



Sauls-Bridges American Legion



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Battle of Chosin Reservoir

“The Chosin Reservoir is a man-made lake located in the northeast of the Korean peninsula.” From November through mid-December of 1950, approximately 30,000 U.N. and Marines fought a brutal battle against 120,000 Chinese Communist Forces (CCF) at the Chosin Reservoir during the Korean War. It was extremely cold and the terrain was hard to transverse.

General Douglas MacArthur, Commander in Chief, Far East began to move troops northward. “The U.S. 1st Marine Division, commanded by Major General Oliver P. Smith, advanced up the west side of the Chosin Reservoir.” Other troops involved in the initiative included the U.S. Eighth Army, U.S. 7th Infantry Division, the 3rd Infantry Division, and the X Corps. Founded in 1942, the X Corps was a part of the United States Army in World War II and the Korean War. The main goal of the troop maneuvers was to cut off North Korean supply lines by surrounding the CCF, thus allowing the construction of a major supply base and airfield.



“Over a thousand U.S. marines and soldiers were killed during the Chosin Reservoir Campaign and thousands more were wounded in battle or incapacitated by cold weather. Many men were buried where they fell, and due to the cold weather and the retreat of UN Forces from the area, hundreds of fallen marines and soldiers were unable to be immediately recovered.” It wasn’t until Operation Glory, conducted during 1953 through 1954, that the U.S. persuaded the North Korean government to return the remains of U.N. and U.S. soldiers numbering into the thousands. Thanks to the Central Identification Unit at Kokura, Japan, only 126 bodies remained unidentified. These unknown soldiers were buried in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.



Recovery efforts continued with the remains of 47 more soldiers returned by North Korea during 1990-1994. “DoD teams from Central Identification Lab-Hawaii (CILHI) and later the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) conducted investigative and recovery operations in the Chosin Reservoir’s eastern sector from 2001 to 2005.”

<https://dpaa-mil.sites.crmforce.mil/dpaaFamWebInChosinRsrv>

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

Sauls-Bridges AL Post 13 September 26, 2024 Monthly Social Highlights Submitted by Dennis Hall, Post 13 Historian

Post 13 honored its two remaining World War II Veterans during the September Social: PFC Bryce Thornton, and LCDR (R) Robert Caldwell.

PFC Bryce Thornton was assigned to the 104th Infantry Division, known as the “Timberwolves” during WWII.

At the age of 18, Thornton found himself trained as a combat engineer who disarmed mines and booby-trapped buildings across Europe until the war’s end. He was in Belgium during the bitter cold and deadly winter of 1944, participating in the Battle of the Bulge. That winter was one of the coldest on record. According to Thornton, “It was rainy, chilly, wet, and muddy.” During his time in the battle, he often went days being wet and slimy with mud.

As the retreating German army withdrew from the battle areas, they laid extensive minefields across pasture lands, alongside roads, and the roadways themselves. Booby traps were installed in structures, forests, or anywhere they could slow the advancing GIs. To neutralize these threats, the combat engineers’ responsibility was to find the mines and booby traps and destroy them.

Thornton cleared explosives from the famous *Ludendorff Bridge* during the Battle of Remagen. The battle for the bridge was fought between 7 to 25 March 1945. This bridge was the last one that remained serviceable which crossed the Rhine River over into Germany. The bridge was heavily wired with explosives and set to destroy the bridge following the German retreat. The explosives were discovered by the American soldiers. The GIs scrambled below the bridge; tossing the demolition charges into the Rhine River. By saving the bridge, the war was shortened by weeks if not months and saved tens of thousands of lives.

During the following month of April, Thornton and his unit entered into the Mittlebau-Dora Concentration Camp. What they found was unthinkable and horrific. The nightmares of what they saw, heard, and smelt remained with them for the rest of their lives. The survivors of the camp, after being liberated, cried tears of joy and relief. They embraced the American soldiers thanking them for their freedom and new found hope.

