



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

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Minutes of October 14, 2017 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.

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

Call to order by President Jon Hutchens at 1000 Hrs.

Flag salute led by President

Prayer led by Gil Reynoso

Roll Call by Sgt at Arms: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer present. Quorum present.

Meeting Agenda Reviewed, Motion to approve by Rusty, second by John Short. Vote to approve by attendees.

Sgt at Arms introduced new member Steve Gonzales, B Troop, 1/19 (AV, 173<sup>rd</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> BN, 2011 to 2017) Afghanistan service. Welcome to the 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade Association, Steve.

Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion to approve as read by Dan Sampson, second by Rusty Kulp. Voice vote approval.

## A. President's Report:

1. Jon thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers for son who had a major surgery.
2. Will Fulton's wife had a medical emergency so please keep him and his wife in your prayers and thoughts. We will send a card from the Chapter, Jon's action.
3. Our fellow member Wally Kiyuna is having some medical problems and we need to keep him in our prayers for a speedy recovery. We will send him a card as well. He would welcome your phone call at 619.695.3587

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4. We have a Survey request from Tom McMahon, Vice president of the 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade Association regarding what we, as members, would like to see at the national level to improve our organization. The survey is in front of you and you can either fill it out now and give it to me for posting to Tom or you can email it to him. Your choice, thank you.

Vice President's Report: None offered. But, thanks to Dave for filling in for me while I was gone. Jon

Membership Chairman Report: Pascual reports that if you are an Annual member you need to re-up your dues now in order to attend our year end luncheon on the Chapter's dime. See him if you have any questions.

Secretary's Report. We will have a Special Luncheon for our Chapter at Charlie's, on 9 December. This will be an Installation of Officers event and a special thanks to all our members. We shall distribute a flyer with all the information, via email.

Treasurer's report: We began with a balance in our checking account of \$ 17286.16 and with a deposit we now have \$ 17486.19. Motion to approve the report subject to audit by Dan Sampson, second by John Short. Voice vote approved.

Webmaster Report: None

Committee Reports:

1. Honor Guard: We did an Airborne Honor Guard Service for 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant Sanchez's Dad, who was in the 82<sup>nd</sup> in Korea. The service was lightly attended but 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant Sanchez was grateful we were able to do this service and thanked us with a challenge coin from his last command. We were happy to be of service. We will continue with one service a month to keep our skill level up and perhaps, over time, we can get more guys to join the Honor Guard team so we can do more services. As a point of reference, the 82<sup>nd</sup> performed more than 140 services in 2015, but recently has been unable to get enough guys together to continue at that rate. If you are interested in joining this group, please call Gil of the 173<sup>rd</sup> or Al Gonzalez of the 82<sup>nd</sup>. We can help get you outfitted with the proper uniform so don't let a lack of uniform stop you from enlisting. We need help.
2. Polo Shirts: Gil reports we have most sizes, colors, and designs. \$ 20 for M, L, XL, \$22 for 2X and 3X. Contact Gil if you would a nice polo shirt.
3. Challenge Coins: Carlos reports we have about 80 left and so get them now. They are serialized and, of course, one of a kind. \$ 10 for members. Contact Carlos.
4. Coffee cups and License plates. We have these available. Contact Gilbert.
5. Soledad Monument Report: Carlos will action that this week. Finances have previous been approved.

Old Business:

1. We have great news regarding our proposal to Miramar National Cemetery in the form of a memo from the Executive Director, National cemetery Administration, Pacific District, Mr. Bradley Phillips approving our proposal. I want to personally thank the members of our proposal team which includes Al Gonzalez, Richard Gautier, Al Calderon, Gil Reynoso, Rusty Kulp, and Henry Steigler for all the hard work that went into this effort. We will make our initial payment of \$ 3000 to the monument company, Seaman-Poe next week. Calderon is proceeding on the concrete base work that needs to be done before the monument can be installed. Because we will make our first payment prior to receiving the 82<sup>nd</sup>'s monetary share, we need to borrow \$ 900 from Chapter 28's checking account to make this payment. Motion to borrow that money made by Tony, second by John Short. Voice vote approval. Carlos wrote the check for \$ 900 and gave it to Gilbert. We will have a dedication ceremony when we know a completion date. More information to follow. Once again, I thank all those who have helped in this endeavor. Note: Those that have donated money to the Chapter fund will receive a nice signed 8 X 10 glossy photograph of the installed monument. It's never too late to get in on this project. Call me (Jon Hutchens) if you have questions.
2. Wounded Warrior Homes. Last week was the annual golf tournament where we sponsored a hole for the event. We usually bring a pop-up tent and beer coolers so we can talk with participants and be a part of this event. Usually a good time for all. This year we were unable to be there but we will do it again next year.
3. Although the North County Standdown event is not on this agenda, it is worth mentioning it now because we have committed to sponsoring a ten person cabin at the annual gathering. It is a \$ 500 cost for us and we get to provide a bit for homeless veterans. It is a good thing to be able to do. In 2016, three cabins were rented, Chapter 28, Chris Corchado, and Warren Williams for D Company. Motion by Rusty, second by Dan to allow officers to make decision on amount to spend on a Standdown cabin. Motion passed.

New Business:

1. Veterans Day Parade. We have voted on participating in this year's parade since it falls on the same day as our November meeting which is Saturday November 11. The staging area is right by the Star of India and County Administration building. We will meet at the Escondido American Legion Post at 0700 and join with the San Diego 82<sup>nd</sup> All American Chapter at the staging area. The meter parking lots in San Diego are not enforced that day so you can always go individually, park and join us there. Wear uniforms, cammies, caps or civilian clothes. It is a lot of fun to do this. You can walk the parade or ride in our vehicles. This parade is for us so why not be there and enjoy what you may not have gotten when you returned from your service. Please call me if you have any questions or concerns. Jon 760.310.7824
2. Officer Elections: Dave Wilbur, VP and Gil Reynoso, Secretary, Sgt at Arms, Dan Sampson have agreed to stand for reelection. We voted today and all have been reelected by voice vote. We will announce the results at our December luncheon. Congrats, guys.

Announcements for the Good of the Order. None. Motion to adjourn by Carlos, second by Dan. Mtg adj

Motion to adjourn by Carlos, second by Dan Sampson, all in favor, Aye, opposed Nil. Motion carried, meeting adjourned. Flag salute. Done. 1130 Hrs.

