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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~*



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Lake Havasu Patriots: www.lhcpatriots.org

Kingman Patriots: www.kingmanpatriots.org

Blue Star Mothers Lake Havasu: www.lhsubluestarmothers.org

Lake Havasu Freedom Bridge: <http://frontlinegraphics2.com/khxc/index.php?app=ccp0&ns=display&ref=splash>



Larry "Bear" Hughes : <http://vva785.org/Bear/>

Larry "Bear" Hughes Memorial Video:
<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=8109479041946208620&pr=goog-sl>



July Chapter Meeting

We had our July chapter meeting Wednesday in Kingman and thank VFW 10386 for hosting us every third month!

It was a great meeting and included award of plaques to five companies that have been very supportive to Chapter 975 and its mission over the past two years! Special thanks to Devoe's Embroidery, Reddy Ice, McKee Foods, Heaven Sent Florists, Management and Training Corp / AZ State Prison and the Golden Corral restaurant. "Welcome Home" to our 3 new members and 2 new VVA members!

We began a tradition of distributing our Chapter Coin to new members at their first meeting. The coin is the Vietnam Veterans Bronze 1 ½" (685) authorized by Congress in 1984 minted by The U.S. Mint. Chapter 785 gave me mine at the meeting when I joined!





The obverse design depicts U.S. combat troops engaged in a helicopter assault operation. The helicopter and troops are superimposed over a map of Vietnam. The words "VIETNAM VETERANS NATIONAL MEDAL" are around the outer border. The reverse design features the phrase "IN HONOR OF THOSE MEN AND WOMEN WHO GAVE OF THEMSELVES IN AN EFFORT TO ENSURE DEMOCRACY AND PEACE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD THIS MEDAL IS STRUCK BY ACT OF CONGRESS 1984". An eagle with American flags and the U.S. Capitol in the background is in the lower part of the design.

The Pictures:



Martin and Kay Devoe of Devoes Embroidery Steve Transue, Sgt Ellico and Tom Murray



Arin Pursch and Michael Smith of McKee Foods John & Pat Marcikese & Chap Tom



Dave Bone

Sue, Jeane and Richard Montez, new members



Ralph and Gene (check out the new gavel!)

Paul Pitts, Henry, Charlie (our bean counter) and Linda



Webmaster Dave, New AVVA Member Michael Lucero and Ralph New member Jeane Montez



New member Jay Kidwell "Brown Water Navy" New member Richard Montez



New member SGT Lanita Ellico AZ National Guard Recruiter / Ralph and Gene present plaque to the Devoes



Ralph and Gene present plaques to McKee Foods and Frank Frederickson of Reddy Ice



Judy Lacy RFTW and LHSU Freedom Bridge Project/ Passing out our new chapter coins and bibles to new members



Chapter coin to Sgt Lanita Ellico and Richard Montez / Chapter coin and bible to Jay and Richard



We appointed Sisto Sandoval to be our Chaplain for Lake Havasu welcome home and deployment events!



Blu and Karen Kelly Report Garrett Is Back In The USA!

From Mohave Daily News Online Edition:

Soldier: Iraq an 'eye opener'

Wednesday, July 23, 2008 12:09 AM CDT

Daily News staff

MOHAVE VALLEY - Back home after his first tour in Iraq, Garrett Kelly has spent the last week catching up with friends and family.

"Just taking it easy," said the 20-year-old U.S. Army Specialist who graduated from River Valley High School in 2006. He leaves today for a quick visit with friends on the East Coast, then back to base in Fort Lewis, Wash.

Kelly was in Iraq from April 2007 until June of this year, an experience he described as "eye-opening."

"After being over there and seeing what it's like," he said, "you just don't take anything for granted. I'm a lot more appreciative of what I have."

And he wants to thank the community for their support.



HOME AGAIN: Garrett Kelly, left, received a handshake from Harold Reed when he attended a welcome celebration in August 2007. Kelly was back in the

area for a visit after serving in Iraq. File

“We did get a lot of care packages out there,” Kelly said. “That's what keeps us going.”



From Nic Gunther

The following is an e-mail received from our State R/C and I am forwarding it, stand proud PGR's, this is a thank you from the family of a fallen hero!

