



# BAND OF BROTHERS NEWSLETTER



**The Villages, Florida**

**November 2022**

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## **FROM THE DESK OF YOUR PRESIDENT**

On October 19, 2022, we held the Third Quarterly Meeting of the Band of Brothers at 7:00 pm at Lake Miona Recreation Center. 41 members were present (which included 10 of the Officers and Executive Board). Considering that it was an important meeting ... the nomination of your Officers ... the attendance left much to be desired. It turned out to be a good meeting with a considerable amount of input from those present ... and I thank you all for your input. Minutes will be sent to the entire membership shortly. In the meantime, a call for 2022 Nominees had been distributed to all voting members on October 21. I sincerely hope you took the time to reflect on your thoughts and present your choice for candidates. They are your Officers. Elections will be held by email during November.

Requests are in to The Villages Entertainment Group to reserve a room for our Annual (Holiday) Party. Last year this event was moved to January to accommodate those members who do not live here year-round but frequent us during the Winter season. A separate email will be addressed to the entire membership once a Recreation Center has been assigned by The Villages.

Joe Thompson has informed us that on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> there will be a Veterans Film Festival at the Old Mill Playhouse at Lake Sumter Landing with four free movies for Veterans with military I.D. cards. A flyer is attached to this newsletter listing the times and titles of the movies being presented. Sponsors of this presentation are noted on the bottom of the flyer.

Additionally, the Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 150, are holding their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Outing on January 21, 2023 at Stonecrest Golf Club. They are seeking foursomes as well as sponsors for this event to help support the veterans of this region. If interested, and for additional information, contact Joe Thompson, Senior Vice Commander of the Florida DAV Chapter 150 at [majorjet27@gmail.com](mailto:majorjet27@gmail.com).

***Ben Vasquez, President***



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**HONOR THEIR SERVICE**

**“Greater love hath no man than this - that a man lay down his life for his friends.”**

**John 15:1**

**NEW MEMBERS IN OCTOBER**

- William Beck - USCG
- Franklyn (Paul) Durazzo – USA
- Dave Hagey - USN
- Gene Kemper - USN
- Peter LaCombe - USMC (September)
- David Olson - USN
- Don Parr - USAF
- Vincent Pasquarello - USA/USAF

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- William Lewis - Honorary

***WELCOME ALL TO THE BAND OF BROTHERS***

**SICK CALL AND BEREAVEMENT**

It is with heartfelt sympathy that we inform you of the passing of Colonel A.J. Welch who has travelled onto Fiddler’s Green on Wednesday, October 5, 2022. AJ was a veteran of the US Army and one of the long-time members of the Band of Brothers. Services will be held at Fort Jackson National Cemetery in Columbia, South Carolina. AJ was a wonderful gentleman and will be sorely missed.

We have heard from Beverly Neustadt, wife of Jim Neustadt. He is currently recuperating in Buffalo Ridge from a fall and would welcome visitors. Why not stop by and share a story or two. We’re sure he’d enjoy the time.



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Heard from John Marcus with some sad news and also good news. His son, Bryan, 48 years of age, went into cardiac arrest during his sleep from a heart attack on Friday, October 21st. The good news is that his wife was there and was able to resuscitate him utilizing CPR. He had been placed into an induced coma in ICU and on Wednesday, October 26, he was released from the coma having all of the apparatus removed. His first words were “when can I get out here”. He is making gains daily and will be able to return home to his family soon. God works in strange ways! Glad to hear the good news and hope the family is doing well following this episode.

Please keep all of our members and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

### REPRINTS FROM PAST ISSUES

Once again, Cricket Cruise & Travel, LLC is coordinating a Band of Brothers Group Cruise scheduled for **May 12-20, 2023** at a mid-balcony, double occupancy rate of **\$2914.98 for 2 individuals**. We have attached a flyer with additional information for you to review. Kindly direct all questions to LeAnne, the contact on the flyer for questions regarding the Cruise.

*Please note: This is not a Band of Brothers sponsored event.*

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- November 10<sup>th</sup> - Veterans Film Festival – Free Movies with ID  
Old Mill Playhouse, Times vary
- November 11<sup>th</sup> - Veterans Day Ceremony  
Veterans Memorial Park  
Color Guard Presentation of Flag  
10:00 am
- November 11<sup>th</sup> - Veterans Day @ Singles in The Villages  
Color Guard Presentation of Colors  
12 noon – Private affair



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- December 2<sup>nd</sup> - Annual Christmas Parade, Spanish Springs  
 Color Guard to march - Carts and Walkers welcome to participate.  
 Notify Ed Moldenhauer at [ejmoldy@gmail.com](mailto:ejmoldy@gmail.com)  
 in order to secure passes  
 2:00 pm with 2:30 kickoff.
- December 2<sup>nd</sup> - Blood Drive, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
 Laurel Manor Recreation Center
- January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 - DAV Chapter 150 Golf Tournament  
 Stonecrest Golf Club,  
 Contact Joe Thompson at [majorjet27@gmail.com](mailto:majorjet27@gmail.com)
- May 12<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - Band of Brothers Group Cruise  
 Mariner of the Seas  
 Contact: Cricket Cruise & Travel  
 LeAnn @ 979-836-6600

Social Meetings are held at City Fire, Lake Sumter Landing, every Tuesday, 2-4 pm and at City Fire, Brownwood on every Thursday, 2-4 pm.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

The Band of Brothers Birthday Cake for all members who have birthdays in the month of **November** and **The Band of Brothers PX** will be held on **Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at City**



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*Fire, Lake Sumter Landing* and on *Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>* at *City Fire, Brownwood*. The PX will be opened in its entirety on both dates.

