

# The Listening Post



*Members brave cold, snowy night to bring toys*

## Chapter 35 Members Give Toys for Tots

The spirit of the Christmas Season was quite apparent on December 12, when about a dozen members got together at the Petro Stopping Center for the chapter's monthly meeting and to donate toys for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program. Corporal Jeffrey Van Meter of the 1st Battalion, 24th Marines, linked up with our members who, along with Cpl. Van Meter, braved very cold temperatures and blowing and drifting snow to get to the meeting. There, Cpl. Van Meter, gladly accepted a giant bag full of toys and had his "cover" filled with cash from the patrons of the restaurant all for a meaningful cause, Toys for Tots.



Toys & Members at December meeting.

Corporal Van Meter, who has previously been deployed to Iraq, took a few moments to share with our members how the little things that come from "back home" really are appreciated by the troops serving in the Middle East and abroad.



## Member Believes In Being a Most Generous Santa

On another note of generosity, U.S. Army Veteran and Chapter 35 member Larry King once again donned his Santa cap and rolled out the Official Santa Trike, complete with reindeer, to deliver toys and goodwill to children and adults alike, during the days leading up to Christmas. Santa King was spotted in Rossford, at the Lutheran Home of Mercy in East Toledo, and cruising through several store parking lots in Toledo and Oregon, handing out stuffed animals and toys to kids. The V.V.A. national office has reportedly taken notice of Larry's goodwill and have indicated they will be recognizing him nationally, very soon.

**Next Meeting !**  
**Sun. Jan. 9th at 7 p.m.**  
**Petro Stopping Ctr.**  
**I-280 & Exit 1-B**  
**Lake Township**

Larry King on his Santa Trike with 8 reindeer leading the way. →



### 2010-11 Officers

Dick Nolte / President  
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Robert Stewart /till 2011  
 Don Measel/till 2012  
 Roy Hernandez/till 2013  
 Steve Benner/till 2013

## Chapter's Christmas Dinner Held Dec. 20

Our chapter enjoyed a Christmas dinner party gathering on Monday, December 20, at Cousino's Steak House in Oregon.

Dawn Heisler, the Executive Director of Heroes In Action Military Support Outreach, was the chapter's guest, at the dinner.

Those in attendance listened to Dawn share all of the ways her group of volunteers help veterans who are presently serving and veterans who previously serviced. If there is a veteran in-need, Heroes In Action responds quickly to assist them through a network of volunteers in and around the Northwest Ohio area.

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## Heisler Is Chapter's Guest At Our Dinner

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Ms. Heisler can be contacted by phone at 419-699-3439, or by email at: dheisler7@bex.net.

A link to the Heroes In Action Military Support Outreach web site can be found on our chapter's website: [www.toledovietnamvets.com](http://www.toledovietnamvets.com), under the links tab.



Ch. 35 President Dick Nolte welcomes Ms. Heisler.



Member Lenny Fetterman enjoying the evenings festivities.



At the Christmas Dinner, it was reported that Board Member Steve Benner volunteered to plan next year's party! He is shown here raising his hand to say, "I'll do it!" (Photos of the dinner taken by Don Measel. Thanks Don.)

## Upcoming Meetings Will Be Important As Chapter Continues To Grow Members

The January meeting, this Sunday at 7:00 p.m., will be held at the Petro Stopping Center, located alongside Interstate 280 in Lake Township, Wood County. It is expected that a vote to relocate the meetings to the Honey Diner, St. Rt. 795, between Oregon and Tracy Roads, Perrysburg Township, Wood County, will up for consideration. The change in meeting places was discussed at the December meeting.

President Dick Nolte is expected to announce a screening committee to assemble candidates for the annual election of officers scheduled for the April meeting.

Those members interested in stepping up to be nominated for election should attend the meeting or get word to one of the officers you would be willing to help out next year.



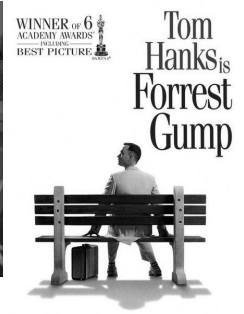
## Chapter 35's Dave Ridenour "Our Star" In Forrest Gump Movie; Believe It, It's True!

### In the movie:

Revealed at the Christmas dinner, was the fact that Dave Ridenour is actually shown while attending the Bob Hope Christmas Show from Long Binh during the Vietnam War. If you have the movie, at 1 hour 17 minutes look for Dave. He is one of three soldiers the camera zooms in on. He is the soldier on the left. How's that...he went to war and ended up a movie star! Your auto-graph please!



Dave Ridenour



February Meeting  
February 13, 2011 7:00 pm  
Petro Stopping Center  
I-280 & Exit 1-B

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A scene from the movie Forrest Gump.