



## John A Barnes III (MOH) New England Chapter 9 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade Association



October 2010

### [Mission Statement](#)

We welcome you all to our monthly newsletter. As always we are in hopes that you and yours are well. The Chapter Officers have been busy working with the National Membership Secretary correcting errors within our membership rolls. National has opened their records to all chapters enabling us to view our membership records; with this said we are finally able to verify our records against those on National. You will find a link to the most up to date records of the Chapter. If your name is not there, or your expiration date is incorrect now is the time to speak up. The link to verify your membership is: [National Membership Listing](#) Those of us with errors in 2010 have been extended thru 2011, no additional payment of dues is required by you. Should there be errors, email or call Dennis Hill [dhill173@verizon.net](mailto:dhill173@verizon.net) 781-769-6062.

Our September membership meeting in Springfield Ma went well. "Old members" and "New members" were present. Our navigational skills were tested trying to find the VFW post but everyone arrived to be greeted by the free roaming chickens that live around the post.



Our thanks to VFW Post 7352 for letting us use their facilities.

New members for the month of Sept: Pat Finnegan D 1/503, Larry Hayes HQ 1/503. Tom Wadell B 1/503. Welcome to our Chapter.

We sadly report that another one of us has passed. Richard Gomes a life member of our chapter. We wish you well old warrior! [Obituary](#)



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**Oct 23** On October 23, at 1000 hours Dedham will be naming streets or squares in honor of certain veterans. John Barnes (MOH), our Chapter named after him, will be honored at the intersection of Colwell Dr. and Greenlodge St. at 1000 hours. [Location](#)

**Oct 23 – 24** Camp Edwards Open House, WWII reenactors, air show and more. [Website](#)

**Oct 23 – 29** [Restrepo](#) In conjunction with Cape Cod for the Troops the New England Chapter will be presenting the movie Restrepo. [Cinema](#) [Sequence of events.](#)

**Nov 11** Veterans Day, [History of Veterans Day](#) Thank YOU for serving!

**Nov 20** General membership meeting 12:00 – 14:00 hrs VFW Post 2125, Bridgewater Ma. [Website](#),

Cape Cod for The Troops Holiday packages help to support this great organization. [Troops](#), their website: [www.capecod4thetroops.com](http://www.capecod4thetroops.com) . Last years support by our Chapter [Support](#)

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**President:**

Veteran’s Day is 11 November; I personally want to thank each of you for serving our great Country.

Another month closer to winter, days are shorter, nights are longer. The wood stove and furnace are looking more inviting. I still feel fortunate living here in New England. We enjoy the best of the best.

The best of the best also means the officers and members of Chapter 9. Without you, our members & officers, we would not be able to do the things we do. Our support this year is above any year the chapter has ever had in its history. Your donations and dues keep us as one of the top chapters within the Association. We continue to evolve, finding and helping members when possible, reinforcing the saying “leave no man behind”.

We may be getting older, we certainly are getting better.

Because of the generosity of you our members we were able to mail \$1,000.00 to our supported active duty units for their homecoming, D 2/503 & E 1/503. This is in addition to our packages sent earlier in their tour. Now our only support is our well wishes and a speedy return. Below find an abstract from our supported units.

*“- Chapter 9 -*

*I wanted to let you know that your Association's gift to Easy Company, 1-503rd was received yesterday. Thank you for your generosity.*

*As I am sure you could guess, Rebecca Sport, the 2-503rd FRSA, and I work closely together. We often compare notes and events of the day to ensure that the Soldiers and Families of our battalions are well cared for. Rebecca told me that she received a check from your group as well. Both were for the same amount”.*

*Jennifer Stewart*

Again thanks to all for your generosity. Hopefully we will meet face to face at a meeting soon. Be well.

Peter Klausner  
President

### **SECRETARY:**

Well here it is the month of October and by the end of the month all of our little ghosts and goblins will be roaming the streets dreaming of all of the candy they will get. The seasons are changing and before you know it, old Jack Frost will be upon us.

As always it is time to start thinking about sending in your dues for 2011. The chapter is experiencing many problems with National in regards to membership rolls and members status. I would please remind you to send your dues into the chapter and not to National. Why you ask? If you send your dues in at the chapter level we have a paper trail and if you send them into National it is a game of producing a cancelled check and a membership card. And if you don't have either, than National states they received nothing and in turn you get nothing. Also the chapter receives \$8.00 of the \$24.00 you send in. If we do not process your dues first, we will receive nothing, and the chapter relies on dues to help defray the costs of running the chapter.

It is the assumption of this chapter that the upper management of the society is not doing the job for which they were elected to, and in turn not working with this chapter to satisfy our membership rolls. Many of our emails sent are not being answered and we are looking at a blank wall in front of us. The mission of this chapter is to fight for the members and their rights.

We will do whatever it takes to rectify problems within our membership rolls, but we need the support of the membership.

