



Sauls-Bridges American Legion



Post 13 News



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July Fourth Fireworks

I love the Fourth of July! It's one of my favorite holidays and ranks right up there with Thanksgiving and Halloween. As a child growing up in Panama City, Florida, the Fourth was always a big deal! I would say that most all of the residents of Panama City would gather at the downtown marina to watch the fireworks, along with people from the outlying areas of Bay County. Back in those days, only the biggest cities had fireworks and our nearest competitor was Ft. Walton Beach. The fireworks were planned simply to stretch out the show, the city would shoot one firework at the time. By the time it was over, most young'uns were asleep, despite all the noise.

I remember my dad had a convertible and it was time to put the top down and listen to music (the big band sound, the music I have come to love), while we waited patiently for the fireworks to begin. One particular year, the fireworks didn't go so well. The volunteers that handled the fireworks show for the city were not really trained in pyrotechnics back in the day. They were everyday citizens of our community. That year, smoldering pieces from the fireworks began to rain down on the crowd and dad jumped into action to save his wife and little girl. He hurriedly put the top up and we got the heck out of there! Luckily, the convertible top and our family went unscathed by the hot fragments.

Even with the danger of it all I would give anything for those simpler days, when everyone was patriotic and if they weren't, they kept quiet. It was all about our country and what it stood for. Free U.S. flags were passed out and people would dress in red, white and blue and wave the small U.S. flags with pride!

Do you remember these days from your childhood? Do you long for those days like I do?

We live in a great country; I believe the best in the world! Do not pay attention to the people who riot, loot and burn our flag under the guise of freedom and democracy. They are false in their words and deeds. Do not listen to agitators who hate our country. Our country is great and don't let anybody tell you different!



Submitted by Paula Wilkins, Editor

EVERY DAY IS MEMORIAL DAY—AND EVERY DAY IS VETERANS DAY!!

Tallahassee National Cemetery Memorial Day Program

Submitted by Dennis Hall, Post 13 Historian

Post 13 was very involved in the Tallahassee National Cemetery Memorial Day Program conducted on Saturday, May 24, 2025 at 1:00 pm. The Post began assisting the TNC by being a part of approximately 70 volunteers who placed an American Flag on each grave on Thursday, May 22, at 3:00 pm. The same flags were removed from the graves on Tuesday, May 27, at 8:30 am. Thank you, for those who placed and or removed the flags.



Several Post 13 members were a part of the program: the Big Bend Honor Guard (BBHG) presented the colors to open the program, Past Commander John Folsom presented the keynote address, the BBHG provided the Rifle Salute, and BBHG member John Froude played *Taps* to close the program.



“Hurry up and wait.”



“Ready to get started!”



Presentation of Colors



Chaplain Lance Moore
Melissa Sheridan



John Folsom Keynote Speaker



“At Ease”



“Set wide the window. Let me drink the day.” ~ Edith Wharton

Tallahassee National Cemetery Memorial Day Program continued...



“Ready”



“Aim”



“Fire”



Present Arms



John Froude, Bugler
Taps



All Branches Wreath



KIA Wreath



ALA Dottie Hall presents
Lynette Halter with a “Poppy”



Dotty McPherson and
John Folsom



Debbie Marsh (C)
Doug Marsh



Fife and Drum Corps



Keynote Speaker John Folsom delivered an emotional speech that took the listener to a number of United States Military Cemeteries across the globe. He provided several cemetery histories and descriptions of the cemeteries. The overseas military cemeteries are maintained by the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC). Do you recall where and the name of the largest overseas cemetery is located? Manila American Cemetery, Philippines. Over 17,000 WWII war dead are interred in this 152 acre cemetery. John gave a short history of the Tallahassee National Cemetery providing the dedication date (May 22, 2015) and date of the first burial (October 16, 2015). The cemetery consists of 250 acres and will provide interment space for 83,000. The speaker encouraged everyone attending to live their life in such a way that they would bring honor to those who have given their life for our freedoms.

