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APRIL 2012

CHAPTER ELECTION RESULTS

HERE ARE THE OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS OF
THE APRIL 5, 2012 (*WINNER)

President

*Bob Cook - 69 Marty Kolb - 8

1st Vice President

*Steve Parsons - 59 Carl Garlitz - 18

2nd Vice President

*Bob Peck - 48 Roger Krueger - 30

Treasurer

*Stan Kline (unopposed)

Secretary

*Bill Lange (unopposed)

Board of Directors

*Chip Bosley - 62 *Joe Brennan - 56

*Michael Jordan - 43 *Rodger Long - 48

*David Shaulis - 66 *Issac Meade - 41

Mike Saunders - 37 Ray Everly - 29

James Meade - 30

State Council Delegates

*Rodger Long *Jim Williams

*Harold Stallings

Alternate State Council

*Rich Mellotte

Nomination Committee

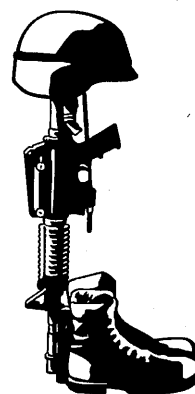
*Ken Hausman

*Howard Sticher

There you have it the Officers and Board FY 2012 - 2013, now let's achieve something, maybe start with some fence mending, or not.

CHAPTER MEMORIAL OBSERVANCE

The annual Chapter 172 memorial observance will be held at the Chapter Home, Friday, April 20th at 1400 hours. This is the first official event for the newly elected Officers and BOD. This solemn event is open to members only. It is our opportunity to give a final goodbye to those members lost to us this past year and all members should make an attempt to attend.



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

MARCH MADNESS

There were some unexpected winners and losers in the big tournament March 3rd.

The top seeded and defending champion Joe Brennan was eliminated on the first table as Chapter 172 held its winter poker tournament. (What did you think I was talking about?) It was the biggest tourney we have had so far with 18 members testing their skills at Texas Hold'em Poker. First to take the "walk of shame" was Rich Mellotte. The final four was George Hopkins the new champ, Mike Vanetta second place, Roger Krueger third place and Bill Allen with a startling fourth place showing. If you would like to be in the next tournament watch for the announcement in an upcoming newsletter.



CHAPTER FAMILY PICNIC

This annual event will be held as usual at the Ali Ghan Shrine picnic grounds on June 23rd. Please note the date change, starting at noon and ending around 6pm.



Did you lose your hat? A letter carrier found an olive green Vietnam ball cap on Industrial Blvd. and returned it to the Chapter. It has a 25th infantry pin, VVA Life Member pin and a POW pin. The hat is in good shape and can be picked up at the chapter on the second floor.



FOR SALE

Hillcrest Cemetery...Three Lots, Military Section...\$900.00 per lot...or all three lots for \$2,500.00...contact Rich Mellotte.
301-759-4664 or 301-707-4620



OFFICE NEWS FROM BARB AND SUE

We would like to thank everyone who came in during the month of March and made a purchase to get entered into our drawing. The winners were Don Smith, Reflections Plaque, George Gaffney, The Brightest Star, Bob Hughes, a tee shirt, Dave Dayton, a garden flag and Rodger Long, a hat. Congratulations to all of the winners. We have a new Keepsake Box in stock with the Reflections Print on the top. Stop by to take a look at this new item for only \$25.00. We also have a few other new items to look at also.



HOW ABOUT SOME BREAKFAST?

Breakfast will be served at the Chapter Saturday, April 14th starting at 9:00am until noon. This is open to members in good standing only.

WORDS FROM THE SKY PILOT

Slacker?

While studying the book of Proverbs in my small group Bible study, our Leader suggested that we change the description of a lazy person from a sluggard to a slacker. Ah, now he was speaking my lingo. I immediately started thinking of all the people I consider to be slackers.