So, what we ask is that you send in your dues to Chapter # 9 and not to National so that we can ensure you are credited with paying your dues. Also make sure you have a current membership card reflecting your current status of when you last paid your dues.

So after all of the above, it is time to send in your dues to the local chapter Secretary, (Dennis Hill) and make sure your membership status is up to date.

Any problems do not hesitate to contact one of your chapter Officers for assistance.

I wish you all and your families a very Happy and Safe Halloween.

Until next month,

Airborne All The Way!

Dennis P. Hill, (Secretary)

New England Chapter # 9

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### **TREASURER:**

For the last four years, I have been involved with the conduct of Veterans Day ceremonies at the Northeastern University Veterans Memorial. The Northeastern Veterans Memorial honors 280 Northeastern Alumni who died during our countries conflicts since Northeastern began in 1898.

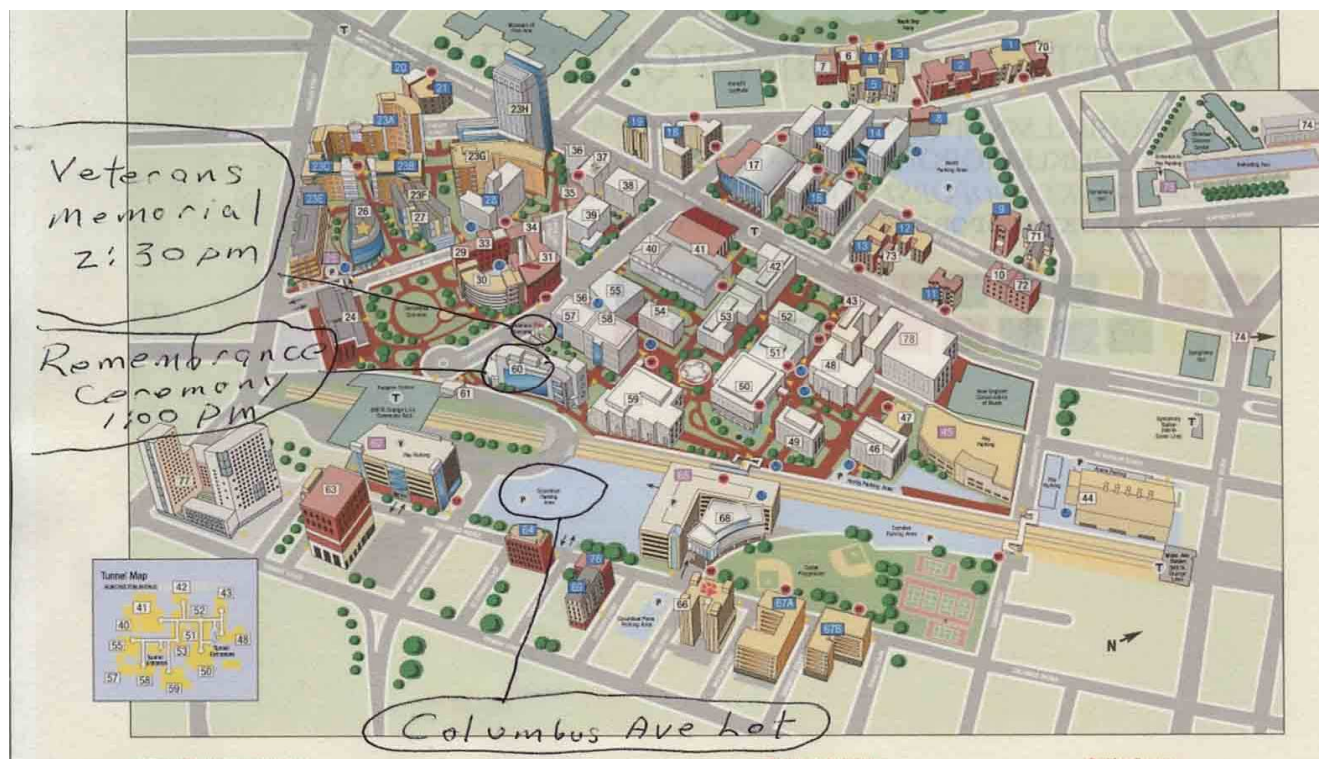
The alumni honored on the Memorial include two members of the 173rd Airborne Brigade who died with the Herd, 1LT Carlton J Mendall and 1LT Robert W MacNaught.

On this Veterans Day, Northeastern will honor Marine Corps Captain Eric Jones of Mashpee, a member of the Class of 2004, who died last year in Afghanistan. Northeastern will add Captain Jones' 'dog tag' to the Memorial, and present Captain Jones' family with a copy. Both parents of Captain Jones are graduates of Northeastern.

The 26th Infantry Division Band will provide music during the ceremonies at the Memorial. Ceremonies at the Memorial will begin at 2:30pm on November 11th. Those ceremonies will be preceded by a Remembrance Ceremony held in 240 Egan, right next to the Memorial beginning at 1:00pm. During the Remembrance Ceremony, the names of all the people honored on the Memorial will be read.