“It’s the artists that do the dreaming for society.” ~ Méret Oppenheim

Sauls-Bridges Post 13 Memorial Day Program May 26, 2025

Submitted by Dennis Hall, Post 13 Historian

Post 13 held their annual Memorial Day Program at 11:00 a.m. Monday, May 26. The location was the Oakland Cemetery in Midtown Tallahassee. Over 100 guests attended which included: Gold Star families, local political dignitaries, veterans, and those who attended to honor those who died in combat protecting our freedoms. It was a beautiful day, not too hot, and it began early for those who met at the Post to pack up the chairs, tables, tents, and other paraphernalia to ensure the program went well. After loading everything, it was transported to the cemetery to be unloaded and setup by 10:30 am. Following the program, everything was reloaded and transported back to the Post to be unpacked and placed inside the Post in the appropriate place. You get the picture? It doesn't just magically happen! Thank you to all who did an amazing job. Post 13 members who assisted were Ed Rodriguez, Mike Hawkes, Les Houser. John Marshall, Andre Rosedale, Tom McCluskey, Vic Hanna, Redmond Gautier, Tom Carney, Chuck Howell, Dennis Hall, and others at the program who remained and helped pack everything up. Thank you all for your support and efforts.

The National Anthem was sung by Audia Bradwell, Post Chaplain Eric Smith provided an opening prayer, combat veterans were recognized by the war or conflict in which they participated, ALA Unit 13 President Nell Hewitt read the poem, *Flander's Field*, Post 13 Adjutant Edward Hood was the keynote speaker, fallen veterans interred at Oakland Cemetery were remembered, the Big Bend Honor Guard provided the Rifle Salute, Post Chaplain Eric Smith played *Taps*, and the cemetery flag was raised by Ed Rodriguez to full staff to close the program.

A big "thank you" to MARPAN, Inc. for donating the grave flags that were placed at the headstone of those buried in the military section of the cemetery, and to "Doodie Calls" for providing two complementary portable potties and necessary supplies. Teresa and Rich Fillmon donated delicious pastries for everyone to enjoy. Thanks to all for your generosity!



Teresa and Rich Fillmon



Mike Hawkes taking a break!



Wayne Langston, Tom Carney, Adjutant Ed Hood, and Commander Cindy Laskowski



Adjutant Ed Hood, Commander Cindy Laskowski, Historian Dennis Hall



"Falsehood is so easy, truth so difficult." ~ George Eliot

Sauls-Bridges Post 13 Memorial Day Program continued...



Tom Carney (L)
Keith Gaden



County Commissioner David T.
O'Keefe and Mrs. O'Keefe



Mrs. Audia Bradwell



Muriel Kweyama, Margie McNeill
pins a "Poppy" on a guest



Les Houser (L)
Mark Hawkes



ALA Unit 13 President Nell
Hewitt, reading *Flander's Field*



Keynote Speaker
Post 13 Adjutant Ed Hood

"Living with regrets is like driving a car that only moves in reverse, ." ~ Jodi Picoult

Sauls-Bridges Post 13 Memorial Day Program continued...



