



# BAND OF BROTHERS NEWSLETTER



## The Villages, Florida

## January 2023

### FROM THE DESK OF YOUR PRESIDENT

The first thing I would like to say on behalf of the new board is “THANK YOU” for having the confidence in us to take care of the everyday business of “Our” Band of Brothers. We will all do our best to help make our organization the best it can be. With your help we can continue to reach out to the many others in our community who have not yet found the Band of Brothers and make them feel, once again, the comradery of belonging they knew years ago.

A new category entitled “**TIP OF THE MONTH**” has been added to this newsletter. I thought it might be beneficial to share with you all of the information I have gleaned throughout the years. A different topic will be added monthly. I hope you will find the “**TIPS**” beneficial.

Additionally, we have received word on 12/30/2022 from The Villages Entertainment as to the date and place for our Annual Dinner Dance. They have scheduled us for Saturday, January 21, 2023 at Eisenhower Regional Recreation Center. We now have a question as to whether this date is doable on our end concerning registration, securing a caterer and their availability to satisfy our need and last minute details. We are investigating the possibility of moving it into February and will keep you informed as to the outcome by way of separate email. Thanks all for your patience.

With your new Officers in place, kindly review the last page of this Newsletter. The Organizational Chart has been revised to reflect the Officers with their current pictures and email addresses.

And ... as the year came to a close, I thought I would share the final membership figures with you. They are as follows: 835 Veteran Members, 122 Honorary Members, and 39 Support Members for a count of 996. We have completed the year with 4 members short of our 2021/2022 projection of 1000 total membership. Keep up the good work with recruitment.

Looking forward to my tenure as your new President and a successful working relationship.

**Tony Cartlidge, President**

**WE SHOULD ALWAYS HONOR THE SERVICE OF ALL VETERANS AND LET THEM KNOW WE APPRECIATE ALL THEY HAVE DONE.**

**“Greater love hath no man than this - that a man lay down his life for his friends.”  
John 15:1**



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**NEW MEMBERS IN DECEMBER**

- |                   |   |                |
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| Ed Amzibel        | - | USN            |
| Dennis Beaver     | - | USAF           |
| Ben Berman        | - | USA            |
| John Dolan        | - | USA            |
| Bobby Folland     | - | USN            |
| John Hennessey    | - | USN            |
| Randy Kresley     | - | USAF           |
| Chris Lamb        | - | USMC           |
| Walter Malcolm IV | - | USA            |
| Elmer Palmer      | - | USA            |
| Alvin Parent      | - | USAF           |
| Jonathan Pirkey   | - | USMC           |
| Bill Quilty       | - | USMC           |
| Jacob Samuelson   | - | USMC           |
| Ray Schiavone     | - | USA/USMC       |
| Kasandra Traweek  | - | USAF           |
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| Bob Carr          | - | Support member |

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

**A NOTE FROM YOUR SECRETARY**

Best wishes to all upon entering the New Year 2023. May it be a healthy and prosperous one for all. As incoming Secretary, I will do my best to step into the very big shoes of my predecessor, Dolores Wilson. A big thank you to Dolores for all her tireless efforts in



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supporting our cause. She promises me she will never be too far away to give me support as I enter this new phase of my Band of Brothers experience.

## SICK CALL AND BEREAVEMENT

Some of you might have noticed the absence of Jerry Prince, past Treasurer, over the earlier weeks in December. He has been out of pocket for a brief hospitalization. All is now well and glad to see Jerry out and about.

We have just been informed that Rodney Drake is currently undergoing chemotherapy treatment for cancer. Kindly add Rodney to your prayer chain and wish him well through his journey.

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

## COLOR GUARD

No events for January 2023.

## TIP OF THE MONTH

Surviving spouse rates if the Veteran died on or after January 1, 1993:

<https://conicklaw.com/can-i-receive-my-spouses-va-disability-if-he-dies/>

If you are the surviving spouse of a Veteran your monthly payment rate is: \$1,562.74 effective December 1, 2022: <https://www.va.gov/disability/survivor-dic-rates/>

Added amounts for surviving spouses effective December 1, 2022:

If this description is true... You may qualify for this benefit added monthly amount (in U.S. \$): The Veteran had a VA disability rating of totally disabling (including for individual unemployability) for at least the 8 full years leading up to their death, and you were married to the Veteran for those same 8 years, there is what is called 8-year provision **which gives you an additional amount of \$331.84.**



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**BLOOD DRIVE 2023**

John Salmon has notified us of the dates for the Blood Drive for 2023. This year we requested splitting the sessions between Laurel Manor and Eisenhower Recreation Centers in order to accommodate the members further South. They are scheduled for

February 9<sup>th</sup> in the Laurel Manor Parking Lot;

May 11<sup>th</sup> at the Eisenhower Parking Lot;

August 10<sup>th</sup> in the Laurel Manor Parking Lot; and

November 9<sup>th</sup> at the Eisenhower Parking Lot.

All events will run from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. 33 pints of blood were netted for calendar year 2022. Looking forward to a good turnout for 2023 with an increased number of donations from the Band of Brothers. Thanks, John for handling this important aspect of community service for us.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

***HAPPY 2023 ... MAY IT BE HEALTHY, HAPPY AND SAFE***

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| January 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 | - | Quarterly Membership Meeting<br>Lake Miona Recreation Center<br>Defender Room, 7:00 pm |
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| January 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2023 | - | <b><u>*POTENTIAL*</u></b> BoB Annual Dinner Dance<br>Eisenhower Regional Recreation Center<br>6:00 pm – 9:00 pm<br><i>*See Details in President’s Letter above*</i> |
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| January 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2023 | - | DAV Chapter 150 Golf Tournament<br>See <b><u>REPRINTS</u></b> below for additional info |
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| January 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 | - | Monthly birthday cake at Brownwood<br>& BX at Brownwood |
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- January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 - Monthly birthday cake at Lake Sumter Landing  
& BX at Lake Sumter Landing
- February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - Blood Drive, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm  
Laurel Manor Parking Lot
- April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - Quarterly Membership Meeting  
Lake Miona Recreation Center  
Defender Room, 7:00 pm
- May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - Blood Drive, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm  
Eisenhower Parking Lot
- May 12<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - Band of Brothers Group Cruise  
See **REPRINTS** below for additional info
- July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - Quarterly Membership Meeting  
Lake Miona Recreation Center  
Defender Room, 7:00 pm
- August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - Blood Drive, 9:00 am – 3:30 pm  
Laurel Manor Parking Lot
- October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - Quarterly Membership Meeting  
Lake Miona Recreation Center  
Defender Room, 7:00 pm
- November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - Blood Drive, 9:00 am – 3:30 pm  
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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.

### 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 6<sup>th</sup>** 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 [majorjet27@gmail.com](mailto:majorjet27@gmail.com).

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**. Kindly call LeAnne, at 979-836-6600, our contact for questions regarding the Cruise.

*Please note: These are not Band of Brothers sponsored events.*

### FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

The Band of Brothers Birthday Cake for all members who have birthdays in the month of **January** and **The Band of Brothers PX** will be held on **Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at City Fire, Lake Sumter Landing** and on **Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, at City Fire, Brownwood**. The BX 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,



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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 12/1/2022 reflecting your new Officers* and is subject to change.

