



# Sauls-Bridges American Legion

## Post 13 News



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## Operation Iraqi Freedom

**H**ow did this operation begin? King Saddam Hussein was found to be in violation of United Nations Security Council adopted Resolution 1441, which “prohibits stockpiling and importing weapons of mass destruction (WMDs).” There started the preemptive airstrikes against Iraqi targets and King Hussein’s palace.

Initially, Operation Iraqi Freedom began on March 20, 2003 with 67,000 troops on the ground and 15,000 Navy personnel in the sea around Iraq. After just 5 weeks, Baghdad fell. “With the invasion complete, an insurgency and influx of al Qaeda inspired fighters poured into the country that sparked guerilla warfare tactics against U.S. troops and civil war between the Sunni and Shia tribes.” After 9 years of conflict, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff including U.S. military leaders, ended the Operation on December 15, 2011, but not before 4,500 U.S. troops were killed.



Coalition Forces in Baghdad on April 8, 2003.  
<https://www.gettyimages.com/photos/iraqi-freedom?page=2>

However, the fighting did not end in 2011. Instead, the Islamic State of Iraqi and Syria (ISIS) was established with its sole purpose to cause mayhem and instability in the Middle East. ISIS was a barbaric and destructive terrorist force causing massive casualties among the Iraqi and Syrian people. The toll on the Iraq infrastructure was enormous.

From ISIS terrorism, Operation Inherent Resolve was born on October 17, 2014. This Operation was a military campaign to end the terrorism of ISIS in Iraq, Syria and Libya. The goals of Operation Inherent Resolve were simple: end ISIS first and foremost, stabilize the regional governments against the terrorist group, and allow additional operations to be conducted in the countries to rid them of ISIS.

This Operation would not have been successful without the cooperation of the Islamic Security Forces and the Syrian Democratic Forces, who both joined with U.S. troops to defeat ISIS. Operation Inherent Resolve ended on March 23, 2019.

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

## Sauls-Bridges AL Post 13 Conducts Four Chaplains Service and Post Everlasting Service

*Submitted by Dennis Hall, Post 13 Historian*

On Sunday, February 2, Post 13, under the leadership of Post Chaplain Eric Smith, joined together to commemorate the sacrifice of the infamous U S Army four chaplains who perished at sea on February 3, 1943. The four chaplains were serving on board the USAT *Dorchester* when it was torpedoed by the German submarine *U223*. The ship sank off the coast of Newfoundland in the North Atlantic very shortly after being fatally damaged. The water's temperature was a frigid 34 degrees and the air temperature was an equally bone chilling 36 degrees. The four chaplains sacrificially gave their life jackets to those who did not have one. Because of poor planning, the number of people on board was greater than the ship's number of life jackets. As the *Dorchester* began to slip beneath the icy waters, eyewitnesses testified the four chaplains could be seen singing hymns and offering prayers for others. They remained arm in arm as they disappeared from view.

Chaplain Smith provided an introduction to the Four Chaplains Service by providing an overview of what occurred on board the *Dorchester* on the night of February 3, 1943. Following the chaplain's introduction four Legionnaires read a very brief biography of each of the Four Chaplains. Before they read, they lit a candle in memory of the chaplain they were honoring.



Post 13 Chaplain Eric Smith provides opening remarks concerning the events of February 3, 1943 on the *Dorchester*.

Legionnaire Keith Gaden (L)  
Post Adjutant Ed Hood  
Legionnaire Earnest Reed  
Post Historian Dennis Hall

Chaplain John Washington  
Rabbi Alexander Goode  
Chaplain Clark Poling  
Chaplain George Fox



Four Chaplains Observance  
Sunday, February 2, 2025  
2:00 PM to 3:00 PM



Following the Four Chaplains Service, a short five minute interlude provided time for preparations to be made for the Post Everlasting Service.

“All journeys have secret destinations of which the traveler is unaware.” ~ Martin Buber

## Sauls-Bridges AL Post 13 Conducts Four Chaplains Service and Post Everlasting Service continued...

The Post Everlasting Service honors the memory and service of Post 13 comrades who passed away in the previous year. The following ten Legionnaires were remembered during the service.

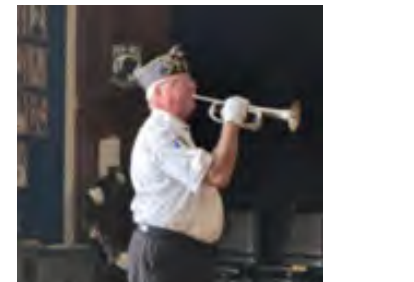
Ronald Baxley  
Gerald Blaisdell

Michael Gavin  
Leon Law

Peter Ribaud  
Glen Rushing

John Sullivan  
Bryce Thornton

Norman Trykowski  
Nathaniel Turnbull, Jr.



“If you look for perfection, you will never be satisfied.” ~ Leo Tolstoy

## Sauls-Bridges AL Post 13 Conducts Four Chaplains Service and Post Everlasting Service continued...



ALA Unit 13 President Nell Hewitt concluded The Post Everlasting Service reading the 23rd Psalm and offering a prayer.

## New Post 13 Members Voted in During February 13 General Business Meeting Submitted by Dennis Hall, Post 13 Historian

*Submitted by Post 13 Historian Dennis Hall*

During the February Post 13 General Meeting the following members were voted into the Post. Taken from the Minutes of the General Meeting:

**1ST VICE COMMANDER Rodney Keener reported:**

**New Member applications:**

- Joe Feheley, USAF, GW
- Damien Jones, USA, Iraq
- Michael Hawkes, USCG, Grenada

**Transfers:**

- Clarence Gagni, USAF, Post 200
- Matthew Ward, USA, GW, Post 400
- Ariel Benitez, USCG, Vietnam, Post 400
- Bradley Jones, USAF, GW, Post 16, PUFL
- James Wilcox, Post 400
- E.W. Bill Powers, Post 400



**Past Commander Folsom made a motion to accept new members. Ernie Alvarez seconded the motion. Motion carried with no discussion.**

**Welcome to American Legion Post 13. We are happy you joined us!**



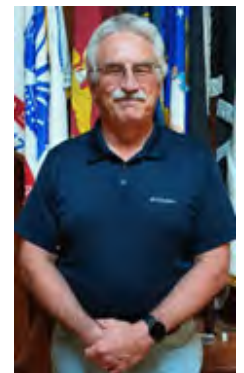
Three new Post 13 members.



