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The President's Message



Our February 21, 2008 meeting was called to order at 6:50 PM. Our gathering was held at the Carson Valley Inn (CVI) in the Town of Minden. Fred Hersey led us in the pledge of allegiance. Our guests were introduced and we then made a move on CVI's very nice assorted salads, choice of main entrees and selection of wonderful desserts buffet line.

Well, I hate to say it again, but here goes. This was another action-packed thriller and if you were unable to attend, here is what you missed out on. We conducted our quarterly Special Recognition Award for Law Enforcement and Firefighting/Paramedic personnel. We had a returning Guest Speaker whose follow-up presentation was even more poignant than his first. Finally, we inducted four (4) new members into the Chapter, three of which were recruited by Warren Thayer. Congratulations Warren, what a great effort! Make them believe they really made a

good decision when they chose to join the International Footprinter Association.

At about 7:35 PM the action got moving. Stacey Giomi, Fire Chief/Emergency Management Director for the Carson City Fire Department introduced his nominee to receive our Special Recognition Award. His candidate was Firefighter/Paramedic, John Easterling. Stacey let us know quickly, John could just about walk on water. Here is what happened: The Carson City Fire Department (Stacey's Team) had developed a Western Nevada College Firefighting/Paramedic training course that was on the verge of failure. This failure process was well under way, after finding the personnel who wanted to become Firefighter/Paramedics and, after investing a great deal of time, energy and dollars into this program. What Stacy needed was a miracle. So, here comes his "Knight in Shining Armor"! John stepped forward and volunteered to take on this training project. How did he do this? For John, the task was simple. As an 11-year

Firefighter/Paramedic veteran and Stacy's best, he had all of the knowledge needed. He created his vision for this program. He brought forth his superior organizational skills to develop his action plan. Then, he proceeded with the implementation process. Now, because of John's extremely high interpersonal and communication skills along with his plain old tenacity, he graduated 21 Firefighter/Paramedics from his class. Incidentally, all of John's graduates' course grade averages were significantly higher when compared to all other Firefighter/Paramedics graduating from comparable training classes across the entire United States. It was a privilege for me to present John Easterling with our Special Recognition Award.

At about 8:15 PM Fred Hersey introduced our Guest Speaker, Mr. Michael Archer. Michael is a retiree from the Social Security Administration and an accomplished writer. Perhaps you will remember his earlier

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From the Secretary-Treasurer

As far as I know, we have only had a couple of members step forward and agree to run for office. With 166 regular members eligible, surely there must be a few more out there that have the inclination to step forward. Your nominating committee (Pres. Larry Gray, Past Pres. Phil Kasper, and I) makes its initial report to the membership at the March dinner meeting. Please give one of us a call between now and then and volunteer to serve.

You will note elsewhere in this newsletter a proposed change to our chapter bylaws. Publishing the proposal in this newsletter satisfies the requirement that all members be notified prior to a vote being taken. The proposal does not seek to change the way non-officer directors are elected, nor would it change the 3-year terms. It simply allows some flexibility on the number of non-officer directors we can nominate and elect. Currently, our bylaws fix non-officer directors at 3; the proposal

would allow for more or less than that number depending on the field from which to elect. It remains up to the membership to either elect or not elect those nominated. The membership retains the ultimate control over the size of the Board.

Plans are underway to schedule a District 2 Meeting ahead of our April dinner meeting. It would likely be held in the mid-afternoon prior to our regular dinner meeting on April 17th at the Carson Valley Inn. Representatives of the other chapters in District 2 (San Francisco Chapter #1, North Bay Counties Chapter #15, and Peninsula Chapter #35) would travel here and likely stay over for our dinner meeting that evening. An invitation has been extended to Grand President Bill Rossi to also attend. GP Rossi is from Denver Chapter #20. As plans firm up, you will be informed.

See you on March 20th at the Carson Nugget.

Ray

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or
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by **3/13** for
the **3/20**
meeting!

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VP1 column/Fred's Forecasts

Our February meeting was well attended, and Mike Archer put on a very interesting presentation. Thank You, Mike. Steve Orr appeared somewhat unexpectedly. Needless to say, we were glad to see him. Stacey Giomi, CC Fire Chief, presented John Easterling, CC EMT, with our Special Recognition Award.

Incidentally, this month's Early Bird Dinner winner was a thoughtful person who called to let us know that He/she/they were not going to be able to attend. We do need to know that. Thanks.

Our March speaker will be John Amundson of the Partnership of Community Resources who will speak to us about emergency phone numbers for middle and high school students.

Fred

March Birthdays

Robert Dutton	6
Beverly Thayer	14
Jay Tomlinson	14
Nancee Goldwater	19
Richard Upton	21
Barbara McRoberts	24
Bob Owens	24
Lois Mitchell	25
James Terborg	27
William Depew	28
David Trueblood	28
Richard Scholfield	30
Robert Morrow	31



Vice Presidents' Stuff

Greetings from the 2nd Vice President



I certainly enjoyed our meeting at the Carson Valley Inn. Wasn't the speaker great again? The food was very good this time also. Our next meeting will be held at the Carson Nugget on March 20, 2008. The Nugget has raised their price again. The cost of the dinner will be \$21.00 starting in March. I hope to see you all there at the Carson Nugget.

