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173D Airborne Brigade Association

Chapter 28

San Diego, California

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Minutes for August 13th, 2016 meeting of Chapter 28 of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Association held at American Legion Post 149, 230 E. Park Ave. Escondido, California 92025 at 10 A.M.

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Meeting called to order President Jon Hutchens at 10 A.M.

Flag Salute: Led by President

Prayer by Secretary Reynoso

Followed with a Moment of Silence for our fallen.

1. Roll Call of Association Officers:
2. Present (President, Secretary and Sgt at Arms)
3. Excused are ( Treasurer and Vice President) Quorum present
4. Approval of the Agenda: Motion to approve by Dan Sampson, second by Rusty Kulp
5. Agenda approved by voice vote.
6. Reading of the Minutes of May 14th by Secretary.
7. Motion to approve Dan Sampson second by Dave Wilbur
8. Minutes approved by voice vote
9. **Treasure report**: by Secretary: Beginning balance $17530.12 Final balance $17591.00.
10. Motion to approve subject to audit: by Dan Sampson second Rusty Kulp.
11. Treasurer’s report approved subject to audit approved by voice vote.
12. **President’s Report**: We participated in the July 4th parade in Coronado with the 82nd troops and in all we had about ten guys and some of the spectators even offered up free drinks for those in the parade. Lot of fun since we are surrounded by navy types and it’s about even, force wise. The next 173D reunion is at Ft Sill from May 17 – 21, 2017. Information will be forthcoming in SkySoldier and then the Reunion in Italy in July 2017. The Ft Benning reunion was a lot of fun and if anyone wants to see the roster, contact me.
13. **Vice President’**s Report by Jon Hutchens in Pascual’s absence. We have three new members: Larry Howard, D 2/503, Jim Alvillar, D 2/503, and Fran (Benny) Benosky, A 1/503. Pascual is also taking care of our participation in the Wounded Warrior Home Golf Tournament in Rancho Bernardo on Sept 19th. We are sponsoring a hole and will be onsite with refreshments. So, come on out and join us at our tent or, if you like, help out with the tournament itself. (see Attachment 1)
14. Fort Sill Reunion May 17th, 2017. The SkySoldier has all the information and you can go to the 173D web site for more.
15. Reunion Italy, July. The active duty unit is putting this on they are looking forward to having as many 173D Association guys attend as possible. The attendees will be treated as royalty.
16. Old Business will mostly be handled in Committee Reports.
17. **Report of Committees**:
18. 82nd All Airborne Honor Guard. The Honor Guard has had to curtail some of the activities because of a lack of troops. The unit will still do the Honors for paratroopers and family members as well as Posting of Colors for various civic events.
19. Shirts. Reynoso: sold $160.00. Shirts are available after our meeting.
20. Coins. Hernandez. Carlos has coins for sale so get yours soon.
21. 173D and 82nd Joint Venture for a Miramar Monument has received $757.00 in donations so far and we are looking for more. If anyone needs a tax deduction letter see attachment 2. Rusty, Al Calderon, Richard, and Gil are searching for a suitable stone we can engrave. Rusty reported that black stones are imported and expensive but we can use a local stone for much less money. Rusty has made contact with the quarry owner and an appointment is being set to pick a stone. The committee is soliciting designs for the monument and all inputs are welcome but please call Gil or Hutchens for the guidelines. Coordination meeting upcoming.
22. Mount Soledad Report will be available next meeting. Rusty, Henry and Carlos are teamed on this. The committee has committed to submit a design at the October meeting. Hutchens to help with graphics.
23. **New Business:**

A. President reported the purchase of 24 Chapter 28 Coffee Cups, see attachment #3

B. Gathering for 173rd Chapter 10, 14, and 28 in Pismo Beach, CA. November 19th. See attachment # 4

C. Discussion on Honorary Membership. We will bestow Honorary Membership on Karen Kulp and Kandice Pinamonti for their unwavering support of the 173D. They have donated financially to the 173D Memorial upkeep fund. Arrangements are being made for the October meeting. Rusty wants that money they sent to us to be sent to the Memorial Fund for maintenance and upkeep. Carlos will send the funds and request a tax deductible letter be sent to Karen Kulp.

D. VALOR TOURS LTD is organizing an “Anniversary Tour to Vietnam” November 6 thru November 18, 2017. See attachment 5 if you are interested.

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1. Any Items for the good of the Order**?**
2. Bill Reynolds, national secretary is working on getting the individual Chapter’s authority to write tax receipts for donors. Long process but worth it for fund raising purposes.
3. Chapter 21 has issued two coins that are for sale. Kaiser Sterbinski is President and Rusty will pass along any coin orders. They also have hand tooled leather albums for sale, about $60.
4. Motion to adjourn meeting by Dan Sampson second by Rusty. Voice vote to adjourn. 1200 hrs.

**Raffle total of $40.00 to chapter.**

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