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Sauls-Bridges American Legion Post 13



FROM THE COMMANDER

VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST

Breakfast at Post 13 will be held November 11, 2006 Veterans Day as usual. It has been our custom to feed, meet and greet our fellow veterans, friends and families on the historical day for many years. The chow line will open at 7:00 AM. Come early and renew some valuable friendships.

Remember your family is welcome. Post 13 continues to be family and neighbor friendly. This is another good opportunity to invite a fellow veteran as well. Perhaps you know one of our kind who does not drive any more and you might want to give them a lift.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN. —THE COFFEE WILL BE READY!

Charles LeCroy, Commander

VETERANS DAY PARADE--NOVEMBER 10

The parade will be held Friday November 10. County and City Officials have announced the parade will be held in downtown Tallahassee at 11:00 a.m. November 10 is a scheduled holiday and businesses and schools will be closed, which will allow greater participation at the parade. Post 13 and other Veteran Organizations will participate in the parade. Let's all make a good showing.

PLEASE DO NOT CONFUSE FRIDAY NOVEMBER 10 WITH VETERANS DAY, NOVEMBER 11. OUR ANNUAL BREAKFAST WILL BE HELD ON VETERANS DAY NOVEMBER 11 AT THE POST.

Legion To Host Girls State/Boys State Annual Appreciation Dinner

Join us on Thursday, September 28th at the Post Social to meet these outstanding young people and hear about their experiences. Come find out why you paid to train tomorrow's leaders. Over the years, members have said they learned as much from these young folks as they have from us. We are asking for an RSVP for meal preparation purposes—please help by calling 561-1017 to reserve your place at this very special event.

Thank you in advance,
Kathee Coughlin,
Unit 13 President,
Department of Florida
Chaplain

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

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

By 1st Vice George

Hall

Welcome Mat

This will be my 4th year as 1st Vice Commander of Post #13. I'd like to thank all the members for their vote of confidence in me even although I ran unopposed this year. I've built great friendships in my five years membership in the American Legion and my Post Home and look forward to many more. I haven't used our newsletter to get out the word about what goes across my desk but rest assured you, as a member, will see more articles and statistics of how we are doing with membership from the desk of the 1st Vice in the future. And much shorter I hope!

News and Events

I had the privilege of representing Post 13 at the Department Convention in July. It was my first time at an American Legion Convention and a very memorable time for me. Department held it at the Rosen Centre in Orlando. This place was built with organizations like ours in mind. The Elks were winding down their convention as Legionnaires were rolling in.

The agenda was packed and article space is tight so I'll highlight a few of the important items.

While attending the Time & Place Committee, I learned that the Rosen Centre is contracted to be the Department Convention meeting place for the next three years. While sitting in on the Finance Committee we were given a heads up that National is going to put to a vote in October to raise the per capita they get from our dues from \$9.00 to \$13.50 effective in January of 2007. If this gets voted in Department may raise their per capita they get from our dues from \$5.50 to \$7.50. Right now Post 13 dues are \$25 per year. The Post gets \$10.50 from each member. If the raises go through the Post will get a whopping \$4.00 per member without raising our dues. One thing to note that future PUFL (Paid up for Life) submissions will be affected by Post dues hikes.

The Western Area Caucus was fun. **Benny Bailey** is our new Western Area Commander. Somewhere between the caucus and the installation of new officers, **Bruce Archer**, a member of Post 13 was nominated as the 2nd District Vice Commander.

Congratulations Bruce! Do us proud! This means that Post 13 has a representative in the Department Executive Committee.

NOMINATIONS-ELECTIONS

THERE ARE TWO OFFICES IN THE POST THAT ARE VACANT. NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICES OF CHAPLAIN AND FINANCE OFFICER SHOULD BE MADE AT THE NEXT TWO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2006 AND OCTOBER 12, 2006. ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOVEMBER 9, 2006.

FROM THE COMMANDER

WE ARE DOING GOOD AT THE POST

Just a bit of good news to keep you aware of progress. Installation of officers for 2006 was held July 28, some electrical upgrading in the Post is being done. Construction on the addition (new Auxiliary room) is under way and participation at events is increasing. Overall Post 13 is very viable and appreciated by businesses and other groups.

