



Sauls-Bridges American Legion Post 13 News



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2016 July 4th Picnic and Flag Retirement

We had a great turnout for this year's picnic.....can't tell you exactly how many folks showed up for the singing of patriotic and gospel songs (performed by Emma Rudd, a junior Auxiliary member), but a grand total of 74 hamburgers and 63 hot dogs, along with potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw, and water melon were consumed.

Along with the music provided by entertainment chairman Cheryl Marrs, (who provided her own entertainment by dressing as Uncle Sam), we held a Flag Retirement ceremony to honorably retire the flags turned in since the last retirement ceremony.....

After adjourning, Legion staff and members of the Tallahassee Fire Department took all remaining 700 flags to Aeon Church Road where they were honorably disposed of by fire.

It was a moving and heartwarming experience to participate in.....

On behalf of American Legion Post 13 I want to thank those who aided in this year's event, those who came and enjoyed the fellowship.....and to extend a warm invitation to all to attend the next event of this post....our monthly social, Thursday, July 28th at 7:00 PM

Jimmy Steele
US Navy
'58-'68



Flag retirement at the Post.



Flag retirement at Aeon Church Road site.

American Legion Post 13 Reaches Out

On July 4th, during the flag retirement ceremony, a call was received at American Legion Post 13 from a young Army Soldier's mother. Vic Hanna, 2nd Vice Commander, answered and was told a young soldier was on his way to Fort Bliss with tire failure on I-10. Vic contacted Commander John Folsom, who in turn sent me, (Michael Gavin, of Post 13). I responded without hesitation. Seeing the broke down red pickup truck, I gathered equipment to begin repairs. Jimmy Steel, also of Post 13, sent hamburgers and cold water.

The soldier's dad came from St. Augustine, Florida with four tires and rims. Soon after, Soldier Jake, who was being deployed to Afghanistan, was on his way in good spirits. The family had nothing but the greatest praise for Post 13.

Few people in the community are aware of the social consciousness that the American Legion has for Tallahassee residents, service men and women from all branches for the armed forces. Whether it is a local service man or woman or another traveling to a distant destination, the American Legion Post 13 is ready to respond.

I personally applaud their commitment day or night always ready to help. I am extremely proud to be a Post 13 member and I hope that our assistance to those in need continues to benefit our community. Keep up the great work Post 13. —from Michael A. Gavin, US Army

POST 13 NEWS

POST 13 GENERAL MEETINGS

All Post 13 Members:

We Need "YOU" at the GENERAL MEETINGS on the 2nd Thursday of the month. We now have new bar hours 5:30-10:00pm, except during the meeting time between 7:15-8:30pm. Well drinks \$1, and Draft Beer \$1. Have a drink, fellowship, play cards, watch TV, or just relax after the meeting.

Know Your Staff—Bartender Michele Walker

Michele has been bartending at the American Legion for the past seven years, and truly enjoys working at the American Legion, spending time, & hearing stories from the members!

Michele's grandfather, Arthur Dann, Jr., was a pilot in WWII, and she feels a connection to him here with the other veterans.



INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The new slate of officers for Post 13 were installed during the June 23rd Social. 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, from July 1st, 2016, to June 30th, 2017.

The current officers are: Commander John Folsom, 1st Vice CMDR Ernie Alvarez, 2nd Vice CMDR Vic Hanna, Adjutant David Gallo, Historian Doug Marsh, Finance Officer George Walker, Sgt-at-Arms Roger Hewitt, Chaplain Noel Hurst.



Jeremiah Collier sworn in as 3rd Vice CMDR on July 14th, at the General Membership Meeting.



The New District 2 Commander John Brennen and wife at the State Convention.



John Folsom sworn in as Florida American Legion District 2 Vice Commander at the State Convention in June in Orlando, Florida.

"Whatever you are, be a good one." —Abraham Lincoln

The 2016 Dept. of Florida Convention

June 17-19

Post 13 delegates were Commander John Folsom, 1st Vice Ernie Alvarez, 3rd Vice Dave Gallo, Sgt-at-Arms Roger Hewitt, Historian Doug Marsh, and Lee Mortimer representing (SAL) Sons of the American Legion, as well as Nell Hewett representing Post 13 Auxiliary Unit.

