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THE KENNETH WORTHLEY MEMORIAL CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

The "20/20" Flash

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New Members: We have added **Gary Huffman** to our mailing list. Gary lives in Osage, Iowa, just south of the Minnesota border by Interstate 35. Gary is presently a civilian in the Army Reserve's 88TH RSC G4. While Gary knows the guys in the Kansas City Chapter, he is looking for a shorter drive.

We have also added **Glen Bloomstrom** to our mailing list. As best as I can understand **Chaplain John Morris's** email, Glen is an Airborne Chaplain who was with the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (160th SOAR, the Nightstalkers.) Chaplain Bloomstrom's email to Matt Mitlyng noted that he is looking forward to meeting Matt, also a Nightstalker, because the Nightstalkers have taken such good care of him over the decades. Gentlemen, Welcome aboard.

The Next Chapter Business Meeting:

The next business meeting is at the

Glockenspiel Restaurant
Tues, Nov 1st, 2011.

The Meeting starts at **7:00** pm.

Some folks show up early for dinner, about 6:15. Some folks show up early and socialize until the meeting. Some folks just come to the meeting.

Upcoming activities:

Veterans Day, November 11th

The really dedicated folks get together at 7:00 in the morning at the Viet Nam Veterans Memorial for raising the U.S. Flag. This year's flag is the burial Flag of Sergeant First Class Matthew Kahler (KIA 1-26-2008.)

The Memorial is on the State Capitol grounds behind the Veterans Affairs Building, 20 West 12th Street, St. Paul.

After the Flag Raising, we move to Kelly Inn, west of the Capitol grounds area and within walking distance, for a spirited breakfast and visiting. The breakfast crowd then sets up the chairs and other equipment.

The Ceremony starts at 1100 hours and includes the St. Paul Central High School Band playing music. (You might remember the High School from other Veterans Days and other Newsletters. We have been raising money to help purchase a new tuba for the Band. The kids play so well, so often, and they always send us Thank You letters after we make a donation. The letters typically end with, 'Tubas forever, Ommmh Pahhh Pahhh.')

(And, if you are interested in making a donation for this project, you can send your donation to Matt Mitlyng, 3759 Tower Pond Road, Anoka, MN 55303-8308.)

After the ceremony, and clean up, we usually head to the Glockenspiel Restaurant for a late lunch.

11 Nov: The Minnesota Warriors (the Iraqi War/Afghan War Veterans' wounded warrior hockey team) will be playing the NHL Alumni

Team on Veterans Day, November 11th 2011; time 1915-2115 (7:15pm-9: 15pm) at Chaska Community Center, 1661 Park Ridge Drive Chaska, MN 55318. Tickets: Adults-\$5, Children, Seniors and Students-\$3 Veterans with Military ID-Free. (John Stepan)

12 November: The All Airborne Ball-Hanger Dance is scheduled for Saturday, November 12th, 2011 at the Richfield American Legion. The food is great, but come early for dinner and allow extra time for service.

The band for dance is in the tradition of the big band era. If you have WWII era uniforms, you are asked to wear them. If you dress in the 1940's style clothes, you will also fit in to the environment.

The Legion has made this one of their activities, which will increase support and attendance while remaining a fund raising activity for the Airborne Circle.

After Action Reviews: The October Business Meeting was on October 4th at 7pm. Present were:

John Stepan	John Stepan
Dan Thorson	Dan Thorson
Laurie Johnson	Laurie Johnson
Ryan Thorson	Ryan Thorson
Dawn Dettinger	Dawn Dettinger
Trudell	Trudell
Jack Running	Jack Running
Dan Kaiser	Dan Kaiser
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First, the September Meeting Minutes as printed in the October Newsletter are corrected to read that the November Hanger Dance is on 12 November. Then, John S. made a motion to accept the Minutes, as corrected. Ed seconded the motion and it was carried.

Matt gave the Financial Report. John M. made a motion to accept the report. Dan T. seconded the motion and it was carried.

We discussed the Christmas Dinner. Two Chapter members volunteered to host two of the Color Guards, and dates, to the dinner. We are reserving one table for the

Color Guard, so they can sit together. I also got the impression that if want to invite a Color Guard member to sit at your table, you can ask them.

Tricia Hofeld is going to run the Silent Auction again. Thanks, Tricia. We do have a significant number of items for the Silent Auction, most donated by Jerry Carlson's boss Terri Kenyon at the

Sportsman's Guide

411 Farwell Avenue, South St. Paul. (Keep the store and Terri in mind when you are shopping for your outdoor needs.)

As part of the discussion, we talked about a display-case-knife. The knife will be raffled off at some later event. I think we decided at which event we will do the drawing, I just can't remember, now, what the event is. The Knife will be on display at the Christmas Dinner. Raffle tickets may be on sale at the dinner also. John S. will be getting the raffle tickets printed for us.

John S. gave an After Action Review on the Camp Ripley Open House/ Vietnam Veterans Welcome home. The AAR follows these minutes.

We discussed the Lao veterans legal action. The Lao are trying to get recognized in the VA system for their participation in the Vietnam War. Steve Anderson is helping with contacts in the political arena. More info to follow.

Jeff Arnold talked about donating cars to the Chapter for fundraising. I presume you have heard the commercials on the radio for the different groups that ask you to donate your car to them for fundraising. Jeff said that since we are a 501-3-C organization we could also use this for fundraising. While we did not develop any plans for a big fundraising activity, Jeff does have a friend with a towing business who has done this kind of work.

If I understood it correctly: If you have a car to donate, you can call Jeff. He will call his friend. His friend tows the car and the money is sent to us.

There being no further Business, John R. made a motion to close the meeting. It was seconded by John S. and carried.

