



Sauls-Bridges American Legion



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Military Easter Campaigns

While Easter is not a federally recognized holiday, the military does offer extended services and special events for soldiers and their families. “The U.S. military observes Easter through chaplain-led religious services and base Morale, Recreation, and Welfare (MWR) events like egg hunts. While not a federal holiday, command-authorized 3 or 4-day liberty weekends are common, though operations take priority. Traditional events include the National Military Easter Sunrise Service at Arlington National Cemetery.”



But it is true that the military never completely rests. There are many notable military campaigns that have taken place on this very religious holiday. Some of the most notable are listed below.

Key U.S. Military Campaigns on Easter:

Easter Offensive (March 30 – Oct 22, 1972): On Good Friday in 1972, the North Vietnamese soldiers (PAVN) “launched a massive conventional offensive across the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) into South Vietnam.” The main target was South Vietnam (ARVN) bases. Approximately 25,000 members of the North Vietnamese Army (NVA), armed with Russian equipment supplies, quickly outnumbered South Vietnamese troops. Although heavy fighting with great loss of life continued through October, the ARVN and U.S. airpower under the direction of President Richard Nixon, combined to put a halt to the North Vietnamese Easter campaign.

<https://warfarehistorynetwork.com/article/the-easter-offensive-of-1972/>

Invasion of Okinawa (April 1, 1945): On Easter Sunday, more than 60,000 Marines and Army troops of the U.S. Tenth Army launched Operation Iceberg, landing on Okinawa as part of World War II's final major battle.” U.S. troops encountered little opposition during the initial landing, but as they moved inland our soldiers were met with fierce fighting from Japanese fighters. The U.S. were also plagued with kamikaze attacks which sunk 36 ships and damaged 368 more vessels. “By war’s end, Japan would launch almost 2,000 suicide attacks against the Allied fleet, including manned rocket-powered Ohka flying bombs.” Eventually, U.S. forces prevailed, but at a tremendously high cost to our military. Victory at Okinawa cost more than 49,000 American casualties, including more than 12,000 deaths.



<https://www.nationalww2museum.org/war/topics/battle-of-okinawa>

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

Commander's Thoughts

Submitted by Dennis Hall, Commander Post 13

April is approaching quickly and springtime is beginning to display its new foliage and flowers all around us. It seems that nature is waking up from its winter sleep and slumber of long nights. This time of the year is a favorite among many people. Not too cold and not too hot! Nature is putting out new growth and providing evidence of life. This is a great metaphor for us here at Post 13. We are showing signs of new growth and an environment of anticipation as we get back into our family routines and schedules. More time in the afternoons because of the time change and thinking of vacations with the family for a chance to "get away" to someplace different. I hope you will take advantage of "getting away". The month of April will be a very busy month as we begin thinking of the transitioning into a new Post year beginning in July. But before we get too far ahead of time, I would like for you to help the Post become 100% 2026 renewal rate by the end of April. The Post has not had a 100% renewal rate in a few years, so, let's make it happen this year by the end of April. At the 15th of March we were at 92.50%, only 7.5% from 100%. This isn't an impossible task or goal if we all pitch in a little! We need 35 people to renew that have not renewed and/or recruit additional Legionnaires to make up the 35.

How can you help the Post reach 100%? (1) If you have not renewed for 2026, either go to MyLegion.org and renew online, or mail your check to: American Legion Post 13, P. O. Box 38028, Tallahassee, FL 32315-8028. If you prefer to bring your check or cash to the Post, call Post Commander Dennis Hall at 850-445-9612; to be certain someone will be at the Post before you make the drive. Please make your check out to American Legion Post 13. If you are having a difficult time financially renewing, call the Commander and talk to him about it. We do not want to lose someone because of a financial situation. If you have already renewed, "thank you". (2) You can also help by asking your relatives, friends, neighbors, or co-workers that are veterans to join with you in becoming a member of Post 13. If you need some help in asking them, call the Commander and he will be happy to assist you. By renewing and recruiting together, we can easily achieve the 100% goal for the Post.