At the war’s end Thornton was in Bitterfeld, Germany, only 90 miles from Berlin. While there, Thornton befriended a little six year old boy. The boy’s name was Hans. Thornton would give the little boy food and, for only a few days, spent time with him. Little Hans was an orphan whose entire family was lost in the war. He lived in an orphanage only blocks away from where Thornton bivouacked. In 2004, Thornton returned to Bitterfeld, Germany and enjoyed a reunion with Hans during a celebration of the city’s liberation in 1945. They were reintroduced to one another and wept tears of joy as they hugged one another. In 2006, they once again were reunited as Thornton returned to Bitterfeld. Unfortunately, Hans passed away in 2008.

PFC Bryce Thornton was honored in 2019, as that year’s Altrua Hometown Hero. He is a veteran of Honor Flight Tallahassee, and was able to visit the war memorials and Arlington Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

Sauls-Bridges AL Post 13 September 26, 2024 Monthly Social Highlights

During the September Post Social, others were recognized for their contributions to Post 13.



Post 13 Commander Cindy Laskowski presented Legionnaire Chuck Howell the Certificate for Legionnaire of the Quarter (June – August) for Post 13. Congratulations, Chuck, for being selected.



Above, Legionnaire Paul Lucarelli was awarded, in absentia, the Certificate for Legionnaire of the month for September by Post 13 Commander Cindy Laskowski. Paul volunteered to be the Legionnaire on Duty (LOD) for several occasions in August while facing serious personal health challenges. Paul was recovering from a hospital stay, but continued to serve his Post in an exemplary and dedicated manner.



Above, Post 13 American Legion Auxiliary President Nell Hewitt (L) received a Letter of Appreciation from Post 13 Commander Cindy Laskowski for her support and leadership in the 2024 Post 13 Memorial Day Service. Thank you, President Hewitt, for your contribution to the success of the service.

Right, Girl State staff and delegates attending September's Social. I want to give a shout-out to Ms. McNeill, Ms. Gayhart, Ms. Lane, and Ms. Hewitt for their dedication to the program. Submitted by Nell Hewitt



“There’s nothing so kingly as kindness, and nothing so royal as truth.” ~ Alice Cary

Legionnaire Bryce Thornton Honored

Submitted by Dennis Hall

This article was based on information found on the Honor Flight Tallahassee website about PFC Bryce Thornton: <https://www.honorflighttallahassee.org/pfc-bryce-thornton/>.

Legionnaire Bryce Thornton was accompanied by his daughter, Melodie Strickland, at the September Social. He was awarded the American Legion Medal for his military service during World War II, a Certificate for his WWII U.S. Army service, and a Certificate for 21 years of Continuous Membership in Post 13. Thank you, Bryce, for your time and sacrifice for your service to your nation and its freedom.



Post 13 Historian Dennis Hall narrates the WWII military service of PFC Bryce Thornton



Post 13 Adjutant Ed Hood (L) and Post 13 Commander Cindy Laskowski presented Legionnaire Bryce Thornton the American Legion Medal for his U.S. Army service during WWII, a Certificate of Service accompanying the medal, and a Certificate for 21 years of Continuous Membership in Post 13. Congratulations, Bryce, and thank you for your longstanding membership in Post 13.

Unfortunately, LCDR (R) Robert Caldwell, was ill and could not attend the social. He was recognized by Past Post 13 Commander John Folsom for his 21 plus years of service in the United States Navy. LCDR Caldwell's navy career began in 1942. During WWII, he flew night missions over the Southern Pacific Ocean searching for Japanese submarines. Past Post 13 Commander and current District 2 Chaplain John Folsom wrote an article detailing one of Caldwell's missions in our Post 13 August, 2024 Newsletter. (See the past newsletters at www.floridalegionpost13.org.) During this particular night's mission, Caldwell discovered the enemy Japanese fleet. He returned safely to base and reported the fleet's location. Because of Caldwell's discovery, the largest carrier-to-carrier battle, The Battle of the Philippines Sea, was fought and won by the United States Navy. The battle was fought on June 19-20, 1944. The Japanese Navy had to retreat due to its heavy losses. After suffering the terrible defeat, its navy did not conduct any additional aircraft carrier operations. LCDR Caldwell's career spanned the years of WWII, the Korean Conflict, the Cuban Missile Crisis, and the Cold War. He was honorably discharged in 1963. Thank you, LCDR Caldwell, for your long and dedicated to service to your nation and its freedom.

