



Sauls-Bridges American Legion



Post 13 News



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The Star-Spangled Banner

Are you aware the Star-Spangled Banner still exists? It does, but first a little background information. It happened during the War of 1812 at the Battle of Baltimore. After a heavy night of fighting, American soldiers stationed at Fort McHenry raised the 15-star flag. The date was September 14, 1814 and present on the bridge of a British ship, negotiating the release of a prisoner was a 35 year-old poet named Francis Scott Key. His observance to the dedication of the American soldiers and the flag they raised in honor of their country brought about the desire in Key to write “the poem ‘Defence of Fort M’Henry’, which later became the lyrics for the U.S. national anthem (adopted by Congress in 1931).”

The words to the original song were not American, but British. And to add insult to injury, it was a British drinking song by the name of “To Anacreon in Heav’n,” the official ditty of an 18th century London men’s social club called the Anacreontic Society.”

The original flag was 30 feet by 42 feet and was sewn by Mary Pickersgill and her servant Grace Wisher. The huge size of the flag was a special request by Fort McHenry’s commander George Armistead who stated “it is my desire to have a flag so large that the British will have no difficulty in seeing it from a distance.”



Photo by Wikipedia.com



Today, the flag (or what’s left of it) resides at the Smithsonian Institute. For almost a hundred years, descendants of Armistead had possession of the treasured flag. His relatives made a habit of cutting off small sections of the flag to give out as souvenirs. What was left of the U.S. flag was only 30 feet by 34 feet with a whopping 8 feet of the flag gone. To date, the Smithsonian Institute has recovered most of the flag pieces, but the 15th star is still among the missing.

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

Items of Interest



The Claude Sauls American Legion Post 13 in Tallahassee, Florida, was chartered by The American Legion on June 9, 1919. The charter, granted on the recommendation of the State Organization, was signed by the following people:

- State Chairman, Albert H. Blanding
- State Secretary, Sumter L. Loury, Jr.
- Chairman of the National Executive Committee, Henry D. Lindley
- Secretary of the National Executive Committee, Eric Fisher Wood

This Post was initially designated the Claude Sauls American Legion Post after Tallahassee citizen Claude L. Sauls who was the first Tallahassee resident to be killed in World War I.

We celebrate June 9 as the anniversary of the American Legion Post 13. Captain R.A. Gray was the first Commander of our Post.

Tom Albert receiving a Letter of Appreciation from former Commander and current Chaplain for the 2nd District John Folsom.



The AMVETS Post 1776 organization from Tallahassee held the annual Golf Tournament benefit at Golden Eagle Country Club on April 24th.

Tuesday nights are still “swinging” with our Tallahassee Swing Band. Come on out and enjoy dancing, socializing and your favorite beverage.



HONOR FLIGHT ON RECORD



“All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them.” ~ Walt Disney



May's ALA Writeup



My sincere apologies to Cheryl Marrs for not getting this article in last month's publication.

The ALA has been very busy during March and April. March was Women's History Month as designated by President Jimmy Carter in 1980. Service pins were given to ALA members in increments of 5 years. One member was present to receive her pin. After a very nice luncheon ALA members assembled Easter Baskets for the children of the Baptist Childrens Home. April is Military Child and Purple Up! Day. Purple symbolizes a combination of the colors of each branch of The U.S. military: Army – Green; Navy- blue; Air Force – blue; Marines – red and Coast Guard blue. Springtime Tallahassee, saw presence of the ALA during which time ALA information was disseminated and questions about the ALA were fielded. A donation of \$318.00 was received at Springtime Tallahassee for the Adopt-A-Duck Program. Several ALA members are experiencing challenges of both a health and personal nature. Please keep Muriel K. in your prayers as well as the family of ALA Member Hazel C. in her recent passing. Terri L. was recently in the ER but is back home and doing better. Cheryl M. is appreciative of the prayers and thoughts during her recent health scare.

