AMERICAN LEGION POST 293 NEWSLETTER



Post News

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Comrades, friends and family members;

Wow! Here it is September! August events were well attended. Dance, meeting and breakfast. Thank you attendees!!!

This month has a lot going on. Our Auxiliary is having its Flea Market on the 14th with the Bake Sale, Scouts washing cars and One Blood taking blood donors. The Legion will be selling burgers and hot dogs. Dinner meeting on the 16th, Pot Luck....Bring your favorite dish to show off.....21st is our monthly Dinner Dance with Dave and Rita as DJ this time. Pork loin is on the menu.

NO REGULAR BREAKFAST this month.... the idea of having a PANCAKE BREAKFAST is being kicked around. Let us know what you think. Our regular cooks are Golfing that day. Speaking of Golfing.....the 28th is our 2nd Annual Golf Tournament!!! We are still accepting donations, sponsors and team sign ups!!!

Our kitchen is undergoing a small facelift. Please be patient as it goes on. Also, we have a Forest Mulcher scheduled to clean up some of our underbrush. Hoping it will make our property look nicer and give us more room outside..

We are also collecting money for Wreaths Across America! This is a wonderful program to Honor our Veterans. All donations are appreciated!!!

I hope to see you at these events!!

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY!!!

Dan Carroll Commander

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

- Bingo Every Wednesday @ 11AM
- Auxiliary Meeting Sep 9
- Executive Meeting Sep 9
- Pumpkin Patch Planning Meeting Sep 10
- Community Flea Market & BSA Car Wash Sep 14
- Sons of the American Legion Meeting Sep 16
- General Dinner Mtg Sep 16
- Dinner/Dance Sep 21
- NO BREAKFAST Sep 28
- Golf Tournament Sep 28

TIME TO RENEW!

Contact 1st Vice, Paul Warring to renew your membership 386-666-1381

Ask about 3-year renewals



The Karaoke Krew at the Dinner Dance

AUXILIARY REPORT

Are you ready for this heat to make room for pumpkin spice and everything nice? I love Fall. For one....it brings us our Fall Community Flea Market! Come out and join us on September 14th (between 9 and 2) to shop around, get some baked goods, donate some blood and get your car washed. Where else can you go and do all that in one place??? We do hope to see you there!

Are you home alone (or in a small circle) for Thanksgiving Dinner this year? Would you like to join our Legion Family for Thanksgiving Dinner? Danielle and Beverly are planning a get-together for us on Thanksgiving Day. This will be a potluck event. Meats are already covered, need sides and desserts. Sign-up sheet is at the Post bulletin board to coordinate a well rounded meal. But please remember: this is meant for our Legion Family and Veterans, not a big community bash.

The next big Auxiliary event will be the Holiday Bazaar on December 14th. It is not too early to plan for that one! I am accepting vendor applications (inside and out) at this time for all you planners out there. This is NOT a flea market, but rather Arts & Crafts and NEW items only.....think Christmas gifting!

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That same day will also be our Wreaths Across America event. If you haven't donated towards some wreaths yet but would like to....contact Irene @ 386-684-2952 or email ucfmom9@yahoo.com. All orders need to be in by early November to allow for delivery on time.

The Auxiliary set aside some funds to help the Post with "yard cleanup". I hear it is underway and happening! I'm sure there will be some pictures in the near future to see the improvements. Thanks to Jeff, things are already looking much better around the Post as it is. He's been busy cutting grass and trimming trees around the parking lot. Kudos!

Hope to see everyone around the Post for our many events (Auxiliary, Post or Sons) and meetings!
Our next one is scheduled for September 9th at 3:30 PM!

Chris Carroll President Unit 293



Brian Matthews recruiting for SAL at Hitchcock's



Breakfast Kitchen Crew hard at work

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

Next month is Pumpkin Patch time! We will need all hands on deck to assist when the pumpkins come in and we will always need folks to take a shift or two selling pumpkins. We expect the pumpkins to arrive around Oct 12 - 14. I will update when that solidifies. If you want to help with planning, donating time, decorations, or any necessary equipment, please attend the planning meeting that will be held at the Post on Tuesday, September 10 at 7PM in conjunction with our BSA Meeting.

As our Auxiliary president mentioned, 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!!

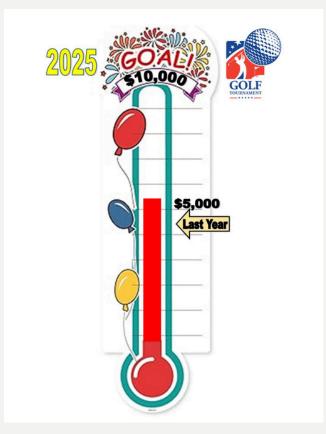
As always, we need to continue to focus on attracting new membership to the Post. Please invite those you know and share ideas for attracting new members with the executive team.

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.



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SCOUTS OUT

Some changes coming to Scouting this month.

Our Cubs Scouts will be moving their meetings to fall on the same day as the BSA Troops meet, so Thursday nights at the Post will be open again this month.

Additionally, the Post has asked the Scouts to investigate if we could flip-flop our meeting days to see if moving the Legion Meetings to Tuesday evening would draw in more Post members. I am still polling my Scout families to see if this would work for everyone, but so far it looks promising. I would like to also poll the Legion Membership. If you do not or cannot currently attend our Monday General meetings, would a Tuesday night work better? Please reply to the newsletter email or notify CJ directly with your feedback.

Other than the Cubs, these meeting changes are still up to be decided, and would not take effect until October, at the earliest. Stay Tuned!!

GOLF TOURNAMENT

It's Tee-Time!

After a few months of preparation, our Golf Tournament is upon us this month.

We still have a couple of weeks for sponsors to donate (\$\$, raffle prizes, goodie bag items), so don't stop yet! Reach out to any contacts you have.

Also...we have room for a couple more teams as well. Bring your game!

Our Thermometer is looking pretty good. We may not reach our goal, but we set it high enough for us to stretch.

Remember: proceeds will be split between our Scouts, JROTC Interlachen and Post needs.

Please let me know if you'll be there on the 28th to lend a hand so I know how many volunteers I have. Looking forward to another fun event!

Sam Walker PSO. Golf Chair

The Breakfast Crowd





Scouts waiting to Serve Breakfast

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

