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JULY TO SEP.

On June 30th, our chapter held an Orange Blossom Drive at one of the Kwik Trips in Oshkosh at a new location to see how the donations would be to see if we would do it again there. As it turned out, it was very good with lots of donations.

In July, our chapter organized the 4th of July parade and participated in the parade. There was a good turnout from the citizens of Oshkosh to watch the parade. Our chapter started the 4th of July parade in 1991 to welcome home the 1157th Transportation Company from Oshkosh.

On July 28th, at the EAA AirVenture, the Old Glory Honor Flight had their next flight, to Washington DC. It was for the Vietnam Veterans again and it is called the "Yellow Ribbon Honor Flight". One of our members, Rick Royston was going on this flight. This Honor Flight left out of Whittman Terminal in Oshkosh early in the morning. The following members of our chapter were there to see them off as they got off the bus, Duane Canon, President; Joe Busha, 2nd Vice President; and Larry Hable, Trustee. When they returned to Oshkosh, the three of us were there to welcome them home along with thousands of others that were at AirVenture.

On August 18th and 19th, our chapter did another Orange Blossom Drive at two different Kwik Trips, and we did very good with the donations that we received.

On August 29th, one of our members, Jim Sitter lost his battle with cancer. His funeral was on Sep. 7th and some of our members attended the funeral service and six of our members were on the rifle squad with the United Veterans Honor Guard to give him the Military Honors.

For September, our chapter oversees the Oshkosh Patriotic Council for one more year and we had our first meeting to talk about the Veteran's Day Program.

On September 16th, our chapter held our annual POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony at the South Park War Memorial. This year our speaker was Major General Daniel Ammerman (ret) US Army Reserve who was a commander for multiple combat deployments overseas.

For Oct, our chapter will be the Color Guard for Oshkosh North High School for their flagpole dedication. Also, we will be doing another Orange Blossom Drive at some grocery stores.

Duane Canon, President

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