

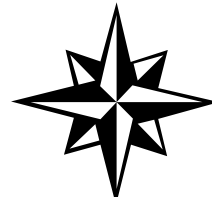
POST NEWS



June 2006



Sauls-Bridges American Legion Post 13



FROM THE COMMANDER : POST ELECTION TIME

Election of members nominated for offices in the Post will be held at the general membership meeting June 8, 2006. These members have been nominated by their peers. Term of office is one year. This is a very important matter; your presence at the Post on June 8, 2006 at 7:30 PM is needed. The Candidates are as follows:

Commander

Charles LeCroy, Bobby Smith, Don Tobin

1st Vice Commander: George Hall

2nd Vice Commander: George Walker

3rd Vice Commander

Bobby Smith, Ken Swords, Don Tobin

Finance Officer: Robert Van Alstine

Sargent-At-Arms: C. T. Farris

Chaplain

Larry Johnson, Mike Whiddon

Historian: Doug LeCroy

Commander Charles LeCroy

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

Notes of Interest

Negations continue to solve the Bartender shortage. This is important because net monies from bar sales are the largest source of **cash** for the



Old and damaged American Flags are due to be retired during the month of June. Please bring them to the Post. Please place them in the receptacle when the Post is closed.

OUR OWN

The Post does not receive news of the illness or passing of one of our own, Auxiliary included. Besides being very embarrassing, it is quite impolite. Disabled or handicapped members may not be able to attend meetings without transportation assistance. The Post is handicapped accessible. With rampant inflation and relatively fixed pensions and retirements; there may be members who are not able to keep up with dues payments; they may terminate membership by default. Please try to keep track of our Brothers; they deserve the same help as strangers.

Know someone who needs a helping hand?

Assistance is only a phone call away.

Dial 211.

211 service is staffed by Leon County and the city of Tallahassee to provide those needing assistance with the appropriate help in a timely manner.

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



Our annual **Community Appreciation Dinner** will be at the social on **June 22** at 7:00 pm. In order for us to prepare enough food and have time to make the certificates, please call in your head count and nominations to 562-1017 or e-mail to katheec@yahoo.com **BY** June 8th. Make sure you call your nominees, invite them and include them in your head-count! Thanks to a generous donation by the Legion, there will be a nice selection of dishes for everyone, including meat, vegetables, salad, tea and desert.

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, starting 1 June 2006 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.

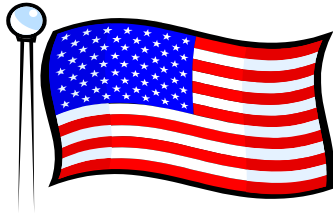
CLEAN USED (brown only) **PILL BOTTLES [NO LABELS]** for Doctors Without Borders.

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.



BILL JACOBS
DIED
APRIL 14, 2006



ANOTHER ONE OF OUR VETERAN BROTHERS HAS PASSED TODAY.
IT IS SOBERING AS WE ARE LAID TO REST ONE BY ONE.
HIS BATTLES ARE OVER;
HIS FIGHT IS DONE;
HE HAS LEFT US BEHIND.
FREE FROM THE PAIN OF THIS EARTH,
WITH THE MEMORY OF HIS SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY;
AND WE ALL KNOW WHAT THAT IS WORTH.
WE WILL STILL FEEL HIS PRESENCE AS WE GAZE AROUND THE HALL;
THE TRIBUTE HE PAID ALL OF US HIS LEGACY; HIS PICTURE ON THE WALL.
WE WILL SEE HIM LUMBERING OVER THE OLD PLANKS ON THE FLOOR,
HIS GREY HAIR ADDING TO HIS WISDOM AS HE GAVE ALL HE COULD
TO KEEP OPEN THE LEGION DOORS.
SOFT SPOKEN FOR THE MOST PART YET HE HAD A PRICKLIER SIDE
HE WOULD MOSTLY WATCH WHAT WAS GOING ON THEN,
SLOWLY MAKE HIS WAY AROUND TO YOU AGAIN,
AND REASON WOULD BE HIS GUIDE.
WE CAN'T ASK HIM FOR HIS ADVICE.
BUT WE CAN REMEMBER WHAT HE DID
WHEN THE CHIPS WERE DOWN HE WOULD NOT RUN OR HIDE.
HE WAS, AS ALL PAST COMMANDERS, STILL WORTH IN HIS CHARGE
AGAINST ALL ODDS,
KEEPING THE TRADITIONS GOING FOR THOSE OF US STILL ALIVE
BILL WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN.
HIS SPIRIT LIKE ALL THOSE BEFORE HIM RAMBLES AROUND THIS HALL.
THEY SAY, AT NIGHT WHEN THE DOORS ARE LOCKED AT THE END OF DAY,
ALL PAST BROTHERS COME OUT TO PLAY, AND DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY
SEE YOU THEN BILL. . . .

Written by
Dereck Boeve
Legionnaire

AMERICAN LEGION POST 13 ELECTIONS

Annual Election of Post Officers will be held during the General Membership Meeting at 1930. This directly follows the 1830 [1830 Hours, for Army types] Executive Board meeting, 8 June 2006.

Voting Members must attend the meeting.

