

Operation: MOM of Iowa held their monthly meeting on January 28th at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was held at Paula's house as the Fire station was booked. There were 12 present. We welcomed a new mom, Brenda Meyer, whose son just entered boot camp for the Marines.

Paula started the evening talking about Gold Star license plates now available in the state of Iowa. She also asked us to contact the Governor about waiving the 25.00 fee for these as we feel that they were paid in full by the families sacrifice. She then showed a pillow case made by Barb for her grandson who misses his daddy and is having trouble sleeping. It has pictures ironed on it. These could be made for anyone as a keepsake or such. Dolls could also be made for a young one to cuddle with.

The 501C3 meeting at Camp Dodge on February 27th was discussed. This will help all 501C3 organizations in the state to coordinate to better help our soldiers and their families. Paula and Barb will be attending and possibly Dotty and Gloria.

Next the Freedom Rock was discussed. This will be Ray (Bubba) Sorenson's 10th anniversary of painting the rock. A celebration is being planned for Memorial Day weekend. Bear of the PGR is asking all 2000 PGR of Iowa to attend. Raising money for a new kiosk at the site was also discussed as the one that is there now is falling apart.

There is a new Operation: MOM scholarship fund available this year. More information will be coming as to the specifications.

Sumner-Fredericksburg elementary and middle school has adopted all of our deployed soldiers in our group. They will be writing letters and sending a care package. Thank you so much!

LCPL Mark Maddigan visited several schools in our area while he was home at Christmas. He did a tremendous job talking to the kids and sharing his gear. Thanks Mark!

Discussed going to Cedar Falls some Sunday afternoon to make memory bracelets. We have a Gold Star mom in Boone who is willing to help us with projects. We also have a Purple Heart recipient in our area who needs help.

The rest of the evening was spent talking about our children.

Respectfully submitted
Barb Hesse