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"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~*



For Questions, Comments, Suggestions, Issues: Contact chaplain@vva975.org



Breakfast Run Next Saturday!

Saturday June 21st, 9:00 AM

AVI Resort Native Harvest Buffet

We will have another breakfast run Saturday at the AVI. We will have tables reserved at the Native Harvest Buffet.

Breakfast runs are a great time of breaking bread and fellowship that we have been enjoying together -- brothers and sisters in arms enjoying time together. Ride your motorcycle, scooter, skate board, drive your car, pick up or whatever you have but just come and enjoy some fellowship with your brothers and sisters in arms!





***Lake Havasu Welcome Home For SPC Sidney Born
Saturday June 14, 2008***

***[Click here to hear God Bless The USA while you read
http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=tNqUORIFV4I&feature=related](http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=tNqUORIFV4I&feature=related)***

We participated in a welcome home for Spc Sidney Born (**Airborne Hoooooaaaah!**) Saturday along with Patriot Guard Riders, LHSU Patriots, Blue Star Mothers, American Legion Riders, American Legion Post 81 and many others. We thank God for Spc Born's safe return home after serving 14 month tour in Iraq and we have added him to our Dispatch Prayer List and ask that you keep him in your prayers for his next duty station!





(I am sorry to report that my camera battery died but I hope to have some additional pictures to send taken by others in attendance)

From Today's News Herald Online Edition:

Welcome Home

By L.J. Frink



Saturday, June 14, 2008 9:48 PM MST

U.S. Army Spc. Sidney Born, of Lake Havasu City, was treated to a hero's welcome Saturday at the American Legion Post 81. Born, who just returned from a 14-month deployment in Iraq, was given a flag-waving, motorcycle escort from his home, along with his mother, Debbie, and two brothers, Bruce and Darren, by the Lake Havasu Patriots, made up of volunteer members of the Lake Havasu City Blue Star Mothers, Patriot Guard Riders, American Legion Riders and Vietnam Veterans of America. Two engine crews from the Lake Havasu City Fire Department also were in the escort. Steppin' Out Limousine provided the vehicle, free of charge, to transport Born and his family to the American Legion post. The airborne soldier, recently promoted, is assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division in Fort Benning, Ga. He was presented with a U.S. Army flag, signed by those who attended the celebration, and made a member of American Legion Post 81 by Commander Art Means, before sitting down to lunch with family, friends and other supporters. To the right, Nic Gunther, of the Lake Havasu Patriots organization, signs a U.S. Army flag, while Born talks with Chaplain Tom Hanlon, of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 975, in the background.

Special thanks to LHSU PD and Fire for the escort and support, to Steppin Out Limousine and to American Legion Post 81 for the chow and hospitality!



***Flag Day Ceremony and presentation of medals to WWII Veteran
Saturday June 14, 2008 2:00PM VFW 404 Mohave Valley***

Mike Canright presented a history of our flag at VFW Post 404 and presented a beautiful shadow box containing medals and awards to a WWII veteran who had misplaced his original medals. Good job Sgt Mike!



From Sisto Sandoval:



Sisto writes poems based on his combat experience in Vietnam and here is his latest which he calls "Greetings". Thank you Sisto my brother!

"Greetings"

I sit with thoughts of days, gone long ago. Days in youth, I would sing and drink no memories to tell. I recall the day a letter came in it said "Greetings from the President of the United States".

Me a boy, who lived in the desert with lizards and scorpions, rattle snakes and cactus in my garden. It was my time to go to hell.

My heart sank and the whispering of the winds disappeared.

I went on to see how physical I was, didn't take much for soon I was on the bus. I went to Ord and the DI jumped my case. I didn't run as fast as he said I could. I should dodge the bullet and get off my a--. On I went to learn the skills not to live but to take a life to stay alive. I learned a language strange to me but in time it saved me not more then once, yes more then twice.

I sit with thoughts of days gone by. Greetings from the President, I want you son. I went without hesitation. Learned to stand behind my battle station.

I recalled in youth the desert sunsets with majestic colors of red as it covered the skies. Later in time I saw the sunset with bright colors of white flares as they lit up those skies.

I saw the deep red tracers cascading in arches in the skies. It continues to tear my insides.

I left tranquility to the sounds of terror ripping the soul. I cried at night in fright. I saw the lizards once again only bigger that they get. I saw the tigers the elephants run, the monkeys swing in fear of our closing presence.

I still see that letter from time to time Greetings. I hear no one mention that letter that took so many lives of youth long ago.

Oh! My God hold close in your heart those who answered the letter and are no more. They didn't want to go yet they went to hell and fought so brave that now all we have is a cold stonewall, with thousand of memories to tell.

