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GREETINGS FROM WASHINGTON STATE.

CONVENTION 2015

PUT JUNE 17-21, 2015 ON YOUR CALENDAR. THOSE ARE THE DATES WHEN THE YLISSB WILL BE HOLDING THEIR 2015 CONVENTION IN ERWIN, TENNESSEE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE. CHECK THE WEB PAGE FOR THE REGISTRATION FORM.

BOUTIQUE

AS WE HAVE IN THE PAST, WE WILL BE HAVING A BOUTIQUE AT THE CONVENTION, WITH THE PROCEEDS TO GO TOWARDS FUNDING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DESERVING PUPILS. WE ASK OUR MEMBERS TO BRING OR MAIL ITEMS FOR THE BOUTIQUE, WHICH ARE THEN SOLD. SO, PUT YOUR THINKING CAPS ON, AND MAKE OR LOCATE ITEMS YOU THINK ARE SUITABLE FOR THE BOUTIQUE....ALL ITEMS ARE APPRECIATED!

NEW EDITOR

THANKS GO OUT TO LARRY KAPLAN, AB3TY, FOR VOLUNTEERING TO BECOME OUR NEXT EDITOR. HE WILL ASSUME HIS DUTIES ON JANUARY 1, 2015. HIS MAILING ADDRESS IS: 312 RED BRIDGE ROAD, KINTNERSVILLE, PA 18930, AND HIS E-MAIL ADDRESS IS: LKDDS@PTD.NET. WE THANK LARRY FOR VOLUNTEERING, AND WISH HIM THE BEST LUCK.

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THANKS TO ALAN

ALAN, AEOAR HAS PUT OUT A QUALITY PUBLICATION...THE VOICE...FOR THE PAST 2 YEARS, AND THIS YEAR'S VOICE IS SHAPING UP TO BE THE BEST ONE YET. WE GIVE HIM OUR THANKS, AND WISH HIM ALL THE LUCK WITH HIS NEW VENTURES.

POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

DON'T FORGET THAT THE NEW UPDATED VERSION OF THE POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEB SITE. EVERY MEMBER IS URGED TO DOWNLOAD IT...IT HAS SOME REALLY GOOD INFORMATION IN IT ABOUT THE SYSTEM.

PREAMBLE AND CLOSING STATEMENT

THE COMMITTEE FORMED AT CONVENTION HAS DELIVERED A NEW AND APPROVED PREAMBLE, FOR USE BY ALL PERIODS OF THE SYSTEM. IF YOU ARE A CONTROL OPENING ANY PERIOD, AND DON'T HAVE A COPY OF THE NEW PREAMBLE, BE SURE TO CHECK THE WEB PAGE FOR YOUR COPY. THE COMMITTEE HAS ALSO DELIVERED A NEW AND APPROVED CLOSING STATEMENT TO BE USED WHEN YOU ARE CONTROL, AND HAVE NO OTHER STATION TO TURN CONTROL OF THE SYSTEM OVER TO. BE SURE TO CHECK THEM BOTH OUT ON THE WEB PAGE.

CONVENTION 2016

WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO HOST THE 2016 CONVENTION. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT ANY ONE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS. IT IS AN IDEAL WAY TO GET MORE INVOLVED AND HAVE A LOT OF FUN.

HOPE YOU HAVE A NOTORIOUSLY NICE NOVEMBER.

33's, 73's AND 88's ROSE

SPECIAL DAYS ON THE SYSTEM

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER IS DEDICATED TO OUR VETERANS. FROM NOVEMBER 1 THROUGH THE 30TH, CONTACT 25 VETERANS FROM THEIR COUNTRY'S MILITARY SERVICE.

NOVEMBER 19TH IS OUR SPECIAL DAY ON THE SYSTEM, OUR LIBERTY AWARD DAY. CONTACT FOUR (4) MEMBERS WHO HOLD THE VETERAN'S AWARD. THOSE MEMBERS CURRENTLY ARE: K4KRK, N5ZMX, K9DIG, KC8VRT, KK4AED, VE3JPJ, VE7AAV, WK8Y AND NC4RP.

