



Sauls-Bridges American Legion



Post 13 News



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Life on a Naval Vessel

This is Navy’s month celebrating its birthday on October 13th and Navy Day on October 27th. I recently came across a wonderful article from a gentleman, George W. Stewart, a retired US Navy Captain. He provided many insights into life on a US naval vessel. The following are excerpts from his article about his deployment during the Vietnam War.

“The *USS England* was a *Leahy*-Class ship. At the time, it was classified as a guided missile frigate (DLG). It was one of nine ships of the *Leahy* Class that entered service between 1962 and 1964. It was the largest destroyer type at 533 feet long and having a full load displacement of 7,800 tons. Their primary purpose was to provide anti-air and anti-submarine protection for fast carrier task forces.”

The *Leahy*-Class ships carried as its principle weapon the Terrier surface to air guided missile. “It was an intermediate range missile with a range of about 35 to 40 miles.” There were two missile launchers, one forward and one aft so the ships were referred to as “double enders”. The missiles were capable of carrying nuclear warheads.



USS England (DLG 22) departing Pearl Harbor heading for a WestPac deployment in June 1968. Photo by PH3 R. Hartkopp.

“All of the major jobs on the ship were filled by officers one grade higher than those aboard a destroyer. The CO was a full captain, the XO a commander, and the department heads were lieutenant commanders. “

Days were spent performing duties as an engineer below deck, keeping the engines and power running. Night-time required going up on deck with binoculars watching the shoreline for downed pilots. Shipmen could see firefights on shore from the vessel. During break, it was time to head to the wardroom to watch movies which usually featured old westerns (“spaghetti westerns”). Once break was over, it was time to complete a walkthrough of the engineering spaces, followed by a visit to Main Control to write up night orders.

The *USS England* had a helicopter pad that allowed helicopters to land on the ship with wounded soldiers. On such an occasion, while stationed off of the Gulf of Tonkin as a search and rescue (SAR) ship, a South Vietnamese PT boat brought up along side of the ship with their wounded soldiers. The ship’s doctor was instantly thrown into chaos and the mess deck became a hospital. The most action Captain Stewart saw during his tour of duty aboard the *USS England*.

USS England underwent dismantlement at International Shipbreaking Limited on January 15, 2004.

George W. Stewart is a retired US Navy Captain. During his 30 year naval career, he held two ship commands and served a total of 8 years on naval material inspection boards, during which he conducted trials and inspections aboard over 200 naval vessels.

<https://navyhistory.org/2016/06/life-on-a-naval-vessel-during-the-vietnam-war-in-the-1960s/>

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

Post 13 August 15, 2024 General Business Meeting Recap ***Submitted by Dennis Hall, Post 13 Historian***

Chaplain Eric Smith opened the meeting in prayer. POW/MIA Reading by Post Commander Laskowski. Guests present for the meeting included: District 2 Commander Doyle Combs, Sons of the American Legion Post 13 Squadron Commander Mike Mann, and American Legion Auxiliary District 2 President Debbie Mann.

1st Vice Commander Rodney Keener reported he had 3 individuals who made application, submitted the necessary documentation, and were Honorably Discharged, paid their membership dues, and requested membership in Post 13. All three were accepted and voted into Post 13:

Andre Rosedale, US Army New Member
 Jeremy Mays, US Army New Member
 Preston Wheaton, US Army Transfer from Post 400

Welcome to each of you and we look forward to getting to know you!

The 1st Vice Commander, who is also the “Be the One” Chairperson, announced a Veteran Suicide Prevention Class and Workshop is planned for Saturday and Sunday, August 24 and 25. Class times are 10:00 am – 4:00 pm each day. The classes are taught by Anthony Montes and Mattie Ward. There is no charge to attend the class. It is recommended to pre-register to ensure a seat.

2nd Vice Commander Redmond Gautier reported Tallahassee Roofing Company performed a roof inspection, but did not provide the report to the 2nd Vice Commander by the time of the business meeting. The 2nd Vice Commander also made an appeal to Post 13 members for volunteers for special “workdays” at the Post for repairs and landscaping projects. Projects will be planned as needed. A request was made for a committee or group of individuals to take on the responsibility of routine yard maintenance. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please call Redmond at 850-363-9202.

