



VFW POST 12003

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OH Dear Toto, I don't think We are in Kansas anymore!

The 1908th Medical Detachment CSC, an US Army Reserve unit from Topeka, has arrived, and began their operations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

For those of you who may not be familiar with this unit, and it's significance to our post, this is the unit that we adopted, and all the members in it are now officially members of this post.

A little about the unit, they are attached to the 10th Mountain Division while over there. They are primarily concerned with assisting in the relief of combat stress.

They are broken into several teams spread

through the Southern part of Iraq, South of Baghdad. This consists of critical event debriefings, anger management, relaxation therapy, alcohol and drug classes, communication enhancement, unit cohesion, and home front issues. Their main purpose is to provide the soldier with the abilities to reduce their individual stress and to continue on with their mission. The mental health keeps soldiers forward and not have them fall to the rear.

You will be hearing much much more about these young men and women, in this new letter, as well as on our web site. While they are there we need to support them

with our prayers, and with letters, cards, and "care" packages.



MAP Chairman Jim Enderle presents the "Adoption" certificate to the Commander of the 1908th at Ft Riley, KS, prior to their depar-



Lansing Daze

While the bulk of our leadership was living it up in style in Wichita at the State VFW Convention, some of us stayed home and set up and ran the first major food booth activity for this post, at the Lansing Daze celebration on Jun 12 and 13.

We cooked up nearly 150 lbs of BBQ and 150 lbs of

Sloppy Joes, only to have the weather create havoc with us on Saturday night with the 80 mph winds, causing us to evacuate and not participate on Sunday.

This will not distract us from being back again next year, and I thank the family members and their friends who helped us.



This is the first of what I hope to be many newsletters. For your comment, suggestions, or articles for submission, please contact Mike Howell @727-1668 or Email to Papamike62@kc.rr.com

We are going high tech!!!

We now have a web site, and although it is a work in progress, and always will be, it will provide you with the up to date information on our post, our adopted unit, as well as other tidbits that come along.

I urge you to check out <http://www.boomspeed.com/papamike62/vfw.htm> and then let me know any ideas you might have.

One idea I have but need everyone's consent is to have a page that list our names, (and possibly our military rank) and have a separate page for each branch of service, with that's services song playing there. Please let me know.

I am also soliciting any and all pictures for the photographic history of the post,.

UP COMING EVENTS

June 30, 2004 7:00pm
The community center
Annual Planning Meeting

July 3-4, 2004 10-???
Wal-Mart
Sell BBQ Sandwiches

July 10, 2004 10:30 AM
Lansing Activity Center
Monthly Post Meeting



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VFW Post 12003
Post Office Box 143
Lansing, KS 66043

DON'T YOU DARE MISS OUT ON ANY OF OUR GREAT UPCOMING EVENTS

**July 3—4 10AM—?? BBQ Sandwich Sales and Voters Registration
At Wal-Mart ... Any help appreciated**

**July 10 1030AM Monthly Post meeting at the Lansing Activity Center
108 South Second Lansing, Kansas**
