

# POST NEWS



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## Sauls-Bridges American Legion Post 13



### *FROM THE COMMANDER*

#### ***BIG NEWS, BIG NEWS, BIG NEWS***

A building permit for our room addition has been given to Jett Builders/Inc. This is something to cheer about. After 4-5 years of effort by Post 13 and others, the City has in fact issued a building permit. Construction has begun. Storage space in and about the Post and a new room for the Auxiliary will be greatly appreciated. Persistency again prevails.

*Charles LeCroy , Commander*

### ***SOLDIER ON THE TAKE***

HE TAKES----- HIS OATH SERIOUSLY  
HE TAKES----- HIS OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES WITH PRIDE  
HE TAKES----- 24 HOUR WORK SHIFTS IN STRIDE  
HE TAKES----- PRIDE IN HIS UNIFORM  
SHE TAKES--- ABUSE BECAUSE SHE IS SUPPOSED TO BE WEAK  
HE TAKES----- TIME TO BE COURTEOUS TO THE YOUNG AND ELDERLY  
SHE TAKES--- IN SIGHTS THAT WOULD MAKE YOU SICK AND CRY  
HE TAKES---- THE MUD, RAIN, HEAT, COLD WHEREVER  
HE TAKES---- HIS BEST FRIEND HOME FOR BURIAL  
SHE TAKES-- A REMOTE TOUR BECAUSE IT IS HER TURN  
HE TAKES --- HIS SMALL BITS OF PAY YET WITH PRIDE  
HE TAKES---- ABUSE FROM THOSE WHO CRITICIZE THE MILITARY  
HE TAKES---- RETIREMENT AND FEELS GOOD ABOUT HIS SERVICE  
SHE TAKES-- TIME FROM HER FAMILY TO HELP KEEP US SAFE  
THEN ONE DAY THEY PAY FOR ALL THEY HAVE TAKEN AND GOD TAKES THEM.  
HAVE YOU HUGGED A SOLDIER TODAY?

*Author Unknown*

## SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

### **Leon County Veteran Services Division; Ve'lean Johnson (VJ)**

918 Railroad Avenue  
850-488-8462

### **Veterans Employment & Training Service**

2525 S. Monroe Street, Suite 3A  
850-488-8701

### **VA Information & Services**

800-827-1000 voice  
800-8929-4833 TDD

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202-224-3041

### **Senator Bill Nelson Vets Rep Lynn Bannister**

850-942-8415

### **Representative Alan Boyd**

850-561-3979

### **Florida Department of Veterans Affairs**

850-487-1533

### **Tallahassee VA Outpatient Clinic**

1607 St James Court  
850-878-0191  
800-541-8387

### **State Legislature House of Representatives**

Veterans Affairs Committee  
850-488-3420

### **The Vet Center**

( Counseling for all Veterans )  
540 Bradford Road  
850-942-8810

## ADDRESSING THE LOSS OF LOVED ONES

Kathee Coughlin, ALA Department Chaplain

Often when a loved one is gone from us we aren't sure how to handle the situation. We don't want to cause the family more stress or pain by talking about the deceased, but we don't want them to think we have forgotten their loved one. We have lost several special members of the Legion Family in the past few years: Past Commanders Bill Jacobs, Ray Stallings, Neil Christensen and Frank Callahan, Auxiliary members MaryLee Sutton and Doris Losey are but a few.

In talking with the families, they have asked me to convey to you their feelings. They would rather you talk with them to share your special feelings and memories of their loved ones. This lets them know that they have not been forgotten. When you tiptoe around their loss they feel that you have forgotten, and that hurts worse. We open every meeting with the POW/MIA Flag and the quote, "Lest we forget". Please carry this through with the families who are prisoners of pain from the loss of loved ones. Don't let them think that we have forgotten!

"A Mexican newspaper reports that bored Royal Air Force pilots stationed on the Falkland Islands have devised what they consider a marvelous new game.

