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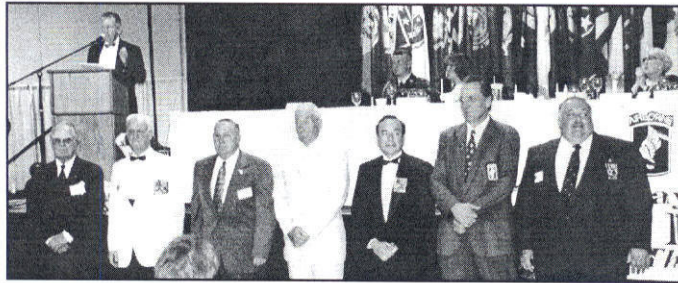
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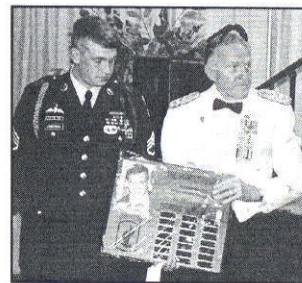
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Honorary/Distinguished Members of the 503rd Regiment: (L-R) GEN Deane, MG Williamson, CSM Bobby Teague, CSM Bill Workman, LTC Al Rascon, Russ Ward, and Frank Miceli.

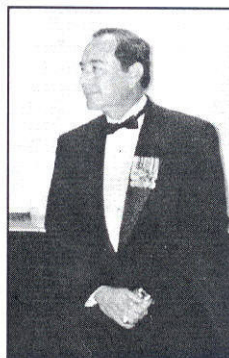


COL Bob Sigholtz presents SSG Zimmerman with the Lt. Bobby Sigholtz Award.

SKYSOLDIERS! They are the Best!



Outgoing President Ken Smith and President elected Tim Stout confer.



Medal of Honor Designee Al Rascon



LTC Michael Cannon, CO-3-319th FA, Master of Ceremonies Jack Kelly, and Society President Ken Smith at the reunion banquet.

ALL THE WAY!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would like to thank Chapter V for an enjoyable and exciting reunion. It was done in the typical Airborne tradition; with excellence, execution and style. Kudos to the reunion committee and the chapter members.

I have appointed Russ "Doc" Roever (Co. B-Med 65-67) to be our new vice president. Russ will be working on some projects that we mutually want to be approved by the members. So if he calls upon you for some assistance, please help him out.

I have called upon the expertise of Jim Healy (A 2/503 65-66) to be the national secretary and he has graciously accepted. Jim brings to the society his can do attitude and a wealth of experience in veteran affairs.

The membership elected Dave Miller (Co. B 1/503 69-70) to be the national treasurer. Dave was the treasurer for Chapter X, and brings his private business experience and accounting skills to maintain the books.

I have formed a committee and have appointed Andy Brown from Chapter VI to be the Chairman of 173d Minority Affairs. I have asked Andy to scrutinize why there are not more of our African American brothers at reunions. It has been a growing concern and it is my intention to find out what can be done to make all 173d functions an all inclusive event. If you are contacted by Andy, please be sure to provide him with your assistance.

To expedite correspondence, I am using my business address for all society business. The official mailing address will still remain at the Washington D.C. address. You can write directly to me or the Society at 173d Abn Bde, Box 174, River Falls, WI 54022-0174. Please make a note of this; it will save the society money in postage fees for mail to be forwarded.

I would like to thank all the members of the society and the original "F Troop" for their support, encouragement, and words of advice, and more importantly, their friendship. The squirrel is not out of the woods yet.

Of the troops, for the troops.

Tim Stout
President

FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT

THANKS!

I would like to thank all of you — the members of the Society — for allowing me to serve as your President for the past four years. Service is a privilege, and while it has not always been easy, it has been a wonderful experience.

