

MASH Script 8-14-01

CAST 8/13/01

Hawkeye
B. J.
Radar
Col. Potter
Klinger
Burns
Father Mulcahey
Hot Lips
Nurse
General
Cook
Captain General's Aid
Patient
Stars & Stripes Reporter
Roust A Bouts
Compound Announcer

PROPS:

Still
Toy Rifles
Straw Hat
Sign Pole
2 White Sheets
Bright Light (for behind sheet)
Dog Tags - One for everyone at session and one for each person who attends a meeting (one for each meeting they attend)
Nets (4)
3 Litters
Letter from home
Green Army Blankets
One helmet liner
2 Robes
Priest Collar
Saddle
Easel with Paper
Cowboy Boots
Saddle Rack
District Coffee Mugs
Bag phone
Deck of Cards
Back in the Saddle (song)
MASH Theme Song
Bonnet
phones
garlic necklace
small American flags
brownies
Optimist magazines
knife
Bugle
Teddy Bear
Picture

Red Saran Wrap
Bag Phone
Poker Chips
SIGNS:

MESS TENT - COL. POTTER
SWAMP - MASH

B Negative (small water bottle)
A Positive Attitude (large water bottle)

Write announcements for compound announcer

OPENING SCENE - SWAMP

POTTER, HAWKEYE, B J, RADAR AND FATHER MULCAHEY ARE GETTING READY TO PLAY CARDS AND FRANK IS SITTING THERE GLARING AT THEM.

Potter: "I got a great letter from Mother today. She always tries to keep me in step with what is happening back home in Hannibal. This time she wrote about my optimist club and what they just finished doing for the kids."

Hawkeye: "So.....Colonel, what did the ole boys do that got you so excited this time?"

Potter: (sounds kind of perturbed at Hawkeye's humorous approach) "Whadaya mean this time? My club is always doing great things for kids and this is one of the greatest, by golly!

B. J. "Take it easy Colonel, Hawk was only curious, he knows how much the stuff that those guys do back home means to you and the kids, don't ya Hawk?"

Hawkeye, "Yeah, my dad belonged to the Optimist Club back in Crab Apple Cove. I'm curious.....what'd they do this time Colonel, the Oratorical Contest?"

Potter, "No this is bigger than anything they've ever done! They just gave away 2,000 sleeping bags to less fortunate kids. Kids who, without our help, wouldn't have had a sleeping bag to go camping, because they didn't have money to buy one. That's the kind of things all Optimists do. Try to make life happier for kids! Optimists are a great bunch of people!"

Hawkeye, "You know Dad hasn't talked about his club in a long time. The last few times he did, it seemed like the members were getting tired and slowing down. He said they always had the same group of guys doing all the work."

Potter, "You know fellas, just like anything else, you have to keep adding new people to the club all the time if you're going to be successful and not wear out. That's exactly what it sounds like happened to your Dad's club, they didn't add new people, got tired and threw in the towel. You know the sad thing is the kids are the ones who lose the most.

Frank, "You guys are crazy. One minute you're clowning around, then getting upset with each other and then you want to talk about what you used to do back home. Colonel Potter all you ever want to do is talk about back home, talk about the Optimist Club, talk about this or that and you other guys just want to play silly games or some other nonsense. Do everything but be soldiers! We're supposed to be doctors you know."

Hawkeye, "SOME of us are doctors, Frank, but you wouldn't know anything about that."

Father Mulcahey: "Now boys, there's no need to get all worked up over a little misunderstanding. Each person finds some things more important than others. Hawkeye and B. J. find relief from the stress of the war and surgery in the games and practical jokes they play Frank, that's not necessarily bad. And Colonel Potter finds peace in remembering the things he did with his Optimist Club, he misses that, and someday will be able to work with his buddies and the kids again. So lets all just try to relax, enjoy the evening, and play few cards. I could use some of your money for the kids at the orphanage you know!"

Colonel Potter, "You're right Padre, someone deal the cards."

