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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.

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Welcome Aisha Porome!



This Special Edition Dispatch features Our New Full Time Bullhead City Veterans Benefits Counselor, Aisha Porome.

Tuesday February 5, 2008 we celebrated the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Arizona Department of Veterans Services Veterans Benefits Counselor office in Bullhead City. This marks the culmination of efforts of many individuals and organizations and the second accomplished by the Colorado River Valley Veterans Subcommittee. Special thanks to Sheila Shutts, Subcommittee Chairperson and Bullhead City Mayor Jack Hakim for your leadership, hard work and dedication to our veterans and to our community. We also want to thank AZDVS Director General Richard Maxon, Deputy Director Michael Clear for taking part in the ceremony at American Legion Post 87. Following are some articles and pictures of the event.



From The Mohave Daily News:

MOHAVE VALLEY DAILY NEWS LOCAL WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2008 9:43

Benefits counselor officially welcomed by vets, city officials

Arrival heralded by ceremony at Legion post

By DOMINIKA MASLIKOWSKI

BULLHEAD CITY — Veterans and city officials welcomed Aisha Love Porome, the area's new veteran benefits counselor, during a ceremony on Tuesday at the American Legion. But for members of the Veterans Subcommittee, Porome's arrival meant the goal they'd set over a year ago had finally come to fruition.

"The subcommittee has been working to register enough local veterans for the city to receive its own benefits counselor, hoping the more vets who registered the more clout they'd have when asking the state for a counselor."

Last May, they announced they'd succeeded. Porome took the job about a month ago full-time in an office at the American Legion Post 87, and local veterans no longer had to drive for hours to visit a counselor or wait until one came to town.

On Tuesday, a crowd gathered in front of the American Legion to welcome Porome into the community.

Sheila Shutts of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary, chairwoman of the subcommittee, said it wouldn't have happened without Mayor Jack Hakim. She said the committee's efforts weren't ever yet; their next goal is a veterans' hospital.

Guest speaker Richard Maxon, director of the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services, said the city's efforts are part of a larger, statewide movement championed by the governor and the state legislature.

"They realize there's a lot of veterans not being served as fully as they should be," Maxon said.

"The goal is to have a veterans benefit counselor no further than an hour's drive from any veteran in the state."

Porome, who moved here from Ohio, thanked the crowd for their welcome. Soon, the three wishes she'd made for her new office were granted: VFW Post 404 donated a microwave, the Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 10060 donated a refrigerator, and the Elks Lodge donated a couch.

After the ceremony, Porome chatted with veterans and made her way through a crowd congratulating her. One veteran loaned her a seat. "I hope you know how important you are," while others sat over drinks saying, "No more driving to Prescott, Vegas or Lavanau."

Porome worked for four years as a community advocate, but said raising three children also taught her how to assist others.

A four-year veteran of the U.S. Navy, Porome also comes from a military family.

JEFF HANGUM/The Daily News

PRESENTATION: Mike Conlight, assistant state captain of the Patriot Guard Riders, presents Aisha Love Porome with a plaque and flag Tuesday at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new veterans benefits counselor at the American Legion Post 87.

Her father and two brothers also are veterans. She said she'd been told about the ceremony, but hadn't imagined such a reception. "I never expected anything like that," she said through tears. "It was truly overwhelming."

"I'd like to add to what's already being done here because this is a great city for veterans. They care about each other. I've never seen people care like that about each other."

For more information, or to schedule an appointment with the veteran benefits counselor, call 928-763-8401.



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**CUTTING THROUGH
THE "RED, WHITE AND
BLUE" TAPE**

Yesterday in Bullhead City, (l-r) veterans counselor Sheila Shutts, Mayor Jack Hakim, Aisha Porome, Arizona Department of Veterans Services Director Gregg Maxon and Deputy Director Michael Klier cut the ceremonial ribbon and officially opened the first-of-its-kind, full-time veterans benefits office next door to the American Legion Post #87 on Clearwater Drive. Veterans with questions and concerns can reach Porome at 928-763-9401, by E-mail at aporome@azdvs.gov, or via fax at 928-763-9424.



From Sheila Shutts



Sheila and Mike Carright, Patriot Guard Riders Assistant Ride Captain for the State of AZ

From KLBC TV 2

<http://www.tv2klbc.com/morningShowTapedW.html>

Drag the bar just past mid way (just between the Riverside tower and casino in the picture). We are on half way through the morning show just after the weather during the news segment by Krislyn Marie Smith, reporter.....

Hope you are able to view this!

Sheila Shutts

Home of the Free Because of the Brave



**More Pictures:
Contributed by Nana Hanlon and Harold Reed:**



Hosted by American Legion Post 87



Psalm 61 and opening prayer by Chap Tom



Mayor Jack Hakim Addresses the group



Phyllis Hoodak, Post 87 Ladies Auxiliary President, Mark Young VVA 975, Joe Felice AVMI, Lou Shutts VFW AZ State Quartermaster, Rich Poliska VVA 975 and Bullhead Patriot co founder Tom Sockwell Mohave County District 2 Supervisor



TV2 Reporter Krislyn Smith and Bullhead City Manager Tim Ernster



Terry Clark 1st Marine Division Association, Patriot Guard Riders Ride Captain Chris "Scooter" Delay,



Jim Crumly VVA 975, Joe Bibich Military Order of the Purple heart
Bullhead City Constable Mike Hamilton



AZDVS Director General Richard Maxon, Deputy Director Michael Klier
American Legion Post 87 Commander John Founds



Bullhead City Mayor Jack Hakim



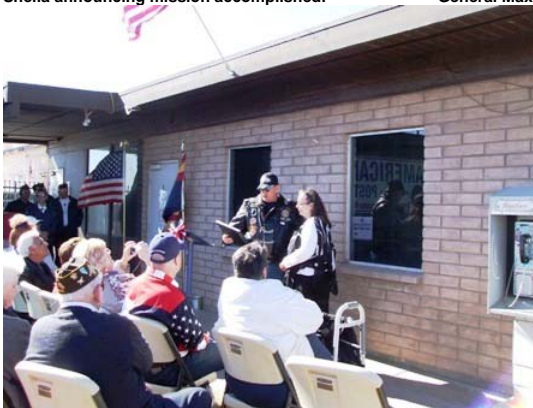
Mayor Hakim and Sheila Shutts our MC



Sheila announcing mission accomplished!



General Maxon addresses the group



PGR Mike Canright presents certificate and "ride flag" to Aisha / Sheila welcomes Aisha





Aisha Porome our new Veterans Benefits Counselor! Welcome Aisha!



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 & 785 members and families**



- **Tom Murray; for the Lord's care and healing**
- **David Duggins and his wife and daughters; for the Lords provision, care and healing**
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- **Roger StPierre VA Long Beach Volunteer and friend; for the Lords care and healing**



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



• **Joyce Huggins, Chapter 785 for the Lords care and healing**



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



• **Sgt Kenny Bower US Army**



• **PFC Garrett Kelly US Army**



• **SPEC Ryan Smith US Army**



• **Airman 1st Class Joshua Wages**



• **Chief Petty Officer Gil McGillivray**



• **Spec Anthony Martinez**



- *Airman 1st Class Ralph Lopez;*



- *Spec Rehta Woelfer;*



- *Airman Christopher Coyner;*

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

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

2 Chronicles 16; 9a 9 For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart to Him.

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

*Tom Hanlon
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Vietnam Veterans of America*

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