SEND YOUR LOGS, ALONG WITH \$5.00, TO BARBARA NEIMAN, KE5ZI, 4257 SW 7TH AVE. RD., OCALA, FL 34471. MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO BARBARA.

15, 40 AND 80/75 METER SESSIONS

SOME GOOD NEWS FROM THE 15M, 40M, AND 80/75M.

10/20, JIM KC2DHU #16973, RAN THE 80/75M SESSION ON 3.836. WE HAD 12 CHECK INS FROM 7 STATES AND 1 PROVENCE. WHAT A REFRESHING START UP.

PLEASE FOLKS, COME ON NEXT MONDAY AT 00:00Z AND SAY "HI". ALSO, MONDAY AT 14:00Z ON 21.373 JIM VE1JIM RAN THE 15M SESSION AND HAD 8 OR 9 CHECK INS.

I AM STILL LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO BE SYSTEM CONTROL FOR THIS SESSION. THINK ABOUT IT AND LET ME KNOW MY ADDRESS IS KI4TXP@GMAIL.COM THIS WOULD BE A GOOD SESSION TO GET YOUR FEET WET AS A SYSTEM CONTROL. YOU DO NOT NEED TO RUN NETLOGGER BUT IT WOULD BE NICE.

AND 40M IS MOVING RIGHT ALONG. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THOSE THAT HAVE HELPED OUT AS SYSTEM CONTROL AND AS RELAYS. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EACH BY NAME BUT THIS OM WOULD FORGET SOMEONE SO I WELL LEAVE IT AT THAT.

THANKS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

KI4TXP JAY



**PICTURED ARE K9DIG
#16336 AND K0UB #
14817 AT THE FARGO, ND
HAMFEST IN
SEPTEMBER' 14**

FYI

FROM BARB KE5ZI

**5 YL'S ARE PLANNING TO OPERATE FROM BRUNEI ON
Nov 5-9.**

**DJ6US, IT9ESZ, F5RPB, HL1DKW, JR3MVF. MORE
INFO ON JLRS WEBSITE.**

FROM BETH #16391 KC5RWW

WEDDING PLANS HAVE BEEN ON MY MIND MORE THAN ANYTHING. I'M MAKING THE VEIL, A SCARY PROJECT. THE WEDDING IS NOV 29, A WEDDING SHOWER THIS WEEKEND. SO I HAVEN'T BEEN ON THE RADIO MUCH, JUST THE 6M NET ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AND A YL NET SOME THURSDAY MORNINGS. I ATTENDED THE TEXAS YOUNG LADIES ROUND UP NET BIRTHDAY PARTY/BUSINESS MEETING. GOT ELECTED AS VICE PRESIDENT. SIX OF US WERE THERE IN PERSON. ONE MORE WAS ON SKYPE AND THE OTHER ON FACE TIME. NEAR THE END OF THE MEETING WE HAD THE COMPUTER AND IPAD FACE EACH OTHER. THE LADIES ON SCREEN COULD SEE EACH OTHER. FOUR OM'S HUNG OUT IN ANOTHER ROOM BUT JOINED US FOR BIRTHDAY CAKE. IT WAS SEPT 20. JOIN US NEXT YEAR IF YOU CAN IN BROWNWOOD, TX.

AFTER ONE YEAR AND EIGHT DAYS OF RETIREMENT MY OM WENT BACK TO WORK FOR A DIFFERENT COMPANY. I'VE BEEN SUBSTITUTE TEACHING IN AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. IF I DON'T WORK ON THURSDAYS MAYBE I'LL REMEMBER THE TANGLE NET.

I'VE VOLUNTEERED TO PLAY MY FLUTE IN THE CHURCH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM. I HAVEN'T PLAYED SERIOUSLY IN OVER 30 YEARS. IT'S MUCH HARDER THAN I EXPECTED. THE PROGRAM IS DEC 13 & 14.