3rd Vice Commander Larry Clayton reported the Post is required to have music recording licenses to be in compliance with music royalties that are paid to the recording artists. BMI original fee was \$5,000.00 a year for the license based on an occupancy of around 475 people attending. The case was presented that the Post never has that many attending a musical event and BMI lowered the license fee to approximately \$ 1,845.00, based on an approximate occupancy cap of 150. A motion was made and seconded to accept the new fee and the motion passed. This is an annual fee. The fee was later reduced to \$1,660.50 because it was paid in cash.

Post Finance Officer Jay Lindsey provided the Post Financial Report. There were no questions. A motion was made to accept the financial report. The motion was seconded and the motion passed.

Post Historian Dennis Hall reported all Executive Committee Members are now installed. The Sergeant-at-Arms and the Post Finance Officer were installed during the July Social. The Post’s Boys State Delegates and their Post Coordinator were our guests at the August Post Social on August 22.

He also reported the Post has only two living WWII Veterans: LCDR Robert Caldwell and PFC Bryce Thornton. The Post honored them for their military service at the September 26, Post Social.



1st Vice Commander Rodney Keener welcomed new member Andre Rosedale into Post 13.

Post 13 August 15, 2024 General Business Meeting Recap Continued...

New Business:

Post Commander Cindy Laskowki reported the Post’s property and liability insurance policies were renewed by Lloyds’s of London, but with an increase in the annual premiums. The new annual premiums totals are \$23,647.90 if paid in one payment. If the premium is broken down into monthly installments, an interest rate of approx. 10.00 percent will be added to the monthly installment. The motion was made to accept the proposal, seconded, and a discussion of how to pay the premium was made. It seemed prudent to redeem the necessary CDs the Post owns to cover the annual premium and save the 10.00 per cent in interest. It was noted the CDs were earning minimal interest, less than 3 per cent. After the discussion, the Post membership voted in favor of paying the annual premiums and redeeming the necessary CDs to cover the cost, instead of making monthly installments.



Invoice #2282

Invoice Date: August 13, 2024

Due Date: August 23, 2024

Ideal Insurance Inc
 7910 N Tamiami Trail
 Suite 200, Sarasota, FL, 34243
 941-921-2102

American Legion Post 13
 P.O. Box 38028
 Tallahassee, FL, 32315-8028
 Phone: 850-222-3382

Amounts Billed	Line Of Business	Policy Number	Insured	Amount Due
Property W/Wind Renewal 24-25			American Legion Post 13	\$17,148.40
Liquor renewal 24-25			American Legion Post 13	\$1,240.05
General Liability Renewal 24-25			American Legion Post 13	\$5,259.45
TOTAL:				\$23,647.90

Totals - Summaries	Amount Due
	\$23,647.90

Description
 Please make check payable to : **Ideal Insurance Inc**

Please detach and return with payment. Thank You.

<p>Billed To:</p> <p>American Legion Post 13 P.O. Box 38028 Tallahassee FL 32315-8028</p>	<p>Insured ID:</p> <p>Statement Date: 08/13/2024</p> <p>Amount Due: \$23,647.90</p>
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Legionnaire Ed Rodriguez recognized as the July Legionnaire of the Month

Ed Rodriguez was recognized for his contributions for volunteering his time to the Post for his grounds keeping efforts. He took the initiative to mow, edge, and trim the Post grounds during June and July. He wants the Post to always have a beautiful appearance and for everyone to take pride in our Post facilities. Volunteering is in Ed’s blood. He volunteers with the Florida Baptist Disaster Relief Team and gets deployed sometimes for weeks at a time when a natural disaster happens. He goes on his Church’s mission trips to Latin America to help in the repair/ construction of buildings. He volunteers one day each month at the National Guard Armory to help prepare and serve a monthly luncheon for Veterans and their guests. He is involved in constructing handicap ramps for the disabled. When he finds a need someone has and he can meet, Ed takes it on his own, often times by himself. Ed is a servant leader with a heart of compassion and desires to be the solution to a problem. Thank you, Ed, for being a member of Post 13! We are grateful for your service and willingness to help others.



