

SC Chapter 30
173d Airborne Brigade Association Monthly Meeting
August 8, 2015

Chapter 30 meeting was called to order by President Lester Yeargin, at 1200 hours.

Invocation was given by Chaplain Wako. The membership recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Toast to Fallen and POW/MIA and an explanation and meaning of the POW/MIA-Missing Man Table was provided by Jesse.

Secretary report (Jesse) The minutes from the July 11, 2015 meeting was read. It was motioned and seconded that they be approved with the corrections, if there be any.

Treasurer and membership report was given (Wendell) Chapter 30 available balance is \$3,240.33. Membership is still, currently at 116 members.

Vice-President Report. Wako reported that those Marines recruiters killed in the line of duty was honored in an outstanding manner by the citizens in TN. Wako stated that Friday, August 7, was the National Purple Heart Day and commented on various ways that this award had been received. He also reintegrated on the status and mission of the Freedom and Hope Foundation.

Corresponding Report: Allen indicated that not much work have been done due to the busy scheduling of his daughter and himself, however there have been some upgrading and uploading of pictures to the net.

Chaplain Report. (Joe) Reflected on those veterans who were killed in action, which have impacted his life personally. Joe spoke of the Biblical quotation referring to preparing yourself for death. He spoke of the pride in serving this country, but the high price that comes with it.

Quartermaster Report (Wayne). Chapter 30 items and clothing are still available for sale although some items are running low.

President Report (Lester) reported on the combine effort of 173d members, to name a 14.62 miles portion of highway in NJ, the 173d Airborne Brigade Highway. In addition, the sign indicating directions to the Ft. Jackson National Cemetery, has been approved, but has not been erected.

Lester gave a warm welcome and commented on the present of Roy Scott, National President for the 173d Association.

Reunion Report (Wayne) Wayne provided a detail report on the progress of the reunion. He stated that hotel rooms are rapidly being filled and request for more rooms are been requested. Registration is going well and more have registered at this point than in the past. Wayne cleared up some questions about the reunion web site.

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Roy Scott, National President, provided in detail, the state of the 173d Association, from its origin to the present. He stressed the do' and don't of hosting a reunion and the important of completing an audit and after action reports. He stated at length, the financial responsibility that the chapters have to the association, although, only two chapters have submitted funds from their reunions, and chapter 30 is one of those. The association is presently proposing reunion changes that are being considered to become policy. Roy emphasized strongly that trust and working together within the chapters and the association is definitely the key to a successfully reunion.

It was stated, for or the purpose of proper protocol, invitations will be giving to the CG of Fort Benning and the retired 173rd general and others VIP's personnel's that lives in that area to the reunion.

Members who were in attendance were; Lester, Waco, Eddie, Jesse & Elaine, "Top", Wayne, Joe, Edger Golden & Jan, Johnny Graham & Ann, Wendell & Carolyn, Tom, Jimmie Gilley, Bill & Judy, Allen, and Aguila.

Respectfully submitted,
J.L. Beacham, Secretary