



BAND OF BROTHERS NEWSLETTER



The Villages, Florida

APRIL 2023

FROM THE DESK OF YOUR PRESIDENT

Our Secretary sent an email to the 828 veteran members on our Roster requesting a YES or NO response to the question of permanent/full-time residency within a 50-mile radius of The Villages. As of March 25, 2023, we have had 213 YES responses and 30 NO responses. That leaves 585 that did not respond. Of those 585 our software package analytics indicates that 370 did not even open the email. Of those who opened the email 215 have not yet responded.

We are moving those who responded to a YES to a voting status category and those who responded NO, to a non-voting status category in our email management system called MailChimp. This will clear the database to send **another** email to those who did not respond. This will take place in early April, and we will report the results to you via the next newsletter and to those members eligible to attend the Quarterly Membership Meeting on Wednesday, April 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the Defender Room at Lake Miona Recreation Center.

As you are aware from recent newsletters and conversations at our socials, we will be revising our Bylaws to be subject to, and governed by, the Non-Profit Corporation Act of Florida. As our organization is growing, we need to assure its continuity, and governance for the generations to come. We are currently evaluating required verbal changes to comply with the state of Florida as well as operational changes which will make our processes smooth, coherent, and reasonable to follow.

A listing of considerations under review by the officers and for discussion are as follows –

- M1 - Accept language of compliance with the Non-Profit Corporation Act of Florida.
- M2 - Evaluate current membership categories of Regular, Associate, Honorary, and Support.
- M3 - Voting Member Definition
- M4 - Staggering terms of Elections of Officers
- M5 - Term Limits
- M6 - Treasurer Position opening to a non-veteran member.
- M7 - Increase board spending limit to \$500 from \$250 without a vote of the membership.
- M8 - Increase spending limit for Quartermaster store purchases to a \$2,000 reimbursable account and establish inventory guidelines for year end cost



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accounting of inventory. This will match the sales and costs of the sales in any given year.

- M9 - Executive Board and Directors – Definitions and Roles
- M10 - Removing the specific days of the week Tuesdays and Thursdays from the Bylaws. This would be to limit the need to revise the Bylaws in the future, should the days somehow need to change.
- M11 - Color Guard being added to the list of Director positions.
- M12 - Sick Call/Bereavement – Narrowing the scope and details of the job description. The President and Officers will be able to determine the scope during their terms, based on resources available.
- M13 - Quorum Requirements – majority present
- M14- Conflict of Interest – move to its own section and fully describe.
- M15 - Club References – the language of being a Club will be removed from the Bylaws as we are a non-profit corporation.
- M16 - Non-Political and Legislative language will be added.
- M17- Non-Discrimination Policy language – currently none – will be added per IRS mandate for non-profit corporations.
- M18 - Minutes of Meetings – to be read electronically, prior to a meeting.
- M19- Amendments and Revisions of Bylaws – how often and when.
- M20 - Policies and Procedures Manual – New for operational purposes and gives officer's flexibility to share workload. Outlines specific procedures.
- M21 - Maintaining a Surety Bond – currently none.
- M22- Insurance – Directors and Officers – currently none.
- M23 - Confidentiality – expanded section.
- M24- Absences – Excused and Unexcused – Consolidated to Officer's, Executive Officers, and Directors. One statement, applying to all.
- M25- Organization Chart and it's relationship to the Executive Board

You can find a copy of our current Bylaws on our website – www.bobintv.com.

I welcome your participation in this process.

Tony Carlidge, 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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FROM THE DESKS OF YOUR VICE PRESIDENTS

Vice President, North – Bill Costello:

The raffle for the quilt took place on Thursday, March 16th at the Brownwood social at City Fire. Congratulations to Penny and Doug Macaulay, the winners of the Karen Marcus Quilt Raffle. Click www.BobinTV.com to view the photo. Thanks to Karen Marcus for her talented and thoughtful creation of this memorable quilt. Thanks to all your support, the Band of Brothers was able to raise \$1,850. The timing couldn't have been more appropriate as we celebrated "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" this past Wednesday.

Our next quarterly meeting for members will be held on Wednesday, April 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the Defender Room at Lake Miona Recreation Center. Please be available to have your voice heard.

We are working on setting up a fundraising Golf Tournament for September 11, 2023, at the Saddlebrook Country Club. – more information to follow.

Vice President, South – Joe Marshall:

The St. Patrick's Day parade was held on Friday, March 17th and our Band of Brother's Color Guard marched. The crowd was so enthusiastic and welcoming of us.

The Color Guard marched and participated in the 50th Anniversary of Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day. A service was held at the Memorial Wall in Spanish Springs. Click www.BobinTV.com our Florida Governor Ron DeSantis' acknowledgement of the Holiday.

We will make you aware of future Color Guard participation in events of this nature and hope you will join us in representing our Band of Brothers members and supporters.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SECRETARY

If you are not receiving email messages from us, please check the SPAM box in your email folders. There are some security parameters that are automatically added by your email host (like Gmail, Yahoo, AOL, Oton, Outlook and others) or your security provider (like McAffrey, Kaspersky, LifeLock, Norton) that you may be unaware of. For instance, if you are part of an email that has more than 100 recipients, your email server may automatically put it in SPAM or TRASH or JUNK. One work around for this is to add the Band of Brothers in your contacts with our email of bandbro0817@gmail.com. This way your email will recognize us as a friendly contact and not send us to a place where you can't find us. If you see me at one of the socials, I will be glad to help you in person.



