



# Post News

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

Comrades, friends and family members!!

June was a slow month for us, not a lot happened except a handful of us went to the Department convention in Orlando. I for one feel smarter for it. Not sure that I am....Sam Walker returned to the convention this year for his annual certification as Post Service Officer, Paul Warring was able to attend the Membership class with CJ Myers. I attended the Buddy Check class. CJ and I attended Adjutant's class, the he went on to the Commander's class while I took the Finance class. Sons Commander, John Keal, was able to attend several classes and meetings for SAL, as well. Chris Carroll and Cindy Lester attended the Auxiliary convention.

Upcoming events for July will start us off with prepping our float for the Independence Day parade. Come out on the 3rd and help us decorate. On the 4th we will have a booth setup for membership and also selling burgers and dogs. Come out and help support us.

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VSO Sam trimming the trees

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

- Bingo - Every Wednesday @ 11AM
- Independence Day Float Prep - July 3
- Independence Day Parade and Booth - July 4
- Auxiliary Meeting - July 8
- Executive Meeting - July 8
- BSA Car Wash @ Ace Hardware - July 13
- Low Country Boil / Corn Hole Tournament - July 13
- General Dinner Mtg and Officer Installation - July 15
- Dinner/Dance - July 20
- Duncan's Eagle Scout Project - July 26
- Breakfast - July 27
- Sons of the American Legion Meeting - July 27

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

Get the Early Bird Special  
or ask about 3-year renewals



Legion Officers CJ, Dan, and Sam - The Cutting Crew



## 1ST VICE CORNER

Welcome to My corner of the Legion.

We are now ready to start the early bird special for early renewal. Save some money and renew early! Give me a call and I'll get you renewed and get you your new card.

However, if you are interested, you can renew for a 3-year term, rather than just a single year. Pay up front and you don't have to worry about renewal for 3 years. Only catch is I cannot do this renewal for you. You will need to create an account on myLegion.org using the email address you provided the Post when you joined and your Member Number. I will gladly meet you at the Post to help you through this process if you are unfamiliar with it or need access to a computer.

Also, don't forget the raffle for a 1-of-1 fishing pole worth 600 dollars and 200 dollars' worth of fishing gear put together to go with the pole. The fishing pole will have the American Legion Logo and American Flag. Tickets are \$5 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20. All proceeds will go to help the Post with improvements, and or repairs of the Post facilities. Will have an Update on pole by next Executive meeting.

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## AUXILIARY REPORT

As the 2023/2024 Auxiliary year is wrapping up and #RingYourBell is finishing up, our new Motto for 2024/2025 will be #BuildingTheHouse. All Districts were given "tools" to build the house, from hammers to nails to screwdrivers and such. District 17 was assigned PAINT BRUSHES.

I have not received anything from our new D17 president, Mary Bryan, yet as to what her vision is for this year, but hope to learn more at Workshop that some of us will be attending later this month.

We will be at the 4th of July event downtown Interlachen alongside our Post to promote our upcoming events and causes.

First up: Low Country Boil & Corn Hole Tournament on July 13th (see attached flyer). We need some players! Come sign up!

This will be followed by our Installation of Officers. As voted by our membership, we are not changing anyone as of yet, as we just got installed in March, no sense changing things up already. However: our new/current officers will be installed alongside the Post Officers and Sons.

Our next BIG event/fundraiser will be the Flea Market on September 14th. Contact Cindy Lester for a space or to sign up to help. As always - your support is greatly appreciated.

Your Auxiliary President  
Chris Carroll



Auxiliary Officers Chris and Cindy and member CJ meeting Micky and Minnie at the Convention

## 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

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On the 13th the Auxiliary, with help from us, is putting on a Low Country Boil with a Cornhole tournament. Come have fun and get your grub on.

This month's dinner meeting will be our Installation of officers for Legion, Auxiliary and Sons. You know we will be eating good for that event. Chicken Alfredo, Fried Chicken, Side Salad and delicious desserts.