Post 13 Adjutant Ed Hood (R) presented Legionnaire of the Month Award to Legionnaire Ed Rodriguez.

Chaplain Eric Smith closed the meeting in prayer.

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



“In the Spirit of Service, Not Self”

October brings the turning of the leaves and much-needed crisp air to our area. Let's enjoy this fantastic Fall weather before saying how "COLD" it is.

Gold Star Mother's and Family Day is observed on the last Sunday of September 25. A Gold Star family is when a son or daughter becomes missing in action, dies while on active duty, or dies due to such service. On June 23, 1936, a joint congressional resolution designated the last Sunday in September as Gold Star Mother's Day and was proclaimed annually by each president. In 2011, President Obama amended the day to "Gold Star Mother's and Family Day."



The Auxiliary will be hosting our Girl State delegates at the September social. Give your support, learn how amazing these young ladies are, and look into what the future might hold for us.

We're shaking things up to promote participation and sharing moments with our members attending the monthly socials. Tell your friends or bring them with you; remember, our October social will be the last social for the year, as we DO NOT hold socials in November and December.

Thank you for the success of the Raffle baskets at our socials. Plenty of baskets are waiting for you to take home; come prepared to indulge in the action. The funds received are administered to veterans, their families, and community service programs.

Auxiliary members, mark your calendar: the EC meeting will be held on October 10 @ 5:30 p.m., followed by the GM meeting at 6:00 p.m.

For God & Country,

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



Father,

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



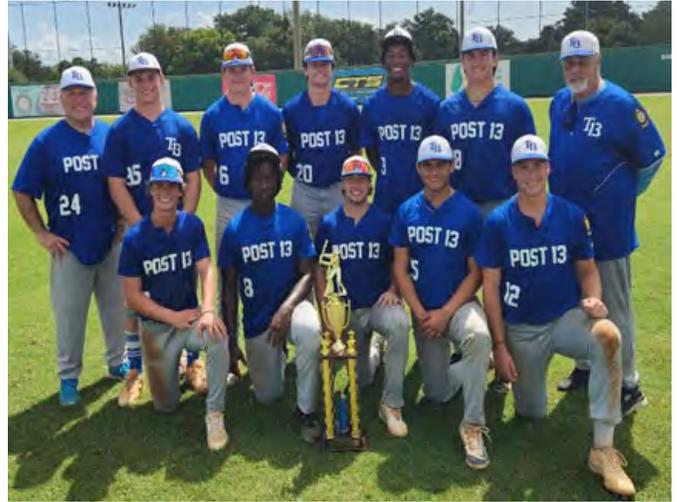
We continue to pray for all our military and their families. On March 17, 1919, a “Mission Statement” formed the Preamble to the American Legion Constitution. The Preamble is recited before each official meeting and continues to this day. A portion of the words are “To Preserve the Memories and Incidents of our Association in All Wars.” May we always remember and honor our military men and women, active and deceased, and their sacrifices for our country to maintain our freedom. Now, more than ever, our country and its leadership needs constant, devoted prayers to truly lead us in the right direction for the good our country, its citizens, and our freedom. May we continue to have your divine guidance in heart and mind, day by day, as we work together to serve God and Country with the confidence that you are in control.

We pray in Your Holy Name. Amen.

July 25 American Legion Post 13 Social Meeting Highlights

Submitted by Dennis Hall, Post 13 Historian

Post 13 invited the 2024 American Legion Baseball Team for the monthly social. Four team members and two coaches attended. The Post congratulated the team for their success in the 2024 baseball season. The team went 9-2-1 in regular season play. The team began the season with 16 players. Over the course of the season, injuries and other factors reduced the number of team players. When the team arrived at the State Tournament, the team only had 10 players. The tournament was played at Jack Russell Stadium in Clearwater. The season ended on Sunday July 21, with the earned title of State Runner-up Champions. A great performance by a short roster! The team brought back the State Runner-up Trophy and presented it to Post Commander Cindy Laskowski. The trophy will be permanently displayed at the Post with dozens of previous baseball trophies. Adjutant Ed Hood presented Manager/Coach Wes Singletary Certificates of Participation for all players.



