



Post News

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Dear fellow comrades, friends and family!!

May is always a busy month around Post 293, and this year was no different.

For those who may not have heard already, it is with regret and sadness that I must report on the passing of our Historian and Son's Adjutant, Thomas Lynn. Tom was relatively new to our post. He'd only been with us a year or so, but he was active and motivated to do more. He will be missed and we send our prayers and thoughts to his wife, Linda, and the rest of his family.

We would also ask that you keep all other members of our Legion Family who are sick in your prayers.

Our normal executive meeting and general meeting were well attended. We used our new wireless microphones this time to improve everyone's ability to hear each other as well as improve the recording for our meeting minutes and record.

Our SAL squadron had their first Spaghetti dinner and it was very successful. They have another one planned for June 3rd. Looks like it may become a monthly staple.

Our Auxiliary was busy, as well, but I'll leave those details for the Auxiliary report.

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Rifle Team and Speakers on Memorial Day

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

- Bingo - Every Wednesday @ 11AM
- SAL Spaghetti Dinner - June 3
- BSA Car Wash @ Ace Hardware - June 8
- Auxiliary Meeting - June 10
- Executive Meeting - June 10
- Dinner/Dance CANCELLED
- General Dinner Mtg - June 17
- Breakfast - June 22
- Sons of the American Legion Meeting - June 22

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



Scout Color Guard on Memorial Day



1ST VICE CORNER

Welcome to My corner of the Legion.

Currently we are sitting at 119.23% and are 2nd place for our District as far as membership is concerned. After the Department Convention in June, we will be starting the early bird special for early renewal. That will begin the 1st of July. Don't forget to ask me about the new plan that will be instated for a 3-year renewal rather than a 1 year, or if you're interested in becoming a PUFL (Paid Up for Life).

Also, 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.

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.

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AUXILIARY REPORT

It's been a busy month for American Legion Family, Post 293, Interlachen!

The Post and Auxiliary visited 3 elementary schools in West Putnam County giving out awards to the sixth grade students.

The Post awarded Citizenship medals, certificates and gift cards. The Auxiliary awarded Poppy Poster Contest certificates, gift cards and ribbons. Those students accepting awards were:

Jenkins Elementary School
Citizenship Medal awarded by Jim Dandeneau
Awarded to Ethan Taylor and Samantha Jacobson

Poppy Poster Contest Awards presented by Irene Koenig
Awarded to Samantha Jacobson (1st Place), Juliette Maury (Honorable mention), Olivia Harsey (2nd place)

Melrose Elementary
Citizenship Medal awarded by LTC(ret) Ron Leggett
Awarded to Mason Alvis and Morgan Ruhmpohl

Poppy Poster Contest Awards presented by Irene Koenig.
Awards presented to Phoenix Rigdon (Honorable Mention), Abigail Johnson (Honorable Mention), Maya Slade, (2nd place), Julie Tillson (1st place)

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JES Citizenship Medals



JES Poppy Contest



MES Citizenship Medals



MES Poppy Contest

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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Dinner Dance and breakfast were also successes, though our dinner attendance might have been lower than normal this month. The breakfast seems to continue to grow. Thanks to everyone to made these events happen!

On May 11, our Scout Troops did not do their normal car wash. Instead, Torrin Myers lead them for his Eagle Scout project and built a flag retirement box in our driveway. Now we have a much easier way for the Post to accept flags to be retired.

Finally, thanks to all who attended and participated in the Memorial Day service on May 27th, especially to Ron Leggett who coordinated the event and made sure it was a success. We had the IJSHS Band playing, Larry Harvey and our Chaplain Rick Hanes speaking, Beverly Holley reciting "In Flander's Fields," our Rifle Squad firing in salute, and our Scouts retiring flags. It was a solemn and reverent event. Thanks again to all involved!

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY!!!

Dan Carroll
Commander



Scouts Malachi and Jonathan retiring a flag

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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

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Also, we would love to see you whether it is for a meeting, bingo on Wednesday, the dinner dance or even breakfast. For now, that is all for me.

I would like to thank my breakfast crew who helped cook breakfast, the clean up crew who came in to do clean up after breakfast, and finally my scouts of Troop 493 for all their help this month with the breakfast.

Also, I would like people's thoughts on the rifle squad that we had on Memorial Day. How we did, and any improvements we could make.

Your Honorable First Vice,
Paul A. Warring



Melissa Keal singing National Anthem



POST BUSINESS

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!!

Please be aware that the Dinner Dance in June has been cancelled due to a conflict with another event. See the details in the calendar.

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 the Post, Sons, or Auxiliary, or even the Scouts. Please invite those you know and share ideas for attracting new members with the executive team.

Be sure to check out the Post's Website, 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.



Line Dancers at the Dinner Dance

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

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Ochwilla Citizenship Awards



Ochwilla Poppy Poster Awards

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Ochwilla Elementary School
Citizenship Medal awarded by LTC(ret) Ron Leggett
Awarded to Nicolas Penta and Paecyn DeGuzman

Poppy Poster Contest Awards presented by Irene Koenig

Awards presented to Bella Carrier (2nd Place), Karleigh Menkis (Honorable Mention), Maria Vulverde(1st Place).

Congratulations to all 6th Graders!

And don't forget! The Auxiliary will be hosting a Low Country Boil (\$15) and Cornhole Tournament (\$5) on July 13. See Danielle Walker for tickets and let her know if you have a corn hole set that the post could borrow for the event.

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!



Pastor Hanes Speaking on Memorial Day

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Torrin and his finished Eagle Project



SCOUTS OUT

Here's a little update on what our Scouts are up to.

As you can see from some of the photos, Torrin has finished his Eagle Project and the Post has a new Flag Retirement box to collect unserviceable flags. It may need another coat of paint, but its already been used quite a bit leading up to Memorial Day. Torrin would like to extend his thanks to all Scouts and Legionnaires who pitched in to help make this happen.

Our Cub Scout Pack is off for the summer, so you may notice that Thursday nights have freed up for a few months. Never fear. They still do monthly events and will start back up about when school starts up again.

The boy and girl troops are getting ready to head off to summer camp at the end of June and are quite excited. We are going to Camp Rainey Mountain, in Clayton, GA. Since we are leaving the state, the costs to attend are quite a bit more than normal, but thanks to the Legion's Golf Tournament and a generous donation from an anonymous donor, we've been able to cut the cost of camp for all scouts attending almost in half.

Our Scouts extend a huge thank you to the Post and all who have provided us support!

SAL REPORT

This past month or so we as Son's helped a great deal with the American Legion and Auxiliary. With things like April's Flea market, Blood Donations, Breakfast, Bingo, the dinner dance and even Post Watch.

On May 6th we had our first Spaghetti Dinner and it went off great. We are doing another on June 3rd, starting at 5PM

We would love to do more events, so if you have any ideas, please feel free to speak with me or any of the Sons.

As Son's of the American Legion, we support our Legion Family when they need us and we do our best to make our Legion Family proud. We also support our community.

I would like to add that, as a SAL, I am honored to be a Son and will do my best to support the Legion Family.

John Keal
SAL Commander



Striping the walls of the Flag Retirement Box



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