



# 173 D Airborne Brigade Association Chapter 28 San Diego, California

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Minutes for February 10th, 2018 meeting of Chapter 28 of the 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade Association held at American Legion Post 149, 230 E. Park Ave. Escondido, California 92025 at 10 A.M.

Meeting opened by: President

10:00 A.M. hrs.

Flag Salute led by: President

Prayer by Gilbert Reynoso: followed with a Moment of Silence for the fallen.

- 1) **Roll Call of Association Officers:** President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasure and Sgt at Arms.
- 2) **Sergeant at Arms:** We have a Quorum.
- 3) **Approval of the Agenda:** motion by Dan Sampson, second by Rusty Kulp.
- 4) **Reading of the preceding meeting minutes:** by Gilbert Reynoso Motion to accept by Dan S., Second by Rusty Kulp. Vote to accept passed.
- 5) Presidents Report:



This is a view of the Memory Walk at Miramar National Cemetery as well as a photo of the "AIRBORNE" monument that the 173d and 82<sup>nd</sup> team has installed. The dedication ceremony will be on 17 March, at 1100 hours. Please plan on being there.

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President's report on the Mid-Winter Conference, Alexandria, VA.

1. Report on 2017 Financial Status of the Association: The general account has \$ 6,781, the Events account has \$ 23,492 and the Store account has \$ 12,712. In addition the Association has a Vanguard account of \$ 100,216. The Association is trying to set up an Endowment fund where donations will automatically trigger a tax receipt for donors. Watch for the announcement and participate with your yearly charity donation.
2. The Association is striving to get all the Chapters to participate under the umbrella of the Association which includes the 501 (C) 19 tax status for reporting purposes which has many benefits for each Chapter. There are not enough chapters doing business this way and the Associations Tax status could be in jeopardy if we all do not get with the program.
3. The SKYSOLDIER magazine is the largest expense and this merits attention to things like increased AD sales, removal of deceased members removal fro the mailing list.
4. The Association has issued new policies for management travel and reporting practices, all with an eye toward reducing expenses.
5. The Bylaws committee has finished editing and cleaning up the Bylaws. The Bylaws will be voted on for incorporation/approval at the general membership meeting in May 2018.
6. The Scholarship Committee encourages all eligible students to submit the application for a 173d Airborne Brigade Association scholarship. History indicates that many applications lack much effort and, thusly, few scholarships are granted.
7. Chapter Annual reports are due by the end of February. These include the Financial Status and yearly Activity reports.
8. We had a report by the Department of Defense regarding MIAs from WWII thru the Gulf Wars. There are approximately 82,400 missing personnel with 75% of losses in the Pacific. There are 1601 from the Vietnam war. The recovery efforts in the Pacific are led by the defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency with Detachments in Laos, Vietnam, and Thailand.
9. The Association encourages Chapters to have a Service Officer on staff. The requirements can be met by lessons available on UTUBE. Bill Reynolds, Secretary, can arrange this for anyone that is interested in becoming a Service Officer.
10. FYI, the 2018 Reunion coin will be available for \$ 20.
11. The 2019 Reunion may be in S. Carolina hosted by Chapter 30. Announcement will be made during this year's Reunion.

End. J. Hutchens

- 6) **Treasurer Report:** Beginning Balance \$17232.87 Ending Balance \$17902.47.
- 7) Motion to accept subject to audit: by Dan S. second by Rusty Kulp. Vote Passed
- 8) Membership Chairman: (Pascual Dinong) introduction of Chuck Jackson and application for life Membership. (Cowboy Gunship Pilot)
- 9) **Report of Committees:**

- (a) Honor Guard: Al Gonzales advised that 82nd has had limited burials. Honor Guard Services to Airborne veterans and associated family members only. This has not impacted civic events requiring posting of Colors. 140 services in 2017.
- (b) Shirts. Gilbert Reynoso: (Shirts are available) one shirt sold at the meeting.
- (c) Challenge Coins Availability: Carlos Hernandez reports that we still have coins for sale.
- (d) Coffee Cups & Shot Glasses: Gilbert Reynoso reports they are available.

**(10). Old Business:**

(A) Miramar National Cemetery: Monument has been installed.

Meeting to be schedule with Director for Honors to be provided.

(B) Mount Soledad: Carlos to schedule appointment.

(C) Communicated with American Legion Auxiliary Officer Mary Thorspen. Funding for Oceanside Vet Clinic Lobby coffee service. Discussed the funding of \$25.00 a month. Treasure officer will be responsible to keep quarterly payments.

New Business:

(A) North County Veterans Stand Down. Members assisted Vet at stand down and Chapter funded a cabin for 10 attendees.

(B) November gathering with chapter 10 & chapter 14. Pasqual is investigating location.

12). **Other Reports:** None.

13). **Announcements for Good of order.** None

14). Motion to Adjourn by Dan Sampson sec by Rusty Kulp at 1105 hours.

“50/50 Raffle, \$34.00

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