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"MOHAVE COUNTY AZ 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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In Memoriam Kathy Clay



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am sad to report the passing of Kathy Clay on Friday 1/23/08. The family has not decided on the final arrangements yet but lets keep them in our prayers in their time of mourning. Kathy made the best authentic Italian (Queens NY) Ziti and we were all blessed to have some at our 2007 Christmas potluck. I also had the privilege of blessing a cross Ralph gave Kathy for her birthday last year when Ralph called "Father Tom" and asked me if I would! Ralph and I share an interest in shooting and he had purchased a particular pistol that I was also interested in. I asked him if we could go shooting and if he would let me try it out and he told me come over

and take it myself quote: "if I cant trust my chaplain who can I trust!" We ended up going out together at my choice and the pistol was brand new and Ralph hadn't even fired it yet! Dear brother, generous, helpful, give you the shirt off his back. He also volunteered to ride with me to attend to some family business in California that he knew he could help with and offered to give me the \$50 rebate he would get if I signed up with Mohave Wireless with Bree! another Ralph quote: "Friends don't make money on friends" Fond memories of our dear brother and sister in arms.

Ralph, Kathy, stand down and rest in God's arms your tour of duty here is done and know your brothers and sisters will always remember you and the love and fellowship we shared together.

1st Corinthians 2; 9 But as it is written: " Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.



Here are some pictures from Ralph's memorial service April 13, 2008.





PGR Flag Line

United Veterans Honor Guard



Louann, PGR AZ State Captain, now National Ride Captain



Ride Captain Mike Canright remembers Ralph

Presentation of Ralph's flag to Kathy



New Veteran Service Officers:

http://www.vva975.org/catalogvso.htm#2nd_Vice_President



Dave Bone along with Dave Clark our lead service officer

January 25, 2009

We opened our VSO Office for 2 days a week (Friday & Saturday) from 10 AM to 5PM. With little advertising (fliers posted in Golden Valley) we have, generated a good response in the community. We have been able to help 6 vets as well as giving information to several Veterans and families. After the zoning glitch is overcome I will be in the office 5 days a week to help Veterans. When we can get the word out that we are open for business we should be doing 40 to 60 claims a week. I'm meeting with our first IRAQ Veteran this Saturday.

Everyone who has been involved with this program should feel very proud of themselves. I know I feel much honored and privileged to be helping our Veterans. We are making and will continue to make a difference in our local Veterans lives.

Sincerely,

David L. Clark, Chapter 975 Veteran Service Officer



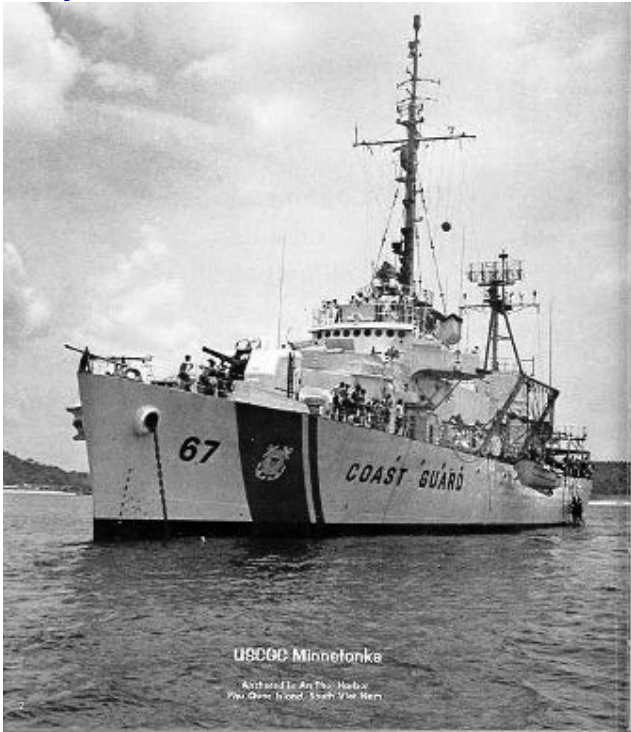
Check Out Our Website: <http://www.vva975.org/index.htm>



Webmaster Dave had made more enhancements and improvements. Ours is the best VVA website I am sure!

had made

I hope he doesn't mind but here is his ship from Vietnam duty:



Vietnam Veterans Day Events:

Stay tuned and watch our website for final details.

<http://www.vva975.org/services1.htm#Platinum>

<http://www.vva975.org/calendar1.htm>

March 25th Arrival of Vietnam Veterans Traveling wall in Lake Havasu:

March 28th Vietnam Veterans Dinner



Golden Shores Courtesy of Martha Zaragoza and Hooch's Grill

<http://www.vva975.org/vetdinner2.htm>

Dinner to be Held in your Honor Vietnam Veterans on March 28th, 2009 at Hooch's River Grill 5035 Powell Lake Road, Topock, AZ 86436. The celebration will be from 2:00 till Done, the dinner is free to all Vietnam Veterans and one guest attendees. Menu: Spaghetti with all the trimmings.

I am asking that Each Vietnam Veteran (or friend or family member of a veteran), submit a picture of him or herself to create a visional wall, the picture can be current or during war time. Please write your name and branch of service on the back and mail to Martha Zaragoza, Po Box 526 Topock, AZ 86436 along with your RSVP by March 13, 2008. You can also call 928-768-6512 to make your reservation.

***March 29th: Coordinated Vietnam Veterans Day Events
Bullhead City, Kingman, Lake Havasu***



2nd Annual Veterans Expo

Veterans Expo coming on February 20, 2009 at the AVI Laughlin Nevada. Many Support groups to be present and answer Questions: <http://www.vva975.org/services1.htm#Platinum>



Special thanks to our President Gene Crego who does so much for us and for all



veterans and to Jennifer Wilson and all she does for us.



Our Dear Sister In Arms Martha Zaragoza who is providing another Vietnam Veterans Day celebration March 28th 2009 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 country when it needed you. Vietnam Veterans, my fiancée Gene, my brother-in-law John, my Vietnam Brothers Larry O., Clyde H, Andy B., Larry L, Gerald P., Ernesto T., Tom H., Mike M., John P., Sisto S., Don P., Ralph M., Marko B., John M., Gene C., Fred P., Bill W., Vernon K., Bill "T-bone," Dave S., Gene R., Mark C., Noel L., Charles W., James J., Don F., Sam M., Merle L., Al Alison, Mike W., and Jim B.

Desert Storm Veterans, son-in-law Ruben Cabral, nephew John Rodriguez and all who served during this time thank you for your bravery in keeping our nation safe and free.

I also had a voice mail "thank you for your service" on Veterans' day from Martha which brought a tear to my eye and joy to my heart. Thank you and God's blessings to you and Gene, our dear



Sister and Brother 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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