## AMERICAN LEGION POST 293 NEWSLETTER



# Post News

#### Commander's Corner

Dear fellow comrades, friends and family!!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

I would like to start this new year with a heartfelt thanks to all the wonderful folks that have helped make 2023 a successful year for our post. Without you, I don't know where we would be.

December's dinner/holiday dance was a tremendous success. We had a packed house, even with the inclement weather passing through. We hosted a Pancake breakfast with Santa Claus for the Interlachen Rotary Club and the Faith Life Fellowship. You should have seen the children's faces when they received the presents from Santa. It was a great time for all.

The women's restroom is getting a facelift. Please be patient, Dick Sage and myself can only work so fast...lol. We hope to have it completed by the next dinner meeting. Come check it out!

Don't forget Tuesday evenings we have Scout meetings, every Wednesday we have BINGO during the day and Dance class in the evening. Thursday evening the Cub Scouts meet and Friday evening is Game night, where our Vice Commanders host Dungeons and Dragons.

At The February Dinner meeting we will be performing the Four Chaplains Ceremony. We would love to see you all there.

Be sure to check out the attached flyers about the dinner dance and breakfast.

As always, thanks for all you do for our veterans!

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY!!!

DAN CARROLL Commander



Half the attendees at the Christmas Breakfast

### TIME TO RENEW!

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



Just a portion of the presents distributed to kids at the Christmas Breakfast



Christmas Dinner Dance

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

- Bingo Every Wednesday @ 11AM
- Executive Meeting Jan 8
- BSA Car Wash Jan 13
- General Dinner Mtg Jan 15
- Dinner/Dance Jan 20
- Breakfast Jan 27

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

## More News

### 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



Santa Came to Town at the Christmas Breakfast



## **NEW BUSINESS**

Thanks to everyone who came out and helped at the Christmas Breakfast! This was a combined effort between us, the Interlachen Rotary, and Faith Life Fellowship that was a resounding success. We hope to participate next year, and perhaps grow it some more.

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 Auxilliary. Please invite those you know and share ideas for attracting new members with the executive team. With this in mind, Sam and CJ are starting to organize a monthly recruitment drive. We plan to setup a table at Lowes or some other business in Palatka one Sunday a month after church to try and drum up our numbers. All are welcome to join, so contact Sam or CJ for information. We are 1 member away from 100% this year. Let's shoot for beyond.

Finally, 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.



Slow Dancing at the Christmas Dinner Dance

## Happy Mew Year





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