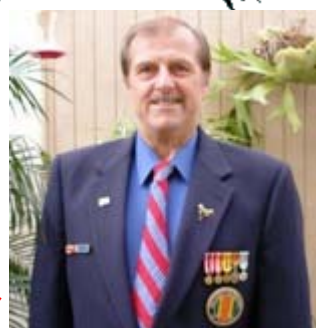
Sisto Sandoval

Vietnam Veteran (1968-1969)

Creations of the Heart

Lake Havasu City, AZ

June 13, 2008



From Kenny Porizek Chapter 785

Kenny, his wife and brother Lenny are employees of VA Long Beach and members of VVA LTC Earl Woods Memorial Chapter 785 Orange County. I had asked Kenny for pictures of some of the murals and messages posted on the walls around the hospital. Below is his email and the pictures that really do portray the "spirit" of VA Long Beach. Thanks Kenny my brother and God Bless You!

Date: Tue, 3 Jun 2008 20:39:07 -0700 (PDT)

From: Ken Porizek

Subject: THE PRICE OF FREEDOM CAN BE SEEN HERE

To: thanlon@frontiernet.net

HELLO TOM,

It has been some time since we have seen each other, but whenever someone mentions AZ. I think of you. I hope all is well with you and they are treating you good.

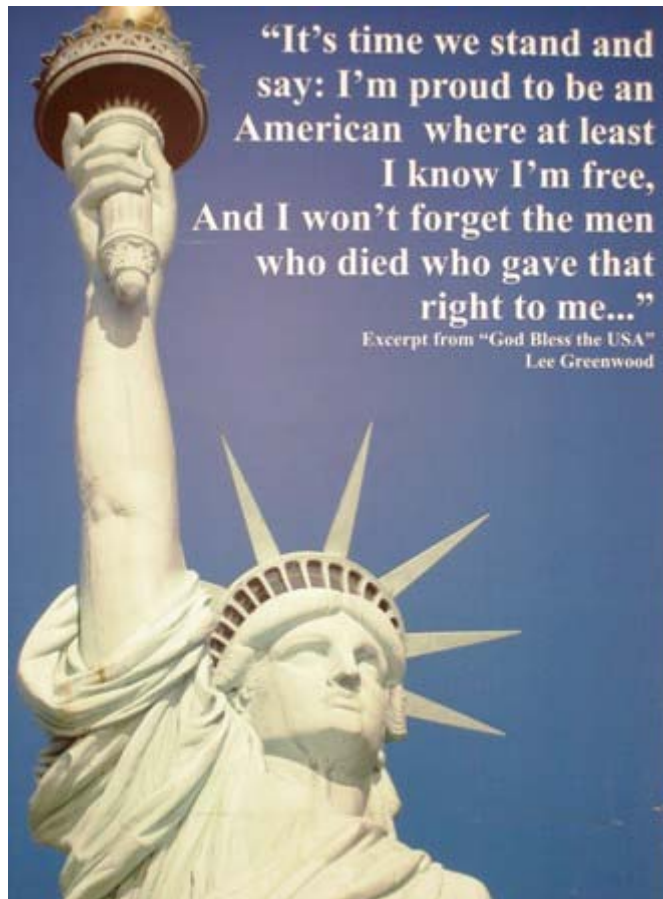
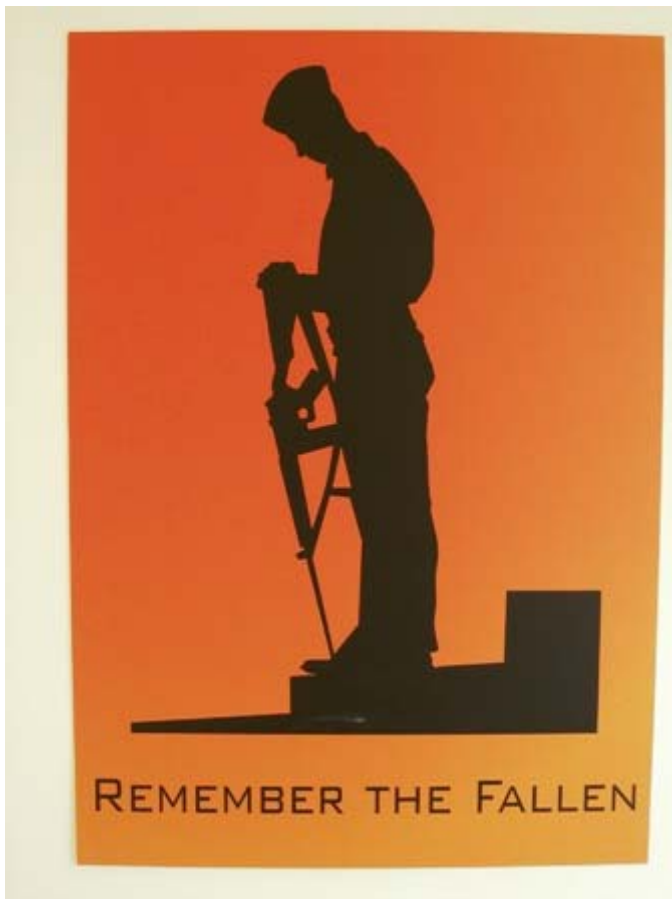
I have been getting ready to go to Fresno, Calif. for our State Convention, I have been the delegate for 785 now for about a year and I love it, they are a great bunch of brothers and what they bring to the table helps me a lot. I was in Phx. March 15th to give a pitch for Snowball Express and meet some of you brothers.

