



Sauls-Bridges American Legion Post 13 News



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MAY 2015

MEMORIAL DAY PLANS

The traditional Memorial Day ceremony will be held at Oakland Cemetery, May 25th, at 11am. Flags will be placed at each gravesite and patriotic music is provided. Tents, chairs, and cold water will be in place for guests and especially children. Veterans from WWII and to date will be in attendance.



We want to honor fathers, mothers, sons, daughters, sisters, aunts, uncles, brothers, husbands, wives, friends and others who have paid the ultimate price. This ceremony provides an opportunity to say “Thank you,” once again for the sacrifices made.

The ceremony will conclude at 12 noon with Echo Taps.

The DIFFERENCE BETWEEN VETERANS DAY and MEMORIAL DAY:

Memorial Day honors service members who died in service to their country or as a result of injuries incurred during battle. Deceased members are also remembered on **Veterans Day**, but the day is set aside to thank and honor living veterans who served honorably in the military in wartime or peacetime.

NOMINATIONS-ELECTIONS-INSTALLATION OF POST OFFICERS

Nominations of members to serve the Legion year (July 1-2015—June 30,2016) were held at the General Membership Meeting March 12. 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.



REMINDER

The Homeless Veterans Stand Down is April 24-26, 2015.

Your assistance with the Info booth or registration tables or hospitality would be greatly appreciated.

Call Claude Shipley at [850-508-7926](tel:850-508-7926) or go on line at www.NorthFloridaStandDown.org and click on Volunteers to register.

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 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,

Please guide us in our forthcoming election of the 8 members who will basically run the Post for the next year. May we all come to the May 14th general meeting, vote on them and actively support them this next Post year.

May we all participate in the Homeless Veterans Stand Down at the fairgrounds Friday thru Sunday April 24th thru 26th.

We thank Doug Marsh & Chris Kimball for continuing the publication of our newsletter and for Joe Paramore for chairing our nominating committee.

This post was so blessed by the volunteers from the "Box of Love" at FSU when they gave us so many volunteer hours cleaning the post on Saturday, March 21st, as part of the 2015 Big Event, the country's largest community service project.

You have given us another wonderful springtime with all the building growth, especially the dogwoods. May we see a similar building growth of this post this year.

The dawn comes forth the eastern sun, like living miracles from You to run. The dogwoods bloom, the flowers grow, the earth springs life from You to flow.

Amen

Photos: FSU Volunteers





"LIGHTING THE WAY FOR VETERANS"

Hi Ladies,

There are two major activities this month - Constitutional Conference and Memorial Day. As we prepare for these events, don't forget to continue providing support services to our Veterans and military families. Welcome to our new member, Violet Speights, who is a female Veteran.

The Constitutional Conference will be hosted by Post 272 on Saturday, May 2, 2015. The address is 18838 Highway 20 West, Blountstown, Florida. Registration will begin at 8:00am CST, and programs will begin at 9:00am CST. Please note that it is **CENTRAL STANDARD TIME** in Blountstown. This District 2 Constitutional Conference is a combined event for AL Post members and ALA Unit members. We are asking all members to please attend.

Memorial Day activities for Unit 13 will begin on Friday, May 22, 2015 with the distribution of poppies at Sam's Club on Capital Circle. If you have already signed up to assist, make sure you are there for your scheduled time slot. Let Marilyn, our Poppy Chairperson, know if you need a time change.

Mark your calendar for May: 2nd - Conference; 14th - EC / GM meetings; 21st - ALA Brown Bag Luncheon; 22nd-24th - Distribute Poppies; 25th - Memorial Day; and 28th - Post Social.

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, as we approach Memorial Day, we remember those who fought and died for our freedom and acknowledge the sacrifice You made for us though Your death and the glory of Your resurrection. May we not consider this as just a long holiday weekend. The celebration of this day originated from Decoration Day which honored the soldiers killed during the Civil War. It was originally federalized in 1967 as Memorial Day. We honor and pay tribute to the millions of soldiers who sacrificed for United States citizens to live under the freedoms of the Constitution. Lord, we acknowledge and thank our active military veterans. Make us worthy of the citizenship and principles our military continue fighting to maintain. 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

May 23

1900 – Sergeant William Harvey Carney is awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his bravery on July 18, 1863, while fighting for the Union cause as a member of the 54th Massachusetts Colored Infantry. He was the first African American to receive the Medal of Honor,

May 24

1844 – In a demonstration witnessed by members of Congress, American inventor Samuel F.B. Morse dispatches a telegraph message from the Capitol building in Washington DC to Alfred Vail at a railroad station in Baltimore, Maryland. The message–“What Hath God Wrought?”–was telegraphed back to the Capitol a moment later by Vail.

