



Sauls-Bridges American Legion Post 13 News



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ANOTHER GREAT VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST!

We did it again!

On Veterans Day, Post 13 volunteers, along with approximately 35 additional helpers from Leon County, cooked and served 600 breakfasts to all veterans who showed up between the hours of 6:30—9:30 AM.

We thank our Post 13 officers and county dignitaries. From Val Fraily, our official greeter and Master of Ceremonies, County Commissioner Mary Anne Lindley, Veteran Services Manager of Leon County Ben Bradwell, Assistant to the County Administrator Shington Lamy, and the myriad of other volunteers who served the food, bused tables, cleaned up the Hall, and directed parking—and let us not forget those who stood over a hot stove to cook—George Smith, David Frank, and Judge George Reynolds, who cooked the eggs and made the biscuits and gravy.

And a special thanks to our Legion Lieutenants:

David Gallo—who handled the serving line.

Richard McCully—who so ably oversaw the clean-up detail, trash, and all pots & pans.

George Mikeal Harrison—handled the grills & grillmasters who prepared the meats.

To all those and many more not mentioned, we thank you!

Well Done! Well Done, Indeed!

Words alone cannot convey my appreciation for the work you put in.

Jimmy Steele

“Chief Cook and Bottle Washer”

For Post 13



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INCREASE IN DUES

The 2016 dues are going up to \$35.00 for Legion membership, effective January 1st of 2016. However if you pay your dues before December 31st of this year you will only have to pay \$25.00.

NEED YOUR CURRENT EMAIL

There are times we need to disseminate information before the newsletter goes to print. Send your email to amlegp13@gmail.com. Include your name so we know who you are, and in the subject line put, "email".

Know Your Officers—Sergeant-at-Arms Roger Hewitt—US Army—Vietnam

Duties of the Sergeant-at-Arms: Preserve order at all meetings of the Post and shall perform such other duties as may be from time to time assigned to him by the post executive committee. He shall have charge of the post colors and prepare the meeting hall for all post meetings according to the ritual as prescribed in the manual of rituals for the American Legion.



From the Desk of David Gallo;

The Post is in the process of organizing a weekly event for members to meet at the Legion Hall to provide fellowship and camaraderie between Legion members. Some of the desired activities are card games (poker, pinochle, ect) and movies or televised sports.

Please email Dave Gallo at AMLEGP13@GMAIL.COM if you are interested in participating in these events or if you have suggestions for other activities.



ELECTION OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS AND HISTORIAN

At the October Social, new officers for the positions of Sergeant-at-Arms and Historian were nominated and elected. Taking the Sergeant-at-Arms position was Army Veteran Roger Hewitt. Taking the Historian position, was Coast Guard Veteran Doug Marsh. Past Commander Val Fraily performed the swearing in.

Photo: Left, Roger Hewitt;
Right, Doug Marsh.
(Photo by Vic Hanna)



EVERY DAY IS VETERANS DAY!



**The Chaplain's
Corner—Noel Hurst**
Post Chaplain



Our Supreme Commander, may your name be glorified in all the earth! May your name be glorified in our hearts day by day. Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, Oh Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

December is the month when we celebrate the birth of the Christ child. No one really knows your birthday but, Jesus, we celebrate that great day on December 25. The actual date is not so important; but Lord, the fact of your coming is the greatest event in human history. We honor you. We worship you. We glorify your holy name, the name that is above every other name!

Jesus, help us, every one of us, to live each day for you. Signs of the times indicate that your return may be very near. We want to be ready for your return or for your call. Make us keenly aware of the need to live for you - today and every day. At this Christmas season may we daily remember the event that is celebrated. At home with the family, at gatherings with friends, at sporting events - wherever - be with us to keep us, to cheer us and to bless us. And, may we ALWAYS remember what we are celebrating, your coming to redeem us!

Father, we remember December, 1944 when Hitler's Germany made its last, desperate attempt to repel the Allied advance in western Europe. There was the Battle of the Bulge, the terrible battle in the bitter cold and snow of that winter. We remember and commemorate the many valiant American and Allied fighting men who gave their lives for us and our posterity. Father, we thank you for those men and women who through the years have fought to preserve the freedoms we enjoy. Many gave their all, and they did it for us. They are gone, and we cannot thank them; but we can thank you, and we can pledge ourselves to take up the task that is still unfinished. Yes, the task is unfinished as we see events in Central Asia. Oh Lord, help us, your people, to be strong in the face of threats at home and abroad. Bless our President with wisdom and courage to face the threats to our peace and safety. Deliver us from bloodthirsty men.