HELP NEEDED ON THE MOONBEAM

THIS IS A PLEA FOR SOME OF YOU TO STEP FORWARD TO TAKE YOUR TURN AT BEING A CONTROL STATION.

IT IS NOT AS HARD AS YOU THINK AND IT TRULY HELPS YOU LEARN OUR MEMBERS AND MAKES FRIENDS.

MANY OF THE PRESENT CONTROLS COULD USE SOME HELP BEFORE THEY ARE IN THE **BURNT OUT CATEGORY.**

IF WE DO NOT HAVE MORE CONTROLS WE WILL WEAKEN THE SYSTEM.

SEE THE SCHEDULE ON THE WEBSITE AND GIVE IT A TRY.

EMAIL NANCYYOSHIDA@LIVE.COM

KENN VE3OWS AND XYL MARILYN DECIDED TO GO ON A CANADA COACH 5 DAY TOUR OF THE NE US.

THE FIRST DAY WE LEFT KITCHENER ONTARIO AND DROVE TO CORNWALL ONTARIO AND CROSSED OVER THE BORDER INTO NEW YORK STATE THEN CONTINUED ON SOUTH TO BURLINGTON VT. WE ENJOYED SOME VERY NICE SCENERY WE SPENT THE NIGHT IN BURLINGTON VT.

THE NEXT MORNING WE CONTINUED TO OMNI MOUNT WASHINGTON WHERE WE HAD LUNCH THERE THEN WE CONTINUED TO MUDDY PAW FOR A DOG SLED RIDE. THIS WAS A GREAT EXPERIENCE. THERE WERE ABOUT A 150 SLED DOGS ALL IN THERE OWN KENNEL. THEY GAVE US A VERY LOUD RECEPTION AND WE WERE DELIGHTED TO SEE THESE DOGS . THEY WERE VERY EAGER TO SEE US. AFTER WE TOURED THE KENNELS WE HELPED HITCH THE DOG TEAMS TO SLEDS WHICH WERE FITTED WITH RUBBER TREADS . THIS WAS A THRILL FOR ALL OF US. MY XYL AND I GOT ON BOARD OUR SLED . WE HAD 8 DOGS ALL VERY EAGER TO PULL US AND OUR MUSER WHO WAS AN EXPERIENCED DOG SLED DRIVER

AS SOON AS WE WERE ON THE SLED THE MUSER GOT BEHIND US AND SHOUTED MUSH AND AWAY WE WENT WE WENT FOR A ONE MILE TOUR OVER ROUGH FIELDS. IT WAS EXCITING AND AT THE END OF A MILE THE DOGS WERE EACH GIVEN A LARGE BOWL OF WATER AND THEN THE RETURN JOURNEY BEGAN. IT WAS ENJOYED BY ALL

THESE DOGS ARE MOSTLY SECOND CHANCE SLED DOGS AND THE KENNELS RELY ON CHARITY TO UP KEEP THEM FED. THEY ARE VERY WELL LOOKED AFTER

I MUST SAY THIS WAS A VERY GOOD EXPERIENCE AND I ENJOYED IT TREMENDOUSLY EVEN THOUGH IT WAS A VERY BUMPY RIDE.



THE NEXT DAY WE WENT TO CANNON MTN AND RODE THE CABLE CAR TO THE TOP. WE WERE AT THE TOP FOR A HOUR THEN BACK DOWN WHERE WE HAD LUNCH, THEN ON TOO THE COG RAILWAY AT MOUNT WASHINGTON. THIS WAS AN EXPERIENCE. THE MOUNTAIN IS 6288 FEET AND THE INCLINE WAS SO STEEP THAT THE COG RAILWAY TOOK A 37.41% GRADE ALL THE WAY TO THE TOP. WHEN WE ARRIVED AT THE SUMMIT IT WAS ONLY 19 DEGREES F WITH A 30 MILE PER HOUR WIND CAUSING A WIND CHILL FACTOR OF ABOUT 15 BELOW ZERO. THERE WAS A VERY INTERESTING BUILDING AT THE SUMMIT WHERE WE SPENT A COUPLE OF HOURS . IT HAD A MUSEUM AND RESTAURANT AND A GIFT SHOP ALL OF GREAT INTEREST.