Quite often news is heard from a club, organization that is on the down side. Not true here. It is a pleasure to let the members know Post 13 is doing "pretty good." We are busy for sure and continuing to grow. New members are always welcome. All of us can assist by inviting new members. Remember you are a part of Post 13 and you are needed.

Charles LeCroy, Commander

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

By 1st Vice George Hall

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This was a great opportunity for me to sit down and chat with other Legionnaires from different posts around Florida. Our post is doing much better than most and there is always room left for improvement. The Adjutants Boot Camp was a very valuable experience and gave me clarity in how our Post can achieve a 100%+ membership in 2007.

I'd like to thank **Robert Van Alstine** for making my first convention experience a very good one. He took care of all the logistics and practically knew everyone there or everyone knew him. Through him I met Hal and Nancy Fox who are the nuts and bolts of FALPA (Florida American Legion Press Association), of which I am now a member. I met our new **Department Commander, George Wehrli**, who will probably bring the Fall Conference closer to us. Too many others to mention.

Next year I'm looking forward to seeing our Post become more representative during Convention. More caps with Post 13 embroidered on their sides would be most helpful. Entering in the Press Book competition or possibly drafting up a piece of legislature to be voted on by the Constitution Committee. Even formally presenting donations for the many American Legion Programs like many other Posts did at the General Session would achieve these aims. We're the Post at the Capital, let's represent!

Membership Today

Thanks to the proud members of Post 13, we are making great headway with renewals for 2007. With the "Head Shed" considering a raise in our cost of doing business, we asked you to pay your dues earlier than normal. We want to get dues paid before they can vote the change for mid-year. You are doing it in droves. For that I thank you dearly.

Thanks to those of you who have helped, by paying early. The rest of you—Come on and give us a hand, renew today. We can do more if we keep the money here, not at National. Your Post needs you, to help us help Veterans and the community.

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Lest We Forget

It is the **VETERAN**, not the preacher,
who has given us freedom of religion.

It is the **VETERAN**, not the reporter,
who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the **VETERAN**, not the poet,
who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the **VETERAN**, not the campus organizer,
who has given us freedom to assemble.

It is the **VETERAN**, not the lawyer,
who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is the **VETERAN**, not the politician,
Who has given us the right to vote.

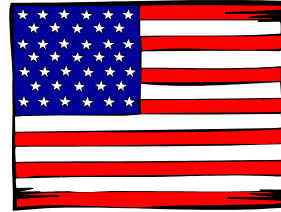
It is the **VETERAN**,
who salutes the Flag

It is the **veteran**,
who serves under the Flag,

***ETERNAL REST GRANT THEM O LORD, AND LET
PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM.***

I don't know if you saw this in the news but it really impressed me. Funny, our US Senate/House took 2 days off as they couldn't work because of the expected storm.

On the ABC evening news, it was reported that, because of the dangers from Hurricane Isabelle approaching Washington DC,



the military members assigned the duty of guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier were given permission to suspend the assignment.

They respectfully declined the offer, "No way, Sir!"

Soaked to the skin, marching in the pelting rain of a tropical storm, they said that guarding the Tomb was not just an assignment; it was the highest honor that can be afforded to a serviceperson.

The tomb has been patrolled continuously, 24/7, since 1930.

We can be very proud of our young men and women in the service no matter where they serve.

God Bless Them All

Did You Know? In Florida, we do not pass anything between the flags once a meeting has begun as we consider it to be "sacred ground" in honor of those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom.

**JOE WEST AND HIS TEAM will perform at Post 13 on October 6th
TO RAISE FUNDS for the TRAVELING VIETNAM WALL.
A REPLICA OF THE WALL is scheduled to be at CULLEY'S MEMORIAL ON
TIMBERLANE ROAD on OCTOBER 15, 16, 17, 2006.**

Taps

Hurley W. Rudd, 78, went to be with his fellow Legionnaires at Post Everlasting on Aug. 10, 2006. Hurley had 33 continuous years service to the American Legion.

