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## SENTRY DOGS

*My eyes are your eyes  
To watch and protect you*

*My ears are your ears  
To hear and detect the evil minds  
in the dark*

*My nose is your nose  
To scent the invaders to our doma*

*And so you may live  
My life is also yours*

# A dog's nose knows the way

More than ever, a dog's nose is man's best friend.

Who else can sniff out the problems of the world and win your heart by just a wag of its tail.

When I take our dog Lucky walking every morning, he follows his nose instead of his eyes. He is sniffing at everything along the way except when he's lifting his leg at every mailbox and tree, which is a normal reaction.

We all remember what an outstanding role dogs played following the 9/11 attack on our country. They put their nose to the grind stone and sniffed out what they could to help the police and fireman.

Over 250 canine search and rescue dogs worked around the clock at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. They were heroes who worked without gas masks and protective clothing. We watched on TV as they climbed and searched places considered to be dangerous for humans.

Nothing can duplicate a dog's nose, whether they are highly trained dogs working security at airports or your very own dog whose idea of good defense is chasing squirrels out of the yard.



Using harsh words and kicking at them is a sure turn off. To have a friend, is to be one, even in dog language!

In your deepest despair and when you feel you have no friend at all, just a rub of

their nose on your hand, can suddenly brighten your day and relieve your anxiety. A dog can sit what seems like forever watching a squirrel run around playing in the yard, wishing he could make a mad dash out the door to let him know he is trespassing on his territory. And that big yellow cat can sure jump the tallest fence at the very first bark.

There must be a direct connection from a dog's nose to its brain that works to file things inside. A dog can store all these various smells in a way that as humans we can barely even comprehend.

If, and when they are needed to sniff luggage in areas where there is no CAT scan machines and where canine help is needed, just one dog can easily sniff out a terminal in 30 minutes to several hours depending on the size of the terminal. No machine or person can move that efficiently.

Guide dogs for the blind has been an outstanding training program that has

given new hope to those who have lost their eyesight and need constant guidance from a dog as well as their love to lead the way. In reality, they become their eyes. A true friend to walk beside them in darkness.

People have pets of all kinds. They love them in a special way. They become their companions, their side-kicks, their protectors, their buddy and their nose. So, when a homeless dog suddenly appears at your doorstep who plays ball, loves to swim in the pool and walks beside you every step of the way, it makes you wonder just who the lucky one really is. Don't turn them away too quickly without food and water, because they might turn out to be your very best friend.



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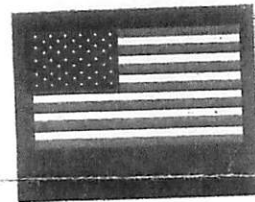
Hello everyone. I hope we all survived the holidays okay.

As your webmaster I have volunteered to take responsibility to send out a copy of the newsletter to members who want to receive the newsletter via email. I cannot send it out if I do not have a current email address. Just last month I received four requests forwarded to me by David Keeton without a current email address. To limit mistakes please write to me at [puppypusher@att.net](mailto:puppypusher@att.net) that you want to receive your copy of the newsletter via email. I will let David Keeton and Larry Majeski know to take you off of the USPS mailing list.

I am also putting the newsletter on Facebook. If you want to read the newsletter on Facebook and not receive an individual copy of the newsletter via USPS or email please let me know that too.

Even if you are or going to request to receive the newsletter via email or Facebook please keep us informed of any changes in your USPS address and or telephone number. Believe it or not there is other handlers out there that may want to reach out to you sometime. They cannot do that if our records are not up to date and we cannot send you the newsletter.

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## Observation from Danny Conyers 212<sup>th</sup> 67-68

This is from Danny Conyers 212th 67-68. When he sent it to me I thought it should be retold here. Danny is not on Facebook. Hey I just happen to see the Tet Offensive last night. They show where the VC over-run I think Post 5 where our Dog and Handler was killed. It also showed the explosion of the 155 Powder Pad that me and Captain Roberts had just put a fire out. That explosion was heard a 100 miles away.

