

Bits & Pieces # 16

Kingdom of the Sun chapter, CPT John Rose, President, USA and COL Tilford Smith, USAR Editor of their Sunbeams newsletter. This is from the Sept. 2012 edition. CPT Rose was talking about Operation Stuff the Bus in his column. I thought this was a good example of the chapter working to help the community. That's one of the MOAA precepts.

He told me that Operation Stuff the Bus was first organized years ago by Henry Lamar Hunt, who was President at the time and wanted the chapter to do something for the community. He went to a School Board meeting and asked them what his chapter could do for them. The school suggested that they could use school supplies for their needy students. The district supplies a school bus and driver and the chapter members get on the bus and go to local stores such as Wal-Mart or K-Mart (getting permission from the store first). They stand by the bus and hand out lists of needed school supplies to shoppers entering the store, with a request that they choose an item and buy it. The items are then put on the bus and given to the School Board, which gives them to the school's Guidance Counselor, who knows which children need supplies. This is a very much shortened version of what goes on – there's notices in the papers and TV beforehand, other groups also volunteering, the School Board helping with tallying, etc.

You could get more information from CPT Rose on how it works, or your chapter could come up with its own project to get involved in the community. The idea is to get out there because most members like to help out and feel good about contributing in a positive way.

Bits and Pieces is a collection of odd items that I mostly glean from chapter newsletters. The idea is to pass those items along to other chapters, trading our useful bits and pieces around for everyone's benefit. If you have something your chapter has done that you think others might be able to use, please contact me at dccalusa@comcast.net or (239) 542-5627 and I'll pass it along.

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About to take off in a flight simulator. I'm praying we get