



# Sauls-Bridges American Legion Post 13 News



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## VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION 2016

The celebration started in the early morning at the post. Cooks arrived early to start cooking. The community was served breakfast continually from 6:30-9:00 AM.

We thank all the Volunteers from Leon County, The Marine Corps League, American Legion Post 13, Northside Kiwanis, and many, many others.

This year group photos were taken for each branch of the service, and Jimmy Steele received an award of recognition for his many years of service with Post 13, and especially his leadership at past breakfasts—Way to go, Jimmy!

Later, the AmerLeg Post 13 float made its way to the Veterans Day Parade. Post 13 was just one of over 100 units in the parade.

The parade was outstanding with parade viewers 5 & 6 rows deep at times.

If you didn't attend this year, make plans now for next year!



Miss Poppy, Jimmy Steele, and Leon County Commissioner Dailey



Above: US Coast Guard Veterans



Above: US Air Force Veterans

Below: US Marines Veterans



Above: US Army Veterans

Below: US Navy Veterans

All photos by Maria Renzulli



# POST 13 NEWS

## LEGION HALL FOR RENT

With all the Holidays coming up in November and December, we have a number of prime dates open for rental: November 19, 26, & December 1, 23, 24.

The Post is asking you TO PASS THE WORD to FAMILY, FRIENDS, & ASSOCIATES about booking a date for a birthday, wedding reception, Christmas Party, or booking a favorite Band. The Post has one of the Best and Largest Dance Floors in the area! THE POST CAN DO IT ALL, LARGE OR SMALL! Contact: Brenda Austin, (850) 222-3382, 2-6pm Monday-Friday for bookings.

**DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE FOR ALL POST 13 MEMBERS!**

## BIG BEND HONOR GUARD NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Big Bend Honor Guard is asking for Volunteers to provide military honors for all our deceased military veterans. Should you be interested in supporting this endeavor, the following contact information is provided.

Jim Geuin (Coordinator) (850) 508-9433

Email: jimgeuin@yahoo.com

National Cemetery contact (850) 402-8941

Web: <https://www.facebook.com/BigBendHonorGuard/?fref=nf>



## NATIONAL COMMANDERS VISIT

On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, Post 13 hosted a visit by the National Commander of the American Legion, Charles Schmidt, who toured Tallahassee and met with the Director of the Florida Department of Veterans, toured the new VA Clinic, and visited the new Tallahassee National Cemetery.

The Big Bend Honor Guard conducted a service for those who were interred the past month without honors. Both the National and State Commanders were presented flags.

Post 13 provided dinner for the National Commander and his staff. The commander spoke of his vision of the Legion going forward. His emphasis was on more exposure in the communities for the American Legion Posts. He said we need to be more visible and advertise our accomplishments whenever possible by using print, TV, social media, and other forms of communication to let our communities know about our commitment to helping Veterans.

In attendance were Nat'l Commander Charles Schmidt and his aide, Nat'l Executive Committeeman Dennis Boland, and Alt NEC Art Schwabe. From the Department of Florida, State Commander Joe Magee and his wife Pat, 2nd Vice Dianne Boland, Western Area Commander Jimmy Lee Martin, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commander Jim Brennan, and Post 13 Commander John Folsom.



State Commander Joe Magee and Nat'l Commander Charles Schmidt.



National Commander and entourage at the new VA Clinic.

### A Christmas Story from former Post Chaplain Bob Wray:

One of the most impressive Christmas stories occurred on Christmas Day on the western front in 1914. WWI was only 6 months old and casualties and property destruction were still not horrendous. Christmas packages from home abounded on both sides. The allied governments and the Kaiser also sent state gifts to the soldiers. A spirit of optimism existed that the war would end soon.



Narratives indicate early on Christmas, British soldiers heard the Germans singing Christmas carols. In some sectors both sides erected signs wishing the other side “Merry Christmas.” Spontaneously and certainly contrary to orders, many soldiers met in no-mans land exchanged gifts, shared greetings and even played volleyball and football games against each other.

The Christmas truce lasted all Christmas Day in most sectors, but extended through New Year’s Day in some areas. There were no reported instances of either side taking advantage of the Christmas truce to initiate hostilities.

Many of us believe this truce was God’s will showing us how goodwill toward men can exist even in the midst of man’s inhumanity to man. May we remember, respect and reflect on this Christmas truce, as it occurred on that blessed day 102 years ago.

### I WAS JUST THINKING!

By Doug Marsh

I was just thinking,

Although this is the December newsletter, you are receiving it before Thanksgiving Day. I would like to offer a Thanksgiving challenge.