A few months ago, in one of my weekly posts, I asked if anyone had skills that they would be willing to help out at the Post from time to time. Electrical, plumbing, carpentry, grounds keeping and the like. I had two individuals contact me and one of them came and helped. I don't want to ask these two individuals to be the only ones I can ask. Unfortunately, I am personally very limited in most of these areas except grounds keeping. Call me at 850-445-9612 and let me know if you can help. We cannot afford to pay for the things that we can take care of ourselves.

Lastly, we will be taking nominations until the end of the April business meeting on April 14, for the Executive Committee Members for 2026-2027. If you are interested in nominating yourself or someone else, contact John Folsom at 850-508-6417 and provide him your nominee. At this time, the current First and Third Vice Commanders and Chaplain will not be returning next year. However, nominations can be made for any committee member.

The only way to improve the Post and make it as great as it can be, is for everyone to get involved. Like the signs of nature, we are waking up from our sleepy winter and awakening to a vibrant and growing spring at Post 13. You can make it happen.

Best regards,

Dennis Hall,
Commander, Post 13

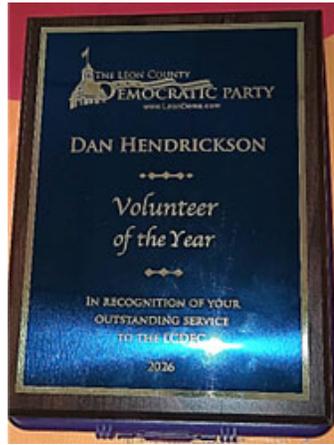
For God and Country!



"April is a moment of joy for those who have survived the winter." ~ Samuel Johnson

Tallahassee Veteran Legal Collaborative Members Honored

(Submitted by Dennis Hall, Post 13 Commander)



A pair of local volunteers in the Veterans community were recently recognized in multiple community acknowledgments of their service to Veterans. Susie Caplowe and Dan Hendrickson, long-time activists helping to lead the Tallahassee Veterans Legal Collaborative (TVLC), were coincidentally singled out for formal recognition of their inspiring volunteer service by three different entities in the same week.

At the recent Graduation Ceremony for the Leon County Veterans Treatment Court on February 23, honored speaker for the event Commander Dennis O. Baker (USN Ret.) presented the customary FDVA/ FVF medallions to the six Veteran graduates for their success in completing the VTCt program. Then, in an unprecedented surprise, Baker also brought Dan forward to receive the award in recognition of his many years dedicated to the Veterans Court and TVLC. Within days (Sunday March 1), Dan was honored at an event at Post 13 sponsored by the Leon County Democratic Executive Committee for the Volunteer of the Year award which reportedly has only been presented every decade or so in the organization's history.

In the same week, the Tallahassee Democrat announced the "25 Women You Need to Know," the annual selection of women for their achievements in inspiring Tallahassee's larger community by their personal dedication and accomplishments. Susie Caplowe was selected for her volunteer activism including registering voters and community outreach for the Supervisor of Elections office and her co-ordination of the weekly walk-in legal clinics at the Legion Post and other TVLC responsibilities. The Tallahassee Democrat will feature Susie in one of the profiles running daily all this month. (Coincidence or not, spouses Dan and Susie have been working together daily since 1992.)

Dan's recognition that Sunday mentioned a long list of accomplishments since coming to Tallahassee in 1989, including his role as founding and current president of TVLC and one of the initial creators of the Leon County Veterans Treatment Court. State Representative Allison Tant applauded Dan as the "secret weapon of the Leon County Democratic Party," a reference to his thousands of hours quietly coordinating poll watchers and the "Voter Protection" program for several months each election season during the last several elections.

Dan was an assistant Public Defender here before "retiring" after twenty-five years, the same year after he pulled together the Legal Program for our local Homeless Veterans Stand Down, the predecessor to the Vet Ct and TVLC. Susie was a longtime lobbyist for environmental and consumer organizations before putting her MSW social work skills back to work more specifically in helping to coordinate social services among our network of Veteran support organizations and agencies in the capitol area. Susie's a member of Unit 13 ALA.