Noting that the local penguins are fascinated by airplanes, the pilots search out a beach where the birds are gathered and fly slowly along it at the water's edge. Perhaps ten thousand penguins turn their heads in unison watching the planes go by, and when the pilots turn around and fly back, the birds turn their heads in the opposite direction, like spectators at a slow-motion tennis match. Then, the paper reports, "The pilots fly out to sea and directly to the penguin colony and overfly it. Heads go up, up, up, and ten thousand penguins fall over gently onto their backs."

## Three Members of Post 13 Installed as State Officers

Distinguished recognition was awarded to three members of Post 13 at the American Legion Department of Florida's Convention in Orlando on July 14th and 15th. Auxiliary President **Kathee Coughlin**, who will serve as Department Chaplain in the year ahead, will also represent the 2nd District as its delegate to National Convention August 18 – 24, in Salt Lake City, Utah. Legionnaire **Bruce Archer** was installed as the **District Vice Commander** of the 2nd District, to assist **District 2 Commander Earl Hood**.

Junior **Jasmine Roberts** was elected Honorary Junior Sergeant-at-Arms for the Department: while Auxiliary member **Leslie Kitching** is recognized for completing her 7th year as Girls State Director!

**Pat Stallings** and **George Hall** represented Unit 13 and Post 13 respectively, as voting delegates to the convention, many thanks!

### *FROM THE COMMANDER*

#### INSTALLATION OF 1006/2007 OFFICERS

Installation of Officers for the coming year was held July 27, 2006. Elections were held June 8, 2006 at the General Membership meeting with 61 members voting and showing an interest in the business of their Post.

We anticipate increased participation at the General Membership Meetings and social events. The Legion is about families, children your friends your neighbors and of course visiting Legionnaires who are always welcome. Our Kitchen Manager Mike Harrison continues to prepare excellent meals and our social calendar is promising.

Please mark your calendar for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday (General Membership meetings) and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays (Socials). Remember invite Legionnaires and Veterans to our business meeting. Families, children, neighbors, friends, coworkers are always welcomed at our socials on the 4th Thursday. The coming year should be a very good one. Looking forward to seeing you at the Post.

*Charles LeCroy*



Guest speaker Bill Fannin, a representative of the Disabled Veterans Special Olympics Clinic Team, will be with us on August 24th for the Legion Social. Please mark your calendar now for his special presentation about the Disabled Veterans Special Olympics Team. Our Kitchen Manager, Mike Harrison, is planning another good meal.



## Community Service Projects [NOT JUST FOR AUXILIARY MEMBERS!]

**BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES** for children in need. These are for local children and for families who were victims of the hurricanes during the past two years.

Please remember that this Hurricane Season has been forecast to be as violent as the last. Help the current victims, before there are many more.

**BOOKS OR MAGAZINES** for the VA Clinic.

**SODA CAN POP TOPS** earn cash for Ronald McDonald House.

**TOILET PAPER** for the Homeless Shelter, which uses 28 rolls each day.

**TOILETRIES** (soaps, shampoo, lotion, razors, etc) to make Care Packages for our vets.

**CLEAN USED** (brown only) **PILL BOTTLES** [NO LABELS] for Doctors Without Borders.

**CANCELLED POSTAGE STAMPS** (with ¼" margins) for a rehabilitation project at several veterans' hospitals.

**BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION** from General Foods products and Campbell soup, Swanson and Mrs. Paul's product labels.

**REFUGE HOUSE** (to help abused women and children start new lives) needs new or gently used clothing, household goods and toys.

**Bring them to any function or drop them by the Post Home**

## Calendar of Events

**Department Workshop – Aug. 12 & 13** in Orlando. Comfort Inn on Lee road. Contact Pat or Kathee for more information.

**Girls State/Boys State Dinner – Sept. 28**

**Department of Florida's Fall Conference – Oct. 20 – 22**, Rosen Plaza, Orlando.

**Fall Carnival – October 28th.**

**Filling Christmas boxes – Dec. 16th**

## OTHER Military Organizations Of Tallahassee

**Military Order of the Purple Heart**  
**Third Tuesday of each month**  
**6 pm– Unsponsored Dinner**  
**7pm Meeting in the Hootch**

**DAV 4th Tuesday of each month**  
**in the Hootch**

**VVA 3d Thursday in the Hootch**

**VFW 3308 At their Quarters just off West Tennessee Street.**

**$\frac{40}{8}$  Meets in Quincy,**  
**“some of the time.”**

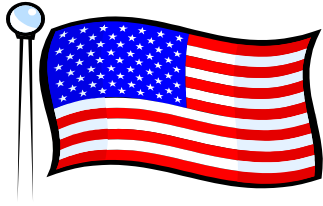
**TAL-MOAA Last Thursday of the**  
**month at the Sliver Slipper.**

May Conflict . . .

