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## **Next Meeting:**

Sat Jan 25, 2014  
9:00 am Breakfast  
10:00 am Meeting

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## **Presidents Report (Dan Igou)**

Happy New Year!

We had a good year last year, but I am looking forward to a new year for our chapter!

In March we have new elections, some new officers and I will be ending 5 great years as your president and I look forward to helping Harlan as your new president leads us into the future. He will be putting together our new Honor Guard unit, fund raisers, socials and new ideas! I urge everyone to get behind him and let's grow our chapter this year.

Finally, on a sad note, our Founder & 1st President of our Chapter, Wil Dailey, has gone into a hospice unit at Jefferson Barracks in St Louis. He has fought a valiant battle with cancer over the last 2 years and now we need to lift him up in prayer and his family also.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting.

Dan

John Walker had surgery this Monday morning on his throat (same as last time). Keep him and his wife Sue in your prayers!

## **VVA SERVICE OFFICER: 417-862-8387**

Contact our Service Officer, Sam Hudson, to ask a question about Veterans Benefits. He can also schedule an appointment with a Service Officer to file a claim.

## **American Revolution (1775-1783)**

Total U.S. Service members	217,000 *
Battle Deaths	4,435
Non-mortal Woundings	6,188

\* Exact number is unknown. Posted figure is the median of estimated range from 184,000 - 250,000

## ***Just a few lines on my adventures***

By Sam Hudson

After the last meeting, I had to stop at Wal-Mart to pick up a few things .After shopping ,as I was pulling out I saw a man in a wheelchair with a sign that said " Please help if you can . " I pulled over and got out to talk to the man.

He greeted me with a big smile and the first thing out of his mouth was "Welcome Home Brother, I'm a vet too".

I had forgotten that I was wearing my hat. We talked for a while then I gave him some cash and my card and told him to come by the office and I might be able to really help him out. Well, I figured I done what I could do so I wished him luck , shook his hand and I drove off .

Three hours later, I'm watching the news on T V and the weatherman said that it was now 28 degrees, going down to 20 degrees tonight and bring your pets inside .All of a sudden, it hit me like a ton of bricks, I have collected all these clothes that are in the garage that were donated to help the homeless Vet .Then I thought of my friend out in the cold and I had to do something.

I went out to the garage and found 4 long sleeve wool shirts (size L & XL), 3 new corduroy pants (size 40-32) and a medium weight jacket and took off to Wal-Mart.

He remembered me saying "Hello Brother". He took the shirts and the Jacket but said he can't use the pants. That's when I learned that most homeless don't have a 40 in waist. He also ate the roast beef sandwich I made for him .I asked him where he was staying and he said " At the Wal-Mart".

Then I had to ask him what he was talking about and He said " I park my chair by the guns and ammo, nobody bothers me there at night. I got his name and took his picture just in case he came by the office.



He started to roll away and I said "Where are you going?" He said he had to go to the bathroom bad so I moved out of his way. I got into my truck with the rejected pants. I had the engine running and the heat on high. I watched him in my rear view mirrors and he rolled fast headed to the gas station. So if you are shopping for ammo in the middle of the night , give my friend a shake and say hi .



## 2014 VVA Calendar of Events

25-Jan-2014	VVA Meeting (9am breakfast, 10am meeting)
22-Feb-2014	VVA Meeting (9am breakfast, 10am meeting)
1-Mar-2014	VVA State Council Meeting, Columbia MO, 10:00am
29-Mar-2014	VVA Meeting (9am breakfast, 10am meeting) Elect & Install Officers
26-Apr-2014	VVA Meeting (9am breakfast, 10am meeting)
17-May-2014	Armed Forces Day (American Legion Remembrance Day Festivities)
31-May-2014	VVA Meeting (9am breakfast, 10am meeting)
28-Jun-2014	VVA Meeting (9am breakfast, 10am meeting)
4-Jul-2014	Independence Day
26-Jul-2014	VVA Meeting (9am breakfast, 10am meeting)
23-Aug-2014	VVA Meeting (9am breakfast, 10am meeting)
27-Sep-2014	VVA Meeting (9am breakfast, 10am meeting)
25-Oct-2014	VVA Meeting (9am breakfast, 10am meeting)
11-Nov-2014	Veterans Day (VVA in Branson Week)
22-Nov-2014	VVA Meeting (9am breakfast, 10am meeting)
Dec-2014	No Meeting, Christmas Party tba

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who don't understand that!**

-anonymous-

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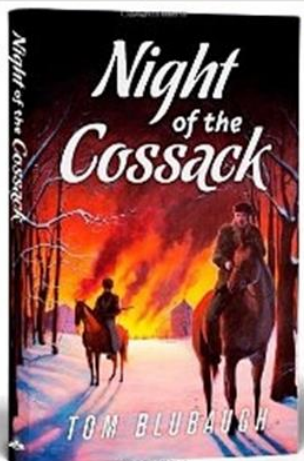
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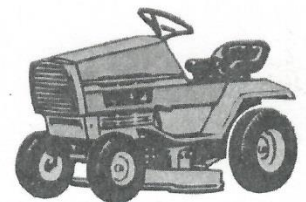
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**January 18, 3 & 5 p.m.—Bobcats Vietnam Veterans Appreciation Games**

Event description: All Vietnam Veterans and their spouses receive free admission to the C of O women's and men's games against Haskell Indian Nations University. The evening will include recognition, special seating, and a courtside picnic.

**TBA—Spring Convocation “Teach-in”**

Event description: Educational presentation on the service and sacrifices made by the men and women of the United States military who served in the Vietnam War

**September 2014—Patriotic Education Travel to Vietnam for Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of Vietnam War**

Event description: A group of College of the Ozarks students and Vietnam Veterans will go on a Patriotic Education Trip to Vietnam. Details will be forthcoming.