



**John A Barnes III (MOH)
New England Chapter 9
173rd Airborne Brigade Association
Newsletter**



July 2009

Welcome to the Chapter 9 monthly newsletter. The Officers are in hopes that your 4th of July holiday was a good one. The Chapter continues on with new members, the supporting of our current members, and continued growth in all areas.

We have a newly designed website that we encourage you to visit, sign into our guestbook, and give us some ideas on what you want. We try very hard to make it as appealing as we can, yet informative. It is our website! In a new area, "Why New England" there are pictures from our States as to why we live in New England. If you have some pictures reinforcing this idea, send them to me for insertion onto our website.

http://www.newenglandskysoldier.com/New_England.html

Happy 40th Birthday Apollo 11.

Local & National happenings :

http://www.newenglandskysoldier.com/files/Calendar/August_2009-1.pdf

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With regrets the Chapter was notified this week of the passing of two 173rd brothers.

Edwin Rogers (5-30-09) George Gomes (10-3-08)

We have sent our condolences to their families, along with the knowledge they will never be forgotten.

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New Members: Welcome to our Chapter

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PRESIDENT:



Greetings to all

The Daytona reunion is at the end of this month and not to sound like a travel agency but its not too late to shuffle to the door and jump in. I spent January through April in Daytona and I eventually hope to move to that area. I know the area pretty well and when you are passing the Chapter 9 vending table and you have any questions about the area please feel free to run your questions by me.

Please take the time to look at the schedule of events as far as the different meetings and classes. Although this reunion is for meeting old friends and making new friends there will be some informational meetings such as "Battling the V.A. system", "Understanding P.T.S.D.", along with individual unit meetings the 503rd, 319th, CAV., Support, and Special troops. The chapter officers also have scheduled mandatory meetings so the issue here is to be aware of the schedule and its daily changes.

Here are some suggested do's and don'ts I learned the hard way over the winter.

- (1) Don't drink on the beach, the guys in the beach patrol blue and white trucks have power of arrest and they don't tolerate any alcohol on the beach.
- (2) The beach patrol can give expensive parking tickets and they do.
The further away from the beach you go the less expensive it is to shop and eat.
- (3) If you think you need some mechanical work done get in touch with me and I can point you in the right direction.
- (4) Bring lots of cash to spend at the vending table, we have some hot items and after the reunion these items will be available on our website and maybe on other web sites.
- (5) Last but not least if you have any type of emergency or questions please call my cell phone day or night at 774-406-6816 and I will be available to help you or your family to resolve the issue.

Please have a safe and happy reunion.
Thank You for your service
Fred Lewis Chapter 9 President

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VICE PRESIDENT



Hello All,

I hope summer is being spent well by all of you. Well as we march on through the year our vigil at the John Barnes III memorial completed we gear up for Leapfest in R.I. Hopefully Mother Nature will be on our side. I encourage all of you to come down and check it out, it is always a good time for all, some of you might be concerned because you have families, children and yes grandchildren, it is a time especially for them to see what it is that is that makes us all proud of who we are and where we have been, jumpers and camaraderie....the chow doesn't hurt either! The chapter has been busy and as summer usually drags slow we have been moving forward, much has been done all I can truly say is stop by the website and scroll through to see what's new. Don't forget to sign our guestbook and leave your thoughts, as I have mentioned in earlier newsletters this is your chapter, we want to know your thoughts, gripes praises and where and what we can do for our members, your voice is the chapter. My hat is off to all for their never ending dedication and work to make our chapter a continued success, I thank you all.

All the way!

Sean Roden
Vice President

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SECRETARY



Hello Everyone,

Well here we are at the end of July and the Ark that I have been building in the back yard is half finished. I believe that the rains have subsided at last so I will put off completing my Ark for this year.

As you all know the annual reunion which is being hosted at Daytona Beach, Florida starts on the 29th of this month and ends on the 2nd of August. Once the Florida reunion is over it will be time to concentrate on the Rhode Island National Guard Leapfest which is being held on the 8th of August of this year.

The International Leapfest will be located behind the West Kingstown Elementary School located off of route # 110. You can go to the link below to see a video on youtube of last years event..

