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MILWIT "Mail-Call"

#### 2021 – 2022 Officers



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Ed Potts Vice President



Lanita Cashmore Treasurer



Kim Korber Secretary

## President's Corner by Doug Cashmore



Doug Cashmore

While I hate to start any letter with "I am sorry", sadly I must start this newsletter off with those words. I am sorry for not keeping in contact the last 6 months. I wish I had a great excuse but not really. It has been a hard two years for me and this country. I have been in a bad place for some time now and just could not climb out.

But it is January 2022 a new year and I am bound and determined to stand behind my New Year's Resolution to work hard to regain your trust and my commitment to our club.

We have GNR 2022 to plan and I am hoping that we can plan a rally sometime this spring. Does anyone have a good location to meet up? Give me some place in the lower 48 states where you think 10, 15 or even 20 of MILWIT members would like to meet up for 3 or 4 day rally sometime this spring. I would love it if someone is willing to step up and work with me to plan a rally. Call or write me and we can start putting something together. The same for GNR! If you have been to GNR or not the members of the board can always use your help in the planning and putting on our national rally.

Doug Cashmore President MILWIT 2019 – 2022

# Notes from the Vice President by Ed Potts:



During GNR in 2021 I was able to convince Ed to serve as our Vice President for this year. Thanks Ed for the help.

Hi all as the newest member of the leadership team I hope this finds you and your family in good health. I am currently in Tennessee and off the road. Looking forward to the next MILWIT outing. Looking forward to warmer weather and traveling again. I will be in the Charleston SC area and then Mobile AL for Submarine reunions in May. So, I might get to visit some members while traveling. We all

need to be looking for new members during our travels so we can keep MILWIT as a strong organization and support our veterans. If your travels bring you though Middle Tennessee look me up.

### Notes from the Treasurer by Lanita Cashmore:



The last two years have not been good for us in more ways then one. Besides the loss of a large number of members we have used up a lot of our funds. We did not have any new members join us during GNR last year and a significant number of members have left in the last two years. As a result, our bank account has a current balance of \$ 1,474.16.

To improve our bank account and insure we have sufficient funds moving forward the board voted to sell off some club owned property that is no longer relevant to our needs. Continue reading this newsletter for more information.

Anyone interested in joining MILWIT should print off our <u>application</u> from the MILWIT website and mail it to my address, on the form, with a check for the required membership fees. Please email me when you have sent me snail mail so I will look out for your letter. We are often on the road and I do not want to miss your letters. Anyone who needs a replacement hat or patch send me an email and we can arrange for payment and shipping to your address.

## Notes from the Secretary by Kim Korber



MILWIT members are bonded together by our military affiliation regardless of branch of service or whether we RV full-time or parttime. MILWIT is YOUR club within the Winnebago family. New members are this organization's lifeblood and future. Please spread the word about membership in MILWIT throughout your travels. Best wishes to you and your loved ones in the coming year.

## MILWIT Web Site

The <u>MILWIT website</u> remains the main source of information for the members with the latest news and plans of the club. Please feel free to <u>email the webmaster</u> with any news you would like to share with other members. I am very interested in member's pictures both old and new to include in the website. Please share any experience with the many military campgrounds around the country. We would all benefit from knowledge of which bases have good and bad campgrounds to visit when we travel.

#### **<u>Club Property Sale</u>**

Our membership is way down as are the funds in our bank account. The WIT club has restructured the opening ceremonies the last couple of years and they no longer call upon us to lead the opening parade. Added to this is that we no longer have a secure place to store our ceremonial rifles. The board voted to sell our two 1917 Bolt Action .30 caliber ceremonial rifles. Both of these rifles are fully functioning firearms. I had them both appraised by a licensed gunsmith. One rifle was manufactured by Winchester and was valued at \$1,200 - \$1,400. The second rifle was manufactured by Remington and was valued at \$800 - \$1,000. Both rifles have been reconditioned and have a small amount of barrel pitting. The gunsmith rated them as good – fine condition.



We would like to sell them for \$1,000 dollars each at a minimum. All of the proceeds from the sale will go directly into the MILWIT bank account. It is hoped that a member of MILWIT would be interested in the purchase and

donation to our club. If we receive multiple offers to purchase the firearms it will go to the highest bidder received on or before June 30, 2022. We will deliver the rifles during our National Rally in July '22. You do not have to be present to take possession. We can make arrangements to deliver the firearms. If you have any questions about the rifles or sale email me or any member of the board.

Another item that the club owns is a 10' X 20' white canopy. New they retail for \$400 - \$500. If you know of a church or youth group who would benefit from having a canopy that are willing to donate at least \$200 to our club have them contact me via email on or before June 30, 2022. Delivery will be arranged during GNR.



## WIT Club News



I recently received this patch and note from Kathryn Padgett Winnebago Marketing Community Specialist, marking MILWIT's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the WIT club. I would like to thank Winnebago and the WIT club for this special recognition.

To the few charter members who are still with us I would like to add on behalf of all who came after you: Thank You for giving all of those who served this country a place to relax and enjoy our

Winnebago's and the great life style they provide.

#### CLUB RALLIES MILWIT Eastern Rally 2022 TBD

Let's find a place everyone would like to meet and rekindle friendships. Send me your suggestions and I will see what works for as many of us as possible.

#### MILWIT National Rally 2022 Tuesday July 12 – Sunday July 17

# 2022 Winnebago Grand National Rally

Please join us July 17-21, 2022 for the 2022 Grand National Rally.