DEAL THE CARDS, TALK ABOUT BETTING AND PLAY CARDS BEFORE THE PACKAGE IS BROUGHT IN. SOMEONE WINS

INSERT ADLIB HUMOR HERE

ALL THE TIME THEY ARE HAVING FUN, FRANK IS SITTING IN THE CORNER POUTING.

Klinger (enters), "This package from Mrs. Potter just came for you Colonel."

Colonel Potter, "Thanks, son, I'll take that."

Hawkeye (sarcastically), "Oh goody, goody! What'd you get this time, more brownies?"

Colonel Potter, opening package "Zippity Do Da fellas, this package is from my Optimist Club. They sent things for everyone in the 3291st. Mother said they want to do their part to help keep the spirits of the MASH team lifted. Hey Hawk, we did get some brownies! There's also some Optimist coffee mugs, American Flags and last but not least some Optimist magazines. You know, this is what my Optimist Club does all the time back home. We're always looking for ways to help people any way we can."

PAUSE HERE WHILE SOMEONE READS MRS. POTTERS LETTER FROM HOME. WHEN SHE FINISHES BEGIN WITH RADAR

Radar, "Hey, you guys gonna play cards or what?"

FRANK STORMS OUT OF THE SWAMP.

Father Mulcahey, "Patience Radar, let Colonel Potter enjoy his letter.

Potter: "That's okay Father, Radar's right we did come here to play cards."

Can't you guys grow up just a little?.....You're always fooling around.....All this

jocularly!.....Jocularly! Jocularly everywhere! Can't you people ever be serious? You just don't know how fortunate we are, even here in this place! There is so much poverty and suffering, if we all would put just a fraction of the effort we waste complaining about things into doing something positive, we would be able to make a great difference in the lives of those people who live here, especially the kids. We're talking about the kids! And kids are so important!"

MARGARET IS JUST PASSING THE SWAMP AS FRANK LEAVES AND THEY STOP TO TALK.

Margaret, "What's wrong Frank?"

Frank, "Oh, those guys make me SO mad.....they're always fooling around and nobody seems to care except you and me!

Margaret, "I know Frank, they're a disgrace! Not one of them is a respectable officer like you, they certainly don't deserve to wear those bars."

FRANK SWELLS UP

Margaret, "They're always conniving to make you look bad. It's time to do something about them Frank! Let's go call General Hammond right now and tell him what they're up to. I'll bet he'll put you in charge and get rid of those jokers, then WE can run this camp like it should be!"

Frank puffing his chest out, "You're right Snookems, let's go do that while they're busy!"

Margaret, "Oh Frank, I just love it when you take control."

THE GROUP OVERHEARS THEM AND HAWKEYE RESPONDS LOUDLY:

Hawkeye, "Oh gee! They're going to call the General again! What WILL we do? (SHOUTING SO MARGARET AND FRANK CAN HEAR) Maybe YOU should make that call Margaret, after all you know the General very well!"

Margaret, "Shut up Pierce!"

MARGARET AND FRANK GO TO POTTER'S OFFICE TO MAKE THE CALL.

B. J. "Colonel...what do you think we should do?"

Radar, "Don't worry fellas, I've got the phone rigged, they won't get anywhere."

B. J. "What do ya mean?"

Radar, "I knew they would try something like that so I made sure the call will come right back here to the swamp."

Potter, "By gollee jimminee whiz that's my boy."

THEY MAKE THE CALL AND IT GOES BACK TO THE SWAMP.

Hawkeye picks the phone up. "ICOR, Sergeant Sparky speaking."

Frank, "This is Major Burns, let me talk to General Hammond."

Hawkeye, "Major who?"

Frank, "Major Frank Burns of MASH 3291, I need to speak to General Hammond, right now!"

Hawkeye, "Can you hold on just a minute?"

Margaret, "Hurry up, you twit, put General Hammond on right now!"

Frank whines, "Margaret, I can handle this!"

Margaret, "Yeah, right Frank."

Hawkeye, "Just a minute Major, here he is now."

HAWKEYE GIVES THE PHONE TO KLINGER.

Klinger, "This is General Swisher, what can I do for you?"

Frank, "General who? Just give the phone to General Hammond!"

Radar, "General Hammond here."

