



Sauls-Bridges American Legion Post 13 News



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MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE MAY 30, 2016



The May 30, 2016 Memorial Day Ceremony at the Oakland Cemetery had special meaning to American Legion Sauls-Bridges Post 13. The post is named in honor of Claude L. Sauls, who was the first Tallahassee resident killed in WWI.



It is also named in honor of Ben H. Bridges, fighter pilot, who was the first Tallahassee citizen killed in WWII. Both of these brave soldiers are buried at Oakland Cemetery.



Volunteers from ALA Unit 13 were on hand to give poppies out to the attendees. The sun shined brightly across the flags marking the graves of those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Among the guest speakers was Brigadier General William Webb, USAF. ALA member Cheryl Marrs who recited the names of those brave Tallahassee soldiers who died, reminding us that freedom is not free. Post 13 Com-



mander John Folsom's granddaughter Kaitlin sung a moving song entitled "Stars", which took her only two weeks to write. Hard to believe that such a young person could express so eloquently the cost of war. A duet was also performed by Michael Gavin and Cheryl Marrs. Keeping with tradition, the playing of Echo Taps was performed at the conclusion of the ceremonies.

Photo: Left--Commander John Folsom & grand-daughter Kaitlin. Right--Brig.Gen. William Webb.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 13 FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

On the Fourth of July, 2015, Post 13 will have a picnic at the Legion Hall beginning at 11:00 A.M., ending at 2:00 P.M. Menu will consist of : Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Soft Drinks, and Watermelon.

Flag Retirement Ceremony will be performed at 1:15 pm followed by proper disposal by fire at 900 Aeon Church Road beginning at 2:30 P.M.

Come One, Come All—

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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 Gina Mikesell

Gina has been bartending at the American Legion for the past nine years, and loves working at the post! Come say Hello to her Tuesday nights, and some weekends, and let her make you the best drink you’ve never heard of. Gina’s Father is an Air Force Veteran, brother a Marine and Army Veteran, and a nephew who is on Active Duty with the United States Navy.



INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Installation of the incoming slate of officers will be installed June 23rd. 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.

We will take nominations and elect a 3rd Vice Commander at our July 14th general meeting. Dave Gallo who had been our 3rd Vice Commander resigned so he could be appointed Adjutant. Jeremiah Collier who had been our Adjutant resigned so he could get his name placed into nomination for the 3rd Vice Commander position. However, the nominations are open for all members of the post.

NOW HEAR THIS!!!

We need your email address! The more emails we have to send the newsletter, the more money we will be saving. We started the year with 800 mailed newsletters. For May, we sent 200 newsletters via email and 600 by postal mail. This saved the Post approximately \$125.00 for the month. Imagine the savings if we could increase that number to 600 emails, and 200 postal mails.

So, if you have an email address, send it to the post email at:

AMLegP13@Gmail.com

Advantage of receiving by email: Color photos, no waiting, can access anywhere you have wifi.
(—From your Newsletter Staff.)

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

American Legion State Convention

Post members will be attending the State Convention from June 17th till June 19th. The Department of Florida will be hosting the State convention in Orlando. The main Purpose is to elect the State officers. Attending will be Doug Marsh, Historian; Angel E. Alvarez, 1st Vice Commander; Dave Gallo, Adjutan; Roger Hewitt, Sergeant-of-Arms; Lee Mortimer (SAL); and John Folsom, Commander.



The American Legion Family

There will be the opportunity to take some American Legion classes that will enhance their knowledge of our organization.

VA PHONE NUMBERS

If you go to a Non-VA Emergency Room (ER)
 (You must notify the VA within 15 days; best to call as soon as you are able).
 Please Call: (352) 264-7377 or (352) 264-7365 or (352) 264-3836 ext 1237

Or
 If you are Admitted to a Non-VA Hospital
 (You must notify the VA within 72 hours—better to call as soon as able).
 Notifying the VA of a visit to a non-VA emergency room does not imply authorization or guarantee payment

Automated Information System (800) 349-9457	Check Appointments Scheduled within the next 30 days Order Pharmacy refills, Check account balance	
Tallahassee Outpatient Clinic (800) 541-VETS (8387) Local (850) 878-0191	Lake City VA Medical Center (800) 308-VETS (8387)	Gainesville VA Medical Center (800) 324-VETS (8387)
VA Billing Questions Gainesville National	(855) 789-9780 (866) 793-4591	Non-VA Care Billing (888) 483-3260 Ext 1208 or Ext 1203