Together—as a Society, we have accomplished great things:


- We placed a marker in Arlington Cemetery
- We ensured our place in history through a prominent place in the Airborne Museum.
- We upgraded the Monument and display at Fort Campbell (Thanks to Hugh Robinson).
- We made our history a living entity through the Distinguished Member of the Regiment Program and Album, and the MOH Album.
- We have promoted professionalism in our Armies through the Sigholtz Award, the Joel Award, the three Chapter V Artillery awards and the new award approved for "down under."
- We have invested in the future through a robust Scholarship program.
- We have grown to 25 Chapters and a membership of more than 5,500.
- We have identified, recognized and honored our Gold Star Mothers.

No single individual is responsible for the success of any of these projects (or the ones that failed); many Sky Soldiers contributed at the Chapter and National levels, and we owe all the workers a debt of gratitude. But our work is not done.

Under the leadership of newly elected President Tim Stout, Vice President Russ Roever, Secretary Jim Healy, and Treasurer Dave Miller, good programs can be made better and identified needs developed into positive action. I urge you all to continue to support the Society and increase your level of effort over the coming years. There is no place in our Society for petty politics, personal attacks, and character assassinations. Those who seek the limelight for personal glory should be shunned. We need to embrace the principles of brotherhood and fraternity that have made our Society so strong. In this way, we will keep the "barbarians from the gate."

Thanks again for the privilege of serving you.

Sincerely,
Ken Smith

crossfire 
**The
Chaplains
Corner**



Who's Packing Your 'Chute'

Out of all the parachute jumps I made in the Army (three in Vietnam) I never once met the men who packed my 'chutes. The riggers did their jobs and when it came time to jump we were issued the T-10's, and off we went to jump from perfectly good airplanes. We simply trusted that the parachutes on our backs were properly packed and would keep us from certain death. It was the epitome of faith.

Not long ago I heard the story of Charles Plumb, a Navy pilot who was shot down over North Vietnam. Many years after the war (where he spent six years in a communist prison) Plumb met the man who packed his 'chute. They stumbled upon each other in a restaurant, and the conversation went like this:

"You're Plumb! You flew jet fighters in Vietnam from the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk. You were shot down!"

"How in the world did you know that?" asked Plumb.

"I packed your parachute," the man replied.

Plumb gasped in surprise and gratitude. The man pumped his hand and said, "I guess it worked!"

Plumb assured him, "It sure did. If your 'chute hadn't worked, I wouldn't be here today..."

Like Plumb, we paratroopers would not be here today had the riggers working behind the scenes not done their jobs. Even though we volunteered to jump from planes and Plumb did not, the end result would have been the same for all of us.

We live in a world that offers nearly everything imaginable to make life comfortable. Because of this, it is easy to lose track of who is packing our 'chutes. Consciously, or unconsciously, we turn our equipment over to unknown forces every day to be filled with something. And let me assure you, it always gets packed—it never stays empty. Do you know what goes

in yours on a daily basis? Do you inspect it? Do you check to see if the "riggers" have the right stuff to put in there? Are they things that will make a difference in whether you survive in the end or not?

One of the wonderful aspects of God is that in His plan for you He gave you the gift of choice. If there is one thing He will never alter or tamper with, it is your freewill to choose what goes in your 'chute. You may think that what you allow the world to put in it will help you survive the eventualities of this life. Perhaps in all outward appearances it looks like it will. But you and I both know better than that. We also know that no one, in spite of all the advancements in technology, has ever figured out the mystery of what lies beyond this life. So it is faith that we rely on.

It comes down to getting on the plane with a 'chute on our back that was either packed by someone with flimsy human credentials—or by God. If it is God, through a relationship with His son, Jesus Christ, whom we put our trust in, then we have a lifetime guarantee that our lives will be spared. It really is that simple.

It's your choice ... and a volunteer army.