Big Bend Honor Guard



County Commissioner Brian Welch and Mrs. Welch



Susie Caplowe, LCC Rick Minor, his daughter, and Dan Hendrickson



WFSU Reporter Margie Menzel



Dan Hendrickson
Rep Allison Tant



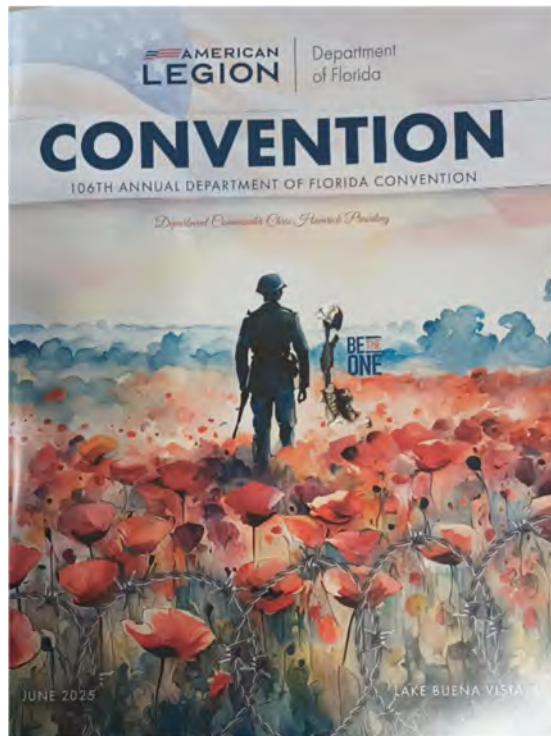
Eric Smith, bugler *Taps*
Doug Marsh



“Change—real change—comes from the inside out.” ~ Stephen Covey

Department of Florida 2025 Convention Submitted by Dennis Hall, Post Historian

The Department of Florida Convention was held at the Hilton Orlando in Lake Buena Vista, Florida, from June 12 – 15, 2025. All three of the American Legion Family members: American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, and the Sons of the American Legion held their own convention at this same location. Post 13 was well represented at the convention and the delegates attended breakout sessions that provided training for their particular area of responsibility at the Post. Representing the American Legion were Commander Cindy Laskowski, Adjutant Ed Hood, Historian Dennis Hall, Incoming First Vice Commander Andre Rosedale, Incoming Sergeant at Arms Debbie Mann, and Legionnaire Roger Hewitt. The ALA was represented by Unit 13 President Nell Hewitt, Incoming President Muriel Kweyama, Incoming Historian Dottie Hall, and Unit member Katrina Rosedale. District 2 Commander Michael Mann represented the Sons of the American Legion.



2025 Teacher of the Year, spoke before the Convention.



Terry Shen, 2024-2025 Florida Boys State Governor from Pine View School, Sarasota addressed the Convention.

“We are all born worthy. Worthy of love, worthy of success.” ~ Jamie Lee Curtis

Department of Florida 2025 Convention continued...



George Patron received the 2025 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award



2025 Oratorical Winner, William Kiker



Nicholas Storm 2025 Eagle Scout



2024-2025 Commander Department of Florida Chris Hamrick

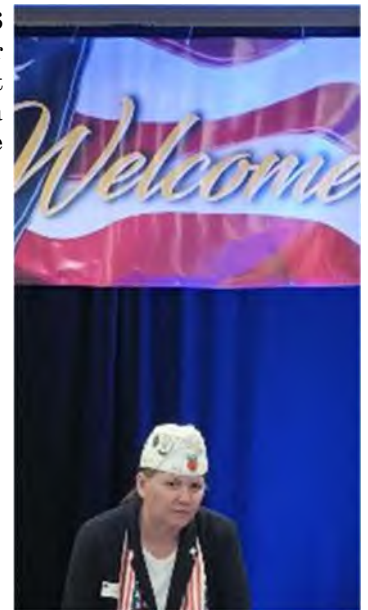


Guest Speaker and Medal of Honor Recipient SFC Sammy L. Davis USA (R) drove home a point.



FL US Senator Ashley Moody

2025-2026 Commander Department Of Florida Jessica Moore



Department Adjutant Bruce Comer presented a gift to SFC Davis



Post 13 family dining out together



“Injustice makes the rules, and courage breaks them.” ~ Ursula K. Le Guin



"In the Spirit of Service- Not Self"

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

Hi Members,

I am excited to be active again with Unit 13, as I was "out of service" in 2024 due to cancer issues. Thank You for constant Prayers and get well wishes.

They worked 😊 !! My doctors are pleased with my healings, and I know that I am not alone as others are going through cancer issues, also.

Let us stay positive and Prayerful 🙏 .

