

President



To all the New England Chapter IX John A Barnes III members:

I thought I would take some time to introduce myself for this month's newsletter and each officer would do the same in the following issues each month. I was born and brought up in Randolph, Mass. and was drafted into the service in 1970 and did my basic at Ft. Dix N.J. and A.I.T. at Ft. Ord, California and we all know where we did jump school. I arrived in Viet Nam as a 11B4P in July of 1971 and was assigned to A2/503 Inf. and stayed with the Herd until it was deactivated on Jan.14, 1972 and from that point I was with the 101st Abn., until August of 1972. When I got out of the Army I then went from job to job until 1978 when I got on the Randolph Fire Department and have remained there and will be retiring this month after thirty years of service. I have been married for eighteen years to my lovely wife Juanita and how she puts up with me I will never understand.

Working with the great staff of Chapter IX is enjoyable and rewarding and will also help fill in that void that will come upon me as I do retire soon. As you will see in the future news letters we have a highly motivated and talented staff and I am honored to be associated with them as they truly embody that airborne spirit and drive that have made this chapter so successful.

**Thank you to all
Frederick Lewis
President**