



Sauls-Bridges American Legion Post 13 News



Volume 51, Issue 9

September 2016



PURPLE HEART BANQUET 2016



August 14, 2016

From: Commander, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 758, Tallahassee, FL

To: Commander John Folsom, American Legion, Post 13, Tallahassee, FL

Subject: MOPH Chapter 758 Annual Banquet, Report of:

Dear Commander,

During March of 2012, Governor Scott signed into law a bill designating 7 August of each year as Florida Purple Heart Day. MOPH Chapter 758 Tallahassee Florida celebrated the 5th anniversary of this occasion on Saturday 6 August 2016 at the American Legion Hall, Tallahassee, FL.

As the Commander of MOPH Chapter 758, it is with a deep sense of thanks to American Legion Post 13 for your above and beyond loyalty to our Chapter 758 membership, all who are combat wounded veterans, who served in harms' way for our wonderful country. Your friendship, respect and around the clock support for the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 758 and our membership was evident at all times, both in the preparation and execution of our annual Florida MOPH Banquet in celebration of Florida Purple Heart Day. Our membership and guest exceeded one hundred ninety in number, more than double the attendance of last year. Our fundraising effort, as a part of this event was a great success and will allow our Chapter to continue to provide aid and assistance to our local veterans and their families.

On behalf of our entire Chapter membership, I offer my personal thanks, to you and American Legion Post 13 for your proving that when we work together as a team that we can accomplish so much. Please give my personal thanks to Charles and Juanita LeCroy, Ann Fuller, Vic Hanna, Michael Gavin who sang the National Anthem and his wife Tanya, Fred Ingley and Gail Ernst, and the bartender. A special thanks also to Claude Shipley for his teamwork in having his command attend the banquet and all others who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make this event a huge success.

Respectfully,

Major John L. Haynes, USMC (Ret.)



Left: Major Haynes speaking. Center: Gold Star Mothers. Right: Set-up.

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.

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>



AMVETS POST 1776 GOLF TOURNAMENT

The AMVETS Golf Tournament will be held Monday, September 19th, 2016, at Golden Eagle Golf and Country Club. The Tournament is open to the public and Veterans are encouraged to participate.

The format will be Four Person Scramble. Handicaps will be used. A lunch buffet will be provided along with trophies for the gross and net flight winning teams, as well as longest drive and closest to the pin.

Raffle tickets may be brought during the tournament to win valuable prizes and gift certificates from area businesses.

Cost for individual players is \$100.00, and is due by Sept. 1, 2016.

Brochures and registration forms are available in the American Legion Post 13 administration office.



A Senior Moment:

"When I was younger I could remember anything, whether it had happened or not; but my faculties are decaying now, and soon I shall be so I cannot remember any but the things that *never* happened. It is sad to go to pieces like this, but we all have to do it." — Mark Twain

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

REMEMBERING THE END OF WWII

From Bob Wray, Previous Post 13 Chaplain. (reprinted from Sept. 2014)



Our Supreme Commander: We praise You for guiding our leaders to use the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki on August 6th and 9th, 71 years ago. They finally caused the Emperor of Japan to break a 3 to 3 vote of his cabinet and demand surrender. The near destruction of 2 cities and 200,000 casualties, the promise by President Truman that more would follow and the profound psychological effects of the blasts finally produced an end to WWII on Sept. 2, 1945, and saved our invasion of Japan scheduled for Nov. 1945.

Although the world has armed themselves with thousands of atomic devices since 1945, the effects of the two bombs may be why the world has not been destroyed, particularly through the 1962 Cuban missile crisis. Even today, however, many Americans view the use of those 2 bombs as inhumane, barbaric and unnecessary. They remember atomic destruction, but forget Pearl Harbor and a planned invasion of Japan in November 1945.

We praise You for WWII ending in September 1945, not 1946, after millions of casualties had occurred. May we remember the destruction but also remember the Atomic peace which has followed.

Peace is in our hopes, our prayers, and our dreams. Help us avoid atomic war throughout our conflict schemes.

May atomic bombs never fall again and may war find a more humane release until Your power over our conflicted world will find Your promise of everlasting peace.

TALLAHASSEE POST 13 BASEBALL 2016 STATE CHAMPS

By the Numbers:

2 State Championships Back-to-Back, 2015 & 2016

5 Players that advanced to college teams from 2015 participation.

\$15,000 Approximate Annual Budget.

\$3000 Cost of Legion Weekend Out-of-Town Tournament.

\$3,300 Amount Post 13 Supported the Tallahassee Post 13 Baseball Team (About 22%)

2 Members of Post 13 Involved with support & logistics.

Tallahassee Post 13 State Champs with Trophy



CONGRATULATIONS T13!



Navigating for Veterans and their Families

Greeting,

The workshop held in Orlando this past weekend was very informative as President Kelli , 1st Vice TK, and 3rd Vice Ann took a road trip to visit each sponsored program of the Department. The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Florida is committed to helping our veterans, children, and community.