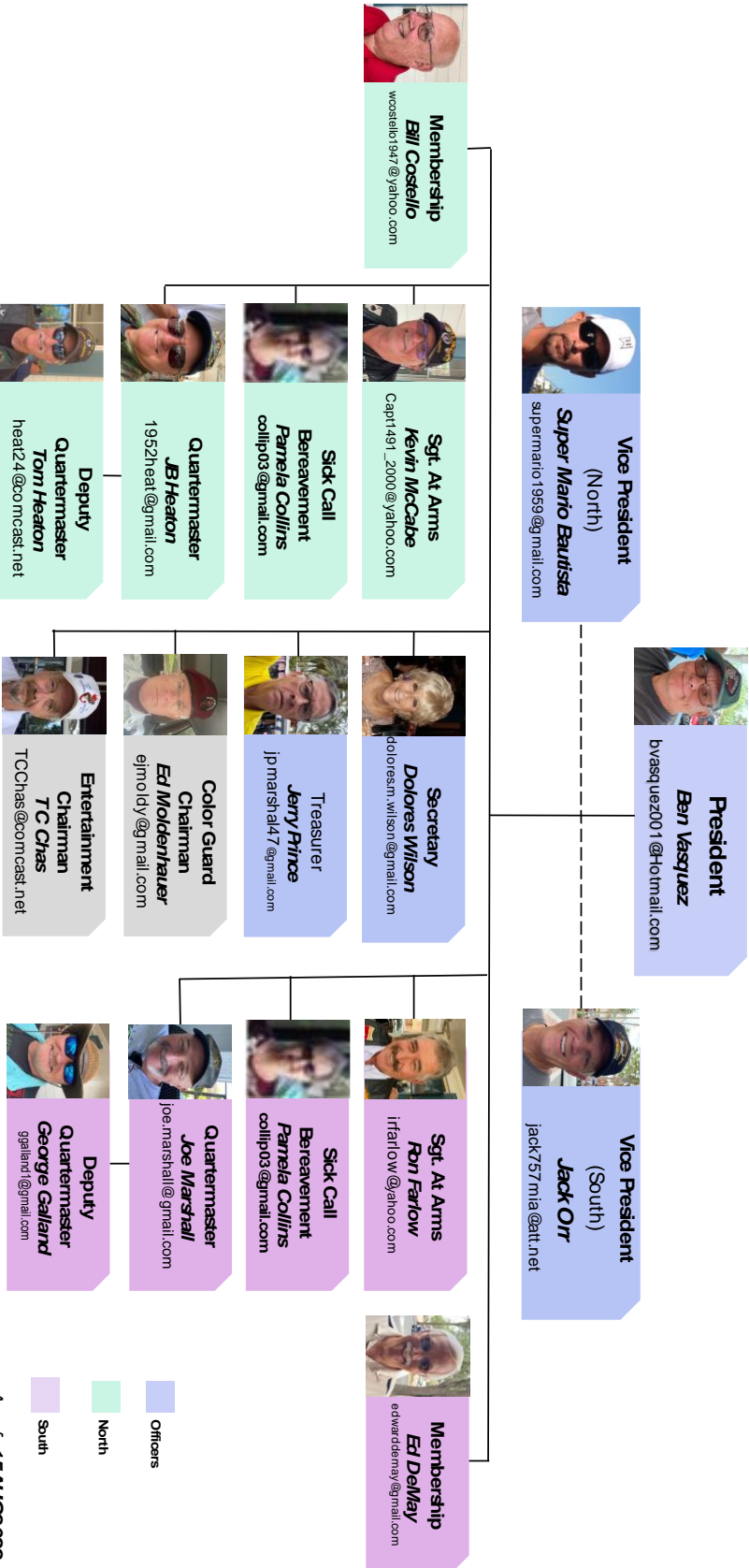
The Band of Brothers sells 50/50 tickets at each Social meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning at 2:00 pm. To obtain your tickets, see your Sergeant-at-Arms. Cut-off for ticket sales is at **3:45 pm**. We have three (3) prizes each week pending the amount of funds collected.

Band of Brothers Members: Our main way to communicate with membership is via email. We try to send out minimal emails per month. One in the form of a Newsletter; however, there are other emails for emergencies or important announcements that need to be sent out immediately. If you do not wish to receive emails from the Band of Brothers or do not wish to continue your membership, please let us know. You can unsubscribe at the bottom of any email you receive from us and you will be eliminated from the Club Roster.

*The New Organizational Chart for the Band of Brothers* follows and can be used to contact the Officers and Executive Board members. It includes the names, positions, photographs, and email addresses. If you have a question about a particular area, please refer to the chart which has been **revised as of 8/15/2022** and is subject to change.



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As of: 15AUG2022

- Officers
- North
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