



# **THE STATIC LINE**

## **WESTERN STATES CHAPTER 10**

### **NEWSLETTER**

#### **173<sup>rd</sup> AIRBORNE BRIGADE ASSOCIATION**

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## **Chapter 10 News for Summer 2014**

### **Chapter 10's Summer Meeting and Picnic**

Chapter 10 had its annual summer meeting and picnic in August at Eagle Lake in Tracy, California. Situated on the banks of the San Joaquin River, it was an ideal location for the gathering—even though the temperature got into the 90's there was a nice breeze most of the day. Chapter members, their families, and friends enjoyed a potluck barbeque with music provided by DJ Andy Martinez. Andy has donated his time and equipment on many occasions for Chapter 10 gatherings.

J.C. was on the grill and others pitched in with potluck goodies to compliment the chicken, hotlinks, and other barbecued delights. The food was good, the music was great. People laughed and danced and we all enjoyed another Chapter 10 outing.

Members of the Chapter took time out from the picnic to have their summer meeting and discuss Chapter business. Mike Maloney was given a certificate for his volunteer work to make the Eagle Lake Picnic possible. The Chapter also discussed upcoming events like Col. Maggie's Labor Day Parade, which originated in Marina, California, 37 years ago by Colonel Maggie's All Services Airborne Association. We also discussed the November joint meeting with Southern California Chapter 14 planned for November in Cambria on the central coast. At that meeting we will discuss how Chapter 10 will help Chapter 14 at the 2015 Brigade Association reunion in San Diego. With a pretty busy agenda we have a lot to look forward to the rest of this year.

The midsummer meeting had lots of Airborne comradery and was fun for all. We got some important business done and we are looking forward to the rest of the year.

**Airborne All the Way**



Chapter 10 President Bob Ortiz gave Mike Malony a Certificate of Appreciation for his volunteer efforts that made Eagle Lake possible



Chapter 10 Sky Soldiers conduct their meeting under a T-10 canopy



DJ Andy Martinez keeps things swinging with great sounds from the 50's, 60's, and 70's

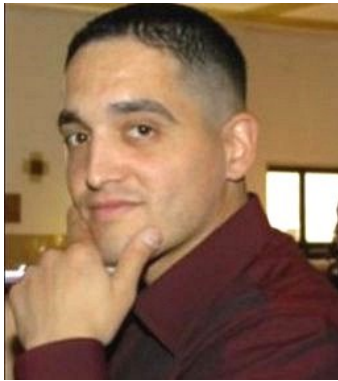


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**“Sky Soldier ” Mark Lugo Jr**

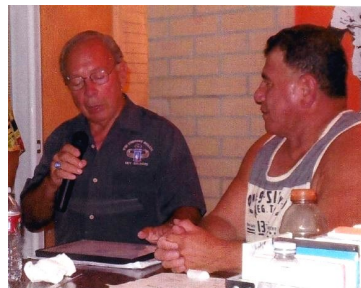


Mark Michael Lugo, Jr., cherished son of Regina Uimari and Mark Michael Lugo, Sr., passed away suddenly in his Antelope, Ca, home on August 1st, 2014. Mark Jr. proudly served his country as an Airborne Ranger in the 173rd Airborne Brigade. He completed seven deployments in Afghanistan, Iraq, and North Africa over 10 years of service. Chapter 10 members Richard Melendez, J.C. Terry, Andy Martinez, Earl W. Peebles, Don Dani, Doc League, and Chapter President Bob Ortiz paid their respects to this Sky Soldier and his family.

**Congratulations to Andy and Hilda**

**On Their 32nd Wedding Anniversary**

At a luncheon for Andy and Hilda's 32nd wedding anniversary, Bob Ortiz intended to present a Certificate of Appreciation to Dr. Robert Schnider for his distinguished and sincere devotion in helping so many veterans for so many years. Dr. Schnider could not be there because of an illness in his family, but Bob read the Certificate aloud and it was given to the Doctor at a later time. Many of those he helped were there.



**NEXT MEETING**  
**Saturday Oct. 4, 2014**  
**American Legion Hall**  
**Post 172**

**1960 N Tracy Blvd, Tracy, CA 95376**





## Labor Day Parade in Marina, Ca.

The Labor Day Parade held every year in Marina, California, was started 37 years ago by Colonel Maggie's All Airborne Association, and it is Monterey Bay's biggest, best, and only Labor Day Parade. Chapter 10's day started with a great breakfast at the American Legion Post 694. After the parade we enjoyed a barbeque lunch with a jazz band. Sky divers dropped in at 1 pm. What a great day with friends, food, and a jump show too! Hope to share this special day with others next year. Airborne!



"Joe" really had a fabulous showing at the parade. "Joe" and other Vietnam War memorabilia will be at the historic Marina Equestrian Center on old Fort Ord on November 8th, 2014. It features DLI color guard and national anthem, history talks, and armed forces flash museum. The event is free and open to the public.

## JUMP DOOR

Bob Ortiz and his grandson Robby Ortiz travelled to Fort Collins, Colorado, to pick up this jump door from Warren Weissenbacher



and his lovely wife Jane. When he lived in California, Warren took the jump door to many functions, from Col. Maggie's in Marina to the 173rd Reunion in Reno. The Door is associated with many names, including Martha Rae and Gen. Westmoreland. Thanks, Warren, we will try to make good use of the door as well as the parachutes you gave. He also parted with 12 coins for our record book of Challenge Coins coming soon.





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**Eagle Lake, Summer 2014**  
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**Members, friends, and family**