When you are giving thanks for the many blessings you have received, I want you to do two things this Holiday Season.

1. Thank a Veterans, not only for their service, but for the contributions they have made for other Veterans.
2. Do something to help a Veteran.

My thank you is to Michael Gavin. I have only known Michael for about three years, but I can tell you that Michael will do anything he can to help another Veteran. Michael was not blessed with fame or fortune, but with a good heart. Where others are planning programs and asking for more funding for Veterans, Michael is where the rubber meets the road. By going out and meeting other Veterans one-on-one and doing everything within his power to assist with their every day struggles. If Michael can’t handle it, he will find someone that can.

**THANK YOU MICHAEL!**

I would like to publish your Thank You’s in the next and future Newsletters. Please send your Thank You’s to the Post email at [AMLEGP13@gmail.com](mailto:AMLEGP13@gmail.com) .

Any member who like to submit an editorial for the “I Was Just Thinking!” column, please submit to the Post email. Any articles submitted will be considered.

Thank you, and Have a Merry Christmas filled with Love and Peace.

*Merry*  *Christmas*




## *Navigating for Veterans and their Families*



TWO BAGS FULL !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

That is what was delivered to the Leon County Sheriffs' Department on Friday, November 11th. Two bags of slightly used stuffed animals for the deputies to hand out to a child in stress when called to homes of violence or fire, answering calls that might affect a child. Something to hold and love is so comforting when children witness violent crimes. The Auxiliary is serving our community as well as our veterans.

Happy Thanksgiving to all since we will not be having a social for November. Remembering the holidays, our loved ones and those who are not as fortunate as we are. Lets' give thanks to our men and woman who are serving in our military that you and I have the opportunity to live in a free world.

December brings the holidays, and the Auxiliary has a jump start by stuffing stocking  for our soldiers in preparation of mailing in time for arrival by Christmas. A little cheer from home will bring smiles to those who will not be with family and friends for the holidays. Thank you for your participation Auxiliary members.

Dates to remember: December 8th - ALA Executive and General membership meeting, Brown Bag Luncheon on December 15th and "NO" social for December.



Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to All!!!!  
Nell Hewitt, President  
ALA Sauls-Bridges Unit 13

For God and Country,

## EMMA RUDD, MISS POPPY 2016

The Auxiliary distributed Poppies during the Veterans Day Breakfast and in the community over the weekend. It is always a wonderful experience to be in the community and have an opportunity to discuss the activities the Auxiliary supports. At the Veterans Day Breakfast, Emma Rudd, Miss National Anthem poem "Flanders Col. John McCrae, cian during World you for the support the Auxiliary.



Poppy sang the and recited the Field" written by a Canadian physi- War I. We thank the Legion gives





## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



*Cheryl Prescott*  
*Auxiliary Chaplain*

Our Heavenly Father, our hearts are filled with solemn gratitude for the gift of Thy son, Jesus the Christ. Grant us and all others, the spirit of kindness, goodwill and charity.

We beseech Thee, oh Lord, that we who rejoice in celebrating the birth of Thy Son, our actions at all times be directed toward good works and helpful ministrations which are pleasing to Thee.

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

Let the day soon dawn when men shall permit Thy love to right every wrong, and when truth and justice and love shall over rule all the affairs of men, that here and everywhere there shall prevail the glorious message of the first Christmas morning "Peace on earth to all men of good will".

In Thy Holy Name we pray,  
Amen

### HONOR FLIGHT NEWS

Wednesday, 7 December, 2016: Honor Flight will host our annual Honor Flight Tallahassee Reunion for all Veterans and Guardians who went with us to Washington D.C. these past four (4) years. We will honor those Veterans & Guardians and thank them for their Service for the USA. We will have finger food, soft drinks, tea and those delicious desserts that the families have made to show their appreciation for those Veterans and families.

The reunion will be 7 December, 2016 at 1730 hrs to 2000 at the National Guard Armory on Capital Circle, NE. We will have good words of welcome from our Chairman of Honor Flight, Mr. Mac Kemp, and a well-known General from the armed forces of the USA. Each year at our Reunions, those Veterans and Guardians have renewed their friendships they developed on each of our Honor Flight trips to Washington D.C., to see all of the Memorials that are there for them who served our great Country.

