



# GATEWAY CHAPTER 173<sup>RD</sup> AIRBORNE ASSOCIATION

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June 2015

Hey guys

Well we didn't have enough of you at either meeting to have a meeting.

Thanks again to two Troopers that make each meeting and drive a good distance to do it. Joe Brown at the Arnold meeting and Carl Dodd at the Springfield meeting. Carl always brings his lovely wife Sharon she has a way of brightening up the meetings.

I don't know guys, WE are trying hard to give you a chapter here in the area, We are trying hard to work for things that matter. We are supporting the local food banks in both areas. Supporting the 173d Airborne Foundation Scholarship Program. Looking into the Fisher house program, I was hoping to talk about a fundraiser for this program that helps so many Vet family's. We can't talk if you aren't there.....

## Summer Airborne fun

WE are now trying to find a place to have an Airborne Picnic. I think it should be in the ST> LOUIS area maybe on the Ill side of the river It doesn't matter. In late July or early Aug. I need help with this, give me ideas Places HELP ME ON THIS. We need a place big enough Hotels and eating in the area, a park or river area. We can all bring something the chapter will pay the food. We can all meet each other and begin to make new friendships that will last forever.

## CHAPTER DUES

Men this not the Association membership dues, this your chapter trying to get a few dollars in our bank account, so far 10 of you have paid, THANKYOU BROTHERS, the rest of you please try and send the chapter something. If you can't afford to give us \$15.00 please let ME know, I will pay it for you , I want you Troopers to know, if you need anything tell me, that is want a chapter is for. I think. Having money in our account helps make things easier to do.

Sometime a Sky Soldier may need some help it would be nice as a chapter to be able to help that Sky Soldier and his family. We cannot do that if we don't have any money. That should be enough said.

## The 173d Foundation

There has been some confusion about the foundation This is NOT THE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION WE have nothing to do with . We take care of the Scholarship, Gold Star, Bereavement, and the Wounded Soldier Programs. We are supporting the Scholarship program with all the coins you guys have bought and the money raised at the meetings. So far \$475.00 We want to raise \$1173.00. That is the amount of a scholarship. Come on GUYS.

## Chapter news

We have new members coming in since the reunion. I talked to lots of Sky Soldiers from our area, and have heard from some since. If any of you know of a Sky Soldier in your AO talk to him ask him if he is a member if not get his phone no. and give it to me, I'll get him. If your asso. Dues are due send them here to me I will take care of it for you. You all missed a good meeting with the Rep from the Fisher house this is a good thing



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You need to get to a meeting so we can discuss this as a chapter. When you are not there we make NO decisions We do nothing as a chapter. I am sorry but this PISSES me off. Come on Guys this is the unit we served with in the Nam, and I know we all had pride then, will Carl Dodd and Joe Brown still have it. Me I still have it to, I LOVE THE HERD I Love all you guys. If we just work together, just a little bit we can do so much good, think about it In this world a little good goes a long way.

## Personal note

June 15 2015 MR. Kuntz will be 100 years old Seaman 1<sup>st</sup> class James Ralph Kuntz served on the USS Swenning in 1945 in the South Pacific Theater if anyone would like to send him a B day cards send it to Salena Catron c/o James Ralph Kuntz 3310 Orleans Dr. Kokomo Ind 46902

Guys this is Memorial Day week as of most of us I have men we lost in Nam and then after Nam.

MAC I think of you each day I wake up you will always be 19

Richard I wish you were here to help me now I MISS YOU BOTH

## meetings

Next Springfield meeting June 9<sup>th</sup> 2 pm from now on all Springfield meetings will be on the second Tuesday of the month.

Next Arnold meeting June 17<sup>th</sup> 2pm all Arnold meeting will be on the third Wednesday of the month. Please men do the best you can to get there, don't forget the food banks.

## Chaplains corner

### HAPPY FATHER'S DAY JUNE 21st

#### What Is A Dad?

A dad is someone who wants to catch you before you fall but instead picks you up, brushes you off, and lets you try again.

A dad is someone who wants to keep you from making mistakes but instead lets you find your own way, even though his heart breaks in silence when you get hurt.

A dad is someone who holds you when you cry, scolds you when you break the rules, shines with pride when you succeed, and has faith in you even when you fail...  
- Unknown

Please remember to pray for all of the fathers who are deployed and are away from their families.

One of our own Phyllis Lively Wife of John Lively chapter 21 has

a medical problem. Phyllis we all wish you the best. We are here if needed

At the reunion I met Paul Brown It was his first reunion and he was having a great time. He was going to join the



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Association and our chapter. Paul died the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month. He will be missed

This is a special Thank you to Charlie Igloo

of Springfield MO. Charlie is a member of the Texas chapter but is riding with Joe Brown to our meetings in Arnold MO.

A Thank you to Carl Dodd and Ron Stephens for the extra money sent in with your dues.

OK guys I guess that's it. Peace Love and Happiness to all of you. See you at the meetings Kaiser out



The tower LZ English



Dan Kent going "slack" on the tower at LZ English

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