



# Post News

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

Dear fellow comrades, friends and family!!

April has come and gone and boy did we have a busy month! On the first of April, there was an Eagle Scout Board for our first Eagle Scout. Congratulations to Levi Strickland!! It was an honor to witness the ceremony. It is a privilege for our post to have contributed to this Scouts success.

I was able to attend the 17th District Picnic on the 6th with my wife, Aux President, Chris Carroll and Aux 1st Vice Cindy Lester. It was a fun and learning experience at Post 361 in South Daytona.

The next Saturday our Auxiliary had its Flea Market. We sold Pulled Pork sandwiches and made a few dollars. Thanks to our "Chef" and 1st Vice Paul Warring! Job well done!!

April 15th we had our monthly dinner meeting, thanks to all that brought a "Pot Luck" dish to share! Also, we had our annual election of Post Officers. The officers elected were as previously posted. Thank you for trusting me to continue being your post commander.

On April 17th I drove to Post 267, Ormond Beach to have a "Meet and Greet" with our Department Commander Michael "Gambler" Raymond and others from our district. The Department Commander stated how happy he was for our 115% Membership.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

- Bingo - Every Wednesday @ 11AM
- SAL Spaghetti Dinner - May 6
- Eagle Scout Project - May 11 - NO BSA Car Wash
- Auxiliary Meeting - May 13
- Executive Meeting - May 13
- Dinner/Dance - May 18
- General Dinner Mtg - May 20
- IJSHS JROTC Senior Awards Ceremony - May 23
- Breakfast - May 25
- Sons of the American Legion Meeting - May 25
- Memorial Day Ceremony - May 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



Legionnaire, Aux Member & Scout Leader Ashley Myers  
Dancing at Crescent City Pow Wow



## 1ST VICE CORNER

Welcome to My corner of the Legion.

Currently we are sitting at 117.31% and are 2nd place for our district as far as membership is concerned. In July after the conference, we will be starting the early bird special for early renewal.

Also, we're holding a raffle for a 1-of-1 fishing pole worth 600 dollars along with 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 printed on it. Tickets are \$5 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20.

All proceeds will go to help with improvements, and/or repairs of the Post.

Breakfast will be from 7am to 10 - 1030am depending on how busy we are. If you are interested in helping with the breakfast and don't come to meetings you can reach me at 386-666-1381.

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## AUXILIARY REPORT

District 17 held their annual Picnic/fundraiser to support Girls and Boys State transportation in South Daytona on April 6. Cindy Lester and I were able to go and support the cause.

On April 13th, we had our Annual Spring Community Flea Market at our Post. As always, it was a great event, we had FIFTEEN (15!) blood donations this time. woohoo. I think that's a record. Let's do this again in September (the 14th) and BEAT that! The Legionnaires sold Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Hamburgers and Hot Dogs for lunch. Great job! And our bake sale was a hit. All in all a wonderful event.

For last month's meeting we encouraged the membership to wear purple in honor of the "month of the military child". Danielle Walker made sure to have purple ribbons for everyone that did not get the memo

Some of us are involved with the Golf Tournament planning committee! We are FULL SPEED AHEAD on this! see attached info please and help where you can.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on May 13th at 3:30. Please join us if you can.

Farrix Myers and Lucas Flores at Princess Place Pow Wow



Irene and Cindy working the Bake Sale



The Tequila Crew at Dinner Dance

## 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 April 20th we had a successful Dinner Dance. Creamy Chicken Casserole was delicious!!! Thanks to our great cooks for that meal!

Irene Koenig and I went to Gainesville on April 24th to attend the Wreaths across America display at the VFW on Waldo road. We are in the planning stages to participate in that program this year. More info will be put out next month.

On Saturday the 27th, we had our monthly breakfast. I believe it was enjoyed by all in attendance. Thanks to all the help!! Sons, Scouts, Aux and Legion all working together!!!

For this month's activities, please see our calendar. Also, as a reminder, I will be out of pocket from May 22 until June 6, so Paul will be acting commander during that period.

