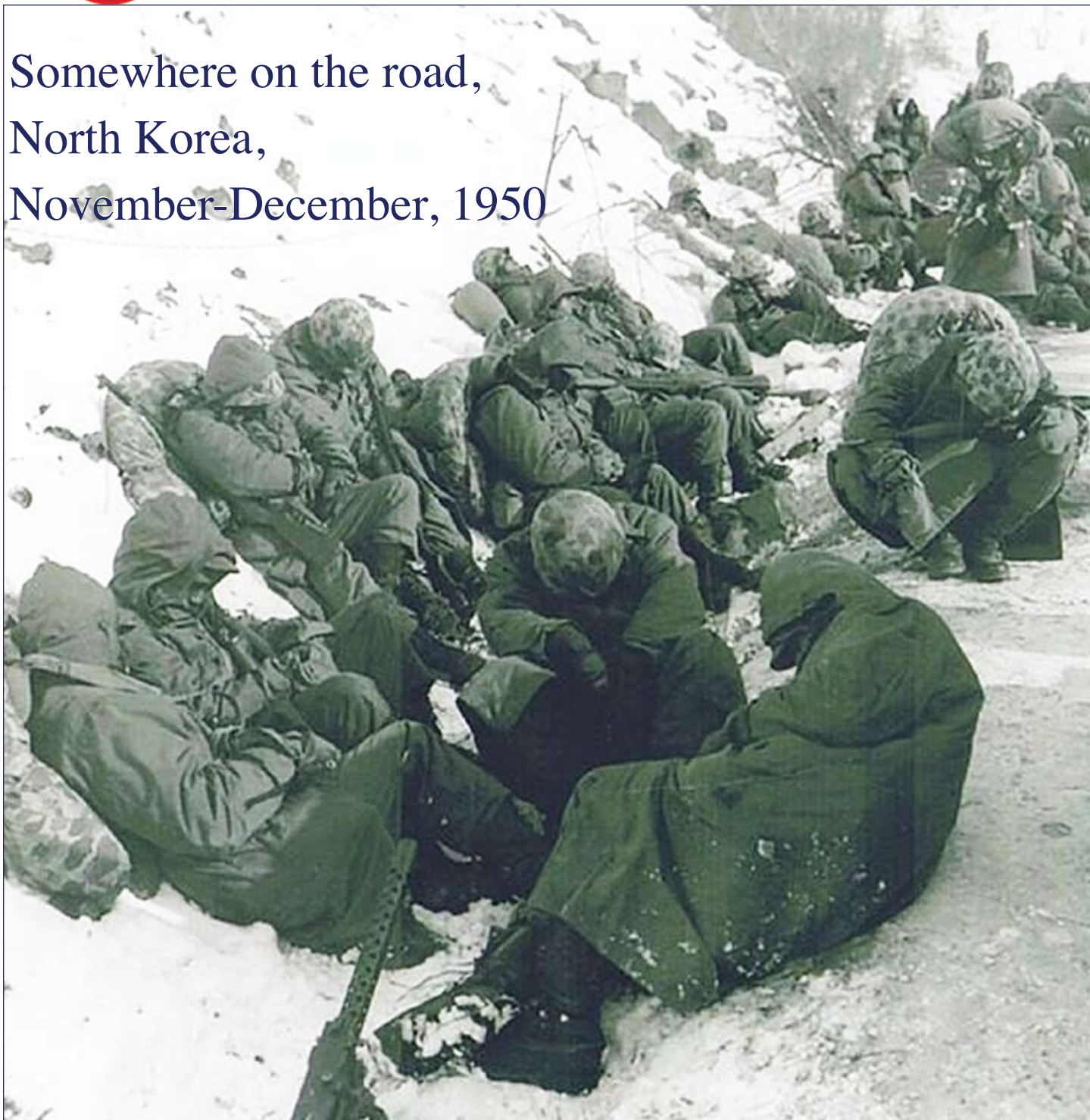




THE CHOSIN FEW OREGON CHAPTER

AUTUMN, 2010

Somewhere on the road,
North Korea,
November-December, 1950



60th Anniversary of the Battle of Chosin Reservoir, North Korea, November-December, 1950

