

The DoF NEWS: *By Tom Thiel, Editor*

We published Spring 2012 *DoF News* near the end of March. The next issue is to be published June 30, with June 15 as the cutoff date for receipt of materials.

While we are publishing a Newsletter, it is not nearly what it might be if you all would provide more material. For example, there could and should be a Chaplain's report, if the Chaplain would address DoF Chaplain issues. The News should also be used to inform all FL KWVA members of planned activities.

The News could be more than it is, but you have to provide the input. See some of the recent issues for a definition of what we are looking for.

What purpose does the Newsletter serve? I really don't know, no one has defined its purpose. And that's not the Editor's job, that is management's job!

The *DoF News* is sent to DoF Officers and Chapter Presidents by email only. ### TJT

The DoF WEBSITE: <http://dfl.kwva.org> *By Tom Thiel, Webmaster*

The website is operational on the Association computer server in Charleston, IL, which has recently undergone a significant upgrade. It does not cost the Department anything. I created and maintain the site on my computer also at no cost to the Department. I use my own copy of Microsoft's Expression Web 4.0 to create and maintain the site.

The site is, by design, functional, not shiny with waving flags etc.

The website suffers all of the problems as the *DoF News*—lack of content, undefined mission and purpose, not used in the DoF operational management process, etc.

We have added material such as minutes after they are approved, but this renders the website of little value in the planning processes for the future.

One thing that we have added is a page devoted to Chapter 173's newsletter, *The Land of the Morning Calm*. The last 10 issues are included. You may accessed these by clicking on the Chapter Button, and then scrolling down to Chapter 173. You can access all of Chapter 169's Scuttle-butts the same way, but that goes to the Chapter website.

Another problem is the lack of user feedback. I have received only a few comments; it makes me wonder if it is used much at all. And I have not received much contact from the outside world either, which leads me to wonder why. Is our content not of interest?

Finally, keep in mind that everything on the site is viewable to the entire cyber world! ###

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