Please remember Delores G. as she cares for her husband Keith G. Elections for New ALA year were held and the officers for the 24/25 year are: President – Nell H.; VP – Donna W.; Secretary – Stacy G.; Treasurer; Marjorie Mc.; Members at Large- Nance N; other members at large information was not available at this time. Upcoming events include May as Poppy Month. During this time poppies are distributed; donations are accepted but Poppies NEVER sold!! April 25-Post Social- 6:30pm; May 9- ALA EC @5:30pm and GM @ \6pm. May 17-18 North Florida Homeless/At-Risk STAND DOWN – Lawson Center @ FAMU; May 23- Post Social @6:30 pm; National Poppy Day – Memorial Day Weekend and May 25; May 26- Memorial Day Services @Tallahasseej National Cemetery @11:00am and May 27 Oakland Cemetery @11:00am.



Cheryl Marrs.



NOTES FROM THE EDITOR



Dear Members:

Lots happened in the past month beginning with the return of Honor Flight Tallahassee on April 30th. If you have never attended the "Welcome Committee" at the airport, you are indeed missing out! My first time and what a joy it was to see our veterans and their caregivers return with huge smiles, despite the late hour. I've included the pictures so you can see what you may be missing!

Also, four of us from the American Legion played in the AMVETS golf tournament at Golden Eagle on May 12th. Val Frailey, Sharon Courey, Dwayne Meyer and yours truly had a wonderful time and there was quite the crowd. The Amvets always do it up right with help from Post 13, namely John Folsom, Nell Hewitt and many, many others. A big thanks for helping with the organization.

As always, thank you members for your support. ~ Paula Wilkins

"You can't use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have." ~ Maya Angelou



“In the Spirit of Service, Not Self”

Hello Everyone;

Here comes June; before we get into June's activities, let me update you on some critical information.

The official National Poppy Day is Friday, May 24, and Auxiliary members will distribute Poppies at the following locations:

Friday, & Saturday, May 24 & 25, **Bealls** on Capital Circle NE, 10:00-4:00 pm,
Sam's Club on Capital Circle S.E., 10:00 – 4:00 pm.

Sunday, May 26, Tallahassee National Cemetery program begins at 11:00 am.

Monday, May 27, Oakland Cemetery program begins at 11:00 am.

The District Constitution Conference will be held on June 1, 2024, at Post 13 beginning at 10:00 am for registration; the program will start at 10:30 am. Elections for the District President, a delegate, and an alternate to attend the National Convention in New Orleans on August 23-29, 2024.

The American Legion Auxiliary Department Convention will be held at the Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista, beginning June 16 – 19.

We are pleased to announce Unit 13 has four staff members attending Girls State 2024 Session and will report to FSU on Monday, June 17, to prepare for approximately 300 Florida Girls State delegates to arrive on Thursday, June 20. Florida Girls State provides a unique and coveted educational opportunity for young women to receive citizenship training through a weeklong hands-on program involving a mock city, county, and state government.

The Auxiliary's new fiscal year begins July 1, 2024; Unit 13 will hold an installment of officers in conjunction with the Post at the June social. Join me as I pledge encouragement, guidance, support, and prayers to our officers of 2024 - 2025 as we work to support the veterans and families.

Mark your calendar: The ALA EC meeting is June 13, 2024, @ 5:30 pm; the GM meets at 6:00 pm. Post Social on June 27, beginning promptly at 6:30 pm.

Remember to pledge your support and cooperation to the Legion and Auxiliary as they continue volunteering for our Military & their Families.

For God and Country,

Nell Hewitt, President
American Legion Auxiliary
Sauls-Bridges, Unit 13



First Father's Day

The first Father's Day was held on July 5, 1908 in the small mining town of Fairmont, West Virginia. The service honored the fathers killed in the “worst mining disaster in U.S. history.” In 1909, Sonora Smart Dodd started a campaign to honor fathers. It was so well received that the first official Father's Day was held on June 19, 1910 in Spokane, Washington. Children were given red roses to hand out to their fathers in appreciation of their good deeds as dads. White roses were given for those fathers deceased.



