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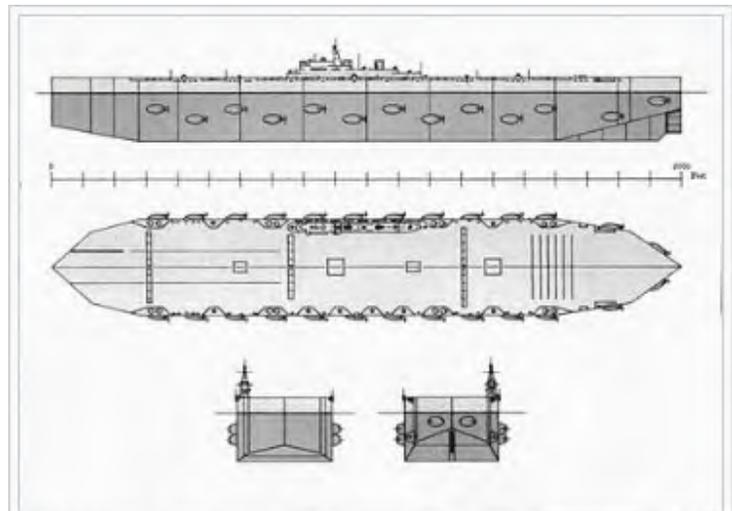
Iced Aircraft Carriers?

Yes, you read it right! In 1942, Great Britain was facing the challenge of German U-boats. Between the months of March and September of 1942, German U-boats sunk over a hundred ships a month carrying food and supplies to Great Britain.

Airplanes were unable to fly the distance needed to protect these waters, leaving about a 300 mile area, known as the “mid-Atlantic Gap” unprotected from German U-boats. Prime Minister Winston Churchill’s first thought was to build islands in this area that would allow Britain’s ships to land and refuel as necessary. The only problem with this idea was it was war-time and steel for ships was in short supply. At the time, steel was being used to build vessels and tanks, make weapons and ammunition, etc. What to do?

Lord Louis Mountbatten, the head of Britain’s Combined Operations Command (uncle of the future Prince Philip), knew of the plight of Prime Minister Churchill, and brought a chunk of ice to him. This was no ordinary ice. It was reinforced with pulp wood, called pykrete, named after its creator Geoffrey Pyke.

And as we all know, the wheels of government turn slow and that’s exactly happened in this instance. Because pykrete melted slowly, Churchill planned to build a fleet of aircraft carriers, entirely made of pykrete. It would have been the biggest ships ever built, “displacing 26 times more water than the largest ship at the time and requiring 26 electric motors for propulsion.” A prototype was built in Alberta, Canada. At 60 feet in length, it weighed as much as 1.65M lbs. or 825 tons. It was known as Project Habakkuk.



Conceptual design of Project Habakkuk aircraft carrier with 600-metre (1,969 ft) runway

Alas, by the time it was built in 1943, air carrier escorts had arrived in the Atlantic and long-range aircraft such as the B-29 Liberator was on the scene. “Despite pykrete’s amazing ability to hold its shape, the dream of an iceberg aircraft carrier soon melted away.”

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Project_Habakkuk

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

POST NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS 2024

Nominations start on March 14, 2024
 Nominations end on April 11, 2024
 Voting on May 9, 2024



Those three dates coincide with our monthly meeting. Nominations will be closed on April 11. No nominations will be accepted at the May meeting.

Our swearing in ceremony has to follow the state convention in June; we have our social on June 27 and that will be the date for the American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary to swear in their officers. The elected American Legion offices are: Commander, 1st Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander, 3rd Vice Commander, Finance Officer, Historian, Sergeant at Arms, and Chaplain.

As a matter of note the Adjutant is appointed by the Commander and approved by the Executive Board.

Nominees have to be members in good standing and be willing to serve. A member can only hold one elected position at a time. However you may run for more than one position.

To nominate someone, write their name on a piece of paper and hand it in to John Folsom, Chaplain anytime from March 14 to April 11, 2024.

Show up to vote on May 9, 2024. To vote you have to be a member in good standing.

