



Sauls-Bridges American Legion Post 13 News



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HONORING THE FOUR CHAPLAINS

7 February at 2:00pm

A ceremony will be held on Sunday, honoring the Four Chaplains who gave their lives on Feb. 3, 1943, to save troops after their ship had been torpedoed. The *USAT Dorchester* was headed to Greenland with 920 men aboard, when it was torpedoed and went down, carrying 668 men to their deaths in the icy waters. The ship was listing and rapidly sinking in the darkness after being slammed by two torpedo blasts. Panic. After all available life jackets had been given to the men, the four chaplains each gave their life jacket to save others. These four men have been honored nationally for their unselfish deeds. Each February, we honor them with a very distinctive ceremony which recognizes only a few for their caring.

THE POST EVERLASTING CEREMONY

Immediately following the Four Chaplains Ceremony, the Post will conduct the Post Everlasting Ceremony honoring Post 13 members who passed away in 2015. We respectfully ask family members and friends, and Legion members, to join with us as we honor our comrades. These members have faithfully served, and we honor each as they are transferred to the Post Everlasting. This is an impressive ceremony, as a final salute is given for our comrades. Finger food and drinks after the ceremonies.



Dedication of the New Tallahassee National Cemetery

The new Tallahassee National Cemetery was dedicated on May 22, 2015. In the second half of the year, the grounds were consecrated in a small ceremony by local Ministers, Priests, and two American Legion Chaplains. Post 13 Chaplain Dr. Bob Wray, and FALPA Chaplain John Folsom did the honors. In September they had the first burials. To date (1- 10- 2016) there have been 91 veterans laid to rest. Post 13 led the way to establish the Big Bend Honor Guard, who stands ready to assist the cemetery in burial details. Everything from firing detail, flag folding, presentation of the flag to the family, to the playing of taps. The cemetery director has decided that at the end of each month there will be a service for the indigent burials, or burials that did not have anyone present. (The Honor Guard will do that complete service.) Post 13 & Post 84, along with other VSO's, are proudly serving our veterans.

John Folsom / Commander Post 13 / Chaplain of FALPA



POST 13 NEWS

NEW BAR HOURS FOR GENERAL MEETING

The Executive Committee has approved extending the bar hours for the General Membership Meeting / 2nd Thursday of the Month. The Bar will now be open from 5:30-10:00pm, except during the meeting time between 6:30-7:30pm. Well drinks \$1, and Draft Beer \$1. Have a drink, fellowship, play cards, watch TV, or just relax after the meeting.

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—2nd Vice Commander

Duties of the Second Vice Commander: Assisting the Commander in all of his duties. Into his hands is placed the operations of the Post home and property, which is a trust he shall guard well. He shall work closely with the Third Vice Commander in developing Post activities and the entertainment features which shall mark our various meetings.



MEMBERSHIP CHECKED AT ALL LEGION ACTIVITIES

Starting immediately, as reported by the executive committee, the Sergeant-at-Arms will start implementing the last two sentences of Article V, Section I of the Post 13 By-Laws:

“Proof of membership shall be checked at each meeting. This will be the duty of the Sergeant-at-Arms.”

If your membership is not current, you will have the option of renewing at that time and attending the meeting or the social.

John Folsom
Commander
Post 13

FROM THE FLORIDA VETERANS FOUNDATION

District One Leader for the Florida Veterans Foundation, Charles LeCroy, has announced that the Foundation has received a grant from the Attorney General’s Office for \$1.25M to assist Veterans.

Steve Ratliff donated a mobile military stove to the Post. Jimmie will give it a test drive!

The Florida Veterans Foundation will need Volunteers for the Homeless or Unemployed Veterans Stand Down on April 22-24, 2016, at the North Florida Fairgrounds.

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



The Chaplain's Corner—Noel Hurst Post Chaplain



Our Supreme Commander,

We pause to recognize your omnipresence and your loving kindness. You are holy and the universe declares your glory. There is none like you and we worship you. You are the one, the only one, to whom we bow and worship. It is you who has made us and not we ourselves. It is you who sustains us day by day. It is you who bestows so many blessings on us. We thank you for every blessing, blessings on our country and blessings on each of us personally.

