elections of officers and chairs. Please consider putting your name in the hat.

We will also start working on our annual reports. Remember last year? I will bring blank forms so you can see what we send up to District. Please think about your volunteer hours and bring some numbers!

March 21st is our next big event, a Trash-to-Treasure Silent Art Auction. This will be an afternoon event from 2 to 4 PM. I will publish a flyer as soon as i get it finalized.

After that we will have our Spring Flea Market on April 11th. More on that next month....but if you need a spot, contact Cindy at clester1@comcast.net.

See you soon!

Chris Carroll
President Unit 293

Happy
Valentine's
Day

More News



**DON'T FORGET
TO RENEW!**

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For Membership and Renewal
Information
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BE THE ONE

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

Wreaths Across America

A **BIG** shout out to everyone who participated in the cleanup in January. We had a tremendous turn out and got the work done in record time. We are already looking forward to next year!



Wreaths Across America Cleanup



If you have anything to add or mention, please let me know no later than 1 week following the general meeting!

CJ Myers, Adjutant/2nd Vice, 386-336-3482

1st Vice Report

I want to start off by saying that I hope that everyone is having a good new year so far.

I am proud to announce that our Post Membership has grown to 69 members. We are growing! We would love to see all our members at our Monthly Membership Meetings on the Third Monday at 5:30pm. Remember this is a Potluck dinner meeting.

Commander Paul Warring, Rick Hanes, James (Gunny) Ware, Dan Carrol, and I are still doing our Post Watches on Tuesdays from 10am until 2pm and on Thursdays from 4pm until 8pm. Please stop by and join us.

We are making some changes around the Post. We have put up some new lighting under the awning and have changed the light outside above the double doors on the southside of the building. We still have some outside lighting projects to do yet. Inside we have put the MIA/POW table in a more honorable place and are working towards updating it.

As for our Membership numbers. The next goal for the Department is 85% by February 4, 2026 and the goal for National is 85% by February 11, 2026. We are well ahead of both of these goals. As of January 26, 2026 we are sitting at 111.29%. As of July 2025 we have 62 members, but at this time we have only had 48 members renew. If you have not renewed your membership you need to look into doing so soon.

Hope to see each and every one of you soon.

Jeff Jernigan
1st Vice



CJ Myers and Rick Hanes helping cleanup from WAA

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