Players and coaches who competed in the State Tournament are shown above. Standing, L – R Coach Wes Singletary, Austin Purdie, Will McDonald, Gabe Del Fuoco, Ashton Gainer, Jordan Martinez, and Coach Wayne Tyson Knelling, L – R Carter Allen, Jay Campbell, Cole Lewis, Blair Baisden, and Garrett Harper.

Baseball team attendees at the July Post Social are shown at right. L-R Coach Wes Singletary, Garrett Harper, Carter Allen, Jay Campbell, Gabe Del Fuoco, and Coach Wayne Tyson.



State runner up trophy presented by Commander Cindy Laskowski. L-R Gabe Del Fuoco, Garrett Harper, Post Commander Cindy Laskowski, Carter Allen, and Jay Campbell.

Below, District 2 Chaplain John Folsom administers oath of office to Sergeant-at-Arms Dwayne Myer (center) and Post Finance Officer Jay Lindsey (right).



Manager/Coach Wes Singletary (left) has a good laugh as he discusses Post 13 American Legion



Praise Long Overdue

Submitted by Bob Costello, S/SGT, 4453 CCTW – TAC, FLIGHT SIMULATOR SECTION

This conversation is long overdue!

How many here have been the “stay at home heroes” when your mate has been deployed? And that is all inclusive of those who kept the “home fires burning!”

How many here have heard the terms or words of: Sacrifice, devotion, struggle, peace of mind, military tradition, stress, or even “marrying your emotions” and “deployment depression?”

Thank you to all those who managed the home-front front line! Let me say that once again! Thank you to all those who managed the home-front front line!

We incessantly tease about married life in its gender roles differences, but this is not one of those times. Women in this conversation are the objects of APPRECIATION, not degradation; nor to be teasingly “put down”. Deployment is more than merely difficult for those that (manned) the home front line. They all were not faint of heart in their own duty to home and family faithfulness. This falls to the similar lines of Thomas Paine who is quoted as writing this: “These are the times that try men’s souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in (this) crisis, shrink from the service of their country...”

Let me rephrase this quotation: **“These are the times that try ‘those’ souls! The home-front warrior and the sunshine partner-patriot will, in (times) of crisis (NOT) shrink from the service of their country (and their families)...”**

Let us take a further look at these “home-front warriors” and “faithful defenders” of the family nest in that we may delight in its foundation where fond memories are made.

Military spouses experience a wide range of EMOTIONS that are all inclusive of unease – not knowing where their significant other is or even if that love is alive and well. These mixed emotions run the gambit of fits of sadness; governmental resentment for having taken their loved one away to places of harm or worse; to frustration, helplessness, and even restlessness or worse – grief!

These emotions can arise to greater **grief and confusion** as many tend to be so **preoccupied** in giving aid to others that **they forget about themselves** as a diversion to give themselves peace of mind – all in all, a **camouflage** to cover their emotional sacrifices suppressed.

I want to take this time to simply say **THANK YOU** to all these home-front warriors and caregivers. I wish to convey my deepest appreciation to those who sacrificed much including themselves for the timely betterment of family, education and health of their children and midnight well-being of those who cannot possibly understand the emotional feelings of loneliness in the midst of isolation and separation anxiety due to their significant other’s deployment.

To capitalize more here, these spouses give up much! Too much! Taking caring of family and finances so time consuming that it takes them away from family needs and demands or emergent issues that arise – and they always do!

Who are these ‘home-front warriors?’ They are faithful loyalists who dedicate their deep affections for life and living with greater concerns for others than themselves as they indwell all feelings to a point of control over them. It’s a form of neglect and apathy for themselves by an unconscious decision of indifference when all they want and need is love, loyalty, friendship and family.

Praise Long Overdue *Continued....*

When these “heroes” do this, they look to others for help, as they would with VA Administrative Services; however, family obligations steal them away from their own needs and issues. They “push themselves to the limit” or “down play” their own concerns for the needs of others. This is their SACRIFICE! Then they RESENT themselves for feeling selfish for asking for assistance when, in fact, they really need and deserve it.