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“The only difference between success and failure is the ability to take action.” ~ Alexander Graham Bell

Tom Albert Recognized



Tom Albert receiving his Letter of Appreciation from former Commander John Folsom and former 2nd Vice Command and Post 13 current Commander Vic Hanna.

Tom Albert presented with a Letter of Appreciation from former Commander and current Chaplain of the 2nd District John Folsom. Tom has continuously given his time and talent and also filled many positions with Post 13. Well done Tom, you deserve it!



POST 13 ELECTION RESULTS FOR 2023-2024

The results are in and the list below reflects the officers for the coming year.

- Commander--Cindy Laskowski
- 1st Vice Commander--Rodney Keener
- 3rd Vice Commander--Larry Clayton
- Sergeant at Arms--Dwayne Meyer
- Chaplain--Eric Smith
- Historian--Dennis Hall



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- June 6** D-Day
- June 12** Women Veterans Day
- June 14** U.S. Army Birthday
- June 14** U.S. Flag Day
- June 18** Father's Day
- June 20** First Day of Summer
- June 23** Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday
- June 27** Post 13 Social 6:00 PM
Program 6:30 PM
- June 27** PTSD Awareness Day

Memorial Day Celebration Reminder

The traditional Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at Oakland Cemetery, May 27th, at 11:00 am.

This ceremony provides an opportunity to say "Thank you", once again for the sacrifices made.

The ceremony will conclude at 12:00 noon with Echo Taps.

"WE SALUTE OUR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES"



JUNE 2024



| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--|---|---|--|---|---|
| 27 HALL AVAILABLE CALL 284-6967 | 29 7:00 - 9:00 pm DANCE PARTY \$10 ALL AGES OPEN TO PUBLIC | 28 6:30 - 10:00 pm TALLAHASSEE SWING BAND \$10 Open to Public \$7 Students | 29 6:30 pm SUE BOYD DANCE AND LESSONS OPEN TO PUBLIC | 30 3:00 - 5:00 pm Tallahassee Veterans Legal Collaborative | 31 HALL AVAILABLE CALL 284-6967 | 1 JUNE HALL AVAILABLE CALL 284-6967 |
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| 9 8:00 pm Doors Open 9:00 pm Show Trae Crowder "The Liberal Reneck" Comedy Show \$35 seetickets.us | 10 7:00 - 9:00 pm DANCE PARTY \$10 ALL AGES OPEN TO PUBLIC | 11 6:30 - 10:00 pm TALLAHASSEE SWING BAND \$10 Open to Public \$7 Students | 12  WOMEN VETERANS DAY 6:30 pm SUE BOYD DANCE OPEN TO PUBLIC | 13 3:00 - 5:00 pm Legal Collaborative 5:30 pm Executive Board Meeting 6:30 pm General Meeting | 14  U.S. ARMY BIRTHDAY  U.S. FLAG DAY | 15 Clever Girl's '80s Prom with Clever Girl and DJ Reagantronics Cover \$25 Open to Public |
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| 23  COAST GUARD AUXILIARY BIRTHDAY HALL AVAILABLE 30 | 24 7:00 - 9:00 pm DANCE PARTY \$10 ALL AGES OPEN TO PUBLIC | 25 6:30 - 10:00 pm TALLAHASSEE SWING BAND \$10 Open to Public \$7 Students | 26 6:30 pm SUE BOYD DANCE AND LESSONS OPEN TO PUBLIC | 30  6:30 pm POST SOCIAL 3:00 - 5:00 pm Tallahassee Veterans Legal Collaborative PTSD AWARENESS  | 28 HALL AVAILABLE CALL 284-6967 | 29 HALL AVAILABLE CALL 284-6967 |

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Post General Membership Business Meetings are held on the 2ND Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm.

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