



## Sauls-Bridges American Legion Post 13 News



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### HONORING THE FOUR CHAPLAINS

5 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 memorial ceremony which recognizes their sacrifice for the crew members.



### THE POST EVERLASTING CEREMONY



#### **POST EVERLASTING**

comrades. Finger food and drinks are available after the ceremonies.

Immediately following the Four Chaplains Ceremony, the Post will conduct the Post Everlasting Ceremony honoring Post 13 members who passed away in 2016. 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

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The American Red Cross Volunteers want to help you, your family, and our communities to stay safe by offering to install **free** smoke alarms to families who need them. In addition to alarm installations, a volunteer will work directly with you and your family to share tips on how to

prevent a fire, complete a home safety checklist and help develop a fire escape plan.

On average, 7 people die and 36 are injured every day in a home fire — working smoke alarms cut that risk in half.

This service is free of charge. If you think you, or someone you know, would benefit from receiving a smoke alarm, please call the number below for more information.

As well as providing and installing smoke detectors free-of-charge, we will provide vital information about home fire preparedness and help family develop an evacuation plan.

If you have any question, please feel free to contact us at 850-878-6080.

## 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>

## RAY STALLINGS ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

You know what January means! The annual chili cook-off is scheduled for our next Social on January 26th. 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 Nell Hewitt 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.

## Some Words to Think About in the New Year



### 2017 Post Officer Nominations

The coming New Year means time to nominate Post officers for 2017. Nominations will start March 9<sup>th</sup> and close April 13<sup>th</sup>. I have asked Past Commander Charles LeCroy to be nomination chairman. There are two basic requirements to be nominated: First, be in good standing with the post, including current dues paid up to date. Second, must be willing to serve. If you would like to nominate someone or yourself, please let Charles LeCroy know. He will then submit those names on April 13<sup>th</sup> at our regular meeting. Any member at that meeting may make nominations from the floor. Nominations will be closed that night. The election will be at our regular meeting on May 11. We have to wait until after the Department Convention to install our new officers, therefore we will install the new officers on July 27<sup>th</sup> at our social.

Our current elected officers are:

Commander: John Folsom	Finance: George Walker
1st Vice Commander: Angel Alvarez	Historian: Doug Marsh
2nd Vice Commander: Vic Hanna	Chaplain: Noel Hurst
3rd Vice Commander: Jeremiah Collier	Sgt. at Arms: Roger Hewitt

"People who think they know everything are a great annoyance to us who do."—Isaac Asimov

*"To be prepared for war is one of the most effective means of preserving peace."*—George Washington



## *Navigating for Veterans and their Families*

Greetings:

The January Social brings our Chili Cook-off competition. Ladies, bring your best pot of chili, and let's see who will be taking the Ray Stalling revolving trophy home this year.

The Four Chaplains and Post Everlasting Ceremony will be held on Sunday, February 5, 2017, at 2:00 pm at the Legion. Post and Auxiliary members will begin setting up immediately after the conclusion of the church service. Please arrive at 12:30 pm to assist in set-up so the service honoring our fallen can begin promptly at 2:00 pm. Unit 13 Auxiliary members will be furnishing finger foods for the reception to be held immediately after the service.

Please reply to [ivenellhewitt@gmail.com](mailto:ivenellhewitt@gmail.com) if you will be able to assist in anyway. Thank you.

The Auxiliary is in need of raffle items for the baskets that are raffled at our socials. Everyone seems to enjoy the interesting baskets and excitement of their contents. February's theme is "Sweetheart" in celebration of Valentines' Day.

In August the Auxiliary collected school supplies. However, due to the influx of supplies from the communities, we chose to disburse them in January after the Christmas school break. Supplies were donated to the non-profit organizations of "Advocates for Veterans" and "Family Endeavors" which serves veterans and their families.

Upcoming - Fly your Flag Days: Inauguration Day - January 20th; Lincoln's Birthday - February 12th; Washington's Birthday - (President's Day) 3rd Monday in February, February 20th.

Unit 13 membership renewals are at a record low for 2016-2017. If you have not renewed your dues, please do so immediately, as of December 31, 2016, you were considered delinquent. Dues are \$30.00, payable to ALA Unit 13, P. O. Box 3974, Tallahassee, Florida 32315

Mark your calendar: February 9th - ALA Executive and General membership meeting @ "Hooch." Brown Bag/Newsletter folding Luncheon on February 16th; Post Social on February 23rd.

For God and Country,

Nell Hewitt, President  
ALA Sauls-Bridges Unit 13

## **Build Our Membership**

Post 13 has the opportunity to increase it's membership. On Feb 2, 3, and 4, we will have a phone campaign to reach out to our members who have not paid their current dues. Plus, we will be contacting the members of post 400, the computer post, to solicit them into transferring to our post. We need volunteers to accomplish this task. Your commander is asking for your help. If you feel like you could donate a little time to this cause, then please arrive at the post at 10:30am each day, there will be a training session on the 2nd. Thank you for your time and hope to see you there. As we only have one business phone at the post, please bring your cell phones. John Folsom



# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



*Cheryl Prescott*  
*Auxiliary Chaplain*

Our Heavenly Father, who has given us this 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.

Dear Lord, we pray for peace among all people on our earth. Help us to understand our neighbors and to be thoughtful of all beings. Help us to be compassionate and caring for those people that need our care and understanding. Guide us in our service to God and Country.

