



BAND OF BROTHERS NEWSLETTER



The Villages, Florida

December 2022

FROM THE DESK OF YOUR PRESIDENT

On November 15th at 11:59 pm, the voting for your incoming Officers for the 2023-2024 term concluded. Your selection of Officers are: Tony Carlidge, President and Bill Costello, Vice President North. Those assuming the uncontested positions are Joe Marshall, Vice President, South; Louise Goldberg, Secretary and Frank Mastalka, Treasurer. Congratulations all ... we are sure you will do well in your new roles. To Jerry Sonnier and Bill Stattman, thanks for accepting the nominations to run for our Officers. You both fought a good race ... and to Bill Shinholser, who functioned as our Nominating Committee Chairman, a job very well done!

We are still awaiting word from The Villages Entertainment Group as to the date and location for our Annual Dinner Party. Once we obtain this information, we will distribute via email to the membership along with instructions for signup.

Our newly developed Website is now up and running. A special 'thank you' to our volunteer Web-Master, John Shields, for a wonderful job in undertaking this enormous task. You can access our website at <http://www.BobinTV.com>.

On this past Veteran's Day, our Color Guard presented Colors with a speech delivered by Commander, Ed Moldenhauer at The Single in The Villages Group Luncheon. The Group, consisting of membership over 1000, in return, presented the Band of Brothers with a heart-warming note and a donation of a \$100 check which was most welcome. Thank you to our Color Guard for their time and an additional thank you to the SITV Group for their donation. It is appreciated.

We are in the process of updating the Organizational Chart with your new, incoming Officers and expect this to be accomplished by the January Newsletter. All information and emails will be available at that time.

And ... on a final note with this being my last Newsletter to all, I would like to thank my Officers and Executive Board Members for all their assistance during my tenure as your



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President. Without the ability to collaborate together as a whole, we would not have been able to accomplish all the fine work we have done over the past two years. To all the wonderful members I have met, it has been my pleasure to meet you ... you are one excellent group. To the incoming Officers, I wish you success in your upcoming term. Good luck all and remember that we are here to assist you in any way we can. Here's hoping you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year.

Ben Vasquez, President

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 NOVEMBER

Dennis Capehart	-	USN/USCG
James Davis	-	USAF
George Dezenzo	-	USA
Christopher Fyfe	-	USA
Mike Jeffers	-	USA
Don Krasnosky	-	USA
Joseph Martino	-	USMC (October)
Kevin “Mac” McGovern	-	USN
Joseph Moscato	-	USAF
Donna Stoll DeLeo	-	USA
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Janet Sullivan	-	Honorary

WELCOME ALL TO THE BAND OF BROTHERS

SICK CALL AND BEREAVEMENT

Condolences to the family of Ronald Pitts, USN, who passed on 10/21/2022 from illness resulting from Agent Orange exposure. Ron was a long-time member of the Band of Brothers. Services were held on November 2nd at Hiers Baxley Funeral Home on Route 466.



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

A NOTE FROM YOUR SECRETARY

As this year, and my tenure as your Secretary, comes to a close, I would like to express my sincere ‘thank you’ to all whom I have met over the past two years. Many good friendships developed and I have thoroughly enjoyed being your Secretary. Now, as I pass on the ‘Secretarial Keyboard’ to Louise “Lue” Goldberg, your incoming Secretary, I want you to know that she is your ‘upcoming star’ ... who is extremely computer savvy, knowledgeable and has many wonderful ideas. Please reach out and welcome Louise when you see her at the Socials and make her feel welcome. I know she will do an outstanding job in her new role.

COLOR GUARD

The Villages Christmas Parade (December 2, 2022)

The Band of Brothers (BoB) Veterans Group will be led by the (BoB) Color Guard and banner. The staging area located off Del Mar / Avenida de las Casas behind the former Rialto Theatre. (map attached)

The staging area opens at 11:30am (1130) **HOWEVER**, all interested participants should arrive **no later than 2:00pm (1400)** to allow for set-up and staging. All groups must be staged and ready to go at 2:30pm (1430). The total number of participants and carts must be provided to the Marshall at 2:30pm (1430). The parade starts promptly at 3:00pm (1500).

