



# Post News

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

First and foremost, I would like to give our condolences to Mrs. Sheila Hawkins. We lost one of our members this month. Mr. Frank Hawkins, Mrs. Sheila's Husband.

I would like to start by saying Happy New Year and I hope that everyone has had a good holiday season.

For other news this past month we hosted breakfast called Christmas Hope for Interlachen, in conjunction with Faith Life Fellowship, Nana's Café, Toys for Tots, and Rotary.

Also, we went down handed out gifts to the veterans in the Veterans Village in Ft. McCoy with Faith Life Fellowship.

At the beginning of the month, we helped the Auxiliary with Wreaths Across America. I would like to say Mrs. Irene did a wonderful job and it was nice to see the Women Veterans being honored.

With Integrity and Honor,  
Paul Warring, Commander  
American Legion Post 293



Christmas Hope for Interlachen Breakfast  
Chairpeople

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

- Sons of the American Legion Meeting - Jan 5
- Wreaths Across America Cleanup - Jan 9 & 10
- Executive Meeting - Jan 12
- General Dinner Mtg - Jan 19
- Breakfast - Jan 24

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



Cub Scout Axel Alexander laying a wreath for Wreaths  
Across America

## AUXILIARY REPORT

As 2025 is wrapping up, I would like to say a big THANK YOU to all that have supported us at (and with) our events. We had our Marchtoberfest, 2 Flea Markets, a Low country Boil and our Annual Holiday Bazaar. All of them were fun and successful events.

I hope you will continue to come out to our ventures in 2026. The first event will be on March 21st in the afternoon (mark your calendar). Stay tuned for our event flyer on this new idea. Flea Markets are penciled in for April 11th and September 12th this year.

My New Years Resolution for 2026: Declutter! I know where a lot of my 'treasures' will end up :) If you have any items you would like to donate to our Flea Markets, please let us know. Or maybe get your own spot? Cindy Lester ([clester1@comcast.net](mailto:clester1@comcast.net)) can hook you up with that.

Happy New Year!

Chris Carroll  
President Unit 293



Cindy placing a wreath at Pineview Cemetery for  
Wreaths Across America



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## Wreaths Across America

The Auxiliary's 2nd Annual Wreaths Across America was successful again!

On December 13, we lead the ceremony which honored Female Veterans and reminded everyone of the sacrifices all of our Veterans make. Veterans from many different cities came together to present the wreaths for each branch of service.

The community truly supported the event, and packed Johnson Overturf Funeral Parlor for the event.

Afterwards, we laid wreaths at Pineview, Sister Springs, Sweetwater and Pinelawn Cemeteries.

A big **thank you** to everyone who participated!

If you can, we'd love to have your help with the cleanup efforts. Cleanup of Pineview Cemetery will be at 9am on Saturday, January 10. We will cleanup Pinelawn and Sweetwater the day prior, on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Those Wreaths will be brought to Pineview on the 10th so we can dispose of them all at once.



Honoring Female Veterans at Wreaths Across America



# BE THE ONE

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

*Happy New Year!*



Volunteers for Christmas Hope for Interlachen Breakfast



Ashley laying a wreath for Wreaths Across America at Pineview Cemetery



# More Photos



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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**WREATHS ACROSS  
AMERICA**