



Sauls-Bridges American Legion Post 13 News



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New National Cemetery in Tallahassee

You may have seen the front page article in the Tallahassee Democrat newspaper last week. We are very thankful to have a new VA cemetery that is being established here in Tallahassee, off Apalachee Parkway. The opening dedication will be on May 22nd. This is especially comforting for local Veteran's families to have one in this area. Previously, the nearest VA cemeteries have been in Jacksonville, Pensacola, or Bushnell south of Ocala.

National cemeteries are open to all members of the armed forces and Veterans who have met the minimum service requirements and discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. Spouses, minor children, and dependent unmarried children are also eligible for burial even if they predeceased the Veteran. Reserve members who die on active duty or have 20 years of service are also eligible.

Arranging for burial is done by the funeral home or next-of-kin who can present the appropriate discharge documents to the National Cemetery Scheduling Office. You can find more information about the National Cemetery Administration and burial information at www.cem.va.gov or the nearest VA Regional Office at (800) 827-1000.



NOMINATIONS-ELECTIONS-INSTALLATION OF POST OFFICERS

Nominations of members to serve the Legion year (July 1-2015—June 30,2016) will be held at the General Membership Meeting March 12. Joe Parramore has been appointed to receive nominations. Names of nominees may be made March 12 through April 9. After that date (April 9) nominations cannot be accepted. The eight offices and current officers are as follows:

Commander John Folsom, 1st Vice CMDR Ernie Alvarez, 2nd Vice CMDR Vic Hanna, 3rd Vice CMDR David Gallo, Historian Tom Albert, Finance officer George Walker, Sgt-at-Arms Paul Lucarelli, Chaplain Bob Wray.

Election of nominees will be held at the General Membership Meeting May 14. Installation of the incoming slate of officers will be installed June 25th. The Installed officers are the managers of your Post and we are encouraged to support and assist each one in their responsibilities. [Term of office is one \(1\) year.](#)

FREEDOM IS NOT AN ACCIDENT--IT IS THE PURPOSE

Leon County's Operation Thank You to Honor Korean War Veterans

In its continuous long tradition of supporting local veterans, Leon County will hold its annual Operation Thank You event on Saturday, May 16, 2015, at 8:30 a.m. to honor Korean War Veterans. The event will take place at the Korean War Memorial located at Cascades Park. The event will include a ceremony followed by breakfast on the lawn adjacent to the Korean War Memorial. The entire Leon County community is invited to honor and recognize our heroes.



Thank You!

Thank you for the crock pot donations!

Frank Hughes ** Hazel Connell

Ben Balding ** And Anonymous!

We have plenty of them now!

The Band is Back Together!

Our American Legion now has a “house” band—The Red Hills Rhythm and Blues, which will be performing on an ongoing basis.

Great listening and dance music!

Post Members get a \$2.00 discount!

Volunteers

Monday Ballroom Night

April Edition

New Volunteers:

ALA Member, Rose Chapman

3rd Vice Commander, David Gallo



Volunteers Needed for Legion Hall Repair

The Saul-Bridges Post 13 Legion Hall is in the process of being repaired and updated.

Projects needed:

Electrical, plumbing, air conditioning system, kitchen and patio. The bar counter and flooring need to be replaced. Anyone who has a 10' and/or 15' bar they would like to get rid of should contact Vic or Paul.

We need skilled volunteers to plan and head up these projects as well as unskilled helpers. Anyone who can volunteer some labor or materials to these projects would be greatly appreciated.

If you can donate some time or materials please contact Paul Lucarelli (813) 505-7089 or Vic (850) 933-3676.



EVERY DAY IS VETERANS DAY!



The Chaplain's Corner

by Bob Wray,



Our Supreme Commander,

We Thank You for guiding us in 2015 with many events which have gone so well: dedication of the borne, four chaplains, post everlasting ceremony, and chili cook off.

