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HELPING TROOPS IN A "MAJOR" WAY

Hello Everyone:

Sending this note to say hello from Walter Reed Army Medical Center. I have been here now over 2 months and settling in with my job.

My job here is pretty awesome. I am working in the Air Evac Unit here at Walter Reed and in conjunction with Andrews Air Force Base This is where the coordination of transport of our wounded soldiers all happens.

Patient movement and transport all start with GPMRC (Global Patient Movement Regulating Center.) This is where the wounded soldier is identified and his medical care gets coordinated. They are moved from the "hot zone" to Germany and then from Germany to Walter Reed and then from Walter Reed to a medical facility closer to a soldier's home town for further medical care and recuperation.

What I am seeing is heart wrenching. I have seen many injuries in my time as a nurse and no car accident injury can compare to the injuries sustained in those IED (Improvised

Explosive Device) blasts. Injuries from shrapnel alone are unbelievable. Many are with a loss of a limb or limbs...all young 19 to 23 years of age on an average.



Major Barb Bakowski with her "ambulance" at Walter Reed Army Medical Center

Despite the injuries, the medical care here at Walter Reed is amazing! There is every specialty imaginable. We all work hard to get that soldier back to as close as to normal functioning as possible. And the spirit with some of these kids, those with such significant injuries, is amazing. Some with the will and spirit to get better so

they can "get back" to their unit.

There is an area that we are seeing more of: PTSD --Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. There are many of these young soldiers who have done a tour overseas and end up with a psychological problem. This issue is growing and so is the need for psychological treatment. Many of these kids "lose it" if you will and do attempt suicide in some extreme cases.

My job entails doing two types of evac/transport missions and we use three type of aircraft: the C-130, C-17 and KC-135. The In-Bound flights are wounded soldiers from Germany who after being evacuated from theater/ or the hot zone who are flown in to Andrews Air Force Base. These flights come in every Sunday, Tuesday and Friday afternoon. Then we have Out-Bound flights and those are soldiers leaving Walter Reed and going closer to their home town for further care. Those are usually scheduled flights on Monday, (See *Major* continued on page 4)



Barbecue Swims to New Record

Chicken Barbecue Chairman Dave Crone reports, that while torrential rains (over 2 inches!) made it a bigger effort to cook 'em, it didn't stop annual event from being a big success. Despite the difficult weather conditions, a record breaking number of dinners were sold.

A great big thanks and sincere appreciation goes out to all the members, their spouses and significant others who helped out with this important fundraiser. Without their tireless dedication, it would not have been a success! Also, thanks goes out to West Seneca Printing, and John Klosko who made it all happen with Rich Products, Buffalo Party Tent Rental, Donnie Szumigala for donating his "DJ" talents, Jerry Bauer for the raffle contribution of a stereo, and Brian Slichta for his donation of Buffalo Sabres picture for another raffle.

We are searching for a Co-Chairman for next year's "Big Chicken Event". Anyone that would like to learn more is encouraged to see Dave Crone. Thanks again to all who made it a big success!





From the Chief

Now that the summer time events are behind us we can look on to the fall for training. I hope that everyone had a safe and fun summer.

Nice job Chip Andrzejewski on the Bison Ball game excursion. I think everyone had a good time!

We will be offering driver training in October. See the Chief if interested.

Thank you Dave Crone and all that helped for another successful Doyle1 Chicken Barbecue!

Thank you Rocky as usual for helping out above and beyond during our summer events!

Thanks to all the committees that help make our summer activities a success!

On September 26 at 6pm we will be standing by at JFK for the homecoming bonfire . Please come out and help.

Football stand-bys are underway. Please sign up if you can help.

Congrats to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Szumigala on their marriage!

Your Chief and friend!

Charles " Chip" Schnurstein

THANKS! To the Doyle Fire District for our Inspection Dinner!

