



Sauls-Bridges American Legion Post 13 News



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ONE OF OUR OWN RECOGNIZED



Juanita & Charles LeCroy, & Maj. John L. Haynes—photo by Tom Clark

Charles E. LeCroy,
CMSGT USAF Retired.

Charles was selected as a 2015 FLORIDA VETERANS HALL OF FAME recipient. The selection is made by the Department of Florida Veterans Hall of Fame Committee. There will be a ceremony on November 11, 2015 held by the Governor and Cabinet for the presentation of the Hall of Fame medal and the unveiling of the names inscribed on the plaque on the State Capitol Rotunda wall.

Criteria for selection include, but, is not limited to a veteran's significant, selfless contributions to the state, civic, business and public service. Their military career is evaluated carefully with a point

system ultimately determining the final scoring. Selection for this award recognizes the depth at which a nominee has served his fellow serviceman or woman as well as contributed to their ability to be self-sufficient.

America is the land of the free because of the brave and their continued dedication to insure the lives and welfare of all veterans garner respect. Charles exemplifies that model. His entire military service was centered in Personnel and Human Resources; whereby his impeccable attention to detail resulted in numerous awards and promotions. He served on the team that transformed personnel records from longhand to data entry format that is now recognized by all branches of the US Military.

Charles rose to the top of the USAF enlisted ranking in nineteen years. During his service he attained a college degree in Business and continued to work for a graduate degree. Although it was often done one class at a time: he persevered, never giving up on the goal he set for himself. Charles has devoted a majority of his life enhancing the lives of others during military service, and continues today with the Florida Veterans Foundation and other helping hands.

"Where liberty dwells, there is my country." — Benjamin Franklin

VA Town Hall Meeting

Dates & times for VA Town Hall Meetings this Fall:

16 Sept. at Noon at Lake Ella Legion Hall

Topics covered:

- Update on the new replacement clinic
- Meet the new AO—Mr. Cal Carter
- Introduction to the Medical Foster Home program
- Q&A

From Teresa M. Skojac, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Tallahassee VA Outpatient Clinic

Help Needed—Gas Stove

The post is in need of someone with experience with installing gas appliances. A new gas range has been donated to the Post.

If there are any members with such experience and are willing to pass it on, please contact:

Jimmy Steele
850-321-2794
850-322-5726
850-222-3382

POST IN NEED OF SGT-AT-ARMS

A Vacancy for the office of **SGT-AT-ARMS** exists (a one-year term) and nominations may be made at anytime to the Commander at the next General Membership Meeting on **September 10th**. In the event that only one nomination is made, voting will be held to accept that nominee, and installation of that member will take place at that meeting.

Members—This is your Post—you are needed in and about the Post!!!!

MONDAY NIGHT BALLROOM

New Volunteers: ALA Member Rose Chapman; 3rd Vice Cdr. David Gallo

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS 2015-2016



(L to R:) 1st Vice Angel Ernie Alvarez; 2nd Vice Vic Hanna; 3rd Vice Dave Gallo; Historian Tom Albert; Finance Officer George Walker; Chaplain Noel Hurst; (not pictured) Commander John Folsom (photo by Doug Marsh)

EVERY DAY IS VETERANS DAY!



The Chaplain's Corner—Noel Hurst

Post Chaplain



Our Supreme Commander, thank you for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness! These gifts, indeed, come from You. Thank you that we can live this beautiful North Florida area.

The horrors of World War II ended 70 years ago. We thank you, Father, for helping our country defeat the horrific Nazi and Japanese war machines. Thank you for the noble warriors who survived that war and those few who still live in our midst. We thank You and we honor them. Thank you, Supreme Commander, for the men and women who serve today. Oh Lord, be an ever present protector and helper for them. Bring them ALL home safely, we pray. And, Father, watch over and bless the wounded warriors. Remind them that we care and that they are not forgotten!

Thank you for our post baseball team, the Boys State, the Girls State participants, their coaches and helpers. From these groups raise up godly and successful business and professional leaders for many years to come.

We bless the God given leadership and every member of Sauls-Bridges Post 13. May we all pray with the Psalmist - "Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, Oh Lord, my strength and my redeemer. Amen.

