

Texas Chapter 13

173rd Airborne Association

December 2011 Newsletter

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I'm sure everyone is aware by now Scott Smith, our Chapter president



passed away on Thanksgiving Day. His funeral was held on November 30th in Waco, TX with family, many Chapter members, friends, and other paratroopers in attendance

Scott served with Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 173rd Airborne Brigade in 1967 –

1968 and was later assigned to the 82nd Airborne at Ft. Bragg, NC.

Since his retirement Scott was active with many other veterans associations besides Chapter 13. He served as our Chapter vice-president and was just recently re-elected as the Chapter president.

Not only was he one of our leaders, but he was a great friend and will be missed greatly by us all.

His obituary can be read online at Wacotrib.com

Chapter President's Message

No message this quarter. Augustine Soto has assumed the position of Chapter President for the time being.

In Remembrance

Robert Wesely Haas (1950-2011), Fort Worth passed away Dec. 2, 2011. He was assigned to the 173rd during the Vietnam War. His obituary can be read in the [Fort Worth Star-Telegram](http://FortWorthStarTelegram.com)

Upcoming Events

- 1st Qtr Meeting, Feb. 18th in Corpus Christi
- 2nd Qtr Meeting, May 5th
- 3rd Qtr Meeting, July 21st
- 4th Qtr Meeting, Oct. 6th

Chapter Updates

Houston Area:

Texas Salute to Military service was held in Kemah, TX on November 4th. Members in attendance were Eric and Susan Hitchcock, Harold and Barbara Brent, and John Barthelemy.



John & Harold with one of the Golden Knights who jumped into Kemah.

Operation American Heroes, November 11th



In the front is one of the original Flying Tiger pilots from WWII with his wife and friend. In the back: Harold & Barbara Brent, Eric & Susan Hitchcock, Charlie & John Barthelemy

The 8th of November run in Warner Barracks, Bamberg Germany was attended by Chapter member Gary Granade.

San Antonio Area:

The Roy Maas Children's Home Christmas Party was held December 18th. The chapter was well represented by chapter members and was greatly appreciated by the children. A wonderful time was had by all present.

Dallas Area:

Nothing to report

Valley Area:

Nothing to report

Check out these Web sites:

- www.texasskysoldier.org
- www.skysoldiers.com
- www.173airborne.army.mil