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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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Continuing Our Mission "Brothers Forever" 2009

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we begin 2009 together, May Our Lord bless, keep, protect and strengthen us for service this year! We will have many opportunities for service, let's watch and listen for His leading and help all those He brings into our path. Please take a look at the Chaplains' Corner on our Chapter 975 Website <http://www.vva975.org/Chaplains%20Corner%202009.htm> courtesy of



Webmaster Dave.



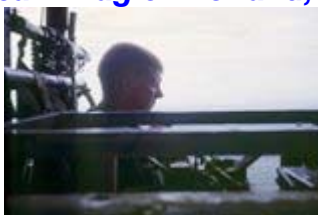
Dave has redone our website and it is the best looking chapter website I have ever seen.

*Dave is a quiet "Coastie" with a heart of gold and this gold heart also is the heart of a lion when it comes to getting things done. Dave is always at the parades and chapter functions with camera and video camera and sets up the booths and gets 1st VP Ralph's truck decorated with banners and flags, gets raffle tickets going, and more and more and more! Webmaster Dave, sincere thanks and appreciation and God's Blessings for your heart for service He has given you and that you use to benefit your Brothers and Sisters In Arms! PS: Rent the movie *The Guardian* and take a look at the trailer <http://www.imdb.com/video/screenplay/vi2298413849/> It will give you a new respect for our Coastie brothers and sisters in arms!*



December was a busy month. We had a Christmas Potluck, participated with Patriot Guard Riders in two welcome home / deployment missions and one welcome home / dedication of two new ambulances in Bullhead City in

December. These welcome homes were special to me, Sean "Eagle" Borland, PGR ride captains and Bill "Cactus Climber"



Grubbs, I served with the 101st in Vietnam 40 years ago, Sean in Desert Storm and Cactus in the 11th Airborne in Korea! The 101st was engaged in the Battle of the Bulge 65 years ago and Commanding General McAuliffe



responded to a demand by the Nazis to surrender by saying only "Nuts"! AIRBORNE! ALL THE WAY!



VVA 975 2008 Christmas Potluck December 13th Sunridge Village Bullhead City:

The residents sent our Chapter a thank you card for including them in our potluck and meeting. The blessing was all ours and here is a picture of the thank you card:



From SurrIDGE Village
 Family.

I thank you for making
 our Christmas Holiday so
 very very special. God Bless
 all of you. Shirley Deulant

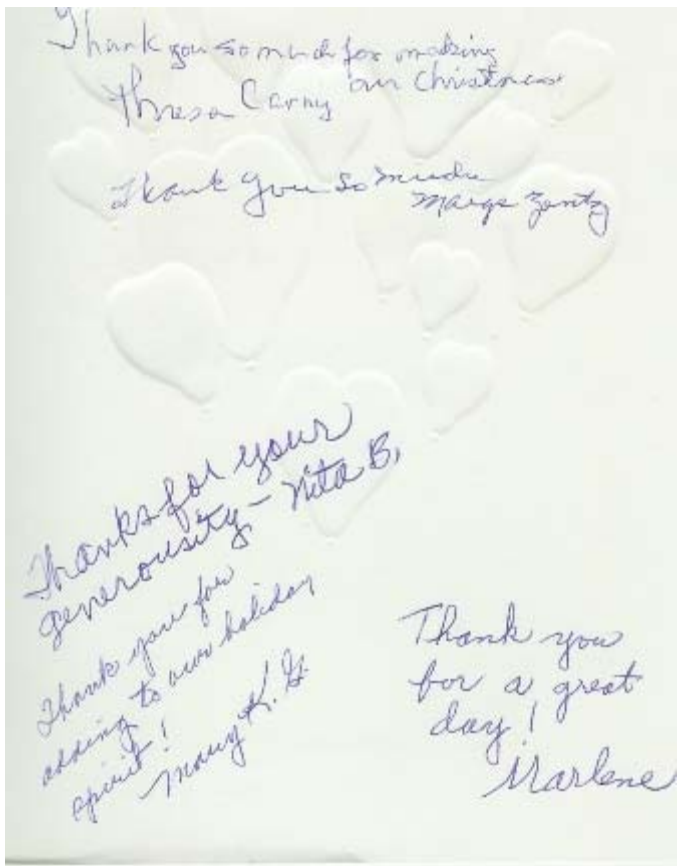
Thank you for wrapping our
 day, God Bless all of you.
 Brian & Erin

Thank you for a great day
 Jo an Kennedy

Thanks a lot
 Ursula Binkley Duins & Thred

Thanks many times
 Maria Wardell

Thank you very much
 God Bless Ya - Dean



December 13th Welcome Home SPC Kristin George and SPC David Bell US Army 101st Airborne Division



See the rest of the pictures at:
http://picasaweb.google.com/chap975/2008_1213?authkey=Vkn9WTTBFuc#



December 27th Welcome Home SPC Jazmin Ochoa Lake Havasu City





See the rest of the pictures at:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/chap975/SpcJazminOchoa?authkey=IE-C2UCpM9I#>



December 29th Welcome Home SPC Kolby Keidel US Army 101st Airborne Division



LCPL Matt Lozano

USMC



**Bullhead City Ambulance Dedication to US Navy
Keidel.**

**HCM Dustin "Doc" Burnett and SPC Kolby
Keidel.**





See the rest of the pictures at:

http://picasaweb.google.com/chap975/2008_1229?authkey=MUiBCOxu0Uo#



Our Dear Sister In Arms Martha Zaragoza **who provided a Vietnam Veterans Day celebration March 30th 2008 in Golden Shores with Hooch's Grill wrote the following letter to the editor of the Mohave Daily News:**

IN APPRECIATION

Thanks to all our veterans

Editor:

A thank you to my father who was stationed at Ulithi Navigation Station, Uncle Marcos wounded in Guadalcanal and my Uncle Luciano stationed in England with the Army Medical Corp. And to all the brave men who fought in such places as the Gilbert Islands, Philippines, Tarawa, Saipan, Iwo Jima, France, Normandy and many more battlefields.

Thank you for being so brave in stepping up to the plate in protecting what our forefathers brought together, the United States of America. You traveled to foreign lands, for some the first time outside of you home towns, not knowing if and when you would see your loved ones again. I will forever be grateful to the greatest generation. Thank you to my Aunts Jennie, Carmen and Estella who worked at Plant 2-Lockheed P-38 fighter planes as "Rosie Riveters."

Korean Veterans, with me you are not forgotten. I thank my Uncle Vincent Gonzales and the many brave souls who fought during this period. God bless you for serving your

***Thank you and God bless you Martha, our dear Sister In Arms from your "Brothers Forever"
Chap Tom***



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

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