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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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Breakfast Run

Save the Date: Saturday August 16th
Lake Havasu Area



Welcome Home SPC Erick Blackburn!



PGR Scooter and Mike

Email PGR Mission Notice From Road Captain Mike Canright:

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 by 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 Black burn. Yes, they are Brother and Sister. Mom needs hugs and thanks too.

Ride Captain Mike Canright





We had a great turnout and really enjoyed celebrating SPC Erick Blackburn's return home! As part of the ceremony we present military edition bibles to soldier and mom and this time I read parts of Psalms 18 and 140. After the reading and prayer SPC Blackburn announced that his Army Chaplain had given him a copy of Psalm 140 which he carried in his pocket all the time he was in Iraq. Thank You Lord for bring Erick home to us!

Psalm 140 (New Living Translation)

For the choir director: A psalm of David.

***1 O LORD, rescue me from evil people. Protect me from those who are violent,
2 those who plot evil in their hearts and stir up trouble all day long.
3 Their tongues sting like a snake; the venom of a viper drips from their lips.***

***4 O LORD, keep me out of the hands of the wicked.
Protect me from those who are violent,
for they are plotting against me.
5 The proud have set a trap to catch me;
they have stretched out a net;***

they have placed traps all along the way.

Interlude

6 I said to the LORD, "You are my God!"

Listen, O LORD, to my cries for mercy!

***7 O Sovereign LORD, the strong one who rescued me,
you protected me on the day of battle.***

8 LORD, do not let evil people have their way.

***Do not let their evil schemes succeed,
or they will become proud.***

Interlude

9 Let my enemies be destroyed

by the very evil they have planned for me.

10 Let burning coals fall down on their heads.

Let them be thrown into the fire

or into watery pits from which they can't escape.

11 Don't let liars prosper here in our land.

Cause great disasters to fall on the violent.

12 But I know the LORD will help those they persecute;

he will give justice to the poor.

13 Surely righteous people are praising your name;

the godly will live in your presence.



Staging at Target -- "Speedy" gave thanks for the few clouds that kept the temp down somewhat





Bob Chap Tom and Speedy, our Fire Department road guards and Lynn and Betsy, new PGR riders from LHSU



Scooter and Mike greeting SPC Blackburn and his family -- Welcome Home Soldier!



American Legion Rider and Tony Tito, Suzy Case and friend Francois

and Frank Kennon getting ready for our group singing of Proud To Be An American before leaving for the American Legion Post

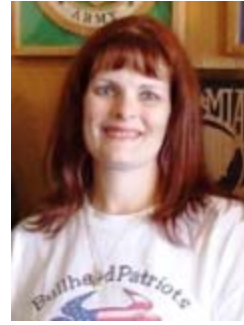


Dave Keller conducting the POW MIA ceremony with Mom and SPC Blackburn



Reading Psalms 18 and 140 -- Erick announced his Army Chaplain gave him Psalm 140 which he carried with him for his entire tour of duty!

Sorry to report that we did not get pictures of presentation of the "Ride Flag" and Certificate of Thanks by PGR Ride Captain Mike Canright and Post 87 one year membership by Ed Althaus past Post 87 Commander and member of Veterans Honor Guard ... more pictures coming in a slide show courtesy of Nic Gunther and Betsy, new PGR rider.



We lifted up a special prayer for Heather Ching, who was missed by us all.

Bullhead Patriots co-founder



From Nic Gunther

Hello all PGR members and Patriots,

One of our patriots, Betsey, took some pictures at the welcome home mission for SPC Eric Blackburn, she has sent to me these pictures of the mission and I have put together a side show.

Click on the link below to view the slide show.

Thanks to all who showed up and participated in this mission, thanks to all who helped to make this a special day for SPC Eric Blackburn and his family.

<http://www.photoshow.com/watch/Mf8JH6Wi>

Sincerely,

John J Gunther (Nic)

Lake Havasu Patriots www.lhcpatriots.org



From Nana Hanlon

How to Dance in the Rain

It was a busy morning, about 8:30, when a gentleman in his 80's arrived to have stitches removed from his thumb. He said he was in a hurry as he had an appointment at 9:00 am. I took his vital signs and had him take a seat, knowing it would be over an hour before someone would be able to see him. I saw him looking at his watch and decided, since I was not busy with another patient, I would evaluate his wound. On exam, it was well healed, so I talked to one of the doctors, got the needed supplies to remove his sutures and redress his wound.

While taking care of his wound, I asked him if he had another doctor's appointment this morning, as he was in such a hurry. The gentleman told me no, that he needed to go to the nursing home to eat breakfast with his wife. I inquired as to her health. He told me

that she had been there for a while and that she was a victim of Alzheimer's disease. As we talked, I asked if she would be upset if he was a bit late. He replied that she no longer knew who he was, that she had not recognized him in five years now. I was surprised, and asked him, 'And you still go every morning, even though she doesn't know who you are?'

He smiled as he patted my hand and said, 'She doesn't know me, but I still know who she is.'

I had to hold back tears as he left, I had goose bumps on my arm, and thought, 'that is the kind of love I want in my life.' True love is neither physical, nor romantic. True love is an acceptance of all that is, has been, will be, and will not be. The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the best of everything they have.

