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APRIL 2017 NEWSLETTER

MEETINGS;

APRIL 3RD AT THE VFW ON CHURCH RD. IN ARNOLD MO. AT 2PM.

APRIL 1TH 2349 STOCKYARD RD POST 10302 IN SPRINGFIELD IL. AT 2;00 PM.

MORE ON THE SPRINGFIELD MEETING LATER.

MEMBERSHIP;

THE CHAPTER WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME NEW MEMBER JOHN FRANK. JOHN LIVES IN FLORISANT MO.

WE HOPE JOHN WILL MAKE THE MEETINGS AND SUPPORT THE CHAPTER.

DONATIONS;

ROBEY BEST AND DAN PARKER SEND A VERY NICE DONATION EACH MONTH TO THE CHAPTER. THANK YOU BROTHERS.

WE RECEIVED A CHECK FOR \$173.00 FROM MEMBER JOE PAUL FROM WYACONDA MO. JOE HAS BEEN TRYING TO MAKE A MEETING AND JUST HASN'T BEEN ABLE TO. WE HOPE TO MET JOE SOON AT A MEETING OR A CHAPTER FUCTION.

JOE AND HIS BROTHER MIKEAL BOTH SEREVED IN VIETNAM WITH THE 173RD, JOE WAS WITH D/1/503RD IN 68-69 AND MIKEAL WAS WITH B/2/503RD 70-71

UNFORTUNATELY, MIKEAL PASTED IN 2001 DUE TO COMPLICATIONS FROM AGENT ORANGE.

AT THE MEETING IN ARNOLD ON THE 6TH OF MARCH WE COLLECTED \$350.00. A REAL NICE \$200.00 CHECK FROM JOE BROWN, JOE HAS SINCE THE BEGINNING BEEN A SOILD MEMBER AND HAS SUPPORTED THE CHAPTER IN ALL MANORS, HE DRIVES 480 MILES ROUND TRIP TO EACH MEETING IN MO. AND HAS ATTENED CHAPTER FUNCTIONS IN IL. WE LOVE YOU JOE.

ALSO, WE GOT A NICE DONATION FROM NORM BOWER AND CHARLIE BOUGHT A COIN. THANKS TO YOU ALL

THIS CHAPTER IS STRONGER AND HOPFULLY WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE LOCAL FOOD BANKS AND THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

HAD LUNCH TODAY WITH JIM TAYLOR, JIM MOVED FROM SPRINGFIELD LAST YEAR TO FLA. CAME UP ON A VISIT TO HIS DAUGHTER, IT WAS GOOD SEEING JIM, HE AND HIS WIFE ARE DOING JUST FINE IN THE SUNSHINE STATE, JIM DONATED \$175.00 TO THE CHAPTER SOME CAME TRU THE SELLING OF HIS 319TH COINS. WE THANK YOU JIM AIRBORNE I WOULD LIKE TO ADD I MISS JIM UP HERE HE IS A SOLID CHAPTER MEMBER. AND FRIEND.

“IF WE HAVE NO PEACE, IT IS BECAUSE WE HAVE FORGOTTEN THAT WE BELONG TO EACH OTHER”

MOTHER TERESA

CHAPTER BUSSINESS;

WE ARE IN PROCESS NOW OF INCORPORATING AND GETTING OUR OWN 501-C19 NUMBER.

WE MUST DO THIS IN EACH STATE TO CONTINUE TO BE LEGAL. SO, I HOPE BY THE MEETING IN ARNOLD WE WILL BE THAT.

I WAS UNAWARE OF THIS, BEING TOLD WE COULD WORK UNDER THE ASSOCIATION UMBRELLA. NOW I KNOW WHAT TO DO THANKS TO THE ASSOCIATION SECRETARY BILL REYNOLDS, BILL HAS HELPED US MORE THAN ANY ONE IN THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HAS SINCE WE STARTED. THIS CHAPTER NEEDS TO GIVE BILL A BIG AIRBORNE. WHILE IM TALKING ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION;

WE WILL BE VOTING ON A NEW PRESIDENT SOON.



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IM VOTING FOR WAMBI COOK, I FEEL WE NEED A DIFFERENT DIRECTION, TERRY IS A FINE MAN BUT I THINK WAMBI WILL TRY AND LED THE ASSOCIATION IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. YOU GUYS VOTE AS YOU WISH JUST GIVE IT SOME THOUGH.