Yours in Service,
 John Folsom
 Florida Veterans Hall of Fame
 Chaplain/2nd District
 American Legion
 Department of Florida
 Chaplain VFW Post 3308



The American Legion Family

SPRINGTIME TALLAHASSEE AND MUSIC FEST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Music Fest - April 5, 2024

Kleman Plaza
 Two shifts - 5:30 pm - 8 pm or 8 pm - 10 pm

Springtime Tallahassee - April 6, 2024

Parade Downtown
 American Legion Table to promote Unit 13

Three shifts - 8 am - 10 am; 10 am - 12 pm; 12 pm - 2 pm -

If you plan on attending the parade and the day's activities, why not start by helping your unit? We need the public to see Who we are and What we do.

If you have any questions, please call me at 850-766-1909

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



PANTLESS PRESIDENTS?

Our first presidents did not wear pants...at all. What they did wear was called “breeches”. They were tight fitting and cut off at the knees, leaving their calves exposed. (Wait! Aren’t these burmudas ladies?) To cover the exposed areas, knee-high stockings and boots were worn. Breeches were considered a status symbol.

Working class menfolk wore full length pantaloons that provided ease of movement while performing manual labor. For the upper class, breeches were considered high fashion. Even as early as the late 1780s, men from the Colonies followed the fashion from Europe. Much like today, fashion trends seemed to migrate across the sea.



But it wasn’t so much that Americans couldn’t start their own fashion trends, textiles (the production of clothing specifically) was still in its infancy and textile mills were almost non-existent. “The Colonies initially couldn’t mass produce clothing (for some time, textiles were the top import from England).”

During the French Revolution, it wasn’t kosher to wear a style considered “from the French”. Gentlemen stopped donning breeches around the start of the 19th century. A political group in France called *sans-culottes* which literally meant “without knee breeches”, identified breeches with the elite and very rich.

However, slowly over time men began to shy away from breeches and favored longer pants. The first President to wear full length pants was in 1825 when John Quincy Adams became the sixth President and wore them during his inauguration. He also did away with the powdered wig, thank goodness!

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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR



Dear Members:

Yep, Easter snuck up on me last month, not realizing it came at the end of March. Shameful, I know! By the time you receive this newsletter, it will be very close on your calendar. Hope your Easter is a wonderful occasion spent with family and friends; a time filled with peace and many blessings .

Love this time of year! Springtime in Tallahassee just begs for outdoor activities. We are really hoping (pun intended) at the Legion. We have so much going on: if dancing is your thing, we have plenty; if you belong to a club or group, we are an available venue for meetings. We also have a locally owned convenient coffee shop next door, the Black Dog Café. Come check us out!

Thanks so much for your support. ~ Paula Wilkins

“The chief prevention against getting old is to remain astonished.” ~ Kevin Kelly



“In the Spirit of Service, Not Self”

Welcome Members:

April is upon us; here comes the rain that brings blooming flowers; we think of Easter, the Easter Bunny, and all the Easter candy we can smuggle in without being caught. I hope you find time to reflect upon the true meaning of Easter. Easter is a celebration of the gift God gave us through the death, burial, and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ. I think of God's ultimate sacrifice, sending his only son to take on the atonement of our sins. I think of all the pain and suffering he endured to provide salvation for you and me. I think about the love, grace, redemption, and freedom bestowed. Most Importantly, I think of "VICTORY" for you and me!



In February, the Auxiliary elected a Nominating Committee to present a slate of officers for the 2024-2025 fiscal years. Nominations are closed; elections will occur at the General Membership meeting on April 11. Join me as I pledge encouragement, guidance, support, and prayers to our officers for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. All Auxiliary meetings are held at the HOOTCH; the General Membership meeting starts at 6:00 pm; please come and support your office candidate.

Our Community Service project is "The Baptist Children's Home" and Children in Foster Care in the Big Bend area. We are preparing to put together 100 medium Easter baskets. The Auxiliary will assemble the baskets on Wednesday, March 20, at Post 13, beginning at around 1:30 pm. However, we invite all Auxiliary members to join in a special luncheon celebrating Women's History Month. Please RSVP to Donna Winsloe, Auxiliary Vice-President, at Winsloe@gmail.com. The Luncheon begins at 11:30 am; we'll start the Easter baskets immediately afterward. We ask you to bring a bag of candy to help fill the plastic Easter eggs for the baskets.

