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CHAPTER 21 NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCT.
2017

MEETING;

OCT. 2 AT THE VFW ON CHURCH RD. IN ARNOLD MO.
AT 2PM.

PLEASE TRY AND PUT DIFFERENCES ASIDE AND COME
TO THE MEETING. IT IS ALMOST THE HOLIDAY SEASON
AND WE HAVE FUNDS TO GIVE AWAY. IF YOU HAVE A
WORTHY CAUSE IN YOUR AREA PLEASE BRING IT UP AT
THE MEETING, WE WILL DISCUSS IT AS A CHAPTER AND
ACT ON IT.

SORRY IM LATE WITH THIS NEWSLETTER BUT I HAVE
HAD LOTS GOING ON WITH THE HERD AND FAMILY.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK TOM DIMOND FOR
REPRESENTING THE CHAPTER IN JULY AT THE
CERMONIES CHAPTER 6 HAD FOR THE KIAs FROM 1967
AND 2007. TOM DID A GREAT JOB. AIRBORNE TOM

IN AUG TOM DIMOND AND I WENT TO CAMP
ROBINSON ARK FOR THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF THE 173RD.
YES, I SAID 100TH, WE STARTED AUG. 5TH 1917 AT CAMP
PIKE, NOW CAMP ROBINSON ARK. ASSIGNED TO THE
87TH INF. IM SURE YOU CAN FIND THIS ON THE WEB
SITE.

TERRY AUBREY DID A GREAT JOB IN PUTTING THIS ALL
TOGETHER IN THE SHORT TIME HE HAD. ABOUT 20
HERD MEN SHOWED UP AND HAD A GOOD TIME. WE
WERE WELCOMED WITH OPEN ARMS, AND GIVEN A
TOUR OF THE BASE.

THERE IS A MUSEUM ON BASE AND THEY HAVE
NOTHING ON THE 173RD IN IT SO FAR. THEY TOLD US
THEY WOULD MAKE ROOM FOR THINGS IF WE WOULD
SEND THEM, SO THINK ABOUT IT. IF YOU HAVE
ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN A MUSEUM,
HERES YOUR CHANCE.

THEY ARE SELLING BRICKS FOR THE WALK WAY
LEADING TO THE FRONT DOOR \$25.00 I BOUGHT ONE
FOR ME AND THE CHAPTER GOT ONE ALSO. IF ANYONE
WOULD LIKE A BRICK PLEASE CONTACT ME 217-299-
0755

THE CHAPTER WANTS TO THANK THE FOLLOWING FOR
DONATION MADE TO THE CHAPTER THE LAST MEETING.

NORM BOWERS, JOE BROWN AND ROBEY BEST.

YOUR DONATION HAVE HELPED THIS CHAPTER GIVE
AWAY \$20,000 IN THREE YEARS. ALL THE WAY GUYS.

MOST KNOW ABOUT THE REUNION IN KOKOMO EACH
YEAR FOR THE PAST 35 YEARS. THIS YEAR WE LOST A
VALUED MEMBER OF THE CHAPTER AND A CLOSE
FRIEND AND BROTHER TO MANY OF US. GEORGE
STRUM "CRAZY GEORGE" DIED IN HIS VAN IN THE 173RD
AIRBORNE BASE CAMP AT KOKOMO IND. SEPT. 12TH
SURROUNDED BY HIS 173RD BROTHERS AND SISTERS.





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I MET GEORGE AT THE SECOND REUNION BEHIND THE HOTELS DON'T KNOW THE YEAR BUT ITS BEEN 30 YEARS OR MORE, HE HAD BOTH LEGS THEN. WE GOT ALONG WELL AND THUR THE YEARS HAD MANY WALK-ABOUTS TOGETHER. WE WOULD LEAVE THE CAMP EARLY AM AND WALK ABOUT THE 30 ACRES ALL DAY SPENDING TIME WITH ALL THE VETERANS GEORGE KNEW AND THAT WAS MANY. GEORGE WOULD CARRY THE 173RD COLORS EVERY WHERE HE WALKED, HE WAS SO PROUD TO BE A PARATROOPER "A 173RD PARATROOPER".

AFTER HE LOST HIS LEG TO DIABETES THING GOT A LITTLE BIT TUFFER, BUT GEORGE NEVER LET IT GET HIM DOWN, ALWAYS CHEERFUL, ALWAYS AWARE OF THE NEEDS OF OTHERS AND ALWAYS THERE WITH A HELPING HAND AND A SMILE. GEORGE, WE LOVE YOU BROTHER. BE AT PEACE NOW

OK GUYS LETS ALL JUST WORK TOGETHER, IRON THINGS OUT AND COME TOGETHER AS A WORKING CHAPTER READY TO HELP OUR COMMUNITIES AND TO SHOW THEM WHO THE 173RD ARE.

SPECIAL NOTE== IF ANYONE KNOWS OF A HERD PERSON IN NEED BECAUSE OF THE STROMS IN TEXAS AND FLA. THEY CAN GET A HOLD OF THE FOUNDATION, WE HAVE A FUND FOR THEM THIS CHAPTER HAS DONATED \$250.00 TO IT. LOOK IT UP ON THE WEB SITE IT WILL ALL BE THERE.

AGAIN, GUYS WE NEED TO COME TOGETHER, AS A GROUP WE CAN ACCOMPLISH SO MUCH, HELP SOME MANY. FIND OUT WHO IN YOUR COMMUNITIES NEEDS, COME TO THE MEETING. TOGETHER WE CAN GET THINGS DONE.

TILL THEN KAISER OUT

CHAPTER 21 'LEADING THE WAY'