As your editor, I entered the 2016 best newsletter contest. I believe that we have a great newsletter, and was proud to enter it in the contest. During the FALPA meeting, awards were given by category. I am proud to say, that your newsletter won the category 2A Best Newsletter in the State! Hopefully, at the next convention, we can defend our title!

“Going for it all in 2017”

Newsletter staff: Doug Marsh and Chris Kimball



Left: Maria Renzulli and Doug Marsh receive the award for the newsletter with Cmdr John Folsom.

Above/Right: Department of Florida Officers.

Thank You Letter to the Big Bend Honor Guard

To Jim Geuin,
Big Bend Honor Guard
c/o Tallahassee National Cemetery

Dear Mr. Geuin,

On behalf of the family, friends and myself, I want to thank the Big Bend Honor Guard (BBHG) for its participation in the internment ceremony for Captain Harry (Bob) Bishop, Jr., on June 13, 2016, 11:00am, at the Tallahassee National Cemetery. Your contribution of the Rifle Salute and display of the fallen soldier battle cross complemented the ceremony and was very much appreciated.

It is obvious that the members of the BBHG are committed to its mission. They executed the ceremony with honor and respect. It is noteworthy that even when a member succumbed to the Florida heat, he fainted only after the Rifle Salute was complete. I am glad to know that he recovered and is doing fine.

Thank you again for what you did for us and do for all of our veterans who served and sacrificed for our nation.

Sincerely,
Tina Mazanek





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

Hello Everyone:

The theme for this year from our Department President Kelli Becraft is "Navigating for Veterans and their Families", she is using the compass as her symbol to stay focused and on track serving our Veterans.

August has been designated for collection of "School Supplies". Since our communities have various resources for school supplies, the General Membership chose to postpone the collection until January after the Christmas break and the children are back in school.

Just a reminder, It's **DUES** time again. You have an opportunity to pay your dues on-line by following these easy steps: Go to www.alaforveterans.org, American Legion Auxiliary, create a login and follow instructions. Print your temporary card and present it to your membership chairman, Muriel Kweyama to receive your permanent membership card. Dues are \$30.00 for Senior members and \$4.00 for Juniors. However, if you're still in the mood to writing checks, feel free to continue. Please make your check/money order payable to ALA Sauls-Bridges Unit 13 and mail to ALA Sauls-Bridges Unit 13, P. O. Box 3974, Tallahassee, Florida 32315. Attn: Membership.

Ladies mark your calendar, at our last meeting the General Membership approved a "Continuous Service Pinning Pot Luck Luncheon" to be held October 6th, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Post. We will be honoring those ladies with continuous service in increments of five years, for fiscal years of 2014-2015 and 2015-2016. Our loyal members supporting the auxiliary in years range from 60, 55, 40, 35, 30, etc. of continuous service. Come help celebrate and honor these ladies who have given so much of their time to support our troops and make our Veterans lives a little better.

We would like to welcome our new members approved at our July meeting; Katina Johnson and Tanya Gavin. We are looking forward to working with these ladies to promote the goal of The American Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary.

For God and Country,
Nell Hewitt, President
ALA Sauls-Bridges Unit 13



Right: 2016/2017 Auxiliary Officers.

Girls State 2016 Was GREAT!

"Forward Forever, Backward Never, Within Ourselves Our Future Lies"

The 2016 session of Florida Girls State was held June 30 –July 8 on the campus of Florida State University. Tallahassee delegates, Emily Blomeley (Lawton Chiles High School) and Emily Brockmeier (John Paul II Catholic High School), were afforded the opportunity to live together as self-governing citizens and learn the duties, privileges, rights, and responsibilities of American citizenship.

Their rigorous schedule includes participating in political campaigns, bill writing, and legislative debates. As the government begins to take shape, these young women come to understand their important role in a democratic society.

Volunteering on the Florida Girls State staff from ALA Unit 13 were Nell Hewitt, Muriel Kweyama, and Marjorie McNeill. (Pictured here.) Fun and learning was had by all, staff and girls!





CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Noel Hurst
Post 13 Chaplain

OUR SUPREME COMMANDER, we come today with thankful hearts, thankful for all the wonderful blessings that we enjoy here in the United States. When we look around in other countries we see that we here in America are abundantly blessed. We thank You for the great freedom you have given us AND we thank you for the many men and women who have fought to preserve this blessing of freedom! We thank You for material blessings. We have adequate, sometime luxurious, housing.

We have so much food, so delicious food, and great variety. Such a blessing, Father! And the list goes on and on. How can we mention all our blessings? But we give thanks to You. Your word tells us that every good and perfect gift comes from You.

It's summertime, Father, time for vacations, trips, swimming, boating and myriad other activities. Father help us to remember You in all our summertime activities. We don't want to leave You at home while we relax and enjoy these fun times. We, in fact, need you with us wherever we go. We need your presence, your protection.

We need your Spirit to keep us and guide us wherever we go, near or far. We will trust in You, knowing that You care for each of us. Your eye is on the sparrow and we know You watch over each of us. Give us a great summer, we pray, and bring us home safe and refreshed.

The time for electing a new president draws closer. We all know who the candidates are and we know who our favorite is. Lord, help us to vote and to vote according to your will. Not my will but may your will be done in this critical election.

We pray your blessings on the members of our Legion Post. Minister to each one, Father. Reveal yourself to each of us and may we live close to You. Bless especially the members of the Executive Committee. Thank you for post officers, volunteers and employee for their dedication and service. We all benefit from their service. Grant wisdom to the Executive Committee as they deliberate the business affairs of the post.

We ask these things in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

June Social

What a great social last month! We had it all! (1.) Great food prepared by Jimmy Steele & Company. (2.) Installation of American Legion Post 13 and American Legion Auxiliary Unit 13 2016-2017 Officers. (3.) A surprise visit by Dept. of Florida State Commander Joseph Magee and Dept. of Fla. Adjutant Mike McDaniel. (4.) Lots of raffle winners! (5.) Most importantly, Good fellowship with friends and neighbors!

If you were here, you know how good it was. If you weren't able to attend, we missed you! So, mark your calendar for the next social, **July 28th, at 7:00 pm**, at the American Legion Post 13 on the banks of beautiful Lake Ella! So, **"COME ON DOWN!" "THE PRICE IS RIGHT!"**



Menu for the July Social:

Jimmy's Meatloaf
mashed potatoes/with tomato gravy\
mixed veggies/cauliflower-broccoli-carrots /w
cheese sauce
salad with fixings
fresh watermelon
Yeast rolls



Raffle
winner

L/R Dist. 2 Cdr. Jim Brennen; Dept. of Fla. Cdr. Joseph Magee, Post 13 Cdr. John Folsom;
and Dept. of Fla. Adjutant Mike McDaniel. Auxiliary 2d Dist. President Muriel Mkweyama

DID YOU KNOW? by JOHN FOLSOM / Commander



August 10th

1846 – After a decade of debate about how best to spend a bequest left to America from an obscure English scientist, President James K. Polk signs the Smithsonian Institution Act into law. In 1829, James Smithson died in Italy, leaving behind a will with a peculiar footnote. In the event that his only nephew died without any heirs, Smithson decreed that the whole of his estate would go to “the United States of America, to found at Washington, under the name of the Smithsonian Institution, an Establishment for the increase and diffusion of knowledge.” Smithson’s curious bequest to a country that he had never visited aroused significant attention on both sides of the Atlantic. John Smithson, the Smithsonian Institution’s great benefactor, is interred in a tomb in the Smithsonian Building.

August 12th

1944 – LT Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr., USNR, the older brother of John F. Kennedy, was killed with his co-pilot in a mid-air explosion after taking off from England in a PB4Y from Special Attack Unit One (SAU-1). Following manual takeoff, they were supposed to parachute out over the English Channel while the radio-controlled explosive filled drone proceeded to attack a German V-2 missile-launching site. Possible causes include faulty wiring or FM signals from a nearby transmitter.

Congressional Medal of Honor Citations for Actions Taken This Day

*KILMER, JOHN E.

