

# POST NEWS



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## Sauls-Bridges American Legion Post 13



### *FROM THE COMMANDER*

Annual convention is scheduled. The Department of Florida American Legion annual convention is set for July 13-14-15-16, 2006 in Orlando. The American Legion is the states' largest veterans organizations, for men and women. Youth are also a significant part of the Legion.

A convention is a convention and while there is much fellowship and back slapping, many hours of serious and constructive business are undertaken. Men and women, young and old are very proud of their Post, with goals met and surpassed. Many youth will be in attendance who will make the Legion proud as they express their appreciation and goals because of the Legion. Generally, American Legion youth stand head and shoulders above those we normally see.

The Auxiliary continues to be a strong part of the Legion. Their programs and involvement in the communities keep the "American Legion" before the public which promotes growth. Should you desire to attend the Department Legion convention, it is not too late to make reservations. Let us know.

*Charles LeCroy*  
*Commander; Commander Elect*

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### **APPRECIATION NIGHT WAS HIGHLY APPRECIATED**

Appreciation night at the Post was very successful in that a large group of members and guests attended. The menu was superb, a variety of entrees, a good mix of vegetables and desert. The cake was decorated with the logo to indicate appreciation for the outstanding support of the community for American Legion Post 13. We are pleased report guest in attendance were some long time members who have been unable to attended.

Among the 85 persons to enjoy a good meal and camaraderie were political figures, law enforcement, representatives of other organizations and guests from out of town. The fragrance from the grill that was operating outside the Legion filled the air blocks away. A lot of nice complements were said about the aroma filled air with the cooking of steaks, chicken, ham and roast were made. The hall was decorated beautifully with linen table clothes, patriotic centerpieces and beautiful live flower arrangements. Don & Pam Pumphrey and the Commanders' granddaughter provided the live flower arrangements.

We have been told this was one of the best-attended functions at the Legion in quite some time.

*The Legion Reporter*

## 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

### Senator Mel Martinez Vets Rep Brian Walsh

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

**The latest count of the [\$100]  
eight foot tables at the Post verified that  
one (1) was still lost.  
Come back little table.**

## We Call It Humor In Uniform

*by Bruce Archer*

The guards were a pretty lazy bunch. They did as they were told and nothing more. Growing up in a Communist country had taught the guards the folly of thinking for themselves, or acting on their own.

One night when the wind was fish-tailing and the moon didn't rise; the guard began to hear noises. Bad noises. He had been instructed as to the insidious nature of the captives, and knew that this was a night they could easily slip from their cells and begin to kill everyone; men, women and children, in the area. Only he stood between destruction and order.

Quietly he slipped the stripper clip into his SKS and pressed each round into the internal magazine. Then he went sleep— oh, yes!

Sometime later the prison was alerted to danger when the shot rang out. The entire guard detachment set about to stop the escaping prisoners, and the Officers even got out of bed to inspect, and correct the incident. They had each cell opened to make sure every prisoner was accounted for and that none of them had a bullet hole in him. (Female prisoners were at a different prison.

I was new at this prison. In quiet whispers, other prisoners told me that this was a regular occurrence; which explained why each guard carried his one strip of ammo in his left shirt pocket.

This also explained why, when a guard threatened to shoot **DT**, Dennis would place his index finger at the place of a pocket on his own shirt and then move that finger from side to side like an angry mother; and the guard would have the shame of having his threat blunted by an ignorant, uneducated American criminal. No bullets in the gun.

**DT** was always about to get shot. That's how he survived the indignity of being a prisoner.

## **POST ELECTION RESULTS!      ANNUAL ELECTIONS**

Election of members nominated for offices in the Post was held at the general membership meeting June 8, 2006. The Term of office is one year. They will be sworn in following the (State) District 2006 Convention in Orlando, July 13 – 16, at the August 24th Post Social. This special event was well attended. There were 61 members present to exercise one of our earned privileges---to vote for nominees to serve the Post as elected officers.