Clarence Gagni,  
USAF



Damien Jones  
USA



Michael Hawkes  
USCG

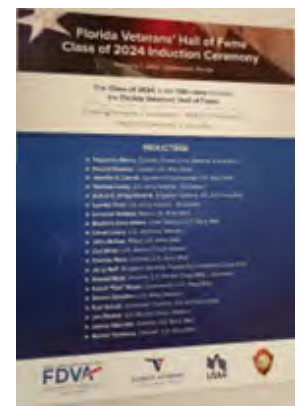
## Two Post 13 Legionnaires Were Honored at the 2024 Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame Induction Service

*Submitted by Dennis Hall, Post 13 Historian*

At 10:00 a.m. February 7, 2025, The Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame (FVHF) met at the FSU Alumni Center in Tallahassee, Florida. The FVHF inducted 20 Floridians into their Class of 2024 Hall of Fame. Fifteen men and five women were included in the 2024 Class. "The State of Florida established the Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame in 2013 to recognize and honor those military veterans who, through their works and lives during and after military service, have made a significant contribution to the State of Florida. In selecting its nominees for submission to the Governor and Cabinet, the Council will give preference to veterans who were either born in Florida or adopted Florida as their home state. The individuals they choose will have made a significant contribution to the state in civic, business, public service, or other pursuits." <https://floridaveteranshalloffame.org/>

It is a prestigious honor to be inducted into the FVHF. Post 13 has several present and prior members who are included in the FVHF. You may recognize these names: John Folsom, Charles LeCroy, Washington Sanchez, Henry Lowery, Gordon Lightfoot, Claude Shipley, and Dennis Baker. These may not be the only ones, and if someone is missed, apologies are extended. Congratulations to their prior induction to the FVHF. Thank you, for your continued service to your community.

And now, Post 13 has another FVHF member: Legionnaire Col (R) Charles "Chuck" Mohr, U.S. Army. Col Mohr has over 76 years of service with the Florida Army National Guard and is also very active in several civic clubs and VSOs. Congratulations upon your recent induction into the Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame. In 2024, Col Mohr was honored for being associated with the Florida Army National Guard for over 75 years, named AL Post 13 2024 Legionnaire of the Year, and was designated Leon County Government Co-Hometown Hero. He is a very deserving Veteran receiving accolades from various organizations.



Post 13 Legionnaire Dennis Baker was awarded The Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame Society (FVHFS) 2024 President's Medal by Bruce Holt, Founder and Past President of the FVHFS.

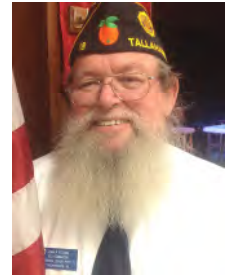
"Don't allow your rituals to become ruts." ~ Todd Henry

## VOLUNTEER FOR 2025

One of the most crucial times of the year has come upon us here at the American Legion. It is that time of the year that we could use your services. The American Legion, you and I, are about to select our new officers for the coming term. There are some positions that we foresee not being filled in the coming year. The main one being a finance officer. If you have any expertise in this field at all, please allow me to place your name in nomination for that position. We could even use your assistance in guiding or assisting another who might take the position. One of our missions here at the American Legion is to try and help our Veterans. This time our American Legion Post 13 could use some help.

You can contact me at:

John P Folsom  
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Nominations will start at our March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Nominations will close at our April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting and at that meeting all nominations will be formally submitted. There has not been anybody selected as a nomination chairman. I have done that for the last 13 or so years so I will assume that task until I am replaced.

After nominations have been submitted in April we wait until the May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Then we get to decide who chaperons the Post for the next term, “we vote.” It's not over yet, we have to wait until after the State Convention, June 12-15, 2025, then at our next social June 26, 2025 the new officers will be installed.

Recap:  
 Nominations    March 13 till April 10  
 Elections        May 8  
 Install            June 26



If you nominate someone, they have to be willing to serve. I myself have served as: Adjutant, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander, Commander, District Vice Commander, District Adjutant, District Commander, and currently serving as District Chaplain.

**The Offices Are:**

<b>Commander</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander</b>	<b>Sargent at Arms</b>	<b>Historian</b>
<b>Chaplain</b>	<b>Finance Officer</b>	

**The Adjutant is appointed, if you are interested let me know.**

**John P Folsom**





## "In the Spirit of Service, Not Self"

In 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the first presidential proclamation declaring the week of March 8 National Women's History Week. The U.S. Congress followed suit, passing a resolution establishing a national celebration. Six years later, the National Women's History Project successfully petitioned Congress to expand the event to the entire month of March. Women's History Month, a significant celebration that honors women's contributions to history, culture, and society, has been observed annually in March in the United States since 1987. Women's History Month will occur from March 1- 31, 2025 each year.

From the beginning, women have served in our military in diverse roles, not just as nurses. The Army Nurse Corps was created in 1901, followed by the Navy Nurse Corps in 1908. Regardless of her role, every woman has a unique story and song to sing. Women are the endless caretakers for all. Let's honor the women who have influenced our lives, whether it's our Mom, Sister, or any woman who has made a difference.



The icon "ROSIE THE RIVETER" is well known for thousands of women who accomplished many jobs supporting the war efforts. Rosie's history is impressive, and we appreciate the level of home assistance achieved. Workers made a difference "over there" during WWII.

The Auxiliary had a well-known "Rosie"; Ms. Lois Hanna was a welder in the Panama City shipyard for several months. Ms. Hanna traveled from Bonify, Florida, some forty-nine miles daily to help get vessels ready for the sea. Lois' daughter, Juanita LeCroy, and son, Vic Hanna, still walk our hall at the Legion.

**Tuesday, March 18, 2025**, Unit 13 will honor members for their dedication and service as we celebrate Women's History Month locally with lunch and a pinning ceremony for those members earning continuous service pins, including honoring our "*Gold Star Mothers*."

On February 11, Auxiliary members Emily Phelps, Jennifer Ringvelski, and Katrina Rosedale represented the Auxiliary at Sgt. Ernest I. "Boots" Thomas VA Clinic for National Salute Week to our Veterans.

Mark your calendar for the Auxiliary Executive Committee meeting **on Thursday, March 13, at 5:30 p.m.** The General Membership meeting starts at 6:00 p.m. REMINDER: All Auxiliary meetings are held at the **Hootch**.