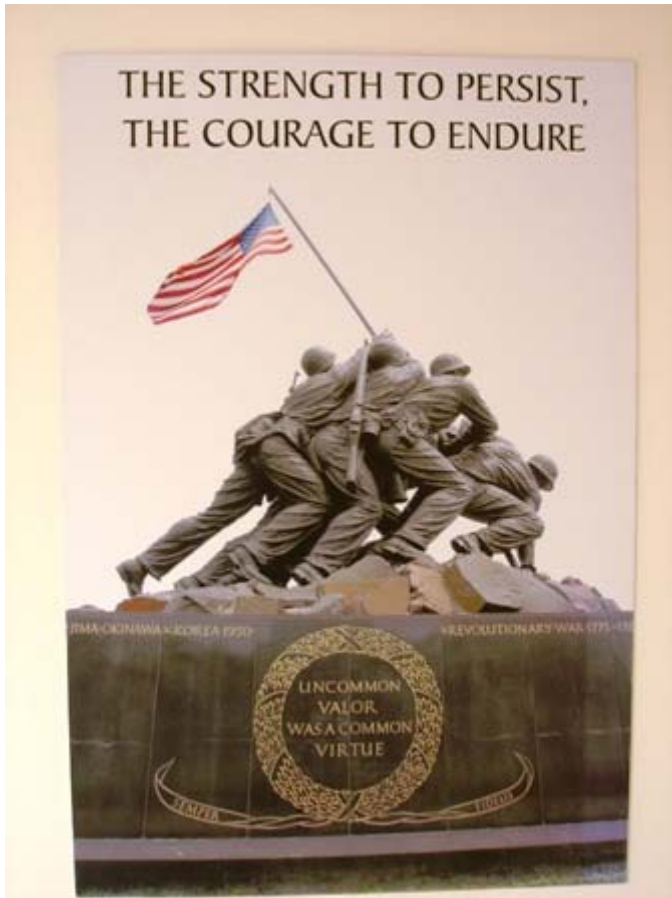
Gene helped me with getting the presentation off with a huge banner that set right over the speaker's podium. I was presenting SBE to region 9, but it just so happened that John Rowen was there and he is the National President of VVA, so he wouldn't come up to the speakers area for fear people might think he was giving his endorsement for SBE. That was going to be done on April 5 and he didn't want to jump the gun. SBE was accepted by national about 2 weeks later.

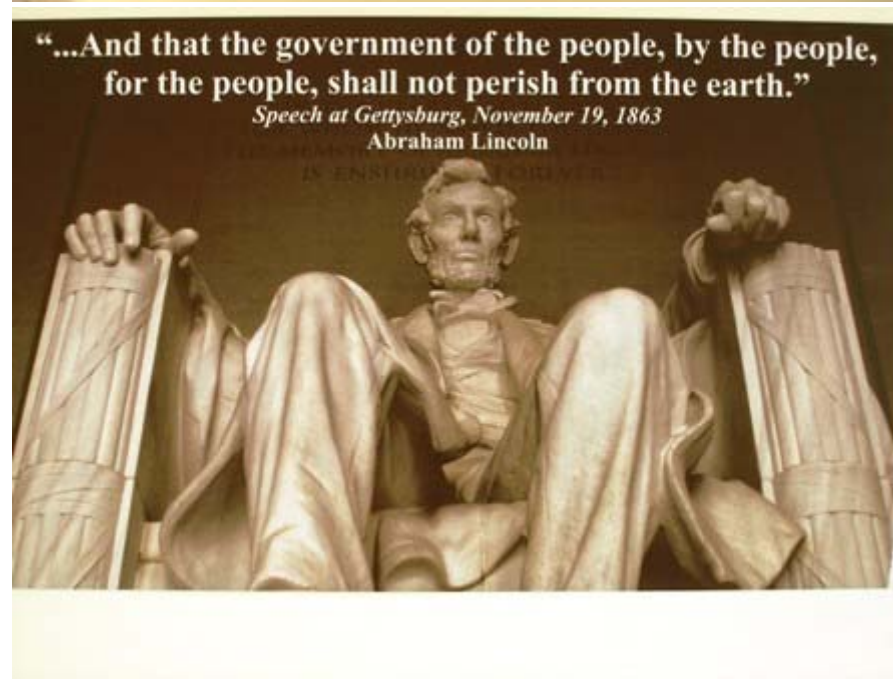
I've talked too much and need to get ready for work tomorrow, so God Bless and hope to see you soon.

