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Association**



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Welcome to the Chapter's monthly newsletter. As always we are in hopes that you are "dry" and in good health. We have endured rains of biblical proportions; perhaps we can finally dry out and enjoy our upcoming good weather.

Last month's newsletter was incorrect for the dates of the Barnes Vigil. The correct date is **Sunday May 30<sup>th</sup>, 0700 – 1900 hrs.** The hours have changed from previous years because of conflicting events; our times have been shortened, but not our cause. We will never forget.  
<http://www.newenglandskysoldier.com/Vigil.html>

Our next Chapter Membership meeting will be held on 24 April, 12:00 hrs, at the American Legion, 66 Prospect St, Mossup Ct. Members, spouses, and significant others are invited to attend.  
<http://www.newenglandskysoldier.com/Events.html>

The Chapter has sent its first shipment of supplies to D 2/503 and E 1/503 totaling approx \$1500.00. A second shipment is planned in the near future. Thanks to all for your financial support. Letters & cards are also welcome for Our Troops, they can be sent to Dennis Hill, 97 Earle St. Norwood Ma 02062-1504 for forwarding.

We have inserted a new page on our website with news from National. We will keep this up to date, so that we don't send too many emails out to fill your inbox.  
[http://www.newenglandskysoldier.com/Chapter\\_Items\\_of-Interest.html](http://www.newenglandskysoldier.com/Chapter_Items_of-Interest.html)

**Noteworthy Events:**

Peter Foote Memorial 15 May 2010, 11:00 hrs North Adams Ma.  
[www.newenglandskysoldier.com/files/North\\_Adams.pdf](http://www.newenglandskysoldier.com/files/North_Adams.pdf)

National Reunion 2 – 6 June 2010 [www.173rdreunion2010.com](http://www.173rdreunion2010.com)

Original 4/503 Reunion 1 – 2 June 2010 [http://www.geronimobattalion.com/files/Reunion\\_2010.pdf](http://www.geronimobattalion.com/files/Reunion_2010.pdf)  
Jack Tarr is the POC [jtarr5@verizon.net](mailto:jtarr5@verizon.net)

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Dennis Hill is as we speak at the VA. He had "minor" urology surgery on 4-15, so he needed to stop his meds. Bad move, Dennis was in so much pain that he surrendered to the Emergency Room at the West Roxbury VA. No matter what the MD's do they can't straighten out his leg. So they plan is to ship him to JP for his "minor" surgery, then while he is under, straighten the leg out. Then off to a rehab facility. Dennis reports that they are treating him great, but not enough food. Cards can be sent to 97 Earle St, Norwood, MA., 02062-1504, email [dhill173@verizon.net](mailto:dhill173@verizon.net)

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MINUTES OF CHAPTER MEETING 02/20/2010  
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- 01.) 1400 hours the meeting was called to order by Chapter President Peter Klausner.
- 02.) Minutes of prior meeting were read by Chapter Secretary Dennis Hill. A vote to accept the minutes as read was conducted.
- 03.) Bill Maloney gave the Treasurer's Report and the balance in the chapter funds are \$7,413.00. A vote to accept the report was conducted. Out of the amount above stated, \$2,391.00 is designated for Bravo Company, and Echo Company stationed in Afghanistan.
- 04.) A member from the Board of Selectman for the Town of Brandon was present and read and presented to Peter a proclamation from the town of Brandon proclaiming 02/20/10, 173D Airborne Brigade Day.
- 05.) Peter thanked and welcomed all members present to the meeting and the first meeting under his Presidency.
- 06.) A call for old business was initiated:  
Peter spoke to the members about the project of naming a highway in Massachusetts in the name of the 173D Airborne Brigade. More Information forthcoming in the future.
- 07.) Peter advised that the cutoff for donations for the troops down range would be March 01, 2010.
- 08.) A call for new business was initiated.
- 09.) Peter advised the membership that he would like to see the chapter use Pay Pal for future use with the chapter web site. The chapter will also be able to get on nationals web page to sell items also if using pay pal. Billy Maloney assigned the project. Anthony Albarello volunteered his wife to assist setting up the page.
- 10.) Dennis Hill requested that the chapter donate \$173.00 to the Gold Star Wives of Lowell who visit veterans in hospitals. This would be the second year the chapter has donated to this cause. A vote was taken and accepted.
- 11.) John O'Dea, (Quartermaster) brought up the subject of utilizing a web cam for future meetings, so those who are unable to attend can watch on computer. Peter will look into this technology.
- 12.) Peter advised the membership that the next Chapter Meeting would be held in the state of Ct.
- 13.) Meeting was adjourned at 1500 hours by Chapter President, Peter Klausner.

President, (Peter Klausner) \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary, (Dennis Hill) \_\_\_\_\_

## President:

As we continue to grow and evolve as an International Chapter it has become more apparent to me each day as to just how good we are. There are almost daily events that transpire of positive happenings within the Chapter. These go unnoticed by most as they have become the norm. I/ We are fortunate to have the Officers and caring members that spend countless hours in support of our members. Things don't just happen; our members & officers are both proactive and reactive to our membership. The Airborne Spirit is alive and well within the Chapter. There are no unimportant members; we all play a roll in serving our current and past warriors. We all can be proud that we are members of Chapter 9. We are a Band of Brothers!

As we continue to move our meetings within our geographical boundaries we are in hopes that you will be able to attend a membership meeting. See what your Chapter is doing and provide ideas on how to make us even better. "If everyone thinks alike, someone isn't thinking". We look forward seeing you in the near future.

Peter Klausner  
President

## Chaplain's Corner

I would like to let you know that if there is anything I can do to help you as your Chaplain don't hesitate to drop me an e-mail and let me know. [Thehope@juno.com](mailto:Thehope@juno.com)

I can pray for you if you need that, I can put you into a larger prayer chain that covers the nation, or we can just talk.

I am willing to help in any way that I can. Through Jesus Christ all things are possible.

In his service

Rev. Guy Hodgkins D.D.

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"Age wrinkles the body. Quitting wrinkles the soul."

<http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/d/douglasmac378358.html> General Douglas MacArthur

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As always, we wish you a good door position and safe landing.