The Post Social will be **on Thursday, March 27, at 6:30 p.m.** sharp!

Our Social Deserts have a new twist. The Legion and Auxiliary decided the Auxiliary would furnish desert during the **ODD** months (January, March, May, July, September), and the Legion would furnish desert during the **EVEN** months (February, April, June, August, October). Remember, there are no socials in November and December.

Your continued support and prayers for our organization are invaluable and deeply appreciated. Please stand by us as we strive to make a difference in our community.

For God and Country,  
Nell Hewitt, President  
American Legion Auxiliary  
Sauls-Bridges, Unit 13



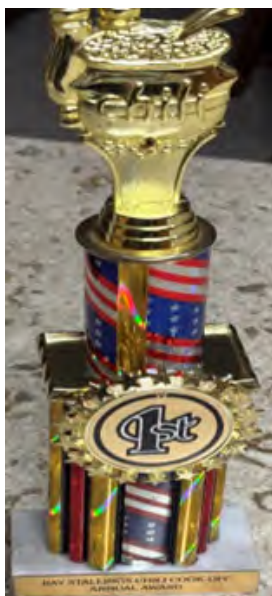
*"In the Spirit of Service- Not Self"*

## January 30, 2025 Post 13 Ray Stallings Chili Cook-off and Social *Submitted by Post 13 Historian Dennis Hall*

The Ray Stallings Chili Cook-off and Social were moved from the fourth Thursday to the fifth Thursday due to the “Snow of January 22”. It was determined, because of the possibility of power outages and dangerous road conditions, to postpone the event one week. Post 13 members from the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, and Sons of the American Legion met together with their family members and friends. All enjoyed an evening of comradery, raffle drawings, recognitions, delicious desserts, and each voted for their favorite chili entry.

At the January Post Social the annual Ray Stallings Chili Cook-off competition takes place. The cook-off is named after Past Post 13 Commander Ray Stallings. Commander Stallings passed away on August 20, 2004. He was serving at the time of his death as the Post 13 Commander. His name is memorialized each year by the Post’s Chili Cook-off. The winner claims the title for the best chili and is awarded the First Place Trophy (FPT). The FPT is kept in the winner’s possession until the following year’s cook-off is held. The January 2024 winner was Legionnaire Chuck Howell. Chuck is a stiff competitor and was back to defend his title and maintain possession of the FPT. But, it would not be easy to win two years in a row. Chuck had three very tough opponents, each determined to “give him a run for the prize”. His challengers were all from the ALA: Dottie Hall, Nell Hewitt, and Ruth Langston. They were united in upsetting Chuck from being a repeat winner! Chuck did not have **any** competition from the other AL and SAL members. Chuck’s reputation for winning had put fear in their hearts!

Everyone present sampled all four anonymous chilies and cast their vote for first place. While the votes were being tabulated, everyone enjoyed bowls of chili, hot dogs, chips, desserts, and good fellowship! Afterwards, the results of the voting were announced by District Two Chaplain John Folsom. Competition was so tough it required the District Chaplain to preside over the announcement! The tension in the air was so thick you could cut it with a knife! Would Chuck be a repeat? Or, would there be a new reigning champion for the year 2025? The winner was announced, it was .....



Pictured left is the sought after Post 13 Ray Stallings Chili Cook-off First Place Trophy.

District Two Chaplain John Folsom welcomed everyone to the cook-off. He thanked the competitors and wished them all good luck. John explained how the votes would be cast, and who were responsible for counting the votes to determine the 2025 First Place Winner.

He announced the winner, it was.....

“Muddy water is best cleared by leaving it alone.” ~ Alan Watts

## *Post 13 Ray Stallings Chili Cook-off and Social continued...*



Post 13 Commander Cindy Laskowski (R) presents the 2025 Post 13 Ray Stallings Chili Cook-off First Place Trophy to American Legion Auxiliary Unit President Nell Hewitt as District Two Chaplain John Folsom looks on.

Congratulations, Nell!

“Thank you” and “job well done” to the other three competitors.  
Please come back and compete again next year.

It would be great to have even more competitors in 2026!

## **January Social Recognitions**



Letters of Appreciation for assisting with the Veteran's Day Break-fast were presented by Post 13 Commander Cindy Laskowski (C) to Legionnaires John Folsom, Chuck Howell, Wayne Langston, Andre Rosedale, and Dwayne Meyer (L-R). Post 13 Adjutant Ed Hood looks on. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication to our Post.



ALA Unit 13 Member, Dottie Hall, received a Letter of Appreciation for her assistance with the Veterans Day Breakfast. Presentation made by ALA Unit President Nell Hewitt (L) and AL Post 13 Commander Cindy Laskowski. Thank you, Dottie, for your efforts and being recognized by both ALA Unit 13 and AL Post 13.



Legionnaire Juan Gonzalez received a Letter of Appreciation for his work with the 2024 Memorial Day Service at the Oakland Cemetery. Post 13 Commander Cindy Laskowski (R) presented the LOA. Thank you, Juan, for honoring our fallen veterans.

“Try and fail, but don't fail to try.” ~ John Quincy Adams

### Post 13 Ray Stallings Chili Cook-off and Social continued...

Ms. Valeriya (Val) Petushkova received a Letter of Appreciation for her assistance with decorating Post 13's Veterans Day Parade Float, participating in the parade, and taking a part in the Post's Christmas Party. She was very gracious in having her picture taken with children and adults while donning her "red, white, and blue" feathered wings. Post 13 Commander Cindy Laskowski made the presentation on behalf of the Post. Thank you Val, for your support of Post 13.



### January Social ALA Raffle Winners



Legionnaire Roger Hewitt



Legionnaire Sam Omeke



Ms. Val Petushkova & Alexander

ALA Unit 13 President Nell Hewitt presented the winning raffle items



Legionnaire Cole Glover



Legionnaire Lindsay Holguin



Ms. Zoya Demydenko



Ms. Beatrice Wolfe  
ALA Unit 13 President Nell Hewitt presented the winning raffle item.



Post 13 Nominating Chair John Folsom announced Post nominations would be open March and April, with Post.



Post 13 Chaplain Eric Smith closed the Social in prayer.

"The world belongs to the enthusiast who keeps cool." ~ William McFee

## *A Surviving Spouse Veteran Angel*

*Submitted by Bob Costello, USAF, Vietnam Veteran, and Author/Artist/ Photographer*

*Our Surviving Spouse Veteran Angel* diligently administers a program out of the Luke Chapter of MOAA region and has received accommodations and awards befitting her works assisting those who have need of support for their personal grief sharing during these times of need.