Mark your calendar: ALA EC meets on April 11, 2024, @ 5:30 pm and the GM at 6:00 pm. Again, all Auxiliary meetings are held at the HOOTCH. Please pray for each candidate for their wisdom, courage, and willingness to volunteer.

The Post Social will be on April 25 at 6:30 pm. The Auxiliary has been asked to help by bringing a dessert to share. Thank you in advance for that special dessert!

For God and Country,
Nell Hewitt, President
Happy Easter to All!



Hazel T. Connell has been a dedicated American Legion Auxiliary Unit 13 member since 2008. She was a friend to everyone she met and a mentor to the Unit members. Hazel will be sorely missed.

Hazel's Celebration of Life will be held **on Sunday, April 28th, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** in the Terrace Room at the **Wakulla Springs Lodge, 550 Wakulla Park Drive, Crawfordville, FL. 32327.**

Wakulla Springs was a special place for Hazel to swim and hang out during her teen years.

“Out of the wreck I arise.” ~ Robert Browning



“In the Spirit of Service, Not Self”

We are catching up with the ALA news, thanks to Nell who has been out due to a brief illness. Glad she's back! The following is for the month of March.

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 celebrates women's contributions to history, culture, and society. It has been observed annually in March in the United States since 1987. Women's History Month will occur from March 1- 31, 2024. In the beginning, women served in our military as nurses. The Army Nurse Corps was created in 1901, followed by the Navy Nurse Corps in 1908. Every woman has a story to tell and a song to sing, yet a woman can take the smallest object and make it into the grandness of all things. Women are endless caretakers for all. Honor your Mom, Sister, and all women who have influenced your life.

On March 20, 2024, 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. Also, we are honoring our **"Gold Star Mothers"**. Recently, they received their charter here in Tallahassee, Congratulations Ladies.

Mark your calendar for the Auxiliary Executive Committee meeting on Thursday, April 11, at 5:30 p.m. The General Membership meeting starts at 6:00 p.m. **REMINDER:** All Auxiliary meetings will be held at the **Hootch**.

The Post Social will be on Thursday, March 22, at 6:30 p.m. sharp! Lately, the dessert has been slim, maybe to help us slim down the waistline from Christmas. If you can bring dessert, it would be greatly appreciated. Please continue supporting our organization with your prayers; they are much appreciated.

For God and Country,

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

"In the Spirit of Service – Not Self"



The Veterans Administration celebrated "National Salute Week" in the month of February, at the Sgt. Ernest I. "Boots" Thomas VA Clinic. We welcome those veterans and their caretakers during their medical appointments for check-ups, and sometimes we lend a listening ear. This year, the V.A. Clinic was open to organizations wishing to greet veterans personally. The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 13 greeted veterans with individually wrapped snacks and Valentine cards made by students from Sacred Hearts Homeschool (Sharon Courey's daughter's group). Auxiliary members were: Peggy Lane, Emily Phelps, and Muriel Kweyama.

Remember to thank a veteran for their service and sacrifice to our country!

“Out of the wreck I arise.” ~ Robert Browning

Honor Flight is this month...



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR APRIL 29TH!



**The flight to Washington, DC will be on
Saturday, April 27, 2024.**

Those Veterans/Guardians who were selected for the flight last year should have received notification and need to respond as soon as possible.

Flight orientations will be held on April 13th and 20th at the Flightline hangar located at 3256 Capital Circle SW, Tallahassee. To participate, you must attend one of the scheduled orientations.

We honor those veterans who served in one of the following: World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War. We transport these veterans to Washington D.C. so they may visit the monuments erected in their honor. This is a free service for our veterans.

On May 11, 2013, our first planeload of well-deserving military veterans made their way to Washington, D.C. We have since held annual flights with the exception of the years with COVID-19 restrictions.



And now available! Honor Flight license plates. The license plates can be pre-ordered and this beautiful new specialty license plate supports all Honor Flight hubs in Florida.

After you order, please tell your friends and family in Florida about the new license plate so we can meet our goal. We appreciate your continued support of the Honor Flight mission.

