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The Herd Word



Wreaths Across Arlington



The Wreaths Across America observance began in 1992 under the leadership of Maine businessman, Morrill Worcester. The Wreaths Across America's goal was to decorate the graves at Arlington National Cemetery. Its message: the importance of remembering our fallen heroes, honoring those who

serve, and teaching children about the sacrifices veterans and their families made to preserve our freedoms. Wreaths Across America's motto expresses this message well: "Remember, Honor, and Teach."

What began as a single day observance is now a week-long series of events and has expanded to thousands of local areas in 50 states. The culmination event remains decorating the veteran graves on the second Saturday in December. This year's theme -

"The Christmas They Never Had"

In honor of those who have had to spend a holiday away from home

In memory of those who never made it home

According to Wayne Hanson, the local volunteer-leader, in the past, 4,000 volunteers decorated 24,000 Arlington graves. This year, the Cemetery has asked that all 224,000 graves in the Cemetery be decorated! This year you have an opportunity to place wreaths where the observance began. Our Chapter is leading the Herd 10 December wreath laying delegation.

We will gather for a no-host breakfast at 0830h at the ground-level restaurant of the Key Bridge Marriott and promptly depart at 0945h, by taxi or Metro to the Cemetery, where we will be assigned collectively or separately graves to decorate. The day's activities will conclude with a ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown at 1200h. Because of the number of graves to decorate, we ask our Sky Soldiers and their families and friends to be prepared to continue to work until 1400h. Participants will return to the hotel on their own. The Key Bridge Marriott is just two blocks from the Rosslyn Metro Station.

The holidays are a time when we especially remember the love and warmth of our family and friends and all of us can have this special remembrance of our fellow veterans on 10 December. Please join us.

AIRBORNE
ALL THE WAY

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A LITTLE BIT OF AIRBORNE HISTORY

Airborne Soldier to Rock Legend



Jimi Hendrix
27 Nov 1942 - 18 Sep 1970

Before he became the legend who was to become a rock icon, Jimi Hendrix was a paratrooper.

James Hendrix got into trouble with the law for riding in stolen cars. He was given a choice between spending two years in prison or joining the

Army. Hendrix chose the latter and enlisted on May 31, 1961.

After completing basic training, in November 1962, Hendrix earned the right to wear the "Screaming Eagles" patch and was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division and stationed in Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

His commanding officers and fellow soldiers considered him to be a sub-par soldier: he slept while on duty, had little regard for regulations, required constant supervision, and showed no skill as a marksman. For these reasons, his commanding officers submitted a request that Hendrix be discharged from the military after he had served only one year. Hendrix did not object when the opportunity to leave arose. He would later tell reporters that he received a medical discharge after breaking his ankle during his 26th parachute jump.

While in the Army, forged a friendship with a fellow soldier, Billy Cox,

that would last until shortly before Hendrix's death.

In his album, *Axis: Bold as Love*, Hendrix briefly spoke of his first parachuting experience: "...once you get out there everything is so quiet, all you hear is the breezes-s-s-s..."

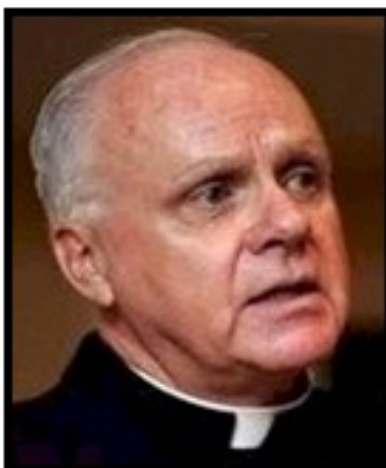
Jimi Hendrix pioneered the explosive possibilities of the electric guitar. Hendrix's innovative style of combining fuzz, feedback, and controlled distortion created a new musical form. Because he was unable to read or write music, it is nothing short of remarkable that Jimi Hendrix's meteoric rise in the music took place in just four short years. His musical language continues to influence a host of modern musicians.

One of Hendrix's most famous pieces is his psychedelic rendition of the U.S. national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner." Hendrix died on September 18th, 1970, from drug-related complications.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jimi_Hendrix
www.jimihendrix.com/



From Archbishop to Cardinal



Pope Benedict XVI appointed Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien of Baltimore, Catholic Chaplain to the Herd in 1971, as the Pro-Grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

Archbishop O'Brien will move to the headquarters of

the Order in Rome, where he will be elevated to the rank of Cardinal. In accepting the new position, Archbishop O'Brien assumes responsibility for the ancient lay Catholic Order whose goal is to promote and defend Christianity in the Holy Land. Archbishop O'Brien was the Distinguished speaker at a Chapter 1 gathering in 2010.