By what titles can we infer here for their works and unpaid positions in their contributory services. Chairman of the Board, CFO, Chauffeur, Housekeeper, Personnel Manager, Negotiator, Financial Services Representative, Child Psychologist, Chef and a litany of others. The only thing missing in these operations is the respect of “return” – say to these spouses,

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO and in the **DEPTH OF ALL YOU ARE!**

These heroes give up much to the point of giving up their own aspirations, independence and time for “self” during these moments of time during deployment. These worthy and powerful help mates generally go well beyond the limitations of duty in their daily life struggles to create incredible, indelible legacy of ‘unsung heroes’ that deserve recognition and appreciation to the highest degree. These incredible works keep the home fire burning and aflame in love for adoration of family and friends.

We must take time out of our day to appreciate these spouses who go above the call of duty as a testimonial of honest and faithful service to God, Country, Duty and Family!

This conversation today is my and our tribute to those who performed unwavering commitment to honorable service. This Nation gratefully awards this oratorical recognition to selfless consecration of service and devotion to family in times of tribulation that went above and beyond the call duty by our **home front heroes** in their unwavering courage and devotion!

With our heartfelt gratitude we all honor you this day!

ATTENTION!!!

SALUTE !!!

TWO !!!

Stand down!

(SILENCE – MOMENTARILY)



As for me, as another airman and team member, my assignment was with the 4453rd CCTW-TAC, **fighter-bomber Flight Simulator Section of the F-4 Phantom I & II, Fighter-Bomber stationed at Davis-Monthan AFB in Tucson, Arizona** for the greater of my tour of duty in the grandeur of the Air Force. We were part of the “Wild Weasels”.

I had a grand time and privilege of being in the service of my country...**God, Country and Duty!** (Our mantra was clear – liberty and freedom forever)!

My business partner for two years was in the Air Force; he like me, volunteered for **SEA (South East Asia)** and you guessed it, another government **snafu**. He was deployed to **SEA** alright, **but** it was **South East Alabama** – Ft. Rucker AFB, instead! **Go figure!!! That’s the government for you!**

Lenna Gayhart, Junior Member American Legion Auxiliary, Post 13



Sauls-Bridges ALA Unit 13 Junior Member, Lenna Gayhart, has been appointed ex-officio member of the board of directors for the Foundation for Leon County Schools for the 2024 – 2025 school year. In her role, Lenna will provide a student perspective and assist with foundation programming, community engagement events, and fundraising to benefit the students of Leon County, Florida.

The Foundation for Leon County Schools, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, was established in 1986 to bring enriching programs and resources to Leon County Schools through business, individual and community engagement; increased public awareness; and dedicated fundraising. Under the leadership of its volunteer Board of Directors, the Foundation remains focused on enhancing programs that include teacher mini-grants, dropout prevention, scholarships, teacher training, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) development, and wellness.

Lenna is currently a senior at Leon High School. In her spare time, she enjoys being an active member of Leon's SGA serving as Spirit Committee Co-Chair, Executive Board member of Leon's Miracle Dance Marathon, St. Paul's UMC Youth Choir, and volunteering at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital Pediatric Unit.

Submitted by Nell Hewitt, President Auxiliary, Sauls-Bridges, Unit 13



NOTES FROM THE EDITOR



Dear Post 13 Members,

This is the time of year when my worlds collide: baseball and football. And I try to watch them both! Fall is in the air and walking the nature trails has been very nice. My Saturdays are busy in a good way. Remember, Halloween is on Thursday night this year. Watch for children crossing streets and walking from door to door. Always a fun time to watch the kids and check out what costumes are popular each year. Last year in Southwood, we had 150 kids at my house. Looking forward to another great and safe Halloween.

Thanks for supporting our Post with your time and presence. ~ Paula Wilkins

“Risk something or forever sit with your dreams.” ~ Herb Brooks

Post 13 August 22, 2024 Social Meeting Highlights Submitted by Dennis Hall, Post 13 Historian

Post 13 Commander Cindy Laskowski presented Legionnaire David Wilson a Letter of Commendation from Post 13. David was recognized for his outstanding role as the Keynote Speaker for the Post 13 Memorial Day Service. The Service was observed at Oakland Cemetery in Midtown Tallahassee.

