



## *Sauls-Bridges American Legion Post 13 News*



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**HAPPY  
New Year  
2017**



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.

### **For Your New Year's Eve Entertainment:**

The Biggest and Best New Year's Celebration in the Big Bend will be held at the American Legion Hall at Lake Ella.

**CROOKED SHOOZ** will be playing your favorite dance music from 7pm until 2017 on **Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**.

Come as you are, or as you want to be!

Open to the general public. **\$15 Single/ \$25 Couples.**

Come early; have a drink, and get ready for the swingiest party in Tallahassee!

# POST 13 NEWS

## LEGION HALL FOR RENT

With all the Holidays coming up in November and December, we have a number of prime dates open for rental: December 23, 24.

The Post is asking you TO PASS THE WORD to FAMILY, FRIENDS, & ASSOCIATES about booking a date for a birthday, wedding reception, Christmas Party, or booking a favorite Band. The Post has one of the Best and Largest Dance Floors in the area! THE POST CAN DO IT ALL, LARGE OR SMALL! Contact: Brenda Austin, (850) 222-3382, 2-6pm Monday-Friday for bookings.

**DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE FOR ALL POST 13 MEMBERS!**

## 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>**



## *The* AMERICAN LEGION *Sauls-Bridges Post No. 13*

To all Veterans and their spouses:

It has been established that the Tallahassee National Cemetery launched the Pre-Need Determination of Eligibility Program for Veterans and their families. This new program enriches the Veteran Experience by improving burial planning for individuals who can now learn of their eligibility for burial or memorialization in VA national cemeteries in advance of need. They will now begin the important process of communicating to all of our stakeholders the details of this new program beginning with a national press release that went out on 12/08/2016 and a new website at: <http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/pre-need/>.

John Folsom,  
Commander



## I WAS JUST THINKING By Doug Marsh

Every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month, except for November & December, the Tallahassee American Legion, Post 13, host a social time for all members and auxiliary. This is a time to see old friends, make new ones, and recognize persons for their accomplishments, and always have a delicious dinner. All of this is well and good, but I want to remind everyone that before all the goodies the Commander starts us off with the reading of the POW/MIA remembrance service.

As I sit and hear those words, I am reminded of the time I visited the WWII Museum at Carra-belle, Florida. I found out there was a POW camp located at Camp Gordon Johnston during WWII. The museum is quite interesting with all the artifacts from WWII. But what I found most interesting were the letters from the POW's that were located at Camp Gordon Johnston. A lot of the POWs did not want to leave after the war. (It was better to be a POW in America than return to their own countries) However, after the war some did return to the United States bringing their families with them. They settled in America and became great citizens. It tells a lot about America when our enemies would rather be a prisoner here than a free person in their own country.

American POWs have never been treated that well. They have been tortured, beaten, subjected to all manner of depravity, and some starved to death. Some of our MIAs have never been allowed to return home and buried in their own homeland. That is why we remember our POW/MIAs every month. We Americans need to hold on to our way of life and not give in to those that want to destroy us. Remember, even our enemies want to live here.

### Remembrance service:

Those who have served and those currently serving the uniformed services of the United States are ever mindful that the sweetness of enduring peace has always been tainted by the bitterness of personal sacrifice. We are compelled to never forget that while we enjoy our daily pleasures, there are others who have endured and may still be enduring the agonies of pain, deprivation and internment.

Before we begin our activities this evening, we will pause to recognize our POW's and MIA's. We call your attention to this small table, which occupies a place of dignity and honor near the head table. It is set for one, symbolizing the fact that members of our armed forces are missing from our ranks. They are referred to as POW's and MIA's. We call them comrades.

They are unable to be with their loved ones and families tonight, so we join together to pay our humble tribute to them, and bear witness to their continued absence.

This table, set for one, is small, symbolizing the frailty of one prisoner, alone against his or her suppressors.

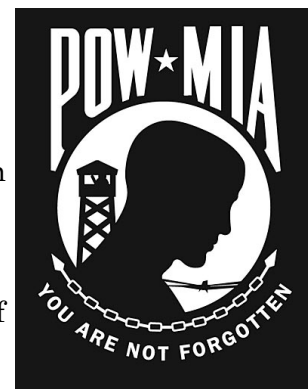
The tablecloth is white, symbolic of the purity of their intentions to respond to their country's call to arms.

The single red rose in the vase, signifies the blood they many have shed in sacrifice to ensure the freedom of our beloved United States of America. This rose also reminds us of the family and friends of our missing comrades who keep the faith, while awaiting their return.

The yellow ribbon on the vase represents the yellow ribbons worn on the lapels of the thousands who demand with unyielding determination a proper accounting of our comrades who are not among us tonight.

