



173 D Airborne Brigade Association Chapter 28 San Diego, California

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Minutes of September 8th, 2018 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

Meeting opened by: President Jon Hutchens at 10:00 hrs.

Flag Salute led by: President Jon Hutchens

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

- 1) **Roll Call of Association Officers:** President, Vice President, Secretary, and Sgt Arms present.
- 2) **Sgt at Arms** declares a quorum.
- 3) **Approval of the Agenda:** Motion by Dan Sampson second John Short (Vote Passed).
- 4) **Minutes of last meeting** read by Gilbert Reynoso: Any changes or corrections. (None)

Motion to accept as read, by Dan Sampson second by Warren Williams. Vote to accept passed.

- 5) **President's Report:** Firstly, I thank you all for the help I received during a recent a recent illness: your cards and visits meant a great deal to me. Secondly, kudos to Warren for using his truck in the July 4th Coronado Parade and to Charles Stout for stepping up and carrying a flag during the parade. Welcome to our flag team Charles. We need you to continue with us in that role. Thirdly, we have elections for president and treasurer coming up in November and we need nominations for those positions. Nominations are open for the September and November meetings. The vote will be at the November meeting. And lastly, I thank you all for the support I have received as president over time and as you know, I will not stand for reelection this year.
- 6) **Vice President's Report:** (1) Dave reports that he has the \$ 350 check to sponsor the girls softball team and hopes to have everything wrapped up within a few weeks. Design issues remain. Warren will help. (2) We have more information on the Pismo Beach expedition. The agenda, map, and hotel information is now available. See attachments. Kon-Tiki is sold out. Meeting dates are 2 and 3 November. Pascual asked about

Chapter 28 hosting next year. Undecided, but we will bring it up at the reunion at Pismo Beach. Warren said that the order of the Purple Heart members have also invited us to the reunion at Pismo Beach. Further, the new President will be in a position to appoint one or two new officers depending on vacancies.

- 7) **Treasurer's Report:** As read by Reynoso, our checking account balance on 8/31/18 is \$ 18450.47

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report subject to audit by Dan Sampson, second by John Short. Voice vote approved by membership.

- 8) **Webmaster Report:** (1) Warren is asking for more content from us, particularly, photos to post under TROOPER Life section. Mike and Charles have committed to add theirs. (2) Warren has posted the State Park Veterans application pass on our website.

NOTE: you need a disability rating to qualify. Added by Jon after the meeting.

- 9) **Old Business:**

Committees:

(a) Honor Guard report. (Hutchens) We are no longer providing services because we just don't have enough guys to do it right. However, exceptions can be made. I also promised I would look into storing the M-1s if the 82nd was no longer able to. I spoke with Al Gonzalez about it and offered this option. Al said only that the 82nd had to be in charge because of the Charter. I think my message was misunderstood but no matter what the rifles need to be retained because once gone, how do we get them back?

(b) Shirts are available: Gil reports that we still have Chapter shirts and airborne shirts, and cups are available for sale. We also have flashes and backgrounds, etc. Contact Gil. Tony owes \$ 20 for a shirt.

(c) Coin's: Carlos reports we still have Chapter coins for sale at \$ 10 each for chapter members and \$ 12 for non-members.

(d) Carlos Hernandez: Waiting on framed copy of plaque from Mount Soledad committee. Already paid \$ 180 for it. We will decide what to do with it when we receive it. The plaque has been installed.

(e) Bench Status by Warren Williams. The VA has accepted our offer but with a caveat that we wait until the construction/renovations are complete, in about a year. Warren was ordered to follow up (not really. Warren) with the bench supplier and find out the future production runs so we can plan accordingly. Warren will also check out a possible location at the Veteran's Museum in Balboa Park for our consideration as an alternate location. Motion by Dan Sampson to approve, second by John. Vote approved.

(f) Girls Softball Team status. See Vice President's report.

(g) ROTC report: Committee to establish number of schools to receive awards. Trying to establish requirements and procedures for awards. (* Note...National has posted the S.O.P. on the Home page.) Mike and Warren need to work many issues on this program paying attention to the S.O.P. We have 27 schools in our area and much work still needs to be done.

(h) The issue of funding the coffee service at Oceanside. Because both guys involved are absent, we will table this issue until the next meeting.

(H) Chapter 28 Luncheon set for December 8th. 11 AM to 1 PM. Location is Charlie's Restaurant. Flier will be sent out by chapter e-mails. Jon has placed a map on the flier. Please follow flier directions since there will be a parade that day on Broadway from Escondido High (Broadway) south to Grape Day Park.

New Business:

Elections: Nomination for President and Treasure. Must be present to accept nomination.

(a) Nomination for President is David Wilbur, accepted

(b) Nomination for Treasurer is Mike Sheldon. accepted

(c) Nominations open at October Meeting.

(d) Guys please do not hesitate to step up for any Position.

10) **Any Items for the good of the Order: None**

11) Motion to Adjourn? Motion by Dan Sampson second by John Short. (11:30)

12) 50/50 Raffle, \$45 total. Mike S. donated his winnings back to for chapter. Thank you Mike.

Raffle \$45.00

David W. Purchase \$10.00 flash and backing for wings.

Dan Sampson Purchase \$10.00 flashes

Pasqual Purchase Polo Shirt \$20.00 Maroon

Airborne cap \$12.00

Beret \$1.00

All totals collected \$98.00

Still need to collect \$20.00 from Tony Hays from past purchase.