



Sauls-Bridges American Legion Post 13 News



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FOUR CHAPLAINS

The Four Chaplains Service on February 5th, 2017 was held at American Legion Post 13

Representing the Four Chaplains:

Rabbi Stanley Garfein—Emeritus Rabbi at Temple Israel in Tallahassee.

Father Tim Holeda—Priest at Blessed Sacrament and Chaplain at John Paul II High School.

Rev. Jody Zacharia Barns—Pastor of Evangel Assembly in Tallahassee.

George Potter—Minister at Bethel Methodist Church & United Cavalry.



Chaplains represented from left to right: Rabbi Garfein; Father Holeda; Rev. Barns; and George Potter.

POST EVERLASTING

The Post Everlasting service followed the Four Chaplains service on Feb. 5th. We had a great turnout for both services. The 2016 deceased members of Post 13 were ceremoniously transferred to Post Everlasting. These respected members are:

George D. Bailey

Joseph E. Coleman

William E. Dellow

Herbert B. Forehand

Perry L. McClellan

William L. Norris

Gene L. Belser

Alfred E. Coxwell

Robert L. Ellington

Fred W. Hubbard

Archie R. Montgomery

Joseph C. Thompson, Sr.

Frank A. Turosik

Herbert W. Chandler

Curtis L. Craig

Werner Fiebig

John W. Madden

Robert A. Nicholson

Donald L. Trussell



POST 13 NEWS

2017 Post Officer Nominations

The coming New Year means time to nominate Post officers for 2017. Nominations will start March 9th and close April 13th. 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 13th 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 27th 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: Vacant	Sgt. at Arms: Roger Hewitt

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>



MONDAY NIGHT DANCE VOLUNTEERS

Monday nights have brought in over \$176,000!

Eleven years ago, Dr. Dick Hagen revived Monday night dance. Since then, Dick and Vic Hanna as well as Jeff Sumrall in the past, and Leonard Elsie lately, have VOLUNTARILY disk jockeyed, as have many others collecting admissions. Since the Post event has nearly no expenses, Monday nights have brought in over \$176,000 over the last 11 years! All membership dues over the last 11 years have brought in less than 1/4th that amount.

We should appreciate the so few giving so much, so long, to bring in so much to us. Why don't we show our appreciation by donating our time to do the many post jobs needed to be done. Please call the Post at (850) 222-3382 and ask, "How can I help?"

Thank You, Bob Wray



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



*Noel Hurst
Post 13 Chaplain*

OUR SUPREME COMMANDER, we come today with thankful hearts, thankful for all the wonderful blessings that we enjoy here in the United States. When we look around the world we see that we here in America are abundantly blessed. We thank You for the great freedom you have given us AND we thank you for the many men and women who have fought to secure and to preserve this blessing of freedom! We thank You for material blessings. We have adequate, some-time luxurious, housing. We have so much food, such delicious food, and great variety. Such a blessing, Father! And the list is endless. We can't remember all our blessings. But we give thanks to You. Your word tells us that every good and perfect gift comes down from You.

It's mid-winter, Father, but you have blessed us with mild, pleasant days. Father, help us to remember You in all our activities. We must not leave You at home while we relax and enjoy cool weather fun times. We, in fact, need You with us wherever we go. We need your presence, your protection. We need your Spirit to keep us and guide us as we go, near or far. We will trust in You, knowing that You care for each of us. Your eye is on the sparrow and we know You watch over each of us. Give us a great March, we pray, and keep us safe and refreshed.

Your Word tells us to pray for kings and those in positions of authority so we lift up President Trump. Minister to him and keep him. Give him wisdom as he serves in the awesome role You have given him. May he seek wisdom from You. The problems are overwhelming, too difficult for human intellect, but You, Lord, are the source of all wisdom. Minister to the president we pray.

We pray your blessings on the members of our Legion Post. Minister to each one, Father. Reveal yourself to each of us and may we live close to You. Bless especially the members of the Executive Committee. Thank you for our post officers, volunteers and employees for their dedication and service. We all benefit from their service. Grant wisdom to the Executive Committee as they care for the business affairs of the American Legion Post.

We ask these things in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

WHAT DOES THE NUMBER "51" MEAN?