I hope you share this with someone you care about. I just did. 'Life isn't about how to survive the storm, but how to dance in the rain.'



From Jerry "Stretch" Nostadt
President VVA 785 Orange County Chapter

Stretch is a friend and "Brother In Arms" who along with his wife Stephanie and daughter Jessie do so much for veterans and our servicemen and women. Jerry is a US Army Americal Division Combat Vietnam Veteran and has a strong quiet spirit that brings resolve, confidence and peace to situations he is involved with. Hoahhh Stretch! and God Bless You, Steph and Jessie!





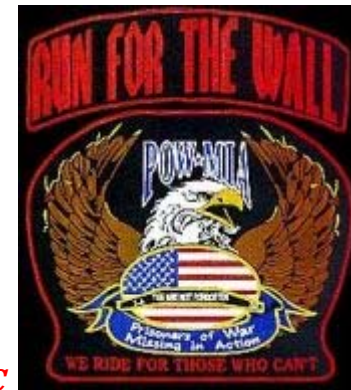
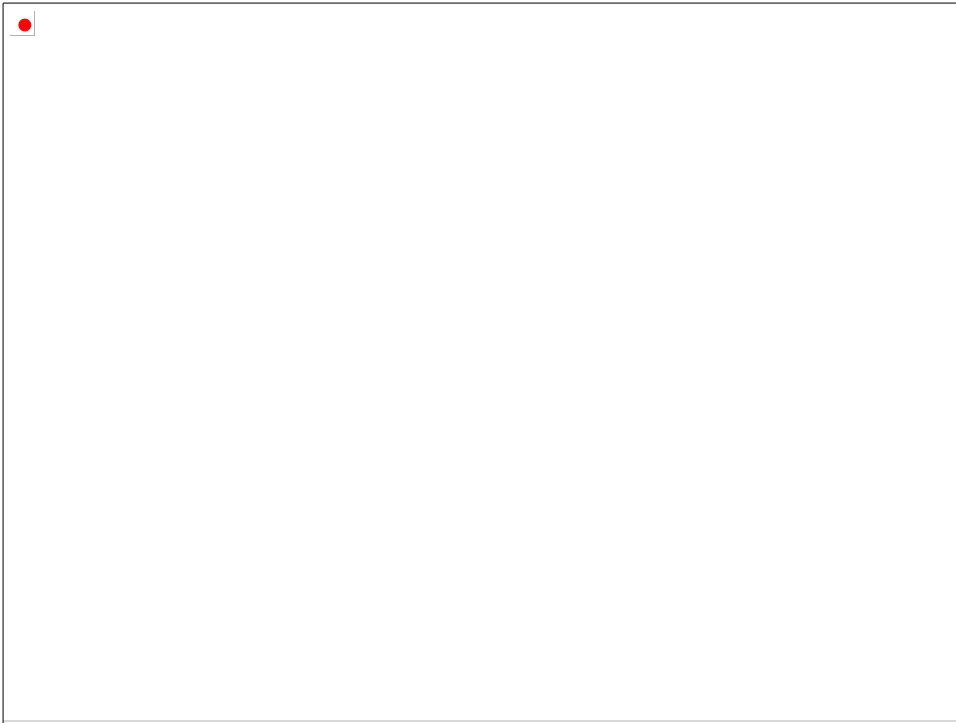


Greetings to all:

Yes it is true, after more than 45 years of riding, Stretch alias Jerry Nostadt is ready to retire his riding boots. Nothing could possibly top this years "Run for the Wall, 2008" with my beautiful wife Steph riding all the way to Washington DC and turning her "FNG" pin upside down. Below is a picture in Virginia toward the end of our journey.

Before offering this fine ride (2006 Harley Road King Classic with 17,800 gentle miles), I thought I'd offer to the Monsoon dispatch readers.

Jerry and Steph Nostadt



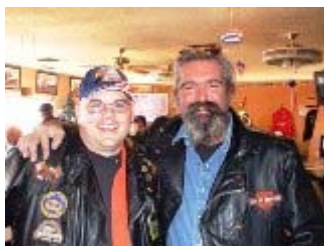
If you are interested in a great MC that already knows its way to Washington DC and has been well taken care of, email chap975@gmail.com and I will put you in touch with Jerry.

Chap Tom





***From Sean "Eagle" Borland
PGR Rider and
Desert Storm US Army Airborne Veteran***



Sean & Scooter

"FREEDOM IS NOT FREE"

"The average American will never understand the price of their freedom until they have been to the funeral of someone who has paid it".
airborne_wings_flag

Ann Margaret....

Ann Margaret....



Vietnam 1966

Richard, (my husband), never really talked a lot about his time in Vietnam other than he had been shot by a sniper. However, he had a rather grainy, 8 x 10 black and white photo he had taken at a USO show of Ann Margaret with Bob Hope in the background that was one of his treasures..

A few years ago, Ann Margaret was doing a book signing at a local bookstore. Richard wanted to see if he could get her to sign the treasured photo so he arrived at the bookstore at 12 o'clock for the 7:30 signing.

