

For Chapter 28 dissemination

MID-WINTER gathering of Chapter officers in San Diego, Jan 17,18, 2015

Col Foster and CSM Clark were there.

- President says membership is growing
- V.P. says trademark issues involving "SKYSOLDIER" are resolved
- Treasurer. Setting up PAYPAL for National, Chapters can do it too. Pascual looking into that. Chapter rebates is not yet up to date, working on it, 3 months away.. Chapters can get Microsoft 2015 license at reduced rate. Pascual has requested the info.
- Austin requests articles for the Magazine, anything/everything in your past experiences.
- Scott mentioned the 7 April cutoff date for \$99 rooms at the reunion, then it goes to \$196 plus \$24 for breakfast, \$12 parking.
- Day, Mgr on-line store via 173rd website. Buy your stuff there. Wish list, contact Danny Day. Chapters get price break. Download order form and remit with check.
- Raffle this year is an AR-15 and a M1911 handgun. Benefits the Foundation who needs donations.
- Hitchcock, Mgr of Foundation asks that Chapters make a yearly donation for the Wounded Warrior Program (not Wounded Warrior Project that is a rip off) Members can get involved with the Foundation and help with fundraisers, etc. Contact Hitchcock.
- C.F.C. raised more than \$ 20K last year
- Chapter 28 gave a challenge coin to Col Foster and CSM Clark.
- Two more Skysoldier names will be added to the National 173 Monument in June this year. Pitts and Ryan.
- Col Foster. 2 yrs ago Brigade was set up as Emergency Force. Went to Solvenia, Cameroon, Crimea, Poland, Turkey (Patriot Missile Battery), deploying in March to somewhere TBD. Brigade is in a big push on Capitol Hill to let everyone there know how important the 173rd is to world issues, don't reduce the budget.
- Col Foster suggested that to keep active members and Association glued together we need to have an active duty soldier ion our Chapters *(big change from last administration). Need to get face-to-face with young 173rd guys and ask them to visit the Chapter, maybe paying airfare.
- CSM wants to host the 2017 reunion in Italy.
- Mark, Chapter 14 Service Officer wants to help anyone with service related health issues and will guide us thru the procedure.
- BIG NEWS. Cooper, National Treasurer
 - Will have a symposium on Exit plan for this life, at the Reunion, free of charge (note, these types of consultations normally run into the hundreds of dollars and this is free).
 - Chapter needs a P.I.O to generate press releases which will get publicity for National and your Chapter.
 - National will accept donations on our behalf and then write us a check, and send a tax deductible receipt to the donor(s). This is big for us because we can solicit donations from businesses, friends, etc. and they get a write-off. Requires a letter, see sample.
 - Cooper will help us with setting PAYPAL for our Chapter store, sell coins, etc.
- Scott said that future Reunions will be professionally handled, allowing a lower fee and everyone can just enjoy the reunion.

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