May You continue to guide us in our upcoming events: homeless veteran stand down, April 24-26, Post repair organized by Vic Hanna and Paul Lucarelli, Camp Gordon Johnson Days, May 8-9, nomination and election of the 2015-2016 Post officers non started.

We wish God speed to Paul Lucarelli, who will be moving soon. May we all personally thank him for the countless hours of expert service he has given this post, particularly renovation of a failing plumbing system.

We also thank You for guiding David Gallo and to give us many hours in repairing the post electrical system.

We continue to pray for Your guidance of our executive committee for the many unpaid hours of service they give to this post. Inculcate all of us oh Lord, to give You the glory thru our attendance and participation in the function of this post, always guided by our motto, "For God and County" in whatever we do.

Your guide divine has led us in the past. In this post function with You our lot is cast.

Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide and stay,
Your word our command, Your path our chosen way.

Amen

"GET UP"

Walk to support
well-being and Veterans

It is official and we have a date locked and loaded at the Lake Ella Park in Tallahassee Florida to help promote health and also help our veterans!! This event is intended to let the community know how committed Humana is to helping our communities to becoming 20% Healthier by 2020 and also how we are committed to helping our local Homeless Veterans. No fee is required! We will be asking our current book of business, (all ages) local Businesses, Venders, Silver Sneakers Partners, Veteran Post, and some nearby local retail stores to help us promote the event and contribute!! Items we will collect are things that homeless veterans need the most which include but not limited to soap, shampoo, shaving cream, razors, t-shirts, socks, canned goods etc....

The largest YMCA gym in Tallahassee that has Silver Sneakers classes is going to invite a Silver Sneaker instructor to do a full exercise class to promote everyone to "Get Up"!!

You can feel confident to spread the word with your personal connections and flyers are soon to come! I am super excited about the things we are building and doing together as a team! This is the first walk among many! Go Team Kilgore!!

Please forward this invite to your contacts!



"LIGHTING THE WAY FOR VETERANS"



Hi Ladies,

Let's count those volunteer hours. You will be called before April's meeting to ascertain what services and support you have provided for our Veterans and military families from April, 2014 to March, 2015. I will communicate with committee chairpersons so that Year-End Unit Reports can be submitted to District President by April 15, 2015.

We, as a Unit and individually, have been donating (1) clothes, food, and furniture to Veterans; (2) school supplies for children via the VA Clinic; (3) box tops and educational labels to schools; (4) aluminum pull tabs to the Ronald McDonald House; (5) volunteer time to 2014 and 2015 Homeless Veterans' Stand Down; (6) volunteer time to decorate, serve, clean up, and prepare desserts for monthly Post Socials; (7) volunteer time to clip, count, and sort coupons to be mailed overseas; (8) volunteer time and materials to knit blankets for Veterans; (9) volunteer time to distribute poppies; (10) volunteer time to other organizations providing goods and services to military families (such as Toys for Tots); (11) volunteer time and prepare foods for special events and ceremonies, such as Four Chaplains, Memorial Day, 4th of July, and Veterans' Day; and (12) donating volunteer time in many other ways not mentioned within. So, Ladies, please take a minute, or thirty plus minutes, to note what you have done this year and submit it for our reports.

Special project for April is our ALA Spring Luncheon which will be held on April 16, 2015 at the Legion from 11:30am-2:00pm. This ALA Spring Luncheon will be in lieu of our usual Brown Bag Luncheon on third Thursday. Each member is asked to bring a covered dish to share. Mark your calendar and plan to join and fellowship with other members. Also, mark your calendar for our other routine monthly events - ALA EC / GM meetings, Brown Bag Luncheon (ALA Spring Luncheon for April), Post Social, - and plan to attend them.