We elected the 2025-2026 ALA officers for Sauls-Bridges Unit 13 at our General Membership meeting in April. President is Muriel Alexander Kweyama. Vice President is Ive Nell Hewitt. Chaplain is Brigid Smith. Treasurer is Marjorie McNeill. Secretary is Katina Johnson. Historian is Dorothy "Dottie" Hall. Sergeant-at-Arms is Theresa "Terry" Little. The three Members-at-Large are Katrina Rosedale, Peggy Lane and Stacy Gayhart. All officers will begin their fiscal year 2025-2026 term on July 1, 2025. Installation ceremony for officers will be on July 10th at the General Membership meeting which begins at 6:00 pm at the Hooch.

The 106th Department of Florida Convention was held in Orlando from June 12-15, 2025. The membership goal for all Units in Florida is an increase of two percent over total membership for 2024. In essence, Unit 13 would need at least four new members by March 30, 2026. We can do it! Afterall, membership is the foundation for our organization to continue to provide service and support to our military families...and remember, **we are a part of the military families.**

We need to implement fundraiser events to supplement our programs for service and support. Let us also be thinking about a program that can be done monthly, similar to the "coffee and donuts" program that was done by another unit.

Mark your calendars for upcoming events on July 10th for ALA Executive Committee meeting at 5:30 pm and ALA General Membership meeting at 6:00 pm at the Hooch; and the Post Social on July 24th at the Legion at 6:30 pm. Let us keep each other in Prayers.

*** HAPPY 4TH OF JULY ***

Prayers and God's Will,
Muriel Alexander Kweyama, President
ALA Sauls-Bridges Unit 13, Inc.



COMMUNAL PRIDE: WELCOME HOME

By Bob Costello, USAF, Vietnam Era Veteran, American Legion Member, Writer

WELCOME HOME!

Community cohesion for boosting morale is a unified rallying concept to show its appreciation by our public demonstrations of a job well done. Our communities need to revisit the concept of the ‘*street or block party*’ as these *seasonal communal activities* bond us all as a family of mankind by its unifying effect. This *party effect* demonstrates and reinforces our national pride with our joined community pride of our unity for both active duty service members and our veterans.

We, all American citizens, should openly embrace our grateful thanksgiving for all our troops who left home, family and familiar loving surroundings to engage themselves in a greater cause for freedom’s sake.

Our positive attitude with its enthusiasm overcomes the burden of personal issues while away in the service of our country. Care packages sent to troops in the field may appease our troops for the moment as all reminisce about familial joy with memories revisited.

Let our own feelings be transparent in showing them that we are not merely wordsmiths, but rather a *grateful nation* and community as they defend our way of life and ... our very own lives!

Real change, enduring change happens when we, the community, take action in celebration of our returning troops – more than that – our fathers, mothers, along with sons and daughters of liberty need to take action in celebration of our returning valiant troops! Let’s show them that we love them more than they can imagine! They defend our way of life and our liberties for us ... *with their own lives!*

Recognizing these veterans by their service, through atrocities, who defend us for our liberties by their valiant stand in these worldwide conflicts and battles - need greater degree of enthusiastic entitlement; with more than verbal acknowledgements - *lightly spoken*. When times of turbulence and troubles occur, let us remember those who took up the staff of goodness and freedom for us in protecting our nation and immediate community. “*Alone, we can do little; together, we can do so much*” (more). Helen Keller.

Veterans in battalion, troop or company under the wisdom and trust of our commanders, allows our communities to remain free; with our troops moving forward in keeping us free.

Veterans have been exposed to events *that no man or woman should be*. Robert Frost mentioned the *path less travelled* where our veterans have indeed gone to preserve our way of life; our freedoms and liberties, to which we acclaim for ourselves every day; upon waking up to a life of inspiration and promise our service men and women gave us.

Community is a more than merely a collective of individuals or gathered farms, towns and villages. It is this, our commonwealth well-being for our communal freedoms sustaining that we remember our veterans who took a “*chance for our preservation of freedom; in defending our liberty at the cost of their own; against oppressive intrusion.*”

Continued....

COMMUNAL PRIDE: WELCOME HOME continued...

By Bob Costello

Whatever you do: thank our veterans for that and for keeping us free while keeping America moving forward. We know that in support of a veteran's efforts, tragedies, and life challenging effects that we need to rally around them all. We need to give our veterans and service folks: encouragement, inspiration, cheer, bold verbal motivation and truth that drive our words with a real sense of pride in their brave defense for us in this our Land of the Free.