**Only Members in good standing will be allowed to vote.
There is still time to make your membership current by paying past dues.
See your Address Label for your Post record.**

We Call It Humor In Uniform

Following his third escape attempt in the deep jungle, the POW "DT" was kept tied at all times. At meal times his ankles, knees, thumbs and wrists were untied so he could get food and eat it. All Guards were present, armed and encircling during both meals each day, so that none of the five prisoners might escape.

The plates and spoons used by the prisoners were not used by the prison camp staff. The staff didn't touch them due to an ingrained class structure that was anti-socialist, but rules are rules and practice is based on a thousand years of fealty. So DT was told through hand gestures, that he was to wash the spoons and dishes in the creek, of questionable sanitation. North Vietnamese soldiers were not allowed to speak to prisoners.

DT was still tied up with his elbows behind his back, closer together than the width of his chest. His hands could not touch. DT was followed to the creek, well within the sight of the camp, by a single guard carrying an SKS, with fixed bayonet. The guard sat down on a rock overlooking the sandy creek and DT got busy.

DT was not amused by the task of trying to wash five spoons and plates, when his hands could not work together, and there was no soap. Now all good Boy Scouts know that in this situation, sand can be used to scrub most biologicals from utensils, but both hands need to be used. Since DT was tied up in his field Jacket, he carefully removed one arm from the sleeve so as not to disturb the ropes and knots, and then the other arm. He laid the Jacket on a rock and washed the utensils.

The guard had watched all this in abject silence. DT was very careful to put on the field jacket and keep the ropes in place. DT bowed to the guard, who gestured that DT would now precede him back to the camp.

The Political Cadre called an immediate meeting, which lasted the traditional half an hour. Immediately the guards and staff descended upon the prisoners with much more rope and with urgent excitement proceeded to tie each prisoner with more ropes and knots, and in more places—especially DT. He felt like a Mummy.

Hereinafter the incident became known as "The Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairies." [Maybe you had to be there.] 1968

Anecdotal stories are always welcomed so long as they are Humor.

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 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

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.



Auxiliary News

Kathee Coughlin,



Upcoming meetings: Board @ 5pm (June 8, July TBA as the regular date conflicts with Convention); General Membership @ noon to eat (June 27 is end-of-year party; call 575-7788); Social June 22 is Community Appreciation Dinner - need input and rsvps by June 8 (562-1017); July 27 will be Joint Installation of Officers.

Major Fundraisers: Saturday, June 17, we need help decorating the Post Home from about 2-4pm. On Sunday (18th), we need help from 7:45 am - 10 am at FSU. Please call 562-1017, 575-7788 or 421-4190 to let us know you can help replenish the treasury by working at one or both of these.

Special Meetings: District Conference was held Saturday, May 20, with Lilie Powell of Quincy #217 being elected District President. She needs chairmen, so please feel free to volunteer your assistance at 627-6662. Kathee was elected delegate to National Convention in Salt Lake City in August. Department (State) Convention will be July 13-16 in Orlando. Rooms are going fast at the Rosen Centre, the HQ hotel!

Officers for 2006-07 were elected at the May 23 meeting, after press deadline. If you are interested in serving as an officer or chairman, please call 575-7788 or 562-1017.

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.

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.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
June 2006						
				1 Private 7:30 – 9:30 PM	2 TBA	3 Private Party 6 – 10 PM
4 Dj Bruno Tallahassee Ballroom Dance 7:30 – 10:30 pm	5 Tallahassee Swing Band 7:30 – 10:00p	6 Sue Boyd Country Dance Lesson 7 – 9:30pm	7 Sue Boyd Country Dance Lesson 7 – 9:30pm	8 American Legion Post 13 Elections	9 TBA	10 Stacy Sharp Stephany Callahan Jan Soster ACYSTIC 8:30 PM
11 Dj Bruno Tallahassee Ballroom Dance 7:30 – 10:30 pm	12 Tallahassee Swing Band 7:30 – 10:00p	13 FLAG DAY 14 Federal Celebration Sue Boyd Country Dance Lesson 7 – 9:30pm	14 Sue Boyd Country Dance Lesson 7 – 9:30pm	15 Private 7:30 – 9:30 PM	16 The Paxromana And other bands 8 pm – 1 am	17 Private Party 5 – 9 PM
18 Dj Bruno Tallahassee Ballroom Dance 7:30 – 10:30 pm	19 Tallahassee Swing Band 7:30 – 10:00p	20 Sue Boyd Country Dance Lesson 7 – 9:30pm	21 Sue Boyd Country Dance Lesson 7 – 9:30pm	22 American Legion Social Night Dinner 7 pm	23 Intoxicators 9 PM – 1 AM	24 Rugcutters 8 PM – Mid
25 Dj Bruno Tallahassee Ballroom Dance 7:30 – 10:30 pm	26 Tallahassee Swing Band 7:30 – 10:00p	27 Sue Boyd Country Dance Lesson 7 – 9:30pm	28 Sue Boyd Country Dance Lesson 7 – 9:30pm	29	30 Acme Rhythm & Blues 9 PM – 1 AM	
<p>To Book Your Event at the Post, contact Mrs. Ajay Ramsey, our booking agent, at 222-2049 . If you must leave a message, BE SURE to leave your area code as part of your telephone number.</p>						
						



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***FOR GOD AND
COUNTRY***

**Deadline for the
AUGUST Newsletter
Is June 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, May 25 at 7:00 PM
Please make reservations in advance!

We hope to see you there!