CONTACT CARD

NAME	EMAIL	PHONE
NEXT OF KIN (OR OTHER CONTACT)	RELATIONSHIP	PHONE
CONTACTS EMAIL	CONTACTS PHYSICAL ADDRESS	

PLEASE RETURN TO: AMERICAN LEGION
 PO BOX 38028
 TALLAHASSEE FL 32315-8028

The above contact card needs to be filled out by you. We need your email so you can continue to receive the news letter and other information from your local American Legion. In some cases we find that we are unable to contact the families of a departed comrade. Therefore we need that additional contact information. Thank You for your time and effort, John Folsom, Commander



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



Greetings:

As Unit 13 begins our new Auxiliary year, let me say it is a pleasure to serve as 2016-2017 Unit President, along with Vice President, Muriel Kweyama; Secretary, April Maier; Treasurer, Marilyn Houston; Chaplain, Cheryl Prescott; Sgt-at-Arms, Delores Gaden; Historian, Maria Renzulli; Parliamentarian, Rose Chapman and three Members-at-Large, Margie McNeill, Gail Ernst, and Carolyn Archer. Please join us at our June social, June 23rd; for the installation of both the Legion and Auxiliary Officers for the upcoming year.

As we focus on our new year, let us remember what our organization is all about; supporting our Veterans, Children and our Community. The Auxiliary Preamble begins with these words "FOR GOD AND COUNTRY", as we approach "INDEPENDENCE DAY" (July 4TH) may we remember that without our veterans we would not be living in a free country. Fly your American flags, large or small, fly them high to show your patriotism.

We hope Unit 13 will have a prosperous year. Think of your program chairpersons as team leaders. They are just that; leaders, however, it takes a team to achieve our goals. Each member plays an important role in the accomplishments of any organization from cutting coupons, fund raising or going out into the community, as it has to be a group effort. If you have a preference to hold a position or work on a particular project, please feel free to contact me at 766-1909.

Hope to see every Auxiliary member at our July 14th meeting which begins at 7:00 p.m. at the "HOOCH"

For God and Country,
Nell Hewitt, President
Auxiliary Unit 13

POST 13 SOCIAL NEWS

We need you at the Social! Our next one is June 23rd at 7:00 PM. "YOU KNOW WHERE!"—Just like Barnacle Bill's! Off North Monroe Street at Lake Ella. If that's not enough for you to find it, CALL BRENDA at the American Legion Post 13, Lake Ella; (850) 222-3382. She will gladly give you directions!

Last month's Social was another Big Hit with the members! Jimmy Steele cooked up some delicious lasagna, seasoned green beans, garlic bread, salad, watermelon, and the best deserts this side of the Apalachicola! The Auxiliary members also had a successful sale of poppies. The Girls State Delegates gave their annual presentation—Good Luck to all the Delegates!

So, grab your partner, and come out next Thursday and enjoy a delicious meal, good fellowship, a drink or two, and just have a rip-roarin' good time!

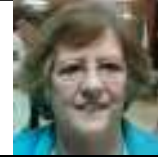




CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Noel Hurst
Post 13 Chaplain



Cheryl Prescott
Auxiliary Chaplain

Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage, we humbly beseech Thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Thy favor and glad to do Thy will.

Save us from violence, discord, and from every evil way. Grant that our eyes see the pain all around us, and give us determination to work together to make life better for all. Help us to remember the courage of our founding fathers and the brave patriotic men and women who gave so much for us.

We pray that you would rekindle the flame of compassion within us so that we might show real care for our fellowman. Please bless those who have ensured our freedoms and continue to do so today, often at a high price. We pray for our nation and the entire world to come together to end hatred and strive for peace.

In the name of Thy Son, Jesus Christ we pray,
Amen

Cheryl Prescott
Chaplain ALA Unit 13

Our Supreme Commander, You are our helper from ages past, our hope for years to come.

Our hope and confidence are in You, because there is no God but You. Now in July we are reminded of the beginning of our beloved nation. Our country was founded by godly men, men of honesty, integrity and confidence in You. You have honored their efforts, and You have now sustained these United States through very difficult times - times of war and times of peace, times of financial peril and times of prosperity. You have been faithful through all the years; 240 years since our Declaration of Independence, and we still must have your hand to guide and keep us.

Yes, we still must have your hand to guide and keep us because we face perilous times.

Our nation's enemies are emboldened. Our friends are wary of our national resolve. We need your guidance in the upcoming presidential election. Lord, You know our situation, and You know the future. Dear God, help us, the American people, to elect the leaders that we need. We don't ask for a Democrat nor a Republican. We ask that You lead the people to vote such that YOUR will is accomplished in the election! LORD, let it be so!

Our Father, we thank You for this American Legion post. Thank you for the dedicated leadership, our Commander, vice-commanders, other board members and helpful members. Grant wisdom to the post leaders as they direct the affairs of the post. May it be known that the American Legion is truly "For God and Country". And, Father, we thank you for the Legion Auxiliary. The ladies of the Auxiliary work diligently and make the post more pleasant for members and visitors. We ask a special blessing on the Auxiliary.