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zv3w1uSLNFE&feature=related>

Leapfest is a fun filled family event. Bring your camera, a folding chair and the family to show others what you did when you were in the military. It is a great day full of excitement. The chapter will have a couple of tents located at the event and we will be selling hotdogs, hamburgers, and all kinds of drinks and tee shirts and etc which will have the logo of the HERD. Come on down and lend a hand, buy some products and take some pictures of the paratroopers as they descend from the helicopters. Mark your calendars for this great event. Directions for the event are as follow:

Take Interstate # 95 (North or South) to exit # 3-A, (Route # 138 East)
Follow route # 138 East towards the University of Rhode Island.
Follow Route # 138 East to Route # 110, turn South onto Route # 110 to the West Kingstown Elementary School. The drop zone will be located behind the school.

There will be signs posted on the side of the road as you travel, just follow the signs.

For those of us that use navigation, here is the actual "address"
Rt 110, Ministerial Rd
Kingston, RI 02881

Don't forget the date: August 08, 2009 starting at 0730 hours and ending at 1400 hours. Hope to see you there.

As of the middle of July the Chapter has recruited twenty-six new members for the year 2009. Some of these are also Gold Star Families. Last year the chapter had recruited around sixty-five new members. We're growing stronger and stronger each and every year. We need the support of the membership to keep us alive and well. If you have not paid your dues for 2009, please take a moment and do so while it is fresh in your mind.

Take a few moments and look at the chapters web site, many changes have been made to make the site more appealing.

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We also know that our fellow troopers in Italy will be going down range again sometime in the near future. The chapter will need assistance in obtaining material and etc. for the care packages that the chapter will be sending to the troops. More information on this will be furnished as it becomes available.

All the way!
Dennis Hill, (Secretary)

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Meet Our Members: Anthony P. Albarello

I was born and raised in Harlem, N.Y. where I pretty much got the urge to be a paratrooper. After all, I did play on rooftops and jumped the buildings tops over alleyways.

At 18 I pushed my draft up to go to jump school and to fight in Vietnam. It was 1966 when I arrived at Ton Sun Nhut by a welcoming committee of mortar fire. Great way to start the year! I was assigned to Support Battalion because I raised my hand when asked who knew how to drive a truck (I learned never to raise my hand again). I went on a few ops and decided I would much rather be in the jungle so I transferred to Fourth Battalion, Charlie Company when they arrived. I became a grunt and fired the .50 when we were at Da Nang. In 1967 I was wounded and awarded a purple heart; I came home to New York City but it was a trying time in my life, being dumped on the streets when the war was not very popular. I floated for awhile, went to school in CA, came back to the East and found a place in NJ. I had no contact with any other vet until New York City finally threw a parade for Vietnam Vets. Soon after, I went to the wall in Washington and had a complete revival. I searched for a Gold Star mother to tell her that her son died peacefully and with honor, with her name his last word to be spoken.

I went to my first meeting of Chapter II and asked them what they were doing to help vets, their families, and the mothers who lost their sons.

Because of that one question I was elected President and held that office for 11 years until I moved. During my time in office Chapter II instituted many programs that were adopted by National and are still in use today. I was granted and assigned the distinction of Distinguished Member of the 503rd Infantry Regiment for the work Chapter II accomplished.

I am 63 now and a semi-retired photographer, having spent the last 40 years shooting high-end fashion, commercial, and finally, my passion, architectural photography around the world.

My architectural photography has been published in dozens of magazines and a few books. I've been well-seasoned and well-traveled, and now I'm in Brandon VT, which I just love. My wife, Carrie, grew up in Brandon and after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, she (strongly) suggested we move back to her hometown. She didn't want to stay in the city and I was ready for change as well.

I am proud to have served with the 173d Airborne Brigade (Sep) and hold my fellow brothers close to my heart. Since arriving to this tiny New England town I have located two brothers of the Brigade.

AIRBORNE, ALL THE WAY!!



Anthony P. Albarello

C/4/503 1966-1967

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I believe we have some moving videos on our website, get a cup of Joe, turn your speakers on and hopefully enjoy.

<http://www.newenglandskysoldier.com/media.html>

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Last Word: Our son Eric and his family have finally departed Germany and are at Fort Bragg assigned to the hospital (WTB). They are experiencing quite the culture shock as it's been 6 years since they last step foot on the good ole USA. Eric requires more medical attention, but is optimistic on recovery. Eric was promoted just prior to departing Germany to E-7. Our family again says thank you for the many, many cards and letters that you have sent.

Peter (AKA webmaster, newsletter editor)

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**“Only the dead have seen the end of war”
Plato**

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