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NEW MEMBERS IN MARCH

Stephen	Barnhart	-	MARINES
Michael	Berger	-	NAVY
Hugh	Campbell	-	NAVY
Bob	Carr	-	VETERAN
Jon	Carter	-	ARMY
Ed	Crabtree	-	NAVY
Jeremy	Creel	-	NAVY
Jack	Crowley	-	NAVY
Robert	Dawson	-	ARMY
Robert	ElRose	-	MARINES
Nick	Horner	-	VETERAN
Joel	Jurman	-	NAVY
Dennis	Lau	-	ARMY
Patrick	Maione	-	NAVY
Brent	Matthews	-	MARINES
Gregory	Moon	-	ARMY
Juan JC	Noa	-	NAVY
Bob	Sharp	-	ARMY
Thomas	Snyder	-	COAST GUARD
James	Van Ert	-	ARMY
J	Wolfe	-	Honorary
William	Pisciotta	-	Honorary
Chase	Montour	-	Honorary

WELCOME TO THE BAND OF BROTHERS

(Membership Count as of 3/30/2023 – Veteran 830 - Honorary & Support 158)

SICK CALL AND BEREAVEMENT

Celebrate the lives of recently deceased brothers, Jan Schmeichel – www.bobintv.com to view Jans obituary sent to us by his son and our brother Carl.

We extend our best wishes to Mike Zimmershead who is recovering from a motorcycle accident. He reached out to us via email, but we have not been able to make contact via his listed address on our roster.



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We miss you Traci and hope you are healing and recovering from your unfortunate accident.

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

If you are aware of any brother or sister who is sick or has passed away, please contact our Sick Call and Bereavement Director, Pamela Collins @ collip03@gmail.com or telephone her at 810-305-6759.

COLOR GUARD

For those of you who may not be aware, the Commander of the Color Guard, Larry Miloscio and our Color Guard members represent The Band of Brothers, in providing posting, displaying, and presenting the flags of the United States of America, Band of Brothers, or any Veteran service flag. The color guard will represent the Band of Brothers in various events, such as Memorial Services or Holiday Parades -- also, upon special request and availability, to help with any church service of a deceased Band of Brothers member, and to assist any other Veteran organization with their specific event.

It was a very busy March 2023, and we deeply appreciate the Color Guard’s representation of us as a group and of our country. Click here at www.bobintv.com to view the Daily Sun Article.

TICKET SALES - INDEPENDENCE DAY

Our July 4th celebration will be at Gary’s Ranch on Saturday, **July 1st**. Tickets are on sale for \$27 per person. Menu includes Pulled Pork, BBQ Chicken, Rolls, Macaroni & Cheese, Cole Slaw, and Baked Beans. Banana Pudding will be served for dessert.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| April 19, 2023 | Quarterly Membership Meeting
Lake Miona Recreation Center
Defender Room, 7:00 p.m |
| April 22, 2023 | Bar Crawl – Meet 10:00 a.m. at City Fire – Sumter Landing
<i>(This is not a Band of Brothers sponsored event.)</i> |
| April 25, 2023 | March Birthday Celebrations – Sumter Landing Social
BX open for Shopping at Sumter Landing |
| April 27, 2023 | March Birthday Celebrations - Brownwood Social
BX open for Shopping at Brownwood |
| May 4 th -7 th , 2023 | VVB – Florida’s 35 th Annual All Veterans Reunion |



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Click here to see the flyer with details _____

(This is not a Band of Brothers sponsored event.)

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| May 11, 2023 | Blood Drive, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm
Eisenhower Parking Lot |
| May 12 th – 20 th , 2023 | Band of Brothers Group Cruise
See <u>REPRINTS</u> below for info and Transportation Logistics. |
| July 1, 2023 | July 4 th Celebration at Gary’s Ranch – Tickets on Sale
\$27 pp – See Diana or Bill Fanelli for your reservation(s). |
| July 19, 2023 | Quarterly Membership Meeting
Lake Miona Recreation Center
Defender Room, 7:00 pm |
| August 10, 2023 | Blood Drive, 9:00 am – 3:30 pm
Laurel Manor Parking Lot |
| October 18, 2023 | Quarterly Membership Meeting
Lake Miona Recreation Center
Defender Room, 7:00 pm |

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.

Transportation has been arranged by Barbara Dasinger. Barbara has hired a bus to transport all to Port Canaveral the morning of the cruise, Friday, May 12th. Departure will take place

at Lamers Bus Property in Wildwood. You will be able to park your car at the Lamers property, free of charge for the 8 days we are gone – it is a gated and locked facility. Please arrive by 8:15 a.m. to begin loading. The bus will depart at 9:00 a.m. SHARP – If you are late, be prepared to see us waving as we drive by!!! The bus will pick up us at the port on Saturday, May 20th for our return home. The cost will be \$60 per person, round trip. Cash or check will be accepted by Barbara Dasinger. This must be paid to Barbara by April 7th.



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Barbara Dasinger, contact information: 2475 Tartan Lane, The Villages, FL 32162. Phone 334-324-3583. *Please note: This is not a Band of Brothers sponsored event.*

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. This may be a “challenge coin”.

A very touching Thank You letter was presented to us on Tuesday, February 28th, through our brother, Vinny Scala. The note is from a neighbor who resides in Citrus Hills with her husband who is a Vietnam Veteran. See the separate attachment to the Newsletter, titled “THANK YOU”. Click www.bobintv.com website to see the letter.

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.

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 25th at City Fire, Sumter** And **Thursday, April 27th at City Fire, Brownwood**. The BX will be opened in its entirety on both dates. Thank you, Diana and Bill Fanelli 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 is attached and can be used to contact the Officers and Executive Board members. It includes the names, positions, photographs, and email addresses and telephone numbers. Click here at www.bobintv.com to view the chart on our website. A big THANK YOU to former VP-North, Mario Bautista for his continued help in updating this information for us.