

EDITOREAL

The new year started out being very busy for everyone, but you would never know it by the number of after action reports that I received, as I said before “I edit, I don’t report”, that’s up to the members, it’s your club and your newsletter. The only thing that I received, was from Bob McDonald, Bob Neely and what Mr. Neely sent, was the only thing on the rally. There will be limited photos on the rally in this issue, since Dick Deren and I, decided to do a Special Issue on it. Speaking of Mr. Deren, his term of office is up this year and when it is I will no longer be doing the newsletter, so all of you who have criticized it over the years, it’s time for you to step up and volunteer to do it. I also think it wise for everyone to start thinking about who they want for President. As far as I’m concerned there’s no one that I can think of that can be consistent with the job that Dick Deren has done.

I’m sorry that this issue is being put out so late, but that, is a situation that, is beyond my control. (I try)

The rally seems to have gone good this year, but then again I have received no reports about it. The first day I froze my butt off and on the second day I was glad to see the Army Cadets there doing the daytime security. It’s a good organization which should be supported, plus the fact, they are members of the FFCMVPA.

The following week-end we did John Bolenders event at the Zephyrhills Airport and this year the USO show was back. This event grows each year and this year was no exception. Thanks John



USN Funston WW2 Attack Transport Ship that I went to Alaska on in 1959

There will be a Special Issue for the rally towards the end of March, but in the meantime.....



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National Commander Disabled American Veterans to be in Camp Gordon Johnston Days Parade

James E. Sursely, a combat-disabled veteran of the Vietnam War and current National Commander of the million member Disabled American Veterans (DAV), will be the Grand Marshal of the 2010 Camp Gordon Johnston Days Reunion Parade.

A native of Rochester, Minn., Mr. Sursely enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1966. In 1968 he volunteered for duty in Vietnam and was assigned to the American Division's 17th Armored Cavalry. During a combat mission in January 1969, Mr. Sursely stepped on an enemy land mine. The wounds he suffered in the explosion resulted in the loss of both legs above the knee and his left arm above the elbow. Evacuated to Da Nang and then Japan, he underwent extensive recuperation at Fitzsimons Army Medical Center in Colorado; afterwards he was medically discharged.

After attending college in Rochester and moving to Florida, where he also attended college, Mr. Sursely became real estate agent and is pursuing that career today. A life member of the DAV, Chapter 16, Orlando, Florida, he has served on a variety of executive committees, winning a number of national awards until, at the 2004 National Convention held in Reno Nevada, he was elected National Commander. Mr. Sursely and his wife, Jennie reside in Apopka, Florida and are the proud parents of three sons and a daughter.



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