Frank, "General Hammond, this is Major Frank Burns. Major Houlihan and I need to report a gross insubordination going on right here at 3307 MASH.

Radar, "Oh....! How is Hot er Margaret? Give her my best."

Margaret, "What's he saying Frank?"

Frank, "He wants to know how you are, Margaret."

Margaret (smiling) "OOOH, Let me talk to him."

Frank sulking, "Margaret....."

Potter, "Suffering Saddle soap will someone just deal the cards!"

Frank slams the phone down and sputters, "Welp....Welp! "

Margaret, "What's wrong Frank?"

Frank sniveling, "They did it again snookems. Those guys, are always sneaking around...trying to make me look bad!"

Margaret, "Oh Frank, be a man!"

Klinger, "Hey.....can I play cards too? I need a new pair of pumps and I'm feeling really lucky tonight!"

Father Mulchahey, "Sure.....the more the merrier! Deal him in."

Radar, (sitting there holding his grape NEHI, listens, and then says) "I don't think so, Choppers!"

Klinger, " First time all week I've got all dressed up. How's a guy from Toledo supposed to relax?"

Potter: "There's no time off on the front lines son! Lets get to it everyone, we've got a job to do."

MASH THEME MUSIC

EVERYONE GETS UP AND MOVES ACROSS THE SET AND BEHIND THE CURTAIN..... LOTS OF CLAMMERING AROUND, GENERAL CONVERSATION ABOUT A VARIETY OF THINGS NEVER REALLY SHOWING ANYTHING EXCEPT SHADOWS

OPERATING ROOM

Three operating tables at the same time.

Nurse Sherrie, "Doctors, I need your help over here! This poor soldier wants to go back to the front. He thinks he can make a difference!"

Patient, "Come on Doc, I gotta be ok just patch me up and get me back out there. My buddies NEED me!"

B. J.(after looking at the soldier), "The only place you're going is home.....if you're lucky!"

Hawkeye, "What's all this nonsense about going back to the front? Most soldiers in your place would be elated to go home. You've done your job son, it's someone else's turn now."

Soldier, "You don't understand Doc.....my buddies are out there. They need my help. I might be able to keep one of them from ending up in here like I did. Doc, you gotta let me go back!"

B. J. "Not so fast young man. You're in no condition to go anywhere. You can't help anyone until you get back on your feet."

Soldier, "But Doc, you gotta understand, me and my buddies, we're a team, together we're strong, kind of like a chain. When one of us is gone, it weakens the chain and a link can break, you know, leaves you with two pieces instead of one and then.....things just don't work right. When one of us is gone, all the others suffer because there aren't enough of us to get the job done.

Hawkeye, " Look, you can't help your buddies in this condition. They wouldn't want you taking a chance like that till you're stronger. Listen, I'll make a deal with you, we'll do our part, get you patched up and make you better..... then we'll talk about letting you go back out there. Fair enough?"

Soldier, "Fair enough."

Hawkeye, "Nurse, put him under."

WHILE HE'S UNDER TALK ABOUT ATTITUDE

Hawkeye, "What an attitude this kid's got, thinking about everyone else.....about being part of a team and helping others. We could all take a lesson from him."

B. J. "Yeah...I've never seen anyone so unselfish."

Potter, "Sounds like an Optimist to me!"

2nd Soldier, "Please.....Doc! I need help NOW!"

Hawkeye, "We need a transfusion for fresh ideas and new projects. This soldier's lost a lot of blood. We need the transfusion NOW! If we get it NOW, we'll be able to do a better job of taking care of him and the rest of these guys."

Potter, "We need more units right NOW! We gotta get with the program people! Let's get some folks lined up for this transfusion NOW! There's no other way. We just gotta do it."

MOVE INTO SURGERY CHIT CHAT

Potter, "You know.....that word NOW brings back memories. Back home, we held a NOW program a couple of times a year to get new members. You know.... new members are the lifeblood of ANY organization.

Nurse Sherry, " That sounds great Colonel.....but if we don't get that new blood in here for the transfusions, all the NOW programs in the world won't save us. We gotta have new blood!"

