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173d Airborne Brigade Association

San Diego Chapter 28

Minutes of the General Meeting held on 11 July 2026 at American Legion post 149, 230 E. Park Ave. Escondido, CA 92025.

1. President Dave opened our meeting at 1000 hrs with flag salute .
2. Hutchens offered a prayer, followed by a moment of silence for our fallen brothers.
3. Sgt of Arms took roll of officers. President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Sgt/Arms present. We have a quorum. Eight members present plus one guest, Jesse Palomo from Capistrano, CA. Lifetime member.
4. Lou moved we approve the Agenda, Rusty seconded, voice vote approved.
5. Minutes of last meeting was reads by Hutchens, Rusty moved we approve the Agenda, Ron seconded. Voice vote approved.
6. President's Report: None
7. Vice President's Report: None
8. Treasurer's Report. Hutchens reported that we began the period with $ 10,985.37 and added $ 35.00 from the raffle giving us a total $ 11,020.37 in our Treasury. Lou moved we approve the report, Chuck seconded, voice vote approved.
9. Old Business. (1) Ron and Pasqual asked whether we need to keep sponsoring the A.L. Girls softball team at $ 500. Our discussion led us to vote yes, if they need us. Hutchens volunteered to contact the A.L. leadership and find out when the team will begin their next season. (2) Ron has reestablished the AIRBORNE CREED statement into the proper location on our website, (3) The big thing that Ron needs for our web site program is a complete data dump of everything that Warren had related to our chapter. This is because if we ever want to create another web site with another supplier, we will lack a lot of stuff we need. To solve this, Hutchens and Modesett will teleconfer with Patricia to mine the data. (4) Hutchens reports that he ordered 200 coins which cost $ 1000 and we should have them in 4 to 6 wks. Wally mentioned selling them at the Air Show in October. We discussed the benefits of attending the show and what we achieved last year. For instance, the Honor Guard signed up three new members as a direct result of participating at the 82nd Booth. (5) Wally's effort at recruiting new members has Jesse Palomo, San Clemente, visiting us today. Welcome Jesse, please tell us a bit about your service with the 173d, 1968. Jesse served with 2nd Battalion in Vietnam. Welcome home Jesse. Glad you are here. (6) Lou has begun work on a new coin design which will feature Rifle with Helmet and c-cap on reverse. He will have drawings next meeting.

10: New Business: (1) We have been notified that our Web Page Supplier will be charging $ 15 per month beginning in September 2026. (2) Rusty attended the Iowa Reunion and reports (A) 2028 Reunion will be in Virginia, (B) New By-Law changes are on the National Web Site– Also looking for a web Master (C) Considering asking Life Members for addition monies to keep the organization afloat (D) Tim Austin is now in charge of JROTC Medals. (E) Final dates for the Italy reunion will be finalized soon. (F) Lawsuit to recover stolen funds is still plodding forward with little progress. (G) considering allowing associate membership to next of Kin of KIA . (G) Association has new chapter in Tennessee, number 31. (H) there will be stateside reunion next year in Branson, MO. Data forthcoming.

(I) Pasqual mentioned that chapter 14 is asking us if we would want to go in with them and sponsor a 173d Reunion like we did some years back. Our discussion of this leads to a manpower shortage so unless that changes we can't do it. Any one that wants to volunteer, please let Dave know. And we can reconsider next meeting.

11. Committee Reports:

- A. Web site. As reported from Ron earlier.
- B. Membership. Asked Shane for a current list of annual members.
- C. JROTC. None

. D. Honor Guard. Four services last period (Ron asked for new photos)

E. Merchandise is available after the meeting. Coins, Caps, pins, shot glasses and License Plate Frames.

12. Announcements for the Good of the Order?

13. Motion to Adjourn? Chuck moved we adjourn, Ron seconded, voice vote approved. Meeting adjourned at 1130 Hrs.

13. Raffle produced $ 40.00 won by Pasqual, donated back to chapter. Thank you PASQUAL.

Submitted By:

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