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Hey Guys

Hope all is well as can be. February is behind us and we are waiting on spring and warm weather. It looks like a great baseball season coming up, with both the CUBS and the cards looking to win it all.

MEMBERSHIP

We are up to 83 members as of this newsletter we started this chapter in March of 15 with 49 members.

OUR newest members

MIKE SLINGTOM FROM RAYMOND ILL.

ANDREW BRAMSCH FROM ST. LOUIS

STEVE HOWELL FROM CHICAGO ILL

AND OUR NEWEST LTC SEAN WEAD FROM PLATTE MO

Lt. Col Wead is a Chaplain and serving in the war zone now. We all pray for his safe return. More on LTC wead in the April's newsletter.

IF ANYONE RUNS INTO A HERD GUY PLEASE GET HIS NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NO. [EMAIL] WE NEED ANY AND ALL HERD PERSONAL

IF YOU OWN DUES THEY ARE DUE NOW TO THE ASSOCIATION AND THE CHAPTER. TO THOSE THAT HAVE PAID CHAPTER DUES, THANK YOU VERY MUCH THIS CHAPTER COULDN, T EXIST WITHOUT YOU.

MEETINGS

MARCH MEETING

THE SPRINGFIELD MEETING WILL BE ON MARCH 8TH AT POST 10302 ON STOCKYARD RD. IN SPRINGFIELD AT 2 PM THE SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH. PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOOD BANKS.

WE ARE GOING TO HAVE MEETINGS EVERY OTHER MONTH PLUS WE ARE CHANGING THE DAY AND WEEK OF THE MEETING IN ARNOLD.

THE NEXT MEETING IN ARNOLD WILL BE ON APRIL 4TH AT 2PM THAT IS THE FRIST MONDAY OF THE MONTH.

FROM NOW ON THE MEETINGS IN ARNOLD WILL BE HELD ON THE FRIST MONDAY OF THE MONTH EVERY OTHER MONTH.

THE SPRINGFIELD MEETING WILL BE ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AS ANYWAYS, BUT WILL BE EVERYOTHER MONTH. AFTER THIS MARCH 8TH THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MAY 10TH 2PM SAME LOCATION. WE WILL CONTINUE TO COLLECT CAN FOOD AND PAPER PRODUCTS FOR THE FOOD BANKS...

NOW THAT'S ITS EVERY OTHER MONTH I HOPE YOU ILLIONIS GUYS WILL SHOW UP MORE. I UNDERSTAND WE ARE SCATTERED ALL OVER. JUST PLEASE TRY AND MAKE TWO OR THREE MEETINGS A YEAR, THAT WAY YOU CAN BE PART OF WHATS GOING ON. I DO BELIEVE WE ARE BETTER OFF WITH YOU THAN WITHOUT YOU.

FUNDRAISEING;

WE WILL ASK FOR DONATION OVER MEMORAL DAY AND LABOR DAY WEEKENDS. FOR EACH DONATION WE WILL BE GIVING OUT A AMERICAN FLAG AND A HISTORY OF THE 173RD. I HAVE HAD THREE LARGE SIGNS MADE UP SHOWING WHO WE ARE AND WANT WE DO. BILL DeArmond WILL BE CHARGE OF THE ST. LOUIS AREA, HE WILL GET THE STORES ALL WE NEED NOW IS A FEW VOLUNTEERS. WE NEED ABOUT 2 OR 3 HOURS OF YOUR TIME FOR THIS. WE NEED TO COLLECT AT LEAST \$1,500.00 FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP. THE FLAGS COST CLOSE TO \$300.00 TIM GOODWIN AND DAN KENT ARE STANDING TALL AND BUYING THE FLAGS FOR THE CHAPTER, A BIG "ALL THE WAY" TO BOTH THESE SKY SOLDIERS. THE SIGNS COST \$220.00, I WILL PAY FOR THEM. THIS DEAL IS COSTING THE CHAPTER NOTHING ALL WE NEED IS A FEW HOURS OF YOUR TIME. HELP US OUT. TIM GOODWIN AND DON STEPP WILL BE WORKING THE ST. CHARLES AREA. A BIG THANK YOU TO DON STEPP HIS FRIST MEETING AND HE JUMPED RIGHT



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IN THERE. I THINK DON WILL BE GOOD FOR US, WE NEED EVERYONE WE CAN GET THAT IS WILLING TO WORK A LITTLE, OF COURSE TIM GOODWIN IS ALWAYS THERE FOR THE CHAPTER, THANK YOU GUYS. I,D GO TO THE BUSH WITH ANY OF YOU.

OFFICERS;

WE WILL BE VOTING THE NEXT TWO MEETINGS
SPRINGFIELD MARCH 8TH AND ARNOLD APRIL 4TH

IF WISH TO RUN FOR AN OFFICE OR JUST VOTE YOU MUST BE AT ONE OF THESE MEETINGS.

JIM TALYOR HAS BEEN OUR TREASURER FOR THE FRIST YEAR AND HAS DONE A GREAT JOB, EVERYTHING I ASK HIM TO DO HE DONE IT,UNFORTUNATELY FOR THE CHAPTER HE AND HIS WIFE LOVE TO TRAVEL PLUS HAVE GRANDKIDS IN TEXAS HE WON'T BE AROUND MUCH THIS YEAR. THE CHAPTER WILL MISS YOU. BUT WE WILL BE HERE FOR YOU IF NEED US. THANK YOU SIR. ALL THE WAY.

CW SCHERER HAS STEPPED UP WILL RUN FOR THE JOB. CW WAS A CAREER SOLDIER. IN NAM HE SERVED WITH THE 5TH SPECIAL FORCES THEN WAS CO. OF DCO 3RD BN OF THE 173RD. RETIRED AS A MAJOR.