THE SPRINGFIELD IL. MEETINGS;

GUYS I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO TO GET MORE OF YOU THERE. IF WE NEED TO CHANGE THE TIME OR LOCATION?????? TELL ME GUYS////.

ITS SO DISCOURAGING WE NORMALLY HAVE ONE OR TWO MEMBERS THAT SHOW THAT'S DAN KENT AND CARL DODD. IN ARNOLD WE HAVE ABOUT 8 TO 10 MEMBERS EACH MEETING, AND MOST OF THEM DRIVE 25 TO 50 MILES TO GET THERE AND HOME AGAIN,

I DRIVE 250 MILES ROUND TRIP TO ARNOLD, JOE BROWN DRIVES 480 MILES ROUND TRIP, WE DO BECAUSE WE WANT TO BE AROUND PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELFS, GUYS THAT AT ONE POINT OF THEIR LIVES WENT THAT EXTRA MILE TO BE ONE OF THE BEST.

WE WILL WAIT AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS ON APRIL 11TH IN SPRINGFIELD. DO YOUR BEST GUYS TO BE THERE.

WE WILL BE VOTING ON OFFICERS AT EACH MEETING IN APRIL.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM;

WE NEED NAMES OF KIA, S OR HERD MEN FROM CHAPTER MEMBERS THAT HAVE PAST SINCE NAM FOR NONINATION TO NAME OUR SCHOLARSHIP AFTER. THIS WILL BE OUR THIRD SCHOLARSHIP. OUR SECOND IS NAMED FOR GARY MICHAEL FORKUM KIA 12-68, SERVED WITH TOM DIMOND. IF ANY ONE HAS A BROTHER THAT WAS KILLED THERE OR A BROTHER THAT DIED LATER FROM THINGS FROM THE NAM, WE WILL CONSIDER ALL NAMES. WE ALL KNOW WANT WE MEAN BY "BROTHER" BUT WE HAVE A MEMBER JOE PAUL THAT SERVED WITH D/1/503 68 HIS BROTHER MIKEAL WAS WITH B/2/503 70-71. MICKEAL DIED IN 2001 FROM COMPLICATIONS FROM A.O. WE WILL NAME THE SCHOLARSHIP NAMESAKE IN MAY. SEND IN

THE NAMES WE WILL PUT ALL ON A LIST. WE WILL IN TIME GET TO ALL THE NAMES THAT ARE SIMMITTED.

FUNDRAISER;

MAY 27&28TH HERE IN SPRINGFIELD ILL. WE NEED GUYS TO WORK A SHIFT HANDING OUT FLAGS AT THE COUNTY MARKET ON VETERANS PARKWAY. WE WILL AT THE STORE FROM 9-3 ON SATURDAY AND 10-4 ON SUNDAY. WE NEED AS MANY OF YOU AS WE CAN GET SO PLEASE SUPPORT THE CHAPTER.

WE WILL ALSO BE DOING THE SAME THING AT THE SAME STORE JULY1ST AND 2ND, SAME TIMES BOTH DAYS.

WE ARE HOPING TO EARN OVER \$2000.00 ON THIS FUNDRAISER, THAT WILL TAKE CARE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP AND ONE OF OUR FOOD BANKS FOR THE YEAR. ITS IMPORTANT GUYS, I TAKE THIS VERY SERIOUS I HOPE YOU ALL DO ALSO.

REUNION;

I WOULD LIKE FOR EACH MEMBER THAT IS GOING TO THE REUNION {EITHER ONE} TO TAKE AND SELL FIVE {5} CHAPTER COINS TO YOUR BUDDYS, THAT WONT BE HARD MOST OF US LIKE COINS. I WILL BE GIVING THEM OUT AT THE MEETINGS IN APRIL.

IT WOULD BE NICE IF OURS WIFES COULD GET TOGETHER AND MAYBE SIGHTSEE OR HAVE A LUNCH????

CHAPTER MEMBER RON STEPHENS HAVE BEEN IN AND OUT OF JEFFERSON BARRACKS HOSPITAL PROBLEMS FROM A WAR WOUND. OUR GOOD WISHES ARE WITH YOU RON. IF THE CHAPTER OR I CAN DO ANYTHING;

THAT'S IT GUYS HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU AT A MEETING

CHAPTER 21 "LEADING THE WAY"