GOD BLESS OUR VETS

KENNY P.









**Chaplain George and Doris Vogel
Chief of Chaplain Services and VVA 785 Member**

May Our Lord Bless and keep all the management, doctors, nurses and staff at VA Long Beach and in all the other VA facilities across our country and guide them in their provision of care and comfort to our brothers and sisters in arms.





From Jim Crumly

Check out Jim's official NWS weather station now up 24/7
<http://www.frontiernet.net/~jimwc/Bullheadweather.html>

Tom

Since we are headed into the Monsoon season I thought this might be a good thing to put in the dispatch. So our members are aware. I got this out of my Skywarn Spotter Newsletter. At <http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/vef/Spring%202008.pdf> There is also a nice article about Monsoons and how they are formed. Lots of weather info here.

Jim

National Lightning Safety Awareness Week
Donald Maker, OPL
“When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors.”

This is the slogan for this year's 7th annual National Lightning Safety Awareness Week that will be observed June 22 – 28. Lightning is a serious danger and very powerful. In the United States an average of 62 people are killed each year by lightning (based on 1977-2006 data from the U.S. Natural Hazard Statistics). The lightning detection systems in the U.S. have monitored an average of 25 million cloud to- ground lightning flashes each year. Each spark of lightning can reach over 5 miles in length, soar to temperatures of approximately 50,000 degrees Fahrenheit, and contain 100 million electrical volts. Lightning is most often seen in association with thunderstorms, but has also been seen in volcanic eruptions, extremely intense forest fires, heavy snowstorms, and large hurricanes. Lightning is considered the underrated killer because it usually claims 1 or 2 victims at a time, does not cause mass destruction of property, and is underrated as a **risk**. The average of 62 lightning fatalities ties the average of 62 deaths per year caused by tornadoes. A list of dos and don'ts lightning safety tips for people indoors or outdoors, & for your pets and animals is available at

www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov.



Chaplain's Corner:

In Memoriam:

David Frizelle, Son Of Ken and Cindy Frizelle

***There will be a memorial service Wednesday June 18th
at The AVI convention center at 6:30PM***

Please pray for Ken and Cindy Frizelle and family for the loss of their son David:

***Mohave Daily News Sunday June 8, 2008
Obituary***

***David Eric Frizelle, age 29, our only son and Our hero, passed away on Monday, June 2, 2008.

David was born February 28, 1979, in Monterey Park, Calif. He was a three year veteran of the Inglewood Police Department, Inglewood, Calif., where his father served before him for 17 years. He was a 1998 graduate of El Segundo High School in El Segundo, Calif.

David was inducted into the U. S. Marine Corps, 1st Marine Division, in March of 1999 and served until August of 2003. He belonged to the 1st MEF in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom One. David was awarded many medals, including the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with combat “V” from Iraq.

He is survived by his parents, Ken and Cindy Frizelle of Ft. Mojave; two sisters, Kim Castruita of Canyon Country, Calif, and Laura Singer of Carson City, Nev.; two nephews, Zachary and Nicholas; and two nieces, Alyssa and Lauren. He has many relatives, dear cousins, and many, many friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, June 10, at Faithful Central Bible Church, 400 W. Florence Ave., Inglewood, Calif.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in the memory of David Frizelle to the “Cody Waters Fund”

Checks are payable to IPOA.

Attention: Det. Dan Milchovich, Inglewood Police

Gang Unit, One Manchester, Inglewood, CA 90301.

Our beloved son David was a true warrior, an everyday Hero who asked for little, but gave so much to his career, his country and his family. He made people laugh like no one else could.;

We have not lost you, for we know exactly where you are!

We love you so much and we will see you in heaven...

Arrangements by Douglass Mortuary of El Segundo, Calif.



Please give thanks for:



- ***Ralph McKie*** ***good report from the doctor last week***

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***
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- ***Gunny "Ooooooraaaah!" Gene Crego*** ***for the Lord's care and assistance with some medical items***



- ***Major Bill "Monsoon" Mimiaga*** ***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*



• *Airman Scott Weaver*



• *USMC Tony and Nicole*



• *PFC Keith Stein*



• *LT Bill Whyde*



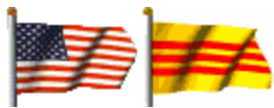
- ***PVT Kerilyn Schwartzkopf***



- ***SPC Sidney Born***

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 until we meet again!

Philippians 4: 6

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. NKJV

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