



Sauls-Bridges American Legion Post 13 News



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The Post 13 Newsletter Staff would like to take this time to wish all our Brothers & Sisters a Very Wonderful Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, & Holiday Season. We hope Your New Year will be Bigger, Brighter and Better than the last.

Last year was a busy time at Post 13 as Usual. Some of the Highlights of 2015

January—Ray Stallings Chili Cook Off: Won by Jewell Steele

February—Borne Rededication

March—Thank You Letter from Brou, France

April—New National Cemetery in Tallahassee

May—Memorial Day Ceremony at Oakland Cemetery

June—North Florida Homeless Veterans Stand Down—Many of our Brothers & Sisters helped to make it a huge success!

July—Forth of July Picnic & Flag Retirement Ceremony

August—National Cemetery Consecrated

September—Charles E. LeCroy selected for Florida Veterans Hall of Fame

October—Claude W. Shipley awarded the Glenn J. Winuk Humanitarian Award

November—Veterans Day Breakfast and Parade, and Capitol Memorial Dedication

December—Christmas Dance at the Post with Tallahassee Swing Band

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INCREASE IN DUES

The 2016 dues are going up to \$35.00 for Legion membership, effective January 1st of 2016. However if you pay your dues before December 31st of this year you will only have to pay \$25.00.

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—First Vice Commander Angel “Ernie” Alvarez

Duties of the First Vice Commander: Acting Commander when the Post Commander is absent from the Post. Responsible for membership reports and is an officer of the executive committee.



From the Desk of David Gallo;

The Post is in the process of organizing a weekly event for members to meet at the Legion Hall to provide fellowship and camaraderie between Legion members. Some of the desired activities are card games (poker, pinochle, ect) and movies or televised sports.

Please email Dave Gallo at AMLEGP13@GMAIL.COM if you are interested in participating in these events or if you have suggestions for other activities.



**NEW YEAR'S EVE
BALLROOM DANCE**
Thursday, December 31st
American Legion Post 13
Let's Dance (DJ Mix)
7 PM Til
Bring A Dish
Full Bar Available
\$10 Cover
Public Invited

EVERY DAY IS VETERANS DAY!



The Chaplain's Corner—Noel Hurst Post Chaplain



Greetings and wishes for a **HAPPY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR 2016!**

Important January events from years past - If you remember ANY of these you are no longer a teenager!

THE GOLD RUSH

January, 1848 James Marshall found a small nugget of gold in the American River near Sacramento, California. Months later an enormous migration had brought nearly half a million people to the area. Some people made fortunes. Samuel Brannan made his fortune selling shovels and other equipment to the other fortune seekers.

VIETNAM CEASE FIRE

President Nixon announced a ceasefire in January, 1973. Thus ended the American bombing and US involvement in the war. All American POW's were released within two months of the withdrawal of American troops.

OPERATION DESERT STORM

Iraq occupied Kuwait in January 1991, and refused to withdraw their troops even after an ultimatum to do so. The Gulf War Allies then carried out more than 400 bombing raids on Iraq. The "Mother of all Battles" then began and lasted a little over one month - until February 25th. Then the allies invaded Iraq and victory was declared two days later.

PRAYER

Our Supreme Commander, You are the LORD of all creation, the One who was and is and is to come. We worship You. We honor You. You, our God in ages past, are also our hope for years to come. Our trust and our hope are in You. You are the One who hears and answers our prayer and we thank You.

Thank you for every member of our Post 13. We thank you especially for those we have elected to lead our Post. Grant wisdom to our Commander and to others of the executive committee. Thank you for those volunteers who give of their time and effort to maintain the facilities here on Lake Ella. Thank You that this Post has helped many worthy projects and many hurting individuals. May we always have open hearts and hands to minister to group and personal needs. We thank you for the Auxiliary. The ladies are so willing and so helpful here at Sauls-Bridges Post. Bless each of the ladies, Father.

