



Grays Harbor Chapter Of ABATE



Sylus, our intrepid Deputy Coordinator and his soon to be wife Kayla.



Fatpat has already started to whip his officers into shape. Edie and Gary are watching how it's done.



Great food, good weather, and a beautiful place. That's how meetings are done.

Back after a brief absence...

Logger's Playday really messed with our regular chapter meeting in September! I don't know how we missed planning for that event, but only 4 members showed up. Shout out to Katie and Trevor the diehards!

Of course that also messed with our elections, which were held on September 24th at a combination meeting and cookout at the Elma Ponds with glorious weather and great food.

Our Officers are:

- Coordinator: Fatpat Prankard
- Deputy Coordinator: Sylus Damm
- Treasurer: Ulrike Grunberg
- Secretary: Sharon Shaw
- Sargent at Arms: Katie Hubbard
- Ambassador at Large: Gypsy
- Road Captain: Gary Greig
- Newsletter: Kayla Miller
- Parliamentarian: Grant Perrigo
- Membership: Ulrike Grunberg
- Event Chair: Edie Smith

Fatpat even promised to be on time for meetings from here on in!

I'm sure we are all grateful to the new officers who were willing to step up and support our chapter with their efforts, and to returning officers willing to continue in their work.

I'm looking at you Edie, who is indispensable during the charity season and as friend, and at you Katie for keeping us in line. (Don't forget that hammer.)

Thank you also to Sy who is willing to learn to be Coordinator. It's a big job, but we know you have it in you.



Left to right: Katie the new Sergeant at Arms, Grant, Gypsy, and Gary our new Road Captain.



The top brass of GH ABATE and the Old Hippys.



Shady goes on among the officers.



Secretary Sharon and cookout assistants Tristan and Braden.

STEAM and BOD in Ellensburg, October 15th and 16th

Pat, Sharon, Edie, and Ulrike are planning to head to Ellensburg this year. STEAM and BOD are great events to find out information and make connections. We are really looking forward to meeting new folks and hope to bring some awesome new ideas home to our chapter.

The Holiday Season is almost upon us!

At our October meeting we agreed to set up a booth at the **Haunted Hoquiam Trick or Treat** event again. Edie has picked the same spot at the Hoquiam Veteran's Memorial. It was an awesome spot last year, great for setting up our canopy and cauldron, and we had a great deal of fun. The event takes place on **October 29**, from **1 PM to 4 PM**. We are planning to be there around 12:30 PM to begin setup. So put on a costume and bring a bag of candy and join in. Trevor, please bring Marissa! We need her, and I still owe her an ice-cream.

Turkey Giveaway was also a popular event last year. I hear the boys who got a ride from our crew are still talking of it to this day, and fervently hope for another ride. We are purchasing another 5 meal boxes this year and will give them out on **November 19th**. Donations are welcome, so are nominations for recipients, and if you are willing to give a kid a ride, that would be great too. "Turtle" (Katie Ash) of the Elma Elks is even willing to bring her awesome purple trike for kids who need a more steady ride! Hooray for Turtle! We have a \$100.-- donation and estimate our cost might be about \$250.-- total. That's only another \$150.-- to go. If you are feeling generous get a hold of Ulrike, ugrunberg@gmail.com. If you want to give a kid a ride or know a family in need of a turkey dinner contact Edie, smthedie8@gmail.com

Our **Toy Run** will be on **December 10th**. Katie will once again be busy soliditing donations, and we all know how successful she was last year! It was so festive seeing all the toys lined up at our meeting, let's make it even bigger this year! And we have the whole upstairs of the Hoquiam VFW to set it up. I wonder if we could fill that room?

Blanket Giveaway will be the same day as the Toy Run, **December 10th**. We would like to visit a different assisted living facility this year. What we are looking for is one with a large spectrum of services within Grays Harbor County. Any suggestions would be welcome.

We said Good Bye to Summer with another cookout at the Elma Ponds during our last meeting. I wish summer could last forever. We had to hang our chapter flag in a tree, counterbalanced by a plastic bag, and someone fortunately wore a t-shirt with a flag on it we could salute. It works in a pinch, and when it comes from a true heart.

Food was great as usual, we have good cooks in our chapter, and visitor Katie "Turtle" Ash brought an awesome pasta pesto salad. Also visiting along with Turtle was her husband Robert "Stealth", who is a past president of Combat Veterans International, and their dog Kela, the greatest bee hunter I ever met. No bee had a chance with her around, a very comforting thing for someone with bee allergies, I can tell you!

Another visitor was Doug Murrey of the Wisemen, who was good company. We are glad you folks came. Hope to see you again.

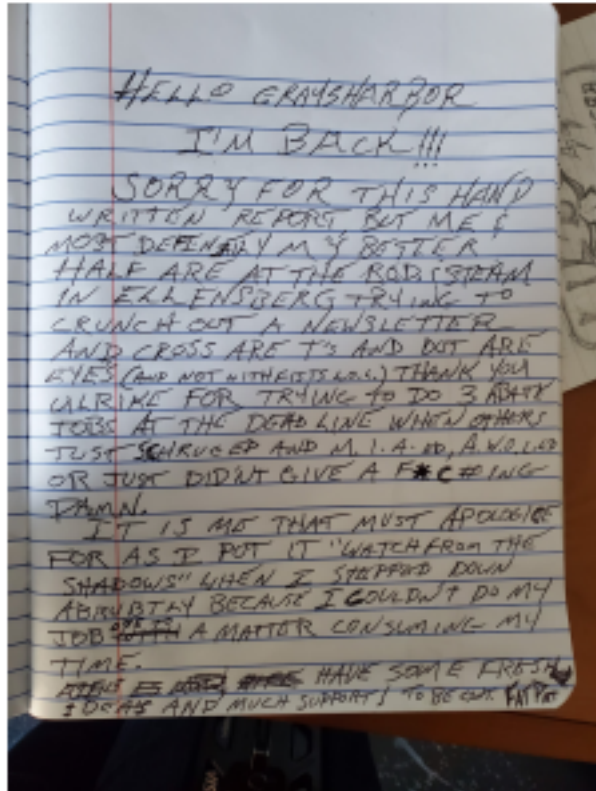
You have all seen Grant in his beautiful, one of a kind, incredible leather vest. He asked for a recess to present Fatpat with his Vest #2. The vest was originally made by Grant for ABATE Og Geary "Pigpen" Kalabaugh 05/13/1955 to 03/12/2005, then re-made for Asshole Mike 02/25/1949 to 12/07/2013, Sam "Sambones" Thacker, 04/27/1968 to 06/21/2022, and now for Patrick "Fatpat" Prankard. Fatpat is very honored to wear this historic vest. Let's hope it keeps him safe for may years to come.



Dinner at the Elms Elks

Robert "Stealth" and Katie "Turtle" Ash visited our meeting this month. He is a past president of Combat Veterans International and an ABATE Independent, both are members of the Elks, and Turtle is a great cook. They invited us to the Steak and Shrimp Dinner on the evening of our meeting and Pat and I went to scout it out. The food was great, and the proceeds went to Heart. Next Dinner is pot roast on October 22 starting between 4 and 5. I'm anticipating another great meal, perhaps our chapter could head there as a social get together?

Ulrike lost her patience. If you don't hand in your contribution until 30 seconds before deadline you don't get it typed.



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