



173 D Airborne Brigade Association Chapter 28 San Diego, California

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Minutes of October 8, 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.

Order forms available on Web site or call 1-760-753-6094

President opened meeting at 10 A.M.

Flag Salute: President

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

- 1) **Roll Call of Association Officers:** By Dan Sampson. Present were President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sgt Arms. Excused was Vice President.
- 2) **Approval of the Agenda:** Motion by Dan Sampson second by Rusty Kulp. Voice vote approved as read.
- 3) **Reading of the preceding meeting minutes** by Gilbert Reynoso. Motion to accept by Carlos Hernandez, second by Henry Steigler. Voice vote approval.
- 4) **Treasurers' Report:** Present Balance \$17,519.82. Motion to accept subject to audit by Dave Wilbur, second by Mike Proctor. Voice vote approval.
- 5) **President's Report:** (a) info on November 19th Gathering at Pismo Beach Kon-Tiki Hotel where 10 members have already registered. Carlos reports Kon-Tiki rooms sold out but other lodging is available. (b) Miramar Memorial fund raising is at \$1407.00 with an expenditure of \$ 250 for stones. Balance is \$1157. We need another \$ 1093 for our half of the total cost. The 82nd is responsible for the other \$2500 which totals the projected \$5000 total cost of the memorial. Chapter 28's suggested Donation letter will be posted on our web site. (c) The Wounded Warrior Gulf Tournament was a success and our participation was well noted by the Hosts. We are planning on sponsoring our member Mike Proctor for a round next year.
- 6) **Vice President's Report:** Absent (a) Mike Proctor submitted his Associate Member Life Application at this meeting.

- 7) **Web Site Report.** Warren Williams reported on the Web Site statistics where we have very good traffic numbers and that he can add more items as we wish. We have agreed to add the Donation Letter and more Trooper Life photos. So if you have some photos of your military experience and would agree to post them, contact Pascual, Jon, or Warren. Warren has also offered to help anyone to create a digitized album of his photos. Thank you Warren for an outstanding offer. Troops please don't pass up this offer of a lifetime.
- 8) **Report of Committees:**
- (a) Honor Guard: Jon Hutchens spoke on providing services to immediate Family Members or Airborne Troopers only because of a dwindling number of Honor Guard members. The Honor Guard lead by the 83nd will still provide the Posting of Colors for civic and military events because those require only three or four people.
 - (b) Shirts: Gilbert Reynoso: Shirts are available, one sold at meeting.
 - (c) Coins Available: Carlos Hernandez says he has many available for sale on the web site and will bring coins to our November meeting if anyone would like to purchase them at the meeting. Call or email Carlos.
 - (d) Coffee Cups: Gilbert Reynoso says the first batch of 24 have sold out. New inventory by next week.
- 9) **Old business:** (a) Presentation of Honorary Membership Certificates to Rusty Kelp for Karen Kelp and Kandi's Pina Monti for their generous support of the 173D Memorial Maintenance Fund at the School of Infantry at Fort Benning, Georgia. Thank you Karen and Kandis.
- (b) Miramar Memorial Monument: Rusty Kelp, Dave Wilbur and Jon Hutchens presented schematic layout and need to confirm measurements are to specs. Also presented a variety of different designs possible. We still need potential designs. If you have an idea, please submit it to Jon for inclusion. We will vote for the design at the next meeting.
 - (c) Dan Sampson spoke on chairlift that was donated by Gloria Kelly. We tried to sell it on Craig's List but were unsuccessful so we donated it to DAV in Oceanside and gave her the tax deductible receipt. Dan says she may donate some money to us for our fund. We shall see.
- 10) Monument info by Carlos Hernandez: Since the Mount Soledad monument is now owned by the Mount Soledad Association; we expect the aspects of development of the monument and plaque additions to speed up and should have news soon. The 173D Plaque is still in the design phase.
- 11) **New Business:** (a) Call for nominations for President and Treasurer for 2017 term were made. No nominations were forthcoming. So, discussion of a White Ballot was put forth wherein the current officers would continue in present positions for the coming term. Both Hutchens and Hernandez would stand for office again. Motion to retain current officers via White Ballot was made by Dan Sampson and seconded by Henry Stigler. Voice vote approved.
- (b) Veterans Day Parade November 11th. All 173D guys are invited to join in the parade which is on the Embarcadero downtown San Diego. The past participations by Chapter 28 guys and the brothers of the 82nd, 101st and other airborne troops had been a lot fun so we encourage your participation in uniform or not, we want you with us. We will send out an email with details as soon as they are available. If you would rather ride in the parade than walk, we can arrange it.
- 12) **Other reports: none**
- 13) **Any Items for the good of the Order? none**

14) Motion to Adjourn? By Dan Sampson second by Carlos Hernandez.

15) Meeting adjourned at 11 A.M.

16) raffle \$60 to membership

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