This Angel oversees the *Surviving Spouse* initiative for those who suffer the loss of a military loved one! Many may know, though others may not, so let me explain what Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) offers to assist those who have no earthly idea what to do or whom to turn to. This program has grown to a noticeable level in that awards have been given to one of its own ... Angels!



Like those of the “**Old Guard**”, founded in 1784, with their promise and ‘*sacred duty*’ of the 3<sup>rd</sup> US Infantry Regiment, this particular Angel has committed herself to rendering the same faithful service as those of the Old Guard are noted for.

Our Angel sprouted her wings from her nest in Abington, Pennsylvania outside of Philadelphia proper. A step at a time, she learned how to fly with the winds loving guidance. She took flight with a love so grand that she found a place where her grace would be most beneficial. However, there is no halo over her head though the glow of her love and works is noticeable and true.

Learning through the loss of her own Vietnam veteran officer, her loved one, our Angel’s flight, was and is, to determine eligibility, then from there to assist in taking care of those whose loss was personal and deep – in their pain and suffering. By grace, making introductions to ease the transition, our Angel calmly listens then, at the appropriate time, shares her learned insight with knowledge and grace, so essential to the “individual needs” of those in pain.

Her flight took her to Johns Hopkins, then to upstate New York to begin her Angelic career in a country hospital in peaceful Hamilton, New York. From her nest, our Angel learned and was trained in the medical field to assist others in need or medical attention by her illustrious energy and spontaneity. From her nest there, in colder climes, she grew in knowledge and stature, rising to higher standard of the industry’s procedural administration. Taking flight: *as she learned, so she lived*. One day, while going for a job interview in San Francisco, she met another bird of the feather, when she met her own “*Army veteran love*” in SFO airport. Within 6 hours, he proposed to her where she said ‘*Yes*’. At the time Lt. Col Phillip was duty stationed at Ft. Ord, CA assigned to *Combat Development and Experimentation* unit with a career of 20+ year honorable Army duty.

Our Angel’s ‘*casualty assistance*’ knowledge sprouted wings even more. Immediately, her flight was expanded to homebound *Care Giving* for all loved one’s impaired veteran. *Care Giving* was feathered to the *Respite Care* phase. Learning these wing maneuvers gave her new, improved knowledge by assisting others – took flight. Our, volunteer Angel was assigned a variety of positions from which she grew for the benefit of others. (Continued...)

“The most important thing in communication is hearing what isn't said.” ~ Peter Drucker

## *A Surviving Spouse Veteran Angel continued*

### *Submitted by Bob Costello*

Once asked if she knew anything about anatomy, her redirected flight took a new direction. With this newfound codified knowledge of **SNODO** of disease research codification data, she flew into her *Health Information Coding* position under the guidance of another bird by intensified reading, studying medical knowledge outside her nesting comforts. Her **HIM** consultant brought her a book on **HIM** from Eda Hoffman who led the way to *Registration in Health Information Technology* registration licensing. She subsequently went through school and earned her certification in case management along with certifications on *Corporate Compliance and Research Compliance*. Then she took flight by her licensure in *Florida Healthcare Risk Management*. Flight after flight of learning, gave her a new independence of confidence not often found in one's flight approach to life in the *medical healthcare sector*; with a confidence unequalled.

From hospital to hospital she flew giving them all more confidence and knowledge. Our Angel has, over her retirement years, received three awards of recognition while creating and maintaining the *Surviving Spouse* program of the Luke Chapter of MOAA (Arizona). These awards arose by her stellar works with those grieving while in dire need of assistance. MOAA Officers as Lt. General Dana T. Atkins, USAF; Lt. General Brian T. Kelly, USAF and others recognized her work through awarding *outstanding service awards* for her role as a Luke MOAA Chapter *Surviving Spouse Liaison*.

***Military wives are a strong sort***, yet when a spouse passes, their strength needs supporting by instilling into them that as *Military Wives*: “You can do **anything!!!**”

Our Angel shows them loving support through her reinvigorated *Surviving Spouse* program; her kindnesses; her knowledge and resourcefulness. Whether she flew to Tampa, Clearwater, New Port Richey, Daytona Beach, Dallas, Riverside or Phoenix, she flew with grace. Her beneficence has given many others their newly regrown wings of courage and ability as *Military Wives* do! Our Angel's ultimate achievement was receiving the **MOAA's Top Honor of 2023 Surviving Excellence Award**, out of many.

Now let's hatch this news by taking flight to recognize this wonderful Angel amongst us – our Angel is Linda Wolverton. Ms. Linda, *I am proud to say, is my sister* of whom I speak by her accomplishments by her *walking the walk* as she diligently undertakes her works with those who have suffered their own monumental grievous loss. Hope flourishes with this Angel's guidance and support!

***(End Note Information: Lt. Col. Phillip Hukill, Linda's***

love, whose duties as Comptroller was his reporting directly to General W.C. Westmoreland, where he was responsible for all finances of MACV (*Military Assist Command Vietnam*), was laid to rest in *Arlington National Cemetery* when he was deployed to a higher level! Moreover, Lt. Col. Hukill had earned, among other awards, the *Legion of Merit* and the *Bronze Star*.) (*We salute him!*)

***Thank you, Ms. Linda for your Surviving Spouse Program as revised and your praiseworthy works helping others. “Thank You” for your service!!!***



“Enthusiasm is the great hill-climber.” ~ Elbert Hubbard

## Post 13 Notified of Legionnaires John Sullivan, Leon Law, Gerald "Jerry" Blaisdell, Clyde Welch and Samuel Jones Passing Away

Post 13 received notifications the above individuals passed away.



**John Maurice Sullivan**, 88, of Tallahassee, FL, passed away peacefully at his home on Tuesday, January 9, 2024. John was born on October 5, 1935, to John and Josephine in Brooklyn, NY. John joined the United States Navy at the age of 16, where he honorably served as a medic and actively served overseas in the Vietnam War. After a long career, John retired from the United States Navy in 1974 and devoted his life to serving his community as a Florida State Trooper for 4 years. John spent his entire life loving his neighbors as big as he loved himself. He loved ancestry and his Irish history. He visited Ireland constantly over the years and loved Irish music. He enjoyed watching soccer, collecting and trading guns, and loved Florida State University football. Above all, John cherished his family. He is survived by his wife, Sandra Sullivan of 43 years and his children Elizabeth (husband Michael) of Sammamish, WA, Jonathan of Orem, UT, Kathryn (husband Mark) of Lehi, UT, Kimberly of Tallahassee, FL, and Cindy of Tallahassee, FL. John is also survived by grandchildren Matthew (wife Annee) of Mesa, AZ, Madison of Sammamish, WA, Breanna (husband Brady) of Lehi, UT, Benjamin of Orem, UT, Luke of Eagle Mountain, UT, Taylor of Sammamish, WA and Koral of Lexington, NC, as well as two great grandchildren, Zayden and Ezran.