A slice of lemon on the plate reminds us of their bitter fate. The salt sprinkled on the plate reminds us of the countless fallen tears of families as they wait. The glass is inverted - they cannot toast with us this night. The chair is empty - they are not here. The candle is reminiscent of the light of hope which lives in our hearts to illuminate their way home, away from their captors, to the open arms of a grateful nation.

Let us pray to the supreme commander that all of our comrades will soon be back within our ranks. Let us remember and never forget their sacrifices. May god forever watch over them and protect them and their families.





## *Navigating for Veterans and their Families*

### **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

As we close another year and reflect on our achievements. The Auxiliary has been very busy. In summary, Unit 13 has collected stuffed animals for both the Tallahassee Police and the Leon County Sheriff's Department. Poppies were distributed, spreading the word of the sacrifices made by the men and women of the armed forces. Also, the Auxiliary made book markers with the poem "Flanders Fields" for distribution. The food pantry at the VA Clinic and Vet Village was stocked on numerous occasions, and stockings stuffed and mailed to our troops in faraway places. Residents at Vet Village were treated to bags of goodies including a \$10.00 gift card for each resident in celebration of the holidays.

The Auxiliary will be collecting school supplies for all grades in January. If you would like to participate, bring your supplies to our regular meeting on January 12th or drop them off in the Auxiliary room at the Post.

January 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!

A big shout out to all Auxiliary members for your participation in making Unit 13 excel! Thank you for all you do!!!!

Dates to remember: January 12th - ALA Executive and General membership meeting @ the "Hooch", Brown Bag Luncheon on January 19th; social on January 26th.

Nell Hewitt, President  
ALA Sauls-Bridges Unit 13



**VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN**  
*Every child deserves a happy family.*

We are continually grateful to you for helping us provide the love, care and support that the families of our nation's war heroes deserve. You've always been there to ensure that the National Home is ready to respond whenever a military or veteran family needs help.

With the holiday season upon us, I'm hoping we can count on you by helping purchase an item or two for the National Home through our [Christmas Wish List on Amazon](#).

Little things matter at the National Home and maintaining an 80-acre campus 365 days a year takes a whole lot of them. Supplies of all kinds are needed to maintain our 42 single-family homes, day care center, gym, community center, guest lodge, playgrounds, bathrooms, kitchens and much more. These include...

- **Paint brushes** for our arts and crafts room. Set of 50 brushes: \$10.42
- **Hand towels** for all of the bathrooms/showers on campus. 12 ct commercial quality: \$39.00
- **A sandbox** with cover to for our day care center playground: \$270.15
- **Paper napkins**, 1 pack of 250 count: \$2.76
- **A camera** so we can share what is happening at the National Home: \$308.96

Anything you purchase for us from our Christmas Wish List would be greatly appreciated. The items on our list may seem small, but they have a big impact on all that we do here.

Thank you for your generosity...and Merry Christmas from all of us at the National Home!

Patrice Green  
Executive Director



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



*Noel Hurst*  
*Post 13 Chaplain*

Our Supreme Commander, thank You that we can come to your throne and worship You!

You are the mighty God. There is none beside You. You are the Almighty, the Eternal, the Everlasting, the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the only righteous One.

We thank You that You are mindful of us and we can come to You with our petitions and You hear us. What a mighty God you are!

Father, we thank You for life and the abundant blessings that we enjoy. We remember that every good and perfect gift comes down from You, from Your hand. And, Father,

You give us blessings by the handfuls! We recently observed Thanksgiving Day and what a day! We celebrated and we gave thanks to You. We thanked You for family and friends, and Food. What blessings we enjoyed around the dinner table – family and other loved ones. Thank You, LORD! And You blessed us with good appetites, too!

And You, Father, have blessed our country, these United States. Very recently we elected a new president, governors, legislators and a great number of other officials, national and local. We thank You that we can elect leaders that WE choose. Now we have elected Mr. Trump to be our president. Father, we pray that he will be a wise and prudent president, serving the people and not serving just himself and his circle of friends. We promise to pray for our new president because You have told us to pray for our leaders and all who are in authority so Father, please give Mr. Trump wisdom as he serves us, the American people.

Our Father, we thank you for Sauls-Bridges post and we thank you for the post leadership.

Grant wisdom to the post leaders as they gladly give of their time planning and directing post business and activities. Thank you for the ladies of the Auxiliary. They contribute so much to the Post and to the comfort and pleasure of the entire Post membership. They are a valuable asset, an encouragement to all of us.

God bless America, land that I love. Stand beside her and guide her through the night with a light from above.

We pray in the name of thy Son, Jesus. 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 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.