Veterans Day Discounts & Freebies

Restaurants

Abuelo's Mexican Food - Abuelo's offerings vary by region, be sure to call ahead to see what the discounts or freebies are included.

Applebees - All veterans and active duty military eat free from a limited menu at Applebee's on Veterans Day.

Chili's — Veterans and active duty dine for free from a special limited six item menu on Veterans Day.

Golden Corral — Golden Corral Restaurants' Military Appreciation Monday free dinner will be available on November 15, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Military retirees, veterans, active duty, National Guard and Reserves are all welcome.

Hooters — All Veterans and active duty eat free. The free entrees must be selected from a special Veterans Day menu.

Krispy Kreme – All active-duty, retirees & veterans get a free doughnut on Veterans Day. Be sure to call ahead to verify your local Krispy Kreme is participating.

McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurants — Participating McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurants offer a complimentary entree to vets from a special menu on a space available basis, online reservations are highly recommended.

Outback Steakhouse — Veterans and active-duty military get a complimentary Bloomin' Onion and non-alcoholic beverage on Veterans Day.

UNO Chicago Grill — UNO is offering a Buy One Get One free offer to Service members or Veterans with a military or veteran I.D. or in uniform or with a photo of themselves in uniform. The Veterans Day BOGO offer includes a free entree or individual pizza, with the purchase of an entree or pizza of equal or greater value.

Texas Roadhouse – Free meal from opening until 4pm. on Veterans Day. Call ahead to your local restaurant for more information.

T.G.I. Friday's – Veterans and Service members Buy one get one free from Nov 11–14. Contact your nearest location for more details on their Veterans Day BOGO offer.

Retail

The Dollar General — Veterans, Service members (Active, Guard, and Reserve), and their immediate families will receive a 10-percent discount with a Veterans Day coupon. The coupon may be found in store circular ads or by asking a sales associate.

Home Depot — Offers a 10 percent discount to all Veterans during Veterans Day, Memorial Day and Independence Day.

Lowe's — All veterans receive the 10-percent discount on Veteran's Day, Memorial Day and the Fourth of July. The offer is available in stores only and is limited to in-stock and special-order purchases of up to \$5,000.

Sam's Club — Sam's give away 36,000 collapsible Hugo Canes on Veterans Day to military veterans in need of mobility assistance. Sam's Club will require membership for this offer, but proof of service may be necessary.

Amazon.com – Free —Veterans Day Honorll MP3 album download. The album includes 12 songs by The Bands and Ensembles of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Cabela's Outdoor Store – Offers their employee discount to all veterans, active-duty military and reserves, law enforcement, fire and EMS personnel November 11-12. Discounts vary from 5% to 50%, depending on the item.

Build-a-Bear Workshop – Members of the armed services including the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Reserve Officer Training Corps, will receive a 20% discount November 11-15 on any one transaction at Build-A-Bear Workshop.

Fashion Bug – 20% off all plus-size and misses clothing purchases with a copy of military ID or spouse's military ID.

Sports Clips Haircuts - The men's hair salon chain is offering a free haircut to active military and veterans on Veterans Day.

Foot Locker — Veterans, Service members (Active, Guard, and Reserve), and their immediate families with a Foot Locker Veterans Advantage Card receive a 20 percent discount every day of the year. That offer is good both online and at any store location, including Foot Locker, Lady Foot Locker, Kids Foot Locker, Footaction and Champs Sports — even on sale items

Bring DD214, Active Duty ID, or Retirement ID, if available for service verification.