**FOR GOD AND COUNTRY!!!**

Dan Carroll  
Commander



Slow Dancing at the Dinner Dance

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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
- Additional Tree Trimming
- 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 and the clean up crew who came in to cleanup after breakfast, and last but not least my scouts of Troops 493 and 9394 for all their help this month for the breakfast

Your Honorable First Vice,  
Paul A. Warring



Crew 4 Members at Crescent City Pow Wow



## NEW BUSINESS

Don't forget Memorial Day on May 27, this month. We will hold a ceremony to honor and remember our honored fallen. There will be speakers, the IJSHS Band, and our Scouts will conduct a flag retirement ceremony. Please plan to attend from 10am until noon on Memorial Day. In fact, come early to help setup and leave later to help clean up!

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. With this in mind, Sam and CJ are still trying to organize a monthly recruitment drive, which we will try to use the Memorial Day Ceremony this month..

Be sure to 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.



Past (Harley Lesch) and Present (Carolyn Dodge) FIHA Princesses from Crew 4 at Princess Place Pow Wow

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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Torrin Myers and Alex Gilbert Chicken Dancer Dance off at Crescent City Pow Wow



## SCOUTS OUT

Just a quick blurb updating everyone on our Scouts, BSA programs.

Our scouts are busy! They just went camping on at Camp Francis right here in Interlachen over the weekend of Apr 27, where they worked on some scout skills and requirements and even hiked to the Post and back to camp to help support the Legion Breakfast!

Our newest Eagle Scout, Levi Strickland, celebrated his Eagle Court of Honor at the Legion on Sunday, April 28th. Although, the event was limited to invitees, our Commander was able to attend as well as about 8 to 10 other Eagle Scouts to support and congratulate Levi.

Torrin Myers is another Eagle Candidate who is ready for his project. He chose to schedule his Eagle Project on Saturday, May 11 for maximum participation, which means we will be building his Flag Collection Box in lieu of this month's monthly car wash. All are welcome and encouraged to attend and assist as you are able!

As promised last month, I'm putting a bunch of photos of our Venturing Crew 4 here in the newsletter and on our website.

All our Scouts are grateful for the Post's active support!

## 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!



Members of Crew 4 Dancing at Crescent City Pow Wow

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Danielle pinning Dan with a purple ribbon



## JROTC SPOTLIGHT

As you may already know, the Senior Award Ceremony for the Cadets at Interlachen Junior-Senior High School will be held at 9:30AM on 23 May 2024.

We look forward to seeing the American Legion Post 293 represented at these awards and receive recognition for the scholarship funds you are presenting to our cadet seniors.

### Seniors Graduating:

Aiden McPhadden - Stetson College  
Alex Galloway - Palatka Power Plant - workforce  
Christina Smith - Undecided  
Leeanny Gamble - US Army  
Shyheem Shivers - US Army  
Michael Taylor - St Johns River College  
Jonathan Stephens - Undecided  
Charles Parker - University of Florida  
Lial Landry - US Marine Corps  
Chloe Parker - Peace Corps  
Draco Ratliff - US Army (T)

We would like for you to present these scholarships on behalf of the American Legion Post 293!

## SAL REPORT

Our SAL Squadron is becoming more and more active as we grow and add new members. Here's a list of our Officers:

John Keal: Squadron Commander  
Thomas Lynn: SQD 1st Vice Commander / Adjutant  
Brian Matthews: SQD 2nd Vice Commander  
Terry Frickey: SQD Finance Officer  
Ron Leggett & Will Chamberliss: SQD Chaplains  
Austin Goudy: SQD Sergeant at Arms

Please buy a ticket and attend our Spaghetti Dinner that will be held at the Post on May 6 starting at 5:30PM.

Our monthly meeting will be held following the Legion Breakfast on May 25.

And if you are the son or grandson of a Veteran, you are likely eligible to join our Squadron. Please contact John Keal for details and an application at [sons@post293fl.org](mailto:sons@post293fl.org)!



Farrix Myers Grass Dancing at Crescent City Pow Wow

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