May 25

1787 – Four years after the United States won its independence from England, 55 state delegates, including George Washington, James Madison, and Benjamin Franklin, convene in Philadelphia to compose a new U.S. constitution

1999 – The US government released a bipartisan congressional report that said China stole design secrets for nuclear warheads that included every weapon in the current US nuclear arsenal.

May 28

1754 – In the first engagement of the French and Indian War, a Virginia militia under 22-year-old Lieutenant Colonel George Washington defeats a French reconnaissance party in southwestern Pennsylvania.

Know Your Presidents

Called out of town on an important case, Lincoln hired a horse from a livery stable. When he returned a few days later he took the horse back to the livery stable and asked the owner: “ keep this horse for funerals?” “ No indeed,” replied the man indignantly. “Glad to hear it,” said Lincoln, because if you did the corpse wouldn’t get there in time for the resurrection.”

Paul F Boller Jr. Presidential Anecdotes

American Legion Monthly Social

All members are encouraged to attend our monthly social. We visit with old (familiar) friends, make some new ones, and enjoy an amazing meal. Last month’s feast was corned beef and cabbage with roasted potatoes, onions, and carrots, salad and a delectable, mouthwatering selection of homemade desserts. The bar is open if interested. There is no charge for the meal but donations are welcome.

The auxiliary surprises us each month with special items for a raffle. Last month there was a choice of a homemade cake, a basket filled with all kinds of goodies, wooden shoes, homemade cookies or a beautiful pair of Chinese dolls. You just never know what to expect or when you might have the winning number. Sure hope to see you at our upcoming social on Thursday, April 23 at 7 PM.






Debbie Marsh & Penny Stansbury



Tom Albert, Paula Wilkins, Dorthea Kalinovsky, & Ed Stearman



Paulette & Chuck Howell

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Stand Down Luncheon 11-1 Fri. Night Band: ACME 8pm \$8/\$15	2 Private Party
3 Gloria Bound Gospel Sing 7-9 pm	4 Tallahassee Ballroom Dance w/DJ 7:30 - 10:00p \$5 cover	5 Tallahassee Swing Band 7:30 - 10p \$6 cover	6 Fla Vets Foundation 1:00-2:00pm Sue Boyd Country Dance Lessons - 6:30p-9:45pm \$8	7 1st Thursday MUSIC JAM \$5	8 Crooked Shoes 8-Midnight \$8/\$15	9 Pyramid Studios Spring Recital for Dev. Disabled 7-9pm, doors open at 6. Cover
10	11 Tallahassee Ballroom Dance w/DJ 7:30 - 10:00p \$5 cover	12 Tallahassee Swing Band 7:30 - 10p \$6 cover	13 Sue Boyd Country Dance Lessons - 6:30p-9:45pm \$8	14 ALA Gen Membership Mtg. 7p Post Exec. Mtg. 6:30p Gen. Membership Mtg. 7:30pm	15 Leon H.S. Class of '65, 5pm-Midnight	16 TMH Idol Cover 7-11pm
17	18 Tallahassee Ballroom Dance w/DJ 7:30 - 10:00p \$5 cover	19 Tallahassee Swing Band 7:30 - 10p \$6 cover	20 Fla Vets Foundation 1:00-2:00pm Sue Boyd Country Dance Lessons - 6:30p-9:45pm \$8	21 Tallahassee Writers 6-9pm Assoc Meeting 6 - 9p	22 Lunar Urge Frank Richardson / 80s theme 8-Midnight \$8-\$15	23 Steve Cuccinella Band 7-11pm \$8
24	25 MEMORIAL DAY Ceremony at Oakland Cemetery 11-1	26 Tallahassee Swing Band 7:30 - 10p \$6 cover	27 Sue Boyd Country Dance Lessons - 6:30p-9:45pm \$8	28 POST SOCIAL 7pm	29	30 Grace Mission Blues & BBQ Doors open 6pm Music @ 7pm \$10 Dinner \$8 Cover
31	Ballroom Dancing 7:30-10pm \$5					

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Deadline for the JUNE 2015

**Newsletter will be
MAY 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!