Barbara



The President's Message

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presentation and his book *A Patch of Ground - Khe Sanh Remembered*. Michael recently journeyed back to Vietnam. His traveling partner for this special event was none other than our own IFA, Carson Valley Chapter #72 member and retired Captain from the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Steve Orr. Michael's PowerPoint presentation was a pictorial of what took place in connection with his return trip. The purpose of this return visit was an attempt to find the remains of his Marine Corps enlistment buddy, Lance Corporal Thomas P. Mahoney III, killed in action while retreating from Hill 881S and listed as MIA. Upon arriving in Vietnam, Michael and Steve immediately made contact with a former Marine Corps buddy (They called him Doc because he was a Medic.) still living there. Doc had a great knowledge of the Vietnamese culture, customs and laws, plus he was very well connected with the local college personnel. Michael, Steve and Doc now enlisted the aid of the college forensic staff along with a psychic. This group returned to the site where Lance Corporal Mahoney's body was last seen on Hill 881S. After searching the site at great length with the aid of the psychic, a strong sense of discovery set in leading Michael to believe he had discovered the spot where Tom's remains were resting. As tourists, local laws do not allow for any digging when searching for American MIA's. Therefore, Michael forwarded all of the information his team had developed to the appropriate military personnel in Washington DC for follow-up. He is now in a holding process awaiting a response from Washington. What a great presentation! Note: Steve Orr is the new Chief of Police for Lewiston, Idaho. He traveled down to our meeting to listen to and observe Michael's presentation. Thanks for coming Steve and good luck in the new job Chief Orr. We hope you will be able to make it back for another meeting soon.

At 8:15 PM we conducted our Early Bird Drawing for a free dinner. There was no old or new business and the Secretary-Treasurer's Report by Ray Hoyt was accepted as presented.

At about 8:25 PM we conducted our Pot-of-Gold drawing. Thanks to our Greeters Ann Hersey, Margie Runyon and Claudia Lowe your Sergeant-at-Arms. All of the gifts were delivered in an expeditious manner

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Larry



I would like to again thank Pat Sikes for providing all of this month's photos.

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with Norma Goodwin who
was visiting from AZ



Fred Hersey, Steve Orr
and Mike Archer



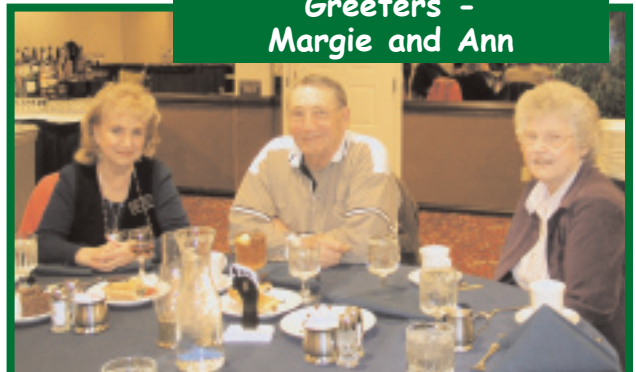
Dave & Donna Thomas -
prospective members -
with Dick Hill



Greeters -
Margie and Ann



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Betty Toudouze,
Jerry and Wanda Goehring



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1995-96	Ray Hoyt
1996-97	Lon A. Curtis
1997-98	Elza Turkington, deceased
1998-99	Bob Minton
1999-00	Rodney Snead
2000-01	Fred Hersey
2001-02	Clay Hill
2002-03	Grady Goodwin, deceased
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2004-06	Phil Kasper

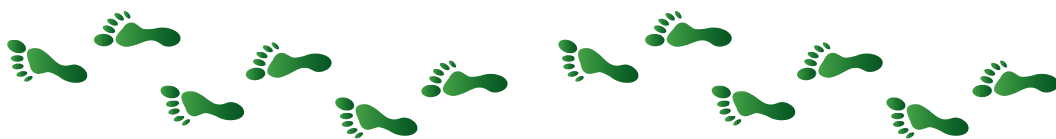
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To:



Proposal to Amend the Chapter

BYLAWS

Current

Section 1.02: The powers of this Chapter shall be vested in a Board of Directors, consisting of the President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms, Grand Board Member, Immediate Past President, and three other directors. A permanent position of the Board will be accorded to all Past Grand Presidents who are or may become regular members of this Chapter. (Revised 8/99, 3/04)

Section 1.05: To provide for continuity on the Board, the three non-officer directors, referred to in Section 1.02 as "...and three other directors", shall serve staggered three-year terms. The three directors elected in 1966 will be for three years, two years, and one year respectively. Each year thereafter, the newly elected/re-elected director will serve a three year term.

Proposed

Section 1.02: The powers of this Chapter shall be vested in a Board of Directors, consisting of the President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms, Grand Board Member, Immediate Past President, and **any number** of other directors. A permanent position of the Board will be accorded to all Past Grand Presidents who are or may become regular members of this Chapter. (Revised 8/99, 3/04)

Section 1.05: To provide for continuity on the Board, the non-officer directors, referred to in Section 1.02 as "...and **any number** of other directors", shall serve staggered three-year terms.

Reasons for the Proposal

A majority of your Board of Directors is recommending that the membership approve the amendments to these two sections at the March Membership Meeting.

Currently, the number of non-officer positions on the Board of Directors is fixed at three. Recently, occasions have arisen and will continue to arise when more qualified and motivated volunteers step forward and wish to serve on the Board than there are positions on the Board to accommodate them. The Chapter should not be unnecessarily restricted from nominating and electing these volunteers who desire to participate.

The proposed changes eliminate the restriction of non-officer directors to three; additionally, the change to Section 1.05 removes some outdated language that was needed to begin the staggered terms in 1996. The three-year staggered terms would remain in effect.