Tallahassee Post 13 Baseball Team

The Tallahassee Post 13 baseball team completed its 2015 campaign with a record of 35-9-1, including its first State Championship in 44 years and a third place finish at the American Legion Southeast Regional Tournament in Asheboro, North Carolina. In the State Championship game at Port St. Lucie, FL, T13 bested the defending champion Jacksonville Post 88, 13-0. T13 went 4-0 in the tournament, outscoring its opponents 45-3. It was Post 13's first state championship since 1971.

T13 then traveled to Asheboro, North Carolina to play in the Southeastern Regional Championships. In game one, T13 fell to South Carolina, 4-3. In game two, T13 defeated West Virginia, 8-3. In game three, T13 took on the Alabama state champs, Tuscaloosa Post 34, topping them, 12-4. In the semi-finals Post 13 again faced the South Carolina squad, who coming from the winners bracket had already been assured a spot in the finals. (South Carolina in fact won the tournament and advanced to the World Series.) After scoring two runs in the bottom of the first inning to take an early lead, T13 dropped the hard fought rematch, 6-3.

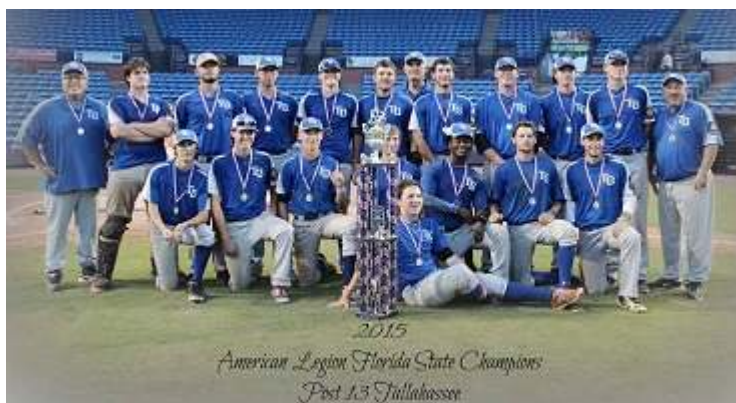
The loss brought an end to T13's year which was by all accounts one of the great seasons in Post 13 history. The players and coaches would like to thank our sponsors, fans and parents for all of their incredible support throughout this campaign. The coaches especially would like to congratulate all of those Post 13 players who are moving on to play college baseball next season, reminding them that anything is possible with hard work, good habits and a lucky hop. Earn it!

Team Photo: L-R

Bottom Row Sitting – Nick Collins

Middle Row – Peter Christian, Preston Kolke, Josh Nothdorft, Ryan Day, Kaycee Reese, Micah McCaskill, Devin Caldwell

Back Row – Manager Wes Singletary, Jake Webb, Noah Davis, Thomas Nicoll, Dennis Ratliff, Richard Ruth, Post 13 Representative Val Frailey, Evan Caldwell, Chance Carter, James Crowder, Garrett Swier, Coach Brian Caldwell (Photo by Wes Singletary)



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



"LIGHTING THE WAY FOR VETERANS"

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

Hi Ladies,

The August Workshop was very informative as each Department Committee Chairman presented her power point. They discussed the awards available for each program and guidelines for submitting essays. Visit the website at www.alafl.org to review the "Plan of Action" for each committee . The Unit will participate in some of the programs and submit a narrative to Department for the Helen Gardner Unit Member of the Year Award.

Thank You for all of the school supplies donated last month for our children of military families. Thirty-one backpacks were stuffed with school supplies and taken to Deena at the VA Clinic for distribution.

PROJECTS: Don't forget the "RED, WHITE, AND BLUE LABOR DAY DANCE" on Monday, September 7, 2015. Let me know how you will help (set up, do food and beverages, clean up, or help at the dance). We are still endeavoring to organize a "Blood Drive" for a Saturday in September and must have 15 committed donors. This will be a Community Project so please ask friends, family, and others to be a donor.

Other events are Executive Committee / General Membership meetings on September 10th at 5:30pm / 7:00pm at the Hooch; ALA Brown Bag Luncheon on September 17th at 11:30am in the Auxiliary Room; District Two School of Instructions on September 19th at 9:30am CDT in Sneads, Florida; and the Post Social on September 24th at 6:30pm at the Legion. The Auxiliary will present attendees from Girls State at the Post Social and will be responsible for preparing or catering the meal.