Dan and Susie have been with the TVLC from its inception in 2017. From the beginning, the TVLC meets at Post 13 each Thursday from 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. The TVLC provides legal and other veteran's services from as many as twelve resources. The services are free of charge to any veteran. Congratulations to Susie and Dan for being recognized on their contributions to our veterans and the citizens of Leon County.

(Dan Hendrickson contributed to this article)

"Where flowers bloom so does hope." ~ Lady Bird Johnson

A Reunion

Memories and Mementos

Submitted by Steven M. Schaffer, Post 13 Historian

On a chilly February morning, Dennis Hall, the Commander of American Legion Post 13 was about to start his day opening up the legion hall when he spotted a discarded plastic bag of material.

Bringing the bag inside he noticed the contents were military in nature with many awards, and certificates of a fellow veteran. He set the bag in the office and decided to wait till our monthly executive committee meeting the next Thursday. When I arrived at the post for the Thursday meeting, I asked if there's anything I can do to help get ready. Commander Hall then pointed out to me to have a look at the bag and see if there's anything I can do about the all the items inside.

The meeting was about to begin, and things got very busy, but that plastic bag was still waiting for attention. I finally got around to it afterwards, and began to unpack the bag. There were copies of German etchings of old Renaissance German towns and cities, which was an odd thing to have included in this bag of army certificates. As a soldier who served overseas in West Germany (1977-79), I was stationed near Nurnberg. I spent some time looking over these etchings of old Germany, and Nurnberg was also included.



The veteran was Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Norbert Weber. Judging by the volume of material I figured he had passed away and the family didn't know what else to do with all this army stuff and just dropped it off.

As the post historian, I looked at all the military certificates and paperwork in more detail. There were two Purple Hearts, two Bronze Stars, two Honorable Discharge Certificates, and many more mementos of a long military career of a soldier's soldier.

CSM Norbert Weber was a jump master, and expert in jungle warfare with 4 tours of Vietnam. He was expert in small arms, and a Green Beret. Weber was fluent in 4 languages, including Vietnamese. Basically, what we had in that plastic bag was the entire military paperwork of Rambo!

I immediately got on the post computer and found his obituary. CSM Weber had died in 2006. For some odd reason, which is still murky, a son, daughter-in-law, or someone felt the time was right to donate this bag of CSM Weber's military history to our Legion.

His accomplishments listed in his Obituary from 2006 are as follows:

(CSM Weber) lived in Tallahassee for the last 30 years. He was a member of the U.S. Army Green Berets, where he served four tours in Vietnam. He was awarded two Bronze stars for Valor, Army Commendation Medal for Valor, Air Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Bronze star, Meritorious Service Medal, and the Purple Heart. Upon completion of 23 years of military service he worked for the state of Florida Department of Management and Services, where he also retired after 19 years of service. He was a member of the Special Forces Association.

The listing of surviving family members included a local daughter still living in Monticello, Florida. But that was in 2006. A quick social media search lead me to her. Ms. Joanie Wheeler then responded. We connected and I discovered she also still lives in Monticello, just 30 minutes east of Tallahassee.



Joanie Wheeler accepting her father's mementoes.

I arranged a meeting so that I could reunite her with her father's military service records and certificates. This meeting was fantastic. Ms. Wheeler was so appreciative of the American Legion with making sure this anonymous delivery of military records was returned to family.

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A Reunion: Memories and Mementos continued...

If you do the math, CSM Weber was born in 1931 and a German native. When I met Ms. Wheeler, she told me her father was forced into the Hitler youth. I can't imagine what a 14 year old teenager was thinking at the time of the final days WWII and seeing all that destruction of his country; and then to immigrate to the USA and settle in North Florida.

CSM Weber had a sharp mind and a focused attitude. He learned the English language. Became a naturalized American, and decided to serve his new country in the military. He was the tip of the spear for the US Army by becoming a Special Forces Green Beret, a jump master, with two Honorable Discharges, and 3 tours in Vietnam.