Sigholtz-Capital Chapter 1

Calendar Year 2011

Chapter Event	Date	Time	Day	Project Officer	Remarks
Chapter Annual Meeting	9 Jan 2011	1300	Sunday	Terry Modglin	Marina Towers Condominium (Party Room; 501 Slaters Lane; Alexandria, VA 22314
Newsletter	Mar 2011	N/A	TBD	Mack Brooks	
Reading of the Names	7 May 2011	1100	Saturday	Terry Modglin	Brigade Marker; Arlington Cemetery
Brigade Marker Dedication	7 May 2011	1100	Saturday	Ken Smith	Brigade Marker, Arlington Cemetery
Newsletter	Jun 2011	N/A	TBD	Mack Brooks	
Honors Ceremony	11 Jun 2011	1000	Tuesday	Ken Smith 173d Abn Bde Memorial	"Walk of Honor" at National Infantry Museum, Adjacent to Fort Benning
173 ^d Airborne Brigade Reunion	22 Jun 2011 - 26 Jun 2011	N/A	Wed - Sunday	Scott Smith President Chapter XIII	San Antonio, TX
Newsletter	Sep 2011	N/A	TBD	Mack Brooks	
Brigade Marker and Sky Soldier Honors	11 Nov 2011	1100	Thursday	Terry Modglin	Brief Ceremony following 82d Airborne Color Guard Honors. Visit to MG Williamson's gravesite and Sky Soldier graves in Section 60. No host lunch: Revival Restaurant, Key Bridge Marriott
Walk to the Wall	11 Nov 2011	1030	Friday	Terry Modglin	Vietnam Memorial
Wreaths Across America	10 Dec 2011	0830	Saturday	Terry Modglin	0830 no-host breakfast Revival Restaurant, Marriott Hotel 0945 travel to Arlington National Cemetery
Newsletter	Dec 2011	N/A	TBD	Mack Brooks	
Visit Wounded Warriors at National Naval Medical Center	Periodic	TBD	TBD	Gene Weeks	

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From the Front of Facebook

Thanks to all who have accessed and “liked” the Chapter’s National Capital Region Chapter 173^d Airborne Brigade Association Facebook page. We appreciate your comments.

The Facebook page was created to provide another medium for Sky Soliders to reconnect and sustain their contact with comrades. The page has over 50 “likes.” “Likes” is a term that means someone has made the Chapter’s Facebook page one of their favorites.

Users are welcomed to access the page on Facebook by typing in “National Capital Region Chapter 173rd Airborne Brigade Association” into the Facebook search engine. Feel free to post photos or share comments with others. An increase of traffic by our members on Facebook page will increase its popularity on the Facebook website. Get on-line and “Like” our Facebook page!





Spartan Club for Brigade Memorial



In 480 BC, three hundred Spartans stood in a rocky mountain pass at Thermopylae and for seven days held off the mighty Persian army, thereby allowing Greek forces to muster and eventually defeat the invaders. Three hundred warriors preserved the cradle of civilization. Three hundred Spartan Warriors made a difference.

The 173^d Airborne Brigade Memorial Foundation needs the support of Spartan Warriors to preserve and maintain our Memorial, dedicated in June 2010 at the National Infantry Museum campus near Fort Benning, Georgia.

The Foundation needs a minimum of \$5,000.00 annually for basic maintenance (electricity, landscaping and irrigation). In addition to periodic costs of adding new information to the Memorial, funds will be required for maintenance, minor repairs, insurance, and administrative costs. To ensure perpetual care, the Foundation has established an endowment fund goal of \$300,000, raised over ten years, in addition to annual donations received from other sources.

The Foundation is seeking Spartan Warriors willing to help preserve our legacy and maintain our memorial. This letter is an invitation to your Chapter to become a member of the 173^d Airborne Brigade Memorial Foundation's Spartan's Club.

Spartan Club membership is available at three levels. Spartan Club Commander level requires an annual pledge of \$200.00 or more for each of the next ten years. The Spartan Club Centurion level requires an annual Pledge between \$173.00 and \$199.00 for the same period. The Spartan Club Lancer level requires an annual pledge between \$25.00 and \$172.00 for a similar period. If the Spartans contribute an average of \$100.00 each for the next ten years, the Foundation Endowment Fund will achieve its objective. Spartan Club Chapters will receive recognition in our annual programs and reports. I hope that each Chapter can qualify for membership in the Club at least at the Centurion level.

As with the Spartans at Thermopylae, the burden of preserving our memorial and heritage is shared equally regardless of position, title, or rank. Membership in the Club is open to all Sky Soldiers, their families, and military and patriotic organizations. As in the past, we hope that you will accept this challenge and support your memorial.

Kenneth V. Smith
Colonel, USA (Ret)
Foundation President



173d Airborne Brigade Memorial Foundation

SPARTAN CLUB



I/We wish to share the burden of preserving our memorial and heritage as a member of the 173^d Airborne Brigade Memorial Foundation Spartan Club. Beginning in 2011 and for nine succeeding years, I pledge to donate the following amount each year to the 173d Airborne Brigade Memorial Foundation:

Commander [\$200 or more] \$ _____ Centurion [\$173 to \$199] \$ _____ Lancer [\$25 to \$172] \$ _____

Full Name: _____

Street: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Signature: _____

Mail your signed pledge form and check (payable to the 173^d Airborne Brigade Memorial Foundation) to:

173d Airborne Brigade Memorial Foundation, 1160 Lake Royale, Louisburg, NC 27549

You may pay pledges electronically at the 173^d Airborne Brigade Memorial Foundation website www.173dairbornememorial.org
Click on the tab: "Memorial Donations." Annually, the Foundation will send you an electronic or mail reminder.