President's Message, by Dave Dowdakin

It's time to find members who are willing to serve as officers and trustees in 2011. We must have a slate of candidates ready for our annual meeting (Christmas Party) which will occur on December 5, 2010. Pat Miller and Lou Rumpakis and I will serve as a Nominating Committee of three members. This is a thankless, but necessary job. If you are approached and asked to serve as an officer or trustee please accept serving as a candidate. There is room for movement up the ladder for those serving now in lower positions. Other observations: many of the existing officers have served in various elected positions for many, many years, Both Pat Miller and Lou Rumpakis have served multiple years as President. In my case I was

Our Visitor at the September 28th meeting, Steve Easterday, President of the 1st Marine Division Association Columbia River Chapter. Reminds us that the 1st Division Chapter would be honored for any Chosin Few member to join them and celebrate the Marine Corps Birthday with Lunch (see attached). Visitors are always welcome at our meetings.



Our Leader giving us all a Marine pep talk on volunteering. Let's help Dave make it work. A good leader that's doing a good job.

elected to the office of Secretary in 1999 and continued in that office to year 2009. Frankly, that's long enough. (too long!). Like other Chosen Few chapters we face an age crisis, but we must persist in electing willing candidates of office to keep the doors open. Our Chapter is a very social organization consisting of spouses, grown children and grandchildren. To keep that sociability aspect going strongly then we are going to need good people who are willing to serve. If any of you are asked to be a candidate please think it over carefully and then say YES.

We had a guest at the September 28th meeting.....Col. Steve Easterday, USMC (ret) and President of the Oregon/Columbia River Chapter of the 1st Marine Division Association. Steve invited the

CF members to join with the other 1st MarDiv members for a Marine Corps Birthday luncheon to be held at Chu's Eatery, 17110 SE Powell Blvd. on noon on November 6th. If you would like to go let me or VP Bill Call know. The restaurant will probably need a head count of attendees. I intend to go .

In Every Clime & Place
Dave Dowdakin

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Our Duty Corpsman – Collie Collins, Our Secretary. In the U.S. Navy 20 years and was assigned to the U.S. Marine Corps June 1, 1950, 1st Brigade. Married in 1952 to Geraldine, Now 57 years, Has 3 children, His only boy was a police officer and was killed in the line of duty. His first car was a 1940 Chevrolet.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ladies Luncheons, Everyone Welcome

-Thursday, Oct. 14th – 11:30am lunch at Bob's Red Mill, 5000 SE International Way, Milwaukie

-Thursday, Nov. 11th – 12:00pm, Monarch Hotel, 12566 SE 93rd, Clackamas

-Thursday, Dec. 9th – 12:00pm, Gustav's, 12605 SE 97th

(Evelyn Neilson 503-492-1169)

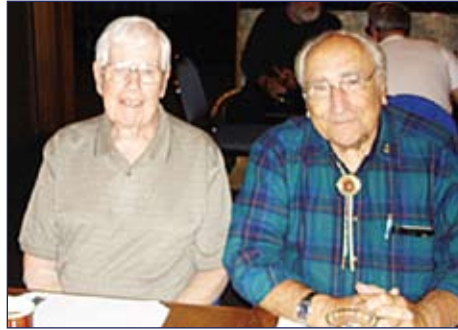
Thursday, October 14th – 12:00 Men's Luncheon, High Rocks Restaurant, 915 E. Arlington, Gladstone

Tuesday, October 26th – 9:00am Men's Breakfast and Board meeting, St. Xaviers Restaurant, NE 181st and San Rafael.

Thursday, November 11th – 12:00 Men's Luncheon, High Rocks Restaurant, 915 E. Arlington, Gladstone

Tuesday, November 30th – 9:00am Men's Breakfast and Board Meeting, St. Xaviers Restaurant, NE 181st and San Rafael.