But sadly, lung cancer took his life at the age of 75. This was associated with exposure to Agent Orange used so extensively in Vietnam. The sad irony is that this soldier's soldier, who moved up the enlisted ranks serving his adopted country from private to Command Sergeant Major, was killed by his country via Agent Orange. The long term health issues are still being felt by all those troops who were exposed to this herbicide.

In conclusion, the American Legion's first pillar of its mission statement is focused on veteran affairs and veteran's rehabilitation. I believe reuniting this hero soldier's effects with family qualifies. Ms. Wheeler offered up her sincere thanks at the presentation upon returning home (see below).

Something I failed to tell you today, the display you put together was just perfect to honor my father. If he was alive he would have been so proud and honored as I was. I apologize. I was just overwhelmed with emotion this morning and just forgot to say this. As you said, he was a true patriot and I know he was smiling today in heaven. Thank you again and for the American Legion and Commander Dennis Hall. – Joanie Wheeler



Left: Steve Shaffer, at the Weber document presentation.

Below: Mr. and Mrs. Joanie Wheeler (Weber) arriving at Sauls-Bridges Post 13, Tallahassee, Florida.



Joanie Wheeler accepting the certificates and awards of her late father, CSM Norbert Weber, from Sauls-Bridges Post 13, Tallahassee, Fla.



Big Bend Honor Guard

Submitted by Dennis Hall, Commander Post 13



(Picture courtesy of Phil Welsh)

The BBHG was formed when the Tallahassee National Cemetery (TNC) opened in 2015. Tallahassee National Cemetery Director, Ray Miller wanted to have an “In House Honor Guard” dedicated to providing “Military Honors” for the veterans who would be buried at the TNC. Post Commander John Folsom was very influential in having the initial members come from Post 13 or the Auxiliary Unit 13. Most of the members of the current BBHG are members of Post 13. Today there are eighteen members. The BBHG has provided 1,525 services at the TNC by the time you read this article.

The BBHG is requested for their services several times a week and sometimes more than once a day. They keep a very busy schedule and sometimes, are notified only a day or sometimes only a few hours ahead of the service time. Not only do they provide “Military Honors” by firing the rifle volleys, playing of “Taps”, and the folding and presentation of the burial flag to the designated recipient, but they also are present at other services in and around the TNC. Once a quarter, on the last Wednesday afternoon in March, June, September, and December, they assist in conducting the “Final Salute Service”. This service is for any veteran, because for some reason, did not receive military honors at their burial. Their names are read, and full military honors are rendered including the presentation of their burial flag. This is a very moving and important service for the veteran and their family members.

On the first Sunday in February, members of the BBHG participate in Post 13’s “Post Everlasting Service”. This service pays tribute and honor to Post 13 Legionnaires who passed away during the previous year. Their families are invited to attend the memorial service. On Memorial Day, the BBHG participates by firing the rifle volley and the playing of “Taps” at the end of the Post 13 Memorial Day Service. The service is conducted at the Oakland Cemetery in mid-town Tallahassee. The BBHG also supports the TNC Memorial Day Service on the day the TNC conducts their service. Annually, on the third Friday evening of September, the BBHG participates in the POW/MIA Recognition Day Service at the TNC. On Veterans Day, the BBHG fires the rifle volley at the Vietnam Memorial during the Veterans Day Parade and the bugler plays “Taps”. During the year, when Post 13 conducts a Flag Disposal Ceremony, members of the BBHG participate in the ceremony and assist with the disposal of the unserviceable flags.

As you can see, the BBHG has a large and important responsibility. Its members take pride in providing the “military honors” for the veterans whose family requests the services of the BBHG. If you are interested in becoming a member or would like more information about the BBHG, please call Legionnaire Chuck Howell at 850-545-5686. He’s been a member of the BBHG for many years, and would be happy to answer any of your questions. Thank you, BBHG, for all you do to honor the lives of our veterans whose final resting place is at the TNC.