A GOOD ANSWER TO A DUMB QUESTION

**Katie Couric, while interviewing a Marine sniper, asked:
"What do you feel when you shoot a terrorist?"
The Marine shrugged and replied:
"Recoil." (hard to fault a Marine that eloquent) !**



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

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

September 9 - District 2 Auxiliary
Workshop in Quincy

OTHER Military Organizations of Tallahassee

Military Order of the Purple Heart
Third Tuesday of each month,
6 p.m. - Unsponsored Dinner,
7 p.m. Meeting in the Hootch

DAV Last Tuesday of each month
in the Hootch, 7:30 p.m.

VVA 3rd Thursday in the Hootch, 6 p.m.

VFW 3308 1st & 3rd Wednesday,
2675 1/2 West Tennessee Street

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

TAL-MOAA 4th Wednesday, at the
Silver Slipper, 6:30 p.m.

Sons of the American Legion Look for
news about reviving this group at Post 13

American Legion Auxiliary (see p. 10)

Our Thanks to Curt Craig—for the info
and updates!



And Now You Know

By 1st Vice Commander
George Hall

Membership Committee

Just being a member of a Post Home means that you are part of a close knit family or at least have the opportunity of being a part of it. And as a member of Post 13 you are automatically a part of the Membership Committee as a recruiter. As you get your 2007 Membership in the mail you will notice that I've included two blank applications for membership. Please put your name wherever it says Recruiter and your Phone number and my number (850)402-1010 and the Post (850)222-3382 along with our dues amount of \$25 for 2007 Post#13 and slip them into your wallet or purse.

The next time you are out and about and bring up casual conversation with a veteran ask them if they belong to the American Legion and if not then why not? The eligibility dates are right there on the application. Give them one of your personalized applications before you part ways and let the information you provided do the rest.

Early Bird Members

July began receipt of our "Early Bird" 2007 dues submissions. Right now only the 40 PUFL's we have are showing up which gives us 10.582%. So far about 140 renewals have landed on my desk and I've knocked out about 100 of those. I should have the rest done in the next few days. ***I predict we will have 75% by the Early Bird dinner.***

An Early Bird dinner you say? We're working out the details but the Post is planning on hosting the 1st Annual Sauls-Bridges Early Bird & PUFL Dinner. The date is not firm yet but we're looking at the end of October to the beginning of November. Paid Early birds, PUFL's and invited guests are free; all other guests will be \$15.00 each. This dinner is to recognize and thank our PUFL members and members who answer the first dues calls and pay their dues before Veteran's Day. It will be a I haven't submitted my 2007 dues yet can I still at-

time for our members to gather together, break bread, share some war stories, let the officers know what kind of a job we're doing and for the members to have some fun at the Post.

We're going to invite the Department, Western Area and 2nd District Commanders to join us.

There will be a drawing for a \$100 prize "worm" that an early bird who is present can win. The Post is also going to present the oldest early bird with the most continual years as a member of the American legion with an Honorary Post Life Membership. All you have to do is attend the dinner to win!

How do I find out if I'm an early bird or not? The first tip is if you've sent in your dues early. If you are PUFL then you are by default. Take a look at your membership card. If it's 2007 and has a red "early bird" stamp on it, then you're an early bird.

I haven't submitted my 2007 dues yet can I still attend the early bird dinner? Bring your dues to the dinner and you'll automatically be an early bird!

I'm a new member of Post 13 and my card doesn't have an "early bird" stamp am I still able to attend? You are an exception to the rule. 1st years aren't stamped but being a new member you are entitled to experience all that our Post offers as a courtesy. Just remember to renew for your 2nd year early!

I want to attend the early bird dinner and I know I paid early, but I didn't get an early bird stamp on my membership card, what gives? Let me know, I'll check my records and make sure you are credited with early bird status.

