

**AVM ‘HAPPENINGS’  
DEC 2008/JAN 2009**

- Represented AVM at the 1 Dec 08 quarterly General Membership Meeting of the Last Frontier Chapter of the Association of the US Army (AUSA). Spoke with prospective members.
- Collected oral history of Arnfin “Arnie” Kvernplossen, a Norwegian Army Vet and a Marine in Korea on 3 December 2008.
- Met Finis Sheldon & Al Romazewski at the AK Army National Guard “Holdings” to select items for the AK 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Statehood celebration 3 Jan 09 at Lions Park in Eagle River.
- Represented AVM at AK Museum Fund Inc. meeting 8 Dec at the Rice Bowl. Mr. Dick Dobrowski highlighted the power point presentation, timelines and objectives he’d developed re our Joint Military Museum effort. Subsequently, he e-mailed a 12 slide and a 95 slide package to AVM. This will require review and comment. He also developed a tri-fold brochure for the Joint Military Museum which is very detailed.
- Presented a talk on AVM to the AUSA Board Meeting 17 Dec. Well received and they’ll check with national if they can become corporate members or will just make a donation.
- Imig Audio/Visual has now completed dual channel cassettes (for the transcriptionists to use) on the 2005 through 2007 oral histories. The tape for the 2003 oral histories is missing (did we only have one copy?). Dan Sparkman has been asked to search for the original video camera tape to make 2 more copies. He still has not finished editing the 28 Sep Alaska Scout Final Reunion tape so copies can be sent to the participants (will also send copy of the Channel 2 news story for Veterans Day).
- Received thank you card from Lloyd Samsal for oral history tape and request for address to send a contribution. Received a \$1000 contribution from Anna Fairclough and a \$300 corporate membership from VFW Post 9785.
- Collected oral history of Bruce Arndt (WW II Army) on 30 Dec.
- Contacted Alaska Pioneers Igloo in Palmer who are collecting Colonists oral histories to get them to ask for veterans to do one with us. Received 4 more candidates. The Eagle Scout will not be helping us collect oral histories as the one camera he can use does not support an hour or more of video.
- Collected Valentine’s notes and cards for Fan Mail for Troops.

- AK's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary display was laid out 3 Jan 09 on 9 tables and drew rave reviews from the crowd. Mrs. Shirley Mauldin donated 2.5 cases of Cold War era C-Rations to AVM. A thank-you card was sent. Also one to Al Romazewski for his help in loading and transporting National Guard items for the 3 Jan display.
- Represented AVM at Mat Su Veterans meeting to plan the April 09 "Gathering" and talk about veterans issues. Also at Alaska Wing Commemorative Air Force's meeting 8 Jan 09.
- Called and will get set up an April date for Julie Busch to teach us about writing mini-grants.
- Attended a Marketing Course 9 Jan 09 hosted by Chugiak-Eagle River Chamber. **We will owe 2009 chamber dues to C-ER and to Anchorage this month.**
- Did interview 16 Jan 09, with *The Alaska Star* re the Aleutian Tiger display at the AK Aviation Heritage Museum. Completed signage for the rest of the 11<sup>th</sup> AF display there also and worked to get the display completed.
- Spoke with Rasmuson Foundation representative after Chugiak-Eagle River Chamber luncheon on 21 Jan 09. Will make appointment after my return.
- The Susitna Chapter of the Civil War Round Table held its 11<sup>th</sup> meeting 24 Jan to discuss The Battles of Chattanooga and Lookout Mountain.
- Suellyn will be Outside 31 Jan – 8 Feb 09.