Prayers and Godspeed,
Muriel Alexander Kweyama, President
ALA Sauls-Bridges Unit 13

20th Annual Camp Gordon Johnston Days May 8th and 9th, 2015

We invite all who wish to show their support for our Veterans to participate in the Camp Gordon Johnston Days parade in Carrabelle, Florida. The parade will take place on Saturday, May 9, 2015. The parade line-up begins on 10th Street West at 9:30 a.m. EST with the parade starting at 10:45 a.m. EST.

Our event kicks off this year on Friday May 8, with a Veterans social at the Camp Gordon Johnston American Legion Post 82 in Lanark Village. The social is open to all Veterans with one guest or widows of WWII Veterans.

On Saturday, May 9, the Masonic Lodge will be serving breakfast at 7 a.m. This breakfast is free to all active duty and WWII Veterans—all others pay \$6.00 per person. We are also planning a dinner/dance for Saturday evening.



AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN'S PRAYER

Almighty Father, may we always remember those who fought and died for our freedom, and we acknowledge the sacrifice You made for us through Your death on the cross and the glory of Your resurrection as we approach Easter. We are grateful for, and pay tribute to, the millions of soldiers who have sacrificed so that all United States citizens could live under the freedoms afforded by the Constitution. We know that freedom is not free, and pray for the constant protection of all our armed forces. May we never forget our veterans of all past wars. Strengthen our devotion to You, Lord, and make us worthy of the citizenship and principles our military are fighting to maintain. Bless those in authority in our city, state, and nation with wisdom to know and the strength to uphold the Constitution and its laws for the good of our country and its people. God bless all who serve and have served in our Armed Forces and all the families who have lost their loved ones. God bless the United States of America and may we remain forever free. Lord, we pray in Your holy Name. Amen.

Sharon L. Courey, Chaplain
American Legion Auxiliary, Post 13



YOU CAN HELP END VETERANS HOMELESSNESS IN 2015

The Secretary of the Veterans Affairs (VA) established a goal of ending homeless Veterans from combating life on the streets and/or in the woods by December 31, 2015.

The volunteering of your time at The 3rd Annual North Florida **Homeless Veterans Stand Down (April 24-26, 2015)** will assist in achieving this goal. www.NorthFloridaStandDown.org

Last year's records show that forty-five (45) homeless Veterans were provided keys to their new place prior to, during and after the Stand Down. This was accomplished by the efforts of many people and groups working to place homeless Veterans attending the Stand Down into permanent housing. This year's Stand Down intends to achieve even better results through greater involvement and focusing of assets for their achievement of permanent housing.

The members of Post 13 have been very generous with their time at past Stand Downs by volunteering and donating or authorizing funds. Thank you for your past support. Your help with this year's **April 24-26, 2015 Stand Down** would be greatly appreciated.

Go to www.NorthFloridaStandDown.org and click on the **Volunteer** link or the sponsors/donors link to provide assistance. Thank you for your help to end Veterans homelessness by the end of 2015.

For more information, please contact Claude Shipley at ShipleyOD@gmail.com C: [850-508-7926](tel:850-508-7926) or Robin Ridley at ridleyr@fdva.state.fl.us W: [850-488-4181/4182](tel:850-488-4181)

DID YOU KNOW?

by **JOHN FOLSOM**
Commander



April 15th

1919 – Jane Arminda Delano (b.1862), founder of the American Red Cross Nursing Service, died in France while on a Red Cross mission and was buried there. She was posthumously awarded the US Distinguished Service Medal, the 1st female recipient. In 1920 She was brought back to the U.S. and re-interred in Arlington National Cemetery.

April 18th

1942 – First issue of the newspaper for U.S. armed forces, Stars and Stripes, was published.

1943 – An aircraft carrying the Commander of the Japanese Combined Fleet, Admiral Yamamoto, is shot down by P-38 Lighting fighters over Bougainville. Yamamoto is killed. This action is the result of the interception of a coded Japanese message announcing a visit by Yamamoto. The Japanese fail to deduce that their codes are insecure. Japanese Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto was the mastermind of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

April 28th

1919 – The first jump with an Army Air Corps (rip-cord type) parachute was made by Les Irvin.