A public visitation in honor of John Sullivan was held on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Culley's MeadowWood Funeral Home located at 1737 Riggins Road, Tallahassee, FL 32308. The Interment, with Military Honors, was held on Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 1 p.m. at the Tallahassee National Cemetery located at 5015 Apalachee Pkwy, Tallahassee, FL 32311. Obituary originally posted on Culley's MeadowWood Funeral Home website.

Condolences are extended to the John Sullivan family.

**Leon Henry Law**, age 89, of Tallahassee, Florida passed away on Saturday, May 4, 2024. Leon was born in Schodack, New York on December 30, 1934. Unfortunately, no other information concerning Leon's life was available at the time of the writing of this article. His Death Notice was posted on Culley's Meadow-Wood Funeral Home website: <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/tallahassee-fl/leon-law-11798497>.

Submitted by Dennis Hall, Post 13 Historian



Emily Phelps of the American Legion Auxiliary greeted veterans with fruit and snacks during "National Salute to Veterans Week", held at the "Boots" Thomas VA Clinic on Tuesday, February 11th.

Linda Wolverton is shown with Astronaut Bill Gregory at the Luke Chapter MOAA dinner.

Bill served as an STS-67 pilot on the seven-person astronomical research mission aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavour.

Launching from the Kennedy Space Center on March 2, 1995, and landing at Edwards Air Force Base on March 18, 1995, the crew established a new mission duration record of 16 days, 15 hours, 8 minutes and 46 seconds, while completing 262 orbits.

Submitted by Bob Costello



"Run to the rescue with love and peace will follow." ~ River Phoenix

## Post 13 Notified of Legionnaires Passing Away continued...



**Gerald "Jerry" Blaisdell** grew up in Wisconsin and Minnesota, but built his life and family in Tallahassee over the past 50 years. Jerry's life was defined by work, family, caring, and sports. He entered into rest July 9, 2024.

In his book, *The Nine Nations of North America*, Joel Garreau claimed that the Midwest's defining characteristic was hard work. No one epitomized this strong work ethic more than Jerry. He was happiest when he was doing something, anything!

Whether it was working long hours at Harmon Glass, helping his son, Jim Blaisdell, with any number of projects, or helping one of a dozen volunteer organizations, Jerry worked. Jerry simply could not stay idle. The sign welcoming friends to his retirement party at Harmon Glass simply read "Work Horse Retires." He transferred to Tallahassee as part of Harmon Glass as the area manager in 1975. Under his supervision, the Tallahassee office ranked high nationally in customer service and productivity and won numerous awards including six Winner Circle Awards, two Golden Broom Awards, and a Profit Achievement Award. Jerry was also twice named Harmon Glass's Manager of the Year.

Working 50-to-60-hour weeks with Harmon, one would think Jerry had little time for anything else. Yet, as much as work defined Jerry, family did so even more. He shared his energy and expertise with his son, Jim, and his wife's daughter and son, Juli O'Neal Downs and John O'Neal. Whether helping with projects when Jim was younger or helping Jim start his own successful business, Jerry lovingly gave his time.

Jerry also loved involving himself in his grandchildren's and great grandchildren's activities. Nicolas Blaisdell, Casey O'Neal Albrizio, Lauren Combs, Slade Downs, Raylan Combs, and Lyndon Combs all loved having Jerry in their lives, and Jerry was always available to share his love and energy.

Jerry met Onez O'Neal in the late 1980s and soon began a 10-year courtship. He finally convinced Onez to marry him in 1998 and they shared a wonderful celebration with one hundred family members and friends at the Governors Club. Together they shared over a quarter of a century ensconced in Tallahassee life. Of course, their time together was not limited to Tallahassee as they vacationed in Canada, Alaska, Hawaii, the Caribbean, Holland, Germany, Switzerland, France, Italy, Belgium, Austria, Greece, and Turkey.

Jerry and Onez found time for FSU sports. Their tailgate parties at FSU football games were legendary. In addition to locals, you could find FSU fans from South Carolina, various states in the Midwest, and even a few Gator fans. Of course, a few players' parents would stop by including parents of Heisman Award Winner Chris Winke.

Jerry was heavily involved with Tallahassee's Quarterback Club and served on the Board of Trustees for several years. In 1994 Jerry was one of the members who helped form The Tallahassee Quarterback Club Foundation, Inc., which annually presents the Biletnikoff Award to the nation's most outstanding collegiate wide receiver. Fred Biletnikoff, the Hall of Fame receiver after whom the award is named, and Jerry became friends and golfing buddies.

Jerry's love for FSU sports was not limited to football, as he had season tickets for baseball and basketball, and he and Onez went to as many women's basketball, softball, and volleyball games as his busy schedule permitted. FSU Boosters also benefitted from Jerry's tireless efforts to raise money. Jerry was also a Charter member of the FSU University Club.

Jerry's contributions to associations and nonprofits were notable. He served on boards for The Salvation Army, the Glass Association of Florida, Tallahassee Builders Association, and the State of Florida Department of Juvenile Justice Advisory Council. He also was a longtime member of the Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce, American Legion Post 13, Independent Insurance Agents of Tallahassee, Springtime Tallahassee, and he was named the Associate Claims Person of the Year three times for the Tallahassee Claims Association. Jerry was a member of Wildwood Presbyterian Church where he helped feed those less fortunate during the church's weekly dinners for the community.