Tuesday, December 28th – 9:00am Men's Breakfast and Board Meeting, St. Xaviers Restaurant, NE 181st and San Rafael.



Clyde Henderson "Historian" and Lew Rumpakis, Coordinating Council reporter; enjoying each others company at our August 31st meeting.

Long-Term Editor Wanted

Bill Call says his involvement as newsletter editor was intended to be temporary.

"We are looking for someone to step up and take over this task," he says.

"This needn't be fancy, but we need the facts of the day, future dates of meetings ect. Perhaps you can get your wife or partner to be your co-editor. Contact your President or myself."

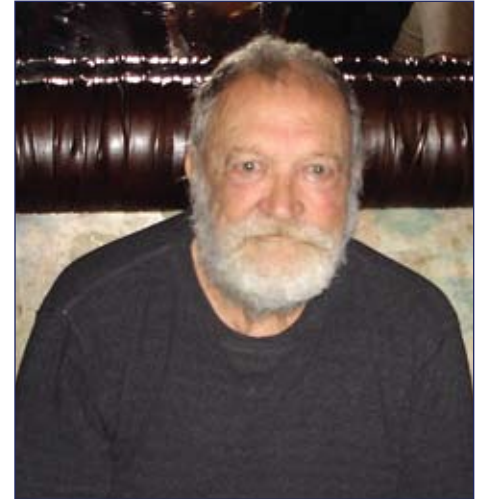
Report on 'Florence Get-Together'

Reported by Bill Chisholm

All 59 had a great time. The weather was a little drizzly for the first time in our 16 years of getting together. Looking forward to October 8th 2011, hopefully a good weather weekend.

Clinic For Women Veterans Opens In Portland, Oregon

Women veterans can get check-ups, cancer and osteoporosis screenings, gynecologic treatment (from infertility to six weeks postpartum) and talk about their mental health all in one new Center for Women's Health. Women are the fastest-growing military population, with 21,245 female veterans in Oregon and southwest Washington.



George Ruselli – Chosin Few –Back with us again after he had a short sick spell recently. This WW2 Veteran likes the important Conversations that come out of our meetings.

Treasurer's Report, September, 2010

By Raul Davila, Treasurer

Members Dues Paid as of 28 September, 2010 is: 45 and four Pre-paid members.

There are 29 members and 4 guests that have registered for October, 2010 Banquet at Florence, Oregon. Total collected: \$778.80

A Check for \$500.00 was sent on 3 Sept. 2010 to the Marine Corps Coordinating Council, for the Semper Fi Golf Tournament.

A check for \$2,000.00 that was intended for the Scholarship Fund was sent on 3 Sept.2010 to Bill Chisholm.

A check for \$500.00 was to Ken Buckles committee for Remembering America's Heroes was also sent 3 Sept. 2010.

The Chapter Funds are as follows.

Banquet funds: \$ 778.80

Chapter Funds: \$2,070.40

Total: \$2,849.20

Money Market Investment Account is: \$30,114.65

Minutes of the meetings, August 31 & September 28, 2010

E.H. Collins, 2010 Secretary

(Edited) Minutes of the meeting of August 31, 2010

The meeting was called to order by David Dowdakin at 0900hrs at Francis Xavier Restaurant in Portland. 15 Members attending and Jim Sheehan & John Murphy of 3rd Mar Div. Bill Call introduced Jim Sheehan and John Murphy of the 3rd Mar Div.