**Nominees elected to the offices were as follows:**

**Commander: Charles LeCroy**

**1st Vice Commander: George Hall**

**2nd Vice Commander: George Walker**

**3rd Vice Commander: Ken Swords**

**Sargent-At-Arms: C. T. Farris**

**Financial Officer: Robert Van Alstine**

**Chaplain: Mike Whiddon**

**Historian: Doug LeCroy**

We are pleased to report increased interest is being shown for activities at the Post. Responsible leadership is very important in any business, and Post 13 is big business. There are new faces for the incoming officers, and this speaks well for greater interest at the Legion.

We wish to say "Thanks to Everyone" who came to the Post and expressed their interest. For some we know it was a great effort to get to the Post but as veterans we still endure. Big applauds to those who attended.

**It was nice to see such a large turnout. We should try this again, often.**

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*"Ability is what you're capable of doing.*

*Motivation determines what you do.*

*Attitude determines how well you do it!*

*We are what we repeatedly do.*

*Excellence then, is not an act, but a habit."*

— Aristotle

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

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES** for children in need.

These are for local children in need 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** for which Ronald McDonald House gets cash.

**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.

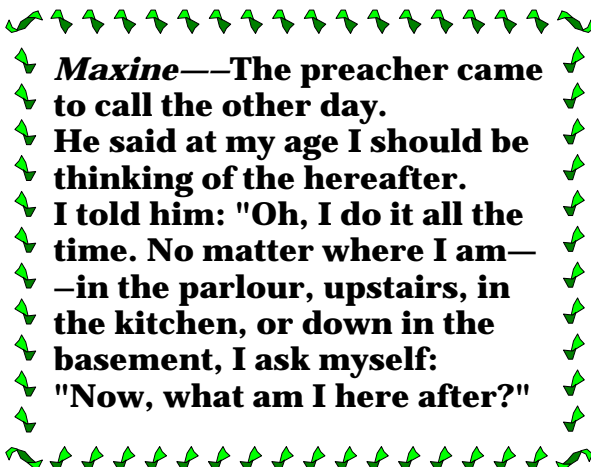
**CLEAN USED** (brown only) **PILL BOTTLES** [NO LABELS] for Doctors Without Borders.

**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**



**Maxine**—The preacher came to call the other day.  
 He said at my age I should be thinking of the hereafter.  
 I told him: "Oh, I do it all the time. No matter where I am—  
 —in the parlour, upstairs, in the kitchen, or down in the basement, I ask myself:  
 "Now, what am I here after?"

**FOR THE OLDER CROWD**

A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office.

"Is it true," she wanted to know, "that the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life?"

"Yes, I'm afraid so," the doctor told her. There was a moment of silence before the senior lady replied,

"I'm wondering, then, just how serious is my condition, because this prescription is marked 'NO REFILLS'."

**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 Tuesday 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.

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

**American Legion Auxiliary**

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

# **THE POPE in TEXAS**

**The Bishop of Rome Visits the U. S.**

**On a tour of Texas, the Pope took a couple of days off to visit the coastal area for some sightseeing. He was cruising along the sea wall on Galveston Island in his Pope mobile when suddenly he noticed a frantic commotion just off shore.**

**There was John Kerry struggling frantically to free himself from the jaws of a 25-foot shark. As the Pope watched, horrified, a speedboat came racing up with two men aboard. One of the men, President George W. Bush quickly fired a harpoon into the shark's side while Dick Cheney reached out and pulled the bleeding, semi-conscious John Kerry from the water. Then using autographed Round Rock Express baseball bats, the two heroes beat the shark to death and hauled it into the boat.**

**Immediately the Pope shouted and summoned them to the beach. "I give you my blessings for your brave actions," he told them. "I heard that there was some bitter hatred between President Bush and John Kerry, but now I have seen with my own eyes that this is not true."**