Rank and organization: Hospital Corpsman, U.S. Navy, attached to duty as a medical corpsman with a Marine rifle company in the 1st Marine Division. Place and date: Korea, 13 August 1952. Entered service at: Houston, Tex. Born: 15 August 1930, Highland Park, Ill. Citation: For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty in action against enemy aggressor forces. With his company engaged in defending a vitally important hill position well forward of the main line of resistance during an assault by large concentrations of hostile troops, HC Kilmer repeatedly braved intense enemy mortar, artillery, and sniper fire to move from 1 position to another, administering aid to the wounded and expediting their evacuation. Painfully wounded himself when struck by mortar fragments while moving to the aid of a casualty, he persisted in his efforts and inched his way to the side of the stricken marine through a hail of enemy shells falling around him. Undaunted by the devastating hostile fire, he skillfully administered first aid to his comrade and, as another mounting barrage of enemy fire shattered the immediate area, unhesitatingly shielded the wounded man with his body. Mortally wounded by flying shrapnel while carrying out this heroic action, HC Kilmer, by his great personal valor and gallant spirit of self-sacrifice in saving the life of a comrade, served to inspire all who observed him. His unyielding devotion to duty in the face of heavy odds reflects the highest credit upon himself and enhances the finest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for another.

Know Your President’s Wives
Mrs. Millard Fillmore (Millard 1850-1853)

In the face of severe public criticism, Mrs. Fillmore had the first bathtub installed in the Executive Mansion. Bathtubs in the White House have been a Presidential perquisite ever since.

New Membership Report July 14, 2016

MEMBERS TRANSFERRING IN

- James H. Morgan: (FL Post 0400); USAR; Vietnam
- Gary A. Scheff: (FL Post 0400); USAR; Vietnam
- Heinz A Roos: (FL Post 0400); USAF; Vietnam
- Gordon W. Lightfoot: (FL Post 0400); USMC; Vietnam
- Dennis E. Dillon: (CA Post 1000); USNA; Vietnam

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

- Robert E. Haley: USAR; Vietnam
- Maria T. Arroyo: USAR; Vietnam
- Theodore B. Barnes: USAF, Vietnam

TOTAL PAID UP MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016:

(06/30/2016): renewals/new members 599 (cards received) of 589 (goal) = 101.698 %

* Reports for membership are posted on Fridays.

Updated to 14 July 2016

Welcome New Member
Theodore Barnes, USAF
Vietnam



More Raffle Winners:



AUGUST 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 1 Monday night Ballroom Dance w/DJ 7:30 - 10:00p \$5 cover	2 Tallahassee Swing Band 7:30 - 10p \$6 cover	3 Sue Boyd Country Dance Lessons -6:30p- 9:45pm \$8	4 6pm--Leon County Black Caucous	5	6 5pm Purple Heart Banquet	
7 9:30am RIVER CHURCH 7:30pm Gospel Sing	8 Monday night Ballroom Dance w/DJ 7:30 - 10:00p \$5 cover	9 Tallahassee Swing Band 7:30 - 10p \$6 cover	10 Sue Boyd Country Dance Lessons - 6:30p-9:45pm \$8	11 6pm-ALA Exec. Mtg. 6:30 pm Post Exec. Board Mtg. 7:30pm General Membership Mtg.	12 8pm Crooked Shooz \$8 / \$15	13 8pm 911 Band Reun- ion \$10
14 9:30am RIVER CHURCH	15 Monday night Ballroom Dance w/DJ 7:30 - 10:00p \$5 cover	16 Tallahassee Swing Band 7:30 - 10p \$6 cover	17 Sue Boyd Country Dance Lessons - 6:30p-9:45pm \$8	18 6-9pm- Tallahassee Writers Assoc. 6:30—SAL Meeting	19 8pm Keith Taylor Band \$8 / \$15	20 7:30pm Legends Band \$8 / \$15
21 9:30am River Church	22 Monday night Ballroom Dance w/DJ 7:30 - 10:00p \$5 cover	23 Tallahassee Swing Band 7:30 - 10p \$6 cover	24 Sue Boyd Country Dance Lessons - 6:30p-9:45pm \$8	25 7pm—POST SOCIAL	26 8pm ACME Band \$10	27 6pm FDOA Fund- raiser 5-6 bands \$20
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Deadline for the SEPTEMBER 2016

**Newsletter will be
AUGUST 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.]