Guide with the spirit of wisdom the new leaders of our nation to come together to maintain Thy inspiration and strength in keeping our freedom, justice and religious values, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that through obedience to Thy law, we may show forth Thy praise among all nations of the earth. May we be supportive, where possible and led by Thy Spirit in others as we face new challenges.

We thank Thee for the men and women of our armed forces. Protect them and their families as they protect us.

In Thy Holy Name we pray  
Amen

## Setting up Christmas Decorations in the Legion Hall



**“DID YOU KNOW”**

By the time Jefferson drafted the Declaration of Independence he was ready to try something more direct in his writing, “a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them.”

1774 First Continental Congress Jefferson drafted a set of instructions to guide the new delegates in their work, NO one asked this to be done by him. These instructions were considered too radical, tending towards independence. Delegates were asked to follow a moderate path of reconciliation instead.

**“IDEALS OF THOUGHT”**

Our conscience takes no notice of pain inflicted on others until it reaches a point where it gives pain to us. In all cases without exception we are absolutely indifferent to another person’s pain until his sufferings make us uncomfortable. (Mark Twain, Wit & Wisdom)

What’s the use you learning to do right when it’s troublesome to do right and ain’t no trouble to do wrong, and the wages is just the same. (Mark Twain, Wit & Wisdom)

**A FINAL THOUGHT**

You have heard this before, but it bears repeating, “Elections have consequences.” Well folks we are coming together again to the start of new elections for the post position within your Legion. Many of the old guard believe you don’t care and they will stay in place in Their Legion – I believe its your Legion not just theirs but it’s time for all members, all 600 of us, to stand up not just on paper but in work and and get involved, surely you can spare the time. You start this by attending your monthly General Meeting, second bring in members that will run for offices to stand up and replace those currently in power, to give a new life to a growing membership. As my final time approaches I am asking you to please become involved, this Legion belongs to all of us, not just a few. May God guide your steps and thoughts, and I wish you well in this coming year. Jeremiah Collier, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice commander

**Membership Report**

January 12, 2017

**MEMBERS TRANSFERRING IN**

- Dean F. Harwood: (FL-0400); USAR; Vietnam
- Joseph J. Chiaro, MD: (FL-0400); USNA; Vietnam
- William Clutter: (FL-0400); USNA; Vietnam
- Dominic M. Caparello: (FL-0400); USAR; Vietnam

**NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS**

- Kevin M. Leefatt: USAR – Active (Army recruiter); Gulf

**TOTAL PAID UP MEMBERSHIP FOR 2017:**

Renewals/new members 473 (cards received) of 599 (goal) = 78.965 %

**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.)

# FEBRUARY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> 7:10am BNI Biz Net Chapter Meeting 1:30 Standdown Meet 6:30pm Sue Boyd Country Dance Les-sons \$8 cover	<b>2</b> 7:10am TIPS Meeting	<b>3</b> 7:10am BNI Biz to Biz Chapter Mtg.	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 9:30am RIVER CHURCH 2pm 4 CHAPLAINS / POST EVERLAST-ING CEREMONY 7:30pm Gospel Sing	<b>6</b> Ballroom Dance w/DJ 7:30 - 10:00p \$5 cover	<b>7</b> Tallahassee Swing Band 7:30 - 10p \$6 cover	<b>8</b> 7:10am BNI Biz Net Chapter Meeting 6:30pm Sue Boyd Country Dance Les-sons \$8 cover	<b>9</b> 7:10am TIPS Meeting 6pm-ALA Exec. 6:30 pm Post Exec. Board Mtg. 7:30pm General Membership Mtg.	<b>10</b> 7:10am BNI Biz to Biz Chapter Mtg. 8pm Crooked Shooz	<b>11</b> 6:30pm Private Party
<b>12</b> 9:30am RIVER CHURCH 1PM Private Party	<b>13</b> Ballroom Dance w/DJ 7:30 - 10:00p \$5 cover	<b>14</b> Tallahassee Swing Band 7:30 - 10p \$6 cover	<b>15</b> 7:10am BNI Biz Net Chapter Meeting 1:30 Standdown Meeting 6:30pm Sue Boyd Country Dance Les-sons \$8 cover	<b>16</b> 7:10am TIPS Meeting 6-9pm- Tallahassee Writers Assoc.	<b>17</b> 7:10am BNI Biz to Biz Chapter Mtg. 7:30pm The Rockitz Band	<b>18</b> 6pm Susan Tobin B-Day Party Open to Public
<b>19</b> 9:30am River Church	<b>20</b> <b>PRESIDENT'S DAY</b> Ballroom Dance w/DJ 7:30 - 10:00p \$5 cover	<b>21</b> Tallahassee Swing Band 7:30 - 10p \$6 cover	<b>22</b> 7:10am BNI Biz Net Chapter Meeting 6:30pm Sue Boyd Country Dance Les-sons \$8 cover	<b>23</b> 7:10am TIPS Meeting 7pm—POST SOCIAL	<b>24</b> 7:10am BNI Biz to Biz Chapter Mtg. 8pm Keith Taylor Band	<b>25</b> 1pm Girl State Inter-views
<b>26</b> 9:30am River Church	<b>27</b> Ballroom Dance w/DJ 7:30 - 10:00p \$5 cover	<b>28</b> Tallahassee Swing Band 7:30 - 10p \$6 cover				

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**Deadline for the MARCH 2017  
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.]**