“April is a promise that May is bound to keep.” ~ Hal Borland



"In the Spirit of Service - Not Self"

HE IS NOT HERE; HE IS RISEN

Hi Members,

"April Showers and May Flowers" are coming upon us 😊 ...well actually, flowers are already upon us, and they are beautiful and smell delightful! The old has gone and the new has come, celebrating hope and new beginnings. Let us stay in Prayers for God's Will to be done for all Nations as they go through their crises, their time of intense difficulties.



We will not be as busy this month, but we will always be providing services and support to our Veterans and Military Families at home and abroad.

We will elect officers this month at our General Membership Meeting. Slate of Officers presented by the Nomination Committee were President, Theresa Briggs-Matthews; Vice-President, Nell Hewitt; Secretary, Marjorie McNeill; Treasurer, Katrina Rosedale; Chaplain, Sharon Courey; Historian, Dottie Hall; Sargeant-at-Arms, Linda White; and three Members-at-Large are Reathea Knowles, Peggy Lane, and Muriel Kweyama. Elected officers will begin their term of service on July 1, 2026.

The ALA District II Constitutional Conference will be hosted by our Unit 13 on Saturday, April 25, 2026 in the Legion Hall, beginning at 9:00 am for registration. The Unit Presidents, and the District Chairmen will give their year-end report for 2025-2026. We will also elect a District II President for the fiscal year 2026-2027 and delegates to attend the Department Convention in June 2026.

Mark your calendars for **April 9th** - ALA EC / GM Meetings at 5:30 / 6:00pm in the Hooch; **April 23rd** - Post Social at 6:30 pm in Legion Hall; **April 25th** - District II Constitutional Conference at 9:00 am in Legion Hall; and **Every Day** - Prayers for Members, active Military families, Veterans, Humanity, and God's Will at AM/PM hours wherever you are.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

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



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

Dear Members:

Almighty Father, as we approach the Celebration of Easter, we acknowledge the sacrifice You made to bring us salvation through Your suffering, death and glorious resurrection. Let us not consider this just another holiday weekend. May we resolve to see You, Lord, in everyone and everywhere - in our homes with families, friends, at work, and all those we meet in our daily lives. Help us to be thoughtful and understanding with hearts of caring and compassion. Guide us in our service to God and Country as an organization and as individuals, to make a positive difference in the lives of our children, veterans and members. Thank You for our officers and fine leaders of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary, and the fellowship and friends we have made. Continue to fill us with harmony, peace, and appreciation for our Great United States of America, while always acknowledging our active military, all veterans and their sacrifice for our freedom. A very blessed Easter to everyone.



Lord, we pray in Your Holy name. Amen.

“How do gardeners greet April? With a hoe, hoe, hoe.” ~ Unknown

ACCORDING TO CHARLES LECROY PART 2: LECROY LIFE DURING THE DEPRESSION

This story may seem to be filled with sadness. Yes, there were sad moments, days and nights, but there were laughs, smiles, thank-yous, pats on the head, etc. We had a pleasant home and plenty of good food: a wide variety of food. I cannot recall any moments or meal when anyone left the table hungry or unhappy because of food. We ate well. Mother and Daddy and Big Mama made sure we ate well. Mother was the best cook in these parts. Every morning Mother made fourteen biscuits. She was raised in the country and learned many of life's lessons the hard way; however she emerged as one of the best cooks of those days. Mother was a true southern cook.

I recall all meals had biscuits and cornbread, fresh milk, buttermilk, eggs, butter and syrup. Keep in mind we milked two cows twice a day.

Daddy made sure we had five gallon cans of fresh pork meat in reserve. Fresh fish that came out of the creek seemed to be plentiful. A large portion of our food came off the farm. Daddy would bring in wild animals, squirrels, rabbits, turtles. Above all food items Big Mama and others brought out or was responsible for, she made sure there were goodies, medicines, and clothing plenty enough for everyone. Food, especially fish, we enjoyed often on our table as many as three times a week.

Daddy made a fish basket and had it in the creek that supplied a major source of our food. First, he made a fairly large frame using six foot white oak strips to form a round basket: he then covered it with chick wire. He structured an opening for removing the fish we wanted to keep, take home, share with family. Fish not needed or wanted at the time were released back into the creek. Keeping fish cool a short time, till they were cleaned or picked up, involved keeping them in the cool well water and changing it if the water became too warm.