THE NEXT DAY WE CONTINUED OUR COACH TOUR ALONG THE KANCAMAGUS WERE WE TOOK A 2 HOUR CRUISE ON THE LAKE.

THE NEXT DAY WE WERE HOME WARD BOUND. IT HAD BEEN A VERY GOOD TOUR AND I HAD RIDDEN A DOG SLED, AN EXPERIENCE I WONT FORGET ALTHOUGH IT WAS NOT ON SNOW. IT WAS A GREAT THRILL WHICH I WONT FORGET.

KENN VE3OWS





VERN #51813

KOMSR, MN

TFO REPORT

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO REPORT THE NEW TFO 'S ELECTED DURING THE PERIOD ENDING OCTOBER 30, 2014

**VE3OWS-KEN, # 16001, is TFO 520
K1HIF-MIKE, # 16053 is TFO 521
NT8P-ROn, # 16389, is TFO 522
W5CAP- CA MEMBER # 16590 is TFO 523**

ARE YOU AN ELIGIBLE TFO AND VOTING?

REMEMBER THAT 10 TFOs HAD TO VOTE FOR YOU TO RECEIVE THE HONOR SO TAKE A MOMENT EACH MONTH AND SEND YOUR VOTE TO KAREN-KB8NSA,

KB8NSA@SUDDENLINK.NET AND A COPY TO JUDY-KC7JPG, NURENTJ@WILDBLUE.NET . BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1ST, THOSE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE NOMINATIONS ARE MEMBER NUMBERS THROUGH 16844. WE CURRENTLY HAVE 162 NOMINEES ON THE LIST. TO RECEIVE A COPY OF THE NOMINEES, SEND AN EMAIL TO JUDY-KC7JPG.

IMPORTANT:

2014: ONLY DUES PAYING TFOs MAY NOW VOTE OR RECEIVE THE

MONTHLY AWARDS REPORT

GREETINGS YL SYSTEM MEMBERS. WITH SUMMER COMING TO A CLOSE, MANY MUST BE HAVING THEIR END OF THE SEASON FLING AS AWARD ACTIVITIES AREN'T THAT GREAT. HOWEVER, CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING:

AWARDS & RECIPIENTS PERIOD ENDING OCT. 15TH, 2014

AUTUMN EAGLE..... NC4RP-BOB, K5ZMX-DOUG, K1MTD-MARY,
KF6JG-JOHN, K9ICP-BRUCE

BELT OF ORION DAY... K5ZMX-DOUG
CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS MONTH'S 5 RECIPIENTS OF 2 DIFFERENT AWARDS , AND A TOTAL OF _6_ AWARDS ISSUED.

TO SEE YOUR NAME AND CALL SIGN IN OUR MONTHLY COLUMN, GO TO THE HOME PAGE ON OUR WEBSITE AND IN THE LEFT SIDEBBOARD, SELECT "AWARD PROGRAMS" AND THEN CLICK ON "AWARDS" TO SEE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE AWARD OF YOUR CHOICE. REPEAT BUT CLICK ON "AWARD MANAGERS" TO FIND THE ONE DESIGNATED TO RECEIVE YOUR APPLICATION. NOTE THE FEE FOR A DESIRED CERTIFICATE. IF YOU EARNED AN AWARD THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN LISTED IN THIS REPORT, CONTACT YOUR AWARDS MANAGER FOR INCLUSION IN OUR NEXT ISSUE.
HOPE TO SEE YOUR NAME HERE SOON. 73 AND ALL THEM OTHER NUMBERS,

