



**New England Chapter 9
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173^d Airborne Association**

[Mission Statement](#)



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Our Summer Raffle was a success; we want to thank everyone that participated and congratulations to our winners. This may very well become an annual event. Everyone by now should have received their checks.

Sadly we report that another member of Chapter 9 has died. Roy Wheelock, Roy was not only a life member; he was the founding father of the New England Chapter. He will be missed,

Roy went to Vermont and Massachusetts schools. He served in the United States Army in Vietnam and Korea, receiving numerous medals, including the Bronze Star. After 20 years in the military he came back to the area and was a long haul truck driver. He was a member of the Florence VFW, the DAV, American Legion, Moose Lodge and the Hampshire County Riding Club.

Roy leaves his wife, Patricia (Prusnal) Wheelock; son, Clifford Wheelock; and daughter, imberly Riopelle. He leaves his nine siblings, including brothers, Bert and Clayton Johnson, and sisters, Gwendolyn Powell and Madolyn Barry. He leaves his grandchildren, Amber, Dylon and Samantha Riopelle, and several nieces and nephews

President:

My thanks go out to each member that attended Roy Wheelock's funeral. Roy was the first member and the driving force in establishing the New England Chapter. Rest in peace Roy!

We continue on our path of improving and growing. New members continue to join our ranks [New Members](#). With the money that the Chapter made with the Summer Raffle we are now more able to support worthy charitable organizations and veterans groups in accordance with our Mission Statement [Mission Statement](#). These advancements are due to the support and generosity of you our members.

Leapfest was also a profitable event. The sky was overcast and the winds picked up a little, but after several weather delays there were jumpers. Always a good day when you are surrounded by paratroopers! Unfortunately not all jumpers landed on the drop zone, so an occasional glance upwards was the order of the day. Pictures can be found on our website. <http://www.newenglandskysoldier.com/>.

All in all a good month for the Chapter. We ask that you keep your demographics up to date and if you have an email let Dennis know dhill173@verizon.net

Stay healthy, and thank you for your service to our great Country.

Peter Klausner
President, Chapter 9

Secretary:

Here we are at the end of August and oh my God how fast the summer is flying by. The chapter has had a banner year in regards to events and money generated. In turn the chapter has made quite a few donations to various organizations which is a good thing. I would like to thank each and every one of you who participated in the July Raffle. The raffle was a great project, and I must say I for one did not think it would do as good as it did. The chapter will now consider running a raffle every summer. If you do not have a computer, you were not able to keep track of the raffle. Below is a listing of the winners of the July Raffle.

#	DATE	AMOUNT	WINNERS NAME	CITY & STATE
1	07/01/11	\$25.00	PAULA & THERESA GIRMACDI	CHELSEA, MA.
2	07/02/11	\$50.00	ERIN ELLSWORH	NORTHBORO, MA.
03	07/03/11	\$25.00	HENRY A. KNIGHT, III	GREENWICH, RI.
04	07/04/11	\$250.00	BARRY SALANT	UNDERHILL, VT.
05	07/05/11	\$25.00	TOM BENOIT	SEEKONK, MA.
06	07/06/11	\$173.00	SUSAN LAGERSTEDT	BROCKTON, MA.
07	07/07/11	\$50.00	DENNIS P. HILL	NORWOOD, MA.
08	07/08/11	\$25.00	MARK JACOBSON	FOXBORO, MA.
09	07/09/11	\$50.00	JED MCGARRY	MARLBOROUGH, A.
10	07/10/11	\$25.00	BOB MAZZONE	WORCESTER, MA.
11	07/11/11	\$50.00	ANDREA B. STANLEY	BRANDON, VT.
12	07/12/11	\$25.00	JIM LEMOINE	DAYVILLE, CT.
13	07/13/11	\$173.00	LYDIA O'DEA	NEWTON, MA.
14	07/14/11	\$50.00	BRENDA J. PHILLIPS	PUTNEY, VT.
15	07/15/11	\$25.00	ERIN ELLSWORTH	NORTHBORO, MA.
16	07/16/11	\$50.00	ANN CURRAN	MEDWAY, MA.
17	07/17/11	\$25.00	GREGG GWISE	NO. KINSTOWN, RI.
18	07/18/11	\$50.00	HAROLD A. NEWCOMB	E. BRIDGEWATER, MA.
19	07/19/11	\$25.00	NIKKI LIKELY	NEWTON, MA.
20	07/20/11	\$173.00	SUSAN CARROLL	WILMINGTON, MA.
21	07/21/11	\$50.00	FREDERICK LEWIS	EAST TAUNTON, MA.
22	07/22/11	\$25.00	JAKE CUSSON	WESTBORO, MA.
23	07/23/11	\$50.00	TONY MYERS	TOPEKA, KS.
24	07/24/11	\$25.00	LARRY TREVASKIS	BOULDER, CO.
25	07/25/11	\$50.00	JOHN O'DEA	NEW TON, MA.
26	07/26/11	\$25.00	CHRIS REARDON	CROMWELL, CT.
27	07/27/11	\$173.00	JAMES FOREMAN	FORT KENT, ME.
28	07/28/11	\$50.00	MARJORIE LUNDY	LEXINGTON, MA.
29	07/29/11	\$25.00	JAMES WAZ	BROOKFIELD, MA.
30	07/30/11	\$50.00	ROBERT HARNOIS	WARE, MA.
31	07/31/11	\$25.00	EDWARD DONNELLY	NORTHBORO, MA.
XX	XXXXX	\$1,892.00	TOTAL IN CASH PRIZES AWARDED	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