Father, we remember the dark early days of World War II and the loss of the USAT Dorchester in the icy Atlantic waters near Greenland. We remember and we honor the four chaplains, men of different faiths, Catholic, Jewish and Protestant, who gave their life vests to soldiers who had none. The chaplains faced and suffered death as their ship rapidly sank after being torpedoed by a German submarine.

What a display of heroism! What a display of valor! What a display of love! Your word says there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for his friend. Those chaplains showed God's love as they removed their own lifevests and gave them to soldiers who had none. How great is your love. We remember that you gave your life for your friends, us! Oh, that God's love might burn in our hearts. May the example of those brave chaplains always inspire us to love one another and to show true love. May we prefer others above ourselves.

We pray in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. AMEM

Thank you, members of our American Legion Post 13 for the confidence you have shown in me by selecting me as your chaplain. I want to serve the post and each member the best that I can. You may contact me anytime that you need me, to pray, to counsel or just or talk. I want to be available to you! Speak to me at the post or phone me at [\(850\) 597-8069](tel:8505978069). Noel Hurst

21th Annual Camp Gordon Johnston Days

March 11th and 12th, 2016

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, March 12th, 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 11th, 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.

We are also planning a dinner/dance for Saturday evening, March 12th.

We will be partnering with the Military Vehicle Preservation Association (MVPA), First Florida Chapter, so we look forward to an extended parade lineup of military vehicles.

The Camp Gordon Johnston will be open both days from 9:00am to 4:00pm, showing documentary films throughout the day. Entry fee is by donation, and appreciated. Light refreshments will be provided with live music.

Carrabelle is 100 miles east of Panama City on Hwy 98, and about 60 miles south of Tallahassee.

Both vendors and parade participants can register for the event online at: www.campgordonjohnston.com by clicking on the "Events" tab, or by calling (850) 697-8575,

"If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a nation gone under."—
Ronald Reagan



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

Greetings Ladies,

From your service, comes the support of many military families, active and inactive. This month we will distribute "Happy Valentine" fruits to Veterans at the VA Clinic on Tuesday, February 9th; and our Juniors, now active with the Unit, will be making Valentine Cards for our Veterans at Vet's Village and The Home Front.

The Four Chaplains Ceremony and the Post Everlasting Ceremony will be Sunday, February 7, 2016 at 2:00pm sharp at the Legion. The Post members will begin setting up at 12:30pm or immediately after the church service ends at the Legion. Please come at 12:30pm to help the Legionnaires set up. Unit 13 members have been asked to bring finger foods and desserts, so please reply to email to let me know what you will bring.

Other dates to mark on your calendar are February 11th for ALA Executive Committee and General Membership meetings, at 6pm and 7pm, in the Hooch; February 18th for ALA Brown Bag Luncheon at 11:30am in the Auxiliary Room; and February 25th for the Post Social at 6:30pm in the Legion. Remember to fly flag on February 11th for Lincoln's Birthday and on February 15th for President's Day.

P.S. Thanks to Cheryl P., Dennis, Lois, Hazel, Rose, Charlie, Tom A., Vic, Dave G., and Gordon for taking down holiday decorations. Thanks Gordon for bringing donuts and making coffee.

Prayers and Godspeed To Us All,
Muriel Alexander Kweyama, President
ALA Sauls-Bridges Unit 13



FLAG DISPLAY DAYS

New Year's Day.....January 1st	Independence Day..... July 4th
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.....3rd Monday in January	Labor Day..... 1st Monday in September
Inauguration Day..... January 20th	Patriot Day (half-staff)..... September 11th
Lincoln's Birthday..... February 12th	POW/MIA Recognition Day...3rd Friday in September
Washington's Birthday (Presidents' Day).....3rd Monday in February	Constitution Day (Citizenship Day)..... September 17th
Easter Sunday..... variable	Columbus Day..... 2nd Monday in October
Mother's Day..... 2nd Sunday in May	Navy Day..... October 27th
Peace Officers Memorial Day (half-staff)..... May 15th	Veterans Day..... November 11th
Armed Forces Day.....3rd Saturday in May	Thanksgiving Day..... 4th Thursday in November
Memorial Day (half-staff until noon) ..last Monday in May	National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day (half-staff).....December 7th
Flag Day..... June 14th	Christmas Day.....December 25th
Father's Day.....3rd Sunday in June	

and such other days as may be proclaimed by the President of the United States; the birthdays of states (date of admission); and on state holidays.