Like the men and women who fail to teach and discipline their children. Or that guy who refuses to help around the house. Or those teenagers who neglect their studies and play Internet games day and night.

If we were honest, we're all susceptible to this. What about being a "prayer slacker," or a Bible reading slacker," or a "non-exercising-of our-spiritual-gift slacker," or a "non-witnessing slacker"?

If we are not doing what we know God wants us to do, we are certainly spiritual slackers. In fact, when we refuse to obey God, we are sinning.

Listen to these challenging and convicting words from the book of James: "It is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it". Let's not be spiritual slackers.

When we know what God wants us to do, but then we refuse to obey, we're ignoring the voice of the Lord, and sinfully choosing our way.

"Insight"

The Bible often uses animals as illustrations to describe people or human behaviors. In the book of Proverbs, common animals like deer, gazelle, bird, ox, pig, horse, donkey, dog, lamb, goat, lion and bear are mentioned. The largest concentration of animal imagery is found in Agur's wise sayings. The ant is mentioned twice, here in 6:6 and 30:25, to denote a wise person. The wise are righteous, responsible, enterprising and hard working. In contrast, sluggards are fools who lack initiative, procrastinate, are irresponsible and are self-deceived. Today's Bible Reading is Proverbs 6:6-11
Chaplain Rodger Long

2012 CHAPTER EVENTS

TGIF Every Friday - Member and one guest except for the third Friday of every month which is members only TGIF - Starting at 4:30pm

Members Only TGIF - April 20th, May 18th, June 15th, July 20th, August 17th, September 21st, October 19th, November 16th and December 21st

April 20th - Chapter Memorial - 1400 hours -
Members Only

April 21st - Saturday Social

May 19th - Saturday Social

June 16th - NO Saturday Social

June 23rd - Family Picnic - Ali Ghan Shrine Picnic
Ground

July 21st - Saturday Social

August 18th - Saturday Social

September 15th - Adult Picnic - Mt. Savage Fire
Department

October 20th - Saturday Social

November 17th - Saturday Social

December 1st - Christmas Dinner & Dance - Rocky
Gap Lodge & Resort

December 15th - Saturday Social

December 31st - New Years Eve Party



THE CHAPTER OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

Friday, April 6th - Good Friday

Monday, May 28th - Memorial Day

Wednesday, July 4th - Independence Day

Monday, September 3rd - Labor Day

Monday, November 12th - In observance of
Veterans Day

November 22nd & 23rd - Thanksgiving

December 25th & 26th - Christmas

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FOR
2012-2013**

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First Vice-Pres., Steve Parsons
Second Vice-Pres., Bob Peck
Secretary, Bill Lange
Treasurer, Stanley Kline**

**Board of Directors
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Michael Jordan, Rodger Long,
Isaac Meade, David Shaulis**

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Jim Williams, Bob Cook**

**Alternate State Council Delegates
Rich Mellotte, Steve Fryer
David Shaulis, Howard Stitche**

**Nominating Committee
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Charlie Fisher, Ken Fisher**

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Chaplain.....Rodger Long
Color Guard.....Joe Brennan
Comm. Service.....Chip Bosley
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ETABO.....Stan Kline
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**Govt. Affairs.....Jim Williams
Grunt Shirt.....Chip Bosley
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Membership.....Bill Lange
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Museum.....Ray Everly
Newsletter.....Steve Parsons
POW/MIA.....Bob Peck
Public Affairs.....Michael Jordan
Reflections.....Michael Jordan
Substance Abuse.....Chip Bosley
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Veterans Assistance.....Bill Lange
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Website.....Nelson Lindeman
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Chapter Meetings

Chapter meetings are the first Thursday of each month at 2000 hours at the Chapter Home 17 North Liberty Street, Cumberland, Maryland. Boards of Directors meetings are the first Thursday beginning at 1900 hours. All members are encouraged to attend both the membership and Board of Directors meetings.



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