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MEETING;

AUG. 7<sup>TH</sup> 2PM VFW ON CHURCH ST. IN ARNOLD MO.
DON'T FORGET THE FOOD BANK.

WE HAVE A COUPLE THINGS TO GET STARTED ON THIS MEETING THE MAIN ONE IS BY-LAWS.BV

TWICE IN THE PAST FOUR MONTHS THINGS HAVE COME UP TO ME THAT I COULD HAVE USED THE GUIDANCE OF BY-LAWS.

AS OF NOW IM IN CHARGE OF SPENDING MONEY AND I TAKE THAT RESPONSIBILTY STRONGLY. RAISING THE MONEY, WE HAVE IS NOT EASY, SO SPENDING IT IS NOT FASY FITHER.

WE AS A CHAPTER DO HAVE AN AGENDA THE TWO FOOD BANKS WE HAVE BEEN WORKING FOR, THE SCHOLASHIP WE GIVE EACH YEAR, OTHER VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS THAT HELP VETS, AND SKY SOLDIERS THAT NEED HELP. I HAVE NO PROBLEM GIVING OUR MONEY TO ONE OF THESE MOSTLY \$173.00 DONATIONS. ANYTHING OUT OF THAT PERIMETER I HAVE TROUBLE WITH.

SO, GETTING A FEW BY-LAWS WRITTEN WILL HELP THIS CHAPTER.

WE ALSO NEED TO VOTE ON NORN BOWERS BECOMING THE TREASURE



STANDING TALL IN BASIC TRAINING AT FT. SILL OK. IS GRANDSON OF CHAPTER MEMBER DAN FREDRICK, DYLAN FREDRICK. HEAD AND SHOULDERS ABOVE THE REST ALREADY.

DYLAN WILL BE A SENIOR IN HIGH SCHOOL THIS FALL AFTER THAT HE WANTS TO GO INTO THE REGULAR ARMY.

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LAST WEEK TERRY AUBREY ASK ME IF I WOULD DO SOMETHING FOR THE ASSOCATION AND FOUNDATION. THAT SOMETHING WAS TO VISIT A SKY SOLDIER IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STATE OF MO.

NO NAMES NOW. THE SKYSOLDIER IS VERY SICK NOT EXPECTED TO BE AROUND MUCH LONGER. A VERY LONG STORY MADE SHORT. TOM DIMOND AND I DROVE TO HIS HOME ON HIS 70<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY PRESENTED HIM WITH A CHAPTER COIN AND A ASSOCATION COIN. HE HADNT TALKED TO A HERD GUYS IN ALL THESE YEARS SINCE HE CAME HOME IN 1968.

HIS WIFE DEBBIE STARTED ALL THIS ABOUT A YEAR AGO WITH A LETTER TO ERIC HITCHCOCK.

I HOPE TO HAVE THE WHOLE STORY IN THE FALL ISSUE OF THE SKY SOLDIER MAG.



ME, CURTIS AND TOM WITH THE COINS WE GAVE HIM



THIS IS CURTIS AND HIS WIFE DEBBIE. DEBBIE HAD THE SHADOW BOX AND CITATION MADE THE HIS  $70^{\text{TH}}$ 

WE SAT AND TALKED TO CURTIS FOR OVER AN HOUR. WE COULD TELL HE LOVED IT, TOLD US HIS STORIES, WE TOLD HIM A FEW OF OURS.

THE WHOLE FAMILY WAS APPRECIATIVE OF TOM AND I MAKING THE TRIP FOR THE VISIT. TOM AND I LOVED DOING IT. THE TRIP HOME WAS A GOOD ONE.

OK GUYS TILL THEN

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KAISER OUT

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