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An Airborne Salute to all members, friends and Gold Stars. Summer is coming to a close, and winter is knocking at our door. As I grow older, winter becomes less impressive!

We will never forget 9-11



There was an error on last months President's article. The date of the next membership meeting is 18 Sept, not the 11th as written last month. Our apologies go out to all. We hope to see you in Springfield.

If you have an email, let the Chapter know, this will not only keep you up to date as to what's going on but it also saves the Chapter \$. Dennis Hill 781-769-6062 or dhill173@verizon.net

Membership problems continue to plague our Chapter. We are in continual communication to try to rectify these errors with National. To those of us that have not received their membership card and are not receiving the Sky Soldier magazine let the Secretary know so that we take the appropriate corrective actions, dhill173@verizon.net

Those of us that were assigned to the 3rd Battalion, we now have our own coin: [Coin](#)

[VA Publishes Final Regulation to Aid Veterans Exposed to Agent Orange](#)

The cost of freedom is never cheap. [KIA's](#), Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families and friends of those that paid the ultimate price. We will never forget!

A member of the Chapter has been hospitalized; Jim Morey has a broken back and is recovering at the Bedford VA, his room phone is 978-687-4230. Jim expects to be in the hospital for another 3 weeks. A call or a get well card would be appreciated I'm sure. 200 Springs Rd. Bedford, MA 01730.

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President:

Today is the 9 year anniversary of the events that occurred on September 11th 2001. A day that changed our lives, and the lives of our future generations. We are still at war, by showing support to our active duty troops, and to our veterans and displaying our flag we show that we will never hunker down to the enemy. Our country has changed since these events, no one can dispute that. We continue to be the police force of the free world. Our military today has to be ready to fight anywhere in the world. By all accords they are ready for this challenge. I believe that joining a veterans organization shows our support to today's warriors for all to see.

The Brigade will be returning shortly. We are in hopes that they are able to get out without any further casualties, and have a safe and speedy return to their loved ones. We know what it is like to be "a short timer", nervous, scared, anxious and ready to go home. Be safe, and get home soon. They all should be home for Christmas or before.

We have sent our remaining monies to our respective Rear Area Agents for disbursal as needed. They were more than delighted. Our thanks to each of you for your contributions, making this yet another successful undertaking of our Chapter. Well done, thanks.

Be well, and God Bless America

Peter Klausner
President

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Secretary:

Hello Everyone,

Well here we are into September, and before you know it we will have the opportunity to go apple picking. Then start looking forward to all of the little ghosts and goblins roaming the streets on Halloween. The changing of the seasons is why we are New Englanders. Like the seasons changing so do many of our members. Many tend to stay indoors and not venture out much with the cold weather. If your one of these people I am speaking about, why not think about attending a chapter meeting. There is the old business talk like all meetings, but than there is the fun part of seeing old friends and finding out what everyone has been up to. Looking forward to new events, buying some 173D products like a new baseball cap to replace the one you have worn so much that the oil needs to be changed. (Been there, done it). Meetings have

a fun part built in and that closeness you once had with your Nam Buddies is there, you just have to reach out and grab it. Think about attending a meeting or two this year, who knows you might just like what you see and want to get involved.

Now to business: The end of the year is fast approaching and it will be time to think about sending in your dues for 2011. As a matter of fact while reading this why not grab your checkbook and write a check for \$24.00 and send it to the Chapter Secretary while it is fresh on your mind. This will eliminate one more project that you will not have to consider at the end of the year. Remember to send your dues into the chapter and not to National. If you send them into national it may cause a problem as the chapter might not get credited with your dues or membership. If you send them to the chapter we have a paper trail which assists us should there be a question with your membership.

I wish you all a good ending to the summer. Now it's time to consider getting those projects done before the cold weather is upon us.

Airborne All The Way!
Dennis Hill, (Secretary)

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Treasurer

I'm not a regular contributor to the newsletter, but I will try to do a better job on that in the future.

I wanted to take a little time to thank the people who had worked for the Chapter this summer in making the Vigil, the National Reunion, and the Leapfest successful as activities that provide the chapter with monies to keep up our activities for the year.

Ed Donnelly, Peter Klausner, Jim Lemoine, Sean and Dan Roden along with other members worked hard at the National Reunion selling our products and running a raffle. It is interesting to learn that our Chapter was the only Chapter selling products at the National Meeting.

Fred Lewis, Peter Klausner and I carried the ball to Leapfest, but we couldn't have done it without Dennis Hill setting things up for us from his sick bed. The day of Leapfest we would have been in big trouble without the hard work of Juanita Lewis and Peg Klausner. We had a good time, and the food and the products were welcomed by the crowd.

I also wanted to acknowledge the contributions of money to the Chapter this year:

Richard and Eddie Dolan, Clarence Hyler, Ed Lastowski, Dan Roden,
Donald Desrochers, Brian Tomelty, Anthony Koroski, Paul Capaldo, Charlie Hicks,
Jim Devine, Peter Klausner, John Gaetani, Christopher Reardon, Paul Barron,
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9013, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2017 and
William Plummer

I haven't mentioned it lately, but contributions to the Chapter are very important, because unlike dues, we do not have to pay two-thirds of them to the National Association.

William Maloney, (Chapter Treasurer)

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WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AIRBORNE

(SOURCE ANONYMOUS)

"I was that which others did not want to be. I have ridden the skies in great machines, hooked up and jumped with the best of men. I went where others feared to go. And did what others failed to do. I asked nothing from those who gave nothing and pushed all thoughts failure from my mind knowing full well the price of honor was either death or victory. I have fought long and hard, seen the face of terror, felt the cold sting of fear, and enjoyed the sweet taste of a moment of love. I have cried, pained and hoped, and when I felt I had no energy left, I have been fired by the fear that if I stopped fighting, my comrades would die. And when I was in danger, enemy all around, I heard the thunder from my left and my right, as my life was defended. Most of all I have lived times others would say were best forgotten. But, I have never been alone and have always known I would never be left behind no matter my mortal state. I have lived, jumped, fought and battled to victory with the greatest assemblage of men on earth. I am proud to say that I was – *"An American Airborne Warrior."*

I've been a member of many organizations, but none am I prouder to have served with than the Airborne.

Fellow Troopers - A Toast to the Airborne Brotherhood

**"Here's to those Warriors from the Sky
Who jump and fight in dark or light
To keep your freedom or die"**

Get Ready, Stand Up, Hook Up, Check Your Equipment, Stand in the Door, Green Light, GO!

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"People sleep peaceably in their beds at night only because rough men stand ready to do violence on their behalf".

George Orwell

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