So far this year the chapter is solvent, all bills are paid, and were moving forward to end the year in a positive note.

Dues will be due for all annual members for 2012 by the end of the year. You might want to consider sending in your dues now for 2012 before you get tied up with the

coming holidays. Year end elections will take place in December for another two years. Anyone considering running for one of the four elected positions should make their

desires known before the end of November. Our next chapter meeting will be held in Ct. Why not consider bringing the significant other and after the meeting you can stop at Foxwoods and make a day of it? I hope to see some new faces at the next chapter meeting. Have a great end of the summer, and start thinking about putting away your lawnmower and etc. for the winter.

Airborne All The Way and my best to you and your family.

Dennis Hill, (Chapter Secretary)

Service Officer:

If you entered active duty service with a pre-existing condition and your military service caused that condition to become worse over time, you may be eligible for a [service connected](#) disability benefit.

[Title 38](#): PART 3, Subpart A

§ 3.306 Aggravation of preservice disability.

(a) General. A preexisting injury or disease will be considered to have been aggravated by active military, naval, or air service, where there is an increase in disability during such service, unless there is a specific finding that the increase in disability is due to the natural progress of the disease.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 1153)

(b) Wartime service; peacetime service after December 31, 1946. Clear and unmistakable evidence (obvious or manifest) is required to rebut the presumption of aggravation where the preservice disability underwent an increase in severity during service. This includes medical facts and principles which may be considered to determine whether the increase is due to the natural progress of the condition. Aggravation may not be conceded where the disability underwent no increase in severity during service on the basis of all the evidence of record pertaining to the manifestations of the disability prior to, during and subsequent to service.

(1) The usual effects of medical and surgical treatment in service, having the effect of ameliorating disease or other conditions incurred before enlistment, including postoperative scars, absent or poorly functioning parts or organs, will not be considered service connected unless the disease or injury is otherwise aggravated by service.

(2) Due regard will be given the places, types, and circumstances of service and particular consideration will be accorded combat duty and other hardships of service. The development of symptomatic manifestations of a preexisting disease or injury during or proximately following action with the enemy or following a status as a prisoner of war will establish aggravation of a disability.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 1154)

(c) Peacetime service prior to December 7, 1941. The specific finding requirement that an increase in disability is due to the natural progress of the condition will be met when the available evidence of a nature generally acceptable as competent shows that the increase in severity of a disease or injury or acceleration in progress was that normally to be expected by reason of the inherent character of the condition, aside from any extraneous or contributing cause or influence peculiar to military service. Consideration will be given to the circumstances, conditions, and hardships of service.

Joe Armstrong
Service Officer

Chaplain:

Things to remember when you are in doubt about what to say.

The words of a man's mouth are as deep waters, and the wellspring of wisdom as a flowing brook.

It is not good to accept the person of the wicked, to overthrow the righteous in judgment.

A fool's lips enter into contention, and his mouth calleth for strokes.

A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul.

Proverbs 18: 4-7

Rev. Guy Hodgkins.

Message from Roy Scott, Association President:

Skysoldiers,

On July 23, 2011 I received letter per e-mail from Gary Granade, in the letter, I was asked to please except his Resignation as Treasurer of the Association. After a day of reflection, I replied by excepting his resignation. Gary has done an outstanding job, many do not remember when Gary became our treasurer, but when he took over, the association was basically in the red, through his hard work, his experience and knowledge of the association we are now standing clearly on solid financial ground, for his work, we of the Association will always be grateful. Gary has stated, he will continue to perform his duties until a replacement is found.

I am requesting that each Chapter president assist, a committee be formed to search our ranks for an outstanding candidate for this position.

Thank you

Respectfully Submitted

Roy

We wish you a good door position and safe landing.