**ALL THE WAY,
CHUCK DEAN**

National Chaplain 173d Abn Society
(New e-mail: cdean@winepresspub.com)

**The Society Toll Free Number
is currently being reassigned.
There may be some delays in
getting through until the
transition is completed.
Be Patient, Please.**

All members should make an effort to ensure that the society toll-free telephone number is posted at all VA Medical Centers, Veterans Centers, American Legion, VFW and AMVETS Halls. The line is an answering machine and is operational 24 hours a day for new members to call.

The toll-free telephone number is:
1-888-ABN-1733 or 1-888-226-1733.

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting of the International Society of 173d Airborne Brigade

Fort Bragg, North Carolina

July 17, 1999

President Ken Smith presiding.

1. **Introductions**
Generals Deane and Williamson (173d Airborne Brigade Commanding Generals), Judy Campbell, Gold Star Sister of Keith Campbell (Recipient of Distinguished Service Cross and Bronze Star (V) with A1/503 (medic assigned to HQs Company), KIA 8 February 1967). Al Rascon Medal of Honor Recipient
 2. **Invocation** - Chaplain Chuck Dean
 3. **Colors/Pledge of Allegiance** - Colonel (Ret) Ken Smith
 4. **Letters to Attendees**
General Barnes (Commanding General, 173d Airborne Brigade)
Chapter 23 (Queensland Chapter - New Zealand)
 5. **Board of Directors Officer Nominations**
President - Tim Stout
Treasurer - David Miller
Floor Nominations
President - SGM Bill Workman
 6. **By-laws Proposal Votes**
 - a. Include family members in Association (Legacy Proposal) - Defeated (Not Approved)
 - b. Include grandchildren in scholarship eligibility - Approved
 7. **Update on Memorial** - Colonel Tyler
Proposal - \$200.00 for 13 Medal of Honor "Spacers" - Approved
 8. **Update on Scholarship Fund** - 5 awarded in 1999
 9. **Update on Ft. Campbell Museum** - Completed
 10. **Special Recognition**
Colonel John Tyler for Airborne Memorial Leadership
Hugh Robinson for Society/Sgt-at-Arms Leadership
 11. **Treasurer's Report**
Included Monument Fund status which has been dormant for the past year - Accepted
 12. **Cow Pie Fund Raising Raffle** - Winners announced
 13. **Reunion 2000 Status** - Briefing completed
 14. **New Business**
Briefing on Keith Campbell Medal of Honor Upgrade initiative by General Deane with comments by sister, Judy Campbell
Update on medical status of and collection for Manny Ramirez, seriously injured in reunion jump
 15. **2001 Reunion Bids**
Ft. Worth Chapter (No. 13)
Washington D.C. Chapter (No. 1)
Results: Ft. Worth Chapter will host 2001
 16. **Election of Officers**
Treasurer: David Miller (affirmation)
President: Tim Stout (97 votes - Elected)
SGM Bill Workman (92 votes)
 17. **Comments by General Williamson**
Encouraged Chapters to take initiative in supporting U.S. Airborne Army recruiting efforts (visit nearest recruiting office and offer to assist recruiters).
 18. **Invocation - Chaplain Dean**
 19. **Closing Comments** - President Ken Smith
Thanked members for support
Wished new officers continued success
Thanked spouse (Susan) and family for their support
Praised quality of International Society of 173d Airborne Brigade
- Post note: On July 26, 1999, International Society Secretary, M. Thibault, offered incoming President, T. Stout, the option of designating his own Secretary. On 16 August, T. Stout notified M. Thibault that he sought out an Association member who he has personally known and worked with, who has accepted the Secretary appointment. That announcement and the timing will be made by the incoming President.
- /s/ **Michael J. Thibault**
Secretary
International Society, 173d Airborne Brigade

In Memoriam

Merv Kirby

With sadness I bring to your notice the death on 20-2-99 of Chapter XI Member Merv Kirby. Merv and his wife Valerie, were traveling in their car, a short distance to babysit their grandchildren, when the driver of an on coming vehicle went to sleep at the wheel of his car, crossed to the incorrect side of the roadway and collided head-on into Merv's car, killing Merv instantly and injuring Valerie. Valerie was sent to the hospital following the collision but was released later, suffering heavy bruising.

