

“COMMANDER’S COMMUNIQUE”

There are so many events and life lessons that go into the development of a young man’s life with the ultimate goal of a creating a productive member of society. There are many “thank yous” I need to give. Thank you to the loving and caring parents that taught me humility, respect and devotion to God and Country. I was born the second son to Joseph E. “Jay” Goth and Lois Sersey Goth in August 1952, and proudly call the community of Clinton home. I attended Holy Rosary Catholic School through grade school where Sister Josephine instilled in me a sense of self responsibility along with the value of traditions, traits that helped me successfully graduate from Clinton High School in 1970 and enter adulthood. After high school I enlisted in the United States Navy and was promptly sent to basic training in San Diego, California. I was assigned to the USS Mt. Whitney; an intelligence ship based off the east coast and completed my tour of duty in 1975. It was during this time that I met my future wife; we met on the east coast, even though we are both from Missouri. I returned to Clinton the summer of 1975 and soon moved Cathie from the east coast to Clinton where we were married April 1, 1976 (yes, April Fool’s Day, but also my mother’s birthday). Prior to starting my career in law enforcement in 1979, I attended Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg, Missouri. My Dad enrolled me in Clinton’s Clem P. Dickinson’s American Legion Post 14 in 1975 as he did for my brother David upon his discharge from the Navy and have continued my membership in this Post to date. Following my Dad’s and big brother David’s examples in Post 14 I became an active member helping to start BINGO in the early 80’s and serving at many Post levels and committees. The American Legion truly became a family affair for the Goth family, my wife Cathie is an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary and our three sons are members of the American Legion. My parents and big brother David are deceased and I honor them with my service and commitment to the American Legion, but just as important in being a part of the world’s greatest patriotic service organization is having a voice in safeguarding and protecting the rights and benefits promised the young men and women who sign on the line to protect and serve our country. As part of the American Legion Family, we serve out of traditions and commitments made by those who served before and those who served with us to guarantee our freedoms. And now we must continue to serve to support and protect the rights and benefits of those who proudly wear today’s uniforms the United States military.

For God and Country,

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