Fly your POW /MIA flag with your United States flag on Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, National POW /MIA Recognition Day and Veterans Day.

Information outlined above is part of the Federal Flag Code or enacted by Federal legislation.



AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN'S PRAYER

*Cheryl Prescott
Chaplain*



Our Father in Heaven, we trust in your guidance to lead us to what is good and through what is a challenge. Today we ask special shepherding of our military, and their families, whether abroad or here at home. Watch over them and grant them comfort rest and security in you.

We pray for our friends and families that have recently lost loved ones. May they find the strength they need for today and hope for tomorrow. May they find comfort in the thought that others care. We pray for our friends, families and those serving our country recovering from injuries and illnesses to have strength to endure and recover with renewed enthusiasm to face each day.

In February we pay tribute to the four Chaplain's for their unselfish devotion on February 3, 1943, when their ship the "Dorchester" was hit. These heroic Chaplain's helped save over 200 while also giving their own life jackets to 4 young GIs. May we never forget their sacrifices for our freedom.

Help us all to move forward remembering to be true to our American Legion Auxiliary principal that is for God and country.

In the name of Thy Son, Jesus Christ
Amen

RAY STALLINGS ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

You know what January means! The annual chili cook-off is scheduled for our next social on January 28th. Each person present will have the opportunity to vote on their favorite entry. Voting is optional, if you do not wish to participate. The winner will be presented with the roving trophy. But the real winners are those of us that can socialize with friends until the cooks' labor of love is served up.

We have been treated to many pots of delicious chili over the years--some spicy and some not so spicy--so there is always a pot of chili to suit everyone's taste. We will also have salads and desserts. The trophy is at stake for the winning chili! Will Jewell Steele retain the trophy? Or will it go to a newcomer? Bring your chili and enter the contest; it should be fun!

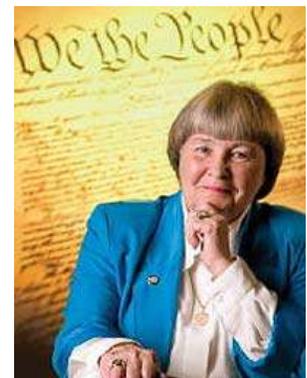
We look forward to beginning our socials in the New Year on each 4th Thursday of the month.

MARION HAMMER DAY

The 4th Thursday of each February is perpetually known as Marion Hammer Day, who was a driving force to enhance the operations of the American Legion Post 13.

Hammer served as President of the NRA from 1995 to 1998 and remains on the NRA Board of Directors. Hammer has been the NRA's lobbyist in [Tallahassee](#) for more than three decades. She is credited with an intense three-year push for a controversial bill that prevents employers from firing employees for having a firearm in their personal vehicle while parked on company property.

She was inducted into the Florida Women's Hall of Fame in 2005. (Quoted from Wikipedia.)



DID YOU KNOW? by JOHN FOLSOM / Commander



FEBRUARY 2016

Feb 14th

1846 – James Polk became the first U.S. President to be photographed in office. President Polk and his cabinet assembled in the White House Dining Room—Thomas Jefferson's old office—and sat for a formal portrait by John Plumbe, Jr., the first photograph of a president and his advisers and the first photograph known to have been taken inside the White House.

1899 – Congress approved, and President McKinley signed legislation authorizing states to use voting machines for federal elections.

1912 – Arizona became the 48th state of the Union. Arizona is the 48th state and last of the contiguous states to be admitted to the Union.