“All mistakes teach us something, so there are, in reality, no mistakes.” ~ Nikki Giovanni

Legionnaire Bryce Thornton Honored

Submitted by Dennis Hall



Past Post Commander John Folsom narrates the WWII military service of PFC LCDR (R) Robert T. Caldwell.



Above, Past Post 13 Commander is shown congratulating Robert Caldwell, and thanking him for his longstanding membership in Post 13.



Above, Post 13 Eric Smith (R) presented LCDR (R) Caldwell a Certificate for his 13 years of Continuous Membership in Post 13 and a Certificate for his American Legion Medal.



Left, LCDR (R) Caldwell's 13 Years of Continuous Membership in Post 13 Certificate (L) and the Certificate for his American Legion Medal for his 21 plus years career in the U S Navy.

“It’s better to look ahead and prepare, than to look back and regret.” ~ Jackie Joyner-Kersey

AL Sauls-Bridges Post 13 Hosts District 2 Meeting on Saturday, September 7 Submitted by Dennis Hall

Department of Florida District 2 held its first district-wide meeting following the installation of District 2 Officers and the District 2 Post's Officers. Each Post was requested to send their Post's Commander, Adjutant or Representative to report on the Post's various committees and vision for the new year. The meeting was moderated by District 2 Commander Doyle Combs from Blountstown, Florida. Unfortunately, several Post Commanders and other Post Officers were ill and could not be present.



District 2 Commander Doyle Combs called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees.

District 2 Commander Doyle Combs and District 2 First Vice Commander Roxanne Dressel led the attendees in reading the Preamble to the American Legion Constitution.



District 2 First Vice Commander Roxanne Dressel addressed an issue as District 2 Commander Doyle Combs yielded the floor to her to make her remarks.



L-R Ernie Alvarez, SAL Post 13 Squadron Commander Mike Mann, District 2 Chaplain John Folsom, District 2 and Post 13 JAG Jim Messer.



“Grief is the price we pay for love.” ~ Queen Elizabeth II

“Veterans Suicide Prevention” Workshop

Each year, September is designated *Suicide Prevention Month*. Based on the per cent of the two populations, suicide deaths in the veteran community is much higher, than in the nonveteran community. Leon County and other surrounding counties have a large population of veterans. Attorney Dan Hendrickson, President, Tallahassee Veterans Legal Collaborative (TVLC), and Mr. Matthew “Mattie” Ward, Veteran attorney who volunteers at the TVLC collaborated with Mr. Anthony “Tony” Montes to conduct the two day workshop. The complementary suicide prevention classes were presented at American Legion Post 13 on Saturday, August 24 and Sunday, August 25. The two day workshop’s main moderator was US Navy Veteran Mr. Anthony “Tony” Montes. Mr. Montes is an international actor, writer, producer, director, and actor coach/teacher of film and stage productions. Mr. Montes resides in Los Angeles and came to Tallahassee to moderate the workshop “pro bono” with his travel expenses underwritten by the TVLC. Thank you, TVLC for absorbing his travel costs. The workshop was scheduled for late August to coincide with September’s *Suicide Prevention Month*.



“Mattie” Ward



Don Hendrickson



“Tony” Montes

Suicide prevention is personal and a passion of Mr. Montes. During his introductory monologue, he shared that in 1983, when 27 years old, he was in a very depressed time in his life. Because of the depression he once **attempted** suicide, but **failed**. Because of his failure, Mr. Montes sought and secured the needed mental counseling to overcome his near fatal depression. Due to his attempted suicide, he felt he had a renewed purpose in life and wrote, starred, produced, and directed the movie, *The Last Train*. The movie includes a scene based on his “subway suicide attempt”. The movie has been viewed by worldwide audiences.

