

Texas Chapter 13 173rd Airborne Brigade Association



April 2015 Chapter Newsletter

Upcoming Chapter Meeting

- May 23, 2015 - Drop Zone Cafe, 1804 Carson St. San Antonio, TX
 - August 2015 - Fort Worth, TX
 - October 3, 2015 - Gary Granade's Ranch in Plantersville, TX
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Picnic at Roy Maas

The next Annual Cookout for the children there will be on Saturday July 18, 2015. We will be doing the cooking in the pit behind the main office. There will be tables set up so the kids can eat outside and play as well.

Also, we welcome ideas for short presentations, skits, etc. to serve as entertainment for the kids at Roy Mass'. In the past, we have had indoor and outdoor static displays, briefing on operational deployment to a T10; donning of the rig; and including a freefall parachute exhibition (a thrill for the kids). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Manny Mermea at (210) 260-1739.



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Robert Pena, Jr. (1949 to 2015)



Robert Pena, Jr. born July 23, 1949 in Sturgeon Bay, WI entered eternal life on February 12, 2015 at the age of 65. He was preceded in death by his father Robert H. Pena. He is loved and will be greatly missed by his wife of 47 years Lupe G. Pena. He served in the army for 20 years from 1967 to 1982. He was with the 173rd Airborne Brigade and served in the Vietnam War. He also served as a drill instructor twice, once at Ft. Polk, LA and the other at Ft. Benning, GA. He became active with the Veterans of Foreign Wars where he held various positions.

Indoor/Outdoor Walling Hangings

Chapter 13 is conducting an online raffle and the prizes are the two wall hangings shown below. First prize will be the Skysoldier piece and second place the MIA piece.

The pieces were donated to the chapter by longtime chapter member Bud Deever and we greatly appreciate this. The pieces are 36 inches in diameter and made of steel. They are clear coated and will look great either inside or outside.

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Raffle tickets are \$5.00 a piece or three for \$10.00. Raffle tickets may be purchased online using PayPal or checks can be mailed to the address on the form. The raffle will be open from Feb 21st 2015 until May 30th 2015.

Checks should be made out to: Society of the 173rd Airborne.
Please enter 'Raffle' in the memo section of your check.

Wall Hanging Raffle Form

Number of raffle tickets to purchase: _____

\$5.00 for one, or three for \$10.00

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Name: _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____
Zip code: _____
Telephone Number: _____

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Members attending Port Aransas Meeting Feb. 21st 2015



Members, left to right

Manny Mermea, Santiago Krummel, Eric Hitchcock, Jason Brooks, Andres Herrera, Chuck Clutter, Russell Walter, Frank Martinez, John Barthelemy, Gene Boedeker, Leo Martinez, Christopher Izell, Kelly Hovis, Primo Carrillo, Dusty Jamigan, Sonny Garcia, Reyes Rios, Joe Rodriguez, Doris Hovis, James Lazo