Merv will be remembered as the Platoon Sergeant of 6 Platoon B Company, 1 RAR, later rising to the rank of Warrant Officer 1st Class. He became the Regimental Sergeant Major of The Land Warfare Centre (Jungle Training Centre) Canungra.

For messages of condolence, the address is: 1 Sapphire St, Murwillumbah, NSW, Australia 2484. Merv is survived by his wife and four daughters. **Lest We Forget.**

This Memoriam reported by Mr. Carey McQuillan

Russell 'Mike' Burkhart

July 8, 1942 - July 17, 1999

D/2/503

173d Airborne Brigade (SEP)

Mike passed away the Saturday of our Fort Bragg Reunion Banquet. He is survived by two sons, Keynan and Rodney; one daughter, Doreen; one step son, Jody Yardeen; six grandsons; and his long time friend and companion, Millie VanAuken.

Mike was a member of Chapter 15. Six members of Chapter 15 (the SSG John K. Weber Chapter) were pallbearers; and one member representing Chapter 24, the Rochester Chapter, were present when Mike was laid to rest on July 21, 1999 in the Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

God Bless America and Mike. May he rest in peace.

This Memoriam researched and written by the Editor.

Donald J. Caliendo

May 16, 1946

February 4, 1999

Sadly we have lost another member of A/2/503rd - 65-66.

Don served with A/2 on Okinawa & in Vietnam. He had been in and out of Hines VA in Chicago for several years. He had emphysema and it finally got the best of him. His sister found my name and address with his things, and notified me of Don's death. He had been preceded in death by his wife. His sisters address is: Claudia Forsberg, 26 Queens Court, Westchester, Ill 60154.

This Memoriam reported by Mr. Jim Ratz.

Of Extreme Importance Members of the Society

It is of extreme importance to the Society of the 173d Airborne Brigade, and for a Project that General John R. Deane, Jr., U.S. Army (Ret) is currently involved in, that we locate the following individuals who served in the Brigade in 1967.

CSM (then PSG) Elija Fields, RA 14569589, 3rd Platoon, B/1/503

Sgt. James M. Bockowski, US 51553384, 3rd Platoon, B/1/503

Sgt. Melvin Scott, RA 53327795, 1st Platoon, B/1/503

Sp4 Wesley A. Albert, RA 17724316, 3rd Platoon, B/1/503

Sp4 David L. Barber, US 56396352, 1st Platoon, B/1/503

Sp4 Hamlin, believed to have been a Forward Observer 3/319

At the Reunion in Fayetteville, General Deane told of efforts underway to get appropriate recognition for the actions of a Skysoldier Medic named Keith Campbell, assigned to HHC/1/503, and attached to A/1/503. Campbell voluntarily went to help B/1/503 which was in a fierce fire fight in War Zone D that day, February 8, 1967.

Sp4 Edward D. Torres was wounded and eventually recovered by members of Bravo Co. The key events are those between the wounding and the final rescue.

General Deane wants to locate anyone who was in or near that fire fight. Some have been found. Captain John Wilson, C.O. of B/1/503 has been found and has provided valuable assistance. Paul Eggie, Bill Everhart, and Ken Rypka, another medic have been found and have provided important insights and valuable statements. Probably the most crucial find has been Torres, himself. Henry Galindo went from address to address of possible locations until he found Torres.

The names listed at the top of this article are potentially valuable sources of information. If any of these names ring a bell, or refresh your memory about a fire fight that occurred on February 8, 1967, please contact General Deane through the Society address.

