October has arrived with warmer weather than normal to start with, but will change for sure as we live in Indiana. Our Volunteer drivers escorted twelve Veterans to Roudebush Hospital in Indianapolis and two Veterans to Danville, IL. Any veteran that needs to schedule a ride to either hospital can contact me at 765-361-4133 at least a week in advance before you need to go.

The phone lines were busy this past month as we had fifty one phone calls into the office along with nine veterans that came into the office this month with appointments.

Our Office hours are as follows: Monday & Wednesday 9am to 12:00 noon and 1pm to 4:30 pm then on Tuesday and Thursday 9am to 12:00 noon. The veterans of Montgomery County receive each month $85,000 in benefits.

President Trump Awarded a Medal of Honor to his own Secret Service Agent. President Trump on Monday awarded the Medal of Honor to former Army Staff Sgt Ronald Shurer, a secret service agent who is now fighting a battle with cancer. Today is a truly proud and special day for those of us here in the White House because Ron works right here alongside of us on the Secret Service counter-assault team, these are incredible people, Trump told a crowded room filled with Shurer’s family, fellow soldiers and the Army senior leaders.

The Green Beret on a daring April 6, 2008, mission in the Shok Valley of Afghanistan to “hunt down a deadly terrorist, a leader in that world (who) was in a remote mountain village. Ron was among two dozen Special Forces soldiers and 100 Afghan commandos who dropped off by helicopter into Shok Valley, a rocky barren valley, far away from reinforcements. The assault force encounter no enemy activity during the 1,000 ft. climb to the objective but as the lead element approached

The target village roughly 200 well-trained armed terrorist ambushed the American and Afghan force.

Shurer the only medic, immediately began treating the wounded. He then sprinted and climbed through enemy fire to reach several of his team mates who were pinned down on a cliff above.

There was blood everywhere “Trump said”. It was a tough, tough situation to be in. Immediately, Ron climbed the rocky mountain, all the while fighting back against the enemy and dodging gun fire left & right. Rockets were shot at him, everything was shot at him.

For more than six hours, Ron bravely fired at the enemy while doing his medic stuff. Not a single American died in the battle. Thanks to Ron’s great heroic actions.

After treating and stabilizing two more soldiers, Shurer was struck in the helmet by a bullet that had passed through another soldiers arm. He was stunned by the blow but quickly bandaged the soldiers arm.

He continued to brave withering ensuring fire to get to (another) soldier location to treat his lower leg, which had been almost completely severed by a high caliber sniper round. Shurer then helped evacuate the wounded down the mountain side so they could be loaded aboard the helicopters. He then rejoined his commando’s squad and continued to lead his troops and emplace security element until it was time to leave the area, the citation reads.

Please note that I will be out of the office on Tuesday, October 9th for training. Then I will be out of the office on October 15th- 17th. Hope to see all of you at the Veteran Expo on the 18th from 8am till 2pm at the American Legion. There will be breakfast and lunch available at the Expo. At the Expo the annual flu shots for veterans will be given and they are free. I just received word of the death of Adrian Cronauer who was a radio announcer who was in Vietnam from 1965-1966 and he would always start his radio show with “Good Morning Vietnam”. He died on July 18, 2018.

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