



Post News

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Well, with the end of October, we saw close to 820 people come through our trunk or treat.

I want to thank all Legion, Auxiliary, and Sons members who helped through our pumpkin patch and the trunk or treat.

I look forward to seeing everyone for our breakfast on the 22nd of November.

We will be discussing having a pancake breakfast in December, where kids will eat for free and adults will pay \$5 per person.

I would also say it was great having the ROTC here doing the Haunted House again this year, and all the normal vendors we have put trunks in to hand out candy.

I look forward to a great November. Don't forget to attend the Veterans Day Ceremony at Faith Life Church on November 8.

Remember to have a good holiday and stay safe on your trips.

With Loyalty and Honor,
Paul Warring,
Commander Post 293

BE THANKFUL
BE
Grateful
&
BE BLESSED



Freda & Robin manning "trunks" for the Post & SAL

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

- Sons of the American Legion Meeting - Nov 3
- Post Cleanup - Nov 8
- Veterans Day Ceremony @ Faith Life Church - Nov 8
- Finance Committee Mtg - Nov 9
- Auxiliary Meeting - Nov 10
- Executive Meeting - Nov 10
- General Dinner Mtg - Nov 17
- Breakfast - Nov 22
- Fundraising Meeting - Nov 23
- Holiday Bazaar - Nov 29
- Scouting America Car Wash - Nov 29

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



CDR Paul found Waldo at the Trunk or Treat

AUXILIARY REPORT

First, thanks for the great turnout we had at our last meeting, in spite of several people being out of town. What an awesome bunch!

It was decided to purchase 8 wreath holders for our WAA (Wreaths Across America) program. We borrowed them last year, but the flower shop is going out of business. This way we will have them for the future. This year's event is on December 13th at 10 AM! Hope to see many of you there.

Our membership is at 77.78% to date. If you have not yet renewed....please do so at your earliest convenience. Let's get to 100% again! We can do it!

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Auxiliary Trunk handing out Candy

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AUXILIARY REPORT

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Gracie did a wonderful job on her presentation "Duties and Responsibilities of the Unit Chaplain". Thank you so much for informing us on this section of the ALA. November's presentation will be brought to you by Irene, so please join us on November 10th at 3:30 for our next meeting. We will also be discussing the upcoming Holiday Bazaar (flyer attached)

In October we participated in one of the Post's big fundraisers of the year, the Golf Tournament. Thank you to Jim Dandenau for doing a lot of the printing ahead of the game, thanks to James Ware for bringing a team, thanks to Dan Carroll for always showing up when needed. My biggest thank you goes to Cindy for helping with Teams, Raffle Items, Sponsors and showing up. Also thanks to Irene, Liz and Leslie for coming out on the 18th to help with the Tournament. Couldn't have done it without all your help.

The Auxiliary also showed up for the Trunk or Treat at the Post Home on the 31st and we have a table at the Interlachen Fall Festival downtown. More on that next month.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

Chris Carroll
President Unit 293



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

First Vice Report

Welcome to November! We have had a busy month with the Pumpkin Patch. Let me thank all the Members, both Legionnaires And Sons who helped out at the Patch, you all did a wonderful job.

Our Membership numbers are looking pretty good as of October 31. We are currently sitting at 72.58% with 45 total paid. Our goal is 62 paid members or more. If you know of a Veteran who is not a member please talk with them about becoming a member, try explaining the benefits of being a member to them.

Speaking of benefits, We are still holding Post Watch on Tuesdays from 10:00am until 2:00pm and on Thursdays from 4:00pm until 8:00pm stop in and visit awhile. Myself, Commander Paul Warring, Sergeant at Arms James (Gunny) Ware, are usually there along with our Finance Officer Rick Hanes and Past Commander Dan Carroll stopping by when they have time.

Last, We would like to see more of our Membership at our Monthly Membership meetings. The meetings are held on the Third Monday of every month at 5:30pm. These meetings are a Potluck dinner meeting. So come to the meeting, eat some good food and let your voice be heard and help us make the decisions that will help us move forward to helping our Post grow and helping our community. I hope to see you soon.



PUMPKIN PATCH

It was a challenging Pumpkin Patch season this year. Logistical issues delayed delivery of the pumpkins, initially, and just when we thought those dragons slain, the truck carrying the pumpkins broke its axle, delaying delivery further. All in all, we lost 5 days.

Still, we pulled everything together and had a great event for the community, which is mostly what this event is about.

We even made the news! You can read that story here: <https://www.wuft.org/entertainment/2025-10-25/patriots-pumpkin-patch-makes-a-difference-for-interlachen-families>

We were able to keep the patch open an extra day following Halloween, so the final numbers will be published in the next edition.

A sincere thank you to all volunteers, be they Scouts, Legionnaires, Auxiliary, or Sons who helped setup and run the pumpkin patch. This event takes a tremendous amount of time and commitment from those involved. I could not have pulled it off alone. *Thank you all so much!*