Klinger, "All I found is this B Negative."

Potter, "There's no room for B Negative, we need A Positive."

Radar, "I found it Colonel, I've got the A Positive blood right here."

Potter, "I knew you could do it, that's my boy."

B. J. "Frank, you should be done with that one, what's the hold up over there?"

Frank, looking pale slumps over the table and whining, "Margaret.....I don't feel so good."

B. J. (rushing over to help Frank) "Quick, I need help over here."

Frank, "Father.....if something happens to me, would you tell my wife that I love her."

Father Mulcahey, "You're going to be fine son, Hawkeye and B. J. are wonderful doctors."

B. J. "Get the anesthesia,"

Margaret snarls, "He won't need any anesthesia, I'll take care of his pain!" Then she spins around and huffs off the set. END OF SCENE

CUT THE FLOOD LIGHTS

HAWKEYE AND B. J. ARE STILL THINKING ABOUT THE CONVERSATION WITH THE SOLDIER AS THEY WALK TO THE MESS TENT TO HAVE A CUP OF COFFEE WITH FATHER MULCAHEY

ON THE WAY TO THE MESS TENT

Hawkeye, "I never really thought about it before but maybe there IS more we can do. We came over here...we're doing everything we can for the people that live here when they come in sick or injured....we treat them.....give them medicine.....fix them up, and send them back to their village. It always seemed like enough, but when you stop and think about it we should be able to do more. "

B. J. "Hawk, I think you're right, if we had just a little bit of that soldier's enthusiasm to get back on the front lines and help his buddies, I'll bet we COULD make a real difference in the lives of the folks who'll still be here when we go home."

Father Mulcahey nods, looks up and does the Catholic Blessing. "I think you truly understand now my children. Let me buy you guys a cup of coffee and talk about it"

MESS TENT

THE COOK BRINGS COFFEE TO THE TABLE

B. J. "Thanks for the coffee, father."

Father, "My pleasure, my son of course you know I expect to see you at service on Sunday"

Hawkeye, "So.... what do ya think can we do to make a long term difference for the people here?"

Father, "Well, we know for sure we can support the orphanage and try to be role models for all the kids who live here."

B. J. "You mean kinda like being a mentor to the kids....someone they can look up to, we can teach them things that will help them learn to live a productive life."

Father, "That's right B. J.....and it doesn't have to stop there. We can have baseball games in the compound and teach the kids how to play. We could help them establish teams and show them how to have friendly competition. In other words, teach them about sportsmanship and how it can be applied to daily life."

Hawkeye, "Yeah.....and we could teach them English so it'd be easier to communicate. But, hey...how about if we took them fishing? We could go down to the stream and help them catch fish, then maybe we could even have a fish fry at the orphanage! What da you think?"

B. J. "You know this all sounds great, but that's going to take quite a bit of time....and you know we don't always have much time."

Father, "Yes, but the best part is the time you get to spend with the kids. You know B. J. your best memories are the times you've spent with your Peg and Erin.....all the things you taught them and watching them grow. The greatest gift we can leave these kids will be memories and knowledge. Just think how you'll feel when you get home and you can share the pride you feel about the good things we accomplished. You can tell how we made a difference in the kids lives "Right Here, Right Now! If we choose to look on the Optimistic side of things and dig in to try and make things better for the kids instead

of feeling sorry for ourselves we just might make a lasting difference. By doing so the effect on their lives may be so meaningful that they may make the decision to do something just as good for someone else."

Hawkeye, "I get it...if we do things to help others today, especially kids, it'll come back to someone else tomorrow! So, what we do right here, right now lasts as long as someone keeps repeating the process of helping others!"

B. J. "You know....I'll bet Colonel Potter knows all kinds of things we can do to help kids!"

Father, "Splendid idea, son, why don't the two of you give him a visit. I'm sure he would be pleased to Share your Spirit and join the fun and excitement of serving kids again, even over here!"

Hawkeye, " Yeah.....let's go talk to the Colonel."

B. J. "Good plan Hawk."

IN POTTER'S OFFICE.

