



# GATEWAY CHAPTER 173<sup>RD</sup> AIRBORNE ASSOCIATION

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Hi guys, I hope all is well, things here are good.

## Meetings

The only meeting in the month of September will be on the 17<sup>th</sup> at 2.00 pm at lot 211 east Kokomo Ind.

I know of about five of you that will be there. If any of you guys go please come by the main Herd camp. That is where my camp site is. It's a good time.

Meeting will be back to normal in Oct. the second Tuesday of the month for Springfield and the third Wednesday of the month for Arnold Mo. Both at 2pm at the VFW,s.

## Food Banks

Our food bank programs are doing well. Each month will collect enough food to feel up the back of Tom Dimonds SUV. We just gave a load to the Jefferson Barracks food pantry. Dan and Tom with Anna at the pantry

We also donated \$173.00 to the fisher house at Jefferson Barracks in Aug.



## Scholarship program

I am so proud to say we have in six months collected the \$1,173.00 needed for the Martin Jim Jr. scholarship. This scholarship will be given out at the reunion next year at Ft. Benning. The guys who came to the meetings are the ones that donated to this cause. I thank all of you. YOU ARE THE BEST.

As for the next one, we will be discussing ways of getting the money without me asking for it each meeting. I know it's a pain in the ass, giving up money each month so we will be working on ways to make money for the program.

We will be notifying the Jim family soon that we are honoring their family member with naming the scholarship for Martin.

## Fisher house foundation fundraiser

On November 7<sup>th</sup> Our chapter is teaming up with the VFW post 10302, and chapter 534 of the VVA and having a fundraiser for the Fisher House Foundation. It's from 2pm till 11pm. We have food, a charity auction, door prizes and at 7pm till 11 music by WHITE LIGHTING a very good local band. All this for only \$10.00. You can call me for tickets.

Congratulations to Pat Brannan and his new wife Kimberly hooked up in Aug. Pat a member of chapter 21 and was with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bat in Afghan. We wish both a life time of happiness'

No one send me anything this month except Dan and Tom, so I have nothing else. All take care, hope to see many of you guys at Kokomo. AATW