SKIPPER-W4VTH, AWARDS PROGRAM COORDINATOR
(W4VTH@COMCAST.NET)

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS 2014

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| 11/01 KE5ZI | 11/14 N1BLX |
| 11/04 K0PTK | 11/14 WD4GSG |
| 11/04 KB9OC | 11/15 KQ4NN |
| 11/04 KJ4DLP | 11/15 WB7VOK |
| 11/04 KD4EYU | 11/16 N4USW |
| 11/04 WA5KSC | 11/17 WB0RYD |
| 11/06 WD0DAW | 11/18 N3CRW |
| 11/07 G4WPW | 11/18 W7JDB |
| 11/07 K2MGL | 11/18 KCOMEY |
| 11/07 KCOMEZ | 11/19 AB7PS |
| 11/07 NQ1H | 11/19 W4ODQ |
| 11/08 N8UOO | 11/21 N2YQZ |
| 11/08 W7PRG | 11/21 W1VCU |
| 11/08 W6MEI | 11/21 K0LU |
| 11/08 VP9BO | 11/22 KC5EVR |
| 11/09 N3NI | 11/23 K5RWB |
| 11/09 W7CAR | 11/24 K8DFA |
| 11/10 N7FSR | 11/24 KG4CNA |
| 11/11 KL7WW | 11/25 VE9GU |
| 11/11 WA6EBB | 11/26 N9MUH |
| 11/11 KE5OTX | 11/28 KC9EAG |
| 11/11 K0PTK | 11/28 W4PSS |
| 11/13 WB9STT | 11/30 KD0KPM |
| 11/13 W6ERO | 11/30 N1FJR |
| 11/14 K3ENV | |

Happy Birthday



ANNIVERSARIES

11/02 KK5E, RUSS AND XYL

11/04 N8KCJ, CHUCK AND XYL

11/09 K3UMV, BILL AND K3UMW, JOYCE

11/09 VE5JLO JERRY AND XYL

11/11 KB6NOX LEE AND XYL

11/30 KN4AA, KEVIN AND





LARRY AG5Z, MARIA N0TWV SAM N5SP

SOON TO BE UP. HORRAY!!!

FROM THE HISTORIAN

HELLO ALL, JUST A SHORT SUBMISSION THIS MONTH. I SINCERELY THANK ALL OF YOU WHO VOICED YOUR GRATITUDE TO ME FOR MY SEVERAL YEARS AS MOONBEAM CONTROL. IT WAS VERY GRATIFYING TO SEE, AND IT TOUCHED ME DEEPLY. THANK YOU AGAIN.

**73,
KEVIN
KN4AA
YL SYSTEM HISTORIAN**

HI NANCY:

I DECIDED TO SEND YOU A COUPLE PF PICTURES OF MY "SWEETHEART" SPANIEL MANDY. ABOUT FIVE WEEKS AGO SHE HAD HER RIGHT EYE REMOVED DUE TO GLAUCOMA RUINING IT. SHE REALLY IS A GREAT FRIEND WHO NEVER COMPLAINS ABOUT ANYTHING. SHE HAS A BAD KNEE, ARTHRITIS AND A BOWEL DISORDER, AND SHE JUST KEEPS ON TICKING. SHE LOVES TO TAKE RIDES IN MY TRUCK ANY TIME AND GO ANYWHERE. EVERYBODY SHOULD HAVE SUCH A GOOD FRIEND. THANKS, HERB #15731 W9DTR