When I got there after work, the line went all the way a round the book store, circled the parking lot and disappeared behind a parking garage. Before her appearance, bookstore employees announced that she would sign only her book and no memorabilia would be permitted.



Richard was disappointed, but wanted to show her the photo and let her know how much those shows meant to lonely GI 's so far from home. Ann Margaret came out looking as beautiful as ever and, as second in line, it was soon Richard's turn.

He presented the book for her signature and then took out the photo.

When he did, there were many shouts from the employees that she would not sign it. Richard said, 'I understand. I just wanted her to see it.'

She took one look at the photo, tears welled up in her eyes and she said, 'This is one of my gentlemen from Viet Nam and I most certainly will sign his photo. I know what these men did for their country and I always have time for 'my gentlemen.''



With that, she pulled Richard across the table and planted a big kiss on him. She then made quite a to-do about the bravery of the young men she met over the years, how much she admired them, and how much she appreciated them. There weren't too many dry eyes among those close enough to hear. She then posed for pictures and acted as if he were the only one there.

Later at dinner, Richard was very quiet. When I asked if he'd like to talk about it, my big strong husband broke down in tears. 'That's the first time anyone ever thanked me for my time in the Army,' he said.

That night was a turning point for him. He walked a little straighter and, for the first time in years, was proud to have been a Vet. I'll never forget Ann Margaret for her graciousness and how much that small act of kindness meant to my husband.

I now make it a point to say 'Thank you' to every person I come

across who served in our Armed Forces. Freedom does not come cheap and I am grateful for all those who have served their country.

If you'd like to pass on this story, feel free to do so. Perhaps it will help others to become aware of how important it is to acknowledge the contribution our service people make.



On behalf of those who DO appreciate all that you did for us, thank you to each of you who receive this message who have served or are serving our country in the armed services or any other service.



**HAVE YOU
NOTICED
LATELY ONLY
SENIORS &
VETERANS
STAND IN
HONOR
OF OUR
FLAG**

**IF YOU DON'T STAND BEHIND OUR TROOPS,
PLEASE,
FEEL FREE TO STAND IN FRONT OF THEM!**



***From John Miller
Kingman Patriots and VFW 10386:***

From: John Miller

Subject: Hello To all members of PGR and Patriots

Hello To all members of PGR and Patriots. We at VFW Post 10386 in Kingman are requesting your presence with full colors to be in the 5th Annual Mohave County Veterans Parade on November 8th, 2008. Parade begins at 11:00 am sharp. This parade honors all veterans. We will have two wagons to honor and carry WWII Veterans. If you know of any WWII veterans who would like to participate please have them at VFW Post 10386, 3036 John L. Ave in Kingman by 9:30 am on November 8.

Please pass this information on to all. For those who want to enter a float, vehicle, car or military vehicle please visit our website at <http://www.mohavecountyveteransparade.org/>, there you can print and download an application.



From Pam and Joe Bibich



Some Humor

PECANS IN THE CEMETERY

On the outskirts of a small town, there was a big, old pecan tree just inside the cemetery fence. One day, two boys filled up a bucketful of nuts and sat down by the tree, out of sight, and

began dividing the nuts. "One for you, one for me, one for you, one for me," said one boy. Several dropped and rolled down toward the fence.

Another boy came riding along the road on his bicycle. As he passed, he thought he heard voices from inside the cemetery. He slowed down to investigate. Sure enough, he heard, "One for you, one for me, one for you, one for me."

He knew just what it was. He jumped back on his bike and rode off. Right around the bend he met an old man with a cane, hobbling along. "Come here quick," said the boy, "you won't believe what I heard! Satan and the Lord are down at the cemetery dividing up the souls."

The man said, "Beat it kid, can't you see it's hard for me to walk?" When the boy insisted though, the man hobbled slowly to the cemetery. Standing by the fence they heard, "One for you, one for me, one for you, one for me."

The old man whispered, "Boy, you've been telling me the truth. Let's see if we can see the Lord."

Shaking with fear, they peered through the fence, yet were still unable to see anything. The old man and the boy gripped the wrought iron bars of the fence tighter and tighter as they tried to get a glimpse of the Lord.

At last they heard, "One for you, one for me. That's all.

Now let's go get those nuts by the fence and we'll be done."

They say the old man made it back to town a full 5 minutes ahead of the kid on the bike...





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***



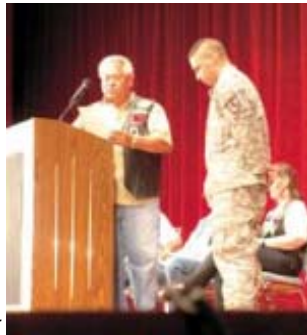
- ***Heather Ching for the Lord's touch, care and provision***
- ***Brien "Rich" Richards for the Lord's touch and care***
- ***Larry Dean Wagner for the Lord's touch and care***



- ***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***



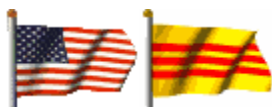
• ***SPC Devon Nier***



• ***SPC Erick Blackburn***

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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