On February 2, 3 and 4, the American Legion National and State sent recruitment officers to Post 13. District 2 of the Florida American Legion sent 2 volunteers to post 13: Jim Brennan and Tommy Young. Post 13 had as volunteers, Commander John Folsom, and 1st Vice Commander Angel Alvarez. Charles LeCroy sat on an organizational meeting. This group had the task of calling members of post 400 and asking them to transfer to the different posts in the District. Some of you ask, "What is Post 400 and why ask them to transfer?" Post 400 is like a holding post for those members who have not been assigned a home post. So one way to increase a post membership is to ask them to transfer to the local post. In the District we transferred over 80 Legionnaires; of that number 51 were transferred to Post 13. So what does 51 mean? Our post grew by 51 members . Way to go team!

Thanks from the Commander, John Folsom



Navigating for Veterans and their Families

Everyone had a wonderful time during our January Social with the chili competition, if you were not there, you missed out!!!!

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 social theme is "President's Day" in celebration of our country's Presidents.

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 for seniors and \$4.00 for juniors payable to ALA Unit 13, P. O. Box 3974, Tallahassee, Florida 32315. Unit 13's success is through membership, and our members have the ingredients for success. First start with a dream, add a little drive to make it happen, stir in hope---it makes all the difference---let it simmer. It'll be ready to enjoy sooner than you think!

At our March meeting the nominating committee, (Marilyn Houston, Hazel Connell, and Maria Renzulli) will be presenting a slate of officers for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. If you're interested or know a member who would like to serve, please contact one of our committee members. Elections will be held at the April meeting; new officers will take office in July 2017.

A big **"SHOUT-OUT"** to Sacred Heart Home Educators and students for the beautiful handmade Valentine cards for our veterans. These cards were distributed on Valentine's Day's to the veterans at the VA Out-Patient Clinic along with apples and packages of trail mix. Thank you Sacred Heart Home Schoolers for your contribution and remembering our veterans and their service.

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

Thank you for their continued support for our veterans and their families.

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

RAY STALLING CHILI COOK-OFF

What a great event at the Post! If you were not there, you missed a lot! The highlight was the chili cook-off. Eight pots of chili were entered. Some mild, medium, or hot. And, one chicken chili. Post members cast votes for the winners. 1st Place was won by Nicola Miller's, "The Winner". 2nd Place was Doug Marsh's, "Cornbread 'N Chili". 3rd Place was Nell Hewitt's "Everything Chili".



Post 13 Chili Chiefs



1st Place Winner
Nicola Miller



2nd Place
Doug Marsh



3rd Place
Nell Hewitt

JANUARY SOCIAL

In addition to the Chili Cook-off, we had awards, guests, and raffle winners. Tom Napier and Jim Hart spoke about the next Honor Flight. An award was given to David Soule for his many years of service as the Post accountant. Richard Hagen also received an award for his many years of service as DJ at the Monday night dance.

The night was ended with the raffle drawings. Thanks to the Auxiliary for supplying the raffle prizes! They outdid themselves this time with many prizes! Raffle winners were: Val Frailey, Roger Hewitt (two prizes), Doug Marsh, Sharon Courey, Derrick Westbrook, Jim Hart, Ben Baulding, Hugh Whittle (two prizes). Join us again next month for another great Social! You have a good chance of winning; you never know what's going to happen at our Socials! So, be there, or be square!



Tom Napier and Jim Hart with Honor Flight.



David Soule



Richard Hagen (left)

Door Prize Winners



“DID YOU KNOW” by John Folsom, Commander



March 15

1942 – The 172-foot tender CGC Acacia was en route from Curacao, Netherlands West Indies to Antigua, British West Indies, when she was sunk by shellfire from the German submarine U-161. The entire crew of Acacia was rescued. She was the only Coast Guard buoy tender sunk by enemy action during the war.

1946 – For the first time, U.S. Coast Guard aircraft supplemented the work of the Coast Guard patrol vessels of the International Ice Patrol, scouting for ice and determining the limits of the ice fields from the air.