Lew Rumpakis gave a report on the National Reunion. The next reunion will be in San Antonio Texas. Raul Davila gave a treasurer report. Dave brought up the "Semper Fi Golf Classic" coming 1 October, 2010. Collins made a motion to buy 2 hole markers, one with Vern Summers name and the other with Ed Yackley 2nd by Lew Rumpakis. Bill Chisholm made the motion to purchase one players entry \$200 and 2nd by Tad for a total of \$500. Jim Sheehan spoke of what they have been doing with the money, sending boxes to the troops where they ad-

Ladies who attended the August 31st meeting:

Betty Davila
Polly Henderson
Dorine Baird
Liz Brace
Janet Jacobson
Hazel Westlund
Evelyn Neilson
Bertha Shirley
Liz Miller
Susan Richardson (Linda Richardson's Daughter)

Conversation at the August 31st meeting by the Ladies.....

"We talked about all the men and every one that wasn't here and where we will be buried in Willamette."

opted a Bn of the 3rd Mar Div. Bill Chisholm gave out info from Ken Buckles asking for monies for the coming "Remembering American Heros" Lew Rumpakis 2nd the motion. There was 1 vote 'NO' the rest were aye.....

(Edited) Minutes of the meeting of September 28, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Pres. David Dowdakin at 0900hrs at Francis Xavier Restaurant in Portland. 12 Members attending and Guest Steve Easterday from the 1st Marine Division. Pat Miller gave a report on the Summer Picnic. Bill Call introduced Steve Easterday. Dave asked for volunteers to Marine Corps Coordinating Council, Lew has to quit due to hearing. Gene Shirley was appointed with Dave as alternate. Dave Dowdakin, Lew Rumpakis and Pat Miller are the nominating committee that will be presented at the Christmas dinner. Lew asked for those who haven't paid the hotel room for the Florence weekend to get on the ball. Dave

asked for money for the Christmas dinner, Pat Miller made the motion to put up \$500. Bill Call 2nd and the motion passed.

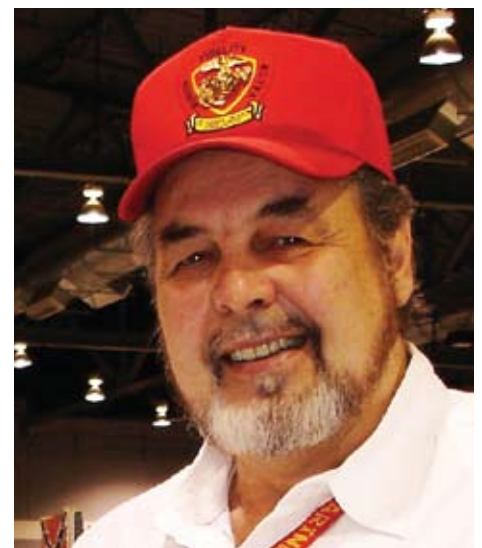
Raul Davila gave a treasurer report. It was accepted and passed. The minutes for the August 31 meeting were accepted. Steve Easterday of the 1st Mar Div. invited all Chosin Few Members to the Marine Corps Birthday this coming Nov. 6th at Chu's Eastery.

Bill Call made the motion to adjourn, it was 2nd by Gene Shirley.

Lew also gave a good report at the September 20th meeting on the picnic in Gresham, about 40 attended and good time was had by all.

\$400.00 was donated to the Marine Corps Golf Tournament which will eventually go to Wounded Marines Program.

On August 31st Jim Sheehan, President of the 3rd Marine Chapter, spoke on gift packages going to Afghanistan. Sgt. Major Porterfield – his unit needs Socks, heat requiring 2 changes a day.



Jim Sheehan and John Murphy of the 3rd Marine Division Association, Pacific NW Chapter, made a personal "Thank You" at our September 9th meeting on our recent \$500 donation.

**Four Scholarships in the amount of \$500.00 each have been made available
in honor of Tom and Pat Green. These Scholarships will Read:
*Oregon Chapter of the Chosin Few in Honor of Tom and Pat Green***

These Scholarships must be awarded to a direct family member of one of our
Chosin Few Members of Oregon, deadline is January 1st, 2011

**OREGON CHAPTER CHOSIN FEW
One Year Scholarship Application**

Applicant's
name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Date of Birth _____

School presently attending _____

GPA (minimum 3.0) _____

School to which accepted _____

Major _____

Applicant: On a separate page write a brief summary of your educational goals. If selected, explain how you will use the scholarship.

