



BAND OF BROTHERS NEWSLETTER



The Villages, Florida

August 2022

FROM THE DESK OF YOUR PRESIDENT

What a great day we had for our picnic/bbq ... HOT! But great. Thanks again, Gary, for opening your home to the Band of Brothers for a fantastic time. Food was perfect – we hope you all enjoyed it – thanks Tracy, JR and Ronnie. Music was wonderful – as usual TC. Any ideas for upcoming events ... just feel free to share your thoughts. We are opened for suggestions.

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 for men on holes #8 and #16 and for ladies on holes #5 and #13. The longest drive will be on hole #2. Each will be marked accordingly. Registration fee is \$60 which will include lunch. An application form to register was sent out under separate cover in June. To date 17 teams have registered and will close at 18 foursomes ... one left if you want it ... first one gets it! If interested, see Dolores Wilson at City Fire on Tuesdays.

Referencing our Scholarship Program, on 7/11/22 we distributed to all, as a separate email, a correction to the application process. To reiterate this email: “Page 4 of the Timeline, August 15, 2022, states that applications must be received via the **WEBSITE**. This website is no longer operational. Therefore, **ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED VIA THE EMAIL ADDRESS WHICH IS BandBro0817@gmail.com**”. “Additionally, the schools Admissions Office has requested that the student provide their **Student ID Number**. Please direct applicants to provide this number following their name on Page 5 of the application”.

On July 20, we sent out a request for a Membership Vote for \$1700 for a disabled veteran in need of a Lift Chair Mobility Scooter. The vote is closed and the results are 172 yes, 2 no, and 2 abstentions. Additionally, there were four yes votes after the closing deadline which were not included in the count.

Now, here's something for you to think about. At the end of the calendar year 2022, your Officers' terms will end, and just so you know, the current Officers do not plan on running for office again. Nominations of Officers will be held at the October General Membership Meeting, and a separate email will be distributed in early September requesting your nominations for incoming Officers. Please put some thought into becoming a candidate to fulfill these positions or who you would like to nominate for the slots. I would encourage you to speak with the Officer who currently holds the position you may be interested in filling.



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If no one volunteers to run for one of the five (5) Officer positions – President; Vice President – North; Vice President – South; Secretary and Treasurer, the Band of Brothers, Inc. will have to terminate our 501(c)(3) status. This will initiate a variety of things, but the most important to the membership will be how to utilize the monies in our Treasury. If we terminate the non-profit status, we will then return to only a Social Club. We can still have our social meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays, but several things will change. Our September Newsletter, along with a separate upcoming email, will address the full impact of terminating our 501(c)(3) Non-profit status.

And lastly, happy First Anniversary to the opening of the Band of Brothers at the Brownwood City Fire location. On July 28th it was one year for this monumental undertaking and achievement. Sending a very special thank you to all who showed up to attend the festivities at that location on that special day.

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 JULY

Bob Aguilar - USA – Korea

Ed Conte – USAF

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Sharon Cannon – Honorary

Steven Nigro – Honorary

WELCOME ALL TO THE BAND OF BROTHERS

NOTES FROM YOUR SECRETARY

The upcoming Blood Drive is 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. Kindly note your calendars and assist if possible. You can do it! Just register on-line at OneBlood or call 888-936-6283. Walk-ins are also accepted ... please remember to mention the Band of Brothers organization.



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August 15th closes the Scholarship Application process. If your grandchildren are interested in applying, please have them submit their information prior to that date. As of today, we only have one applicant who has applied for this award.

COLOR GUARD

After 4+ years of overseeing our Color Guard, it is with regrets, we inform you that Larry Miloscio has tendered his resignation as Color Guard Commander. The good news is Larry has already located his replacement. Ed Moldenhauer, who joined the Brothers a year ago upon the opening of the Brownwood Sector, has graciously agreed to fill this position as Commander. Larry will remain in place as one of the Color Guard Members. On behalf of the Band of Brothers Officers and members, we would like to say ‘thank you Larry’ for all you have done and we wish you success in all your future endeavors and extend to Ed a warm welcome and wish him success as our future Color Guard Commander. Welcome aboard Ed.

REPRINTS FROM PAST NEWSLETTERS

A REPRINT ON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS (from July Newsletter): 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.

A REPRINT ON ASSISTANCE NEEDED (from July Newsletter): 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 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



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please don't hesitate to call me. (352) 450-3330. Thank you and have a great day!"
Christopher Wilson

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| August 4 th | - | Blood Drive, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Laurel Manor Recreation Center |
| August 27 th , 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 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 |

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, August 30th at City Fire, Lake Sumter Landing** and on **Thursday, August 25th 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.

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;



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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.