Members of the Society This Is Of Extreme Importance

/s/ Charles R. Shay
Editor of the Skysoldier
for

**General John R. Deane, Jr.
U.S. Army (Ret)**

NEWS ABOUT SKY SOLDIERS

- Howie Lund**, (B/1 65-66) is in Sales and lives in Derry, NH.
- Horace Harrington** (H/Bde 64-66 & 67-69) is Retired and lives in Laurinburg, NC.
- George V. Wynne, II** (H/1 63-65) is a Lease Officer for Centura Bank and lives in Clayton, NC.
- CSM William L. Purcell** (H/4 66-67 & 68-69) is Retired and lives in Hot Spring Village, AR.
- Raymond Arnold** (E/17 69-70) is Retired and lives in Fayetteville, NC.
- George C. Doke** (B/1 68-69) is a Field Supervisor for American Woodmart, Inc. and lives in Winter Park, FL.
- Billy C. Alverson** (D/4 68) works for the USPS and lives in Guntersville, AL.
- Floyd E. Hein** (D/Spt 67-68) is Retired and lives in Spring Lake, NC.
- Wilbur J. Wiman** (H/Bde 67-68) is Retired and lives in Fayetteville, NC.
- Louis L. Gonzales** (C/Spt 65-66) is Facilities Manager at Garcia Schol and lives in Phoenix, AZ.
- Alexander McLeod** (D/16 67-68 & E/17 69-70) is in the Logistics Department (Ammunition Section) at Fort Bragg and lives in Fayetteville, NC.
- William H. Brown** (H/2 67-68 & B/Spt 71-72) is the Owner of Fastway Feed and Grain (Trucking) and lives in Mount Pleasant, TX.
- Peter F. Lynch** (C/2 67-68, A/4 69-70) is Retired and lives in Boone, NC.
- Harold Head** (A/D/2 67-68) is Retired and lives in Richfield, NC.
- James R. Brucato** (A/4 67-69) is Night Supervisor of Dorsey Trailers and lives in Cedartown, GA.
- Clarence Johnson** (A/3 67) is Retired and lives in Holdenville, OK.
- Carl Hoover** (C/1 69) is a Firearms Instructor and lives in Fayetteville, NC.
- Robert L. Sanders** (C/3 68-69) is Self-Employed and lives in San Pablo, CA.
- Gordon Graves** (D/3-319 70) is a Truck Driver for Schneider Specialized and lives in Fayetteville, NC.
- Jack A. Moore** (E/H/4 68-69) is a Gentleman Farmer and 3 times Retired and lives in Richwood, OH.
- Kevin T. Shaw** (173 Eng & C/4 69-70) is a HVAC Technician for Waters Corporation and lives in Woonsocket, RI.
- James Waz** (A/3-319 67-69) is a Master Tool and Gage Maker for Brookfield Machine Group and lives in West brookfield, MA.
- Frank J. Minore** (B/H 2 66-67) is an Evaluator for the U.S. General Accounting Office and lives in Dumfries, VA.
- Patrick J. Welsh** (C/H/A/3 67-70) is Vice President and General Manager, American National Rubber (Buffalo Division) and lives in Getzville, NY.
- SGM Joseph L. Allen** (Ret) and his wife are Ordained Ministers and operate the Kapolei Light-house in Makakilo, HI.
- BG John H. Grubbs** (173 Eng 64-66) is Professor and Chair, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Tulane University, and lives in New Orleans, LA.
- Lyle W. Ahrens, Jr.** (C/3 70-71) is a Communications Technician for ACS Dataline and lives in Phoenix, AZ.
- Donald J. Sayut** (C/3 69-70) is a Product Manager (Super Computers) for IBM and lives in West Hurley, NY.
- SGM Glenn T. Green** (H/2 66-67 & A/Spt 68) is Retired and lives in Fayetteville, NC.
- SGM Sonny J. Alvarez** (C/3 67-68) is Retired and lives in Cincinnati, OH.
- CSM Marvin T. Smith** (H/2 67-68) is Retired and lives in Fayetteville, NC.
- George G. Bingham, 3rd** (B/2 64-66) is a USAF Security Consultant, 102nd Fighter Wing, and lives in Mashpee, MA.
- Brian J. McPadden** (A/4 & H/Bde 68-69) is a Reinsurance Claims Manager for National Union Insurance-AIG and lives in Brooklyn, NY.
- Richard Price** (35th Land Clearing Team 68) is Chief Prosecutor, Brazos County Attorney's Office and lives in College Station, TX.
- Charles R. Montgomery** (H/bde 69-70) is a Security Guard at the Williamsburg Pottery Factory and lives in Light Foot, VA.
- William A. Wilkinson** (C/2 & 75th Inf 70-71) is a Deputy Sheriff, Citrus County Sheriff's Office, and lives in Citrus Springs, FL.
- Doss C. Bradford** (MP 66-67 & A/4 67) is a School Superintendent and lives in Eugene, OR.
- Douglas K. Dukes** (D/4 68-69) is Sheriff of Noble County and lives in Kendallville, Indiana.
- Kenneth p. Blizzard** (C/2 66-67) is Retired and lives in Fayetteville, NC.
- Oscar Polk** (C/2 70) is Retired and lives in Madison, AL.
- George F. Matteson** (B/Spt 63-64 & D/Spt 70-71) is Retired and lives in Hinesville, GA.
- Richard B. Keeter** (A/Spt 67-68) is a Warehouse Manager for Bruce Foods Corporation and lives in Wilson, NC.

