MESSAGE FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

An extraordinary event took place in Smithfield on November 12, 2016. The Smithfield Veterans Memorial was dedicated during a ceremony by Eagle Scout Jon Cheatham. The dedication was a culmination of a lot of hard work on behalf of Jon and all the scouts and adults who helped him achieve this success. Jon first approached the Smithfield City Council back in March 2016 and presented his Eagle Project Proposal which consisted of placing a bronze statue of the Battle Field Cross along the sidewalk in front of the Smithfield Carnegie Library.

The entire project was Jon’s creation and included a five sided paved base representing the five areas of the military, a concrete base standing about four feet high on which would be placed the Battle Field Cross Monument. The City Council was told the project would cost in the area of $10,000 and that Jon and his fellow scouts would be soliciting donations from individuals, companies, organizations, servicemen, etc. The city council approved the project without hesitation. The process of collecting funds would take over 300 hours. I have been a scout leader for over 50 years and have approved hundreds of eagle scout service projects but never have I seen a project of this magnitude, scope and cost.

Jon Cheatham is a 15 year old Varsity Scout from Team 309 in Smithfield, Utah. Jon was inspired by the military veterans of his family and wanted to honor them and show how he admired their patriotism as well as honoring all living and fallen veterans of our community.

The Smithfield Historical Society found out about Jon and his project and invited him to attend the annual Founder’s Day Celebration held on October 10, 2016. The society was so impressed by Jon’s project recognizing veterans in our community they presented him with a rare framed poster of Smithfield’s World War II Veterans.

The dedication ceremony gathered a host of local veterans across numerous military branches and service and a large crowd of residents from inside and outside the valley. Members of the Cache Valley Veterans Association raised the American Flag and performed the battlefield cross ceremony depicted on the memorial itself—the rifle to protect freedom, the helmet to protect the soldier in harms way, the boots carrying the soldier into battle and their dog tags, so that no one will forget them. Following the ceremony a gun salute was performed as taps was played by a bugler. Jon gave a short speech, Mayor Simmons spoke and a local choir also sang.

Being a veteran myself I am proud of Jon, for his remarkable dedication and passion to construct a monument in memory of all who have served in the military, past and present. Thank you Jon Cheatham!

On Veterans Day, November 11, 2016, Skyview High School held its traditional Veterans Day Assembly. I am so happy I live in a community which honors those who have served in the military. The program was stupendous. People who attended were treated to patriotic music from the Skyview band and assorted choirs. The Adjutant General for the State of Utah, Major General Jeff Burton gave an inspiring speech, directed to the Veterans present and to the student body of Skyview High School.

I hope everyone had the opportunity to take some time out of your busy schedules to celebrate this past Veterans Day and the dedication of Smithfield’s Veterans Memorial. I for one am thankful I live in the wonderful town of Smithfield, Utah. I hope you are too.

- Jeff Barnes

FOOD PANTRY FOR SENIORS

Attn: Senior Citizen’s: Food Pantry items (Canned goods & misc food items) are available at the Smithfield Civic Center, 50 East 100 North (Armory). The pantry is open every 2nd Monday from 9:30 am to 10:30 am.

RABIES CLINIC

Rabies clinic will be March 4th from 10am-12pm rabies cost is $20. It will be at the fire department again.

LANCE CORPORAL MICHAEL J. ALLRED SCHOLARSHIP

The Lance Corporal Michael J. Allred Scholarship Foundation is now accepting scholarship applications for the 2016-2017 school year. Scholarships will be awarded to students who plan to attend Utah State University. The deadline for the scholarships is 01 March 2017. They must plan to attend on a full-time basis. The scholarships are awarded on the basis of the student’s sense of patriotism, academic performance, community service and financial need.

Applicants can download an application from our website, www.mjallredscholarship.org.
New Year’s Special
Bring in this coupon before January 15, 2017 and we will waive the sign-up fee for an Annual Payment Plan or give you a 13th month free on any Annual Membership paid in full.

We are currently taking registrations for all of our winter programs:

Play With Me
Music
All ages

SERENDIPITY
DANCE COMPANY
Ages: 2+

Top Flight Tumbling
Ages: 3+

AKF MARTIAL ARTS
Ages: 6+

Spring Adult Basketball
Registration: February 6- March 19
Games begin: First week of April
Fee: $295
Divisions: Men’s Open League- Monday
Women’s League- Wednesday
Prep League- Wednesday

Spring Competitive Basketball
Registration: Jan. 23 – Feb. 12
Games Begin: First week in March
Fee: $325 per team
Divisions: Boys 3rd– 8th grade
Girls 5th – 8th grade
Teams play twice a week throughout March and finish with a single elimination tournament.

Youth Soccer Registration
Registration: Jan 23 – Feb 12
Games Begin: Week of April 4
Fees: $30 (Pre-K, indoor)
$35 (K-6th grade)
$10 soccer shirt if needed
Divisions:
Pre-K: 3-5 years (indoor league)
Kindergarten (U6, co-ed)
Girls U-8: 1st & 2nd Grades
Boys U-8: 1st & 2nd Grades
Girls U-10: 3rd & 4th Grades
Boys U-10: 3rd & 4th Grades
Girls U-12: 5th & 6th Grades
Boys U-12: 5th & 6th Grades

New Year, New You
Health and Fitness Workshop
Dayna Allen, ACSM Certified Personal Trainer
Connie Jones, Certified Athletic Trainer
Receive instruction on the basics of a well balanced fitness program and how to effectively reach your fitness goals. You will learn about exercise benefits, specific areas of fitness and training recommendations for each, exercise safety and training tips, basic nutrition, goal setting, and ideas to stay motivated.

Date: January 10th
Time: 7:00 pm- 8:00 pm
Fee: FREE
Call for availability