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Sponsor must be a member of the OREGON CHAPTER OF THE CHOSIN FEW.

Name of sponsor _____

Relationship to applicant _____

Scholarship Committee:

Lew Rumpakis
Patrick Miller
William Chisolm

Mail completed application to:

William Chisolm
2162 Morrow CT NW
Salem, OR 97304

USMC 235th birthday luncheon slated for November 6

Oregon/Columbia River Chapter of the 1st Division, U.S. Marine Corps, will celebrate the corps' 235th birthday with a luncheon at Chu's Eatery on Saturday, November 6, 2010.

Chu's Eatery is at 17110 SE Powell Blvd.

The event begins with a social hour at 12:00, and lunch is served at 13:00.

Members are asked to bring an item to raffle for the benefit of their

First Marine Division Plans Christmas luncheon for December 18

The Old Spaghetti Factory is the site for the First Marine Division, Oregon/Columbia River Chapter's Christmas luncheon, on Saturday, December 18, beginning at 11:30 AM.

That's when the Social Hour starts. Luncheon will be served between 12:30 and 4:00 PM.

Cost including gratuity is \$14 per person. Members should call Bart Bullard, 503-786-8097, before December 11 if they plan to attend.

Members are asked to bring an item to raffle (proceeds go to the Chapter), plus an unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots.

The Old Spaghetti Factory is at 12725 SE 93rd Avenue.

Living History Day changes announced

Ken Buckles of Remembering America's Heros has announced changes in The Living History Day held at Milwaukie High School.

Due to budget constraints this event will be drastically downsized. There will not be any classroom Veteran speaker sessions, displays or an afternoon assembly of honor.

chapter, and an unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots.

Bart Bullard needs to know how many are planning to attend, so please give him a call at 503-786-8097.



Don Meisenbach agreed to join the Motor Transport Association which has no Chapters but Bill Call, our present volunteer newspaper Editor is the 1st Vice President. Bill is looking for those Marines who worked in some capacity in the Motor Transport during their time in the Corps. The cost is only \$20.00 a year.

Roseburg National Cemetery Appearance Gets Upgraded

The federal government will carve out a 20-acre military cemetery from a golf course on the Roseburg Veterans Affairs Medical Center grounds and will also upgrade the appearance of the nearby Roseburg National Cemetery, according to the cemetery's director. The existing 4.5-acre national cemetery, established in 1897, has run out of room for caskets and can only accommodate cremated remains. The National Cemetery Administration has been planning the addition for several years, and construction could begin this fall.



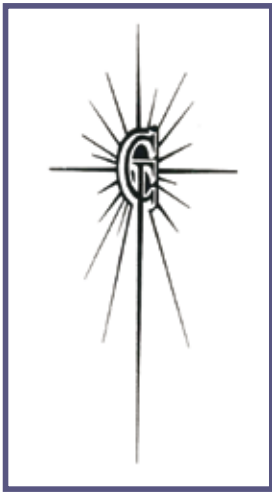
Tad Neilson our Chaplain enjoys paying for Best Son-in-Law Ever "Bill Mann" at our August 31st Luncheon - Where is Evelyn?



Wayne Sparks past President of Chosin Few and Secretary of Men of Chosin

Ex-Marine Who Wore Unearned Medals Barred From VA Hospital

The AP (9/10) reports, "Veterans Administration spokeswoman Cindy Butler told the North County Times on Thursday that David Weber's volunteer work had been terminated. The decision came after the American Combat Veterans of War complained that it was disrespectful to veterans to let Weber work at the hospital." The AP adds, "The 69-year-old former Marine staff sergeant was ordered to perform 240 hours of community service after pleading guilty in January to posing as a Marine general."