The following Saturday is our monthly Dinner Dance. Being such a hot month we will be serving a cool meal. Salad bar extraordinaire! Come Eat, Sing and Dance!!!

On Friday, the 26th of July, our next Eagle Scout prospect will be working on his project! Stop by and cheer him on.

As always.....  
FOR GOD AND COUNTRY!!!

Dan Carroll  
Commander



Auxiliary Officer Cindy Clearing branches

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## 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
- Drainfield
- Parking Lot



Scout Torrin Myers helping clear branches

## 1ST VICE CORNER

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As always, breakfast will be from 7am to 10/10:30am depending on how busy we are and how much food is left. If you are interested in helping with the breakfast, you can reach me at 386-666-1381.

I would like to thank the breakfast and cleanup crews who make the breakfast possible and finally the scouts of Troop 493 and 9394 for all their help with the breakfast.

Your Honorable First Vice,  
Paul A. Warring



## POST BUSINESS

The Executive Committee is updating our Constitution and By-Laws. Once the committee is done reviewing and has approved the draft, I will provide the draft to the Membership prior to August's General Meeting to give ample time for everyone to review and provide feedback so, with luck, we will be able to vote on them at August's General Meeting.

Our American Legion Family will be doing a new fundraiser this fall called "Wreaths Across America." We will be putting wreaths on veterans graves at Pineview Cemetery for the holidays. See or speak with Irene Koenig or Mary Strong for questions or to purchase some wreaths, More on this to come!!

As you can see from some of the photos, a team of Legionnaires, Auxiliary, a Scout, and even a Son helped trim the trees around the legion property. We removed a particularly risky limb that was overhanging the building as well as many others that get in the way of the canopies we often setup at events. We are investigating using the money we saved to find someone to bushhog / clear the brush around the edges of the property to provide greater visibility from the street and more space to setup our events.

As always, 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 our American Legion Family. 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). While I am still developing it, I try to keep it up to date with recent events and flyers and have recently added links to photo albums of our recent events. 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.



We all got to meet Mickey and Minnie at the Convention

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Our Youngest SAL member helping clear branches

## SAL REPORT

This past month in June I went to the Detachment Convention for the Sons and learned a lot from what I've experienced and the guys there were very helpful. As the Sons new Commander since these past several months I didn't know where to start, but I learned some good things from this convention. And I will do my best to do more, as I always wondered if I'm up to this spot and the Legion Family has been very supportive to me.

I want to give a big shout out to the Legion and Auxiliary for your continuous support and guidance. Thank You for all for the support.

We didn't do a great deal at our June 3rd Spaghetti Event, this July we will not be doing one. The Sons and I are in the talks of something a little different and will let you all know what it will be soon I hope.

In other news I would like to announce the Sons officers as follows:  
Brian Matthews has stepped up to be the Sons Vice Commander,  
Terry Frickey SAL Finance Officer,  
Will Chamberliss SAL Chaplin,  
Ron Leggett as Acting Adjutant,  
Austin Goudy as Sgt At Arms.

I would like to congratulate these gentlemen for taking upon these roles as SAL Officers. So as a family of the Legion let's all give them a big congrats on their roles. I still have a couple of spots that need filling. But I believe we as Sons can get it done, so again gentlemen congrats on your positions of The Sons of the American Legion. And to our Legion Family thank you for your support and love thank you Legion Family!

God Bless.  
John Keal  
SAL Commander

## GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Planning Committee is busy ramping up to make this year's event as good - or even better than last year!

It will be held in late September this year, which should be the perfect time for a great round of golf!

Promotion flyers and Sponsor request forms are ready to go, so come get a few and pass them around.

Who do you know that plays golf?

What business or person do you know interested in advertising in our tournament?

Would you personally like to sponsor anything?

Please let Sam Walker (info on flyers) know if you can contribute in any way.

Here's to another great event! Stay tuned as there is more to come!



SAL Officers Brian and John serving Spaghetti 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