Know Your Presidents

A man once reportedly called on President Jackson to secure a postmaster position for a man who had lost a leg in the war. “ I must tell you sir that he did not vote for you” the man confessed. “ If he lost a leg defending his country, then that is vote enough for me” replied Jackson.

From the Army & Navy Chronicle, 1838, Vol. 7, pg. 232:

The BEST KIND OF IGNORANCE.—It was remarked by a British officer, after the battle of Lundy’s Lane [in 1814], near Fort Erie, that he had visited all Europe under the banner of Napoleon, and had been engaged in the severest battles the world had ever known, but that the American soldiers were the first he had ever seen who **DID NOT KNOW WHEN THEY WERE WHIPPED**, and that they would even keep fighting till they tired out their foes and gained the victory.

Flag Retirement

A Flag Retirement Ceremony will be held at 1:00 pm, Sunday, April 12, at Jimmy Steele’s property on West highway 20.

Sons of the American Legion

A business meeting was conducted at Post 13 this past month. Anyone interested in membership, please contact our Post Commander, John Folsom.



Memorial Day Ceremony
 May 25th.

Oakland Cemetery, Tallahassee.
 West Brevard Street between North Bronough Street and North Macomb Street.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Fla Vets Foundation- Noon-2:30pm Sue Boyd Country Dance Lessons— 6:30p-9:45pm \$8	2 1st Thursday MUSIC JAM	3 Steve Cucinella 7-10:30 Red Hills Rhythm 8-11pm \$7	4
5 EASTER 	6 Tallahassee Ball- room Dance w/DJ 7:30 - 10:00p	7 Tallahassee Swing Band 7:30 - 10p \$6 cover	8 Fla Vets Foundation- Noon-2:30pm Sue Boyd Country Dance Lessons - 6:30p-9:45pm \$8	9 ALA Gen Mem- bership Mtg. 7p Post Exec. Mtg. 6:30p Gen. Mem- bership Mtg.	10 Crooked Shoes 8-Midnight	11 United Church of Tallahassee Relay for Life fundraiser 7-10:00
12 Rock the Pink— Breast Cancer fund- raiser 5-9 pm (Flag Retirement at Jimmy's 1pm)	13 Tallahassee Ball- room Dance w/DJ 7:30 - 10:00p \$5 cover	14 Tallahassee Swing Band 7:30 - 10p \$6 cover	15 Fla Vets Foundation- Noon-2:30pm Sue Boyd Country Dance Lessons - 6:30p-9:45pm \$8	16 ALA Spring Luncheon 11:00-2:30pm Tallahassee Writers 6-9pm	17 Public Address 8-Midnight	18 Wave fundraiser 6-10 pm w/DJ
19 Private Reception 4-9pm	20 Tallahassee Ball- room Dance w/DJ 7:30 - 10:00p \$5 cover	21 Tallahassee Swing Band 7:30 - 10p \$6 cover	22 Sue Boyd Country Dance Lessons - 6:30p-9:45pm \$8	23 POST SOCIAL 7p	24 HOMELESS VET- ERANS STAND DOWN Red Hills Rhythm 8-11 \$7	25 HOMELESS VET- ERANS STAND DOWN
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Deadline for the MAY 2015

**Newsletter will be
APRIL 15th at 5:00pm**

Newsletter items can be submitted three ways: (1)
Place in the Newsletter Box in the Post 13 office (2)
Mail to the return address above, or (3) Submit (with a
subject line) to the Post's Email Address:

AMLEGP13@GMAIL.COM

All Articles published require the Commander's approval.

PLEASE NOTE:

**Post General Membership Business Meetings are held on
the 2ND Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm.**

**POST SOCIALS are held on the 4TH Thursday
of each month at 7:00 pm. [Except for Nov. & Dec.]**



CONSIDERATION OF OTHERS IS A GOOD CHARACTERISTIC!