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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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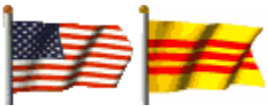


**Kingman Patriots:** [www.kingmanpatriots.org](http://www.kingmanpatriots.org)

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



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



### ***Andy Devine Days Parade***

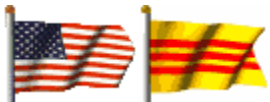
*We had a great day for the parade and a great turnout. The patriotism, salutes and "thank you's" from those watching really touches your heart and is a wonderful experience for us veterans and the active duty personnel we had along with us this year! Kingman is a real "middle America" / rural Arizona patriotic town! I had the pleasure of presenting a chapter coin*



*and a "Welcome Home Brother Hug" to two Vietnam Veterans along the parade route which were special moments for both the vets and for me! "Never again shall one generation of veterans abandon another".*



***More pictures coming in Dispatch Part 2 and online at:  
[http://picasaweb.google.com/chap975/2008\\_0927AndyDivineDaysParade](http://picasaweb.google.com/chap975/2008_0927AndyDivineDaysParade)***





## **Chapter Meeting**

**Thursday September 25th 7:00PM**

**Bullhead City Moose Lodge**

**Some pictures from our meeting:**



**Psalm 140 and Opening Prayer**



**Gene and Ralph getting us started**



***Rob McGuire back with us! Doc Rob is a PGR rider and puts his whole heart into serving his brothers and sisters!***



***Nana with her new Army hat and lanyard /  
courtesy of Sgt Waxler and Sgt Weaver!***

***Chapter Coin to Bill Collins! Welcome Home Brother!***



***Dave Clark and Jim Crumly***



***Jim Carroll and John Marcikese***



**Noel Labonte**



**Rob McGuire, Jim Carroll and Chap Tom**



**Guest from the Mohave County Fair and Judy "Velcro" Lacey**



## ***Wounded Warriors Lake Havasu Wed Sept 24 2008***

***Chaplain Sisto and Judy Lacey and John Marcikese report that the wounded warriors event was outstanding and that our heroes were moved by the number of people in attendance and the warm welcome they received. Here is the story from the Lake Havasu News Harold:***

### ***From Today's News Harold Online Edition***

Wounded soldiers to ride through city  
Ceremony to dedicate Memorial

By Tony Waggoner  
Tuesday, September 23, 2008 10:33 PM MST

Wounded soldiers will take to the streets of Lake Havasu City today on bikes of all kinds as part of the High Desert Challenge and the Wounded Warrior Project.

The ride is part of the official dedication of the Freedom Memorial Walkway. The ceremony will run from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the new Memorial Walkway under the London Bridge and include the placing of Freedom Bricks at the memorial by the Wounded Warriors.

Around 9:30 a.m., the group will take off on a ride throughout Lake Havasu City that will culminate with the Wounded Warriors being escorted to Interstate 40 by the Patriot Guard Riders around 2 p.m. after lunch.

The Patriot Guard Riders are also due to welcome the Wounded Warriors at the gates of the English Village with a flag line around 7:30 a.m.

At 10:30 a.m., the Wounded Warriors will make a stop by the fountain at the new mall north of the city on State Route 95.

The Wounded Warriors will be making their way from Phoenix to Lake Havasu City and are then moving on to Las Vegas to help promote the documentary and bring awareness to the problems returning soldiers are facing.

Iraq War veteran and wounded soldier Brian Jantzen said rides like these are a way for soldiers who have suffered debilitating injuries to prove something to them. A lot of these soldiers have suffered amputations, as Jantzen did when his left leg was amputated in May of this year after he was wounded by an improvised explosive device, IED, while serving in Iraq in 2005. Jantzen said the rides are something special for the soldiers, especially soldiers who have just been recently released from the hospital. They instill confidence that may have been lost.

"It allows members to get out there and see what they are capable of," Jantzen said by phone Tuesday, while he and the other riders were on their way to Lake Havasu City. "It's fantastic, and everyone involved has a great time."

The ride comes after several days of preparation by the city for the Wounded Warriors. Screenings of a documentary film about the soldiers entitled "Who Will Stand" were shown both Monday and Tuesday at Movies Havasu.

Mayor Mark Nexsen said the film was very good at depicting the challenges wounded soldiers are facing after returning home from the wars in Iraq, Afghanistan and other areas.

"It was very emotional but uplifting," Nexsen said. "It shows we need to do more for our returning veterans."