Sincerely,

John J Gunther (Nic)

Lake Havasu Patriots www.lhcpatriots.org

Subject: Statewide - AZ - A HEROES Family's Thank You

I received the following letter in the mail today and felt I should share with everyone:

Pat, Neil and the Men and Women of the Patriot Guard Riders,

Thank you for your attendance and escort at our son's (Sgt John Kyle Daggett) memorial service. Your presence was truly a reflection of Honor and Respect.

Our family was honored by your presence and we truly have the utmost respect to the men and women of the Patriot Guard Riders and what you represent.

Many of you have served your country; we want to Thank You for your service and for protecting our freedoms which we so many times take for granted.

***Again, Thank You to a wonderful organization of dedicated men and women who show true American Patriotism, Honor & Respect to our fallen American Hero's.
God Bless***

Paul, Colleen, Kendall, Tonya & Kia Czaplicki and Megan Jacobson (Kyle's fiancée)

The following I found very touching and it brought tears to my eyes while reading it. It's just a part of the Memorial Card and tells us who Kyle was:

Every since "Kyle" was a little boy he had a very patriotic heart. His favorite song was "God Bless the USA" by Lee Greenwood. When Kyle would hear this song he would stand at attention and shout the words.....

Kyle was deployed to Iraq December 7 2007 serving his country until his injuries on May 1, 2008. Then Kyle entered his own battle, a battle which was lost on May 15, 2008. But Kyle won the war. He is now serving his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Kyle believed in what the United States stands for. He fought for freedom and for the Christian values this nation was formed by. Freedom is not free; we have lost a special friend, brother and son. Each time you see an American Flag, please remember the blood that was been shed to keep this great nation free. Fly an American flag, wear Red on Fridays, and thank a soldier when you see one. Stand proud to be an American and carry on Kyle's legacy!!!

God bless you Sgt Kyle Daggett, you will be missed by many!!!

Pat Eagan

AZ PGR State Captain



***From Mike Canright
Welcome Home Event Bullhead City
Saturday 8/2/08***

Hey everyone,

We are having a Welcome Home event on Saturday August 2, 2008. We will be welcoming home, ***Army SPC Erick Blackburn*** home from his tour in Iraq, and he is returning with a ***Purple Heart Medal***. The party will be at the American Legion Post 87, 2249 Clearwater Drive, Bullhead City at 1100 hours.

Staging: Will be at the 'Target' store parking lot located off of Highway 95 between Long Ave. and Bullhead Parkway

Link:

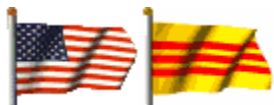
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Meet at 1000 hours; Kick Stands up by 1030 hours.

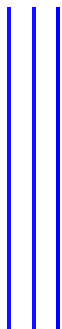
Please plan to attend this happy family reunion, and give him our Thanks and Appreciation for his service to our country.

Also of interest, some of you might recall that on Feb. 2, 2008, ***we had a 'Send-off' for U.S.Navy Emily Blackburn. Yes, they are Brother and Sister. Mom needs hugs and thanks too.***

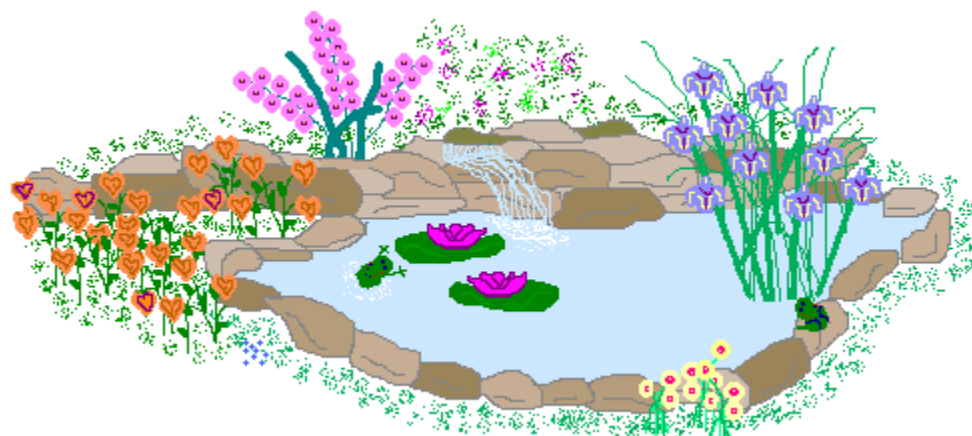
Ride Captain Mike Canright



From Jennifer Wilson:
Subject: The Garden



How To Plant Your Garden of Friends



First, you Come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses....