Legionnaire Dove McClain (shown below right) was honored as **Post 13 Legionnaire of the Month for August**. She was recognized for her outstanding membership recruiting efforts at the Annual Veterans Stand Down Event on Friday, July 12. The Stand Down was held at the Al Lawson Center on FAMU's campus. She and 1st Vice Commander Rodney Keener provided information concerning the American Legion to interested Veterans. As a result of their efforts, Post 13 grew by three new members.

Congratulations, Dove, on being recognized **LOM**.



Post 13 Commander Cindy Laskowski (L) presented Legionnaire Dove McClain Legionnaire of the Month Award.



Legionnaire Dove McClain (R) was presented a Certificate of Recognition from Post 13 Commander Cindy Laskowski. Dove was recognized for her membership recruiting efforts at the Veterans Stand Down in FAMU's Al Lawson Center on Friday, July 12.

Thank you, Dove, for your recruiting efforts for Post 13.

“Optimism is a happiness magnet.” – Mary Lou Retton

Post 13 August 22, 2024 Social Meeting Highlights Continued...

Past Post Commander Vic Hannah was recognized for his service to Post 13 as the Post Commander for the last several months of the 2023-2024 year. Past Commander Hannah “stepped up” when the previous Post Commander resigned, due to his declining health condition, in January, 2024. Past Post Commander Hannah was also honored and remembered for his 30 years of service to Post 13.

THANK YOU, COMMANDER VIC FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS OVER THE PAST 30 YEARS TO THE POST!

Shown left, Post 13 Commander Cindy Laskowski (L) presented a token of appreciation to Past Commander Vic Hannah’s service as the previous Post 13 Commander.



2024 Post 13 Boys State Delegates Recognized at August Social

Five Post 13 Boys State Delegates and their Post 13 Boys State Coordinator, Mr. Jake Kiker, were guests at the Post 13 August Social. Post 13 had eight Boys State Delegates attend Boys State in 2024. Each Delegate took the opportunity to thank Post 13 for providing them the opportunity to attend Boys State. The Delegates present explained by attending Boys State it allowed them to grow in developing better communication skills, meeting and making new friends from across the State of Florida, and building better self-confidence. Thank you, Boys State Delegates, for taking the time to share with Post 13 about your Boys State experiences. We are very proud of your accomplishments.

Past Post 13 Commander Val Frailey explained what Boys State was all about for those unfamiliar with Boys State. Attending Boys State was a rigorous process that began several months before attending: a detailed application was submitted, secured letters of recommendations, an academic review, and an interview. These are just a few of the hurdles each had to successfully accomplish to attend Boys State.



L-R Post 13 Commander Cindy Laskoski, Isaa Alison, Alex Srivastava, Meyer Williams, Ben Kyvik, Carson Conway, Jake Kiker, Post 13 Boys State Coordinator, Post 13 Adjutant Ed Hood - not present were Bhargava Tatineni, Will Proctor, and Kevin Brady, each

Delegate received a Boys State Certificate for their attendance and participation in 2024 Boys State.

“Aspire to inspire before we expire.” – Unknown

HOWL AT THE MOON FOR K9S

Submitted by Mary Helena (M.H.) Allen, Coordinator

HOWL AT THE MOON FOR K9s is an event to honor our Military Service Members and First Responders, as well as a fundraiser to benefit K9s For Warriors. Determined to end veteran suicide, K9s For Warriors provides highly trained Service Dogs to Military Veterans suffering from PTSD, traumatic brain injury and/or military sexual trauma. With the majority of dogs coming from rescue shelters, this innovative program allows the K9/Warrior team to build an unwavering bond that facilitates their collective healing and recovery.

An event will be held at the Moon on October 9th from 5:00 - 7:30 pm. (See Flyer on page 12) We are requesting our Military Service Members and First Responders to wear their uniforms or other recognizable service designations so they may be recognized and thanked. There will be food provided by Mission BBQ, a cash bar and other refreshments, raffles, silent auctions, live entertainment and a presentation on behalf of K9s For Warriors. The highlight of the evening will be a special presentation by a Warrior and his Battle Buddy that you do not want to miss!

There is no cover or ticket charge. All proceeds from this event will be donated to benefit K9s For Warriors to help save more Veterans and rescue more dogs!

