

AVM “HAPPENINGS” July 2009

- Built AVM float on 1 July. Thanks to Roger Wortman, George Darrow, Kurt Mueller and John Peck for the loan of the trailer and his subsequent audio system for the Bear Paw parade.
- Our float featured 8 Marines of Company D(-), Anti-Terrorism Battalion who had returned home from deployment to Iraq. The banners were changed to reflect our name change. We won “Most Patriotic” at the 4th of July Parade and will receive a certificate, blue ribbon and a Bella Vista Gift Certificate.
- The 2nd Annual Spaghetti Feed was held at Joy Lutheran Church on Wed 8 July and AVM made \$665.49 (almost twice as much as last year). Thanks to Roger and Barb Wortman, Karen Schuessler and her two friends, George Darrow, and Diane Fearon for their hard work!!! A thank you card/note was sent and we received one also.
- The Bear Paw Parade was also a success (same “Welcome Home Marines” theme) and our picture was in the *Alaska Star*.
- The museum helped with the television documentary to collect oral histories of veterans here in Anchorage. Potential interviewees were determined and interviews were held 11 -12 July.
- An oral history was collected, by George Darrow, from Marc Stella on 12 July at his home. The conclusion of Col George Oliver’s oral history was also done. Dan Sparkman is in Italy for 3 weeks (home 29 July I believe). He has extended his final oral history date to 1 Oct 2009. He is researching the best equipment package and deal for us to be able to do this ourselves.
- George Darrow received a donation of a WW II field telephone from an antiques dealer in Hope and she may have more. Tax letters will be done for her, for Mrs. Thelma Peterson for the Quigley Rifle, and for Wayne Daniels for his donation of WW II items.
- The Juneau fundraiser is on 25 July; Suellyn will attend and will sell T-Shirts & caps.
- Forrest Powell and Suellyn met with the bookkeeper to get a letter proving a review was done so we can register as a charitable organization (also needed for Pick, Click and Give).

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