Let us continue to provide Prayers for our members and their families as they encounter surgery, illness, recovery, or other life challenges.

GODSPEED TO US ALL,
Muriel Alexander Kweyama, President
ALA Sauls-Bridges Unit 13

A Special Monday Night Dance Hosted by the ALA Sauls-Bridges Unit 13

The Red, White, and Blue

Labor Day Dance

Monday, September 7, 2015

7:00 pm-10:00pm

Music by DJ "Craig D"

*Advance Tickets—\$6.00 * Door Tickets—\$8.00 * Two Tickets—\$15.00*

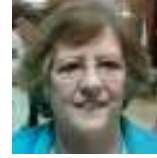
*Finger Foods * Soft Drink Beverages * Door Prizes*

Wear Your Red, White, or Blue and Join Us



AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN'S PRAYER

Cheryl Prescott
Chaplain



"Train up a Child in the way he should go: and when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

Father, we give Thee thanks and praise for granting us the blessings of faith, families, and freedom. May we always cherish our greatest legacy: eternal salvation. We humbly ask your guidance as we strive to be models of Your love and compassion.

Help us to understand our solemn responsibility to love and care for each other and our children. Whether we are parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, and/or teachers, help us strive in our community to bring peace and unite all races, faiths and creeds to settle any unrest that might arise that put our freedoms at risk.

As our children of all ages return to school, help us to remember our sacred duty to rear our children in love and righteousness, to provide their physical and spiritual needs, to teach them to love and serve one another, to observe your commandments and be law abiding citizens wherever they live.

Help keep our servicemen and women and their families safe as they serve to protect these rights.

We pray in Thy Holy Name,
Amen.

Unit 13 Membership Report August 2015

CONGRATULATIONS UNIT 13, Your membership has exceeded your goal and reached a high of 104.40%. Thanks for a job well done!

Our new year begins with a new Department President and staff. This year President Pearl McIntyre's theme is ***"FROM THE SERVICE OF ONE COMES THE SUPPORT OF MANY"***, using the Palm Tree as its fronds reaching out in many directions representing the Auxiliaries many programs to help better serve our veterans.

It is that time again for dues renewal, this year National has been quite busy updating their web page and promoting paying on line. I have tried this already and must say, *"it works"*. Go to ["www.alaforveterans.org"](http://www.alaforveterans.org), American Legion

Auxiliary, create a login and follow instructions. Print your temporary card and present it to your membership chairman for your permanent membership card.

However if your still in the mode of writing check, please feel free to continue, dues for Seniors are \$30.00 and Junior dues are \$4.00. Please make your check/money order payable to ALA Sauls-Bridges Unit 13, Inc., and mail to ALA Sauls-Bridges Unit 13, Inc. P. O. Box 3974, Tallahassee, Fl 32315. Please write "Attn: Membership" on your envelope. You may also pay your dues by cash/check/ money order at our next meeting which will be held August 13 at 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions, comments or concerns please contact us at ALAUnit13@gamil.com.

We are excited about the upcoming year working together supporting our Veterans, Troops, and their families. Nell Hewitt, Membership Chair

Photo:

INSTALLATION OF NEW ALA OFFICERS 2015-2016

President Muriel A. Kweyama; Vice Pres. Ive "Nell" Hewitt; Secr. Cheryl Marrs; Historian Carlyn Archer; Chaplain Cheryl Prescott; Member-at-Large Marjorie McNeill; Parliamentarian Rose Chapman; Sgt-at-Arms Juanita LeCroy.

Not shown: Treasurer Marilyn Houston; Member-at-Large Carolyn Losey; Member-at-Large Kimberly Ross

(Photo by Doug Marsh)



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

DID YOU KNOW?

by JOHN FOLSOM / Commander



Sept 15th

1904 – Wilbur Wright made his 1st controlled half-circle while in flight.

1914 – President Woodrow Wilson ordered the Punitive Expedition out of Mexico. The Expedition, headed by General John Pershing, had been searching for Poncho Villa, a Mexican revolutionary.

Sept 17th

US Constitution Day

1787 – The Constitution of the United States of America is signed by 38 of 41 delegates present at the conclusion of the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia.