Souvenir T-Shirts and Rotary Buttons will be sold at the dedication ceremony, commemorating the event



***Chaplain's Corner:***



### ***In Memoriam Hal Scharfe***

***Hal was a special member of Chapter 785 and a dear friend and brother. He always enjoyed fellowship with his brothers and sisters and was really exited to get some of our military edition bibles which he passed out to many of his friends. I remember his excitement over being interviewed by Ollie North and traveling to Washington DC to appear on his show which aired last year. We always enjoyed hearing his stories and walking history lesson. On a humorous note, at one Chapter 785 meeting, Hal***



*was talking with Lou "Embalmer" Elliot  
Greg Young, Steve Edmunds and Lou*

*and me about the circumstances of his capture by the Nazis when Lou asked if there were any Marines around? Hal responded no and Lou said jokingly with a big smile on his face "too bad, if there were they wouldn't have caught you!"*

*Rest in Jesus Arms Hal my dear brother and condolences and prayers for Edie and Ray and family.*

*Chap Tom*

*From Greg Young:*

*VVA members and friends another warrior and hero goes home. I visited with Hal and Edith yesterday and she told me that Hal often said that every day was a gift and blessing. He will be missed by all of us and as his son Ray said that he will no longer have to endure the pain. A memorial service will be scheduled in a couple weeks.*

*Greg Young*

*Hello Greg,*

*Thank you very much for taking the time today to visit Dad today. I know for sure that he knew you were there. When I arrived in the afternoon he was struggling to breathe, his heart rate was very high and he was in alot of pain. We called for the Hospice nurse who arrived quickly and determined that he needed to be transported to the hospital. She summoned an ambulance and Dad was taken to Alamitos West Hospital. He died shortly after his arrival. I saw him this evening and I know he is at peace and I am happy that he will no longer have to endure the pain. Thank you again, Greg, for being such a good friend to Dad.*

*Ray Scharfe*

***From The Monsoon Dispatch:***

***Aloha Members, Family, Friends and Fans and "Welcome Home" and to another outstanding edition of your award winning, "the Monsoon Dispatch."***

***Pictured is Hal Scharfe, where I must sadly report of his passing this weekend. Hal and Edith were introduced to the Chapter by his long time friend Greg Young. Hal was a Lifetime Member of Chapter 785 and participated in so many of the Chapter's venues and activities. Pictured here is "our Christine" who watched over Hal and Edith while at the AVI last year for Veterans Day.***



***Hal was a gifted speaker and as a member of the Freedom Committee, Hal visited many schools throughout Orange County lecturing on the greatest generation and of his own personal exploits.***



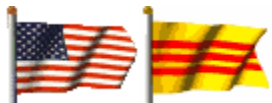
***Hal also had a great time with the Chapter especially when Greg Young took him and Kenny "J" to Pachanga. It was those wonderful memories that made the last few years of Hal's life full of exciting times being shared with his "Band of Brothers."***

***Hal was a hero of World War 2 landing at Dieppe with Canadian and American Forces. Hal was captured and spent the next three years as a Prisoner of War (POW) and held by the Germans in various POW Camps. Hal captured the imagination of all Chapter members with his stories of Dieppe, his years as a POW and of his great escapades through France after his liberation by U S Troops. Hal was also featured guest on "War Stories" with Ollie North.***



***Chapter 785 send it's condolences to Hal's beloved wife Edith and to his son's Ray and Larry. Americans and Canadians will miss this great hero and his "Band of Brothers and Sisters" will always remember Hal for his selfless service and his sacrifice. "Fair winds and following sea's have now carried Hal to be cradled in the arms of the Lord forever safe and happy." He will be missed...he will be so missed.***

***Semper Fi my friend Monsoon***



***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***
- ***Sue Crego's Mom for the Lord's touch and care***

- ***Brien "Rich" Richards for the Lord's touch and care***



- ***Lawrence Wagner for the Lord's touch and care***



- ***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**



• **Samantha**



• **PVT James Renteria**

**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!**

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

**Psalm 95; vs 1-7:**

**1 Come, let us sing to the LORD!**

**Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.**

**2 Let us come to him with thanksgiving.**

**Let us sing psalms of praise to him.**

**3 For the LORD is a great God,**

**a great King above all gods.**

**4 He holds in his hands the depths of the earth**

**and the mightiest mountains.**

**5 The sea belongs to him, for he made it.**

**His hands formed the dry land, too.**

**6 Come, let us worship and bow down.**

**Let us kneel before the LORD our maker,**

**7 for he is our God.**

**We are the people he watches over,**

**the flock under his care. New Living Translation (NLT)**

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