



Post News

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Well, May was a busy month. I handed out awards, we had a successful movie night, a very successful special general membership meeting, and a successful breakfast, as well as a great Memorial Day.

This month's breakfast, we served about 55 people, which is great, because we normally only average about 40. The special general meeting had 22 members who showed up. I have already run a consensus with all the members that were present and will approach the board with a proposal to make Saturday morning the standard for the general membership meeting. We must get the fundraising committee together again so we can discuss the next series of events we're going to hold. I will also recommend having a family dinner meeting, non-formal just to trade dates and pass any information between groups.

The awards I gave out went to the following students: For Jenkins Middle School, Sarinitie Christian and Chase Temple; For Melrose Elementary, Oliver Scaife and Keturah Helmy; And finally, for Ochwilla Elementary School, Chricha Bartlett and Mason Wolf. Congratulations to the outstanding youths for being selected for the American Citizenship Award.

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Paul Awarding Chase Temple and Sarinitie Christian

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

- Sons of the American Legion Meeting - Jun 1
- Scouts Car Wash @ Ace - Jun 13
- Executive Meeting - Jun 6
- Auxiliary Meeting - Jun 7
- BSA Flag Retirement (Tentative) - Jun 14
- General Meeting and Potluck Dinner - Jun 15
- Auxiliary Summertime Picnic - Jun 20
- Breakfast - Jun 27

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



Paul Awarding Chricha Bartlett and Mason Wolf

1ST VICE REPORT

We have had a very busy month. If you have not noticed phase one of the fencing project is nearly completed. All that is left to do is the painting. So far the fencing project has cost the Post nothing. It has been done by donations from our Membership, Home Depot, and Queen's Building Supply. I hope to start on phase two soon. My thanks go out to James (Gunny) Ware, Daniel Hart and Shannon Martin for all their help with the fence. Rick Hanes and Gunny are putting plans together for the inside renovations. And of course I will be there to help. Hope to see changes for the better inside soon.

On May 15th. We held our first movie night. We had a good turn out. We have already had people asking when are we doing it again. We are currently in the planning stages to put together another movie night on August 15th. Hopefully better than the last one. Thanks to the donations from our membership, and Interlachen Foods, all the money made is all completely profit for the Post. There again my thanks go out to the people who helped, Commander Warring, Gunny Ware, Rick Hanes, James Bohannon, and Shannon Martin, who helped me put on the event.

On May 16th I attended the Robert Jenkins Dinner at the Elementary School. It was a very nice event. It's held on the 3rd Saturday of May every year. The event is held to raise money for scholarships for the youth who have completed High School and are headed for Collage. Next year I would like to see if Post 293 can pack out the house in support of this event.

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Chris with our Poppy Poster Winners

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Finally, movie night attracted about 30 people to come up and watch a movie. We showed Forest Gump due to it being a week before Memorial Day. We are still planning the next one, if anyone has a movie idea let us know. We are hoping to draw some younger veterans and families in by doing this, as well, giving the community something to do.

If anyone has questions, comments, or ideas please contact me freely at 386-666-1381, And I will be more than willing to pass it on to the fundraiser committee or the executive board.

Also, we covered the Charter for Mrs. Doris Cruz.

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



Paul Awarding Oliver Scaife and Keturah Helmy

AUXILIARY REPORT

Another school year is over, and with that we had our annual Awards to pass out.

Cindy and I attended our 3 West Putnam Elementary School Awards to reward our 6th Grade Poppy Poster Winners for this year. They all received a certificate of appreciation, a ribbon and an Amazon Gift Card from the Auxiliary.

This was our second year awarding a graduating high school student a Nursing Scholarship. Dyana will be attending St. Johns River State College this fall and we were happy to present her with a \$700 "check" from our Auxiliary to help her with expenses. The money will be deposited into her school account. Thanks to Patt for coming with me to the awards banquet.

Department Convention is coming up real quick next week. We will have 3 Delegates attending the event and learn about what's new for the upcoming year.

Don't miss our "Summertime Picnic" (see attached flyer) on June 20th! We'll have some local entertainment featuring your very own Steve Morgan with his 'picking friends' to play some dinner music for us. We're planning to roll out dinner about 5 pm, while supplies last. I highly recommend you pre-purchase your tickets to secure your meal. Also, all pre-purchased tickets will go into a special drawing before the end of the evening! See one of us to get your ticket.

Our next scheduled meeting is June 8th at 3:30 PM
See you there!

Chris Carroll
President Unit 293



Chris Awarding Nursing Scholarship to Dyana

If you have anything to add or mention, please let me know no later than 1 week following the general meeting!

CJ Myers, Adjutant/2nd Vice, 386-336-3482

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Irene reciting "In Flanders Fields" for Memorial Day



Turnout for Saturday Meeting

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On May 25th we held our yearly Memorial Day Service at the Post. It was a very nice service thanks to Ron Leggett. We had a good turnout. But with that being said I would have liked to have seen more of our Membership in attendance, lets make that happen next year.

Post Watch is going well. We would like to see more of our members there, even if its for a few minutes. Post Watch is held on every Tuesday 10:00am until 2:00pm and on Thursday 4:00pm until 8:00pm.

On the Membership front, We are a growing Post. As of May 31st we are sitting at about 127.42% with 12 transferred in, 7 PUFL's, 54 renewals, 4 from post 400, and 2 Active Duty for a total of 79 paid members on the roster, that's up from 62 members this time last year. The National report shows the same numbers as well as showing us at 100% retention this year. Let's keep up the good work and try to get us some younger members. They are the future of our post. Please let us remember the members of our Post and their families that have fallen this year.

The month of June looks to be busy. I'm looking forward to attending the Department Convention from June 11th though to the 13th. Paul Warring, Rick Hanes, and James (Gunny) Ware will be there as well representing Post 293.

In closing I would like to remind our Membership that the month of May is a month of remembrance for all the Veterans who have fallen before us from the Revolution to Present. It is because of their sacrifice that we are able to live the lives that we so enjoy. And let us not forget to remember what happened next month on June 6th, 1944 and the days following. We lost a lot of Veterans during that time, let us remember them with Honor and a Job Well Done.

Jeff Jernigan 1st Vice Commander
By Veterans for Veterans

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