

Walking Day #107, Wednesday, December 5, 2012...military appreciation day...into Topeka, Kansas

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Today I walked to honor my grandfather, my great-grandfather and my uncle. We started just east of St. Mary's on route 24 east bound. The road follows a Union Pacific track and today there was all kinds of maintenance going on. The equipment certainly is different from when I worked on a branch line of Canadian Pacific in 1972. Since I love railroads I was compelled to stop and chat with just about every crew I came across. It seems that Union Pacific hires a lot of veterans. Thank you for your service to the following: Hawkins-Army, Jason-Air Force, Justin-Army (his Dad was in Viet Nam), Bill Meyers-Army, Fred Pino-Marines and Kelly Remer-Army MP (I trust your wife gave the OK on the smoker!!!). Around 3:00 PM we passed KNST-TV the NBC affiliate in Topeka. Katy the reporter interviewed me and took some footage. Perhaps The Walk will once again hit the air waves! Once we got into Topeka route 24 turns into a freeway so the last couple of night were done not only in the dark but with traffic whizzing by. When the day was over we had logged 21.8 miles, 45,730 steps. The findings for the day: 2 thin dimes, 3 pennies of which one looks like it got pounded VERY flat, 1 #13 socket, 1 large lynch pin and 1 wire stripper plus crimper tool. I saw several red-tailed hawks.

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