1912 – The 1st US submarine, the USS E-1, with diesel engines were commissioned at Groton, Ct. USS E-1 (SS-24) was an E-class submarine of the United States Navy. Originally named Skipjack, the boat was launched on 27 May 1911 by the Fore River Shipyard, Quincy, Massachusetts; sponsored by Mrs. D. R. Battles; renamed E-1 on 17 November 1911, Lieutenant Chester W. Nimitz in command.

Congressional Medal of Honor Citations for Actions Taken this Day

IRWIN, BERNARD J. D.

Rank and organization: Assistant Surgeon, U.S. Army. Place and date: Apache Pass, Ariz., 13-14 February 1861. Entered service at: New York. Born: 24 June 1830, Ireland. Date of issue: 24 January 1894. Citation: Voluntarily took command of troops and attacked and defeated hostile Indians he met on the way. Surgeon Irwin volunteered to go to the rescue of 2d Lt. George N. Bascom, 7th Infantry, who with 60 men was trapped by Chiricahua Apaches under Cochise. Irwin and 14 men, not having horses began the 100-mile march riding mules. After fighting and capturing Indians, recovering stolen horses and cattle, he reached Bascom's column and helped break his siege.

Know Your Presidents

William B McKinley 1897-1901

Years before becoming President, McKinley had boarded a street car and took the last empty seat in the rear. Next, a washer woman with a load of wash entered and found no seats available. A man sitting next to where she was standing with a newspaper, turned as not to see her, and kept reading. McKinley went and picked up her wash and escorted her back to where he had been sitting and gave her his seat. After becoming President, McKinley needed to make a political appointment. One of the two qualified men was the one reading the newspaper on the bus. Can you guess who did not get the appointment?

New Membership Report—January 14, 2016

MEMBERS TRANSFERRING OUT

1. Bradley Jones: (FL Post 16); USAR, Gulf

MEMBERS TRANSFERRING IN

1. Marty C. Murphy: (FL Post 0323); USAF; Vietnam

C. NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

1. Bruce Ballister: USAR; Vietnam
2. Mark E. Decarlo: USMC/USAR; Lebanon-Grenada
3. Jeremiah Collier: USAF; Vietnam

D. DECEASED MEMBERS

1. Paul L. Rudisill: (unk); USAR; WWII; [Phone call to ask to stop News Letter]
2. Joe M. Richardson: (15 Dec 2015); USAR; Korea
3. Marcellas Durham: (18 Dec 2015); USAR; Vietnam
4. Johnny Herndon: (xx Jul 2015); USAR; Korea
5. PUFL Robert E. Hancock: (E-mail 12-20-15/ Died 3 yrs ago); (US?); WWII
6. Fred W. Hubbard: (4 Jan 2016); USNA; WWII
7. Frank A. Turosik: (9 Jan 2016); USAR; WWII

E. TOTAL PAID UP MEMBERSHIP FOR 2015:

*(01/14/2016): renewals/new members ___ (cards received) of 589 (goal) = _____ %
 (01/07/2016): renewals/new members 496 (cards received) of 589 (goal) = 84.211 %

Updated to 13 January 2015

FEBRUARY 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 5:30pm Fund- raiser for Rocky Hanna	5 7PM Bands for Bernie Fund- raiser	6 9AM Amer. Legion District Meeting
7 9:30am River Church 7:00pm 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 1PM-Stand Down Meeting 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-Private Party
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.	19	20 2pm Auxiliary Girl's State Inter- views
21 9:30am River Church 3pm Private Party	22 Monday night Ballroom Dance w/DJ 7:30 - 10:00p \$5 cover	23 Tallahassee Swing Band 7:30 - 10p \$6 cover	24 1PM-Stand Down Meeting Sue Boyd Country Dance Lessons - 6:30p-9:45pm \$8	25 7pm—POST SOCIAL	26 8pm ACME Rhythm and Blues Band \$10	27
28 9:30am River Church 1pm Sons of the American Revolution Banquet	29 Monday night Ballroom Dance w/DJ 7:30 - 10:00p \$5 cover					

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**Deadline for the MARCH 2016
Newsletter will be
FEBRUARY 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.]**