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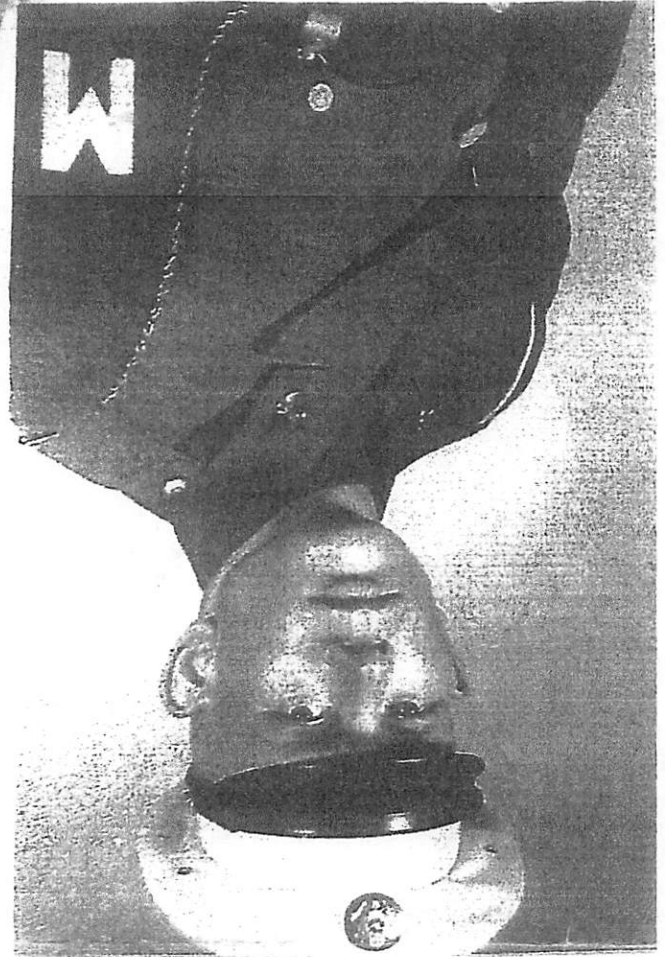
Much more info to follow as things get closer



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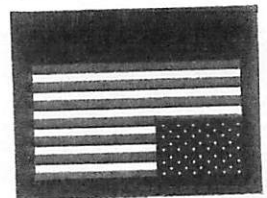
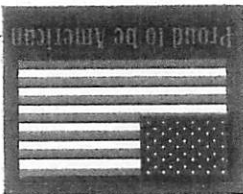
IN LOVING MEMORY



Now I'd like to "pass the pipe" to anyone else who feels moved to say a few words.  
How can I ever be anything but grateful for the many blessings this country-the USA- has bestowed on me and mine. Thank you all for coming to honor the most generous and giving man I've ever known.

What a lucky person I am to have shared my life with such a jewel of a man! He was always kind and compassionate- always a friend to talk to about anything. Since he fell ill with agent orange lung cancer in 2009, he decided to launch an incredibly courageous fight to stay alive. He loved his life - a voracious reader, film lover, and camper( we spent about 50% of our time these last nine years camping in this most gloriously beautiful of all states, California) And most of all he loved his 2 sons and 4 grandchildren.  
He always amazed the doctors at the Loma Linda Veterans Hospital, they only gave him 3 to 6 years at the most to survive, and he gave them almost 9. They constantly were asking him what was his secret. He was just a very strong man, curious about everything. He used to tell me that as a little boy, one of nine children, he was the one who hated to go to bed at night. Kept getting up and driving his parents crazy. He said he didn't want to miss anything.  
He was always proud to go to the Veterans Hospital for care and thought that the doctors and nurses there were the best in the world. And I know he's proud now to share this hallowed ground with my father and all the other brave servicemen here.

The Love of My Life





## Harry W. Costick

For 20 years Harry was employed by Home Healthcare Hospice and Community Services as the transportation manager. He made many friends there throughout the years. Harry was a devoted parishioner at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Hinsdale. He was also a longtime member of the VFW, American Legion, and was very involved in different activities within the Veterans Affairs working with other men. Harry had a great passion for hunting and fishing.

Harry will be dearly missed by his wife, Susan Costick of Hinsdale; stepchildren, Steven Markeveys and his wife, Jen, of Thomaston, Conn., Tina Bard and her husband, Don, of Terryville, Conn., Matthew Markeveys of Terryville, Conn., and Ronald Markeveys and his wife, Rachel, of Terryville, Conn.; several grandchildren and a great-granddaughter. His sister, Jean Anne Conrad and her husband, Lee, of North Brookfield, Mass.; brothers, James Costick of Bristol, Conn., and Raymond Costick and his wife, JoAnne, of Terryville, Conn.; his best friend, his beloved dog, Sasha; as well as several nieces, nephews and extended family members.

