

SC Chapter 30
173d Airborne Brigade Association Monthly Meeting
April 11, 2015

Chapter 30 meeting was called to order by Chapter's president Lester Yeargin, at 1200 hours.

Invocation was given by Chaplain Wako.

Secretary Report: The minutes of the last meeting was not available.

Lester opened the meeting by thanking the members for traveling to the Freedom & Hope Foundation in Prosperity, SC, to attend our annual chapter's meeting and annual picnic. He stated that this would be a brief meeting and all reports will be tabled with the exception of those listed in this report.

Reunion Committee Report:

Wayne reported that he and members of this committee, consisting of Eddie, Hal, Wendell and Wako, traveled to Fort Benning, GA to begin planning for the 2016 national reunion. The information brought back was:

Activities:

Met with the VP of sales and public affair personnel to make arrangement for:

- *Firing range demonstration *Airborne Graduation (possibly pinning on jump wings)
- *Thirty-Four Foot Tower *Bus Tour (Ft. Benning)
- *Eating in the "mess hall" *Bus Tour (Several others historical locations)
- * There will be different charges for different tours

Hotel Reservation:

Met with the representative Mary, from the Marriott, and was informed, that 150 rooms will be blocked off for the reunion. For each room rental, the chapter will receive a \$10.00 rebate. There are others hotels within the hotel chain are available at varies prices.

Convention Center:

A historical renovated building, extremely nice and suitable for the reunion purpose. All activities will be within this facility. (Photos were shown).

Coordination was made with the catering staff. Meals cost is under our budget and meals will be buffet style.

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Transportation:

Bus rental fee is \$550.00 for all day service. There will be an extra fee for additional buses.

Hospitality:

Normally drinks will be designated as a Cash bar; however, there will be a time frame for free drinks. (Specify times will be established.)

At the conclusion of this report, it was the consensus of Wayne and the committee members that this was a very good fact finding trip and it appears that this will be a successful and money making event for the chapter which will be enjoyed by all who are attending.

Good of the Order:

It was motioned and seconded that \$200.00 be donated to the Greenlawn Church with respect to the passing of Art's wife Pat.

Lester informed the ladies of the chapter what is being planned for the reunion.

Articles for submission and publication in the Sky Soldier magazine are due to be turned in, NLT June 2015.

Picnic:

The picnic was well attended by chapter's members, wives, guests and friends of our chapter. Lester welcomed and thanks all who were in attendance at our annual picnic.

Lester introduced the exec, dir. Mr. Terry Cotney who gave a detail explanation of the purpose and goals of the Freedom & Hope Foundation which was very impressive and well received by all who was present. Mr. Cotney and his staff went overboard by preparing and serving an outstanding meal which was enjoyed by all.

FYI, our next meeting will be, Saturday, May 9, 2015, 1200 noon, at Fatz Café, Forest Drive, Columbia, SC.

Respectfully submitted,
J.L. Beacham