



BAND OF BROTHERS NEWSLETTER



The Villages, Florida

April 2022

FROM THE DESK OF YOUR PRESIDENT

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

First and foremost, please note that the **April 20th** Quarterly General Membership Meeting scheduled for 7:00 pm at Lake Miona Recreation Center has been **CANCELED**. I will be out of town for several weeks and the Officers and I have elected to cancel this meeting.

Details have been initiated for the Band of Brothers **Fourth of July Picnic**. A flyer is attached in blue on the opening email of this Newsletter. [Click on the blue link titled 4th of July Picnic](#) to open the attachment. Looks like a fun time – as usual!

Our Golf Tournament has been scheduled for **Friday, August 26th** at Harbor Hills at 8:15 am. There will be 18 holes played in a Scramble format consisting of 18 foursomes. There will be prizes, golf balls, closest to the pin, closest to the line, etc. Registration fee will be \$60 which will include lunch. Information to register will follow.

A Reprint: The First Annual Ollie Donnelly "Pub Crawl" will be held on **Saturday, April 9th**. Please note that the Band of Brothers does not coordinate this event. It is just a fun day out for those who wish to attend. We will leave City Fire, Lake Sumter Landing at 10:00 am and plan on visiting several 'dive bars' outside of The Villages. Please arrange your own transportation.

A Reprint: A Bowling Tournament Fundraiser has been scheduled for **Saturday, May 14th** at the Fiesta Bowl in Spanish Springs, 11:00 registration, 12:00 bowling begins, 32 teams will participate. Please contact your VP at LSL (Mario Bautista) or Brownwood (Jack Orr) to register. Teams will fill up quickly. Registration fees are \$120 per team or \$30 per person if registering independently. Please note that **CHECKS ONLY** will be accepted for payment. They can be brought to the Social Meetings on Tuesdays or Thursdays or mailed to the Band of Brothers, Inc., PO Box 202, Oxford, FL 34484-0202. [Click on the blue link titled Bowling Tournament](#).

Ben Vasquez, President

HONOR THEIR SERVICE:

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



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NEW MEMBERS IN MARCH

James David Barnwell	-	USA
Joseph Bezek	-	USA
Richard Boden	-	USN
Don Buckley	-	USMC
George Duczak	-	USA
Robert Dunn	-	USMC
Kathi Feltz	-	USA
Thomas Feltz	-	USN
Roger Gemza	-	USA
Andy Guevarez	-	USA
Chip Hunter	-	USA
Richard Jones	-	USA
Brad Limoge	-	USA/USAF
John McClelland	-	USAF
Joseph McMahon	-	USCG
Dale Meyer	-	USA
Michael Murray	-	USA
Rhonda Miller	-	USAF
Daniel Mossien	-	USA
Ray Palen	-	USN
Anthony Pellicano	-	USA
Chad Piecowicz	-	USA
Stephen Pierce	-	USA
William Rentas	-	USAF
John Rio	-	USA
John Shields	-	USA
Helen Swift-Dovel	-	USAF
Ronald Tallman	-	USA
Carl Tartaglia, Sr.	-	USMC
Stephen Whynot	-	USN
Jerry Williamson	-	USA
Michael Zimmershead	-	USMC

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Elisa Miller	-	Honorary (Civil Air Patrol)
Peter Murphy	-	Honorary

With 32 new members for the BoB, March has been a record month.

WELCOME ALL TO THE BAND OF BROTHERS



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NOTES FROM YOUR SECRETARY

Last October, the Community Veterans Resource Group (CVRG) hosted a large Veterans group meeting at the American Legion Post 347 that focused on Veterans benefits legislative activities in progress in Congress and plans that were evolving to establish a Vet Center in The Villages. 20 Veteran units were invited and over 250 Veterans attended this meeting. CVRG is hosting another meeting on **Monday, May 9th from 1:00 to 4:00** at the American Legion Post 347 in Lady Lake. You are invited to attend.

For your information, the agenda for this meeting is attached on the cover sheet of this email [in blue](#) ... click on the link to open.

SICK CALL AND BEREAVEMENT

March has been a long, hard month for the Band of Brothers. We have one ill member and lost three long time members. Kindly keep them in your prayers.

Please send good wishes and prayers to Doug Macauley, one of our Navy Seals. It appears that Doug is experiencing health issues. (He's one of our staples that you can usually find sitting next to Rick Dynda.).

It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of Brother R. Scott Emerson on March 5, 2022. Scott has been a member for the past 7 years and would have been 69 this coming March 30th. He was an Army veteran and an avid golfer (playing 6 days a week), who worked for the government in one of the US Security Agencies and the IRS in Knoxville, TN where he wrote books on tax law. Scott served as an advisor to the BOB on our 501 (c)(3) corporation. Additionally, Scott was our biggest benefactor who donated \$10,000 to our Scholarship Fund this past year. He is survived by his sister Nancy Miller, niece Rhonda Miller and great-niece Elisa Miller. Scott was a true gentleman who never had a harsh word for anyone ... he will be truly missed.

Another of our Brothers has travelled to Fiddlers' Green. On March 15, we lost Ron Moore. Ron was a US Army veteran who served two tours in Vietnam and one in Alaska. He was discharged as an Temporary Captain who initially functioned as a Radio Corpsman with HHC, 1st BN, 41st Armored Division. Additionally, Ron graciously volunteered to cover the midnight shift on security detail for the two events when the Band of Brothers brought in the Moving Wall to Lady Lake. He is survived by this wife, Patti, his son Lonnie, a daughter, Step-children and Step Grand-children. He will be interred in the National Cemetery in Cantor, Georgia. Ron has been a member for the past seven years.