# DID YOU KNOW? by JOHN FOLSOM / Commander



This month provided by 3d Vice Jeremiah Collier:

Jefferson did write "A summary View of the Rights of British American." Jefferson's argument was twofold, first that British Parliament had no authority over them and second, that George III was personally responsible for the wrongs that the colonies had suffered since 1763. These wrongs where burdensome taxes on paper and tea, suspension of colonial legislatures, introduction of British soldiers to control the population and restrictions on right to trade manufacture goods. These writings made Jefferson famous among the colonies and brought him into high esteem, up to this point he was largely unknown.

### "IDEALS OF THOUGHT"

We should be careful to get out of an experience only the wisdom that is in it-and stop there; lest we be like the cat that sits down on a hot stove-lid. She will never sit down on hot stove-lid again-and that is well; but also she will never sit-down on a cold one anymore. (Mark Twain Wit & Wisdom)

One is not blameable for mistakes, we all make them. A mistake is not a crime, it is only a miscarriage of judgement. (Mark Twain Wit & Wisdom)

No party holds the privilege of dictating to me how I shall vote. If loyalty to party is a form of patriotism, I am no patriot. If there is any valuable difference between a monarchist and an American, it lies in the theory that the American can decide for himself what is patriotic and what isn't. (Mark Twain Wit & Wisdom)

**WELCOME TO THE YEAR 2017**, May it bless you and yours, and will be full and happy. Jeremiah C.

## Membership Report (December 8, 2016)

### MEMBERS TRANSFERRING IN

- Garfield Jones: IN Post 0013; USNA; Vietnam
- Christie Cratty: FL Post 0400; USAF; Panama
- Sidney D. Sumrall: FL Post 0400; USAF; Vietnam

### NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

- Paul Chandler, Jr.: USMC; Vietnam
- Michael L. Whitman: USAR; Vietnam
- Melvin O. Alvarez: USAR; Vietnam
- Richard M Drake: USAR; Vietnam
- Lance A. Cratty: USAF; Gulf

### DECEASED MEMBERS

- William E. Dellow: (Unknown) - (PUFL) USAR; WWII (Post 0400 reported)
- George D. Bailey: ( \_\_ Nov 2016); USAF; Vietnam

### TOTAL PAID UP MEMBERSHIP FOR 2017:



(12/08/2016): renewals/new members 435 (cards received) of 599 (goal) = 72.621 %



## MORE VETERANS DAY PHOTOS



# JANUARY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> <b>NEW YEARS DAY HOLIDAY</b> 9:30am RIVER CHURCH	<b>2</b> Ballroom Dance w/DJ 7:30 - 10:00p \$5 cover	<b>3</b> No Swing Band Tonight	<b>4</b> 1:30 Standdown Meeting Sue Boyd Country Dance Lessons -6:30p-9:45pm \$8	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 6pm Private Party
<b>8</b> 9:30am RIVER CHURCH 7:30pm Gospel Sing	<b>9</b> Ballroom Dance w/DJ 7:30 - 10:00p \$5 cover	<b>10</b> Tallahassee Swing Band 7:30 - 10p \$6 cover	<b>11</b> Sue Boyd Country Dance Lessons - 6:30p-9:45pm \$8	<b>12</b> 6pm-ALA Exec. Mtg. 6:30 pm Post Exec. Board Mtg. 7:30pm General Membership Mtg.	<b>13</b> 7:30pm Public Address Band	<b>14</b> 11:00am Private Party 6:30pm Private Party
<b>15</b> 9:30am RIVER CHURCH	<b>16</b> MLK DAY HOLIDAY Ballroom Dance w/DJ 7:30 - 10:00p \$5 cover	<b>17</b> Tallahassee Swing Band 7:30 - 10p \$6 cover	<b>18</b> 1:30 Standdown Meeting Sue Boyd Country Dance Lessons - 6:30p-9:45pm \$8	<b>19</b> 6-9pm-Tallahassee Writers Assoc.	<b>20</b> 8pm Crooked Shooz \$8 / \$10	<b>21</b> 7:30pm Legends Band \$8 / \$15
<b>22</b> 9:30am River Church	<b>23</b> Ballroom Dance w/DJ 7:30 - 10:00p \$5 cover	<b>24</b> Tallahassee Swing Band 7:30 - 10p \$6 cover	<b>25</b> Sue Boyd Country Dance Lessons - 6:30p-9:45pm \$8	<b>26</b> 7pm-POST SOCIAL CHILI COOK-OFF THIS MONTH!	<b>27</b> 8pm ACME Band \$10	<b>28</b> 7:30pm Legends Band \$8 / \$15
<b>29</b> 9:30am River Church	<b>30</b> Ballroom Dance w/DJ 7:30 - 10:00p \$5 cover	<b>31</b> Tallahassee Swing Band 7:30 - 10p \$6 cover				

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and Country**

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**Deadline for the FEBRUARY 2017**

**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.]**