He also performs a solo standup monologue on live stage, *Outta the Darkness Into the Light* in which he references his “subway suicide attempt”. He stated to the attendees, since his recovery from depression, he has not had any additional suicidal tendencies and is completely restored.

During the workshop Mr. Montes shared the warning signs of suicidal tendencies and being aware of the signs is critical in preventing suicides. He taught six “Montes Method” actor coaching techniques to master in order to be effective when encountering a suicidal person. The workshop attendees were encouraged to engage in the six techniques in order to help them become more aware of suicidal signs, how to successfully deescalate the situation, and calm the person down to a manageable level. This was not a sit down, listen to, observe, and take notes workshop. This was a “hands on” practice and learn workshop. Saturday night was assigned “homework” to bring back for the Sunday sessions. Mr. Montes stated repeatedly during the workshop, the definition of suicide is “a permanent solution to a temporary problem.”

Mr. Matthew “Mattie” Ward is a veteran attorney who volunteers his time at the TVLC. He also has a relationship with Mr. Montes. Mr. Ward distance studied under Mr. Montes during the COVID pandemic. He was very influential in securing Mr. Montes to come and conduct the workshop. Mr. Ward also performed as a workshop moderator. In his opening monologue he stated he was a U.S. Army Iraqi Veteran and at times suffered from PTSD.

He also went through a time of great depression, but eventually received the necessary counseling to manage his emotions rationally and safely.

WTXL Channel 27 covered the Sunday portion of the workshop and broadcasted their report during their August 26 news programs the following day. Their coverage provided very good exposure for TVLC and AL Post 13 for their commitments to the Veterans community in the Tallahassee area. Thank you, Rodney Keener, for coordinating the coverage from WTXL Channel 27.

“Veterans Suicide Prevention” Workshop continued...



In the opening session of the workshop, AL Post 13 1st Vice Commander and “Be the One” District 2 Chairman Rodney Keener (L) discussed the importance of suicide prevention training. He commented if only one veteran was spared from suicide because of this two day training, it certainly would be worth the time and effort. He introduced and thanked Mr. Montes (C) and Mr. Ward (R) for their time and training of the workshop.

Right, Mr. Ward (C) makes a point in a Saturday afternoon session as Mr. Montes observes.



Below: Saturday session attendees standing from (L) to (R): Chris Kimball, John Linney, Jeremy Mays, Dan Hendrickson, Rodney Keener, Tony Montes, Mattie Ward, Susie Caplowe; kneeling Andre Rosedale (L) and Marc Dickieson.

Not pictured: Cindy Laskowski, Lynette Halter, Katrina Rosedale, Jamie Meeks, Quinn Ward, Madeline Ward, and Dennis Hall.



Above, Tony Montes explained one of his six “Montes Method” techniques in one of the Sunday sessions.

Right, Sunday workshop attendees enjoyed a complementary lunch provided by Mission BBQ.

Pictured standing (L) to (R) Dan Hendrickson, John Linney, Lynette Halter, Susie Caplowe, Kaitlyn Grimes (MBBQ) Tony Montes, (person in green shirt not identified), Marc Dickieson, (person far right not identified); Mattie Ward front row.

Not pictured Rodney Keener.



“My life is full of mistakes. They’re like pebbles that make a good road.” ~ Beatrice Wood



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



Lord,

This month, as we recognize Veterans Day, celebrate Thanksgiving, and prepare for the Election, with heartfelt gratitude, we acknowledge Your endless blessings for our beautiful country and the ability to worship as we choose and live in freedom. May we never forget our military men and women and their sacrifice to maintain our freedom. As we are involved in the activities of everyday life, it is easy to take for granted what our armed forces may be subjected to. Military in remote countries can be facing constant danger, unpleasant living conditions, inclement weather and the distance from their loved ones. We must always pay tribute to and pray for all those who protect our country so we can live in this freedom. Lord, assist us with your guidance and inspiration in keeping the values upon which our country was founded especially with our election decisions. Walk with us in heart and mind daily so we can continue to serve You and our country with many wishes for continuous blessings upon everyone for Thanksgiving Day and always, we pray in Your Holy Name. Amen.

