



American Legion Post 13 October 2023 Newsletter

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COMMANDER'S CORNER:

Salutations to the Post 13 Family

Football season has arrived and we will have fewer games played this year for the ALR, SAL and AUX to park cars for a fund raiser. Parking lot rules for all days and events are that Legionnaires from any Post can park free if space is available. Privilege has been given to the SAL, AUX and ALR to ask for a \$10 donation to park. If the person is known to be eligible to park, showing Membership Card is not required. If person is not known, Membership Card must be shown, Post 13 or otherwise. If any Legionnaire wants to park free, it would be appropriate for a courteous explanation of what the donation is for. No one is to be rude and turn any bonafide Legionnaire away. Each family group must supply at least one person to assist in parking cars. The money is divided 3 ways and odd dollar goes to Bartenders tip jar. My fellow Legionnaires and Legion Family members, I ask you if you are financially able to make a \$10 donation or lesser amount if necessary, to show support to other Legion family groups to be able to assist Veterans and children in the community. Friends and children of Legionnaires must pay \$10 to park. There will be days or nights that ball game parking and a party will be renting Post main hall at the same time. Vendors can also rent spots on the lawn. I encourage everyone coming to Post 13 on Friday or Saturday afternoons and nights to be courteous and patient over parking. VSU pays for 8 spaces for VSU ball games and if unused by kickoff will be available for donation parking. Do not come into parking lot after the game starts if parking attendants are not present and parking lot is full. Legionnaire or visitor will be subject to towing if driving lanes and back alley is blocked with cars. This is a safety issue for Post 13. Vendors have 1 parking space in the back parking area. Only park in the back of the

Post if a parking attendant directs you to do so. I have heard the comment from Legion family members that the main reason for their membership was to for free parking at ball games. Parking on ball game nights is not found in our Four Pillars of Service. Post 13 and all family groups need to review our Pillars of Service and put those written words into action for our Community, State and Nation.

I thank all Post 13 members who participated in escort and attended the Burial Ceremony with full Military Honors, for 18 year old Army Cpl. Dewey Rewis who was captured in Chosin Reservoir area Korea, died in 1951 while being held prisoner and was laid to final rest on Sat. Aug, 12th, 2023, in Wayfare Cemetery in Echols County.

Hurricane Idalia caused a large amount of damage to Lowndes County including our Post rental property. I ask all members to check on the fellow Legionaries they know and provide any need you are capable to provide. Please inform the PEC of situations needing help by calling and leaving a message on Post 13 phone 229 242-7616. Phone messages are typically checked on Monday and Thursday mornings up to noon and during Lounge Hours on Thurs, Fri. and Sat. evenings.

For God and Country

Stephen Blanton, Commander. 862 680-3865 sabusn6976@gmail.com

Senior Vice

RD Martin r.d.martin2211@hotmail.com

Paid membership thus far for 2024 is 195 which is close to 50%. Shake the trees and get on to your fellow Legionnaires and lets make 100% this Legion Year! Be The One!

Adjutant

Clayton Roberts croberts22@hotmail.com

The Early Bird Drawing will be conducted at the October 10th Membership Meeting. All those who have paid their dues by October 1st will automatically be entered in the drawing for a chance to win \$250.00. Also of greater importance is that National has determined that dues will increase beginning July 1, 2024. That will result in our dues increasing to \$35.00 per year as it is already in our Constitution and Bylaws that our dues will be set at \$5.00 over the costs of Department and Nationals dues. I will continue to remind everyone periodically to ensure it is not overlooked later.

Service Officer

Ed Kent kentj2@bellsouth.net

News Release from Lowndes County Emergency Management Center:

ATLANTA – The State of Georgia and FEMA will open a Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) in Lowndes County on Sunday, Sept. 17, to serve Hurricane Idalia survivors from Cook, Glynn and Lowndes counties. DRCs are dedicated, accessible and established locations where specialists from FEMA’s Individual Assistance program can help survivors face to face. Highly trained specialists assist survivors through the recovery process, explaining the types of assistance available from FEMA, such as housing and other needs assistance.

The Disaster Recovery Center will open at 12 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 17 at:

Lowndes County Civic Center

2108 E. Hill Ave.

Valdosta, GA 31601

Once opened, the DRC will operate from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week.

The deadline to apply for assistance is November 6, 2023.

Some of the services offered at a DRC include:

§ Applying for assistance

§ Reviewing application status updates

§ Clarification of any written correspondence for FEMA

§ Guidance about disaster recovery and eligibility

§ Collecting and scanning new information or documents needed for case files

In addition to FEMA personnel, representatives from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA),

other state and federal agencies, nonprofit organizations and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

will be available at the DRC to assist survivors.

You do not need to visit a DRC to apply

If you are unable to visit the Lowndes County DRC, you can apply to FEMA for federal assistance online at disasterassistance.gov, by calling 800-621-3362 or by using the FEMA mobile app. If you use a relay service, such as video relay service (VRS), captioned

telephone or other service, give FEMA the number for that service. For an accessible video on how to apply for assistance go to Three Ways to Apply for FEMA Disaster Assistance. Low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) are also available for homeowners, renters, businesses and most private nonprofits to help with residential and business losses not covered by insurance. After registering with FEMA, survivors and businesses may apply online at SBA's

secure website <https://disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/ela> under SBA declaration #18143. Disaster loan information and application forms can also be obtained by calling the

SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (if you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services) or sending an email to DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov. Loan applications can also be downloaded from sba.gov/disaster.

For the latest information on Georgia's recovery from Hurricane Idalia, visit fema.gov/disaster/4738, follow FEMA on X, formerly known as Twitter, at twitter.com/femaregion4 and at facebook.com/fema.

FEMA's mission is helping people before, during, and after disasters.

All FEMA disaster assistance will be provided without discrimination on the grounds of race, color, sex (including sexual harassment), sexual orientation, religion, national origin, age, disability, limited English proficiency, or economic status. If you believe your civil rights are being violated, you can call the Civil Rights Resource line at 833-285-7448.

Auxiliary News:

Sandra
President, Aux. Unit 13

From the Squadron 13 Adjutant:

Rod Pedersen
Squadron 13 Adjutant

From the Desk of Tim Oliver, Member-at-Large and Military Living Historian:

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This year's Veterans Day Ceremony will be held on Friday, 10 November at the Valdosta High School gymnasium. The ceremony will begin at 1000 and end at 1100. Expect to be able to park in the student parking section near the south side of the campus. The new Moody AFB Wing Commander has been invited to be the guest speaker.

Immediately following the ceremony, all attendees are invited to the Legion Post Hall to help celebrate the Marine Corps' 247th Birthday. A light lunch will be provided followed by the traditional cutting of the birthday cake by the oldest and youngest Marines present.

If you have questions about the event, please call me at (229) 561-5251 or email me at timothyaliver@bellsouth.net.