On Saturday, August 20th, District 2 will be continue educating our area by holding a "School Of Instructions" at Post 13 beginning at 9:00 am. The program chairman invites you to join them traveling thru the programs of Americanism, Cavalcade of Memories, Children & Youth, Community Service, Education, Girl State and much more. The Americanism report below was written by Unit 13's Americanism Chair Cindy Clark. This is what September brings:

FLAG DISPLAY DAYS FOR SEPTEMBER - September has four days to display your flag. They are Labor Day- first Monday; Patriot Day (half-staff) Sept.11, Constitution Day (Citizenship Day) Sept. 17 and POW/MIA Recognition Day – third Friday of the month. Fly your POW/MIA Flag with the United States flag on POW/MIA Recognition Day.

LABOR DAY - Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to our country. Congress passed an act making Labor Day a legal holiday on June 28, 1894

PATRIOT DAY - On Patriot Day we remember and honor those who perished in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. We will not forget the events of that terrible morning nor will we forget how Americans responded in New York City, at the Pentagon, and in the skies over Pennsylvania with heroism and selflessness; with compassion and courage; and with prayer and hope. This observance was approved by a joint resolution on December 18, 2001. Flags should be flown at half staff all day.

CONSTITUTION (CITIZENSHIP) DAY - Every September 17th (unless it falls on a weekend or other holiday) Constitution Day, also called Citizenship Day, is celebrated to mark the anniversary of the ratification of the U.S. Constitution. This is one of the newest federal holidays to be established by Congress, as it was passed in 2004. Citizenship Day was the name given to the holiday prior to its official designation.

POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY - The National League of Families proposed a date in September, the third Friday be established to commemorate and honor the soldiers returned and those still missing or unaccounted for from all our nation's wars. On August 10, 1990 the 101st Congress passed a U.S. Public Law 101-355, recognizing the POW/MIA Flag. The focus is to ensure that America remembers its responsibility to stand behind those who serve our

nation and do everything possible to account for those who do not return. The POW/MIA Flag should be flown on this day with the American Flag

We have the privilege to vote for many positions this fall for the leaders in our community, state and nation. Take children with you to vote so they can learn the process of becoming a responsible citizen. We have the primaries and general elections coming up. Get out and vote. If you do not vote, you do not have the right to complain about who is in office.

Please join us on Saturday to continue our journey through the programs that we, The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors.

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





Cheryl Prescott
Auxiliary Chaplain

Our Father, we give Thee thanks and praise for granting us the blessings of faith, families, and freedom.

We pray for our service men, women and families currently serving to protect our freedoms. We pray for our country and our right to elect leaders to also protect the freedoms we so enjoy in America. We are thankful and grateful for a legacy of freedom left to us by those who have served our country faithfully.

Yet while families and freedom are precious, may we always cherish our greatest legacy: eternal life. We humbly ask your guidance as we strive to be models of Thy love and compassion. Help us to build bridges of kindness in our community.

In Thy name we pray,
Amen

LABOR DAY DANCE

INVITATION TO EVERYONE: COME AND JOIN US

What: A Special Monday Night Dance
Who: Hosted by American Legion Auxiliary Unit 13
Occasion: **RED, WHITE, & BLUE LABOR DAY DANCE**
Where: Legion, 229 Lake Ella Drive, Tallahassee, FL
When: Monday, SEPTEMBER 5, 2016
Time: 7:00pm - 10:00pm
Donations: \$8 single / \$ 15 couple
Extras: Finger Foods, Beverages, Door Prizes

ALA MEMBERSHIP

Congratulations and Thanks to our ALA Unit 13 members who have thirty or more continuous years of volunteering.

- 30 years: Lois Hanna, Marlene Jones, Phyllis Lent, and Carolyn Losey
- 35 years: Dollie Doty and Winnifred Imler-Short
- 40 years: Marjorie McNeill
- 55 years: Nell Carlisle
- 60 years: Leslie Kitching

Welcome aboard to our new members: Tanya Gavins, Katina Johnson, and Terry Little.

STUFFED ANIMALS FOR CHILDREN

This collection of stuffed animals were donated to the Tallahassee Police Department by the Auxiliary. Children in domestic violent situations will be given an animal to comfort them in their time of need. If you would like to donate a stuffed animal, please contact the American Legion Auxiliary.



SOCIAL PHOTOS

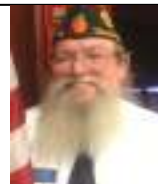


Lawrence Strubble receiving award from the Marine Corp League.



Jack Seamans makes a presentation on his Eagle Scout project.

DID YOU KNOW? by JOHN FOLSOM / Commander



“Did You Know;”

On September 3, 1777, the American flag, known as the Stars and Stripes Flag, is flown in battle for the first time during the American Revolution War engagement against the British at Cooch’s Bridge, Maryland. Prior to this, in 1776, the Grand Union Flag was being flown.

On the early morning of September 14th, 1814, after witnessing the massive bombardment by British forces on Fort McHenry, Baltimore, Maryland, Francis Scott Key saw our American Flag in the early morning light still flying over the battered Fort McHenry and composed the lyrics to “The Star-Spangled Banner”.