SIGNS OF SUICIDAL THINKING AND BEHAVIORS SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED*

There are behaviors that may be signs a Veteran needs support. Learn to recognize these warning signs:

Hopelessness, feeling like there is no way out
 Anxiety, agitation, sleeplessness or mood swings
 Feeling like there is no reason to live
 Rage or anger
 Engaging in risky activities without thinking
 Increasing alcohol or drug use
 Withdrawing from family and friends



The presence of the following signs in a Veteran requires immediate attention:

When asked, they express a desire to hurt or kill themselves.
 When prompted, they reveal that they are looking for ways to kill themselves.
 They talk about death, dying, or suicide.
 They begin to exhibit self-destructive behavior, such as increased drug or alcohol use, talking about acquiring/using weapons for self-harm, and stockpiling medication.

* https://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/suicide_prevention/prevention/index.asp

**Become knowledgeable of the warning signs; they are critical to preventing suicide.
 Unfortunately, suicide is the permanent solution to a temporary problem.**

Submitted by Dennis Hall, Post 13 Historian

NOVEMBER 11**Submitted by Bob Costello, Writer, Author, Toastmaster****WE THE VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

I, (insert your name), do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies; foreign and domestic; that I will bear the true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God. (Title 10, US Code; Act of 5 May 1960 replacing the wording first adopted in 1789, with this amendment effective 5 October 1962).

**(How many of you remember that fateful day of your enlistment?) I salute you all!**

Our veterans, all, offered their lives for us in America and our way of life to ensure our liberties and freedoms. May God give us all, who served and those who served though did not come home, a peace that is richly deserved as fought for.

The compassion of our way of life as we have been accustomed to, since our founding fathers gallantly arose to protect these our freedoms, but not at the expense of liberties abused or self-serving; it is not just a theory, rather our worthy principles of self-governance to ensure our liberties future and that of our children to ensure our countries independence sustaining.

Is HONOR, DUTY AND COUNTRY for America worth defending?**Think back: how many of us recall the Soldier's Creed?**

I am an American, first and foremost! I am a PROUD American who takes delight in saluting our flag, without bending my knee in disrespect. Not only is it a salute that is a tribute to our founding fathers but for all ages, all those who defend our great nation. Now then, let's see what we veterans hold near and dear:

I am an American Soldier. I am a Warrior (Patriot) and a member of a team (America). I serve the people of the United States and live ... by its values of liberty and freedom. I will place the people of America first in honoring my mission to protect those rights guaranteed. I will never accept defeat as I continue my pledge to keep all Americans safe. I will never quit in all my endeavors to keep all safe from harm.

I will never leave a fallen comrade of the field of honor! I am trained in disciplines of integrity and dignity as long as I shall live. I am empowered physically and mentally to be as tough as the going gets, where my proficiency to defend all Americans in their daily tasks is maintained by my loyalty. I always maintain my arms safely in order to save our government from anarchy or insurrection.

I am an expert in maintaining liberty as my integrity permits by my professionalism. I stand by ready to be deployed, to engage disruption or civil unrest and to engage only when necessary for domestic tranquility. I must intercept those who challenge our way of life as founded by our father's fathers.

I am American through and through as a guardian of our hard earned freedom that defends our American way of life as created. I am, first an American and closely followed by my enduring nature of an American patriot and soldier throughout my life.