**As the Pope drove off, President Bush asked Dick, "Who was that?"**

**"It was the Pope," Dick replied. "He is in direct contact with God and has all of God's wisdom."**

**"Well," President Bush said, "he may have access to God's wisdom, but he doesn't know squat about shark fishing."**

**"How's the bait holding up?" queried the President.**



# Auxiliary News

Kathee Coughlin,



**Upcoming meetings;** Board July meeting will be arranged due to Convention; call 562-1017 for details; General Membership: NO meeting in July; next meeting will be August 22; Social: July 27 will be a Joint Installation of Officers with the Post; check with Carolyn, Pat or Kathee for details.

**Elections** **Officers** were elected at the May meeting, and are as follows: President Kathee Coughlin; 1st Vice (Membership) Pat Stallings; 2nd Vice (Poppies) vacant; 3rd Vice (V.A. & R) vacant; Secretary Carolyn Archer; Treasurer Pat Stallings; Chaplain Sandra Shafer; Sgt.-at-Arms Margaret Buckner; Historian vacant. For further information, contact Pat or Kathee. A number of Chairmanships are also vacant. Call one of the above to discuss your availability to serve or for more information. Thanks!

**Congratulations!** To **Pat Stallings** who will be honored as the Department's Community Service Volunteer for 2006. It's well deserved.

**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.



**Thank You** to all who served to make our 2006 Poppy Distribution a success, to those who set up and washed dishes (Kathee and Anita) for the Boys State staff dinner and to those who sold snacks to Boys Staters on 6/18.

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 05-06** were sent from National in July, Oct., and Nov. If you have not paid for 2004-05 by Dec. 31, 2005, you are "delinquent." Please send 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.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<b>July 2006</b>							
						<b>Private Party</b> 6 – 11 PM	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
DJ Bruno Tallahassee Ballroom Dance 7:30 – 10:30 pm	DJ Bruno Tallahassee Ballroom Dance 7:30 – 10:30 pm	<b>Independence Day— Enjoy!</b>	Sue Boyd Country Dance Lesson 7 – 9:30pm	American Legion Business Meet- ing 6:30 PM	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Benefit for We-Moon A Verity Show</b> 7 – 11 PM	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
DJ Bruno Tallahassee Ballroom Dance 7:30 – 10:30 pm	Tallahassee Swing Band 7:30 – 10:00p	Sue Boyd Country Dance Lesson 7 – 9:30pm	American Legion Business Meet- ing 6:30 PM	Vagas Style Prom With '80 Music Benefit for Tallahassee Roller Girls 9 pm – 1 am	<b>Contents Under Pressure</b> 8 – 11:30 PM		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
DJ Bruno Tallahassee Ballroom Dance 7:30 – 10:30 pm	Tallahassee Swing Band 7:30 – 10:00p	Sue Boyd Country Dance Lesson 7 – 9:30pm	WIDA, with Special Guest Carrie Hamby 9:30 PM – 1:30	<b>Private Party</b> 7 PM – 11			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
DJ Bruno Tallahassee Ballroom Dance 7:30 – 10:30 pm	Tallahassee Swing Band 7:30 – 10:00p	Sue Boyd Country Dance Lesson 7 – 9:30pm	American Legion <b>Social Night</b> Dinner 7 pm	<b>Acme Rhythm &amp; Blues</b> 9 PM – 1 AM	<b>Podhouse and The Jones Brothers</b> 9 - 1 AM		
30	31	<p><b>To Book Your Event at the Post, contact Mrs. Ajay Ramsey,</b> our booking agent, at <b>222-2049</b> . if you must leave a message, BE SURE to leave your area code as part of your telephone number.</p>					
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**<http://www.floridalegionpost13.com>**

**Florida District Web Page:**

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

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*FOR GOD AND  
COUNTRY*

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**Deadline for the  
AUGUST Newsletter  
Is July 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, July 20 at 7:00 PM**  
Please make reservations in advance!

*We hope to see you there!*