PLEASE SUPPORT

DOYLE 1 Firefighter Don Keuck's

ADVENTURE IN AFGHANISTAN



Help us to bring some of the "comforts of home" to Don and his Unit as they serve overseas. List's of possible donations are posted throughout the Fire Station. Donations need to be at the Fire Station by September 24th in order to be mailed. For more information see Len Siwinski.

Don't forget to meet with the Recruitment and Retention Committee to review your training and see what Certification or Tuition Awards you are eligible for !

Bears Football Starts

Standby crews are needed for JFK High School football games. The new season starts Saturday, September 6th . Please check the board in the Recreation Room for posted game dates. As always, your help is needed and appreciated.



The President's Corner



What a month of August! From the convention to the Fair, the unbelievable rain during the Chicken BBQ to the Bison ball game we had a memorable month. I would like to congratulate Chip Andrzejewski for a great time at the ballpark and as an added bonus, Dave Crone managed to catch a foul ball to make his evening even more fun. Dave was part of the fire company softball team and that was the first ball he caught all season.

The Chicken BBQ was another success even though the rain proved to be a challenge. Many years from now we will look back and laugh about the measures taken to remove the flooding from the pit area to keep the fire burning.

I had an opportunity to spend time with Don Keuck be-

fore he returned overseas and please keep him in a thoughts and prayers. Please support Don and the rest of the troops by dropping off any supplies to the fire hall that they could use from the list on the bulletin board.

As we move to September please give any of your time to helping with the JFK football standbys. They take only a couple of hours and are usually entertaining. The bowling team is starting up again and I invite any member to come and cheer the boys on to higher scores.

Please sign up for the Central Council Memorial Mass 9/14 (Sloan is the Host) and honor the deceased firefighters of this great Fire Company.

In closing, I would like to congratulate Don and Rachel on their wedding!

Have a great month.

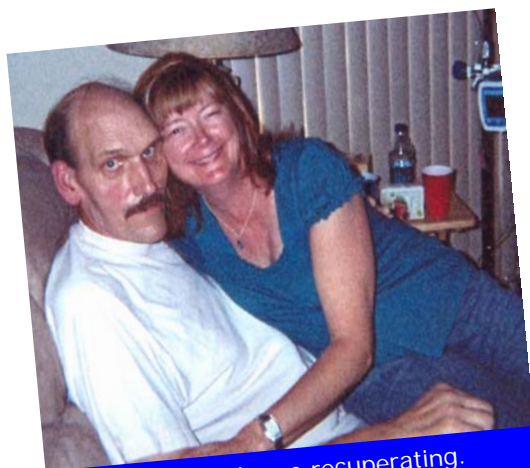
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"Big Al" is home recuperating. He extends a sincere "thank you" to everyone for their cards, emails, phone calls and most of all, your prayers



Don & Rachel Szumigala



Firefighter Don Keuck in Afghanistan



"Coosins" in a blanket

(Major continued from page 1) Wednesday, Thursday and Saturdays. The picture of me is with "Our Ambulance" They are called PEV's and we have 3 of them. Each PEV is actually a small semi that can transport up to 16 patients on a litter or stretcher and up to 12 ambulatory patients. The ride to and from Andrews AFB is about a 30 to 45 minutes. But when loaded with the soldiers we move with lights and sirens and usually make it in less then ½ hour. I am on board these PEV's with a medic and a tech.

I have been blessed with working with great staff and a great OIC (boss) who has been outstanding in giving me days off in a row so I can get a pass to come home and check in on Albert .

If you would like to send an e-mail, you can send to barbara.bakowski@us.army.mil.

Sincerely

Barbara Bakowski, MAJ AN

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From The Editor - Debbie Jakubowski

Thanks to all of you who contributed to last months Informer. It's great to see the enthusiasm this newsletter is receiving! I do need pictures and stories. If you don't know how to scan or send a digital picture, ask someone who can help you with it. Pictures are really worth a thousand words!

Special thanks to the following individuals who contributed to the September issue: Chief Chip Schnurstein, President Larry Menard, Barb Bakowski and Dave Crone. A special thanks to Mike Mazurowski for his help and contribution to making this newsletter a success! ~Debbie



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