## Joel M. Anderson, 74

Joel Myron Anderson, age 74, of Cokato, passed away Monday, Dec. 19, 2016, at his home.

A memorial service will take place Tuesday, Dec. 27 at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Cokato.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations to the Heart of Minnesota Animal Shelter (HMAS) located in Hutchinson, in Joel's name.

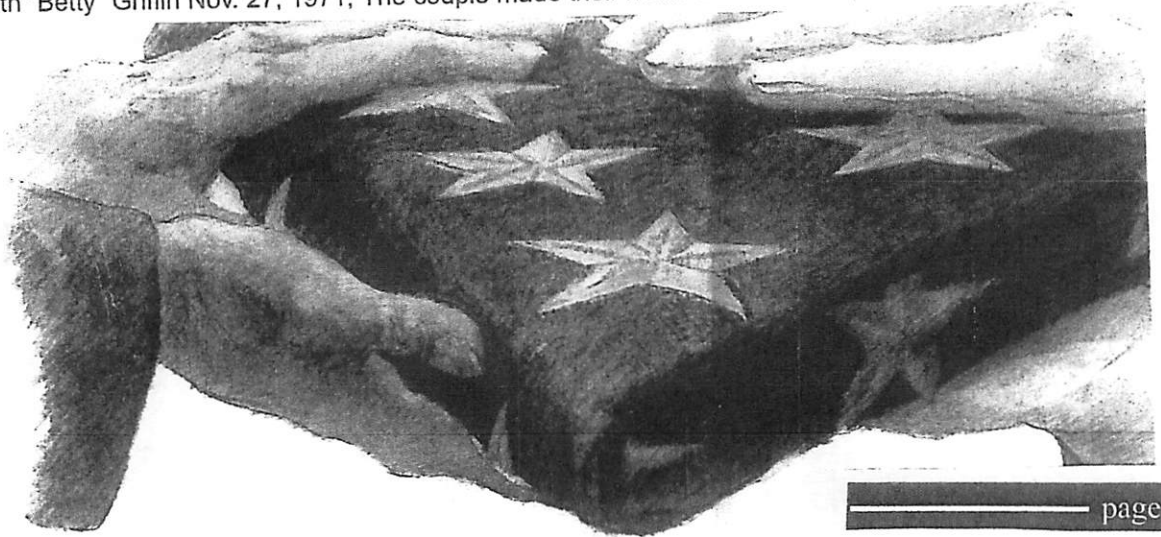
Arrangements are being handled by Swanson-Peterson Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Cokato.

Joel was born April 28, 1942, in Cokato, to Myron and Lucille "Ginny" (Calgren) Anderson. He grew up in Cokato, and graduated from Cokato High School in 1960.

Joel began service in the United States Army March 19, 1964, where he served as a dog handler with the military police, and spent time in Vietnam. He was honorably discharged March 13, 1966.

After service, Joel came back to Cokato and went to work for Martinson Construction, and later for Honeywell, where he stayed until retirement at age 55.

Joel married Elizabeth "Betty" Griffin Nov. 27, 1971, The couple made their home in Cokato.





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Hello Ernie,

My name is Terry Gawel. After completing Dog Handler School at Lackland A.F.B. with my sentry dog Sherlock X984 my class flew to Vietnam in an Air Force C-141 cargo jet. We arrived at the 981<sup>st</sup>. Cam Rahn Bay March 10, 1970.

After arriving, the 981<sup>st</sup> C.O., Capt. Billy Held, offered me the opportunity to train as a vet tech. After several weeks of O.J.T. at the Cam Rahn kennel, I was assigned to Team D, An Khe in the Central Highlands. It was there I met Joseph Geuke, from Scranton, PA. Joe was quite a character, always upbeat and always laughing or smiling. I do not remember anyone who did not like or could not get along with Joe. I still remember and tell stories about Joe that make me laugh.

In December of 1970, I was reassigned to Tuy Hoa where I spent the final few months of my tour. I returned home in February 1971.

It was after being assigned to Tuy Hoa that I lost track of Joe. I have often wondered what became of him over the decades and was saddened to read of his death in the March/April Sentry Dog Newsletter. In 1970 it seemed like we were young, strong and would live forever.

