

## New England Chapter, 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne BDE Chapter IX



April 2008

The Chapter has had a busy time period since *our* last newsletter. Many changes, a new newsletter and a new look. We are attempting to reduce *our* mailing expenses by offering the newsletter on line, as well as via email. The link is listed below. Please inform Dennis Hill [dhill173@aol.com](mailto:dhill173@aol.com) of your current email address.

We have lost one of *our* members, (Doc) Robert Vance passed away on 13 April. A loss to the Chapter and to all that knew him. He will be missed. May he rest in peace! There are details and images on *our* website.

We finally have *our* Chapter's website running, [www.newenglandskysoldier.com](http://www.newenglandskysoldier.com). Come visit us, prowl around, there is a lot of information on it, it is updated regularly. This is *our* web site so let us know of changes you want made.

We encourage all Chapter members to frequent the site to get up to date info as to the happenings of the Chapter. There is a lot of information available on the site and it changes frequently.

A new member has transferred to *our* Chapter Martin Scanlan [MARTY1504@COMCAST.NET](mailto:MARTY1504@COMCAST.NET) coming from New York. Marty, welcome to *our* Chapter, we hope to see you at the Vigil.

Emails: Dennis has been trying to get an updated email listing for everyone. Please make an effort to provide your updated demographics. This will both help *us*, and National. It will also enable *us* to better communicate with you.

**Messages from The Chapter Officers:**

*Fred Lewis, Chapter Vice President*



**Hello Everyone**

**What a time to become the Vice President of Chapter #9. It's been a sad start with the losses the chapter has suffered but, it's also been an exciting time as the Chapter has moved forward with the new web site.**

**For all of you that have never come to a Chapter meeting let this be the year to make your move to attend a meeting, it's *your* chapter. If you have never come to the Stand-down let this be the year you make the journey, it's *your* Stand-down. The Stand-down goes for twenty four hours, show up when you can and leave when you feel the need to leave. Get some pride and motivation back in your life by making the journey to Dedham on Sunday May 25, 2008 from 0700 hrs to Monday May 26, 2008 ending at 0700 hrs. To all 173rd brothers who live out by Northampton I will be in the Northampton V.A.M.C., P.T.S.D. unit from May 6,2008 until May 20,2008 for my two week tune up. Make it a point to stop by The Hill and seek me out with any concerns or ideas you have concerning the Chapter. Please call my cell at 774-406-6816 and we can arrange a meeting. Its time to pull together**

**Thank You**

*Dennis Hill, Secretary*



**With the efforts of the 173D and 82ND Airborne Troopers, Doc was given full Military Honors and was laid to rest at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Roslindale.**

**There are still a few troopers who have not paid their dues for 2008. Look at the dates after your zip code: If it does not state 2008 or Life then you owe. Please forward and become current.**

**Members need to update their information to include their email addresses. Many emails on record are old or have changed. Please forward new email addresses for future notifications to include the Newsletter.**

**Future News Letters will be emailed, unless you do not have an email address.**

**This is the fourteenth year for the Barnes Vigil on May 25<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 0700 hours until, Monday May 26<sup>th</sup> at 0700 hours. Come and stand a watch or two, meet with old**

buddies, make new friends. Food will be provided and Herd related products will be on sale for your purchase.

Rhode Island National Guard Leapfest 2008 August 9<sup>th</sup>, starting at 0700 hours. What a great family event. The chapter will be selling hotdogs, hamburgers and selling Chapter products. Come on down for the day and bring the family.

Your level of involvement in *our* Chapter is your decision. We ask that you consider attending *our* meetings to show your support, for seeing your fellow troopers, a few laughs and the business needed to run this organization.

Feel free to contact any of *our* Officers to voice you opinions, comments or questions. They are *our* Officers, serving the Chapter, its mission and its members.

There will be a newsletter in May, then things kind of shut down for the summer months. The website will be kept current as to events pertinent to us.

In closing let me assure you that the Officers of *our* chapter are working very hard to make things better. We need your help and support. We are Airborne, The Chosen Few !

Until next newsletter we wish you a good door position and safe landing.