1859 – Joshua A. Norton proclaims himself Emperor of the United States and Protector of Mexico with a proclamation delivered to the offices of the San Francisco Bulletin. Although he had no political power, and his influence extended only so far as he was humored by those around him, he was treated deferentially in San Francisco, and currency issued in his name was honored in the establishments he frequented. Though some considered him insane, or eccentric, the citizens of San Francisco celebrated his regal presence and his proclamations, most famously, his order that the United States Congress be dissolved by force and his numerous decrees calling for a bridge crossing and a tunnel to be built under San Francisco Bay. Similar structures were built long after his death in the form of the San Francisco–Oakland Bay Bridge and the Transbay Tube, and there have been campaigns to rename the bridge “The Emperor Norton Bridge”. On January 8, 1880, Norton collapsed at a street corner and died before he could be given medical treatment. At his funeral two days later, nearly 30,000 people packed the streets of San Francisco to pay homage. Norton has been immortalized as the basis of characters in the literature of writers Mark Twain, Robert Louis Stevenson, Christopher Moore, Maurice De Bevere, Selma Lagerlöf, and Neil Gaiman.

Know Your Presidents

William Howard Taft

As a young lawyer, Taft was once in a small town needing a train that wasn't due for hours. Upon learning learning that a “fast” was due in an hour, but not stopping. He had an inspiration, he called the division superintendent and asked. “Will No. 7 stop here for a large party”? When the conductor stopped the train Taft climbed aboard, “You can go ahead, I'm the large party,” said Taft. Taft weighed 300 pounds.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT—AUGUST 2015

A. Members Transferring Out

1. Hill, Charles K. to FL Post 273 (20 Jul 2015); USAF; Korea

B Members Transferring In

1. Leon H. Law; USAF: Korea; Post 400, FL
2. Henry E. Troast; USAF: Vietnam; Post 400, FL

C New Member Applications

1. Michael S. Bryant: USAR: Vietnam

D Deceased Members

1. Harry J. Mason. Jr.: (08 Jul 2015); USAF: Korea

E Total Paid UP Membership For 2015

(8/06/2015) renewal/new members 242 cards received of 583 (goal)=41.51%

(7/30/2015) renewal/new members 215 cards received of 583 (goal)=36.88%

New Members from June 2015

Jim Croushorn
Army 64-67
Transfer from
National






James Travis Jr.
Navy 57-63
Transfer from
Post 400



(Photos by Doug Marsh)

SEPTEMBER 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Tallahassee Swing Band 7:30 - 10p \$6 cover	2	3	4	5
6 Gloria Bound Gospel Sing 7:00-9:00pm	7 THE RED, WHITE, & BLUE LABOR DAY DANCE 7:30 - 10:00p (See newsltr)	8 Tallahassee Swing Band 7:30 - 10p \$6 cover	9 Sue Boyd Country Dance Lessons - 6:30p-9:45pm \$8	10 ALA Gen Mem- bership Mtg. 7p Post Exec. Mtg. 6:30p Gen. Mem- bership Mtg.	11 Crooked Shooz \$8 / \$15 Opens @ 7pm, Music @8pm	12 Bedhead Betty Cover
13	14 Monday night Ballroom Dance w/DJ 7:30 - 10:00p \$5 cover	15 Tallahassee Swing Band 7:30 - 10p \$6 cover	16 VA Town Hall Meeting—Noon Sue Boyd Country Dance Lessons - 6:30p-9:45pm \$8	17 Tallahassee Writers Assoc. 6-9pm	18 Keith Taylor Band—8pm	19
20	21 Monday night Ballroom Dance w/DJ 7:30 - 10:00p \$5 cover	22 Tallahassee Swing Band 7:30 - 10p \$6 cover	23 Sue Boyd Country Dance Lessons - 6:30p-9:45pm \$8	24 POST SOCIAL 7pm	25 Fundraiser For Nursing Scholarships. Forty & Eight Crooked Shooz \$10 / \$18	26 Grant Peebles 8pmCrooked Shooz 8-Midnight Cover
27 4:30PM Private Party	28 Monday night Ballroom Dance w/DJ 7:30 - 10:00p \$5 cover	29 Tallahassee Swing Band 7:30 - 10p \$6 cover	30 Sue Boyd Country Dance Lessons - 6:30p-9:45pm \$8			

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Deadline for the OCTOBER 2015

**Newsletter will be
SEPTEMBER 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!