POTTER, SITTING ON THE SAWHORSE IN THE SADDLE WITH HIS WHITE COAT, SHORTS, BOOTS AND COWBOY CAP PAINTING A PICTURE OF HIS GRANDDAUGHTER. RADAR IS SITTING ON A CHAIR WEARING, A BONNET AND POSING FOR THE PORTRAIT.

Potter, "You know, Radar, this picture of my granddaughter reminds me of the good old times back home with my Optimist buddies. Doing things like a fishing derby, bike safety, Christmas baskets, gifts for needy families, the park we built in our town, not to mention the weekly upkeep."

HE KEEPS PAUSING TO REFLECT ON WHETHER OR NOT THEY COULD BE DOING THOSE THINGS IN RIGHT HERE IN KOREA FOR THE LOCALS.

Radar, "Sir, could you hurry up just a little?"

Potter, "We ought to be able to do those kind of things right here in Korea. We could go down to the stream and have a fishing derby. At Christmas we could bring the kids in from the orphanage to have dinner with all the guys and gals of the 3291st. We could probably even come up with some gifts for the kids.....wouldn't have to be anything big, these kids would appreciate anything.

HAWKEYE AND B J RUSH IN

B. J., "Colonel, we need to talk to you!"

Potter, "Just a minute son, I'm right in the middle of somethun.....(HE TURNS THE PICTURE AROUND FOR EVERYONE TO SEE.) here.....what da ya think? I'm just about finished painting this picture of my granddaughter. Of course, she's probably a lot bigger now, but all I can go on is my memory of her before I came over here and a few pictures she sent."

THEY GIVE RADAR A FUNNY LOOK.

Hawkeye, "My.....Radar, it's a spitting image and don't you look lovely today."

Radar, "Oh GEEZ, come on guys you gotta promise not to tell anyone about this."

B. J. "You have our solemn promise, Radar.....right Hawk?"

Hawkeye, "Yeah, right...but he's so cuteCome on Colonel, we gotta talk to you about something important."

Potter, " Alright.....don't get your feathers all ruffled, I'm listening!"

B J, "You know all that Optimist stuff you've been talking about doing back in _____?"

Potter, "Of course son, you're talking about how we help the kids and make the town a better place to live, right?"

Hawkeye, "Yeah, all that stuff! We were just thinking about how we could do that kind of thing right here at MASH! You know, helping kids, right here, right now! What do ya think?"

Potter (getting excited), "NOW you're thinking! WOWEE! That's a FINE idea! It won't be easy you knowwith the war going on and all. But if you fellas are willing, we'll give it a go!.....By golly, that's the kind of spirit the guys back home show when its time to get things done for the kids!

Radar, "Can I be involved too, sir?"

Potter. "You can bet on it, I wouldn't have it any other way son. Why anyone can be a member of an Optimist Club, all you have to do is ask 'em to join. You know fellas, I'm real pleased you decided to give this a go! What we need to do now is get everyone in camp on board so we have plenty of folks to work with the kids. Then we need to decide as a group what sort of things to do that will benefit the kids the most. Everyone probably has some ideas about what we can do. It'll be great fun!"

Hawkeye, "So what you mean is...we need a plan."

Potter, "That's right, and once we have a plan we'll work that plan. Remember, attitude is altitude, Now lets get to work and make it happen for the kids!"

Radar, "You mean we're gonna have our own Optimist Club right here at MASH 3291?"

Hawkeye and B. J. (at the same time) "Yeah....."

