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173rd Airborne Brigade
Association**



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We again welcome you to our Chapter Newsletter. The Holiday period is again upon us. The Officer's wish you and yours the very best during this Holiday time. Our active duty warriors are prepping for their departure, and our thoughts and prayers are with them.

The next Chapter membership meeting will be Dec 19th this is general elections, we would like as many as possible to be in attendance. Anyone running for an office must have their names submitted to Dennis NLT Dec 1st, dhill173@verizon.net Regular members must be present to vote. This is an important time, as it will determine our course for the next 2 years. Have your voice heard.

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National Reunion is June 2 – 6th (2010) Myrtle Beach, S. Carolina.

Avista Resort
Reservations 800-968-8986
Listed as 173rd Airborne or
group code 1317183

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The "Original" 4/503 is having their Annual Reunion (2010):

We are scheduling our Battalion Reunion just before the dedication of the 173d Airborne Memorial at Ft Benning on June 1st, 2010. Our dinner will be Sunday night, May 30th. We will have a hospitality room as always. General Healy told me he would be there next year if he is "upright and able". It will be at the Holiday Inn on Manchester Blvd. I have blocked 75 rooms there for a base price of \$74.00 per room. Mention the Original 4th Battalion to get the rate. I will send out an official announcement with costs for the dinner in November.

Who is invited? If you served with the 4/503rd, between June 6, 1966 and June 1, 1967, you are invited. If you are a family member of one of our comrades who died in Vietnam or since returning to the States, you are invited. You are not required to be a registered member of the 173rd Association to participate in the Geronimo Battalion Reunion.

In the mean time, contact the hotel ASAP to book your room. We understand that hotels around Ft Benning are filling up fast.

Jack Tarr

Holiday Inn
2800 Manchester Rd,
Columbus, GA 31904
706-324-0231
1-800-HOLIDAY (ask for hotel in Columbus, GA)

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Dec 19th will be the Chapter's elections. It is arguably, the most important meeting for the next 2 years. The four elected positions available are: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. It is not too late to submit your name on the ballot. Contact Dennis dh173@verizon.net if you would like to run for any of these offices. This must be done NLT 1 Dec 09.

As of this writing people running for elected positions:

President: Peter Klausner
Vice President: Jim Lemoine
Secretary: Dennis Hill
Treasurer: Bill Maloney

People submitting their names for appointed positions:

Judge Advocate: Bill Maloney
Service Officer: Joe Armstrong
Chaplain: Guy Hodgins
Sgt @ Arms: Dan Roden
Quartermaster: John O'Dea
Webmaster:
Newsletter:
Public Relations Officer:
Historian: Paul Doherty

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PRESIDENT:



A Time to Saddle Up

It's time for me to saddle up and depart this area of operation. I have been the Chapter 9 President for the last two years and I fear that if I stayed on as President I would become less effective. If it were not for the dedication and support of the other Chapter Officers that I had the opportunity to work with my two years as President, we would not have been able to accomplish what we did. These last two years were enjoyable ones to me.

There is still a lot of work to be done. The next Chapter President is going to be very busy picking up where I left off. He is going to have to have a lot of energy and be able to put in a lot of hours every week moving the Chapter forward in its endeavors. This is where having good people around you working as a team of can make or break a chapter. For me looking at the members that have stepped up and thrown their names into the ring as candidates for election I would say we are going to have an awesome crew and they are going to accomplish even more milestones in the next two years.

Keep in mind we are a large chapter, twice as big as two years ago. That means at times we have twice as many problems that we had two years ago. Also remember that the officers work for the chapter and the individuals in the chapter and on any given day this commitment can be daunting.

It is with great pride and a good feeling of accomplishment with the help of everyone in Chapter 9 that I step aside and let new people take the helm and continue to drive on in the spirit of the Airborne. To all the members of Chapter 9 let me say it was a pleasure serving with you, working with you, and thank you for putting your trust in me for the last two years.

Airborne all the way
Frederick Lewis (President)
New England Chapter 9
John A. Barnes III (M.O.H.)
International Society
173rd Airborne Brigade

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VICE PRESIDENT:

Greetings to you all,

This will be my final article as your Vice President. It has been a long time coming and many milestones have been made since I had agreed to take this journey. I was hesitant at first, being so young and inexperienced, but as I reflect back I am proud to have been able to play a part albeit a small one in what has always been a great chapter. A Chapter that is gaining momentum everyday, and not looking back. It does not take you long to realize this when you read our newsletter or see our website. Take the time out of an already hectic schedule to go to a meeting or stop by one of our functions to get a sense of where we are at, but more importantly where we are as an organization.

As our elections draw closer many have stepped to the door with diverse backgrounds and skills from many locations. It will be very interesting to see the Change of Command as we have always been blessed with good stock. I am confident that with the new command will produce even greater results, as the past few years much groundwork has been laid down and problems solved. There were many milestones met, and many more will be laid as the bar for excellence gets continually raised. Chapter 9 has always met the challenges wherever and whatever they might be and always comes out on top. As always we will be ready to meet whatever comes our way and continue what we have started.

I thank you all for the privilege of serving you and the chance to work closely with a staff of truly dedicated professionals. It has been a chance to see the greatness that is our chapter and I hope many of you will take the time to come to the meeting in December and see first hand what it is all really about.

Thank you.

All the way!

Sean Roden

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"Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, to assure the survival and success of liberty."

John F. Kennedy

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