CHOSIN FEW CHRISTMAS BANQUET

AT

THE MONARCH HOTEL

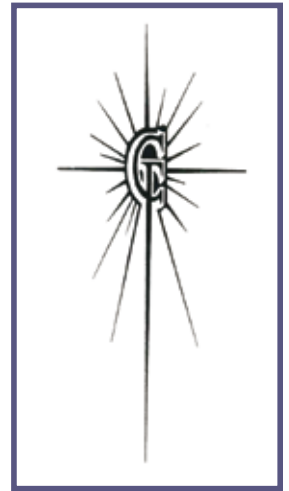
(off I-205)

12566 SE 93rd Ave
Clackamas, OR 97015

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, 2010

SOCIAL HOUR: 12:00pm

DINNER: 1:00pm



Election of Officers

Slate Officers 2011 will be given out at Check-In

Any member in good standing can be nominated from the floor

FILL OUT AND RETURN WITH CHECK PAYABLE TO:

*THE CHOSIN FEW
OREGON CHAPTER*



R.S.V.P. PLEASE RESPOND

RAUL NEEDS TO KNOW HOW MANY WILL ATTEND

SEND TO:

RAUL DAVILA, 4502 NE 39TH ST., VANCOUVER, WA 98661-3531
360-695-4846



Choose 1 Entrée per person
(Price includes Gratuity)

(Paid up Members w/wife or partner are free, costs listed below are for others)

CHOICES:

- Chicken Monarch –\$20.34 Breaded and baked breast of chicken filled with spinach, mozzarella and Parmesan, topped with mornay sauce. Accompanied by rice pilaf and seasonal vegetables.
- Flat Iron Steak – \$20.34 Sliced and served on a bed of sautéed mushrooms. Finished with a pinot noir demi-glace. Accompanied by roasted garlic mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables.
- Grilled Salmon –\$22.74 Finished with lemon butter. Accompanied by rice pilaf and seasonal vegetables.

All selections come with Green Salad– Rolls w/butter – Chef's Dessert and coffee, tea, decaf or iced tea.

NAME _____ Phone: _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____

GUESTS: _____

SEND IN BY: NOVEMBER 21, 2010

Veteran's family requests support for Patriot Guard Riders

By Robin Will

Frederick Brehony, a member of the Patriot Guard Riders, was on his motorcycle, on his way to honor a fallen Vietnam at Willamette National Cemetery, when he was killed instantly in a collision with a car on September 10, 2010.

Brehony, 67, was a retired meat cutter who held the rank of Yeoman 3rd Class in the U.S. Navy, and served on a destroyer during the Vietnam War.

Friends and family mourned his untimely passing, while requesting donations to the Patriot Guard Riders, whom he supported to the moment of his death.

The Patriot Guard Riders is a national group, internet-based, which provides motorcycle escorts and other ceremonial support for veter-

ans, while they are alive or after their passing.

"Standing for those who stood for us," is the motto on their website forum (<http://www.patriotguard.org>). The group formed out of the impulse to show more honor to veterans, alive or dead, than our nation accorded to those who served in Vietnam.

The group works with families, casualty assistance officers, all branches of the military, funeral directors, and state and local police to arrange dramatic flag lines and to join funeral processions. They attend by family invitation only.

Patriot Guard Riders will rally to welcome homecoming soldiers, or to participate in veterans' funerals. Not infrequently, Riders have also served as human barriers, screening grieving friends and families from groups

which demonstrate at military burials. One Kansas group, in particular, exercises their civil rights by picketing military funerals carrying signs saying "God Hates Fags," and Patriot Guard Riders have been able to minimize their impact while preserving their rights.

In lieu of flowers, the Brehony family requested that donations be made in Fred's honor to the PG Photographer, Q Madp, PO Box 86888, Portland, OR 97286-0888. Tax-deductible donations may be made to the Oregon War veterans Assoc./Q Madp, PO Box 8043, Salem, OR 97303.

The Oregonian's website, www.oregonline.com, has more information on local activities of the Patriot Guard Riders.



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