Jerry's service did not end with associations and family. Jerry entered the US Army in November, 1961, and was honorably discharged in November 1963. He served at Fort Carson in Colorado and at Fort Snelling in Minnesota. He continued to serve in the Army Reserve until 1976. He cherished his Army friends and stayed in contact with members of his unit. Around 1990 they began having annual reunions and Jerry attended about twenty of these reunions in Colorado, Iowa, and Tennessee.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 25 years, Onez O'Neal; his son, Jim Blaisdell (Johanna); his children via Onez (Juli Downs (Phillip) and John O'Neal); his grandchildren (Nicolas Blaisdell, Lauren Combs, DVM (David), Slade Downs, and Casey Albrizio) (Chris); his great grandchildren, Raylan Combs and Lyndon Combs, his sister Betty Hinz and hundreds of friends and colleagues whose lives Jerry touched.

A Celebration of Life service for Jerry was held 10:00 a.m. Friday, August 2, 2024 at Bevis Funeral Home. Interment, with military honors, followed at 12 noon at the Tallahassee National Cemetery. The obituary was published on the Bevis Funeral Home Website: <https://www.bevisfh.com/obituaries/Gerald-Blaisdell/#!/Obituary>.

Condolences are extended to the Gerald "Jerry" Blaisdell family.

"Tis never too late to be wise." ~ Daniel Defoe

## **Bravo Zulu**

**Bob Costello, USAF, Vietnam Veteran, and Author/Artist/ Photographer**



**“Bravo Zulu”** is the way Navy veterans would say! **“Well Done”**, others might say **“Hats off to you; Kudo’s; Thanks”**. These are typical renditions we articulate for those who have served our nation – America! **“Thank you “Troops”!**

I, speaking for many others and veterans akin, **“You, LtC Charles G. Mohr, lead us to contributing to the solidity of pride of our American traditions by keeping America safe in its freedoms and liberties, often overlooked.”**

This approbational praise is long, long overdue though **LtC Mohr** is anything but ‘typical’ as he is a special rendition of an Officer extraordinaire. Our military gatherings salute you and all who serve and served in our **“Second Tuesday”** event. And it is both a blessing and an event *worthy of salute.*

We veterans gathered here are **PROUD** to have your leadership as we march through life in all its conflicts, trials and tribulations. **“Tango Much!”**



Let’s take a look at a variety of praises for our innovative originator of **“Second Tuesday”**. His **‘wake up call’** for us gathers his troops together in camaraderie and good fellowship cheer. **“Hooah”!** Colonel Mohr has **“our 6”** from **“ohhhh dark thirty”** to the bright, enthusiastic **“bivouac”** of our **Second Tuesday** rallying – **“roger that”?!**

It is a form of **voluntary fun** of attendees to visit these functions that livens up our day, our life and welcoming – *cheers us on!*

Teasingly, our fun is greater than can ever be enunciated here. My veteran friend at **Second Tuesday** told me, as I sat there, **‘chowing down’** my fabulous lunch and **‘Apple Brown Betty’**: “What a grand opportunity to meet these vets.”

So, here I ponder in my veterans heart **‘scouting’** or **‘out on recon’** for historical data regarding our leader to honor his works for us in all measures. Now remember, that we veterans are **‘seasoned’** to the effects of jokes gone awry. We veterans, are a variety of a collection of **‘Bravehearts’**, with diverse backgrounds and opinions. Our officer, **‘top tier’** jesting, must have an effect upon us all. Or, face **KP duty.**

Military Officers have a penchant for humor. An Officer’ humor in uniform is one thing and another in **‘civvies’**. However, our honorable **‘Top Gun’, LtC Mohr** is the **‘Man of the Month’** for his **“Second Tuesday”** marshaling of our troops! And the humor is in the gaiety of those attendees in their gathering of stories and new friendships made eternal.

On a secondary stand, we wish to recognize **LtC Mohr’s** administration with the operations of **“Honor Flight Tallahassee”!** This successful venture has deep meaning and feelings galore for our veterans as a tribute to their sacrifices and those of their spouse and families.

Our Tuesday’s here may, be second, however, **LtC Mohr**, in our hearts - *is first!* All this at the beneficence of a military action under command of **LtC Charles Mohr**, for whom we now stand and salute for his leadership!

**RENDER SALUTE !**

**Moment of Silence.**

**ORDER ARMS!**

“Enough is a feast.” ~ Buddhist Proverb

## *Second Tuesday Gatherings*

*Submitted by Bob Costello, USAF, Vietnam Veteran*

### *Second Tuesday is not like any other Tuesday.*

Like the country boy says “y’all come on down now! Ya hear?!”: *“Our ... luncheon is less than a week away. Tuesday ... (you are invited to fixins’ of a good ole boy luncheon); so would “you all come to our chow time at the McMillan National Guard Armory on Capital Circle NE (just off Easterwood in Tallahassee) to ‘break bread’ with your new friends along with our fellow veterans.*

*We certainly hope you will be able to attend our food preparations with your fellow companions...”. “Mark your calendar... for the **Second Tuesday** of every month to come hither and join us – do you hear me troops!?”*

What a fantastic, awesome idea of us all gathering to commiserate as we *chow-down* with conversations galore about most anything that comes to mind. What a refreshing, joyful time we have in the armory “*chow hall*” – chewin’ and chattin’. Visiting on these **Second Tuesday’s** is finer than frogs’ hair! Our hankerin’, indeed, for this kind of “**chow time**” as we escape emotionally from our duties, is refreshing and welcomed by these ‘*get togethers*’. Colonel Mohr designed these meals for all the troops to gather for a welcomed ‘*commingling*’ at high noon with memories being shared.

This is a time to re-group; to support one another or commiserate in folly of banter or serious review. The popularity of this glorious event is still growing as we vets love to be reinvigorated by others in attendance; who have been there and done that. We reenergized our fellow veterans with a hoot and a holler! Y’all should be there at **Second Tuesday** as happy as a *hog wallowing in the mud, eatin’ our ‘world famous’ Apple Brown Betty*. *Hope you like Apple Brown Betties? I have a hankerin’ fer it now!!!*

We veterans are joined in unity with our conversation while waitin’ in line to get summin’ to eat that *leaves us grinnin’ like a Possum eatin’ a sweet tator*. I want all of you to be there on **Second Tuesday**, where y’all don’t need to get gussied up.

Whose idea was this in the first place and how did it come to be? This activity is derived from our “Top Honored Officer”, one grand fellow our, **LtCol Charles Mohr!** We veterans are glad for our Top Honored Officer, Charles G. Mohr, LtCol (*US Army Ret*) with us as our “**Man of the Month**”.

