



BAND OF BROTHERS NEWSLETTER



The Villages, Florida

February 2023

FROM THE DESK OF YOUR PRESIDENT

The annual dinner dance was canceled due to the late verification of our room reservation date. We received notification from the villages on December 29, 2021, that would have committed us to securing 100 reservations within 10 days of the event. The costs that would have been incurred by this commitment were far greater than we felt comfortable guaranteeing. We are hoping to secure the more steadfast support of the Villages Recreation Centers to secure our date earlier in the future.

As it stands now, we are exploring the opportunity of hosting a July 4th party on Saturday, July 1st. VP – Bill Costello is working on the logistics and catering alternatives. More information to follow. Let's do our best together, as brothers and sisters 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 help us feel the comradery of belonging we knew years ago.

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 telephone numbers.

Please pay attention to future newsletters that will address proposed changes to the By-Laws, which include, Quorum requirements, potential to extend the Treasurer position to honorary members – which has already been done for the position of Secretary. This will expand our talent base to include members who have not served in the military, but who are willing to help us with our work. To give the Color Guard a budgeted subsidy for the expenses of outfitting a member and paying for expenses such as gas and dry cleaning of uniforms; and increasing the spend limit for expenditures without membership approval from \$250 to \$350. Also, to be considered is the staggering of officers term expirations to enhance continuity of leadership. If any of you have other suggestions for revisions, please email me directly at usmc-vietnam-grunt@att.net.

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 JANUARY

- Steve Andres - Army
- William Beck - Army
- Timothy Cloidt - Navy
- Gregory Fechter - USAF
- Kenny George - Army
- Brad Guglielmino - Army
- Hank Hankins - Navy-USN
- Brian Kohler - Army
- Walter Malcolm IV - Army
- Thomas Mule - Army
- John J Powers - USMC
- Robert Quinn - Army
- Larmar G. Small - Army
- Matthew Valentinetti - USMC

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- Stacy Miller - Honorary Member

WELCOME ALL TO THE BAND OF BROTHERS

A NOTE FROM YOUR SECRETARY

A priceless coin has been found at the City Fire location in Sumter. The coin reads – “**Brigadier General – Air Force – Rich Moss**”. We do not have Rich Moss on our membership roster. If anyone knows him or of a possible relative who may have carried it, please contact the management at City Fire. It is locked in their safe.



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SICK CALL AND BEREAVEMENT

Thankfully, former Vice President – South, Jack Orr is recovering from his recent back surgery. We are glad to see him back at our socials.

Join us in extending our sympathy to Karl Kraft on the passing of his wife Karla Kraft.

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

COLOR GUARD

Saint Patrick's Day event coming up on Friday, March 17th at Spanish Springs Muster up behind the old Rialto Theater at 3 p.m. You might want to get there a bit earlier as parking is at a premium. For those members who need to ride in a golf cart, see Commander Larry Miloscio. We are allotted six passes. The walk is only one half of a mile.

A Welcome Home Veterans Day Parade will take place on Wednesday, March 29th at 10:00 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial Park in Spanish Springs. There will be a short parade walk from the Hacienda Recreation Center over the bridge to the Memorial Park for the ceremony. Parking will be available at either the Hacienda parking lot or at Veterans Memorial Park. All veteran organizations and walkers will muster up at the Hacienda Parking lot.

Let's support our Color Guard by attending and participating in these events.

TIP OF THE MONTH

No tip this month, but something positive for veterans is under discussion on the legislative front. We will let you know when it is clarified. If you have a "tip of the month" that you would like to share with your fellow members, please send it to our President, Tony Cartledge at his email address and it will be considered for review and presentation to the group.

BLOOD DRIVE 2023

John Salmon has notified us of the dates for the Blood Drive for 2023. See the Calendar of Events for dates and locations. A big thank you to John for securing these times and locations for us.



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TICKET SALES - QUILT

Karen Marcus and her husband John Marcus were thanked at the Quarterly Meeting for donating Karen’s work of art, which is a quilt that should be, but cannot be in every home. Because it is one of a kind, we are selling tickets for \$10 each and the raffle drawing will take place on March 17th. Bill and Diana Fanelli – thank you once again for selling tickets at every social on Tuesday and Thursday and elsewhere. The quilt will be available for viewing at all our social gatherings. A photo of the quilt is attached. If you are interested in purchasing a raffle ticket and are unable to attend our social meetings, please send an email to bandbro0817@gmail.com. and we will forward your contact information to Diana Fanelli. Thanks to all who have participated and purchased tickets. This a wonderful fund-raising opportunity for the Band of Brothers.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| February 9 th , 2023 | - | Blood Drive, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm
Laurel Manor Parking Lot |
| February 24 th , 2023 | - | Monthly birthday cake at Brownwood
& BX at Brownwood |
| February 28 th , 2023 | - | Monthly birthday cake at Sumter
& BX at Brownwood |
| March 17 th , 2023 | - | Saint Patrick’s Day Parade.
Color Guard Event. 3:00 p.m.
Spanish Springs
Quilt Raffle |
| March 29 th , 2023 | - | Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day
Color Guard Event – 10:00 a.m.
Hacienda Recreation Center to
Veterans Memorial Park. |



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- May 11th, 2023 - Blood Drive, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm
Eisenhower Parking Lot

- May 12th – 20th, 2023 - Band of Brothers Group Cruise
See **REPRINTS** below for additional info

- July 19th, 2023 - Quarterly Membership Meeting
Lake Miona Recreation Center
Defender Room, 7:00 pm

- August 10th, 2023 - Blood Drive, 9:00 am – 3:30 pm
Laurel Manor Parking Lot

- October 18th, 2023 - Quarterly Membership Meeting
Lake Miona Recreation Center
Defender Room, 7:00 pm

- November 9th, 2023 - Blood Drive, 9:00 am – 3:30 pm
Eisenhower Parking Lot

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

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.



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FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

The Band of Brothers Birthday Cake for all members who have birthdays in the month of **February** and **The Band of Brothers PX** will be held on **Thursday, February 24th**, at **City Fire, Brownwood**. And **Tuesday, February 28th** at **City Fire, Lake Sumter Landing**, The BX will be opened in its entirety on both dates. Thank you, Diana and Bill Fanelli and Tim Trebil, for your tireless efforts in bringing great merchandise and sales to the BOB.

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 **3:15 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 reflecting your incoming Officers** and is subject to change.