**Sons of the American Legion** Look for news about reviving this group at Post13

**American Legion Auxiliary (see page 6)**

Help Bruce out. He doesn't want to drop by the Post and hootch every Tuesday and Thursday just to correct this schedule himself.



*DID YOU  
KNOW?*

The new light hanging over the bar was donated by **Ken Swords** and his lady **Sherry**. These are just two members who are devoting time and resources to the Legion. Ken was recently elected as the 3rd Vice Commander. Thank you very much. **Vic Hanna** noticed there were no wine glasses available at the bar and made his project to purchase some glasses. Vic also installed the hand rail at the kitchen door. Vic is just one Legion member who goes all out for improvement of the Post. **Thanks to Applebees.** The Legion and VFW Post were fortunate to get several useful items from Applebees since they relocated at Capital Circle and West Tennessee Street. Kitchen items, tables, chairs, light fixtures and many other items were made available to us. Many thanks to Buz the District Manager for his concern and consideration.



**Thoughts on the Wall and the Proposed Fundraiser**

I met Steve's friend at the Wall organizational meeting at Culley's and heard his plans to raise money for this event. He spoke with Katie Fair, the Wall rep from Dignity, the organization which built the Wall replica (it is a ¾ sized exact replica of the Wall in DC) and she thought it was a great idea. I go on record as giving an enthusiastic HoooooooooYah!

This Wall, when it comes to Tallahassee, will be THE talk of the town for quite a while. Media will flood this event. The time is now to get things cooking because this will be big, Big, BIG! I mean, regarding media coverage (newspaper, tv reportage, radio) this will rival the annual Veterans Day Parade, perhaps even surpass it with the Rolling Thunder motorcycle escort parade. Nothing like the sound of 300 Harleys rolling down the highway. It will be awesome.

**POST PLANS FUNDRAISER FOR VIETNAM WALL**

**THANKS TO STEVE STEWART, COMEDIAN JOE WEST, A WELL KNOWN AND LONG TIME COMIC---AND A VIETNAM VETERAN, WILL ENTERTAIN US AGAIN.**

**HE AND HIS TEAM WHO PERFORMED AT THE RAMADA INN COMEDY ZONE FOR YEARS WILL BE HERE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE VIETNAM WALL.**

**A REPLICA OF THE WALL IS SCHEDULED TO BE AT CULLEY'S MEMORIAL ON TIMBERLANE ROAD  
OCTOBER 15, 16, 17, 2006.**

**JOE WEST AND HIS TEAM ARE RAISING FUNDS FOR THE TRAVELING WALL, AND POST 13 IS PROVIDING THE HALL OCTOBER 6, 2006 FOR THEIR APPEARANCE. THIS IS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO PAY TRIBUTE TO OUR VETERANS, THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS. MORE TO COME IN SEPTEMBER NEWS LETTER.**

**ADVERTISEMENT IS SCHEDULED TO BE POSTED IN AND AROUND TOWN. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO SPREAD THE WORD AND DISTRIBUTE ADVERTISEMENTS. PLEASE CALL 222-3382.**

I am working with Capital City Harley Davidson to see if we can cook up something for the motorcycle escort and route and also security details. The Wall arrives in Tally the Tuesday prior to the event grand opening from somewhere in Georgia. T 10/10/06 is the arrival date, so we have to establish security details 24/7 from arrival to departure on 10/15/06. These days, there are plenty of jacklegs out there who might try to deface the Wall in a war protest or something. We can't let that happen.