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News About Sky Soldiers

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Russell B. Hoch (C/3 70) is a Tech Rep for XEROX Corporation and lives in Kresgeville, PA.

Michael Herndon (E/17 66-67) is a Reactor Control Operator for Florida Power and Light Company and lives in Jensen Beach, FL.

CSM Jerry M. Babb (B/4 67-68 & H/2 68) is a Project Engineer for Croft Metals and lives in Fayetteville, NC.

John P. Lyons (A/3 67-68) is an Aircraft Welder at McClellan AFB and lives in Sacramento, CA.

Scott W. James (A/1 66-68) is Retired and lives in Woodland, CA.

Mickey McMullen (A/1/503 ABG 61-62) works in the Vending Division at Seven Springs Resort and lives at Seven Springs Resort, PA.

Terrence W. Perry (A/2 63-65) is a Stone Engraver for Perry Brothers Monument Company and lives in Concord, NH.

David J. Kanters (H/3 68-69) is a Nurse Practitioner for Clinicare of Port Angeles and lives in Port Angeles, WA.

Robert J. Read (C/4 66-67) is a Pharmaceutical Salesman for Astra Zeneca and lives in Boiling Springs, PA.

Richard J. Syrett (C/3 67-68) is Disabled and lives in Park Hill, OK.

MSG Martell Swain, Jr. (C/3 70-71) is Retired and lives in Oswego, NY.

Robert L. Olson (A/1 63) is a Carpenter and lives in Redwood City, CA.

Larry G. Tester (E/17 70-71) works for the Minnesota Department of Transportation in the Highway Maintenance Department and lives in Barnesville, MN.

National Vietnam Memorial Names are posted on the Web site

The Minnesota Veteran Newsletter of December 1998 reports the 58,196 names etched on the polished black granite of the Vietnam Memorial, Washington, D.C., are now posted on the Internet. The memorial Web site is:

www.thevirtualwall.org

CSM (R) Steven Corey (75th inf 70-71) is a Maintenance Technician for Friendship Valley Long Term Care and lives in Apple Valley, MN.

Larry S. Moore (C/3 69-70) is a Detective with the Atlanta Police Department and lives in Sharpsburg, GA.

Joseph M. Wolan (A/2 68-69 & H/Bde 69-70) is a DOD Electronics Technician at DOD Fleet Combat Training Center, Atlantic, and lives in Virginia Beach, VA.

Thomas H. Means (D/1 68-69) is an Attorney with Aldrich, Nelson, Weight & Esplin, and lives in Provo, UT.

Jerry L. Berry (A/4 67-69) is President of an Exercise Equipment Manufacturing Group and lives in Irvine, CA.

