



BAND OF BROTHERS NEWSLETTER



The Villages, Florida

May 2022

FROM THE DESK OF YOUR PRESIDENT

Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

Our vote for the request for approval of \$2000 in funds to accompany the \$10,000 donation by Scott Emerson to the local County School Systems (Sumter, Marion and Lake Counties) has been completed. After calculation, the vote was a resounding 135 yes vs 3 no. Thank you to all who responded.

The Bowling Tournament has now reached capacity. 32 Teams have registered. Thank you all for participating in our fundraising event.

VP North, Mario Bautista has asked that we inform you of Armed Forces Week and Military Appreciation Days at Mission Inn BBQ. They will be offering complimentary sandwiches to each branch of service. [Click on the blue link of the cover sheet](#) of this email to open the attachment and determine the appropriate day for your branch which (for your convenience) are as follows:

Army – Monday, May 16th
Marines – Tuesday, May 17th
Navy – Wednesday, May 18th
Air Force & Space Force – Thursday, May 19th
Coast Guard – Friday, May 20th
Lunch with the Heroes – Saturday May 21st, 11am-2pm

Treasurer, Jerry Prince has requested that we share information on the GOP Florida Veterans Forum. They will be bringing together Florida Lawmakers with Veterans to discuss issues of importance to them and their families. You will have an opportunity to speak with these policy makers. A casual buffet dinner will follow. It is scheduled for **May 27th, 2022 at 4:00** at Eisenhower Recreation Center.

See **REPRINTS** below for past announced ongoing activities.

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



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NEW MEMBERS IN APRIL

Andrew Bilardello	-	USA/USAF
Bruce Boring	-	USAF
Gail Chapman	-	USN
Joseph Digioie	-	USA
Peter Hesse	-	USA
Wil Knapowski	-	USAF
John Logan	-	USN
David Reed	-	USA
Rick Scali	-	USMC
David Williams	-	USA

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Maria Santana	-	Honorary
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WELCOME ALL TO THE BAND OF BROTHERS

NOTES FROM YOUR SECRETARY

We have heard from Scott Emerson's family regarding a Reception in his honor. It will be held on **Tuesday, May 10th** from 12:00 noon to approximately 3:00 pm. This reception will be held in his home at 584 Audrey Lane in the Village of Amelia and is open to his golf buddies and friends from the Band of Brothers. 15 family members from 7 households will be in from out-of-town for this reception. Please bring along your tales and stories to enjoy in a time of fellowship. An RSVP is not required.

BLOOD DRIVE

Just a reminder that our next blood drive is on **Thursday, May 5, 2022** at Laurel Manor from 0830 to 1530. Anyone wanting to donate can google One-Blood and click donate now, enter their zip code, enter May 5 on both lines, click donation center to remove it, and click search, this is what will come up.

**Band of Brothers at Laurel Manor Recreation Center
Laurel Manor Recreation Center
1985 Laurel Manor Drive, Bloodmobile, The Villages, FL 32162
Thursday - May 5th, 2022**



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**Hours of Operation:
8:30 AM - 3:30 PM**

It will be the first one that comes up. Just click on it and choose the desired time. They can also call 888-936-6283 to schedule an appointment. In February we had an excellent day collecting 15 pints. Thanks to all that participated.

REPRINTS ON EVENTS NOTED IN PAST NEWSLETTERS

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.

A Reprint: 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 are 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. A full agenda is attached in blue. [Click on the blue link to open.](#)

A Reprint: 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 on the cover sheet](#) to open the attachment. Looks like a fun time – as usual. See Dolores Wilson at Tuesday's Socials to register and present payment for the event.

A Reprint: 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.



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SICK CALL AND BEREAVEMENT

Welcome back Dave Dasinger! Nice to see you sitting in your chair at the table again. Glad you're doing well.