Next Month

If those looking hard at purchasing a PUFL can hold out one more month, I am going to make a motion at the September 14th Officer & Membership Committee meeting to kick off a PUFL program that will lower the cost to the members if the Post agrees to not receive any annual portion from the member. In other words instead of \$25 the dues will be computed at \$14.50 and age of member. We will run this program until December 31st.

Remember if a member has already paid his dues for the following year at the time he applies for a PUFL membership, the amount paid may be deducted from the total fee for the PUFL membership. New members who wish to join and purchase a PUFL at the same time would need to pay his current year's dues separately. The privilege of purchasing a PUFL membership is extended only to members in good standing. I will include a PUFL application form in next month's newsletter and a rate chart for the discounted rate.

I WALKED WITH OTHERS

I WALKED WITH OTHERS AS WAS OUR COMMAND
 FORWARD I HEARD THE RUMBLINGS
 JITTERS WITHIN MY LEGS TUMBLING WITHIN MY STOMACH
 SHOULDERS HEAVY NEAR STUMBLING
 SWEAT ON THE PALMS OF MY HANDS
 BODY IN SIDE JUMPING TO GET OUT
 TEMPERED REVENGE BUBBLING
 MOUTH SO DRY THE SPIRIT OF THE BAYONET ON MY MIND
 SHOUTING ORDERS TO SPREAD ABOUT
 MUD FLINGING GRIT IN YOUR EYES
 AND SOUNDS BOMBASTIC INCREDIBLE SUPER SIZED
 NO WHERE IN ANY BOOK I READ
 OR MOVIE WATCHED OR STORY HEARD
 PREPARED ME HERE AND NOW THE MUTILATION THE DEAD
 THE ZINGING OF BULLETS JUST OVER MY HEAD
 ORDERS BY TRAINING STAMPED WITHIN
 GO GO GO OVER THE HILL FACING THE GUNS AWESOME THE SHRILL
 WATCHING MYSELF SLOW IN MOTION
 NUMBING ME OVER AND OVER THE KILL
 ALL THIS REMAINS WITH ME STILL
 YET I AM HERE AS THE SMOKE AND SMELL LINGERS
 I WALKED WITH OTHERS WHO PAID THE BILL

By DEREK EVANS BOEVE
 06/06/2006

American Legion Auxiliary District II Newsletter # 2 August 17, 2006

Dear Ladies,

Here we go "Rocking and Rolling" for the Auxiliary 2006-2007. We are about service to the Community, State and Nation. We are looking forward to giving it enthusiastically. We are to move with the "Watusi."

Our school of instruction is scheduled for September 9th, at 10 a.m. EST at Thomas Field Unit #217, Quincy, FL. Our Department President will visit our district, September 11 and 12th. Details will be forwarded to Unit Presidents soon.

Thank you ladies for accepting Chairmanships; thank you members for the dues, and all other service(s) rendered by you for the upbuilding of this District. Please keep dreaming and putting into actions the things that make us shine. Please make plans to attend these activities.

I am here to render all of the services that I have been assigned.

Yours truly, For God and Country

Lillie J. Powell—District II President

Veterans Ride across America for Kids of Fallen Heroes

INDIANAPOLIS (Aug. 10, 2006) - The leader of the nation's largest veterans organization will lead hundreds of veterans on a motorcycle caravan across five states next week to raise scholarship money for children of U.S. military personnel killed on duty since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

American Legion National Commander Tom Bock will be joined by members of The American Legion Riders and hundreds of military veterans who love motorcycles and their commitment to service. He will lead them on the American Legacy Run that will begin in Indianapolis, Ind., and run through five states to the 88th Annual National American Legion Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, that convenes on August 29, 2006.

The riders, who are wartime veterans themselves, will travel 1,900 miles to make possible a college education for the children of those who have died defending our freedoms since September 11, 2001.

According to Bock, the American Legacy Scholarship program is one way to show America's deep appreciation for those who paid the ultimate price for freedom.

"As an unfortunate consequence of America's war on terror, many children of our active-duty military personnel are now members of single-parent families," Bock said. "In most cases, this also means their chances to attend college have greatly diminished. Children of military personnel who die on active duty are entitled to receive some money toward a college education, but it is not enough."