The dog tags placed on the Memorial contain the name, date of birth, place of birth, date of death, place of death, rank, service, and class at Northeastern of those people memorialized. The World War II service members include people who died in places such as Pearl Harbor, Bataan, the skies over France and Germany, Omaha Beach, Iwo Jima, and the skies over Tokyo. The service members for those 25 alumni who died in Vietnam include Binh Dinh, Quang Tri, Quang Nam, Quang Ngai, Kontum, Laos, and North Vietnam.

The website for the Northeastern University Veterans Memorial is <http://www.northeastern.edu/veteransmemorial/> .



**Chaplain's Corner:**

Ephesians 4:28 states, "and be kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you."

Even as God forgave you for your sins (things you have done wrong) you should do the same for others who have slighted or hurt you. Love others as you love yourself.

God bless you,

Guy Hodgkins

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### Soldier to Receive Medal of Honor

Last week, Staff Sgt. Salvatore Giunta, 25, received a phone call while stationed at a U.S. Army base in Italy. The caller was President Barack Obama. The President told Giunta that he would be receiving the military's top award—the Medal of Honor.

The Medal of Honor was created to recognize U.S. soldiers who risk their lives by doing brave deeds "above and beyond the call of duty while engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States." The award is America's oldest official medal, first given to soldiers in 1863 during the Civil War.

It's a rare honor. Giunta is the first living soldier to receive this award in almost 40 years. Only eight have been awarded during the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. How did Giunta earn the award? He battled extreme danger to help keep his fellow soldiers safe.

#### A SOLDIER'S STORY

Giunta served in Afghanistan twice. He was stationed in Afghanistan's Korengal Valley as a rifle team leader on October 26, 2007, during his second tour in that country. His team had been sent on a normal patrol. But when night fell, rebel fighters ambushed (surprise attacked) Giunta and his soldiers.

During the attack, Giunta was shot. But he was still able to pull one soldier to safety from gunfire. He also bravely tried to save a fellow soldier from being dragged away by rebels. Being awarded the military's highest honor for his actions that day has amazed Giunta. He says he doesn't feel like a hero. "I'm still at a loss for words," Giunta told reporters. "I didn't run through fire to do anything heroic or brave. I did what I believe anyone would have done."

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Dave Dolby (MOH) 14 May 1946 – 6 Aug 2010.

Dave was a life member of our Chapter; he will be missed by our entire Country, RIP old warrior.

Remembrances:

*"I had the honor to command David in combat when he was assigned to the Lurps with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne in Vietnam in 1967. David came to us already a real hero. He was always willing to help anyone in anyway he could.*

*He never once hesitated to make sure he was where the fighting was the fiercest. He would always be willing to take out a recon team on a moments notice. On more than a few patrols he was my ATL, and I admired his field craft and courage.*

*We hit it off right away, he was a young buck Sergeant, and knew that I had been an NCO before I recovered my commission. He was never shy about giving good advice, and I considered myself to be very lucky to have him in my unit.*

*He knew how to raise hell as only a young Airborne Buck Sergeant can. A brave man! Our paths crossed many times over the years, in both good times and bad. The last time I saw him was at the post in Dedham a couple of years ago. I have always regarded knowing him as a great good fortune in my life".*

Dan McIsaac  
CPT, USA

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*"Hi, my name is Kimberly Kimball Gonzales.*

*My father was PFC Richard Kimball Jr.; he was killed in action in Vietnam in Nov of 1967. I was only two years old when he died and I have no memory of my dad. Below is the information I have found so far that may be able to put me in touch with anyone who knew him during his time of service. I was hoping to get in touch with anyone who may remember him or even have pictures of him. I appreciate anything you can do to help me. Thank you for your time. D co. at time of death.*

HHC, 2ND BN, 503RD INFANTRY, 173RD ABN BDE, USARV  
Sincerely,  
Kimberly Kimball Gonzales [kmylou@comcast.net](mailto:kmylou@comcast.net)

<http://thewall-usa.com/info.asp?recid=27952>

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This great photo (New Jersey Viet Nam Memorial) was submitted by one of our members Dan Garceau, D 4/503. Truer words have never been written than these on any memorial,

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1/143 Airborne Infantry activated. [Airborne](#)

An Army Ranger story of Pat Tillman [Pat Tillman](#)

Iraqi Statue (an email floating around that is not entirely true). [Statue](#)

An anti-virus program from Microsoft. Since I do computers etc for a living, I thought that I would share this with you. Microsoft has finally figured out they should have their own anti-virus program. It is free, and works exceptionally well by all accounts. Downloading and installation is easy. [Microsoft Security Essentials](#). Make sure that you uninstall all other anti-virus programs first.

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"When war does come, my advice is to draw the sword and throw away the scabbard."

General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson

You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.

**We wish you a good door position and a safe landing.**