Klinger comes running in from sentry duty (carrying his rifle and wearing his dress, heels and etc.) "The Generals coming, the Generals coming."
Potter, "What, he wasn't supposed to be here till tomorrow!"
Radar (looking at the calendar) "What's the date? Oh man, nobody changed the calendar. It IS tomorrow!"
POTTER THROWS OFF THE PAINTING CLOTHES. THEY RUN OUTSIDE.
Potter, "Radar, sound the bugle, quick! We need to get everyone in formation before the General gets here."
Radar, "I'm way ahead of you colonel."
THEY'RE STANDING AT ATTENTION, WITH RADAR BLOWING THE BUGLE.
Klinger notices that Radar still has his bonnet on and grabs it. "Hey, you're not getting a section eight before I do, give me that!"
MARGARET AND FRANK SNICKER BACK AND FORTH TO EACH OTHER.
Frank, "Boy, they'll find out I'm right now! The General will tell them,..... there's no room in the Army for all that Optimist nonsense. We need to worry about our own, forget about these hooligans. There's nothing we can do for them anyway. "
Margaret, "Oh, Frank, I can't wait to see the General!"
POTTER WELCOMES THE GENERAL
Potter, "Welcome to MASH 3291st General Hammond, to what do we owe this pleasure?"
General's Aid, "Colonel Potter, the General's been hearing great things about this group taking a special interest in the local kids. He came to see what's going on for himself."
Potter, "Would the General like to inspect the troops?"
General's Aid, "Yes, the General WOULD like to inspect the troops."
THE GENERAL IS INSPECTING THE TROOPS, WALKING ALONG LOOKING EACH SOLDIER UP AND DOWN WHEN HE COMES TO MARGARET
General, "Well.....hello Mar.....er Major Houlahan, it's been awhile since we've SEEN each other, how have you been?"
Margaret smiling from ear to ear, "It's nice to see YOU again too, honey er.....General Hammond."
FRANK SULKS AND HANGS HIS HEAD
MARGARET ELBOWS FRANK AND SNARLS, "Stand up straight Frank!"
THE GENERAL AND HIS AID MOVE ON DOWN THE LINE AND COME TO KLINGER:
General's Aid, "Colonel.....could you explain to the General exactly what this soldier is supposed to be?"
Radar, "UHHHHH, doctors orders, right Colonel?"
Hawkeye and B. J. look at each other and say, "Yeah, we prescribed pure silk clothing for him because he's allergic to army issue."
Klinger (saluting) pulls out a beef stick and grins. "Corporal Maxwell Klinger, Sir....I'm bonafide Section Eight Sir in full dress! (Hands him the beef stick) For you General"
Potter, "Put a cork in it Klinger."
Klinger, "Sir.....yes Sir!"
Potter, "General, I'm real proud of my troops, the interest they've shown the kids of Korea has taken a new turn and we've decided to "Share the Spirit" with the area in the form of an Optimist Club."
General's Aid, "So, Colonel, you call this group an Optimist Club?"
Potter, "That's right and they're going be the best darn club in all of Optimist International!"
Hawkeye, "Yeah, we're a new Optimist Club and even though we're in a place we don't want to be, we're going to do positive things. By doing these things, we'll be helping the kids and community of Korea, as well as making ourselves feel better by not dwelling on the negative."
General's Aid, "With that in mind the General would like to honor the MASH 3291st for the distinguished service you've accomplished. This is something that has never been done in the history of the armed forces. The membership of this great organization you've formed, the Optimist Club, has exemplified a great attitude for service and the General would like to honor you for your commitment to make this a better place for others. Your service has gone far above and beyond the call of duty."
THE AID READS THE CITATION AND HANDS IT TO GENERAL AND THE GENERAL HANDS IT TO COLONEL POTTER, THEN THE STARS AND STRIPES REPORTER STEPS UP TO INTERVIEW THE GENERAL.
REPORTER, "Is it true that all Optimist clubs should complete al least 3 service projects for the kids each year?"
General, "That's right."

REPORTER, "General, is it true, that Honor Clubs are only required to submit 2 reports each year? "

General, "That's right."

REPORTER, "Tell me General, is it true that new members are the lifeline of a club, generating new ideas, a fresh outlook on service and mean more members to serve the kids?"

General, "That's right."

REPORTER, "So, growth is an important part of a club's service to youth?"

General, "That's right."

REPORTER, "General, is it true that Optimists have the opportunity to meet and exchange ideas, learn how to Share the Spirit of Optimism and have fun as a group throughout the year?"

General, "That's right."

REPORTER, "Is it true that clubs must pay their bill by the end of the Optimist year?"

General, "That's right."

REPORTER, "Should all clubs compete in the District CPA Contest?"

General, "That's right."

REPORTER, "Should all clubs recognize an Outstanding Member of their club each year?"

