



Post News

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Comrades, friends and family members;

I hope everyone has recovered from Hurricane Helene and are well!!

Here it is October!! September events were well attended. Dance, meetings, Auxiliary Flea Market and our 2nd Annual Golf tournament. Thank you attendees!!!

This month has a lot going on. Pumpkin Patch time of year!!! We will be selling pumpkins again this year from 12th through the 31st. I hope we can get some new faces to help sell them. It's always fun to watch the youngsters play amongst the pumpkins. 19th is our monthly Dinner Dance with Dave and Rita as DJ again, they did a Great job!! Stuffed shells are on the menu!! Dinner meeting on the 21st, PotLuck....Bring your favorite dish to show off.... 26th we will have our regular Breakfast. Halloween will bring the High School JROTC Cadets here to set up the Haunted House and we will have our 4th Annual Trunk or Treat. We still have space for more Trunks!!!

On October 26th, from 0900-1600 at Palatka American Legion Bert Hodge Post 45, The Vietnam and Global War on Terrorism Memorial Walls will be on Display!

On November 4th, we are having a Smoked Chicken Leg Quarters dinner. Tickets are on sale NOW!!! See attached Flyer!

I hope you can attend these events!!

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY!!!

Dan Carroll
Commander

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

- Bingo - Every Wednesday @ 11AM
- Auxiliary Meeting - Oct 7
- Pumpkin Patch Decorating Day - Oct 8
- Pumpkin Delivery Day (NO CAR WASH) - Oct 12
- Executive Meeting - Oct 14
- Halloween Movie Night - Oct 18
- Dinner/Dance - Oct 19
- Sons of the American Legion Meeting - Oct 21
- General Dinner Mtg - Oct 21
- Camp Fire Ghost Stories - Oct 25
- Breakfast - Oct 26
- Pumpkin Patch - Oct 13 - Oct 31

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

Ask about 3-year renewals



Golf Tournament Champs from Faith Life Fellowship

Paul Flexing his Grill at the Flea Market



AUXILIARY REPORT

Thanks to everyone who came out to support our Fall Flea Market in September. The weather almost canceled us, but.....our good luck prevailed and the skies cleared up in time for us to have our event. We had a good crowd come through, managed to get 10 people eligible to donate blood with OneBlood on site, 4 of them double reds! So the Blood Mobile was happy with us.

Irene has been busy visiting all the clubs and organizations around town to promote Wreaths across America and doing a great job with it.

Some of us were busy helping out with the Post Golf Tournament. Another awesome, successful event to support our youths and the Post.

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In October, please support the Scouts' Pumpkin Patch at the Post. Shop for a pumpkin or volunteer your time to cover a shift or two.

I'll reach forward into November for a moment ~ Thanksgiving Day! We are planning to have a Legion Family Thanksgiving at the Post for anyone who would like to join us (maybe you don't have any family in town and just don't want to cook and eat by yourself?) Please let Danielle Walker or Beverly Holley know if you're coming. We have a sign-up sheet hanging up at the bulletin board at the Post.

Happy Fall!

Chris Carroll
President Unit 293



Cindy Serving Breakfast at the Flea Market



Jeff and Freda working the recruitment table

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

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

POST BUSINESS

It's here! Time to setup and work the Pumpkin Patch. Please make every effort to pitch in what you can! Every little bit helps and there will be a lot of opportunities to assist!

We plan to decorate the post on Oct 8 starting at 10am. The pumpkins are scheduled to arrive on Oct 12 at 11am, although with the current storm season or other unanticipated events, we may have to remain flexible on this.

The Pumpkin Patch will open on Oct 13 and run all the way through Halloween. I've published the hours and dates on our calendar. If you wish to sign up to work the Pumpkin Patch, please text CJ Myers (386-336-3482) or visit <https://volunteersignup.org/HYAE9>

During the Patch, the Post will host a Halloween Movie Night on Oct 18 and a Camp Fire with Ghost Stories on Oct 25. And, in conjunction with JROTC's Haunted House, on Halloween itself, the Post will host a Trunk or Treat for the kiddos. Sign up for a booth to help give out candy. Contact CJ or Paul for this signup, or visit <https://volunteersignup.org/R33YL>

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Let's continue to support "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.

As always, we need to continue to focus on attracting new membership to the Post. Please invite those you know and share ideas for attracting new members with the executive team.

Be sure to regularly check out the Post's Website, www.post293fl.org. 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.



GOLF TOURNAMENT

One of our biggest fundraisers for the year has come and gone this past weekend.

Overall ~ another great success!

We had 15 Teams show up to play (up from 9 last year) 5 of those teams had at least one Post 293 Legionnaire play in it! And some of our Sons and Scouts.

Our First Place winner this year was Faith Life Fellowship with Pastor Rick (our Treasurer) at the helm.

We raised over \$7000 (up from \$4000 last year), so our contributions towards the Scouts and the JROTC will go up to \$1750 this year! (vs. \$1000 we did last year)

Thank you to everyone who participated! Great job!

We didn't quite hit our "projected goal", but you know what they say: Reach for the Moon, even if you miss, you'll find yourself amongst the Stars.

We set a date for next year! Our 3rd Annual Golf Tournament will be held on October 25th, 2025 at the Palatka Country Club again.....SAVE THE DATE.

Sam Walker, PSO
Golf Chair



Paul and Brian on the Course

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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SAL REPORT

Just want to congratulate the Sons on a great membership percentage of 82%.

We are doing a great job at doing the best at what we do. Let's work together at getting to 100% that is our goal.

Want to also say welcome to our new members of the Sons and welcome aboard!



JROTC UPDATE

We are hosting our very first Robotics Event (actually the very first in Putnam County) Below is the information:

VEX Robotics Competition

We are excited to announce the first VEX Robotics Competition in Putnam County, hosted by SFC David Wettrich at Interlachen Jr/Sr High School.

We are looking for referees, judges and anyone willing to volunteer. please fill out the form

You can sign up to volunteer for one event or both: Saturday, November 16th, and Saturday, January 25th.

When: Saturday, November 16th, and/or Saturday, January 25th (You do not need to do both days, but would be appreciated)

Where: Interlachen Jr/Sr High School 126 County Rd 315 Interlachen, FL 32148

Time: 6:30 am - 7:00 pm (You can sign up for half days)

For all VEX V5 Robotics Competition (V5RC) events, Judges and Referees must be adults. Age 20 or older and not a high school student is considered an adult for V5RC judging.

If you have any questions, please email SFC David Wettrich at dwettrich@my.putnamschools.org.

Thank you,
SFC Wettrich



Scouts taking a Swing

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