Veterans and active duty all, we collectively, cite: *"We will find a way: together"! The bottom line is that America has certainly gone through trying times and has, by the grace of God, our Veterans and active duty personnel, always come out the other side – even stronger!"*

Tell all our active duty service folks and veterans that *"I am proud of you for walking the roads of tribulations for us! You have fought for all of us – AMERICA'S FREEDOM!"*

*Now – let's unify to give our Veterans a **REAL HOMECOMING!***



Sharon L. Courey, Past Chaplain
American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 13



Independence Day, July 4, honors the birthday of the United States of America and the adoption of the Declaration of Independence to express the minds and hearts of the American people. The Continental Congress passed a resolution authorizing a seal for the United States of America to reflect the Founding Fathers' beliefs, values, and sovereignty of the new nation. Our beautiful flag originated and was adopted on June 14, 1777. White signifies purity and innocence; Red signifies hardiness and valor; and Blue signifies vigilance, perseverance, and justice. The Pledge of Allegiance received official recognition by Congress on June 22, 1942. The phrase "under God" was added by a Congressional Act on June 14, 1954, by President Eisenhower who said, "In this way we shall constantly strengthen those spiritual weapons which forever will be our country's most powerful resource in peace and war."

Facts of our nation's history remind us to always strive to keep the heritage, beliefs, and faith of God upon which our country was founded. Let us never give in to those who want to change the facts of our nation's true history.

May the Lord protect and bless our troops as they continue to defend our country. We pray for all our armed forces, POWs, MIAs, and all Veterans living and deceased. Because of these heroes and their sacrifice for our country, we continue to live in freedom. God Bless them, our country and our citizens.

We pray in Your Holy Name.
 Amen.

"A lot of good things don't get made because of too much thinking." ~ Agnes Martin

Post 13 American Legion Baseball Update and 2025 Schedule

Submitted by Dennis Hall, Post Historian

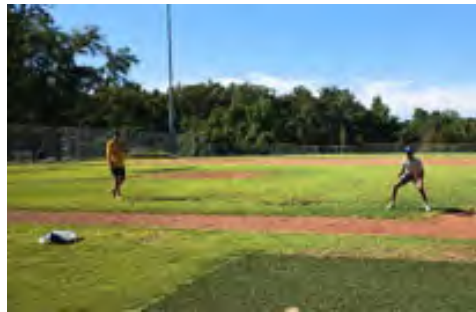
I attended the May 24 practice and drills at the Chaires Community Sports complex. Practice began at 9:00 a.m. with Head Baseball Coach Jeff Del Fuoco and Assistant Baseball Head Coach Chet Allen splitting the players into two groups. Coach Jeff took one half and Coach Chet took the other half. Coach Jeff led infielder drills, while Coach Chet conducted outfielder drills. After an hour and a half they switched groups. There was no batting practice or any serious pitching practice. Fifteen players were present and were motivated to participate. The practice on, Sunday, May 25, will focus on hitting and pitching. Two weeks later the team plays their first games in Jacksonville. See schedule on next page!



Warming Up!



Catch and Throw!



Taking a water break!



Last Words!

“Love is something that if you give it away, you end up having more.” ~ Malvina Reynolds

POST 13 AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL UPDATE AND 2025 SCHEDULE continued...

