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Mohave County Arizona Chapter 975
"CHAPTER 975 DISPATCH"

"Never again shall one generation of veterans abandon another"



***"Only two defining forces have ever offered to die for you,
 Jesus Christ and the American G.I."
 ~One died for your soul, the other for your freedom~***





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Dear Brothers and Sisters and Family and Friends of Chapter 975, here your Chapter 975 Dispatch.

Please send your pictures, emails, articles, items of interest for the Dispatch.

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

This is a short Dispatch wishing you and your families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and thank you for all your support for our active duty servicemen and women and veterans this year. Lord bless us and guide us to continue in 2008!

Merry Christmas and Lord's blessings to you and your families!



Welcome Home times 6!

Lake Havasu Saturday 12/22/07 and Bullhead City Sunday 12/23/07

Lake Havasu

Sisto's Report:

Enclosed find some photo's of the welcome home for three of our fine soldiers. Will also send to Webmaster.

#1-Staging behind American Legion, LHC, AZ 11:00am

#2 Staging, #5 (Air Force) Scott Weaver's Pick up (home)

#6 Scott weaver surprised of turn-out. #7 Bikers filled up Street (Weaver, home) #8 Scott being congratulated by all the Bikers #9 Second Pick-up (Marine) Anthony & Nicole Velasquez home LHC, AZ. #11 Velasquez's with fellow Marine #14 Scott's family right to left Scott, Ken (father) MIA/POW table Lori (mother) and Scott's sister. #15 Scott's family # 16 Our Troops Scott, Anthony & Nicole with Bullhead Patriot riders Capt.. and us. #17 Our Troops.

Love & Prayers

Sisto...(42 bikes and collected \$103 for Scott's root-beer (under 21) Thanks to all from Sisto Sandoval I'll send my poem on another page.

Sisto's Poem:

THANKS TO YOU COMRADE

I am a man who has aged alone yet bonded with the best of friends who will always remain a part of me. Some gave their life so I may live; they gave me my breath of air I call my Freedom. Always in my heart and prayers they always remain. They served in different uniforms in Freedom's name.

Today I step a side from my past, close my eyes and open my heart. I recall so vivid the oath I took one day to protect, defend my Country the USA. I don't want to think of the past for its memories will always last. I want you to know that today as I stand to Honor you, to thank each of you for what you have done for me. Your giving of your self for my freedom means more to me then you'll ever know. Your loyalty is with your soul, Your

Commitment will keep us free and my Lord will keep you safe.

You gave your oath and now we stand together, some young some old. Yet together we bond with out reach hands in unity to protect our land. We are individuals with a common goal in defending freedom. As we age and see the past, we close our eyes and see that memories of youth do last.

Some are just beginning to travel the road of honor. A road well chosen, where others have paved the path. Yet the struggles last. My comrade's blood has hardened on foreign soil so that we may walk in peace in this our land. Honor goes to all who took the oath and walked the walk, those who fought, those who supported and all who have worn a uniform. God will send angels to bless each of you for time well served. Thank you my brothers/sister. Thank you for the Freedom I enjoy today. I pray for you that dragons may not come, that dreams will become the realities of the true freedom you gave to us. God Bless you my comrades and thank you with all my heart.

Merry Christmas for the honor is mine to have you here today. Each of you deserves the very best. Thank you for our Freedom

Sisto Sandoval
Vietnam Veteran (1968-1969)
Creations of the Heart

Bullhead City:

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Santa grants Christmas wishes for families of service members

By RICH POLISKA

Special to the Daily News



RIDING: Members of the Patriot Guard riders participated in a welcome ceremony Sunday. They and others welcomed five service members to the community for the holiday season. Contributed

BULLHEAD CITY - While most items on a Dear Santa letter are made by elves in the North Pole, five local requests were made possible via South Carolina, Hawaii and Iraq.

Numerous local families with loved ones in the military had written to Santa asking him to bring their loved ones home for the holidays. Five had their dreams come true and those heroes were honored at the American Legion Post on Sunday.

They are: U.S. Army Pvt. Mark Nichols, U.S. Air Force Sr. Airman Kenny Gibb, a Mohave High School graduate; U.S. Air Force Airman Shane Baze, a River Valley High School graduate; U.S. Army Pvt. Thomas Baumann; and U.S. Marine Pfc. Matthew Lozano (Mohave High School grad).

Approximately 30 motorcyclists, mostly members of the Patriot Guard Riders led by Ride Captain Mike Canright, escorted the soldiers in a Mustang convertible donated by Colorado River Ford and eight other vehicles of friends and family members. Forty residents stood outside the Post to greet the procession waving flags and signs saying "Welcome Home".

One of the bikers who goes by the nickname of "Scooter", sang a heartfelt rendition of the National Anthem. Six-year-old Youth President of the Bullhead Patriots, Branden Ching, led the Pledge of Allegiance. The entire group joined in as "Proud To Be An American" by Lee Greenwood echoed across the river. The group was then invited to enter the Post.

David Keller said a prayer and explained the significance of the POW/MIA place setting prolific in every American Legion and VFW Post. Cindy Frazelle of Military Moms read a moving holiday poem she wrote about the sacrifices of Military families.

A copy of the poem was presented to each soldiers mom on the back of a Christmas tree ornament. Councilwoman Kathy Brock awarded the soldiers with Certificates of Appreciation on behalf of the City of Bullhead. American Legion Post Commander John Founds gave each of the soldiers a years membership to the Post.

Mike Canright gave each soldier a U.S. Flag. Then Bullhead Patriot Founder Heather Ching, organizer of this Homecoming, told the troops of all the gifts and donations available to them from the community. The ladies auxiliary of the post provided a lunch.

The next upcoming event will be a Deployment Send Off for U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Art Jones of Kingman. This event will be held at VFW Post 10386 in Kingman.

E-mail BullheadPatriots@ hotmail.com for further information.





Chaplain's Corner:



Please pray for:

- **Our Servicemen and Women and our Brothers and Sisters in arms** who are being treated / are recovering in military and VA hospitals.
- **Chapter 975 members and families**



- **Jennifer Wilson for the Lord's care and healing**



- **Rich Poliska for the Lord's care and healing**



- **Richard Carroll for the Lord's care and healing**



- **Nancy (Friend of Ch 975 member Mark Young) for the Lord's care and healing**



- **Sgt Kenny Bower US Army currently serving in Iraq**



- **PFC Garrett Kelly US Army currently serving in Iraq**



- **SPEC Ryan Smith US Army** currently serving in Iraq



- **Airman 1st Class Joshua Wages**



- **Chief Petty Officer Gil McGillivray,**



- **Spec Anthony Martinez,**



- **Airman 1st Class Ralph Lopez;**



- **Spec Rehta Woelfer;**
- **Norman Coy** Chapter 975 member for the Lord's care and healing.
- **Brien Richards** for the Lord's care and healing
- **Hal Earls** for the Lord's care and healing while in VA Prescott

God Bless our "Troops in Harms Way....." and God bless Those brave men and women who gave all.....

Email prayer requests to chaplain@vva975.org and **be sure to indicate if they are confidential** or for public display in the "Chapter 975 Dispatch"



Well that's it for this edition, keep sending pictures and articles for the Dispatch!

Lord Bless and keep you and yours until we meet again!

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