



BAND OF BROTHERS NEWSLETTER



The Villages, Florida

July 2022

FROM THE DESK OF YOUR PRESIDENT

Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

Details are in place for the Band of Brothers **Fourth of July Picnic**. Cut off for registration was **Monday, June 27th**. We have 86 attending. Looking forward to seeing you all at Gary's Man-Cave, 17300 SE 58TH Avenue, Summerfield, FL (off 301) ... AND THANKS GARY FOR SUPPLYING THE VENUE AND THE BEER. IT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

Our Golf Tournament has been scheduled for **Saturday, August 27th** at Harbor Hills at 8:15 am. There will be 18 holes played in a Scramble format consisting of 18 foursomes. There will be ???closest to the pin and longest drive and will be marked accordingly for each nine ??? holes. Registration fee is \$60 which will include lunch. An application form to register was sent out under separate cover in June. To date 12 teams have registered and will close at 18 foursomes. If interested, see Dolores Wilson at City Fire on Tuesdays. Registration forms are attached.

In accordance with the General Membership Meeting of last year, and the approved Membership vote following that meeting, it is that time of year again when we will entertain scholarship applications for family members of the Band of Brothers. This year only 5 scholarships will be awarded and successful individuals will be evaluated and selected by the Officers of the organization. Information on applying for these Scholarships is attached and will close at **5:00 pm on August 15, 2022**. Please provide the Outline and Application to your interested family members as quickly as possible so they can become eligible for this \$1500 award.

We have just heard from the Sumter County School Board that, in addition to the award we received on April 19, 2022 for the Outstanding Service to Schools Award for Sumter County, we have **ALSO** been awarded the Commissioner's Recognition Award from the Department of Education. These awards are on behalf of our monetary donations to the schools. We are proud to accept these awards and greatly appreciate their recognition of the Band of Brothers.

Lastly, we have received an email with a request to assist one of our members, a WWII veteran. If anyone wishes to help, please contact Christopher Wilson directly. His information is at the end of the quote. The text follows: "Good morning, Ben. Sorry for the delay in getting back to you. The gentleman that I had spoken to you about is a 92 y/o marine that lives in the Piedmont area of the northern Villages. Jack is a WWII veteran of the Marine Corps attaining the rank of corporal. Jack was assigned to the fire service in Quantico Virginia as special attaché to the Fire Chief. Jack was also a rifleman attaining an expert qualification. He used his expertise with the M1 carbine to further benefit the Marines as a rifle instructor. The position that we need to fill is with my company Happier At Home



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as a male companion to Jack on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. This is a paid position and the person would be hired as an employee of our company paid at \$12 / hr. The job involves being a companion to Jack as well as ensuring that he gets his medication and cook him his evening meal. Any help you could provide for Jack and his family would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call me. (352) 450-3330. Thank you and have a great day!"

Christopher Wilson

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

NEW MEMBERS IN JUNE

Jacob Barrow – USA
Dave Bisson – USN
Robert Burett – USA
Roger Buxton – USAF
Theodore Collins – USA
Tom Culhane – USA
Ronald Damrill – USA/USMC
Eliana DaSilva – USMC
William Hacker – USA/USAF
Jimmie Miller – USN
John Nolan – USA
Tim O'Connor – USA
Scott Peltier – USAF
Robert Poliquin – USAF
Thomas Prendergast – USA

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Veronica McCaw – Honorary
David Niles – Honorary
Samuel Henson - Honorary

WELCOME ALL TO THE BAND OF BROTHERS



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NOTES FROM YOUR SECRETARY

Please keep in mind and note your calendars for the upcoming Blood Drive scheduled for Laurel Manor Recreation Center, **August 4th from 9:00 to 3:30**. Last quarter's (May 2022) results netted 15 pints which was considered an excellent day. Let's try to exceed this number ... and reach 20. You can do it! You can register on-line at OneBlood or call 888-936-6283. Walk-ins are also accepted ... please remember to mention the Band of Brothers organization.

CORRECTION TO THE JUNE NEWSLETTER: The Golf Tournament, in error, was noted as Friday, August 26th. The correct date is **SATURDAY, AUGUST 27TH**, 2022, 8:15 tee-off time.

SICK CALL AND BEREAVEMENT

June has not been a good month for the Band of Brothers. Bobby Villela has undergone surgery and is home recuperating nicely; Barry Speare has been home ill; Karl and Karla Kraft have both been hospitalized (and hopefully are home and doing well), and it was nice to see Jerry Sonnier and Our "Music-Man" TC Chas back at Tuesday's Social. Please keep all in your thoughts and prayers at this time.

COLOR GUARD

Color Guard Commander, Larry Miloscio, has notified us that the Band of Brothers flag will be posted on **July 4th** prior to the opening ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park at 10:00 am and on **July 27th**, also at 10:00 am for the Korean War Armistice Day ceremony. Your attendance would be most welcome.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| July 4 th | - | Fourth of July Ceremony
Veterans Memorial Park
Spanish Springs, 10:00 am |
| July 4 th | - | Fourth of July Band of Brothers Picnic
Gary's Man-Cave, 2 pm - ???
17300 SE 58 th Avenue
Summerfield, FL (off 301) |



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- July 20th - General Membership Meeting, 7:00 pm
Lake Miona Recreation Center
CANCELLED
- July 27th - Korean War Armistice Day
Veterans Memorial Park
Spanish Springs, 10:00 am
- August 4th - Blood Drive, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Laurel Manor Recreation Center
- CORRECTION TO
JUNE NEWSLETTER:**
August 27th, Saturday - **Band of Brothers Golf Tournament**
Harbor Hills, 8:15 am, \$60 pp
18-hole Scramble
CUTOFF – 18 TEAMS
TO BE PAID IN FULL UPON SIGNUP
- 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

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 **July** and *The Band of Brothers PX* will be held on **Tuesday, July 26th at City Fire, Lake Sumter Landing** and on **Thursday, July 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. Cut-off for ticket sales is at **3:45 pm**. We have three (3) prizes each week pending the amount of funds collected.



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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 **6/1/2022** and is subject to change.

