



173 D Airborne Brigade Association
Chapter 28
San Diego, California

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Minutes for Jan 21, 2017 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.

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, Secretary, Treasurer and Sgt at Arms all present. Excused absence is Vice President Pascual Dinong. We have a quorum.
- 2) **Approval of the Agenda:** motion to approve by Dan Sampson second by David Wilber. Vote to approve carried.
- 3) **Reading of the preceding meeting minutes:** by Gilbert Reynoso. Motion to accept by Dan Sampson, Second by Rusty Kulp. Vote to accept as read, passed.

Action items from Minutes: Follow up with (a) donation to Wounded Warrior Homes for Army guy in need, (b) with Warren for \$500 donation to Stand Down, (c) with Chris for \$500 donation to Stand Down.

4) **Treasurer Report:** Ending Balance \$15242.67.

5) December Expenses Shirts \$709.00 with \$161.00 for embroidery, WWH \$715 and, Stand Down \$500.

Motion to accept report subject to audit by Dan Sampson, second by David Wilburn.

6) **President's Report:**

- 7) (A). November Gathering at Pismo Beach went well. Of 30 attendees, 7 were from Chapter 28. Henry and his girl, Dave and Donna, Rusty and Karen, Carlos, Tim and wife, Wally, and Jon. Lots of fun and good friends. Visited butterfly sanctuary and large expanse of beach sand.

- 8) (B). As Chapter 28 president, I attended the Mid-Winter Meeting in Oklahoma City last week. The weather was an abomination but the visit worthwhile. The Board spent 9 hours in revising and updating the By-Laws of the Association. Included in the changes are family members of KIA being Gold Star members. Great job by these guys and we will use the revised By-Laws as a basis to update our Chapter By-Laws. Dan, Pascual and Jon have volunteered to do this. Anyone else wants in on this, just contact Jon. Time frame for our Chapter By-Laws to be edited will in June, after the reunion.

Our meeting was at the Sheraton (headquarters for Reunion in May, 2017) with the Renaissance Hotel as a backup. The Renaissance is by far a better hotel. Activities during the reunion include a river boat ride, a minor league baseball park, and a day long trip to Ft. Sill to see the big guns. The Ft. Sill trip requires an approved authorization which we can download from the reunion web site. Must be submitted by April 1st, 2017.

Because of all the details arising at the Mid-Winter Meeting, there is a sheet attached to these minutes that gives a lot of information about the reunion(s) so I suggest everyone read and heed.

The second reunion (Italy) is also covered here in the Mid-Winter Meeting notes. Pay special attention and visit that Reunion site on the Association's web site. Crucial, for sure. Three activities here: Bayonet Week soldier competition, Verona Colosseum and Venice canal trip.

Per By-Laws, each Chapter is to submit two reports per year. One is the Financial Status and the other is an Activity Report. Carlos and Gil will organize the Financial Report (Balance Sheet) and Gil will work up the Activity Sheet for submittal. We will share these with our Chapter members so we all have a clear idea of what we do as a group. Both reports are due by end of February, 2017.

- 9) **Vice President's Report:** Carlos reported in Pascal's absence. We have a new Life Member, Gary Thurber, Corchado upgrade, Larry renewal. Welcome guys.

10) Report of Committees:

- (a) Honor Guard. Jon Hutchens advised that 82nd has limited burial Honor Guard Services to Airborne veterans and associated family members. Civic events requiring Posting of Colors will still be done as can be. According to Richard, Chairman of the 82nd Chapter, in total we did 86 services in 2106 but we hope to be able to do more in 2017. We are always looking for new members so if you are interested in joining the group, please contact Gilbert or Richard.
- (b) Shirts. Gilbert Reynoso: (Shirts and coffee mugs are available) Sold five black shirts and one coffee mug at meeting. .
- (c) Challenge Coins Availability: Carlos Hernandez reports that we still have coins for sale. Anyone going to the reunions may want to buy a few coins to take with them and trade for others? 10 each would be a good amount to take.
- (d) Mount Soledad. Carlos will have an updated report next meeting.

- 11) Wounded Warrior Home project. An Army guy fell through the cracks of the VA health care and we wrote a check for \$ 715 to get his car out of the tow yard. Another group paid his registration and Insurance. This guy is now at the transitional home run by WWH. We have made a great difference in this young man's life and for his future. We members of Chapter 28 have received a letter of thanks for our help (see attached). Great job, all.

12) **Old business:**

(a) Monument: Rusty Kulp submitted that one company on the East Coast offered a monument for about \$3000, not including installation. With the latest drawing we will try to get a quote from a local monument company (Seaman-Poe). Rusty, Richard and Jon will visit the monument company first week in February to move this project along. Larry will investigate the feasibility of sandblasting for the stone. John Short will follow up with Web for the company that etched the VFW monument. Chapter 28 has \$ 1740 in the fund and the 82nd has \$ 1900. We need a total of \$5000 so we have a way to go. Any donations warrant a tax receipt and we will make that happen if you want to donate to this cause. Call Jon for more info.

13) **New Business:**

Help needed for North County Stand Down on 27, 28 and 29 January at the Vista church grounds at Sycamore and Amber Woods road. Map Attached. All help is needed, from directing veterans, setting up tables, passing out literature, food distribution, etc. The attached information packet is a good starting point. If you show up, you can participate. Gil and I plan on being there at 0900 on 27th January. Please join us.

14) **Other reports:**

Very Important Message. We need money to continue to do the good that we do in our community. If you can donate a car, boat, or other item of value, we can get you a tax receipt for your donation. We have the means to do this and we want to help You do good. Contact Gil (760.500.1944) or Jon (760.753.6094)

15) **Any Items for the good of the Order?** none

16) Motion to Adjourn? Motion by Hernandez second by Gilbert Reynoso. Meeting adjourned at 1130 hrs.

17) 50/50 Raffle, Henry Stigler \$40.00 and \$40.00 to chapter. Henry donated back to the chapter. A BIG Airborne to Henry for his donation.

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