Daddy seemed to be able to approximate the time some folks would come along to get fish. He would try to have fish a short time from the creek.

Daddy needed help when he went to get fish. While I was his gofer, I took food for the fish basket like corn, water melon, maypops, fruits and spoiled vegetables, which would attract fish. I also helped get the basket out of the water and take them to the house. From time to time the number of fish in the basket was unbelievable. Do tell we handled them with care.

Relatives and friends learned J.D. could get them fish like channel catfish and bream. A string of fresh fish is most often appreciated. Daddy was known throughout the country as a top notch hook and line fisherman. Daddy's thinking along this subject brought a few dollars to him, i.e., us, as he supplied a number of friends and relatives with fish.

Daddy had the reputation of knowing how to get things done and more than once I heard, "just ask J.D."

In the fall when Daddy took the first bale of cotton to the gin each year, it seems a special request was made to please bring home two cans of salmon. Now this seems a bit odd since we ate fish quite often, salmon and a nice slice of hoop cheese was a special treat.

John and Jewell Steed, Pid and wife Edna Steed, Bud "Bale" and Dixie Lott Thrash were attentive to our needs. Pid was drafted to serve in WWII. There were a large number of caring people in our lives.

Another huge bragging point is that I never remember any of our family being sick in bed except when it was pink eye. Treatment for the pink eye was to stay inside in a dark space. In addition to eating properly, every six weeks on a Saturday night Mother gave each of us kids CL (Chloride) Tablets. These tablets were an antibiotic medicine to treat many different infections caused by bacteria from respiratory tract, ears, nose, throat, and skin. On Sunday mornings following the CL Tablets, all of us children got a dose of Castor Oil to rid the stomach of the effects of the CL Tablets. This was a routine we did not like; however Mother knew keeping the body healthy was important.



To be continued...

"April hath put a spirit of youth in everything." ~ William Shakespeare

Easter Facts

Easter occurs the first Sunday after the first full moon following the vernal equinox. It's a mouthful, but it's one thing you can count on every year.

- ✦ **Pagan Roots:** The name "Easter" is likely derived from Eostre, an Anglo-Saxon fertility goddess, while the rabbit (bunny) symbolizes high fertility, representing new life in spring.
- ✦ **The First Chocolate Eggs:** The first English chocolate egg was produced by Fry's in 1873, while Cadbury introduced their popular version in 1897.
- ✦ **Massive Easter Treats:** In 2017, Brazil created the world's largest chocolate bunny, standing nearly 15 feet tall and weighing 9,359 pounds.
- ✦ **Pretzels and Prayer:** Pretzels were originally associated with Easter because their shape resembles arms crossing in prayer.
- ✦ **Egg Symbolism:** The tradition of dying eggs stems from ancient customs representing fertility, while coloring them (dating back to at least 1290) signifies new life.
- ✦ **The Egg Roll:** The White House Easter Egg Roll began in 1878; the act of rolling eggs is thought to symbolize the rolling away of the rock from Jesus' tomb.
- ✦ **Strange Traditions:** In Papua New Guinea, churches sometimes decorate trees with cigarettes and tobacco sticks instead of eggs, which are then handed out after services.
- ✦ **Easter Lily:** The white lily represents the resurrection of Jesus Christ and is considered the official flower of the holiday.
- ✦ **Unique Textures:** The "crocodile skin" texture found on some traditional chocolate eggs was developed in Germany to help conceal imperfections in the chocolate.
- ✦ **Global Popularity:** While a Christian holiday, about 79% of Americans celebrate Easter, a higher percentage than those who identify as Christian.

<https://www.google.com/easter+facts+for+adults>



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR APRIL 18TH!

The flight to Washington, DC will be on
Saturday, April 18, 2026.



