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DECEMBER 2015

NO MEETINGS IN DECEMBER

Next meetings----Springfield IL January 13th

Arnold Mo January 21st each at 2pm

CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 5th at ONE EYED WILLIES 2924 TELEGRAPH RD ST. LOUIS MO.63125 IN THE FRANVIEW PLAZA SHOPPING CENTER. IT'S A SMALL RESTAURANT, GOOD FOOD, FRIENDLY PEOPLE, MUSIC, TABLE POOL AND DARTS. HOTELS IN THE AREA.

I WISH THE CHAPTER COULD AFFORD TO PAY THE BILL, BUT IT CAN'T MAYBE NEXT YEAR.

LET'S GET TOGETHER AND HAVE A GOOD AIRBORNE TIME. I REALLY WANT BOTH SIDES OF THE RIVER HERE AS IT WAS HERE IN SPRINGFIELD FOR THE FUNDRAISER.

More on that LATER

IF ANYONE HAS ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL ME OR DAN SARTORI.

THE SKY SOLDIER FOUNDATION [THE MARTIN JIM JR. SCHOLARSHIP]

Jim Jenkins has sent a Bio of Sky Soldier Martin Jim to Eric Hitchcock and we have sent a check for \$733.00 to the foundation to finish payment on the \$1,173.00. I WILL BE WRITING A LETTER TO THE JIM FAMILY TO TELL THEM WHAT WE ARE DOING AND WHY, I WILL HAVE THIS LETTER AT BOTH MEETINGS IN JANUARY PLEASE BE THERE TO SIGN IT.

The Sky Soldier Foundation needs help, only nine [9] scholarships were given out this year. To me that is just a damn shame, our kids are the future, and it's up to us to help them. You can by signing up for the automatic withdrawn program, if all just gave \$10.00 a month we

could help our kids so much. YOU CAN DO THIS GO TO THE SKY SOLDIER WEBSITE TAB UNDER 'FOUNDATION DONATION CHECK WHERE YOU WANT YOUR MONEY TO GO FOR. THE FOUNDATION THANKS YOU. AND I DO TO

FISHER HOUSE FUNDRAISER

ALL I CAN SAY IS OUTSTANDING WHEN WE FIRST TALKED ABOUT IT I THOUGHT WE COULD RAISE MAYBE \$3,500.00, WITH BIG HELP FROM EMILE, PRESIDENT OF VVA CHAPTER 534

FROM THE AND BOB EDWARDS COMMANDER OF POST 10302 WE RAISED ALMOST \$7,400.00.

We had a good time and I think a huge turnout especially for our MO. Guys JOE BROWN SR. AND HIS SON JOE JR. WITH HIM JOE JR IS IRAQ VETERAN AND HE HAD HIS SON.KYLEJIM AND CINDY JENKINS CAME AND SHARED THE NEXT DAY WITH PEARL AND I. THAT WAS SPECIAL. CW SCHERE AND HIS WIFE BARBARA CAME AND HAD A GREAT TIME DAN SARTORI AND TOM DIMOND HAD A GREAT TIME SO MUCH SO THEY COULDN'T MAKE THE TOUR OF SPRINGFIELD THE NEXT AM. TIM GOODWIN WAS THERE THAT'S TEN] FROM MO. THANK YOU SO MUCH. ILL WAS THEN ALSO CARL AND SHARON DODD, JIM TAYLOR, BOBBY EDWARD AND HIS BETTER HALF MARILYN MILLER, KAISER AND PEARL STERBINSKY WITH OUR NEWEST MEMBER MY SON KRISTOPHER AND HIS WIFE JAMIE AND MY YOUNGEST GRAND DAUGHT ADDISON [7]. OF COURSE I HAVE TO ADD TWO OF MY THREE DAUGHTERS WERE THERE MELISSA AND MY YOUNGEST MARGARET WITH MY YOUNGEST GRANDSON ANTHONY [3] I THINK ALL HAD A GOOD TIME WE RAISED MONEY FOR A GOOD CAUSE AND WE WILL DO IT AGAIN NEXT YEAR IF I,M PRESIDENT. THANKS TO ALL THAT WORKED TIM GOODWIN AND JIM TAYLOR WORKED THE 50/50 MY SON KRISTOPHER WORKED THE FOOD LINE. A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO MY WIFE, SHE HAD A BAD HEADACHE THAT DAY BUT STILL SHOWED UP, and SHE HAS BEEN MY FIRST SARGENT 47 YEARS THANK YOU SWEETHEART.

