



# Post News

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

Comrades, friends and family members;

Here it is January!! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and/or Holiday and are well!!

December events were Great!!!

The Auxiliary had their Christmas Bazaar. Irene Koenig did an Awesome job with Wreaths Across America!! Thank you Volunteers!!!

Our Holiday Christmas Dinner Dance was a big hit....lots of delicious dishes. We even got Chaplain Ron to sing Christmas Carols.

A big thanks to all the officers and volunteers from our Post Family that went with Faith Life Fellowship to the VFW Veterans Village in Fort McCoy to present Christmas Gifts.

No special events this month.

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

Also, the Son's wanted to make sure everyone knows that their meeting is now the 1st Monday of every month at 5:30p.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY!!!

DAN CARROLL  
Commander



Family and Community Support for WAA

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

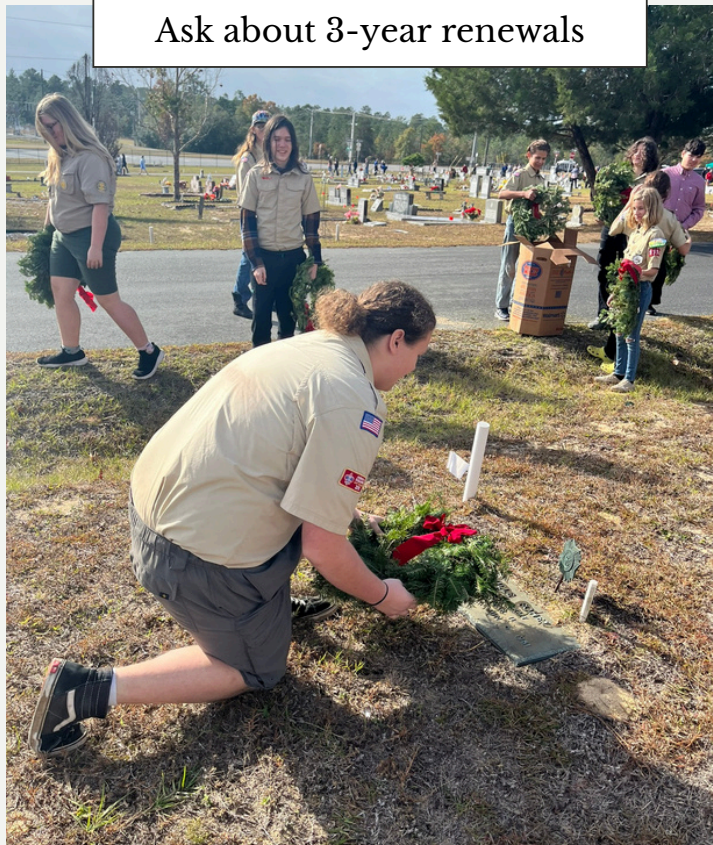
- Bingo - Every Wednesday @ 11AM
- Sons of the American Legion Meeting - Jan 6
- Auxiliary Meeting - Jan 13
- Executive Meeting - Jan 13
- BSA Car Wash @ Ace - Jan 11
- Dinner/Dance - Jan 18
- General Dinner Mtg - Jan 20
- Breakfast - Jan 25

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



Scouts helping at Wreaths Across America

## AUXILIARY REPORT

Happy New Year!

2024 was a busy year. We finally officially got our charter back and all our paperwork in order. All of our members have renewed for 2025 and we've added quite a few new faces as well.

Welcome to all our new members!

We finished the year off strong with Wreaths Across America and our annual Holiday Bazaar.

If you didn't make it to the cemetery on December 14th, you missed a very impressive ceremony, planned and executed wonderfully by Irene. Make sure you set aside some time to come out next year! WAA is usually on the 2nd Saturday in December. We covered all the Veteran graves in Pineview Cemetery as well as Sister Springs.

We hope to add one or two more local cemeteries to that this year. Fundraising for the event will be an ongoing event to assure we can make our goal.

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## AUXILIARY REPORT

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For 2025 we have multiple events in the planning stages. Our first one will be "Oktoberfest in March, planned for March 29th.

We will also have another "Low Country Boil" in the summer (last year's event turned out awesome!) as well as our usual 2 Flea Markets and our Holiday Bazaar.

Stay tuned for flyers and additional information to come on all events.

Our next meeting is scheduled for January 13th at 3:30. Our D17 President, Mary Bryan, said she would try to attend. See you there!

Chris Carroll  
President Unit 293



Christmas Giving at the VFW Veteran's Villiage



## POST NEEDS

Below are some items the Post needs. Let us know if 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

The grant committee is still working on the 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 had a float in the Christmas Parade last month! Thanks to all the volunteers who helped put that together and who represented our Family in the parade.

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](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 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.



Christmas Crowd at the Holiday Dinner

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