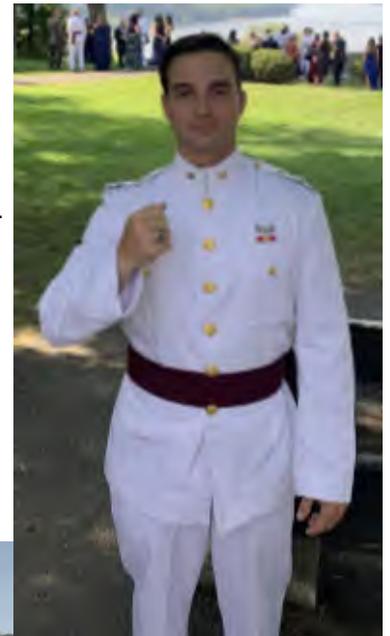
We are currently looking for and requesting donations of raffle and silent auction items, advertisers who would like to be included in our media promotions, and monetary and/or in-kind donations toward our event. *K9s For Warriors is a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code. Donors may deduct contributions as provided in Section 170 of the Code.*

FOR MORE INFORMATION, TO MAKE A MONETARY OR IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION, AND/OR VOLUNTEER BEFORE OR DURING THE EVENT, PLEASE CONTACT M.H. ALLEN AT 850-544-1067 (CALL OR TEXT) OR BY EMAIL AT AKAINFO@AOL.COM. (SEE FLYER ON PAGE 11)



Charles Shiben Latimer at West Point reporting in for his senior year. The West Point Ceremony Parade is shown below. The picture at left is older brother at Jordan (left) and younger brother Peyton (right). Mom, Cheryl, next to Charlie all smiles!

Thanks to Sharon Courey for allowing members of Post 13 to follow Charlie's journey throughout his time at West Point. We wish him the very best!



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

You're Invited

**COME TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE OUR
MILITARY VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS
AS WE LEARN MORE ABOUT THE AMAZING WORK
K9S FOR WARRIORS
IS DOING TO SUPPORT THESE HEROES AND RESCUE DOGS!**



**OCTOBER 9, 2024
5PM TO 7:30PM
THE MOON
1105 EAST LAFAYETTE STREET
TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301**

*All proceeds from this event will be donated to K9s
to help save more Warriors and rescue more dogs!*

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
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Corporal Isaac Eli Holland's Burial Flag Entrusted to Post 13 Submitted by Dennis Hall, Historian

This past June, Ms. Paula Wilkins, the Post's Newsletter Editor, was given the burial flag of Corporal Holland, a World War I Veteran. When Ms. Wilkins attended the June Post Social she gave the flag to Post Commander Vic Hannah and to Post Historian-elect Dennis Hall. She stated the family would like to give the flag to Post 13. We thanked her, and began thinking how we could show the Post's appreciation for such a thoughtful gift from the family. It turned out, Corporal Holland's grandson, is Mr. Mike Stephenson, Ms. Wilkins' employer.



Dennis Hall acquired the grandson's contact information from Ms. Wilkins. He phoned Mr. Stephenson, and thanked him for entrusting our Post with such a wonderful family heirloom. Historian Hall said the Post would like to recognize the family for the gift. The time of the recognition would need to be approved by the Executive Committee of the Post, but the committee would not be installed until the July Post General Meeting.

The first Executive Committee Meeting was not scheduled until August. At that meeting, it was agreed we would recognize Mr. Stephenson during our August Post Social. The Historian extended the invitation to Mr. Stephenson, and he immediately accepted. Mr. Stephenson had four guests join him for the event: his wife, Kay, his friends, Jack and Litty Harnett, and Dewey Jetton.



Mr. Stephenson recalled his Grandfather Holland's military service in World War I. Corporal Isaac Eli Holland, 13 September 1892 – 7 August 1939, served in the U S Army 167th Infantry Division during World War I in France. CPL Holland was assigned to the Mess Section as a cook supervisor. He was evacuated back to the United States after being poisoned by Mustard Gas. Unfortunately, the gas poisoning contributed to his grandfather's passing early in life.