Saturday, 20 May, 2017 we will take off again with another plane load of Veterans, Guardians and our Medical Staff to go to Washington D.C. to see the WWII, Korean, Viet Nam, Air Force and Lincoln Memorials. It will be a full day of seeing all of the Memorials that are dedicated to them. We should arrive back home that Saturday, around 2130 hrs. It will be a great arrival of seeing all of the families, friends and the Tallahassee Swing Band welcoming us back home.

We would like to encourage all of the Veterans of WWII, Korean, and Viet Nam Wars to fly to Washington D.C. with us. All Veterans fly FREE. All you have to do is fill out a Veteran application and mail it in. To receive an application, go to the Website and click on application, fill it out and mail. That is all. [info@honorflighttallahassee.org](mailto:info@honorflighttallahassee.org)

Thank you American Legion Post 13 for all of your support all these years. We appreciate what you have done for Honor Flight Tallahassee.

Tom Napier, Vice Chairman  
Honor Flight Tallahassee



*Who is a Veteran? He is the Veterans Day Parade. Look for Him or Her. You can't miss them.*

# DID YOU KNOW? by JOHN FOLSOM / Commander



This month provided by 3d Vice Jeremiah Collier:

October the 5<sup>th</sup>, 1915, Germany issues an apology and gives promises for payment to the 128 American passengers killed when a German sub put two torpedos into the British ship "Lusitania". It was reported to be carrying war supplies to England in its holds at the time, which was banned by treaty, a rumor denied by the United States government and was never "provable" at the time one way or another. Many years later, exploration with modern equipment of the hull revealed the truth.....that it indeed was carrying ammuntions in its holds; ship was headed to England and its troops fighting in Europe

## "IDEALS OF THOUGHT"

There was never yet an uninteresting life. Such a thing is an impossibility. Inside of the dullest exterior there is a drama, a comedy, and a tragedy ( Mark Twain, Life Lessons).

There are three things which come to my mind which I consider excellent advice: First....don't smoke-that is, don't smoke to excess.....Second, don't drink-that is, don't drink to excess. Third, don't marry-I mean to excess (Mark Twain, Wit & Wisdom).

"Never argue for your limitations, sure enough they will become yours" (Jeremiah's words).

## Membership Report (November 11, 2016)

### MEMBERS TRANSFERRING IN

- 1. Willie J. Sinclair: FL Post 0400; USAF; Vietnam
- 2. Tony A. Cox: FL Post 0400; USAF; Vietnam
- 3. Robert L. Downing: FL Post 0400; USAF; Vietnam
- 4. Lewis L. Spears: FL Post 0400; USNA; Korea

### NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

- 1. Ronald L. Benson: USNA, Vietnam
- 2. Micah A. Gomez: USAR; Gulf
- 3. Robert L. Holdredge: USNA; Vietnam
- 4. Richard I. Koetteuw "(K-2)": USAF; Vietnam

### DECEASED MEMBERS

- 1. Curtis L. Craig: (22 Oct 16): USAR, Vietnam

### TOTAL PAID UP MEMBERSHIP FOR 2017:

renewals/new members 372 (cards received) of 599 (goal) = 62.104 %



Mark DeCarlo, Marines & Army, New Member



## VETERANS DAY PHOTOS



# NOVEMBER 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 7:30 Pure Platinum \$8 / \$15	3
4 9:30am RIVER CHURCH 7:30pm Gospel Sing	5 Ballroom Dance w/DJ 7:30 - 10:00p \$5 cover	6 Tallahassee Swing Band 7:30 - 10p \$6 cover	7 Sue Boyd Country Dance Lessons - 6:30p-9:45pm \$8	8 6pm-ALA Exec. Mtg. 6:30 pm Post Exec. Board Mtg. 7:30pm General Membership Mtg.	9 8pm Crooked Shooz \$8 / \$15	10 1:00pm Private Party 8:00pm Private Party
11 9:30am RIVER CHURCH 12:30pm Private Party	12 Ballroom Dance w/DJ 7:30 - 10:00p \$5 cover	13 Tallahassee Swing Band 7:30 - 10p \$6 cover	14 Sue Boyd Country Dance Lessons - 6:30p-9:45pm \$8	15	16 8pm ACME Band \$10	17 8:00pm Soul Revue \$15
18 9:30am River Church 3:30pm Church Concert	19 Ballroom Dance w/DJ 7:30 - 10:00p \$5 cover	20 Tallahassee Swing Band 7:30 - 10p \$6 cover	21 Sue Boyd Country Dance Lessons - 6:30p-9:45pm \$8	22	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE 
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**Deadline for the JANUARY 2016**

**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:

**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.]**