**Veterans all... I STAND IN UTMOST RESPECT... I SALUTE YOU ALL...
EVERY DAY – NOT JUST VETERANS DAY**



“In the Spirit of Service, Not Self”

Greetings All:

It's NOVEMBER, and the leaves have turned to that golden brown we love so much; however, what happened to the past ten months; was I sleeping? Let's get out and enjoy the FALL weather.



The Auxiliary will host an ABC (Auxiliary Basic Concepts) School on Saturday, November 2, 2024. Registration is at 9:30 AM; the class begins at 10:00 AM and ends around 3:00 PM. Lunch will be served at \$6.00 per participant. The ABC School provides information about the organization, officers' and chairperson's duties, governing documents, nurturing goodwill, mentoring, exploring new ways for members to become involved, and much more.

It is essential to know the history of our organization. The instructors are very knowledgeable, and everyone will learn something new. Questions will be encouraged. This event is open to all **American Legion Family members** (American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion. Knowledge is powerful, so let's all be inspired by Who we are and what we Do as an organization and learn together.

I am pleased to announce the Auxiliary will celebrate Veterans Day weekend with our Poppy distribution. We will be at Sam's Warehouse, Bealls on Capital Circle Northeast, and Red Hills Village Retirement Resort. Come by to pick up your Poppy and say ***Hello***. Poppy distribution will end with the Veterans Day breakfast and parade. Auxiliary members will greet everyone with Poppies as they enter the Post for the delicious breakfast.

Thanksgiving is upon us. I hope everyone enjoys family and friends and that spectacular Thanksgiving Dinner with all the trimmings.

Thank you for the success of our Raffle baskets at our socials. We hope to continue the Raffle Baskets in January when our socials resume; see you then!

Please continue supporting our organization with your prayers; they are much appreciated.

For God & Country,

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



“Vulnerability is important. You can't let your skin get too thick.” ~ Al Pacino

Post 13 September Social Raffle Basket Winners Submitted by ALA President Nell Hewitt



WHY WE CALL IT “FALL”

Prior to the terms “fall” and “autumn” making their way into the common lexicon, the months of September, October, and November were generally referred to as the harvest season, a time of year for gathering ripened crops. Some of the first recorded uses of the word “fall” date back to 1500s England, when the term was a shortened version of “fall of the year” or “fall of the leaf.” The 1600s saw the arrival of the word “autumn,” which came from the French word *automne* and was popular among writers such as Chaucer and Shakespeare. By the 18th century, “autumn” became the predominant name for the season in England, though over the following century, the word “fall” would grow in popularity across the Atlantic. But while some proper British English linguists consider fall to be an Americanism, the term actually originated in England, and both “autumn” and “fall” are used interchangeably today.

<https://interestingfacts.com/autumn-leaves-facts/>

“A person without imagination is like a teabag without hot water.” ~ Alan Fletcher

Post 13 September Social Raffel Basket Winners continued



ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 5TH

MAKE SURE YOU CAST YOUR BALLOT TO BE HEARD!!!

PASSING OF GLEN RUSHING, POST 13 WEBMASTER

Glen Jerome Rushing, age 74, passed away September 17, 2024, in Tallahassee, FL after a battle with lung cancer. He was born July 11, 1950, in DeFuniak Springs, FL. He attended Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University receiving a "Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Science". Glen served 6.5 years in the US Air Force as a C-141 & C-5 mechanic until his sister, Gail, who is now an Army recruiter, recruited him into the US Army and swore him in. Having completed over 20 years of service to his country, he retired in 1989 as an Army Captain. After retirement from the Army, Glen had a variety of interests to keep him busy that ranged from driving a truck, opening his own locksmith business, opening the first local internet provider service and computer store in DeFuniak Springs, to building his own fixed-wing airplane and teaching new aspiring pilots how to fly. One of his favorite hobbies was driving a race car at the South Alabama Speedway in Kinston, AL. Glen was the best at keeping the Post 13 website up to date with all of our newsletters and events. Always professional and a great guy to work with...He is missed!!!