The Band of Brothers has been assigned **slot #18**. Golf carts wishing to participate in the parade must have a placard displayed. We have been given six passes in addition to “the tank”. Placards will have these available at both Lake Sumter and Brownwood City Fire locations next week.

As a reminder, no political signage can be displayed on golf carts and there is no throwing of candy, etc. They ask that any marchers NOT wear a Santa costume, but hats, elf ears, reindeer antlers, etc. are permitted.

Lady Lake Christmas Parade (December 3, 2022)

The Band of Brothers (BoB) Veterans Group will be led by the BoB Color Guard and banner. All interested parties



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should **arrive no later than 9:30am (0930)** to allow for set-up and staging. The parade starts promptly at 10:00am (1000).

The Band of Brothers has been assigned **slot #7**.

It is best to enter the staging route onto West Hermosa Street. The staging area will be from US Hwy 27 / 441. Access will be denied down Guava Street from US Hwy 27 / 441.

The parade does NOT start and end at the same location! The parade proceeds south down 1st Street, then east down CR 466, then south down Old Dixie Highway until Griffin View Drive. Parade ends at Griffin View Drive. (Total distance = 0.80mi)

Please arrange to either walk back to the staging area or have a vehicle to drive back up to the kick-off location. A map is attached showing the staging area access and the parade route.

Submitted by Ed Moldenhauer, Color Guard Commander

A COMPLIMENTARY BRUNCH

Mission BBQ is offering a complimentary breakfast to those VIPs at this invitation-only event to VIP guests who visit them often and shared their treasured mementos. It is scheduled **for Saturday, December 3rd, 8 am – 9:30 am. Flyer attached.**

RSVP Online to mission-bbq.com/BrunchRSVP.

REPRINTS FROM PAST ISSUES

REVISION OF DATE AND COST: The Disabled American Veterans Chapter 150 has requested that the Band of Brothers inform its members of their upcoming golf outing. They will be hosting the “Robert (Bobby) Wallace Memorial Golf Tournament” at Stonecrest Golf Club in Summerfield, FL on **January 21, 2023 at 9:30 am**. It will be a 4-person scramble and a shotgun start. Deadline for entry is **January 6th** at the close of business. It will consist of 18 holes of golf with cart, tee gifts, games and lunch. Entry fee is **\$360 per foursome** (individual players \$100). For further information on Sponsorship opportunities and to register, contact Joe Thompson at 352-444-0968 or email him at



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majorjet27@gmail.com. However, a **REGISTRATION FORM IS ATTACHED** for your convenience.

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

- December 2nd - The Villages Christmas Parade, Spanish Springs
 Color Guard to march - Carts and Walkers welcome to participate.
 Notify Ed Moldenhauer at ejmoldy@gmail.com
 in order to secure passes
 2:00 pm with 3:00 kickoff.

- December 2nd - Blood Drive, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
 Laurel Manor Recreation Center

- December 3rd - Lady Lake Christmas Parade
 Color Guard to march
 Open to other interested parties
 Arrive 9:30, Kickoff 10 am

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL
AND
HAPPY 2023 ... MAY IT BE HEALTHY, HAPPY AND SAFE**



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- January 18th, 2023 - Quarterly Membership Meeting
 Lake Miona Recreation Center
 Defender Room, 7:00 pm
- January 21st, 2023 - DAV Chapter 150 Golf Tournament
 Stonecrest Golf Club,
 Contact Joe Thompson at
 majorjet27@gmail.com
- May 12th – 20th, 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 **December** and **The Band of Brothers PX** will be held on **Tuesday, December 27th at City Fire, Lake Sumter Landing** and on **Thursday, December 29th 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