This is primarily to show respect for the Vietnam vets and to provide something for those who can not go to the Wall in DC, but it is also in general a forum to show respect and honor ALL military veterans, not just our Vietnam brethren.

We need to get our memberships involved with this worthy effort and make it an all-out effort. Our men, women, and Ladies Auxiliaries need also get involved. This is a VET thing, let's make it so.

**by VR, Bill Lemocks (443-7805)**



# Auxiliary News

Kathee Coughlin,



**UPCOMING:** **Board meetings** will be Aug. 9, Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, and Dec. 14. Call 562-1017 for details; **General Membership meetings** will be August 22, Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 28. **Socials** will be held on Aug. 24, Sept. 28 will be the Boys State, Girls State Dinner, and Oct. 26 is the last social of 2006. NO SOCIALS will be held in November or December. Check with Carolyn, Pat or Kathee for details.

THE AUXILIARY ROOM HAS BEEN STARTED! THANK YOU VETERANS OF POST 13 FOR  
"STAYING ON TOP OF GETTING THIS UNDERWAY!"

[The Guys won't notice anything on the Unit's Page unless it jumps out to them. -Ed.]

**Auxiliary Officers** were elected at the May meeting and installed on July 27th. We need two vice presidents, a historian, and several program chairmen. Contact Pat or Kathee to discuss your availability to serve or for more information. Thanks!

The **Boys State counselors' dinner** and **Canteen** were a success. Our thanks to Laura Morris, Pat Stallings, Carolyn Lousey, Sandra Shaffer, Kathee Coughlin, and Carolyn Archer for their efforts.

**Special Events** Florida American Legion Auxiliary **Girls State** (300 girls) and Florida American Legion **Boys State** (525 boys) have completed another successful session for each of these premiere programs. Save **September 28** on your calendar to hear from our delegates.

Thanks and congratulations to **Pat Stallings** for her exceptional nomination speech for Department Chaplain, Kathee Coughlin, and her fine report as Courtesy Resolution Chairman, ending the Department's convention on 7/15.

If you have **Juniors** (not 18 before June 30, 2006), please call one of the numbers above. We are continuing to expand the activities for younger members and will meet soon for a business meeting and crafts. We would like juniors to be at least 6 to be able to handle some of the craft and patch program activities.

**Dues notices for 06-07** were sent from National in July. If you have not paid for 2006-07 by Dec. 31, 2006, you are "delinquent." Please send dues to Pat at P.O. Box 735, Woodville, 32362 ASAP, so we can send your card. While you are delinquent, you are not eligible for any of the benefits of membership (See *National News*). **CHANGES at National mean that you will no longer be able to "make up back years", so don't get behind!**

**Back to School Supplies** for those who don't have the means, as well as for KATRINA victims, can be left at the Post marked "Auxiliary Project." We will make sure that those in need receive your generosity.

**New Members:** If you know of an interested AND eligible woman/girl relative (wife, daughter, sister, mother, grandmother, granddaughter or great-granddaughter ["steps" included]), of any living Legionnaire (male or female) or of a veteran who would be eligible for Legion membership, please invite her to the General Meeting. We must be able to verify eligibility through a DD Form 214 (of the eligible veteran), or have the living Legionnaire's Legion card number. Juniors turning 19 before December 31 of the dues year must pay the senior rate. Make sure to include the junior's birth date.

***YOUR volunteered hour can be the key to making a good program a really great one.***

***IF WE DON'T KNOW, WE CAN'T HELP.***

*Please let us know about any veteran or member in need.*





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**<Http://www.floridalegion.org>**

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*FOR GOD AND  
COUNTRY*

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**Deadline for the  
SEPTEMBER Newsletter  
Is August 15, 2006**

Leave newsletter items in the Post News box  
In the Post 13 office; or you may  
mail, or e-mail them to the addresses above.

Post General Membership business meetings are  
the 2d Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM.

The Executive Committee meets at 6:30 PM.  
All members are entitled to attend this meeting;  
and may enter discussions, if permitted;  
but do not vote on motions.

**POST SOCIAL is Thursday, August 24th at 7:00 PM**  
Please make reservations in advance!

*We hope to see you there!*