GAME/TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

SUMMER 2025 SEASON (Subject to Changes/Additions)

JUNE:

6-8 American Legion North “Kick-off” Tournament, Jacksonville, FL @ Rondette Park (Sat./Sun.) Teams TBA

13 Doubleheader vs. Post 70 Hixson), Troy, AL @ Chipola College (Fri.) 1 P.M.

14 Single Game (9 innings) @ Tallahassee State College vs. 5 Star (Figueroa) 1 P.M. – Flag Day

15 Father’s Day – No activity

20-22 Legion 10 Team Tournament @ Troy University Baseball/Charles Henderson HS (Fri.-Sun.) Teams Announced

28 Doubleheader vs. Post 316 (Goff) @ Jacksonville, FL, J.P. Small Memorial Ballpark

29 Doubleheader vs. North Florida Black Sox (Chizmar) @ Tallahassee, FL, Fred George Park 1 P.M.

JULY:

6 Doubleheader vs. Post 137 (Nuckels), @ Tallahassee, FL, Fred George Park 1 P.M.

11-13 North FL Legion Qualifier Tournament, @ JP Small Memorial Ballpark Jacksonville, FL. Time-s/Teams Pending

24-27 FL State Legion Championship Tournament, @Jack Russell Stadium, Clearwater, FL (Arrive on 23rd for banquet and hotel check-in. American Legion will pay for hotel accommodations for ALL rostered players and coaches at the Hilton – Carillon Park, St. Petersburg, FL).

July 27th and onward

Southeast U.S. Regional Championship

American Legion World Series – Last year’s champs were Post 70 from Troy, AL. We will be playing them several times in June. Note: This is an interim schedule. More events may be added and are anticipated.

Please, make plans to attend as many games as possible. Thanks to Coach Jeff’s scheduling, we have home games in Tallahassee this year: June 14, June 29, and July 6.



May 22, Post 13 Monthly Social

Submitted by Dennis Hall, Post Historian

In keeping with a Memorial Day cook-out meal, the Post served hotdogs, potato chips, and coleslaw for dinner. Several desserts were brought, which completed the meal. Following dinner several awards were presented, information concerning two Memorial Day Services was announced and the always popular ALA Raffle was held to finish off a great night together. ALA Junior Members Rebekka Rosedale and Lenna Gayhart were recognized for graduating from high school. Legionnaire Andre Rosedale was recognized for being May LOM. Post 13 Adjutant Ed Hood received the AL Medal of Merit for his excellence as Post Adjutant. Post 13 Second Vice Commander Redmond Gautier received the AL Medal of Merit for his exceptional duty as the Post Second Vice Commander. Special guests were Outgoing District 2 Commander Doyle Combs and Incoming District 2 Commander Roxanne Dressel.



Rebekka Rosedale (L)



Lenna Gayhart (L)



Andre Rosedale, May LOM



Adjutant Ed Hood, AL Medal of Merit



Ed Hood, Citation



Redmond Gautier, Citation



District 2 Commander Doyle Combs presented Post Commander Cindy Laskowski a "thank you" gift for her service.



Post Commander Cindy Laskowski received a "Challenge Coin" from District 2 Doyle Combs.



Adjutant Ed Hood Raffle winner!



Chris Kimball Raffle winner!



Commander Cindy Laskowski Raffle winner!



Paula Roberts Raffle winner!

"Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony." ~ Mahatma Gandhi

May 22, Post 13 Monthly Social continued...



Rebekka Rosedale (L)



Lenna Gayhart (L)



Andre Rosedale, May LOM



Roxanne Dressel
Raffle winner!



Roger Hewitt
Raffle winner!

During the monthly social, Post Adjutant Ed Hood reported several letters were submitted to Department for the following Department (statewide) awards: John Folsom, JROTC and ROTC Best Post School Medals Program & Runner Up, Ben Bradwell for “Tracy Taylor” Award for best Post Service Officer, Adjutant Ed Hood for Department Legionnaire of the Year, Legionnaire Dr. Gary Futrell for Best Public Relations Program & Runner Up, and the “Wilson Timmons” Memorial – Best All Around Post Award. Good luck to all candidates!

MEMORIAL DAY POPPY EVENTS

SUBMITTED BY: DOTTIE HALL



“A dream you dream alone is only a dream. A dream you dream together is reality” ~ Yoko Ono

FUN AT THE PARADE AT THE CONVENTION

Pictures submitted by Dottie Hall, ALA Member



District 2 Attendees: Nell Hewitt, Debra Mann, Katrina Rosedale, Muriel Kweyama, Dottie Hall



Unit 13 Group: Nell Hewitt, Katrina Rosedale, Muriel Kweyama, Dottie Hall

INSTALLATION OF DEBRA MANN AT CONVENTION



NIGHT OUT WITH UNIT 13 ATTENDEES AT CONVENTION



It's not all work and no fun for the members of Unit 13 American Legion Auxiliary!

