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Dexter, Missouri. The National Guard 1221st Transportation Company recently held their 25th Reunion dinner in Dexter, Missouri. 1221st members were invited to spend an evening of reminiscing, eating, and just enjoying the company of others who all shared one common event in their life and that was traveling overseas to support Dessert Storm.

After all the expenses were paid to have the reunion, money that was collected but not used for the actual event was donated to the Stoddard County Honor Guard to help offset the cost of uniforms, cleaning of uniforms, and other necessary costs in order to honor those veterans who pass away and have a military service.

A total of \$175 was given to the Stoddard County Honor Guard by Ken Harris, a 1221st National Guard member who helped Alan Hedrick plan and implement the reunion in September.

Fifteen wonderful men became the first Stoddard County Veterans Honor Guard in 2003 to provide military honors for those who served. We as a community owe them so much for their continued dedication and service to our loved ones who are buried at the State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield.

Over the years they have consisted of veterans from all over the county who represent all veteran's organization including the American Legion Posts, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Disabled American Veterans Chapter.

Besides honoring the fallen they have provided services for parades and official ceremonies throughout Stoddard County.

This group of men volunteer their time to serve one last time to the veterans who protected us against foreign and domestic enemies. We owe them more than we can ever repay.

Thank you for your continued service to our veterans. If you would like to make a donation please contact Mike Williams at (573) 421-6385.

Front Row from left to right Honor Guard in uniform: Danny Robinette, Dallas Buchanan, Jack Gillis, Rick McClean, and Jesse Deardorff Back Row from left to right: Brad Williams, Elmer Wilson, Mike Williams, and Dale Weaver. Ken Harris (blue shirt) presenting the check.

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