COLOR GUARD

Our Color Guard has two events scheduled for this month: **May 21st**, Armed Forces Day and **May 30th** Memorial Day. Both events are at Veterans Memorial Park, Spanish Spring, 10:00 am where they will be presenting and posting the Band of Brothers organizational flag.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| 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 |
| May 8 th | - | Community Veterans Resource Group
American Legion Post 347
1:00 – 4:00 pm |
| May 14 th | - | Band of Brothers Bowling Tournament
Fundraiser - Fiesta Bowl – Spanish Springs
\$120 per team of 4 (\$30 per person) |
| May 16 th – 21 st | - | Armed Forces Week – Military Appreciation
Complimentary Lunch at Mission Inn BBQ
See Attachment For Branch of Service Day |
| May 21 st | - | Armed Forces Day, Veterans Memorial Park
10:00 am, Color Guard Presentation
Spanish Springs |



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| May 27 th | - | GOP Florida Veterans Forum
Eisenhower Recreation Center 4:00 pm |
| May 30 th | - | Memorial Day, Veterans Memorial Park
10:00 am, Color Guard Presentation
Spanish Springs |
| July 4 th | - | Fourth of July Band of Brothers Picnic
Gary's Man-Cave, 2 pm - ???
\$25 per person
See Dolores Wilson to register |
| July 20 th | - | General Membership Meeting, 7:00 pm
Lake Miona Recreation Center
CANCELLED |
| August 4 th | - | Blood Drive, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Laurel Manor Recreation Center |
| August 26 th | - | Band of Brothers Golf Tournament
Harbor Hills, 8:15 am, \$60 pp
18-hole Scramble |
| October 19 th | - | General Membership Meeting, 7:00 pm
Lake Miona Recreation Center, Members Only
Nomination of Officers |
| December 2 nd | - | 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 **May** and *The Band of Brothers PX* will be held on **Tuesday, May 31st at City Fire, Lake Sumter Landing** and on **Thursday, May 26th at City Fire, Brownwood**. The PX will be opened in its entirety on both dates.



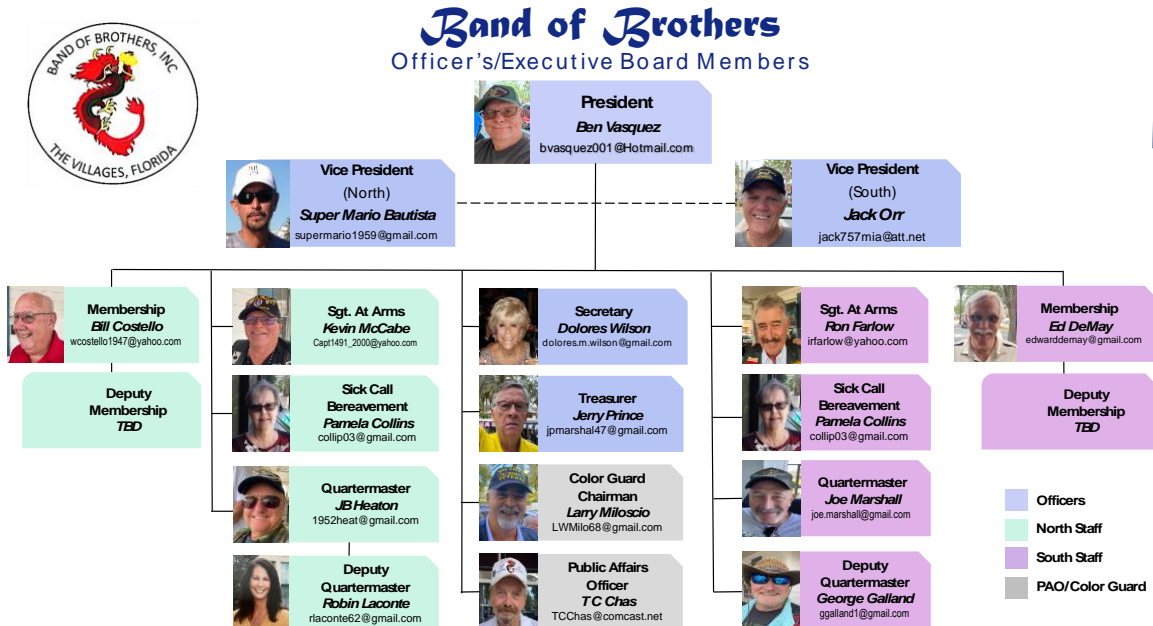
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The Band of Brothers sells *50/50 tickets* at each Social meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning at 2:00 pm. To obtain your tickets, see your Sergeant-at-Arms. Cut-off for ticket sales is at **3:45 pm**. We have three (3) prizes each week pending 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 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.



As of: 07 FEB 2022