They work hard for our Post all year long and volunteer to make our Post one of the most successful in the State, if not THE most successful! ~ Paula

“Blessed are the hearts that can bend, they shall never be broken.” ~ Albert Camus

A GRADUATE!

The day finally arrived for Sharon Courey's grandson Charles Shiben Latimer who began his West Point education in June 2021 and graduated May 23, 2025! His hard work has finally paid off! Charlie's family attended the graduation, including proud grandmother Sharon. He will be stationed for one year in Oklahoma, followed by a 3-year assignment in Kentucky. We wish Charlie the very best from our Post 13 family!



Mom and Dad below

“When we sow a seed, we plant a narrative of future possibility.” ~ Sue Stuart-Smith

Submitted by Bob Costello, USAF, Vietnam Era Veteran

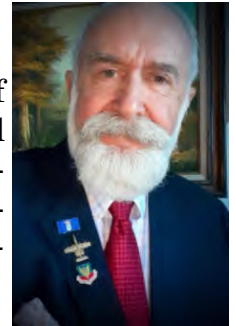
HOPE is the promise of better days against a sea of pain...

Bringing **HOPE** is our optimistic view during any adversity or traumatic period. Veterans empower through prayer for HOPE during times of stress or face great hardship. **HOPE** is the virtue of something better and the expectation of gaining its needed relief.

HOPE has arrived! His name is Bob Hope, on tour, as our resource of better things to come; is here to cheer us on. Bob Hope became our **Honorary Veteran** as a beacon of undeniable **HOPE** with his willing, appeasing nature. Bob Hope will always be that interlude of optimism; fulfillment of *cheer* with his everlasting effects that were well-attended and long lasting.

Remember or imagine the feelings of anticipation, longing expectancy and promise of a grand cheerfulness in the midst of tragedy, conflict and fear. *Then, Bob Hope arrives!* He lifts the hearts and minds of all those soldiers working to protect the nation-state of Vietnam. This respite was well-deserved. Bob Hope gave us *hope!*

He brought *hope* to our men on the field of battle! His cheer uplifted spirits of thousands of our troops, much as “**Good Morning, Vietnam**” broadcast had done. (This revival of that movie was predicated upon Sgt. Cronaurer’s memorable broadcasts for our troops). (Cronaurer was a Law School grad of the University of Pennsylvania – later handling prisoner-of-war issues for the Pentagon.)



Bob Hope was one of many USO stars that knew our needs in boosting our morale in its absolute necessity; for soldiers risking their very lives for democracies, everywhere. The least we could do is give our veterans uplifted spirits and hope well-deserved. Two million troops were sent to Vietnam. It is estimated that of all those sent into harm’s way, 59,479 never came home. Those feelings are compounded further by being apart from home, family and peaceful serenity; then only to come home without “*Thanks*” or “*Tickertape Parades*” that left our veterans with the feeling that they were rejected.

These feelings are and have been too much to bear after America ostracized our troops on return and worse – even up through today. Reflect upon those times; though let us now focus our thoughts on those who believed in us, we soldiers: now veterans – many remain emotionally downtrodden.

Many stars (USO) arrived in Nam to give veterans the spirit that we were not forgotten; and that the job we were doing was not thankless nor was it *for naught*. We who served deserve the “*Thanks*” of America for doing our duty as ordered even under transcending times. Those entertainers were our inspiration who uplifted us during great sacrifice and loss. Instestinal fortitude of self-drive kept our Veterans drive going...God, Country and Duty. However, our Hollywood (USO) stars kept our spirits high by the mere joy of love in their caring hearts for our troops who were continually in harm’s way.