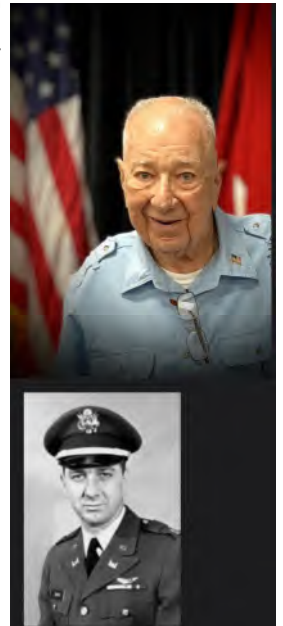
Let take a “*look-see*” here of our “*Man of the Month*” as he was an Assistant Division Aviation Officer, assigned to the 55<sup>th</sup> Command Headquarters of the Florida National Guard based out of Jacksonville, Florida with the U-6A *Beaver*. He was stationed at Camp Blanding in Clay County for his duty station. I would not have thought the Army was *that quick witted on the draw* being as I am an Airman and all!

The differences between the services are like different dialects though of the same language: as we are all **AMERICANS**, through and through. We subscribe to the same beliefs as we share our core holdings, values, stories and fellowshiping. We love to swap a few lies or jesting with respect for our military times or as volunteers with traditions shared by the grace of God and country as our duty subscribed.

LtCol Mohr’s **Second Tuesday’s** bold initiative with benevolence holds to his inveterate standing of goodness. Colonel Mohr’s moral inspiration is greater than just a whim speculated; rather it’s a rallying point for our veterans comfort with inspiration conjoined as we are ‘*pleased as punch*’. We praise him today *for his faith in we veterans* for our peace of mind in his sense of family unity. We thank him for his fidelity and adroitness in creating **Second Tuesday** gatherings for camaraderie ... and our “**C rations**” – *just kidding!* We praise the crews who prepare our meals, but oh that Apple Brown Betty is so heavenly good! Thanks gang!

If I may speak for Colonel Mohr in my bifurcated writing: Colonel Mohr observes as an institution holds that “*The longer we live, and observe, prudence is a virtue inherited by which we honor every man who served and is now a Veteran.*” Plus, “*There is no man who inspires me with more esteem”; than our fellow veterans!*

In that we thank you and SALUTE YOU for comin’!!! Y’all come back now, ya hear?!



“There’s not a word yet for old friends who’ve just met.” ~ Paul Williams



**Sharon L. Courey, Chaplain  
American Legion Auxiliary, Post 13**



Father, may we never forget to pray for our military and their families. On March 17, 1919, a “Mission Statement” formed the Preamble to the American Legion Constitution. This Preamble is recited before each official meeting and continues to this day. A portion of the words are “To Preserve the Memories and Incidents of Our Association in All Wars”. May we continue to honor our military men and women for their sacrifice for our Country. Keeping in mind, also, our new leaders in Government need strong, constant prayers as we maintain this freedom and continue in the best direction for our country and its citizens. Lord, we pray for guidance as you walk with us in heart and mind, day by day, working together to serve God and country. We pray in Your holy name. Amen.

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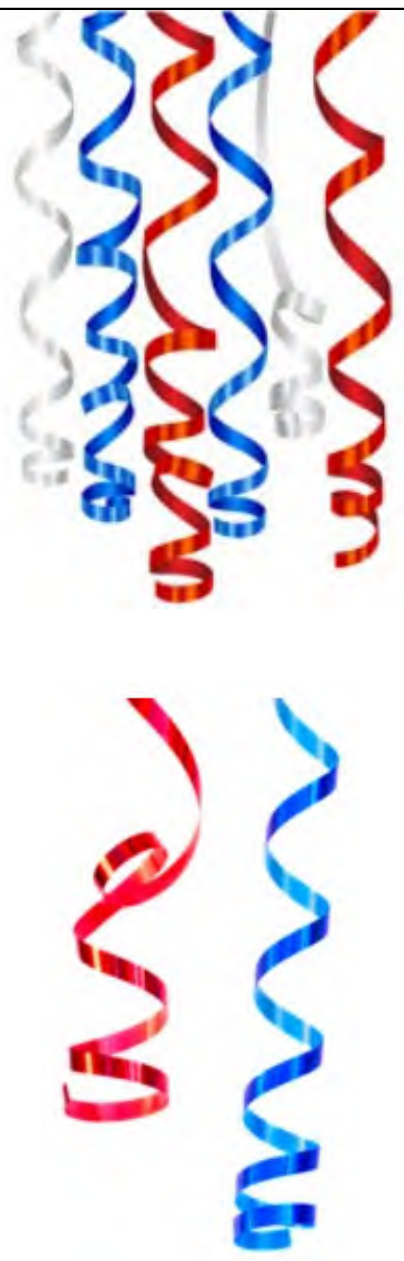
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**The Highway 59 Band**

Feb 11 · 🌐

We're Back! Join The Highway 59 Band for a night of great live music and dancing! Friday March 14, 2025 at The American Legion at Lake Ella, 229 Lake Ella Drive Tallahassee, Fl. 32302. Doors open at 7:00 pm and the band plays from 7:30 - 10:30. \$10.00 per person .

COME AND DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY WITH THE MUSIC OF

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Friday

**MARCH 14, 2025**

The party starts at 7:30 PM at the **American Legion Hall at Lake Ella**

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Saturday, March 15, 2025 at 8 PM  
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Sunday, March 9, 2025 at 6 PM  
**The Anders Thomsen Trio w/Sunshine Lemonade - Sunday, March 9th @6pm**  
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**NOTES FROM THE EDITOR**



Dear Members:

Happy Saint Paddy's Day! Celebrate responsibly if you venture out. Don't forget the St. Patrick's Day Dance on Tuesday, March 18th with the Tallahassee Swing Band providing the music.

In the newsletters you will occasionally find an article spotlighting a person who has committed themselves to helping the veteran community. I would like to honor these persons so that you can see the many people behind the scenes who work diligently to help our military and veteran community. Please feel free to send me an article highlighting your favorite person and I'll make sure we share it in our newsletter. After all, it's our many volunteers who gets things done!

