



NEWSLETTER



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South Dakota Chapter 1

Nov 2010

President Ron's son Robert Havens is visiting from California. Other guests include: Shirley Bird from Mount Liberty, Ohio, Paul Graham and Tom Kroups from Sioux Falls, HD Welu from Terrace, Minnesota.

Chairman of the Board, Orv Hughart, reported that the In Memoriam patches will be ordered and are free to members (chapter patch cost is \$2.75) Individual memory patches for Richard Johnson, Richard Tulio, and Dale Reker may go under the In Memoriam Patch. The individual patches will be paid for by the Membership.

Our chapter By-Laws will be worked on by Denny Soldatke and Ron Havens and will be presented to the membership in the future.

Chappy Richard Engler sent an email and a card thanking us for cards, flowers and prayers while he recovered from surgery

Edith Magnison, Morrie Magnison's widow sent a thank-you for the escort to Woodlawn Cemetery. Mottoie road with our group on POW Day a couple of years ago.

Candy Peterson thanked our group for the burial of her husband on October 2nd. This was a joint mission with PGR.

While in Washington, Ron Havens and Dale Jansen will talk to the other chapter presidents concerning our Constitution proposal change about the long term disability members a period of 6 months or more who could not attend meetings or events. Our proposal wants these members to keep their patches as long as they still pay their dues.

Marianne Englund showed photos from the Red Hat Militia ladies. With the money from our chapter, they were able to buy 52 sets of towels, kits, socks, shaving cream which will to homeless in the Rapid City area.

Orv Hughart pointed out that in the She Magazine the Soldatke's niece is mentioned for her military survived along with other ladies. In August, Coni Byers was mentioned in a women biker article.

The World War 2 Vets left on Honor Flight early Friday October 22, everyone was excited to fly out.

On November 11, 12 Cabelas is recognizing all veterans. A discount will be given. Applebee's offers a free meal to veterans, present a service card.

Honor Flight leaves Thursday November 11 and coming home Friday November 12.

Denny Soldatke needs members to volunteer and help with the holiday program in January 2011 and school presentations. Interested members should talk to him or email him.

Our November meeting will be on the 20th (the third Saturday) due to Thanksgiving. Hope everybody has a great Thanksgiving.

Honor Flight came back Saturday October23, when the vets got to the VFW they looked tired but they sure talked about their great adventure in DC.

Dave Nordlune read an invitation to the Marine Corps Birthday Ball scheduled for November 13 at the VFW. Special speaker, Mike Zender and his wife Cheryl will be coming from Minneapolis. Ticket cost is \$15. Phil Bechtold is the Commandant; Ron Havens is an officer.

Get your National bike raffle tickets and start selling!



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Name: David L. Zoelle

Branch of Service: Army

Rank: Lieutenant Colonel

Basic Training: Dix, N.J.

Years of Service: Regular Army 27 years Active Duty, U.S. Army Signal Corp., Highest reward Legion of Merit.

Occupation: U.S. Army 27 years / Public High School – English Teacher for 16 years/ Retired.

Mission: I am sending my daughter, Dana through South Dakota State University.

Hometown: High School in Farmington, Minnesota.

Family: One Brother and a sister-in-law in Sioux Falls, Three Nephews and one Niece, reside in Sioux Falls, Dell Rapids, and Sheldon, Iowa with their Families.

Rolling Thunder Member since: September 2007

Favorite Rolling Thunder memory: The 2009 Rolling Thunder Protest Ride in Washington D.C. also my 40th Anniversary of my return from RVN. I didn't plan it, but as I passed the Lincoln Memorial, I said, this is the parade I never received when I returned from the war. The ride was one of the most emotional events in my life.

Volunteering: I am a ski Instructor at Great Bear Snow Sports Recreation Area - Come Ski with me! I manage the voice of Democracy campaign for the VFW Post 2118 in Brookings, and MOAA Great Plains Chapter in Sioux Falls.