



Post News



TIME TO RENEW!

Contact 1st Vice, Jeff Jernigan to
renew your membership
352-214-7323

Ask about 3-year renewals

COMMANDER'S CORNER

June has been a interesting month!

First and foremost, I would like to thank you all for having confidence in my leadership over the past year and I look forward to serving you all again as the new finance officer, and JAG.

On the 1st of June I had the honor to lay a remembrance wreath on PFC Robert H. Jenkin Jr's grave.

Myself, the First Vice, Finance Officer, And Sgt at Arms all attended the Dept convention and learned a whole bunch of new stuff.

Sadly, we lost Mrs. Sheila Hawkins this month and plan to cover the charter for her at our next meeting on the 27th of June after breakfast.

I will make sure that I let everyone know what the meeting statistics are for this meeting and the breakfast through the incoming commander.

It has been my pleasure to serve you.

With Honor and Dignity,
Commander
Paul Warring



Sheila Hawkins, Captain of the Rifle Squad

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

- Independence Day Parade and Booth - Jul 4
- Sons of the American Legion Meeting - Jul 6
- Scouts Car Wash @ Ace - Jul 11
- Executive Meeting - Jul 12
- Auxiliary Meeting - Jul 13
- SAL Dinner and Movie - Jul 18
- Potluck Social - Jul 20
- Breakfast - Jul 25
- General Membership Meeting - Jul 25



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



Our local Banjo Pickers, including member Steve Morgan

1ST VICE REPORT

Well another year has passed. This will be my last newsletter as your 1st. Vice Commander. The next time I write for the monthly newsletter it will be as your Post Commander. I am looking forward to leading this post and continuing to push Post 293 to being one of the best, if not the best, Post in District 17. It will take all of us here at Post 293 to stand up and step up for us as a Post to reach that goal.

As your new Post Commander I want to form several committees. This means that I will be asking some of you to chair and form these committees. Remember that it will take all of us working together as a unit to make Post 293 a Post that is recognized for more than just a spot on the map. No one man can win a battle. It takes the unit as a whole working together to win the battle.

Membership numbers are up. We finished the year at 127.42% that put us in 1st place in District 17. We started the year with 62 members and we ended the year with 80 members. We added 17 new or transferred members. Unfortunately we had 4 fallen members this year. We are growing and I want us to continue to grow. I have already been approached with a new idea to do just that and it will get us in touch with younger veterans that we would otherwise not come into contact with. But it will take all of us to find time in our busy lives to participate and be a part of making our Post grow. Please remember that early bird dues renewal starts on July 1st. and will end August 15th.

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Auxiliary Officer Installation

1ST VICE REPORT

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I was able to attend the State of Florida Department Conference this month. I learned of a lot of things that we as a Post could have and should have been doing over the years that we have not done and missed out on a lot of recognition at the Department level. I would like to be able to go to next year's convention and hear our Post called out for recognition and awards a few times if not a lot more than it has in the past. I want to see to it that a lot of other Posts and the Department see that Post 293 in a small town and poor area of the State can do big things in a big way. And I believe that we can do it if everyone does what they can to make it happen. It is time for everyone to start finding out just who is Post 293.

The 4th of July is coming up real soon. This will be my first community event as the Commander of Post 293. We will have a float in the parade. I have already donated some decorations for the float but we need more. We will also be having a booth. We won't be selling hamburgers and hotdogs this year due to all the other food vendors that will be there. Instead we will be out and about talking to veterans about our Post and the American Legion and passing out information. I would like to see as many of our Members that can to show up in their T-shirts to help us at the booth to recruit new members. Please let us show up in strength and let people see us and grow our numbers.

Also happening in July, on the 18th the Sons of the Legion will be doing a Dinner and a Movie. They will be serving Chicken leg quarters with sides for \$12 per plate for adults and \$6 for kids. They will be showing the original Star Wars movie. Let's show our support for the Sons because they support us Legionnaires and our Post.

On the 20th will be the Post Pot Luck Family Dinner Social. Plenty of good food and conversations. On the 25th will be our monthly Breakfast from 7am til 9am. We will be holding our American Legion Post membership meeting at 10am after breakfast. Any member that shows up between 8:30am and 9am and staying for the meeting will get their breakfast for \$5. Hope to see all of you real soon, and let's have a great year.

By Veterans For Veterans
Jeff Jernigan
1st Vice Commander



AUXILIARY REPORT

June was a busy month. 3 of us went to Department Convention. Our Focus for 2026-27 is "Mission Auxiliary Serving Heroes" #MASH. President Linda Knoblach-Harkness has selected Girls State as her Project. So glad we already decided to sponsor a local student for Girls State again this coming year. Our fundraiser to support our mission has already been held and we raised the \$700 we will need to make this happen. Yea Team!

We originally figured we would draw our raffle winner on the 4th of July at the Interlachen Town Celebration, however, we sold out of tickets so fast that we pulled our winner at our Summertime Picnic event on the 20th instead. I have not yet gotten word back on how much he won on his scratch-offs, but he was super excited to be the winner!

The picnic with our local Pickers was a success. It was preceded by our Officer's Installation. D17 President Eleanor Amato had requested to do our installation that day because she also wanted to join our Picnic, of course we accommodated that request.

It is my honor to serve another year as your Unit President, as well as taking on the roll of District Chair for AEF. So you will be seeing me around with my AEF Poster and collection jar this year to support this worthy cause that can benefit any and all of our Auxiliary members.

Come visit our booth on the 4th of July downtown Interlachen.

Our next scheduled meeting will be July 13th at 3:30 PM. See you there!

Chris Carroll
President Unit 293



Aux Raffle winner Vernon, member at the Fleet Reserve
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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