

Phones for the Troops

Cell Phones Recycled Into Calls Home

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DISABLED AMERICAN VETERAN RETIRED

THE Route 9 Veterans Cable Access Show has partnered with the Bergquist family for Cell Phones for Soldiers at cellphonesforsoldiers@yahoo.com to recycle used cell phones.

Every 16 months, the U.S. consumers are retiring an estimated 130 million cell phones and only 10 percent of those phones are being recycled.

With a combined effort of the Bergquist family, you and I can collect as many used cell phones and improve the mission for all our soldiers to call home free of charge with Pre-Paid Calling Cards that are supplied by ReCellular from the used cell phones that are turned into calling card cash.

You can drop off your used cell phones at the Vernon Hill American Legion Post on Providence Street, Worcester, MA, Chester P. Tuttle American Legion Post on Bancroft Street in Auburn, MA and the Joel H. Prouty Lodge also in Auburn, MA. You may mail them directly to me at address below or call me for local pickup. I am in the process of obtaining other locations to place drop off boxes. I have recently mailed 50 phone cards to a Marine Colonel in IRAQ for his subordinates and I have given a fellow mason's Grandson an Army soldier an additional fifty phone cards to bring back with him to IRAQ from leave in the Brookfield's. Please help with this worthy cause and forward to everyone in your e-mail list.

Team Freedom/Masonic Military Support Address at PO BOX 491, Leicester, MA 01524 <http://www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com>



By CHARLES "BUCKY" BUCHANAN

EVERY year the Aleppo Shriners pause in their busy schedule to pay homage to the Nobles whose demise was announced during the past year. The Memorial Service for the families and friends of those 201 Nobles was held on Sunday, January 6, 2008, at the Aleppo Shrine Center in Wilmington.

The Service was conducted by Reverend **Matthew J. Wissell**, assisted by the Officers of the Aleppo Temple, the Aleppo Temple Color Guard, the Aleppo Temple Chanters, the Aleppo Temple Guard and a drummer and trumpet player from the Aleppo Temple Brass Band.

After the posting of the Colors and the invocation, Illustrious **Albert D. Flight**, Potentate of Aleppo Shriners, gave a stirring rendition of the poem, "Letting Go," author unknown. This was followed by the tribute to our departed Nobles which was included in the Mystic Roll, the drum roll and the Candle Service. Reverend Wissell eulogized Nobles; **Stephen T. Bissett, Donald W. Davis, Rafael P. Quinone** and **George S. Robinson**, as outstanding Shriners taken by the Black Camel.

Noble Stephen T. Bissett was created an Aleppo Shriner in 2001 and his accomplishments of advancing technical operations at the Shriners Auditorium was impressive. He became Director of Public Relations and served in that position for several years. He was a member of the Aleppo Cycles Precision Drill Team, and also appointed as Second Ceremonial Master and held that office when we lost him to the Celestial Lodge above.

Noble Donald W. Davis was created a Shriner in 1972. He joined the Motor Patrol in 1980 and served as Quartermaster in 1984. He became Captain of the Aleppo Motor Patrol in 1989 and served two years in that position. Under his leadership, Don and the Motor Patrol won first place in the Shrine International Competition held in Toronto in 1989.

Noble Rafael P. Quinones became a Shriner in 1993. He was appointed Sergeant Major in 1995 and was appointed Commander of the Legion of Honor in 1999. Known for his impeccable military dress and bearing, Rafael wore his uniform with pride.

Noble George S. Robinson, M.D. was created a Shriner in 1939. He was a sixty-seven year member and served as Chief Surgeon for seven years. He was appointed Chief Surgeon Emeritus in 1978. He was a general practitioner in the Town of Lynnfield.

The tribute concluded with taps and the hymn "The Vacant Chair" sung by the Chanters. The Vacant Chair was highlighted on the stage during the service.



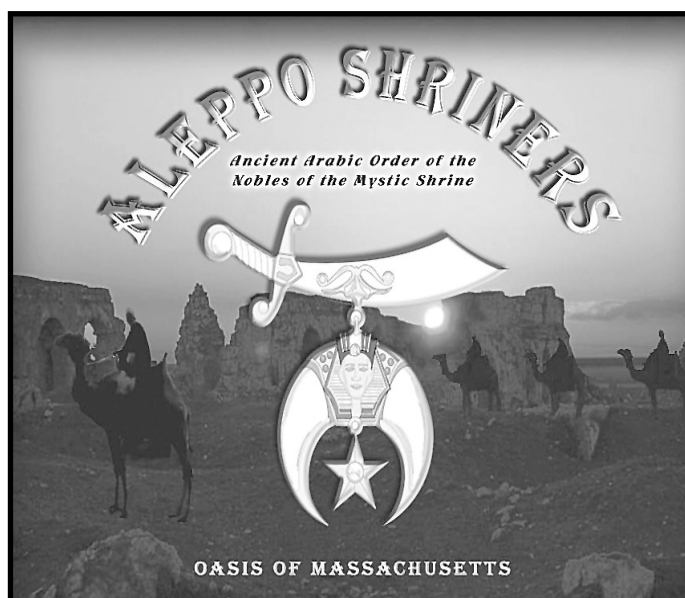
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Luncheon for our
Widows

Wednesday, April 23, 2008

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