The burial flag was presented at Corporal Holland's funeral to his 17 year old daughter, Emily Clyde Holland, Mr. Stephenson's mother. She kept possession of the flag until late in life when her health began to decline. She gave the flag to her son and instructed him to take care of the flag. Mr. Stephenson has had possession of the flag for several years. He thought Post 13 would be more appropriate for display of the flag. More people would be able to see it, rather than in his home. Thank you, Mr. Stephenson, and your family for sharing the remembrance of your grandfather with Post 13. Mr. Stephenson



thanked Post 13 for accepting his grandfather's burial flag. Post 13 Commander Cindy Laskowski received the burial flag of WWI Veteran Corporal Isaac Eli Holland from his grandson, Mr. Mike Stephenson.

Post Historian Dennis Hall (L) presented Mr. Mike Stephenson a Letter of Appreciation for entrusting his Grandfather's, Corporal Isaac Eli Holland, military burial flag to Post 13.

2024 Post 13 Boys State Delegates Recognized at August Social *Submitted by Dennis Hall, Post 13 Historian*



Post 13 Commander Cindy Laskowski presented Mr. Jake Kiker a Letter of Appreciation from Post 13. Mr. Kiker was the 2024 Post 13 Boys State Coordinator. Mr. Kiker was involved for several years in Boys State, but this year he took on the lead position for the Post. He did an excellent job of coordinating all the tasks that had to get completed to have a successful Boys State.

Thank you, Mr. Kiker, for your leadership, time, and being a mentor to the Post’s Delegates. Your efforts and results speak highly of you. Post 13 is very proud and thankful for your commitment.

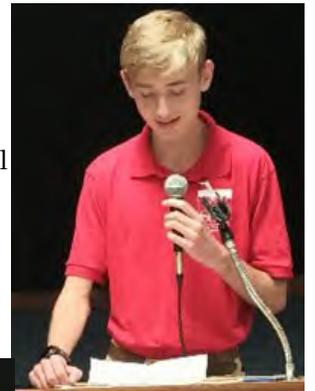
Each Delegate shared their Boys State experience and how it impacted them at the August Post 13 Social.



Right: Carson Conway
Maclay School



Right: Ben Kyvik
Florida High School
DRS



Left: Isaa Allison
Rickards High School

Above: Meyer Williams
Chiles High School



Right: Alex Srivastava
Chiles High School



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- OCT 13 US NAVY (USN) BIRTHDAY**
- OCT 26 DAY OF THE DEPLOYED**
- OCT 27 NAVY DAY**
- OCT 27 POST 13 SOCIAL 6:00 PM
PROGRAM 6:30 PM**
- OCT 31 HALLOWEEN**

Really, eggs?

Alfred Hitchcock was afraid of eggs! You cannot be serious, but yes it’s true! “Have you ever seen anything more revolting than an egg yolk breaking and spilling its yellow liquid?” This is not the only thing that scared Alfred Hitchcock. “I’m frightened of my own movies,” he said in a 1963 interview. “I never go to see them. I don’t know how people can bear to watch my movies.” www.interestingfacts.com



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29 HALL AVAILABLE CALL 284-6967	30 7:00 - 9:00 pm DANCE PARTY \$10 ALL AGES OPEN TO PUBLIC	1 OCTOBER 6:30 - 10:00 pm TALLAHASSEE SWING BAND \$10 Open to Public \$7 Students	2 6:30 pm SUE BOYD DANCE AND LESSONS OPEN TO PUBLIC	3 3:00 - 5:00 pm Legal Collaborative	4 7:00 - 11:00 pm Bog Lilles Cover \$10 Open to Public	5 HALL AVAILABLE CALL 284-6967
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20 7:00 pm Tallahassee Jazz Night with Joe Gold- berg and Tissa Khol- sa Cover \$10 Students \$5 with ID	21 7:00 - 9:00 pm DANCE PARTY \$10 ALL AGES OPEN TO PUBLIC	22 6:30 - 10:00 pm TALLAHASSEE SWING BAND \$10 Open to Public \$7 Students	23 6:30 pm SUE BOYD DANCE AND LESSONS OPEN TO PUBLIC	24 3:00 - 5:00 pm Legal Collaborative 6:30 pm POST SOCIAL 	25 6:30 pm Door Open Rhythm Remedy Cover \$10 Open to Public	26 HALL AVAILABLE CALL 284-6967 DAY OF THE DEPLOYED
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