On March 15, we also lost Brother Frank Crane. Frank was a member of the Band of Brothers and a veteran of the U.S. Army. He is survived by his brother, Ralph Crane who



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many of you know. Our condolences to Ralph and please know that we are thinking of you at this very special time.

MELBOURNE VIETNAM VETERAN REUNION

A **Reprint**: The annual Melbourne Vietnam Veterans Reunion will be held on **May 6-7, 2022**. A block of rooms has been reserved under the name of Band of Brothers at the cost of \$124 per night. The Hotel utilized will be the Hyatt Place Melbourne/Palm Bay 1435 Sportsman Lane, N.E., Palm Bay, FL. 321-332-0212 - Select 0 to reach the Front Desk. Cancellations will be honored up to 48 hours before arrival.

For further information, feel free to contact Ray LeClair at 401-575-9794 or RayCobia@hotmail.com. Ray is the only contact and will be the individual to advise on items of interest. Please Note: This is not a Band of Brothers sponsored function ... our name has only been used to book the block of rooms.

COLOR GUARD

It's a quiet month for the Color Guard. No events scheduled for April as of the writing of this Newsletter.

However, if you click on the link to open the attachment **in blue** on the cover sheet of this Newsletter, you will be able to see the individuals who give of their time to represent our Organization. Thanks to all of you!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| April 9 th | - | First Annual Ollie Donnelly "Pub Crawl"
Outside The Villages
10 am – Depart from City Fire Lake Sumter |
| May 5 th | - | Blood Drive, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Laurel Manor Recreation Center |
| May 6 th - 7 th | - | Vietnam Veterans Reunion
Melbourne, FL
See Ray LeClair for details |



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- May 9th - Community Veterans Resource Group
American Legion Post 347
1:00 – 4:00 pm
- May 14th - Band of Brothers Bowling Tournament
Fundraiser - Fiesta Bowl – Spanish Springs
\$120 per team of 4 (\$30 per person)
- July 4th - Fourth of July Band of Brothers Picnic
See the attached flyer [in blue](#) on the cover
sheet of this Newsletter.
- July 20th - General Membership Meeting, 7:00 pm
Lake Miona Recreation Center
CANCELLED
- August 4th - Blood Drive, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Laurel Manor Recreation Center
- August 26th - Band of Brothers Golf Tournament
Harbor Hills, 8:15 am, \$60
18 hole Scramble
- October 19th - General Membership Meeting, 7:00 pm
Lake Miona Recreation Center, Members Only
Nomination of Officers
- December 2nd - Blood Drive, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Laurel Manor Recreation Center

Note: 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 **April** and *The Band of Brothers PX* will be held on **Tuesday, April 26th at City Fire, Lake Sumter Landing** and on **Thursday, April 28th 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.



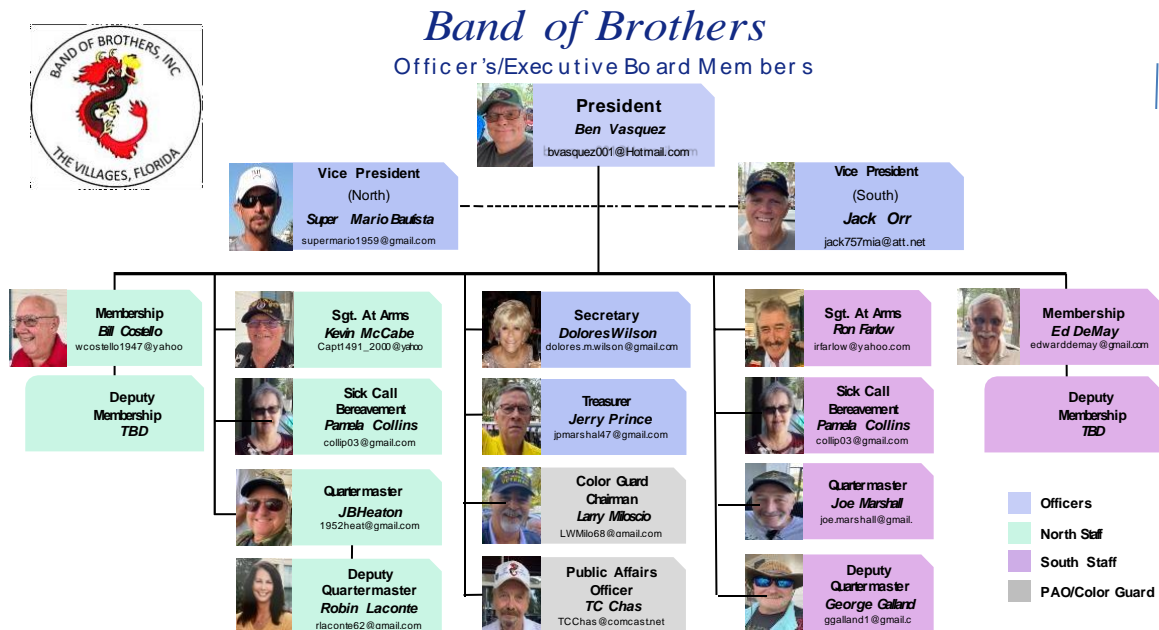
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Cut-off for ticket sales is at **3:45 pm**. We have three (3) prizes each week pending the amount of funds collected.

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 2/7/2022 and is subject to change.



Organizational Chart Revised: 2/7/2022