HI SYSTEM FAMILY,

RECENTLY, JDA'S DAUGHTER, KELLY, ASKED IF SOME OF OUR SYSTEM FRIENDS WHO LIVE CLOSE ENOUGH TO FLORESVILLE MIGHT TO GO VISIT JDA IN THE NURSING HOME. TIM, K1IEB, TOLD ME THAT HE LIVES IN TEXAS AND LIVES ABOUT 50 MILES FROM THERE. THIS PAST SUNDAY, TIM WROTE ME THAT HE DID GO DOWN TO SEE JDA. HE TOLD ME VIA EMAIL THAT SHE DEFINITELY IS NOT HERSELF. YESTERDAY, (I THINK IT WAS YESTERDAY OR DAY BEFORE), HE CALLED ME TO GIVE ME A LITTLE MORE DETAIL. HE SAID THAT SHE IS IN ISOLATION AND THAT HE HAD TO SUIT UP BEFORE HE COULD GO VISIT HER. (HE SAID THIS WAS ENOUGH TO MAKE HER NOT KNOW WHO HE WAS.) AND THEY GAVE HIM SOMETHING TO WRITE TO HER WITH. I THINK THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN BECAUSE JDA IS PROBABLY DEAF. SHE HAS BEEN HARD OF HEARING A LONG TIME. HE TOLD HER WHO HE WAS AND THAT WE FROM THE SYSTEM FAMILY ALL SENT OUR LOVE AND WROTE MY NAME DOWN. HE SAID THAT HE THINKS SHE DID KNOW WHO HE WAS BECAUSE HE HANDED HER HIS QSL CARD. IT WAS THEN WHEN SHE SEEMED TO RESPOND BUT HE SAID THAT SHE ISN'T THE SAME JDA THAT WE ALL KNOW AND LOVE. WE KNOW THAT SHE WAS GETTING DEMENTIA. HE TOLD HER THAT WE ALL WISHED HER THE BEST AND SENT LOVE AND PRAYERS FROM ALL OF US. I CANNOT BEGIN TO THANK TIM ENOUGH FOR MAKING THIS EFFORT FOR US ALL. JDA GAVE SO MANY OF HER HOURS AND HER LIFE TO US ON THE YLISSB SYSTEM. THOUGH SHE MIGHT NOT HAVE FULLY KNOWN TIM, ONE NEVER KNOWS. AT LEAST, SHE KNOWS THAT THROUGH TIM, WE CARE. HE SAID THAT SHE DID SEEM TO RECOGNIZE MY NAME. I WORKED WITH HER SO MANY YEARS.

PLEASE KEEP JDA AND HER FAMILY IN YOUR PRAYERS AND THANK TIM FOR MAKING THIS EFFORT.

JDA'S ADDRESS

**Jda Rogers
c/o Floresville Nursing & Rehab Center
1811 Sixth St Room 512 B
Floresville, Tx 78114**

GOD BLESS AMERICA'S VETERANS

HE WAS GETTING OLD AND PAUNCHY; AND HIS HAIR WAS FALLING FAST,
AND HE SAT AROUND THE LEGION; TELLING STORIES OF THE PAST.

OF A WAR THAT HE ONCE FOUGHT IN; AND THE DEEDS THAT HE HAD DONE,
IN HIS EXPLOITS WITH HIS BUDDIES; THEY WERE HEROES, EVERY ONE.

AND 'THO SOMETIMES TO HIS NEIGHBORS ; HIS TALES BECAME A JOKE,
ALL HIS BUDDIES LISTENED QUIETLY; FOR THEY KNEW WHERE OF HE SPOKE.

BUT WE'LL HEAR HIS TALES NO LONGER; FOR OL' JOE HAS PASSED AWAY,
AND THE WORLD'S A LITTLE POORER; FOR A VETERAN DIED TODAY.

HE WON'T BE MOURNED BY MANY; JUST HIS CHILDREN AND HIS WIFE.
FOR HE LIVED AN ORDINARY; VERY QUIET SORT OF LIFE.

HE HELD A JOB AND RAISED A FAMILY; GOING QUIETLY ON HIS WAY;
AND THE WORLD WON'T NOTE HIS PASSING; 'THO A VETERAN DIED TODAY.

WHEN POLITICIANS LEAVE THIS EARTH; THEIR BODIES LIE IN STATE,
WHILE THOUSANDS NOTE THEIR PASSING; AND PROCLAIM THAT THEY WERE
GREAT.

