



The Brandon Elks Lodge #2383 had the honor of hosting a special guest in our RV park this past week!

Erick Robertson of "9/11 Remembered ~ The Traveling Memorial" stayed with us in July while making his rounds throughout the state of Florida visiting pieces of the World Trade Center that were donated to organizations that established their own 9/11 Memorials.

Exalted Ruler Jim McCleary, his wife Lara, and PER Dennis Roberts had the pleasure of talking with Erick and getting a tour of the RV pictured below. The rig has a podcast studio named in honor of Todd Beamer of Flight 93. As Erick travels across the country, he has guests that discuss everything under the sun, especially topics regarding September 11, 2001, and the impact this important mark on history has had and continues to have on humanity worldwide to this day. The organization's motto is "9/11 didn't end in 2001!" Jim presented a coin to Erick that he received for his service during Operation Safe Skies, a continuing mission to secure the Capitol region to ensure another attack through the air on our Capitol never happens again. This coin will join many others as part of a "coin wall" that will become a part of the rolling 9/11 Memorial.

Erick's next stop is to the Florida Keys to dive on the USS Vandenberg for a special dedication.

Their mission is to travel across the country to specifically share the history of 9/11 with cities across America that have established their own memorials. 9/11 Remembered will be visiting all these memorials to not only honor them but to also continue their legacy that we **NEVER FORGET** the day that changed the world forever.

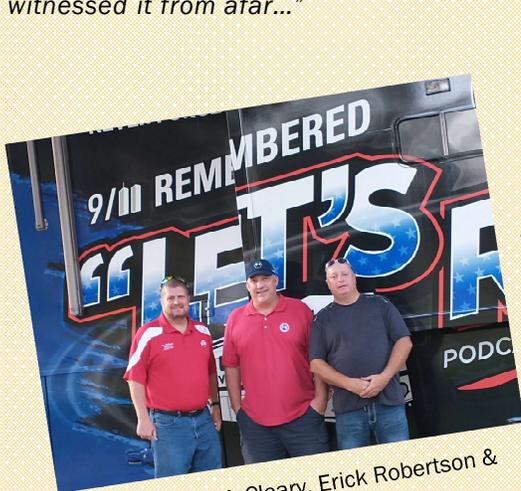
THEIR VISION: TO TRANSPORT THE SEPTEMBER 11th MEMORIAL ACROSS AMERICA

ORIGINS OF 9/11 REMEMBERED TRAVELING MEMORIAL

"After the attacks of September 11, 2001, I volunteered at Ground Zero with my best friend Porkchop, my search and rescue canine partner. The cleanup took a total of nine months before every person left, hand in hand. The attacks caused unbelievable despair across America and much of the world...and yet, it also created a sense of unity. The feeling that:

"WE. ARE. ONE."

The memories of Ground Zero are seared into the minds of anyone who responded to "the call" as well as those who witnessed it from afar..."



L to R: Jim McCleary, Erick Robertson & Dennis Roberts (PER)



L to R: Lara McCleary, Erick Robertson & Jim McCleary



Podcast Studio inside rig above