

## GATEWAY CHAPTER 173RD AIRBORNE ASSOCATION

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#### **MEETINGS**;

Next Arnold meeting OCT. 3<sup>RD</sup> 2; 00 PM AT THE VFW ON CHURCH RD IN ARNOLD.

Next Springfield IL. Meeting NOV  $8^{\text{TH}}$  [date sound familiar] at 2PM at 2349 Stockyard Rd. The Northerner VFW.



This is Robey Best and his wife Gwen. Robey is one of our SKY SOLDIERS OF THE YEAR. Robey lives in North Carolina but always knows want we are doing and willing to help out. Love you brother.

### Coats for kids;

Speaking of Robey Best, he just sent us a \$100.00 check for the COATS FOR KIDS program. Dan Kent has bought in two coats at the last meeting. WE NEED A COAT OR TWO FROM EACH MEMBER THAT COMES TO THE NEXT TWO MEETINGS. YOU GUYS THAT CANT COME TO THE MEETINGS CAN SEND A CHECK MADE OUT TO THE

CHAPTER FOR 1 COAT {\$15.00] OR BOTH MALE AND FEMALE {\$30.00}. FOR EACH COAT YOU BUY THE CHAPTER WILL BUY ONE. COME ON GUYS THIS IS A WORTH WHILE PROGRAM JUST LIKE OUR FOOD BANK PROGRAM A NO BRAINER.



Above me, Rusty Kulp, Henry Stiegler and Walter {HAP} Holiday.

This picture taken in my yard, Rusty and Henry drove from San Diego and stopped off to visit me on their way to Kokomo Ind. Hap lives in Al. but was up here in IL. For a football game and drove a 100 miles to be with us. Henry and Hap served together in the 4<sup>th</sup> bat.

While here in Springfield we visited the grave of Harold Bottoms. Harold served with the 4<sup>th</sup> bat. And with Henry and Hap. To say the least it was an emotional visit





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WALTER [HAP] HOILDAY AND HENRY STIEGLER AT THE GRAVE SITE OF HAROLD BOTTOM [CAMP BUTLER NATIONAL CEMETERY SPRINGFIELD ILL.]

THE PICTURE BEFORE IS RUSTY KULP AND HENRY STIEGLER AT THE VIETNAM MEMORIAL IN SPRINGFIELD ILL.

IT WAS SO GOOD HAVING THREE HERD BROTHERS AT MY HOME. WE BROKE BREAD TOGETHER, WE SMOKED TOGETHER AND WE DRANK TOGETHER, BUT MOST OF ALL WE SHARED THE LOVE WE HAVE FOR ALL HERD BROTHERS. THERE IS NOTHING LIKE IT, WE ARE SO FORTUNATE TO HAVE BEEN IN THE 173<sup>RD</sup>, THERE IS NO OTHER UNIT LIKE US. WE ARE BLESSED

#### **FUNDRAISER**;

WE HAVE DONE WELL THIS YEAR GUYS. WITH GIVING OUT OVER \$11,000.00 IN MONEY AND FOOD TO THE FOOD BANKS WE HAVE EXCEEDED OUR GOALS. AT THIS TIME WE HAVE OVER \$6,000.00 IN THE BANK. ALL JUST SITTING THERE WAITING TO BE GIVEN OUT. REMEMBER GUYS WE ARE NOT YET TWO YEARS OLD AND WE HAVE DONE ALL THIS. I AM AS PROUD OF THIS CHAPTER AS I CAN BE..

WE ARE NOW HELPING THE ILL. V.A. CENTER IN DANVILLE ILL... OUR SUPPORT GOES TO THE RECREATIONAL DEPT.

WE ARE NOW INVOLVED IN A COATS FOR KIDS PROGRAM. WE NEED ALL OF YOU TO HELP THIS CHAPTER TO CONTINUE THE GOOD WORK THAT WE HAVE STARTED. PLEASE THINK ABOUT THE KIDS AND BRING COATS TO THE MEETINGS OR SEND US A CHECK WE WILL PUT A COAT ON A KID FOR YOU.