The 173d Airborne Brigade Memorial Foundation has been granted 501 (c)(3) status by the Internal Revenue Service. Contributions to the Foundation may be deductible under Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Vice President's Corner



Periodic membership meetings are necessary for any organization to sustain its vitality, focus, and purpose. For Sky Soldiers, periodic meetings offer the opportunity to sustain the camaraderie that cemented us into a lifelong fraternity of brother and sister warriors.

We, in Chapter 1, have the privilege of meeting several times annually to honor the Brigade's Fallen: Arlington National Cemetery, "The Wall," etc.

The Chapter would like to schedule meetings that are convenient, frequent, appealing, and likely to muster a sizeable number from the greater DC-Virginia-Maryland area. No one occasion or program can attract all our members. We have meetings related to National Holidays, memorial celebrations, and Chapter business. We have had weekend luncheons with speakers who presented on military subjects. However, all too often attendance has been modest. This suggests it may be time to introduce other venues or events that may attract greater participation.

Our region has many fascinating Defense-related sites that offer the prospect of guided tours and proximity to low-cost eating establishments. The NSA National Cryptologic Museum at Fort Meade, the US Naval Academy and Museum at Annapolis, the Washington Navy Yard and its Navy and Marine Corps Museum, the Old Guard at Fort. Myer and Fort McNair, the Air and Space Museum expanded facility near Dulles International Airport, the Newseum in Washington, the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, to name but a few of the local sites. You may have other suggestions.

The Chapter welcomes your comments and suggestions for Chapter meetings. Let us know your thoughts about sites, dates, times, and ways we may serve the membership.

Please e-mail your comments to mmbelenky@comcast.net or mail to Michael M. Belenky, 808 Canvasback Court, Arnold, Maryland 21012-1513; or phone: 443-949-0825

Airborne, Mike Belenky
Vice President, Sigholtz Capital Chapter, 173D Airborne Brigade Association

Auction for Patriotic Print by Master

Before his passing, our Sky Soldier Brother Jim Mailler donated to the Chapter one of his prize prints to raise funds for the Brigade Memorial. The print is a limited edition mezzotint (6 of 25) of a painting by a well-known artist named Kazuhisa Honda. The 30" by 15" print depicts rolling hills of crops in front of a dark blue sky with a farmhouse nestled in a grove of trees. The U.S. flag waves proudly above the farmhouse. What is a mezzotint and what makes it special? Mezzo-



tint is a labor intensive process by which tonality is achieved by roughening the plate with thousands of little dots made by a metal tool with small teeth, called a "rocker." In printing, the tiny pits in the plate hold the ink when the face of the plate is wiped clean, thus achieving a

high level of quality and richness. The process was widely used in England from the mid-eighteenth century to reproduce portraits and other paintings. It is rarely used now.

This print was purchased in 1989 and appraised last year by phone at \$500. The Chapter will sell it to the first person to bid \$400 or the highest bid (minimum \$100) by November 15. Please e-mail Ken Smith at kvsmit173@gmail.com or call him at [252-478-9359](tel:252-478-9359).

Upcoming Events

11 November —

For those who participate every year and for those who have never been to the Wall, Chapter 1 will host the Walk to the Wall, at 1100 hours, on 11 November. Sky Soldiers and friends of Sky Soldiers should gather near the Hart Statue at 1030 hours. The laying of the wreath at the Wall will be followed by a no-host lunch at the Revival Room of the Key Bridge Marriott. Join us in this national observance and visit Washington while you're here. Looking for a hotel? We recommend the Virginian Suites, 703-522-9600. Ask for Martha Valenzuela, the Reservations Manager. Only a few rooms are available. Also consider the Days Inn Arlington, 703-525-0300. Both are near Arlington National Cemetery and Fort Myer and both are just a couple of miles to the Wall. Chapter President, Terry Modglin, will host an informal reception in his room at the Virginian Suites from 1900 to 2200 hours.

10 November —

On November 10, Chapter 1 join other members of the Airborne community in greeting the 82d Airborne Color Guard when it pays tribute to fallen paratroopers at Arlington National Cemetery. Chapter 1 members will gather at 1100 hours. After the Color Guard honors, we will visit the grave of General and Margaret Williamson and Iraq-Afghanistan KIAs in Section 60.