We look in faith to You as we begin the new year 2016. We, as individuals, as families and as a nation need your loving care. These are indeed perilous times and we pray for your care and blessing as we face the future. Father, grant wisdom to our political leaders as they lead us in difficult times.

The electorate will vote for a new president this year. Lord, hear our prayer. We need the best candidate and only You know who that is. Grant that we, the people, will elect the one who is pleasing to You!

Lord, we need your help. Hear our prayer, O God. We pray in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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 101 years ago.

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



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



Hi Ladies,

Hope your December Holidays were wonderful and restful. It took two days to decorate the Legion with Vic, Dave, Gordan, Lee, Hazel, and Lois for the first date and Charlie, Gordan, Dennis, Cheryl P., Marilyn, Ward, Hazel, and Gail the second date. Patrons commented about its beauty. Thanks all. We will help take decoration down on Sunday, January 3rd, 2016 at 2:00pm.

Another year to continue service and support to our military families, active and inactive. Thank you for all that you have done in 2015, with the Unit and individually. We will activate our Juniors this month and I am asking adults with Juniors to please bring the Juniors to the planned events for 2016. Email will be sent with activities. Also, have school age children check out American Legion Essay and Scholarship opportunities via the Auxiliary.

Dates to mark on your calendar are January 3rd at 2:00pm to help take down decorations; January 14th for ALA Executive Committee meeting at 6:00pm followed by the General Membership meeting beginning at 7:00pm, both in the Hooch; January 21st for ALA Brown Bag Luncheon from 11:30am in the Auxiliary Room; and January 28th for the Post Social at 6:30pm which will have the Chili Cook-off competition. Bring your best pot of Chili and win the prize!

HAPPY NEW YEAR and GODSPEED,
Muriel Alexander Kweyama, President
ALA Sauls-Bridges Unit 13

HOW TO FLY THE UNITED STATES FLAG



Ten Guidelines

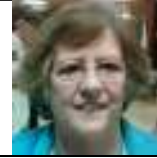
1. The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.
2. The flag is never allowed to touch the ground or the floor.
3. When hung over a sidewalk on a rope extending from a building to a pole, the union stars should always be away from the building.
4. When vertically hung over the center of the street, the flag always has the union stars to the north in an east/west street, and to the east in a north/south street.
5. The flag of the United States of America should be at the center and at the highest point of the group when a number of flags of states or localities or pennants of societies are grouped and displayed from staffs.
6. The flag should never be festooned, drawn back, nor up, in folds but always allowed to fall free.
7. The flag should be displayed at half-staff until noon on Memorial Day then raised to the top of the staff.
8. Never fly the flag upside down except as a signal of distress in instances of extreme danger to life or property.
9. The flag is never flown in inclement weather except when using an all-weather flag.
10. The flag can be flown every day from sunrise to sunset and at night if illuminated properly.





AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN'S PRAYER

*Cheryl Prescott
Chaplain*



Lord, as we begin a New Year, help us set short and long term goals. We ask for blessings to achieve those goals. Help us as we seek out a forgotten friend, listen, laugh, brighten the heart of a child, encourage the young, lighten the burden of families separated by those serving to protect us. Help us to appreciate our elders and learn from them, take pleasure every day in the gift of life.

Dear lord, guide us in the New Year to grow closer together in our families, in our Units, in our world. Let us live each day to the fullest.

For all the blessings of the New Year, we give you thanks.

In thy Holy name we pray,
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 entry will be judged by our panel of experts, and 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!

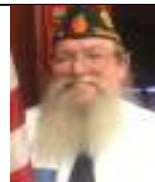
We look forward to beginning our socials in the New Year on each 4th Thursday of the month.



Sample of the decorations by Post 13 and Auxiliary members. Thank you so much! The Hall looks great! (Photo Doug Marsh)



DID YOU KNOW? by JOHN FOLSOM / Commander



JANUARY 2016

Jan 19th

1986 – The first IBM PC computer virus is released into the wild. A boot sector virus dubbed (c)Brain, it was created by the Farooq Alvi Brothers in Lahore, Pakistan, reportedly to deter piracy of the software they had written.