ALL OTHER OFFICERS SHOULD STAY THE SAME, UNLESS SOMEONE ELSE WISHES TO RUN , AGAIN YOU MUST BE AT THE MEETING.

MEMBERSHIP;

NEWEST MEMBERS;

STEVEN HOWELL 3RD BAT.

BRETT BEYER E-TROOP 16TH CAV

LTC SEAN WEAD SERVING NOW IN AFGHANISTAN NOW
[CHAPLIN]

JOSHUA KLINGNAM NEW HERD 2D BAT AFGHANISTAN

I BELIEVE WE ARE UP TO 83 MEMBERS NOW, HOPING FOR 100 BY YEARS END.

CHAPLAINS CORNER;

ONE OF OUR NEW MEMBERS NORM BOWER OF ST.LOUIS RECENTLY HAD SOME WORK DONE ON HIS HEART, AFTER A FEW WEEKS HE IS DOING FINE AND WE HOPE TO SEE HIM AT THE MEETING IN APRIL. A BIG "ALL THE WAY" TO NORM.

ON A MUCH SADDER NOTE DEBBIE REED WIFE OF RAY REED OF BLOOMINGTON ILL., IS NEARING THE END OF HER BATTLE WITH CANCER. FOR 12 YEARS SHE HAS FOUGHT A COURAGEOUS FIGHT BUT UNFORTUNATELY THE CANCER HAS GOTTEN THE UPPER HAND. RAY AND DEBBIE ARE SPIRITUAL AND WOULD NOT MIND A PHONE CALL OR A EMAIL FROM FROM THEIR HERD BROTHERS AND SISTERS. RAY,S PHONE NO. 309-531-0173 EMAIL reed.ray@comcast.net.

RAY AND DEBBIE WILL BE MARRIED 40 YEARS ON JULY 2ND. MY PRAYERS ARE THAT YOU TWO CAN SHARE YOUR ANNIVERSARY TOGETHER THIS JULY.

IF ANY OF YOU KNOW OF A HERD BROTHER OR SISTER THAT IS SICK, OR JUST PLAIN DOWN LET ME KNOW MAYBE WE CAN DO SOMETHING. AT THE LEAST WE CAN SEND OUR LOVE SHOW THEM WE CARE.

COMING UP;

OTHER THAN THE FUNDRAISER THIS CHAPTER HAS NOTHING PLANNED FOR MEMORIAL DAY.

THE REUNION IS JUNE 7TH IN FT. BENNING.

WE HAVE A CHAPTER PICNIC SCHEDULED FOR AUG.27TH. IT WILL BE ON THE GROUNDS OF JEFFERSON BARRACKS. IT WILL BE AN ALL DAY FUNCTION WITH SIGHTSEEING AND GAMES PLANNED OF COURSE FOOD AND FUN. WE WANT IT TO BE A FAMILY FUNCTION SO PLAN ON BRING YOUR GRANDKIDS. BUT MAINLY PLAN ON BRING YOU. SEE YOU THERE.

THE THRID WEEK OF SEPTEMBER IS KOKOMO, THAT IS WHERE I WILL BE.



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BELOW IS WW2 VET HAROLD EATMAN. HE MADE 4 COMBAT JUMPS WITH THE 82D NORMANDY, HOLLAND, ITALY AND SICILY. WITH HIM IS CHAPTER MEMBER ROBEY BEST OF N.C. HAROLD WAS AWARDED THE FRENCH LEGION OF HONOR LAST YEAR. HAROLD TURNED 100 IN DECEMBER. GOD BLESS ALL OLD PARATROOPERS.



I THINK IF YOU TYPE HIS NAME IN THE INTERNET WILL COME UP WITH LOTS OF GOOD THINGS ABOUT HAROLD. THANKS ROBEY THIS IS GREAT STUFF. THESE GUYS WON,T BE HERE MUCH LONGER. WE NEED TO SHOW THEM ALL THE RESPECT IN THE WORLD THEY DESERVE IT AIRBORNE

FOOD BANKS;

WE HAVE GIVEN TONS OF CAN FOOD AND PAPER PRODUCTS OUT THIS PAST YEAR. THIS SHOULD AND

WILL BE CONTINUED. EXCEPT FOR THE FISHER HOUSE. THEY ALWAYS SEEM TO HAVE LOTS OF FOOD ON HAND WHERE AS THE JEFFERSON BARRACKS FOOD PANTRY SEEMS TO BE SHORT OF FOOD EACH TIME WE GO THERE. SO WE ARE GOING TO GIVE TO THE BARRACKS EACH MONTH. THEY FEED OVER 200 VETERAN AND MILITARY FAMILYS EACH MONTH AND DON'T HAVE LOTS OF DONATIONS. I THINK AS MOST OF YOU WHAT LITTLE WE HAVE TO GIVE SHOULD GOOD TO THE ONES WITH THE BIGGEST NEEDS. IF ANYONE HAS A NEED TO GIVE TO LET US KNOW.



CHAPTER SECRETARY TOM DIMOND WITH EITHER NANCY ANDERSON OR LINDA FERGUSON. BOTH ARE VOLUNTEERS FOR THE JEFFERSON BARRACKS FOOD BANK.

I HAVE OTHER PICTURES TO INSERT BUT I CANT DO IT AT THIS TIME. I HOPE BY THE NEXT NEWSLETTER I WILL HAVE WORKED IT OUT.

GUYS THAT ABOUT ALL PEACE, LOVE AND HAPPINESS