General, "Most definitely."

REPORTER, "General, is it true that all of this can be accomplished with the "ATTITUDE" of service and caring?"

General, "That's right."

REPORTER, "One last question, General, is it true that Optimists bring out the best in kids right here, right now?"

General, "That's right."

General's Aid, "Now is the time to enlist more members to serve the kids of this great district."

THE AID HANDS THE ORDERS TO THE GENERAL, THE GENERAL HANDS THEM TO COLONEL POTTER AND THEN POTTER SAYS

Potter, "Well folks....we just got our new orders. The challenge we all face now is whether or not we will be successful in fulfilling the mission stated in these orders. They are challenging, and we don't have long to complete the mission. Each of us must commit to enlisting at least one new recruit to assist in the campaign to serve more kids here and at home. We can make a difference. Do you have a "Can do" ATTITUDE? Will you make a difference? If you do and will, come forward and sign your papers now.

MASH THEME PLAYING IN BACKGROUND

KLINGER, RADAR AND 2 AIDS CARRY PATIENT (COULD BE VICE PRESIDENT, VP, ETC.) ONTO THE STAGE ON A LITER WITH A TOE TAG. HAWKEYE AND B. J. STOP THEM TO SEE WHERE THEY'RE GOING.

Klinger, "He's out of here.

Hawkeye, "Not so fast Klinger, he should be going to Seoul and then home to St. Louis."

Patient sits up and says, "Yeah, I'm ready to go back to St. Louis, and I can help. Let me take the banner of enlistments back to show those folks what kind of spirit you've found here and how high your commitment to making a difference is. The ability you display and your courage in being willing to "Share the Spirit of Optimism" even in times and conditions like these speak very highly of your commitment to the kids! Colonel Potter is right. Optimists do "Bring Out the Best in Kids, Right Here, Right Now. Good luck in your endeavor to provide greater service to the kids of (DISTRICT)!"

HERE'S WHERE WE ASK THE CROWD TO COMMIT TO ENLIST A NEW MEMBER. BY SEPTEMBER 31ST. COMMIT TO DO A PROJECT IN ORDER TO BECOME HONOR. HAVE THEM COME UP FRONT, SIGN UP (ON A BIG BANNER) LINE THEM ALL UP, HAVE THEM RAISE THEIR HANDS, SWEAR THEM IN AND GIVE THEM THEIR DOG TAGS. KEEP THE BANNER VISIBLE ALL WEEKEND. WE'LL KEEP TRACK OF WHO KEEPS THE PLEDGE AND RECOGNIZE THEM AT 1ST QUARTER. HAVE SEVERAL PLANTS IN THE ROOM TO SIGN UP.

SOMEWHERE IN HERE DURING THE CELEBRATING, RADAR BREAKS OUT THE GRAPE NEHI AND SAYS, "I'VE BEEN SAVING THIS FOR A SPECIAL OCCASION AND THEY JUST DON'T GET ANY MORE SPECIAL THAN THIS!" HAVE A NEHI TOAST.

Presidents - Secretary/Treasurer training people in uniform
 Break Outs - Presenters in uniform

BUY AS MANY DOG TAGS AS WE CAN AFFORD. THE FIRST 50? WHO SIGN UP A MEMBER BEFORE SEPTEMBER 31ST GETS ONE FOR MEMBERSHIP. PRESIDENTS WHO ACHIEVE HONOR STATUS GET ONE FOR HONOR. ATTITUDE FOR THE FIRST ??? MEMBERS THAT COMPLETE ANY P. G. I. MODULE BEFORE SEPTEMBER 31ST. SERVICE

SIGN ENLISTMENT FORM FOR COMMITMENT FOR A NEW MEMBER BEFORE OCTOBER 1ST. First people who come up to sign get the dog tag. Have a big chart with their name on it.

Have new member applications to hand out.

We'll have a form that says: I commit to sponsoring one member by September 30, 2002. When they turn it in, they get a dog tag. Membership chair will bug the "heck" out of them till they do it. At first quarter, their name will be on a large enlistment form. It will indicate very clearly who followed through with a new member.