2010 – The passing of the United States generation that fought in World War I is marked by the funeral of Frank Buckles, who died on 27 February 2011, aged 110, and was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery. Frank Woodruff Buckles (born Wood Buckles, February 1, 1901 – February 27, 2011) was a United States Army soldier and the last surviving American veteran of World War I. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1917 and served with a detachment from Fort Riley, driving ambulances and motorcycles near the front lines in Europe. During World War II, he was captured by Japanese forces while working in the shipping business, and spent three years in the Philippines as a civilian prisoner. After the war, Buckles married in San Francisco and moved to Gap View Farm near Charles Town, West Virginia. A widower at age 98, he worked on his farm until the age of 105. In his last years, he was Honorary Chairman of the World War I Memorial Foundation. As chairman, he advocated the establishment of a World War I memorial similar to other war memorials in Washington, D.C.. Toward this end, Buckles campaigned for the District of Columbia War Memorial to be renamed the National World War I Memorial. He testified before Congress in support of this cause, and met with President George W. Bush at the White House. Buckles was awarded the World War I Victory Medal at the conclusion of that conflict, and the Army of Occupation of Germany Medal retroactively following the medal creation in 1941, as well as the French Legion of Honor in 1999.

Membership Report: February 9, 2017

MEMBERS TRANSFERRING OUT

Michael J. Whitehead: USAR; Gulf

MEMBERS TRANSFERRING IN

Steven A. Newell: USAF; Gulf Michael W. Lindert: USNA; Vietnam John R. Balcon: USAR; Gulf

John A. Knight, Jr. USAF; Vietnam Ricardo A. Howard: USAF; Vietnam

50 transferred members by National on Feb 2-4): Paperwork in progress

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

Jerry L. Henderson: USMC; Gulf James F. Bush: USNA; Vietnam Dennis M. Murphy: USAR, Vietnam

Donald G. Wright, Jr.: USAF; Vietnam

DECEASED MEMBERS

Dr. Paul Uhrig: (21 Dec 2016): USNA; WWII James H. Jarriel: (24 Jan 2017): USAR; WWII

Richard C. McCulley, Jr.: (___ Jan 2017): USAF; Lebanon/Grenada

TOTAL PAID UP MEMBERSHIP FOR 2017:

(02/09/2016): renewals/new members 487 (cards received) of 599 (goal) = 81.302 %

My Final Thought



My Coast Guard Military service, 2 tours to Viet Nam, has provided the privilege of being an American Legion Member of Post 13, of which I am proud.

Chris and I have been publishing the newsletter for the past two years. It has been challenging at times and rewarding. We spend hours a month trying to publish the best looking and most informative newsletter as possible.

However, there comes a time in one’s life that you realize it’s time to step down and move on. So my friends, this will be the last newsletter prepared by Chris and I. Good luck in the future and I wish the post well.

Doug Marsh and Chris Kimball

MARCH 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 7:10am BNI Biz Net Chapter Meeting 1:30 Standdown Meet 6:30pm Sue Boyd Country Dance Les-sons	2 7:10am TIPS Meeting	3 7:10am BNI Biz to Biz Chapter Mtg. 7:30pm Big Bend Hospice Fund-raiser	4 7pm Private Party
5 9:30am RIVER CHURCH 7:30pm Gospel Sing	6 Ballroom Dance w/DJ 7:30 - 10:00p	7 Tallahassee Swing Band 7:30 - 10p	8 7:10am BNI Biz Net Chapter Meeting 6:30pm Sue Boyd Country Dance Les-sons	9 7:10am TIPS Meeting 6pm-ALA Exec. 6:30 pm Post Exec. Board Mtg. 7:30pm General Membership Mtg.	10 7:10am BNI Biz to Biz Chapter Mtg. 8pm Crooked Shooz	11 7:30pm United Church of Tall. Relay for Life Fundraiser
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19 9:30am River Church	20 Ballroom Dance w/DJ 7:30 - 10:00p	21 Tallahassee Swing Band 7:30 - 10p	22 7:10am BNI Biz Net Chapter Meeting 6:30pm Sue Boyd Country Dance Les-sons	23 7:10am TIPS Meeting 7pm—POST SOCIAL	24 7:10am BNI Biz to Biz Chapter Mtg. 7:30pm Bob Malone Concert	25 12:30pm Sons of the American Revolution Luncheon
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**Newsletter will be
MARCH 15th at 5:00pm**

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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.]