PAPERS TELL OF THEIR LIFE STORIES; FROM THE TIME THAT THEY WERE YOUNG,
BUT THE PASSING OF A VETERAN; GOES UNNOTICED, AND UNSUNG.

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BUT THE PASSING OF A VETERAN; GOES UNNOTICED, AND UNSUNG.

IS THE GREATEST CONTRIBUTION; TO THE WELFARE OF OUR LAND,
SOME JERK WHO BREAKS HIS PROMISE; AND CONS HIS FELLOW MAN?

OR THE ORDINARY FELLOW; WHO IN TIMES OF WAR AND STRIFE,
GOES OFF TO SERVE HIS COUNTRY; AND OFFERS UP HIS LIFE?

THE POLITICIAN'S STIPEND; AND THE STYLE IN WHICH HE LIVES,
ARE OFTEN DISPROPORTIONATE; TO THE SERVICE THAT HE GIVES.

WHILE THE ORDINARY VETERAN; WHO OFFERED UP HIS ALL,
IS PAID OFF WITH A MEDAL; AND PERHAPS A PENSION, SMALL.

IT IS NOT THE POLITICIANS; WITH THEIR COMPROMISE AND PLOYS,
WHO WON FOR US THE FREEDOM; THAT OUR COUNTRY NOW ENJOYS.

SHOULD YOU FIND YOURSELF IN DANGER; WITH YOUR ENEMIES AT HAND,
WOULD YOU REALLY WANT SOME COP-OUT; WITH HIS EVER-WAFFLING STAND?

OR WOULD YOU WANT A VETERAN; HIS HOME, HIS COUNTRY, HIS KIN,
JUST A COMMON VETERAN; WHO WOULD FIGHT UNTIL THE END.

HE WAS JUST A COMMON VETERAN; AND HIS RANKS ARE GROWING THIN,
BUT HIS PRESENCE SHOULD REMIND US; WE MAY NEED HIS LIKES AGAIN.

FOR WHEN COUNTRIES ARE IN CONFLICT; WE FIND THE VETERAN'S PART,
IS TO CLEAN UP ALL THE TROUBLES; THAT THE POLITICIANS START.

IF WE CANNOT DO HIM HONOR; WHILE HE'S HERE TO HEAR THE PRAISE,
THEN AT LEAST LET'S GIVE HIM HOMAGE; AT THE ENDING OF HIS DAYS.

PERHAPS JUST A SIMPLE HEADLINE; IN THE PAPER THAT MIGHT SAY:

"OUR COUNTRY IS IN MOURNING,
A VETERAN DIED TODAY."
THE OLE POSSUM





NEVER FORGET

**GOOD BYE KEVIN
WE WILL MISS YOU
ALL YOUR YL FAMILY**

TO KEVIN: (SORRY THIS WAS MISSED LAST MONTH. EDITOR ERROR)

KEVIN, TO SAY THAT YOU ARE AN ICON TO THE YL SYSTEM WOULD BE A GREAT UNDERSTATEMENT. THE FIRST TIME I HEARD YOU ON THE MOONBEAM, I IMMEDIATELY THOUGHT "HEY, THAT GUY COULD REPLACE WALTER CRONKITE !!!". THANKS FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE DOWN THROUGH THE YEARS. YOU DID THE JOB WELL AND WITH A LOT OF CLASS. AND AS THE OLD SAYING GOES, "BEHIND EVERY SUCCESSFUL MAN, THERE IS A GREAT LADY". YOU ARE LUCKY AS YOU KNOW TO HAVE SALLY THERE BESIDE YOU. LIKE ALL THE OTHERS, I HATE TO SEE YOU GO BUT WILL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING YOU CHECK IN ON THE SYSTEM.

73 - C A W5CAP



KEVIN AT THE CONVENTION IN COLORADO

BY K9DIG