"You can't shake hands with a clenched fist." ~ Indira Gandhi

AL Sauls-Bridges Post 13 POW/MIA Recognition Day, September 7

Legionnaires of Post 13 and others gathered together at the Tallahassee National Cemetery to lay a wreath in remembrance of our nation's POW/MIA's who have yet to return home. At each meeting of the American Legion, the POW/MIA reading is read and/or a POW/MIA table and furnishing are displayed as a reminder we still have over 81,000 men and women in military uniform who are still unaccounted for: "We will remember".



Left, the POW/MIA Recognition Day Service was conducted at the main flagpole of the Tallahassee National Cemetery.



A beautiful and peaceful sunrise welcomed those who came to remember...



AL Post 13 POW/MIA Memorial Family Wreath



Left, the service began at 0800. Squadron 13 Commander Michael Mann, Post 13 Commander Cindy Laskowski, and Unit 13 President Nell Hewitt prepared to affix unit ribbons to the wreath.



Commander Cindy Laskowski fastened Legion ribbon on behalf of Post 13.



SAL Commander Michael Mann affixed the Sons' Ribbon on behalf of Squadron 13.

Submitted by Dennis Hall

"Wealth consists not in having great possessions, but in having few wants." ~ Epictetus

AL Sauls-Bridges Post 13 POW/MIA Recognition Day, September 7 continued...



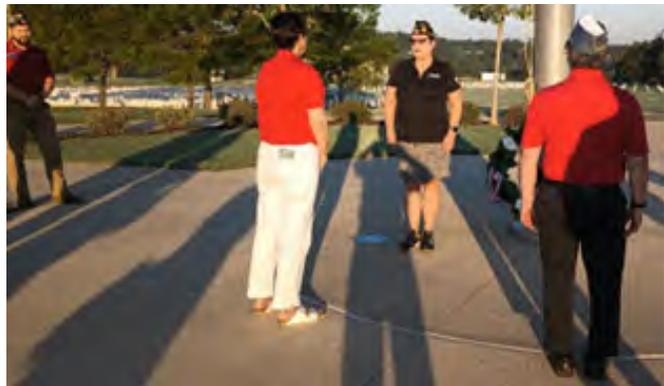
President Nell Hewitt attached Auxiliary Legion ribbon on behalf of Unit 13.



Bugler John Froude plays *Taps* in remembrance of POW/MIAs .



Left, Post 13 Chaplain Eric Smith offers a closing prayer to conclude the service.



Left, Post 13 Commander Cindy Laskowski thanked everyone who attended to end the service.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR



Dear Post 13 Members,

We have definitely dodged weather related bullets this year (so far), but our neighbors have not, so give generously. Our Post Socials were well attended for 2024 and I'm looking forward to starting our new season with the annual chili cookoff in January. More to come in the December issue.

Having a math degree I'm all about the numbers. We are very blessed to have such a talented Auxiliary member, Laura Morris, who offers academic tutoring with her company Math Matters. This is just one of her services, as she speaks four languages. If your kids or grandchildren need a little help, I'd give her a call.

We have plenty on the events calendar each month. Volunteers are always needed, as well as contributions of glasses, kitchen utensils, etc. Again, thanks for supporting our Post. ~ Paula Wilkins

“Patience is also a form of action.” – Auguste Rodin

WE THE PEOPLE

By Bob Costello, S/Sgt USAF

WE THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES military forces, in order to support a more perfect equality by establishing justice for all, ensuring DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY, and providing for common human decency for those who support the deployed spouses. We do so by promoting for their general welfare. Those supporting military service, whose faithful duty to God and Country without question, stand by their deployed men and selflessly show pride in their familial duty through unconditionally giving of love’s blessings.