Paul E. Doherty (C/3 69-70) works for the USPS and lives in Cambridge, MA.

Larry E. McKim (PSYOPS Det 65) is a Detective for AFEES at Fort Huachuca and lives in Sierra Vista, AZ.

John La Barge (B/1 67-68) works for the Telephone Company and lives in San Jose, CA.

Ray Bull (C/4 67-68) works for the US Postal Service and lives in Yuba City, CA.

CSM Willie W. Snow (E/2 70-71) is Owner of AA Victory Auto Sales, Inc and lives in Phenix, AL.

Frederick G. Zabarsky (Cowboys 65-66) is a JROTC Instructor at North High School, Phoenix, and lives in Phoenix, AZ.

Francisco B. Quidera (C/2 63-65) is a Hair Stylist at Frank's Barber Shop and lives in Phoenix, AZ.

Howard Bachman (E/17 63-65) is an Investigations Supervisor for the Arizona Motor Vehicle Division, and lives in Goodyear, AZ.

Bobby R. Bruce (C/1 68-69) is a Lieutenant for the Glendale (AZ) Police Department and lives in Glendale, AZ.

Mercer O. Van den Berg (A/4 67) is an Executive recruiter for a Health Care Service and lives in St. Louis, MO.

Danny M. "Soup" Campbell (E/H/1 68-70) is a Police Patrol Sergeant for the Hanover (VA) County Sheriff's office and lives in Mechanicsville, VA.

COL James R. Woodall (1/50 Inf & H/1 68-69) is a Self-Employed (Financial Services) and lives in College Station, TX.

Paul A. Barron (A/4 67-68) is an Engineer at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and lives in York, ME.

Gregory A. Jarvis (E/1 70-71) is Retired and lives in Dresden, OH.

Ronald Busch (A/Spt & 173 Sig Co 68-71) is a DOD Police Officer at Westover AFB and lives in Chicopee, MA.

Peter Klausner (A/4 66-67) is a Self Employed Computer Teacher and lives in South Easton, MA.

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Spencer Alexander (B/2 64-66) works for the State of Illinois and lives in Chicago, IL.

Donald Moses (B/2 64-66) lives in Gary, IN.

David Canady (B/2 63-66) is Director of Unemployment Insurance for the State of North Carolina and lives in Raleigh, NC.

Victor E. Morton (H/A-2 63-65) works for the Postal Service and lives in Brockton, MA.

Michael P. Ripa (B/Spt 70-71) is Retired and lives in Westfield, MA.

Sam R. Mingle (E/2 62-64) is a Quality Assurance Officer for Edscha of Canada and lives in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada.

James R. Fortune, Jr. (H/Bde & A/3 70-71) is an Attorney and lives in Griffin, GA.

Sheldon L. Canter (1/50 68-69) is a Consultant for S.L. Canter Company and lives in Eagin, MN.

Richard J. Cooney (D/4 67-68) is a Self-Employed Builder and lives in Papamoa, New Zealand.

Larry E. Urban (B/SPT & E-2 70-71) is a Security Officer for American Protective Services and lives in North Chelmsford, MA.

Doug W. Hetler (C/H/2 68-69) is Senior Training Analyst for Rayethon Systems Company (Training Operations) and lives in Hampton, VA.

LTC Paul L. Clark (B/4 66-67) is on the Faculty of the Armed Forces Staff College and lives in Norfolk, VA.

Donald S. Bulford (D/3 67-68) is President of Peachtree Communication Technology and lives in Norcross, GA.

Clarence J. Jones (C/3 68-69) is a Motor Vehicle Operator for Naval Public Works, Norfolk, and lives in Chesapeake, VA.

LTC Les Colgrove (H/1 66-67) is Co-Owner of Onyx Business Solutions and lives in Tampa, FL.