For more information, please visit the Honor Flight Tallahassee website at:
<https://www.honorflighttallahassee.org/about/>

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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| Apr 1 | April Fool's Day |
| Apr 5 | Gold Star Spouses Day |
| Apr 9 | National Former POW Recognition Day |
| Apr 14 | Air Force Reserve Birthday |
| Apr 15 | Purple Up! Day |
| Apr 15 | Tax Day |
| Apr 22 | Earth Day |
| Apr 23 | Army Reserve Birthday |
| Apr 25 | Post 13 Social 6:00 PM/
Program 6:30 PM |
| Apr 26 | Arbor Day |
| Apr 27 | Honor Flight |
| Apr 30 | Military Brat Day |



Best wishes for a speedy recovery for Unit 13, American Legion Auxiliary Chaplain Muriel A. Kweyama, who is fighting an illness. Please keep Muriel in your prayers.

She is a vital member of our American Legion Auxiliary family, having served in many positions including past President. Muriel has dedicated an over abundance of hours toward our Post to help keep our organization running smoothly. We love you Muriel and wish you godspeed in your recovery.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 HALL AVAILABLE CALL 284-6967	1 APRIL  7:00 - 9:00 pm DANCE PARTY \$10 ALL AGES OPEN TO PUBLIC	2 6:30 - 10:00 pm TALLAHASSEE SWING BAND \$10 Open to Public \$7 Students	3 6:30 - 9:30 pm SUE BOYD DANCE AND LESSONS	4 3:00 - 5:00 pm Tallahassee Veterans Legal Collaborative	5  GOLD STAR SPOUSE'S DAY	6 8:00 pm Latin Soul Band 12 Anniversary Open to Public Cover
7 HALL AVAILABLE CALL 284-6967	8 7:00 - 9:00 pm DANCE PARTY \$10 ALL AGES OPEN TO PUBLIC	9  6:30 - 10:00 pm TALLAHASSEE SWING BAND \$10 Open to Public \$7 Students	10 6:30 - 9:30 pm SUE BOYD DANCE AND LESSONS	11 3:00 - 5:00 pm Legal Collaborative 5:30 pm Executive Board Meeting 6:30 pm General Meeting	12 8:00 pm Rhythm Remedy Open to Public Cover	13 8:00 pm BBC Show Curtis Salgado Open to Public Cover TIX at BBC@theLegion
14 HALL AVAILABLE CALL 284-6967 AIR FORCE RESERVE BIRTHDAY 	15  PURPLE UP! DAY 7:00 - 9:00 pm DANCE PARTY \$10 ALL AGES OPEN TO PUBLIC	16 6:30 - 10:00 pm TALLAHASSEE SWING BAND \$10 Open to Public \$7 Students	17 6:30 - 9:30 pm SUE BOYD DANCE AND LESSONS	18 3:00 - 5:00 pm Legal Collaborative 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Marine Corps League 5:00 - 10:00 pm Women Veterans Unite	19 8:00 pm BBC Show Rusty Wright Open to Public Cover TIX at BBC@theLegion	20 8:00 pm Clever Girl Band Open to Public Cover
21 HALL AVAILABLE CALL 284-6967	22  7:00 - 9:00 pm DANCE PARTY \$10 ALL AGES OPEN TO PUBLIC	23  ARMY RESERVE BIRTHDAY 6:30 - 10:00 pm TALLAHASSEE SWING BAND \$10 Open to Public \$7 Students	24 6:30 - 9:30 pm SUE BOYD DANCE AND LESSONS	25 3:00 - 5:00 pm Tallahassee Veterans Legal Collaborative 6:30 pm POST SOCIAL 	26 HALL AVAILABLE CALL 284-6967 OR 443-1878 	27 HALL AVAILABLE CALL 284-6967 
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To Book your Event at the Post, please call 850-284-6967. We do not maintain regular office hours. All services performed here are volunteer hours. Generally, the office is open from Noon until late afternoon. If you must leave a message, please make certain to leave your area code as part of your telephone number.

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Deadline for the MAY 2024

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APRIL 10th at 5:00pm**

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PLEASE NOTE:

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

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