FOR THE GARDEN OF YOUR DAILY LIVING,

PLANT THREE ROWS OF PEAS:



1. Peace of mind
2. Peace of heart
3. Peace of soul

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF SQUASH:



1. Squash gossip

2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF LETTUCE:



1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another

NO GARDEN IS WITHOUT TURNIPS:



1. Turnip for meetings
2. Turnip for service
3. Turnip to help one another

TO CONCLUDE OUR GARDEN WE MUST HAVE THYME:



1. **Thyme for God**
2. **Thyme for family**
3. **Thyme for friends**

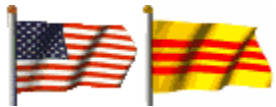
Don't forget that every garden needs some flowers,
so I planted some **GLADS**.

1. **Glad I live in a free country,**
2. **Glad for all my wonderful friends.**
3. **Glad I'm free to worship God!!**
4. **Glad for another day**
5. **Glad for so many blessings!**

**WATER FREELY WITH PATIENCE AND CULTIVATE WITH LOVE.
THERE IS MUCH FRUIT IN YOUR GARDEN BECAUSE YOU REAP
WHAT YOU SOW. NOT BAD, HUH?!**



Give me a sense of humor. Lord, Give me the grace to see a joke, to get some humor out of life, and pass it on to other folks.



***From Chap Larry Gleason
VVA Orange County Chapter 785:***

Some Humor

Talking USMC Dog

A guy is driving around the back woods of Tennessee and he sees a sign in front of a broken down shanty-style house: 'Talking Dog for Sale'

He rings the bell and the owner appears and tells him the dog is in the backyard.

The guy goes into the back yard and sees a nice looking Labrador retriever sitting there. 'You talk?' he asks.

'Yep,' the lab replies.

After the guy recovers from the shock of hearing a dog talk, he says 'So, what's your story?'

The Lab looks up and says, 'Well, I discovered that I could talk when I was pretty young. I wanted to help the government, so I told the CIA and they had me sworn into the toughest branch of the armed services...the United States Marines. You know one of their nicknames is 'The Devil Dogs.'

In no time at all they had me jetting from country to country, sitting in rooms with spies and world leaders; because no one figured a dog would be eavesdropping. I was one of their most valuable spies for eight years running, but the jetting around really tired me out, and I knew I wasn't getting any younger. So, I decided to settle down.

I retired from the Corps (8 dog years is 56 Corps years) and signed up for a job at the airport to do some undercover security, wandering near suspicious characters and listening in. I uncovered some incredible dealings and was awarded a batch of medals. I got married, had a mess of puppies, and now I'm just retired.'

The guy is amazed. He goes back in and asks the owner what he wants for the dog.

'Ten dollars,' the guy says.

'Ten dollars? This dog is amazing! Why on earth are you selling him so

cheap?'

'Because he's such a liar . . . He never did any of that stuff. He was in the Navy.



Chaplain's Corner:



Veterans Chapel



Mohave County Arizona





***Ministering to Veterans, Servicemen and Women, Their Families and Patriotic Minded People
in Mohave County Arizona and the Tri-State Area***

Chaplain Thomas Hanlon

Chaplain Nana Hanlon

We are starting up "Veterans Chapel". This has been on our hearts for some time and the idea is to have a chapel service for veterans, servicemen and women, their families and other patriotic minded individuals. It will be ecumenical, non denominational and similar in style to the services held at VA Long Beach Chapel which was our home church before we moved to Arizona. We are in the process of finding a location for the first service which will be in three or four weeks.

We are looking forward to what the Lord will do and ask that you keep us and Veterans Chapel in your prayers in accordance with Our Lord's will.



Please pray for:

- Our Servicemen and Women***
- Our Brothers and Sisters in arms who are being treated / are recovering in military and VA hospitals.***
- Chapter 975 & 785 members and families***
- Brien "Rich" Richards for the Lord's touch and care***
- Larry Dean Wagner for the Lord's touch and care***



- **Major Bill "Monsoon" Mimiaga** *for the Lord's care and healing*



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



- **Sgt Kenny Bower 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*



• *PVT Kerilyn Schwartzkopf*



• *SPC Sidney Born*



• *Major Josef Hatch*



• *SPC Martin Carlill*



• *SPC Devon Nier*

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

Email prayer requests to chap975@gmail.com

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!

*Micah 6: 8 8 He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you
But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God. NKJV*

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