Camp Ripley Open House/Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home. John S. talked about the Camp Ripley Open House/Welcome Home for Vietnam Veterans. John said it was a heck of an event with over one thousand people in attendance to 'welcome home' 350 Vietnam Veterans.

Parallel to today's veterans' welcome home ceremonies, the Vietnam veterans were asked to load up some buses and were they driven into the ceremony area. The area was lined with the spectators. The Patriot Guard formed a flag line that the veterans walked through to get the seats for the ceremony.

John said the speakers were quite good, and poignant, adding to the ceremony.

From SFA National Headquarters:

Gentlemen and Ladies,

Please read the following emails from Chris Crain, D-5730 and Steve Shires, D-5730. Note the effort is to help a little girl who is third generation Green Beret.

Chapter 38 at Ft. Campbell has already signed on and I am forwarding this to all chapters with the permission of the family.

They are not asking for a lot. Read the email from Leslie Shires. Anything that would help ease the pain this little girl is about to endure will help and lift the spirits of other children at Vanderbilt Hospital. Thank you and De Oppresso Liber Cliff Newman

From Chris Crain, Subject: Fw: Hats for Zoe

Ok, gents: listen up! The first email was from Steve Shires, a retired SF LTC buddy. Steve's dad was in Special Forces. Steve has a daughter, Leslie, and her email follows. Steve also has two sons. One of Steve's sons, Brian, is a Special Forces E7 who has multiple tours in Iraq with 5th Group, and who is currently serving as a TAC NCO at Camp Mackall.

Steve's other son, Stephan, a crew

chief in the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment at Fort Campbell, recently married a gal in the Fort Campbell area. Stephen's wife has a daughter, Zoe, from a previous marriage.



Zoe has just been diagnosed with Leukemia. Sometimes life just sucks...

Obviously those of us around the country won't be able to attend Lesley's 'party', but we can still help. Your task is to buy a couple kids cold weather hats (or have your better half knit a kid's hat or two) and send them to Lesley at the address below. Or, if you don't feel like fighting the crowds in the kid's hat department at Macy's, simply send Lesley a few bucks so she and her friends can buy some hats, and get them shipped to Nashville. New hats only, please.

From: Lesley Shires

Hello all! On Friday, November 4th I am hosting a little craft/dinner party in honor of my niece Zoe. Last Monday Zoe was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. 98% of her bone marrow is cancerous. She was started on steroids and chemo immediately. The chemo will continue for three years. It was a rough road in the beginning, but Zoe has been smiling lately and taking trips around the hospital in a wagon.

Mom drove in Saturday (Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville) and said they went to

the hospital playroom. In the playroom there is a clothesline with homemade hats on it and a sign that says, "Please Take One."

Zoe will begin to lose her hair in a few weeks and doesn't completely understand why. I would like to help her and other kids with this strange transition. And we all know about strange transitions!

So, Friday November 4th starting at 5 (New York City), I would like to give you some stuff to snack on while we make hats for Zoe and the other children at Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville. The hats can be bought and then decorated at my place or just premade and dropped off. Bring knitting and crocheting materials, fabric, pens, patches, glue guns, scissors, whatever you think might be fun for the wee ones. I will collect things as well and have them for us.

Can't come, but want to help? Send a few bucks to help ship the hats to Tennessee or send me a hat you have made or bought for the kids. The hats need to be warm weather hats to keep the kids warm. They need to be new to cut down on germs.

Tell people.

Hats for Zoe c/o Lesley Shires 278 Humboldt Street, 4L Brooklyn, NY 11206

Can't afford to help right now? You still can help! Pray, offer up good wishes and care and love.

I love you all and appreciate whatever you can do. Hopefully I will see you Friday the 4th. Lesley

From Around the Chapter:

WW II History Round Table: The Dr. Harold C. Deutsch WWII History Round Table is in their 23rd season at the Historic Fort Snelling Visitors Center. The Round Table happens on the second Thursday of each month (September through May) at the Historic Fort Snelling Visitors Center. The Round Tables are recorded on DVD and are available at www.barros.us/online-stoe at \$10.00 each.

Rich sent word: The History Round Table for October, *The German resistance movement against Hitler*, was a good program. Dr. Hoffman was very learned and he had some great insight into the German resistance movement. The program focused mainly on the military conspirators from the thirties until the failed attempt in June of 1944. He tried to get people to think about what it would be like to be a resistor in a country where you were most like to be killed if you protested and you'd be "lucky" if you were sent to a concentration camp.

The Round Tables always fill up early. Typically, if you want a seat, you have to be there by 6:15pm.

I strongly recommend visiting their website at: <http://www.mn-ww2roundtable.org>

Which is where I found the schedule for the rest of the year. I will print the entire list later. For now:

November 10, 2011 THE DR. HAROLD C.DEUTSCH LECTURE: BITTER

APPEASEMENT - MUNICH – 1938 R.J.Q. Adams, author of *British Appeasement and the Origins of WWII*, will discuss the anti-war mood of Europe in the aftermath of WWI and the failed attempts by British Prime Minister Chamberlain to negotiate a lasting settlement with Hitler

December 8, 2011 THE FIGHTING IN EUROPE: Peter Mansoor, author of *The GI Offensive in Europe*, with Combat Veterans of European Theater will show that the Trained Soldiers, supported by Doctrine, Planning, and Logistics were no match in the defeat of the Enemy

January 12, 2012 THE BATTLE OF LENINGRAD: Jonathan House, co-author of *When Titans Clashed* with David Glantz, and Russian Veterans from the siege that lasted 900 days will discuss the struggle and to survive the weather and food shortages.

February 9, 2012 CODE-BREAKING AND THE BEGINNING OF COMPUTERS: Colin Burke, author of *Information and Secrecy*, will lead a group of Pioneers of Early Computers Development in MN to show how the military