Post 13 thanks you for your support. ~ Paula Wilkins

"Patience is bitter, but its fruit is sweet." ~ Jean-Jacques Rousseau

## Post 13 Notified of Legionnaires Passing Away continued...



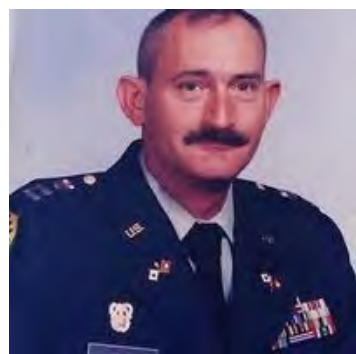
**George Clyde Welch**, 99, of Moultrie, passed away at Legacy Village at Park Regency on Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

A graveside service was held at 11:00 AM on Monday, November 11, 2024, at Hopewell Church Cemetery, with Reverend Julian Griner officiating.

Clyde was born on November 3, 1925, he was the son of the late Andrew T. Welch and Lillie Mae Reynolds Welch Hickman. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Mercedes Basa Welch; son, Clyde Welch, Jr.; and daughter, Betty Jean Welch. Mr. Welch is survived by his son, Andrew H. Welch of Tallahassee; daughter, Mary Ann Welch

Williams and husband Gene of Moultrie; grandchildren, Hayden Gliemmo and wife Cassie of Moultrie, Denim Gliemmo Wallace and Ryan of Columbus; and Laurel Williams and fiancé Lance Simmons; 10 great-grandchildren; and 6 great-great-grandchildren. Mr. Welch worked for the Colquitt County Correctional Institution and was of the Baptist faith. He served in the United States Navy and was a member of American Legion Post 13. His obituary was published on the Baker Funeral Home Website: <https://www.bakerfhga.com/obituaries/clyde-welch>

Condolences are extended to the George Clyde Welch family.



**Samuel Coley Jones**, age 77, passed away on February 1, 2025, in Tallahassee, Florida, after an extended illness.

Samuel was born January 17, 1948, to Loomus Jones and Clydie Jones in Shady Grove, FL. Samuel married Samantha Inman Jones of Valdosta, Georgia.

Sammy was a member of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church and the VFW National Reserve Officers Association. He retired from the U.S. Army as a Captain after 24 years of honorable service, during which he served during the Vietnam War era, completed overseas service in Korea, and deployed to the Middle East in support of Operation Desert Storm. He was a member of American Legion Post 13 and the Perry Masonic Lodge 123.

Sammy's hobbies included fishing, hunting, working in the yard, playing with his dogs, and staying busy.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Loomus and Clydie Jones, and his brother, Albert Loomus Jones. He was survived by his wife of 30 years, Samatha Jones; his daughter, Shavarea Inman Jones; his three sisters, Patricia Ann Linhardt, Mildred Elizabeth Adams, and Linda Lee Adams; a host of nieces, nephews, military family members, and a special friend, Mr. Ed Morgan.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, February 6, 2025, at 11:00 AM at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, with Pastor Wess Adams officiating. A visitation was held one hour prior to service, with military honors at the cemetery. The obituary was published at <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/samuel-jones-obituary?id=57445687>

Condolences are extended to the Samuel "Sammy" Coley Jones family.

## DESERVING RESPECT

*By Bob Costello, USAF, Vietnam Era Veteran*

So often, we Americans, in passing, seemingly forget our roots and respect for those who have given us our freedoms with the right of self-governance. We indeed, open our hearts to those who have served and served they did; with many in varied diversities. Remember to honor, respect and cherish those who served us, no matter in what capacity as each had reliance of dependence on the other, as a troop, force or unit had to have.

Connect with them, our veterans all *and* those with *'boots on the ground'* – with a word and attitude of gratitude as simple as ***“Thank you for your service”***! Veterans are the substantial foundation of our societal unit preservation of voice and choice. Vets build communities. They provide us with our comprehensible comforts and resources that we tend to take for granted in our liberty. We, Americans, are blessed and so fortunate over the decades to live in a country that has sustained our way of life and the right to go about our day unimpeded. Veterans have been and remain our liberty’s advocates; who with pride served each and every one of us impeccably.

If you will, each and every one of us, American’s all, must be supportive, while at the same time, be comforting by mentioning your ***‘Thank You’*** with warmth and honesty. Vocal intonations reveal the depths of your ***‘Thanks’***. Veterans deserve these daily tributes of ***‘Thanks for your service’*** that are meaningful with great feelings intended.

Spread the word daily and never ever let our ***‘Thanks’*** be made less meaningful or impactful. It is not a daily drudgery, rather a continuance of support that began with our **Founding Fathers**. I encourage you all, to acknowledge the sacrifices these veterans made for us in sustaining our way of life as we see it or sense it today.

This simple accolade is a *special honor* in its acknowledgment of our veteran’s meritorious service or degree of works, no matter our veteran’s duties. Once more, no simple guideline exists that will ensure our gratitude for these courageous veterans; who, for the most part, volunteered predicated on *honor and pride* of our nation to be free and *remain free!*

It all boils down to RESPECT and HONOR of those who put their COUNTRY, DUTY and FREEDOMS first and foremost. It is these volunteers and service persons that I encourage you to take a simple moment to verbalize our gratitude! Please say it *with a meaningful heart* of appreciation as they put their (veterans’ and active duty military) lives on line for us. Be compassionate, generous, and considerate with a kindhearted spirit that is true!

ELEVATE YOUR COMPASSIONS for these men and women service personnel who volunteered in keeping America safe and great. Veterans please know that America needs you to feel loved by your family at-large – we your extended family; a republic with its form of democracy that gives us free men and women the rights and privileges we have and have had all along!

We ***‘Thank You’*** for allowing us to live at liberty with the freedoms that, these days, we apparently take for granted. This impression appears to be rampant as we tend to take our freedoms for granted or without much thought. Veterans are NOT insignificant, nor inconsequential. We stand in the shadow of our veteran’s in their sacrifices made for us!

America, let us reach out to our Veterans and active duty personnel that you really care by telling them; that upon reflection, that your gratitude is as sincere and genuine today as it was in all our yesterdays. Open your hearts in a bold frankness of your appreciation of our veterans, coupled with our active duty military service members. Let your heart wave a flag of freedom in support of all they have given us.

Our **‘GRATUS’** is great in our support of appreciation for our veterans readiness to defend our freedoms – for we AMERICANS! ***Thank you all from the bottom of my and our hearts!!!***

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March	3	Navy Reserve Birthday
March	4	Hug a GI Day
March	5	Seabees Birthday
March	9	Begin Daylight Savings Time
March	13	K-9 Veterans Day
March	21	Rosie the Riveter Day
March	25	Medal of Honor Day
March	27	Post 13 Social 6:00 pm Program 6:30 pm
March	29	National Vietnam War Veterans Day



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