*We do this by promoting Liberty for ourselves, our familial posterity and American way of life. They do solemnly ordain and establish this prophetic need for proper housing, spousal funding and cognizable decency constitute greater aide for these **Homefront heroes** as made necessary for the continuance of freedom for the United States of America. God bless them and God Bless America!*

***Homefront warriors** have a ‘**mission**’ (wanted or not), of urgency, to comply with the needs of family necessity in its freedoms of choice and voice in gaining employment, adequate housing, funds to sustain a modicum of quality of life, prior to and during spousal deployment. This mission of familial support is long, long overdue! There are no incentives given for these amazing supportive spouses and familial heroes, by any means or imagination. They struggle, day in and day out, to make ends meet in keeping faith that the Government will intervene to improve affordable housing and child-care essentials for them. More notably, the military warrior or front-line personnel cause remains a monstrous psychological and physical burden for these **home front warriors** in trying to just survive is a genuine concern for those proud American family heads and heroines that worry **24/7/365!** (Around the clock)!*

*The needs of military families are far, far, long overdue in the realm of familial support, funding and services – the Government sees them as “**playing second fiddle**”!*

Our advocacy should have started ions ago!!! Praise belongs to these family heads and sustainable home-front warriors! So, let us plead, beg or bend a knee for the needs of a quality of life for those families of deployed members who are defending our country, by putting their lives on the line for each and every one of us!

HELP THEM NOW... not tomorrow ! Let the government know – lend your voice!! Write or call your congressional representative, and senator. Let your voices be heard!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- NOV 3 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
- NOV 5 ELECTION DAY
- NOV 10 MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY
- NOV 11 VETERANS DAY AND BREAKFAST
- NOV 11 ARMISTICE/REMEMBRANCE DAY
- NOV 24 THANKSGIVING
- NO POST SOCIAL

Difference Between Veterans Day and Memorial Day

“Memorial Day is for remembering and honoring military personnel who died in the service of their country, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of a wound sustained in battle.

Veterans Day is intended to thank all those who honorably served in the military – in wartime or peacetime.”

<https://veteran.com/veterans-day/>

WE SALUTE OUR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES



NOVEMBER 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27 HALL AVAILABLE CALL 284-6967	28 7:00 - 9:00 pm DANCE PARTY \$10 ALL AGES OPEN TO PUBLIC	29 6:30 - 10:00 pm TALLAHASSEE SWING BAND \$10 Open to Public \$7 Students	30 6:30 pm SUE BOYD DANCE AND LESSONS OPEN TO PUBLIC	31 3:00 - 5:00 pm Legal Collaborative	1 NOVEMBER HALL AVAILABLE CALL 284-6967	2 HALL AVAILABLE CALL 284-6967
3  HALL AVAILABLE CALL 284-6967 Daylight Savings Time Ends	4 7:00 - 9:00 pm DANCE PARTY \$10 ALL AGES OPEN TO PUBLIC	5  ELECTION DAY NO SWING BAND	6 6:30 pm SUE BOYD DANCE AND LESSONS 10:00 - 11:00 am Commander's Coalition	7 3:00 - 5:00 pm Legal Collaborative 5:30 pm Executive Board Meeting 6:30 pm General Meeting	8 6:00 - 10:00 pm Fundraiser for North Carolina with Bill Whar- ton aka Sauce Boss. \$10 cover Open to Public	9 7:00 pm Doors Open Cajun Dance Party \$10 Cover Open to Public
10  HALL AVAILABLE CALL 284-6967 MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY	11  7:30 - 10:00 pm DANCE PARTY VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST ARMISTICE DAY	12 6:30 - 10:00 pm TALLAHASSEE SWING BAND \$10 Open to Public \$7 Students	13 6:30 pm SUE BOYD DANCE AND LESSONS OPEN TO PUBLIC	14 3:00 - 5:00 pm Legal Collaborative 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Marine Corps League NO Women Veterans Unite Meeting	15 6:00 pm Doors Open 6:30 pm Show BBC Benefit for James "Missippy" Stanton Memorial 5 bands Advance \$10 Day \$15	16 12:30 pm Doors Open 1:00 pm Show BBC Pat Ramsey Benefit for Big Bend Hospice 9 bands Advance \$10 Day \$15 www.bbclegion.com
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