10 December —

Wreaths Across America remembers all who have served and are interred in military cemeteries. This year's observance is Saturday, December 10. Arlington National Cemetery has challenged Wreaths Across America, in its 20th anniversary year, to decorate all graves at Arlington—over 200,000 this year. This goal will require 5,000 volunteers! Chapter 1 will gather at a no-host breakfast at the Revival Room of the Key Bridge Marriott at 0830 hours. At 0945 hours, Chapter 1 participants will move to the Rosslyn Metro Station (two blocks away) en route to Arlington Cemetery station to the cemetery to participate. For those with limited mobility, we will solicit the hotel [which hotel] to provide a van to the cemetery. Sky Soldier volunteers will help as needed and then return to the hotel and their cars on their own.



Sky Soldier Updates



Passages

The ashes of **LTC (Ret.) Jim Mailler** (Vietnam 1966-1967) were inurned at the Arlington National Cemetery Columbarium, on September 26. Our Chapter color guard and a photographer were present for the family. Jim had an extensive military book collection. If you are interested, e-mail Terry Modglin (terry.modglin@gmail.com). A print, by an accomplished American Artist, that was donated by Jim is available for auction. The proceeds will to benefit the 173^d Airborne Brigade Memorial Foundation. Jim will be missed.

COL (Ret.) Charles “Chuck” Drake, who commanded the 3/319th (1967-1968) and later served as Commandant of the NATO School (SHAPE) passed away on July 16, 2011. Chapter Members attended his viewing on July 22 and General (Ret.) “Uncle Jack” Deane and Chapter 9 (New England) Members represented Sky Soldiers at Chuck’s York, Maine, funeral. Chuck will be missed by the Chapter and all who knew him.

COL (Ret.) Harold Biddix (1963 – 1966) was buried at 1300, on 24 October. Harold was on the Brigade staff in Okinawa and in the early phases of the Brigade’s initial Vietnam deployment. The Chapter carried the Colors at the burial and the grateful family accepted the flowers we provided. Chaplain Kennaugh, who presided, was a Herd Chaplain during the Brigade’s last Afghanistan tour.

Ronald Howard Wiseman (2/503d, 1966/1967), December 26, 1946 – February 19, 2011, beloved father of Susan and Kelly Wiseman. He fought with the 173d Airborne Brigade in Vietnam. Good friend to many war veterans and Sergeant-at-Arms of the Greenbelt, Maryland American Legion. *Rest easy brother.*

Of Note

COL (Ret.) Fred Carlson and his wife, **Mary Jo**, hosted the annual meeting of Fred’s platoon (3d Platoon, B Company, 3-503d) members on 24 September, at their home in Falstaff, MD. More than 20 members of the platoon from across the country got together for the Airborne gathering. More on this event in the next newsletter. The wives of these brave Sky Soldiers are the wind beneath their airborne wings.

Jim McDonough (Vietnam 1970 – 1971) recently returned to the Washington Metro Area after 11 years in Tallahassee, FL where he was Florida’s Drug Control Director and Secretary of the Florida Department of Corrections. Welcome back to the region, Jim, and thanks for your contributions to a civil society.

Mike Thibault (Vietnam 1966) recently served as Co-Chair of the Congressionally-authorized Commission on Wartime Contracting. The Commission’s Final Report cited \$30 to \$60 billion lost to fraud and waste in the Iraq and Afghanistan. Thanks for shouldering a tough job, Mike.

Cis Sigholtz, mother of Captain Bobby Sigholtz, for whom our Chapter is named and wife of Colonel Bob Sigholtz, has for the second consecutive year, given the Chapter tickets and parking passes for Wounded Warriors to attend Washington Redskins games. Thanks for your generosity, Cis.

Photo Gallery



LTC (Ret.) Jim Mailer Inurnment

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AIRBORNE ALL THE WAY!!!

Johnson Platoon Reunion

Sigholtz-Capital Chapter 1's Fred Carlson and his wife, Mary Jo, hosted this year's Johnson Platoon Reunion, at their home in Fallston, MD, 10-11 September.

The reunion is formally known as the 1969 edition of 3^d Platoon, B Company, 3-503^d, 173^d Airborne Brigade.

The group gathers once a year to enjoy good food, great fellowship, and the comradeship that bonded them in Vietnam. Lasting three or more days, the reunions bring

together Sky Soldiers from all over the country, with their families. Spouses and children have bonded over the years and



strengthened the family links that were first forged at LZ Uplift.

In the next Herd Word, look for more on the gathering of this Herd group and how they went about locating platoon members – and how you can do it, too.

To date, they have located 26 platoon members and the search continues.