



# TRAIL BLAZING SAM'S

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## MEMORIAL DAY



### WEEKEND

was held at Winter Quarters

Lutz, FL, on

May 22nd to May 25th. 2015



A deserving tribute to not only the many men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice but also to those who have served and are currently serving this Great Country



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John & Gail DuBose , our hosts

Our Host and Hostess, John and Gail DuBose, treated us to a wonderful weekend at Winter Quarters in Lutz , FL. We had 12 member rigs and one drive-in (Serge Frechette ). Those days were filled full of great food and activities . Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Our weekend began on Thursday for most of us, early birds. After getting settled we all went to Ukelele Brand's restaurant for dinner and fellowship. After it was an evening of cards and games of choice.

### Friday , May 22nd.

The rest of our members came in and in the afternoon we were treated to a welcoming party hosted by Winter Quarters followed by a fantastic dinner provided by our Host/Hostess. There was chicken and a whole lot of sides. Nobody could complain of starving but maybe of overeating for some of us.



Ralph & Lorraine Zecher

Honor was bestowed on one of our longtime member who recently resigned from our active membership.

Our TBS members voted Ralph & Lorraine Zecher **Honorary Membership Status.**

We all thank them for their many contributions they made to our Chapter over the years



### Saturday, May 23rd

The day began early as many of us caravan to Bay Pines Veterans National Cemetery where we along with approximately 300 other volunteers (lots of scouts) placed flags on over 35,000 veterans' graves. What a beautiful sight when finished. We were so proud to pay a small part in honoring our war's dead.



*front row L-R) Mary Murray-Jean Potter-Jeannette Ormsby - Juliet Dudin-sky-Nancy Carter-*

*(back row L-R) Serge Frechette- Linda Kuiken-Chuck Potter-Ken Kuiken-Robin Murray-Joan & Bill Conway-John .Perry- Bill Carter- Jill Perry- Richard Ormsby- Mike Lima*

After we all headed to Perkins Restaurant for lunch .

We had our business meeting in the afternoon . Be sure to read the minutes on our web site for full details.

Saturday evening was pot luck dinner with once again so much food. The rest of the evening few of us played some games while some others retired earlier.

### Sunday, May 24th.

Some went to church while others just relaxed.

Sunday afternoon our Hostess with the assistance of Joan Conway put on a short but very impressive program which saluted the many deceased and living Veterans. Gail played several military songs on the piano while Joan read touching Veteran stories. How fortunate we all are to live in a country where many gave so much to give us the freedom and liberty we enjoy

"While only one day of the year is dedicated solely to honoring our veterans, Americans must never forget the sacrifices that many of our fellow countrymen have made to defend our country and protect our freedoms."  
- Randy Neugebauer





### Sunday May 24th.... Cont'd

Following our Memorial Day tradition the Host and Hostess stepped aside and the Chapter's Officers and helpers got busy grilling Hamburgers and Hot Dogs .With all the sides and condiment, once again, there was abundance of food.



### Monday 25th

Monday morning breakfast was one of the best we've had in a long time. Instead of the usual donuts and muffins, our Hosts put on a full course meal consisting of quiche, scrambled eggs, sausage ,fruits and many more goodies. A breakfast enjoyed by all. All of a sudden the weekend was over and it was time to say our goodbyes for the summer. Everyone had a great time and looking forward to the summer months

Several of our members have scheduled summer trips to various locations throughout the great country. Unfortunately we do not know everybody's summer plans. Some are sick and unable to travel while some others who were not at the May campout may have already left on their summer travels. Whichever we wish everybody well and

Safe travels



We were happy to welcome back Harold and Caroline Johnson that had been absent for a while due to illness. We also had the pleasure of having one of our Honorary Member , Frank Ciampaglia visit us. It's always nice to see him.



Our May campout was poorly attended due to various reasons. Looking over the past several months our numbers of members attending has been on the downward trend. Let's hope we see everyone back come September.

**Lynn Frechette**

Will be undergoing her 2nd chemo treatment on Friday 12th. Last Friday, (June 5th) they took out six (6) liters of liquid in her belly.

She says she feels so much better after that because that liquid accumulating in her gives her a hard time to breathe.



**SUNSHINE CORNER**

Richard's son Timmy is doing much better. They have taken out a drain tube . Still has one more in and is now on antibiotics pills instead of a pick line. Doing much, much better.

Let's still please keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

They still have a long way to go and we wish them all the courage and strength they need through their illness

We will keep you posted when we have more news.

**Cerese Henning**

Is now in Rehab Center located at **6300 46th Ave North St Petersburg 33709.**

She still can't talk or eat. There is a blood clot on the rear left side of her brain that controls speech and eating.



**"The greatest healing therapy is friendship and love."**

**-Hubert H. Humphrey**

**A look back on Okeechobee Samboree Winners**



**On the left :John Russano and Mike Lima**

**1st place in Holey Board**



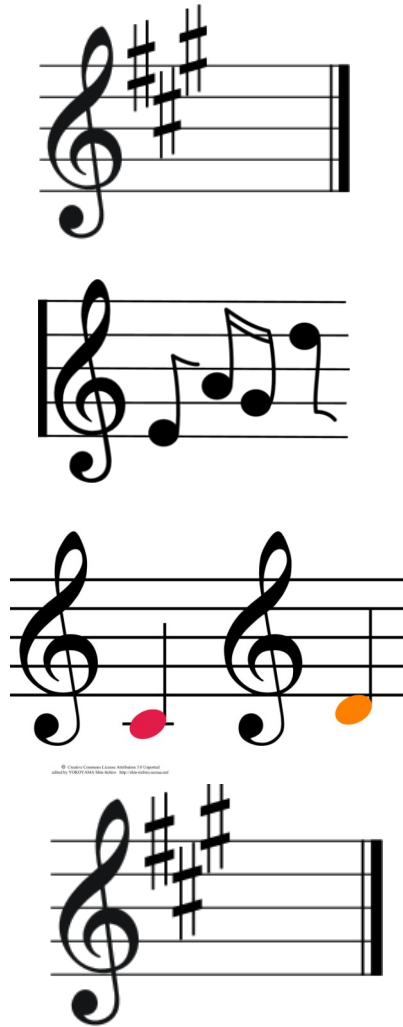
**On the right: Chuck Potter and Bill Conway**

**2nd place in Horseshoe**

**In last month newsletter we did not have the pictures of these members in the Winner's Circle.**

**The State Webmaster ,Jill Campbell , was kind enough to forward them to us.**





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