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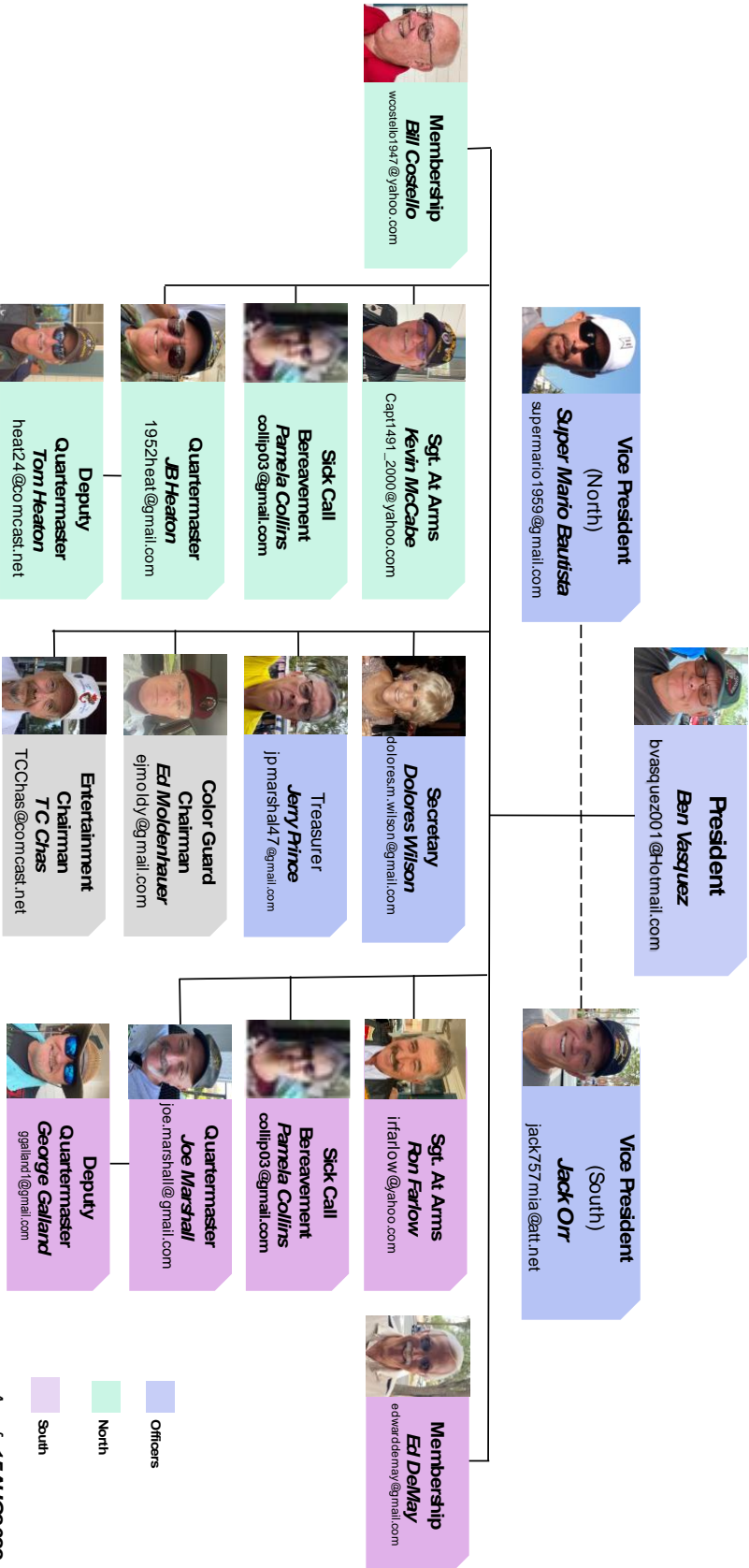


immediately. If you do not wish to receive emails from the Band of Brothers or do not wish to continue your membership, please let us know. You can unsubscribe at the bottom of any email you receive from us and you will be eliminated from the Club Roster.

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
- South