Joe's dog was named Rex, and I believe Rex was the dog asked about in the newsletter. Rex was possibly the meanest dog in An Khe but Joe thought of him as an overgrown puppy. Joe and Rex: Laidback and Vicious. It was an interesting, if not amusing pairing. If they did not instill fear in you, they certainly commanded respect and a wide berth!

As I transported Joe and Rex to and from their post in the ¼ ton Jeep, Rex would try to pull his muzzle off with both front paws in order to chew my right arm off. I can still hear Joe proclaim with all sincerity: "Doc, I think Rex likes you!"

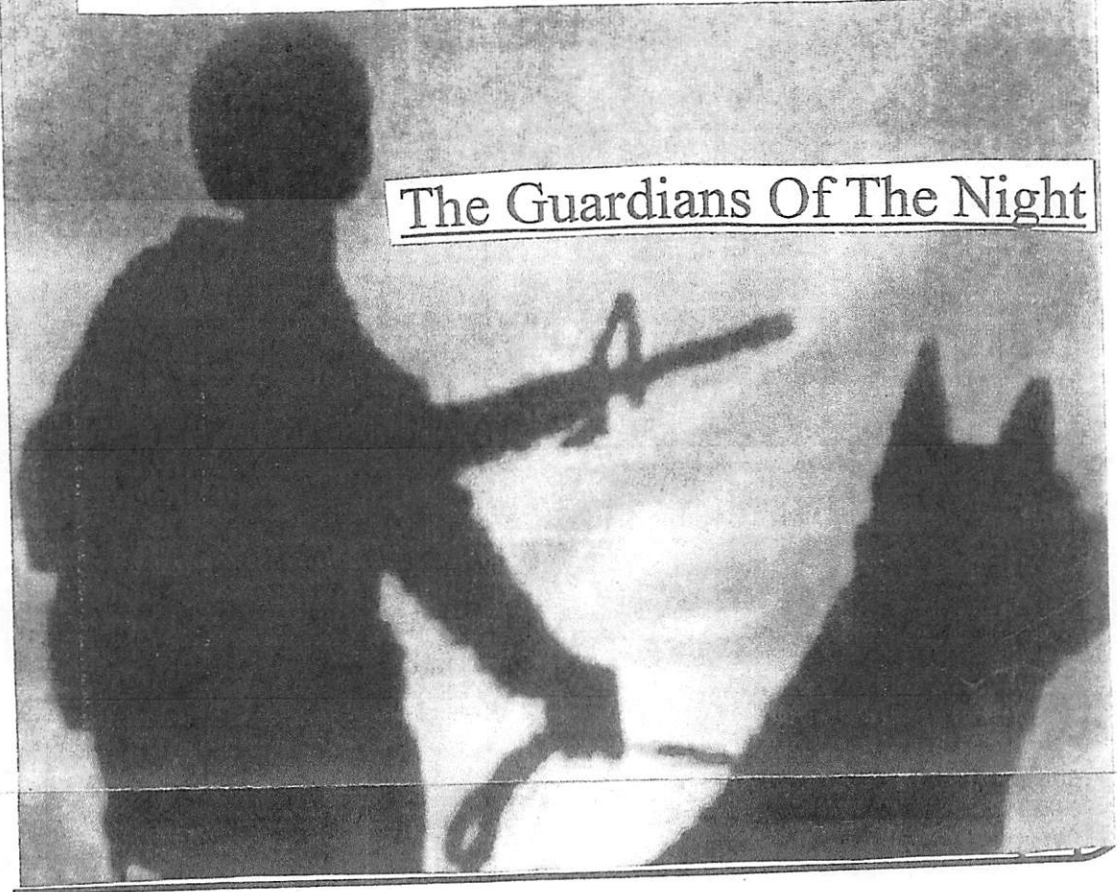
Thank you for putting me on the newsletter mailing list. Until being contacted by the 981<sup>st</sup> company clerk, Steve Dragovich in July 2016, I had lost contact with most everyone from that period of my life. It has been interesting, and in some cases sad, to learn the fate of the "men of the 981<sup>st</sup>".

Sincerely,

Terry Gawel  
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*"There is no stronger bond than that of a handler and his dog"*



## The Guardians Of The Night

### NEW BOOK:

Dave Keeton has a new book called "Guardians Of The Night." The book tells the story of WAR DOGS from 1918 to the dog that got Osama Bin Laden.

With over 200 pages with pictures. If you want a copy send \$25.00 check or money, which includes shipping and handling to the following address:



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