WE HAVE RAISED OVER A \$1000.00 ON THE COIN SELLS. A BIG AIRBORNE TO GEORGE STRUM AT KOKOMO IND. HE SOLD OVER \$500.00. GEORGE IS ONE OF OUR SKY SOLDIERS OF THE YEAR HE SHOWED EVERYONE WHY/////j ALL THE WAY.

ALSO A BIG ALL THE WAY TO DAN SARTOIR AFTER WINNING THE SKY SOLDIER ROAD SIGN LAST YEAR HE DONATED IT BACK TO THE CHAPTER. HE SOLD TICKETS ON IT AGAIN AT KOKOMO IND. AND RAISED \$180.00 SO IN TWO YEARS THE CHAPTER RAISED \$460.00 ON A SIGN THAT WAS GIVEN TO ME BY PAST CHAPTER 6 PRESIDENT JOSE PALIOC



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DANO AND WINNER OF THE ROAD SIGN, FRANK BAT MASTERSON. THIS WAS FRANKS FIRST REUNION AT KOKOMO. FRANK WAS WITH D/4 1970-71. HE CAME TO SEE BUTCH BENSON. GOD KNOWS WHY?????

#### **NEW MEMBERS**;

A BIG WARM AIRBORNE TO TERRY CARPICK FROM NEB. TERRY A LONG TIME KOKOMO BROTHER DECIDED HE WANTED TO BE PART OF CHAPTER 21 BECAUSE WE ARE LEADING THE WAY. WE WELCOME YOU TERRY WITH OPEN PARACHUTES.

ANOTHER IS HERD BROTHER WALTER HAP HOILDAY LIVES IN AL. HAP SPENT TIME AT MY HOME A WEEK AGO.HE IS A TRUE HERD BROTHER AND AN WELCOME ADDITION TO THE CHAPTER.

WE ARE CONTINING TO GROW IN NUMBERS, 85 NOW. MAN WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED ALL THIS WITH ONLY ABOUT 20 ACTIVE MEMBERS, COUNTING MEETINGS AND MEMBERS THAT SEND IN DONATIONS. IF WE HAD 10 OR 20 MORE OF YOU WE COULD SO MUCH MORE GOOD FOR THOSE THAT NEED. THINK ABOUT GUYS IT DOESN'T TAKE MUCH TO GIVE A LITTLE. LOVE YOU ALL.

### SPECIAL THANKS;

TO CHAPTER 28 MEMBER RUSTY KULP HE HAS BOUGHT \$200.00 OF OUR COINS THANKS FOR THE SUPPORT

RUSTY. A BIG AIRBORNE AND AN ALL THE WAY TO HENRY STIEGLER. HENRY YOU KNOW WHY///////
HENRY IS A MEMBER OF CHAPTER28 ALSO.

FROM DANO AND MYSELF AN "ALL THE WAY" TO DJ BENSON OUT OF FT. WORTH TEXAS. THANKS DJ. YOU ARE A GOOD FRIEND AND HERD WIFE WE LOVE YOU. SHE HAS MADE CHAPTER CARDS FOR DAN AND ME SINCE WE STARTED THE CHAPTER.



DJ BENSON LAYING FLOWERS AT THE 173<sup>RD</sup> CHARLIE COMPANY MEMORIAL IN FORT WORTH TX

### **REUNION INFO.**

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MENTION 173<sup>RD</sup> RATES MAY 16-20 \$139.00 PER NIGHT



MY SON KRISTOPHER HELPED THE LABOR DAY WEEKEND FUNDRAISER COLLECTING OVER \$1000.00 HERE IN SPRINGFIELD. HE IS ALWAYS READY TO HELP THE HERD. I AM VERY PROUD OF HIM. ///

THAT'S ABOUT IT GUYS WE REALLY NEED TO SEE YOU AT THE NEXT TWO MEETINGS TO MEET OUR GOAL ON COATS. YOU GUYS THAT CAN'T GET THERE PLEASE SEND A CHECK OR TWO TO THE CHAPTER FOR THE COATS. WE CAN NEVER DO ENOUGH FOR THE KIDS.

SEE YOU AT THE DROP ZONE KAISER

21 LEADING THE WAY