We ask all this in the blessed name of Jesus. Amen
Noel Hurst, Chaplain, Post 13

DID YOU KNOW? by JOHN FOLSOM / Commander



July 16

1862 – David Glasgow Farragut, in recognition of his victory at New Orleans, promoted to Rear Admiral, the first officer to hold that rank in the history of the U.S. Navy. The measure passed by Congress which created the rank of Rear Admiral also revamped the existing rank structure to include Commodore and Lieutenant Commander and established the number of Rear Admirals at 9; Commodores, 18; Captains, 36; Commanders, 72; and the remainder through Ensign at 144 each.

1863 – The draft riot enters its fourth day in New York City in response to the Enrollment Act, which was enacted on March 3, 1863. Although avoiding military service became much more difficult, wealthier citizens could still pay a commutation fee of \$300 to stay at home. Irritation with the draft dovetailed with opposition to the Emancipation Proclamation of September 1862, which made abolition of slavery the central goal of the war for the Union. Particularly vocal in their opposition were the Democratic Irish, who felt the war was being forced upon them by Protestant Republicans and feared that emancipation of slaves would jeopardize their jobs. Their fears were confirmed when black laborers replaced striking Irish dock workers the month before the riots. Discontent simmered until the draft began among the Irish New Yorkers on July 11. Two days later, a mob burned the draft office, triggering nearly five days of violence. At first, the targets included local newspapers, wealthy homes, well-dressed men, and police officers, but the crowd’s attention soon turned to African Americans. Several blacks were lynched, and businesses employing blacks were burned. A black orphanage was also burned, but the children escaped. Not until July 17 was the violence contained by the arrival of Union troops, some fresh from the battlefield at Gettysburg. More than 1,000 died and property damage topped \$2 million. The draft was temporarily suspended, and a revised conscription began in August. As a result of the riots and the delicate political balance in the city, relatively few New Yorkers were forced to serve in the Union army.

July 17

1862 – Congress passed an act which established that “every officer, seaman, or marine, disabled in the line of duty, shall be entitled to receive for life, or during his disability, a pension from the United States.” Gradations were set according to the nature and degree of disability, and monthly pay

July 19

1886 – Atlanta, the first steel-hulled American cruiser armed with breech loading rifled guns, is commissioned.

1969 – Apollo 11 and its astronauts, Neil Armstrong, Edwin “Buzz” Aldrin and (do you know who?), went into orbit around the moon.

Know Your President Theodore Roosevelt

As a student at Harvard, TR talked so much in class that it prompted one of his instructors to tell him to be quiet. “See here Roosevelt, let me talk, I’m running this course.”

Answer: Michael Collins

New Membership Report June 9, 2016

MEMBERS TRANSFERRING IN

1. Morris O. Duncan: (FL Post 0400); USAR; Vietnam
2. Jeffrey Jansen: (FL Post 0400); USAF/USAR; Vietnam

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

1. Gregory S. Rothwell: USAF; Lebanon/Grenada
2. Thomas E. Delopez: USAR; Vietnam

DECEASED MEMBERS

1. Alfred E. Coxwell: (13 Apr 2016); USAR; Korea
2. William L. Norris: (19 May 2016); US_; Korea
3. Joseph E. Coleman: (6 Apr 2016); USNA; Korea

TOTAL PAID UP MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016:

*(06/09/2016): renewals/new members 582 (cards received) of 589 (goal) = 98.812 %



* Reports for membership are posted on Fridays.

Updated to 10 June 2016

JULY 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 7:30pm Legends Band — Fred Lee Entertainment \$8 / \$15
3 9:30am RIVER CHURCH 7:30pm Gospel Sing	4 11-2pm JULY 4TH Picnic Monday night Ballroom Dance w/DJ 7:30 - 10:00p	5 Tallahassee Swing Band 7:30 - 10p \$6 cover	6 Sue Boyd Country Dance Lessons - 6:30p-9:45pm \$8	7	8 8pm Crooked Shooz \$8 / \$15	9 Republican Party Fundraiser
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 Democratic Club of North Florida
17 9:30am River Church 7pm Argentine Tango	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. 6:30—SAL Meeting	22 7:30pm Legends Band — Fred Lee Entertainment \$8 / \$15	23 7:30pm Bed Head Betty \$8 / \$15
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 Sue Boyd Country Dance Lessons - 6:30p-9:45pm \$8	28 7pm—POST SOCIAL	29 7:30 pm Pure Platinum \$8 / \$15	30

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**Newsletter will be
JULY 15th at 5:00pm**

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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:

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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.]**