The Riders goal is to raise \$100,000 for the American Legacy Scholarship Fund.

"We are raising funds to ensure that higher education will be a reality for these families," Bock said. "Providing for the children our military personnel left behind is our civic duty, and an education is a powerful way to show our thanks."

According to American Legacy Run event planners, hundreds of motorcycle riders are expected to either make the entire five-day journey from Indianapolis to the 2006 American Legion National Convention in Salt Lake City. Hundreds more from all over America are expected to hook up at some point along the way. Legionnaires at posts along the route to Salt Lake City will conduct fundraising activities and events in support of the American Legacy Scholarship Fund.

Bock also asks American Legion Posts and Legion Riders from all over the country to conduct a fundraising effort on behalf of The American Legacy Scholarship Fund. Every citizen of America can contribute as a tangible way of saying 'thank you.'

"This is something that all Americans can support," Bock said. "If you ride a motorcycle, join us and if you don't, become a non-rider supporter."

Registration is \$35 per rider (and non-rider supporter) and \$10 per passenger, which pays for access to the run and associated activities. A commemorative packet will be given to all registrants.

Bock will stop in every state along the route for promotional events and to collect donations from Riders, American Legion Family members and business communities along the way.

Registration information is available at: <http://www.americanlegacyrun.org>. All who register will receive a **souvenir map book, vest patch, and proof of registration** for their vehicle.

The registration fees, not donations, will offset the costs of the American Legacy Run. **Every additional dollar donated to the American Legacy Scholarship Fund will go directly to educating a fallen servicemember's son or daughter.**

For more information, contact Bill Sloan, national liaison, American Legion Riders Indianapolis, Indiana, 317-630-1321, wsloan@legion.org



Auxiliary News

Kathee Coughlin,



UPCOMING MEETINGS: **Board meetings** will be at 5:30 p.m. on Sept 14, Oct. 12, Nov.9, Dec. 7; **General Membership** will be at noon to eat, meeting at 1 p.m. on Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 14, Dec. 12; **Socials** will be held on Sept. 28 and Oct. 26 at 7 p.m.. **(NO Nov. or Dec. Socials)**. September is Girls and Boys State delegates' dinner; RSVPs are requested (for food preparation) to 562-1017 by Sept. 20th.

Special Meetings: District Conference, Sept. 9 at Quincy #217; Lillie Powell is District President. She can use help with chairmanships; please call 627-6662 to volunteer.

State President Linda McKeon visits us Sept. 12 at 5 p.m. for a Dutch-treat dinner at the Golden Corral.

Fall Conference will be Oct. 20-22 at the Rosen Centre in Orlando; rooms are going fast!

Officers for 2006-07 were elected at May 23 meeting. If you're interested/able for any officer position or a committee chairmanship, please call 421-4190 or 562-1017.

Our **Fall Carnival** will be Saturday, Oct. 28 at the Post Home. Please call one of the Board members to volunteer to help with preparation or to participate that morning.

Poppies will be distributed on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 3 and 4. Please save that weekend and be ready to help for 2-4 hours. Monies collected can only be used for direct assistance to veterans and used for holiday baskets, care packages, etc.

If you have **Juniors** (not 18 before June 30, 2006), please call one of the numbers above. We're 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 June. If you have not paid for 2006-07 by Dec. 31, 2006, you are "delinquent" and will not receive any benefits until paid. 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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American Legion
Post 13**

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OUR BOOKING AGENT, AT 333.
IF YOU MUST LEAVE A MESSAGE,
TELEPHONE NUMBER:

PO Box 38028
Tallahassee, Florida 32315-8028
Located at
229 Lake Ella Drive, Tallahassee

Phone: 850-222-3382

Email: Am_Leg_P_13@yahoo.com

Post 13 Web Page:

<http://www.floridalegionpost13.com>

Florida District Web Page:

<Http://www.floridalegion.org>

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*FOR GOD AND
COUNTRY*

**Deadline for the
October Newsletter
Is September 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, September 28th at 7:00 PM
Please make reservations in advance!

We hope to see you there!