On November 4th, 1944, British General John Dill died while in Washington D.C., and is buried in Arlington Cemetery. The only foreigner to be so honored.

On November 9th, 1921 the USS Olympia arrives at the Washington Navy Yard from France. On board, the first body of the Unknown Soldier was set for internment at Arlington National Cemetery. Two days later, and exactly three years after the end of the First World War (WW1), the Tomb of The Unknown Soldier is dedicated at Arlington National Cemetery during an Armistice Day ceremony.

November 22, 1906, the all ship distress signal “S.O.S” was adopted at the International Radio Telegraphic Convention in Berlin. This standardized emergency call for help on sea and land and has **been in use to this day**.

“Know Your Signers”

Charles Carroll, 1737 to 1832, American patriot and legislator was born. He was the only Roman Catholic signer of the Declaration of Independence and his signature reads Charles Carroll of Carrollton. He lived in Maryland where as a Roman Catholic he was forbidden from voting and holding public office. Regardless of this, the wealthy Carrolls moved in the highest social circles and entertained George Washington and the Marquis de Lafayette at their estate. He was the also the last signer of the document to die.

New Membership Report August 11, 2016

MEMBERS TRANSFERRING IN

1. Julian L. Evans: (TX-0379); USNA; Korea

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

1. John W. Fitzgerald: USAR; Vietnam
2. Robinson S. Neidhardt: USNA, Gulf
3. Alex Marquez, Jr.: USNA; Gulf

D. DECEASED MEMBERS

1. Herbert W. Chandler: (13 Jul 2016); USNA; WWII
2. Robert A. Nicholson: (21 Apr 2016); USAR; Korea
3. Robert L. Ellington: (16 Jul 2016); USAR; Vietnam
4. Werner Fiebig: (Unk – reported 26 Jul 2016); US__;

Korea

TOTAL PAID UP MEMBERSHIP FOR 2017:

*(08/11/2016): renewals/new members 215 (cards received) of 599 (goal) = 35.893 %



John W. Fitzgerald



Alex Marquez, Jr.

JULY SOCIAL REPORT—105 Attendees.

What a great social we had last month! As always, great food prepared by Jimmy Steele and Company.

The Marine Corp League presented Post 13 member Lawrence Strubble with an award for his participation in Honor Flight 2016, as well as a photo of him with Governor Rick Scott.

Jack Seamans, Troop 118, gave a report on his Eagle Scout Project, which was about proper American flag retirement. Over 300 flags were retired.




Jim Hart and Tim Napier gave a report on Honor Flight for 2017. The next flight will be in either April or May 2017. Date TBD.

The next Social will be August 25th at 7:00 PM. Great food; cold drinks, Fun; fellowship; and raffle winners! You will have a great time. That is a **MONEY BACK GUARANTEE**, if not satisfied!

Menu for Next Social:

- Roasted Chicken
- Paella (Spanish Rice)
- Mixed Veggies
- Rutabaga or Sweet Potatoes
- Salad with fixing; Fruit; Yeast rolls
- Desserts by the Auxiliaries.

SEPTEMBER 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 9:30am RIVER CHURCH 7:30pm Gospel Sing	5 10:30:30 AFLCIO Lunch/ Meeting 7:30pm—RED WHITE & BLUE LABOR DAY DANCE	6 Noon-AFLCIO Lunch/meeting (Cont.) Tallahassee Swing Band 7:30 - 10p	7 12pm(Noon) Commander's Coalition Meeting 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 7:30pm Bed Head Betty \$8 / \$15
11 9:30am RIVER CHURCH	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 6-9pm- Tallahassee Writers Assoc. 6:30—SAL Meeting	16 7:00pm Private Party	17 11am Veteran's Appreciation Day by Culley's Meadowwood Funeral Home
18 9:30am River Church	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 7pm—POST SOCIAL	23 7pm The Rockitz Band \$10	24 6pm Grace Mission Fundraiser
25 9:30am River Church	26 Ballroom Dance w/DJ 7:30 - 10:00p \$5 cover	27 Tallahassee Swing Band 7:30 - 10p \$6 cover	28 Sue Boyd Country Dance Lessons - 6:30p-9:45pm \$8	29 5:30pm Private Party	30 8pm ACME Band \$10	

Post News

Located at:
229 Lake Ella Drive
Tallahassee, Florida 32303

Mailing Address:
American Legion,
Sauls-Bridges Post #13
PO Box 38028
Tallahassee, FL 32315-8028

Phone: 850-222-3382
Web: FloridaLegionPost13.org

**For God
and Country**

SEPTEMBER 2016

Non-Profit Organization

US Postage PAID

Tallahassee, Florida

Permit No. 21

Return Service Requested

Editing/layout: Doug Marsh &
Chris Kimball

Photographers: Doug Marsh
& Maria Renzulli

Email: amlegp13@gmail.com

Web page (Face book): Google:
"American Legion Sauls-Bridges"

EVENTS BOOKING: Brenda
Austin (850) 284-6967



Deadline for the OCTOBER 2016

**Newsletter will be
SEPTEMBER 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.]**