THANKS AGAIN TO ALL I HOPE I HAVEN, T FORGOT ANYONE PEACE, LOVE AND HAPPINESS TO ALL



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ONE MORE THING NEXT YEAR WE WILL GO FOR \$15,000
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VETERANS DAY JUST PASSED WE HAD THREE OF OUR
GUYS IN Branson MO



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The first picture is Dan Kent and Terry Napier the second has Ron Slingerlan in with them also.

This article written by Dan Kent



This a picture of our first meeting in Springfield an ice storm kept all a way except Dan Kent and Me March 2015

[Today 11-20-15](#)

Pearl and I traveled to St. Louis met with Jim Jenkins, CW Sherer, and Dan Sartori at the open house for the Fisher House. We as a group presented Jim Donahoe, President of the Fisher House in St Louis, with a check



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for \$7,400.00, Thank all you wonderful guys and gals.
We could not have done this without your help.
AIRBORNE.

The guys that attend our meetings , are the best
paratroopers in the state. I would serve with any of
them. At any time anywhere. Airborne ALL THE WAY



CW and Barbara Schere at the fundraiser

Me and my youngest Granddaughter Addison
Sterbinsky at her school 11-10 A beautiful morning
spent with her

. They honored us with song and cookies. I loved it so.



My daughter Margaret my wife Pearl, Joe Jr. across is
Joe SR. up of course is Tom Dimond and Dan.



L to R Me, Pearl, Dan and Jim Jenkins is in the rear,
sorry Jim Jim is in the second row. We are at the
Jefferson Barracks Food Bank. They feed over 100
Military and Veteran families a month.. The food we
collected is in front of us most not in the picture. It's
not only the food , but they need paper products also.



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At the Fundraiser three on the left, my daughter Margaret, Pearl and Joe Brown Jr. son of Joe Brown Sr. across the table Tom Dimond and Dan Sartori.



Chapter Treasure Jim Taylor and Tim Goodwin working the 50/50 table at the fundraiser.



At the open house Dan Sartori, Kaiser and Pearl Sterbinsky CW Schere and Jim Jenkins presented Jim Donahoe president of the St. Louis Fisher House with checkd totaling \$7,400.00

Top left on this page a picture of Jim and Cindy Jenkins with my wife Pearl at the Korean memorial in Springfield IL.



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At the fundraiser looking at us Jim and Cindy Jenkins
Dan Sartori , and Tom Dimond across is CW and Barbara Schere



Carl Dodd Don't know where Sharon is ?????





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At the fundraiser we presented three certificates of appreciation the three on the right holding the certificates Emile President of chapter 534 of the VVA, Bobby Edwards member of chapter 21 and commander

of VFW Post 10302, next my son Kristopher, without him I could not have been able to do these things on the computer. He was also made a honorary member of the chapter. The rest are member of our chapter the VVA and Post members.



Jim Jenkins and Dan Sartori at the site at Jefferson Barracks Mo, where the frist parachute jump was made in 1912

This is the longest newsletter yet.

We have done a lot this month, We have done a lot this year, we all have the right to be proud of this chapter. If I have forgot a picture I,m sorry I,ll put it in the next one.

Thanksgiving;

We don't have to look far to see something we are thankful for. For Me it has always been my family and a few close friends, this year I can include all of you guys. From Pearl and I we hope you all have the best Thanksgiving yet. Saying this with love Kaiser out.