2003 – **The United States offers Saddam Hussein** immunity from prosecution if he leaves Iraq. US Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld says in a television interview: “If to avoid a war, I would...recommend that some provision be made so that the senior leadership in that country [Iraq] and their families could be provided haven in some other country.”

Jan 21st

1861 – **U.S. Senator Jefferson Davis of Mississippi** and four (five) other Southern senators made emotional farewell speeches. Just weeks after his home state of Mississippi seceded from the Union, Davis prepared to leave Washington, D.C., and the country he had served as a soldier, cabinet member and member of Congress. One more time, Davis enumerated the reasons why the South felt secession was its only recourse: “...when you deny to us the right to withdraw from a Government which...threatens to be destructive to our rights, we but tread in the path of our fathers when we proclaim our independence...” Davis then apologized to any senators he may have offended, and finished his address by saying, “...it only remains for me to bid you a final adieu.”

**Know Your Presidents
Calvin Coolidge 1923-1929**

Mrs. Coolidge use to tell the story of her first attempt to make apple pie “ such as mother use to make .“ It was so tough that neither she nor Cal got very far with it at dinner. Later in the evening, some friends dropped in and Coolidge insisted that they have some pie. Somehow they managed to eat it all up. When they were finished, Coolidge exclaimed: “Don't you think the Road Commissioner would be willing to pay my wife something for her recipe for pie crust?”

VETERANS DAY PHOTOS



The Post has received photos from the Veterans Day Breakfast & Parade. Ms. Maria A. Renzulli has graciously given these in honor of her father, PFC Carl F. Rettig, Co. F, 159th Infantry, US Army in WWII, who was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star for action in Germany & France. These photos are available for purchase at 50 cents a piece or a larger copy ordered for one dollar. Anyone interested in purchasing a photo, they will be available at the General Meeting on January 14th and Social on January 28th. — from Doug Marsh, Post 13 Historian

Right: A few samples. There are plenty more, and a lot better ones! Thank you Maria!



Membership Report: December 10, 2015	
New Members:	Deceased Members:
Gary King	Page W. Johnson
Clifford Knight	
Frederick L. Lee	Total Paid Up for 2015:
Daniel T. Smith	New/Renew 454 (cards rec'vd)
Don H. Stuart	of 589 (goal) = 77.080%

JANUARY 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 NEW YEARS DAY  Happy New Year	2
3 9:30am River Church 7:00pm Gospel Sing	4 Monday night Ballroom Dance w/DJ 7:30 - 10:00p \$5 cover	5 Tallahassee Swing Band 7:30 - 10p \$6 cover	6 1PM-Stand Down Meeting	7	8 8pm Crooked Shooz \$8 / \$15	9 8pm-Bedhead Betty Band \$8 / \$15
10 9:30am River Church	11 Monday night 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 6pm-ALA Exec. Mtg. 6:30 pm Post Exec. Board Mtg. 7:30pm General Membership Mtg.	15	16 11am-Private Party
17 9:30am River Church	18 Monday night Ballroom Dance w/DJ 7:30 - 10:00p \$5 cover	19 Tallahassee Swing Band 7:30 - 10p \$6 cover	20 Sue Boyd Country Dance Lessons - 6:30p-9:45pm \$8	21 6-9pm-Tallahassee Writers Assoc.	22 8pm ACME Rhythm and Blues Band \$10	23 TMH Dance Contest 6-10pm
24 / 31 9:30am River Church	25 Monday night Ballroom Dance w/DJ 7:30 - 10:00p \$5 cover	26 Tallahassee Swing Band 7:30 - 10p \$6 cover	27 1pm- Stand Down Meeting Sue Boyd Country Dance Lessons - 6:30p-9:45pm \$8	28 7pm-POST SOCIAL	29	30

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Deadline for the FEBRUARY 2016

**Newsletter will be
JANUARY 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!