Bob Hope’s comedic enlightenment was the *greatest show on earth* with a troupe of relief that our troops had come to expect by his extraordinary stage presence. *Continued....*

“The chief danger in life is that you may take too many precautions.” ~ Alfred Adler

HOPE continued
Submitted by Bob Costello

Hope was well known for his uncanny sense of humor and jokes that purely resonated with all he came into contact. Our soldiers loved Bob Hope!

He did, in fact, bring **HOPE!** Our grand master comedian, Bob Hope, was instrumental in keeping Veterans spirits alive in their hearts, though more in their minds. Bob Hope dedicated his life to our US Soldiers/Troops (**USO**) in the field of these horrific regions of conflicted battle as Hope went into areas that others did not dare venture.

Jesting with monologs that were his trademark, where his joking was anything but. Though mere jokes with his '*spirit lifting*' stories raised the '*hopes*' of every soldier (and veteran's soon after) with loving diatribes with relatable lines of those experiences at which we might laugh today. Hope's *hope* gave us time to even laugh at ourselves.



Cheer was his *Number One objective*. He penetrated the fears and traumas of soldiers where conflict tore at every soldier feelings, no matter how strong. Bob Hope's vaudevillian style was a lively entertaining method that touched the hearts of every soldier in this zone of atrocity and conflict giving pure "*hope*" in its residual affect.

Bob Hope was pure inspiration! He was the face of silly, conniving, lasciviousness wit, and sly portrayals, for his love of man was momentarily defrayed temporarily. When comedy met combat, Bob Hope was there – he was a bona fide volunteer – for us soldiers, now veterans all. In vigilance, Hope was a man of the forces by thinking of his men in the field as a special breed (soldiers) fighting for a cause believed in.

It had been said that this entourage/troop with Bob Hope travelled well over 34,000 miles to get 'laughs' and well he did, indeed! He often pointed out the men on distant hillside telephone poles asking them "*Are you on our side?*"

Yes, indeed – we soldiers then; and veterans now, were invariably on the side of *freedom for all* and on his side as he gave us (Bob) "**HOPE**" once more!



NOTES FROM THE EDITOR



Dear Members:

July Fourth is one of my favorite holidays! I guess it's the summer temperatures and food just made to be eaten outdoors. The Fourth is on a Friday night, which makes it that much more fun! No work the next day for most of us! No reason not to get out and enjoy the festivities.

Who doesn't remember Bob Hope entertaining the troops? Please read the article "Hope" by Bob Costello on pages 18-19. Bob Hope tens of thousands of troops, along with many Hollywood celebrities, including Rachel Welch (my dad's favorite). Haaa, for the good 'ole days!

As always, we at Post 13 appreciate our members. ~ Paula Wilkins

"Do not fear mistakes, there are none." ~ Miles Davis

Honor Flight Moments...

Photos by Bob Costello, USAF, Vietnam Era Veteran



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- July 4 Independence Day
- July 24 Post 13 Social 6:00 pm
Program 6:30 PM
- July 25 National Hire A Veteran Day
- July 27 National Korean War
Veterans Armistice Day
- July 28 National Buffalo Soldiers Day
- July 29 Army Chaplain Corps
Anniversary

QUIZ

Do you know how a toaster heats a piece of bread?

“A toaster uses infrared radiation to heat a piece of bread. When you put your bread in and see the coils glow red, the coils are producing infrared radiation.



The radiation gently dries and chars the surface of the bread. The most common way for a toaster to create infrared radiation is to use nichrome wire wrapped back and forth across a mica sheet.”

WE SALUTE OUR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES



POST 13 JULY 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 HALL AVAILABLE CALL 284-6967	30 7:00 - 9:00 pm DANCE PARTY \$10 ALL AGES OPEN TO PUBLIC	1 JULY 6:30 - 10:00 pm TALLAHASSEE SWING BAND \$10 Open to Public \$7 Students	2 10:00 am Commander's Coalition 6:30 - 9:30 PM SUE BOYD DANCE	3 3:00 - 5:00 pm Tallahassee Veterans Legal Collaborative	4 	5 HALL AVAILABLE CALL 284-6967
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