

Bits & Pieces #29

This is from the "Sentinel", chapter newsletter of the St. Johns River Valley Chapter of MOAA. Chapter President (at the time of this Dec. 2011 newsletter) Col. Fran Martin, USAF; editor Jean Knehans (Jean and Bill are moving to Texas and she burrowed through boxes of packed materials to find some past newsletters for me, since they don't have a new editor yet. She's an Intrepid and Helpful military wife, with a capital "I" and "H"!).

They have a piece in there about the VA – Hospice Veteran Partnership, which gives veterans another chance to thank a veteran with a pinning ceremony as they begin their final journey. The article says that any MOAA members who want to put on their uniform and join this important effort can contact --- -- (they give contact info, but it's only for their local area). I've seen this pinning ceremony, and it's really meaningful and beautiful. I checked with our local Hospice and they have the same service here so if you call yours you can probably find out how to participate. It's also healing for the family. If your chapter is looking for a community activity to participate in, this might be it.

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.



Riding in a very wobbly cycle in Saigon. Nothing to hang onto! The bike peddler/driver's brake is behind him, under the seat!

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