Thank you, Lord, for our Sauls-Bridges American Legion Post. We thank you for the capable and dedicated leaders you have given to the Post. Thank you for the many skilled and willing volunteers who make our facilities so comfortable and enjoyable. We are indeed blessed and we remember that "every good and perfect gift comes from" you.

Our Father, you are great and greatly to be praised. We thank you for our blessings and there are many! May your name be praised now and forever. Amen.

VETERANS DAY PARADE



Photo above by Joe Parramore.

Left and center by Chris Kimball.

"In the truest sense, freedom cannot be bestowed; it must be achieved." — Franklin D. Roosevelt



"FROM THE SERVICE OF ONE COMES THE SUPPORT OF MANY"



Hi Ladies,

Veterans Day was a busy day and our Miss Poppy represented us well. Thanks to ladies who assisted with the many activities required to make the Veterans Day Events flow smoothly from float decoration to breakfast help. Thanks to Val for allowing us to use his vehicle for Miss Poppy to ride in the parade.

DECEMBER: More holidays to enjoy 😊 and prepare for our service project for Veterans. We will assist with stocking the Food Pantry at the VA Clinic. It will be an ongoing project, thus you may bring your food donations at each monthly meeting starting this month, December, if you wish to help. We will host a Book-Signing for Luke Murphy at the Legion on December 5, 2015 beginning at 10:30 a.m. and books will be available for purchase. Thanks for stuffing Christmas Stockings for Soldiers which were mailed last month to arrive by the holidays.

Other dates to note: December 10th - ALA Executive Committee meeting starting at new time of 6:00-6:45 p.m. in the Hooch with the General Membership meeting starting afterwards at 7:00 p.m. and December 17th - Brown Bag Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. in the Auxiliary Room. There will be no 4th Thursday Post Social in December.

Remember to keep us all in Prayer. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!
 GODSPEED TO US ALL,
 Muriel Alexander Kweyama, President
 ALA Sauls-Bridges Unit 13

Thank You For the Poppy Drive

The Auxiliary would like to thank all for the support during the Veterans Day Poppy drive. We always have some interesting encounters with the public when we are at Sam's. This year was no exception. Two children were given flags and when they received them they started saying the Pledge of Allegiance standing in front of the Poppy table. Another family of 3 boys were given flags and the oldest boy started talking to Bryce Thornton about World War II and he was thrilled to meet a WWII veteran. The child was very interested in WWII and had studied on his own many of the battles. We look forward to using the funds received to help the veterans in our community.

Marilyn Houston



Future Soldier or Marine with his parents seen among the parade crowd on Veterans Day. — by C.Kimball



AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN'S PRAYER

Cheryl Prescott
Chaplain



Our Father, we pray as the last days and weeks of this year 2015 pass away, that we have an attitude of gratitude for all the gifts we have received. We pray we will be grateful for all of our blessings.

We pray for all the families that have lost love ones this year as they defended our country. We pray for the families remembering the sacrifices of those that fought so bravely at Pearl Harbor for the freedoms we have today.

We pray for all faith and religions throughout our community and around the world that we might put our differences aside and work together to bring peace.

We give our thanks to Thee for the gift of Thy Son, Jesus Christ. We pray we give gifts to Thee with our service to everyone in need of our compassion and understanding hearts, and listening ears. We pray for our hearts to be touched with the true meaning of Christmas as more spiritual and less commercial. We pray also as we receive gifts from others, that we do so with gladness for the effort and time spent and the thought that counts.

In Thy Holy name we pray,
Amen

October Social

October 22nd we had an outstanding Post social—Our final of 2015. Remember that we will not meet in November and December due to holidays. The meal was a delicious spaghetti & meatballs, garlic bread, salad, desert, coffee & tea by our Chef Jimmy Steele.

The Program included “Six Sisters Strings” which were six lady troubadours of various string instruments—violin, guitar, & cello.



The Six Sister Strings: left the right: Abby Edwards, Marlee Giantanis, Claudia Edwards, Mira Giantanis, Marina Edwards, Maggie Giantanis—by Doug Marsh



Sharon Courey with granddaughter Mary Terese Stavres—by Doug Marsh

No Social for November & December. Enjoy the Holidays!

See you on January 28th, 2016!

"Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves." - Abraham Lincoln

DID YOU KNOW? by JOHN FOLSOM / Commander



DECEMBER 2015

Dec 24th

1955 – NORAD Tracks Santa for the first time in what will become an annual Christmas Eve tradition. The program began in 1955, when a Sears department store placed an advertisement in a Colorado Springs newspaper which told children that they could telephone Santa Claus and included a number for them to call. However, the telephone number printed was misprinted and calls instead came through to Colorado Springs’ Continental Air Defense Command (CONAD) Center. Colonel Harry Shoup, who was on duty that night, told his staff to give all children who called in a “current location” for Santa Claus. A tradition began which continued when the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) replaced CONAD in 1958. Today, NORAD relies on volunteers to make the program possible. Each volunteer handles about forty telephone calls per hour, and the team typically handles more than 12,000 e-mails and more than 70,000 telephone calls from more than two hundred countries and territories. Most of these contacts happen during the twenty-five hours from 2 a.m. on December 24 until 3 a.m. MST on December 25. Volunteers include NORAD military and civilian personnel.

1972 – Comedian Bob Hope gives what he says is his last Christmas show to U.S. servicemen in Saigon.

1972 – President Nixon suspends Operation Linebacker II for 36 hours to mark the Christmas holiday.

1980 – Americans remembered the U.S. hostages in Iran by burning candles or shining lights for 417 seconds — one second for each day of captivity.

Know Your Presidents—Woodrow Wilson

President Wilson liked to tell of an incident that happened in his home town of Staunton Va. He had been addressing a large crowd of supporters after his election in 1912. While receiving a standing ovation a small boy pushed his way to the front. When he made his way to the president he started shouting, “ where is it? where is it ?” President Wilson stopped his speech and replied “ I guess I’m it.” “SHUCKS” cried the boy , “ I thought it was a dog fight”

New Membership Report

November 12, 2015

New Members:

Marvin T. Barnes, USMC, Gulf War

Michael J. Delorenzo, USAR, Vietnam

A HUGE THANK YOU

I wish to sincerely thank everyone and express my appreciation for your cards and calls I received while undergoing hyperbaric oxygen treatment in Delray Beach. It is so kind and thoughtful of you to do a small deed that truly means so much. Your thoughts, prayers, cards mean so much; your expressions make a difference. I was determined to get the oxygen treatment (40 episodes in the tank-7September-30September). No pain pills and no sleeping pills needed now. Not only did that process greatly help me while there and I continue to feel better each day. The 23 cards I received in Delray Beach and have received two since I returned home is certainly uplifting and gives me motivation to keep going. Again each of you really assist me in more ways than one.

Charles LeCroy



Faith by Perseverance

I have tasted that soul consuming bread of adversity, and the bitter sweet waters of affliction, only to be strengthened in eternal faith. My patience and hope have helped me endure through this task.

I believe the fruit of long suffering has been set before me. I am glad the Lord has set His love upon me, and I am fully persuaded that I will be purged with Hyssop, as it was with the heritage of our fathers.

I will be renewed in a grateful spirit to loudly sing my masters praise!

I am not afraid to suffer this short season of discomfort in preparation of an eternity beyond this reality.

I will wait patiently, with great anticipation, for the reward that I know awaits me at the appointed time. As I journey down this path of ordered steps, I have come to understand, that these earthly trails have helped to mold me into the child of God, He has purposed me to be. —George Smith

DECEMBER 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Tallahassee Swing Band 7:30 - 10p \$6 cover	2 Sue Boyd Country Dance Lessons -6:30p-9:45pm \$8	3 5:00pm Private Party	4 8pm Acme \$8 / \$15	5 10am Luke Murphy Book Signing
6 9:30am River Church 1:00pm Private 7:00pm Glory Bound Gospel Sing	7 Monday night Ballroom Dance w/DJ 7:30 - 10:00p \$5 cover	8 Tallahassee Swing Band 7:30 - 10p \$6 cover	9 Sue Boyd Country Dance Lessons - 6:30p-9:45pm \$8	10 6:30 pm Post Exec. Board Mtg. 7:30pm General Membership Mtg.	11 8pm Crooked Shooz \$8 / \$15	12 8pm Private Party
13 9:30am River Church	14 Monday night Ballroom Dance w/DJ 7:30 - 10:00p \$5 cover	15 Tallahassee Swing Band 7:30 - 10p \$6 cover	16 Sue Boyd Country Dance Lessons - 6:30p-9:45pm \$8	17 Tallahassee Writers Assoc. 6-9pm	18 8pm Pure Platinum Band \$8 / \$15	19 7pm Common Tatters & Turn-Ups
20 9:30am River Church	21 7:30pm Private Party	22 Tallahassee Swing Band 7:30 - 10p \$6 cover	23	24	25 CHRISTMAS 	26 6pm Robby's Reef Fundraiser
27 9:30am River Church	28 Monday night Ballroom Dance w/DJ 7:30 - 10:00p \$5 cover	29 Tallahassee Swing Band 7:30 - 10p \$6 cover	30	31 NEW YEARS EVE 		

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**Newsletter will be
DECEMBER 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:

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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!