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 4th and 11th 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/>

"Flowers don't tell, they show." ~ Stephanie Skeem

POST 13 ELECTIONS 2026

By John Folsom, Florida Veterans Hall of Fame, Chaplain 2nd District, American Legion

That time of the year has arrived once again. We have 8 officer positions that have to be filled every year. Those positions are:

Commander
1st Vice Commander
2nd Vice Commander
3rd Vice Commander

Sergeant at Arms
Historian
Finance Officer
Chaplain



We have had great people serving, and some may even want to continue to serve. Others however have been serving for quite a while and want to give their positions up. This is where you come in, your serving for a time might be just what this post needs to keep itself afloat. I myself have held four different post positions. Our post has over 500 members we should not be hunting for candidates.

Nominations will go as follows:



Nominations were opened at our March 12th meeting.

At our April 9th meeting Nominations will close. Between these two dates you may notify the nominating chairman and nominate either yourself or someone else. The requirements are that the nominee has to be in good standing with the post, dues paid up to date, and be willing to serve.

At our May 14th meeting we will hold our elections. There will not be any nominations taken from the floor.

At our June 25th social we will install our new officers.

I have served as nominating chairman in the past, so until Commander Hall decides to replace me I will fill that position. You may call me at: John Folsom/Chaplain, at 850-508-6417.

I can make the nomination in place of you, or in-case you can't make the meeting.



MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR



Dear Members:

Love the Spring, just not the allergies. But it's all worth it to see Tallahassee in full bloom! Just walking my neighborhood brings me good vibes that summer is on the way.

Also time for spring cleaning and that includes at our Post. If you can volunteer and help out to maintain our wonderful historical building, please do. We are always looking for members that don't mind getting their hands dirty (so to speak). Older buildings require a lot of love and work. That's a given with our Post, members always, and I mean always, step up.

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

"The earth laughs in flowers." ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

MAC DADDY Blues

Victor Wainwright and Friends

Friday - April 17, 8 - 10 pm
 \$30 Advance - \$35 Day of Show
 Doors Open 7:30pm

American Legion Post 13
 229 Lake Ella Drive
 Tallahassee, FL

VIP Table of 4 - \$35 per person
 Tickets: www.macdaddyblues.com



Twin Towers Brothers

Camp Jam
 April 18, 2026
 Starts @ 6:30pm

\$20 Advance - \$25 Day of Show

Frank Bang
 Brettwell & The Stone Cold Blues Band
 JC & The Backscratchers

Mac Daddy Blues Productions
 American Legion Post 13
 229 Lake Ella Dr, Tallahassee, FL

Tickets: www.macdaddyblues.com



Damon Fowler is an American electric blues and blues rock singer, guitarist, and songwriter. Allmusic noted that "his sound is blues based, but there are hints of country, swamp rock, R&B, and swing in his playing and song writing."

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 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 18 Honor Flight Tallahassee
- Apr 22 Earth Day
- Apr 23 Army Reserve Birthday
- Apr 23 Post 13 Social 6:00 pm/Program 6:30 pm
- Apr 24 Arbor Day
- Apr 30 Military Brat Day

CORNY JOKES

- A termite walks into a bar and says "Is the bar tender here"?
- What do dentists call x-rays? Tooth pics.
- How does NASA organize a party? They planet.
- Why don't scientists trust atoms? They make up everything.
- What did the buffalo say when his son went to college?
Bison.

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WE SALUTE OUR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 HALL AVAILABLE CALL 284-6967	30 5:30 pm SWING FUSION EVERY MONDAY 7:00 - 9:00 pm DANCE PARTY \$10 ALL AGES OPEN TO PUBLIC	31 6:30 - 10:00 pm TALLAHASSEE SWING BAND \$10 Open to Public \$7 Students	1 APRIL 10:00 am Commander's Coalition 6:30 - 9:30 PM SUE BOYD DANCE AND LESSONS OPEN TO PUBLIC	2 3:00 - 5:00 pm Tallahassee Veterans Legal Collaborative 6:30 - 9:00 pm Meet and Greet Candidates Open to Public / Free	3 Doors 7:00 pm 8:00 - 11:00 pm Damon Fowler Blues \$25 Cover Open to Public	4 HALL AVAILABLE CALL 284-6967
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