D. Lewis Smith, Jr. (H/2 65-66) is President of Air Transportation Marketing Association and lives in Cocoa Beach, FL.

Michael D. Herndon (B/1 66) is Retired and lives in Thompson Falls, MT.

Vincent R. Browne (C/3-319 67-68) retired from the NYC Department of Corrections and lives in Hempstead, NY.

Edward J. "Ned" Hogan (H/1 & 75 Inf 66-68) works for the NY Dept of Social Services and lives in Albany, NY.

John McGraw (C/3 70-71) is an Elementary School Principal and lives in Maitland, FL.

Leo A. Quinn (A/2 70-71) is a Materials Handler (DOT), U.S. Coast Guard, and lives in Fishing Creek, NJ.

Carl E. Chesko (C/2 & C/3 67-68) works for the US

Postal Service and lives in Stanhope, NJ.

Henry H. Shelton (C/4 & H/4 68-69) is Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and lives at Fort Myer, VA.

Gerard G. Burnsed (H/1 64-65) is Retired and lives in St. Cloud, FL.

COL David S. Blodgett (C/1 & H/1 68-69) is a Division Manager for SAIC and lives in Hampton, VA.

Floyd E. Mishoe (B/3 67-68) is in Dairy Processing for T. G. Lee Dairy, Inc., and lives in Winter Park, FL.

Thomas E. Cook (H/4 66-67) is Retired and lives in Shawnee, OK.

Joe W. Abel (D/2 67-68) is Retired and lives in Lady Lake, FL.

ISG Melvin Farmer is Retired and lives in Taylorsville, KY.

Steve D. Shepherd (E/1 70) is the Owner of Bayberry Landscaping and lives in Lebanon, IN.

James J. Kornsey (C/D/3 67-68) is Medically Retired and lives in Blackwood, NJ.

Francis W. Diehl (H/1 64-66) is a Mechanic and lives in Shermans Dale, PA.

William M. Metheny (H/Bde & H/4 68-70) is Owner, World Class performance, Inc., and lives in Bridger, MT.

LTC Gary W. Banker (C/H/1 66-67) is a Production Engineer for Allegheny Rodney Strip and lives in Shirley, MA.

Roy E. Allen (B/2 60-64) works for the U.S. Postal Service and lives in Aurora, CO.

Thomas Brake (C/3 69-70) is a Truck Driver for Rocky Mountain Paving and lives in Nampa, ID.

E. Oliver Fitzwater (173 Eng 63-64) is President of the Michigan Chapter of the 101st Airborne Division Association, and lives in Fort Wayne, IN.

Jimmie Soupart (A/D/1 67-68) works for the U.S. Postal Service and lives in Conroe, TX.

Lloyd A. Aprsons (C/1 69-70) is a Painter and lives in Eenglewood, FL.

Michael H. Matthews (H/1 67-68) is the owner of a Medical Building Service and lives in Dover, PA.

Terry F. Williams (Caspers 68-69) is a Telephone Repairman for GTE and lives in Sarasota, FL.

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NOTICE

Deadline for submitting articles for
the Fall edition is changed to
November 1, 1999.

Deadline for the Winter edition is
December 1, 1999.

News About Sky Soldiers

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Ronald L. Thompson (A/4 66-67 & H/Spt 68-69) is Retired and lives in Jacksonville, FL.

Howard L. White (H/A/1 63-64 & H/Spt 64-65) is Director of Personnel and Labor Relations at Long Island University and lives in Corona, NY.

Mike E. Newton (173 Eng 66-67 & Jungle School 67-68) is a Sales Representative for Ikon Business Services and lives in Salina, KS.

John R. "Bob" Wolfgang (C/H/4 66-67) is a Sales Executive with Walter G. Anderson, Inc., (Packaging) and lives in Eagan, MN.

Ruben S. Salgado (C/2 64-65) is Retired and lives in Chula Vista, CA.

Fred W. Ortiz (A/4 66-67) is a School Teacher and lives in San Dimas, CA.

Johnny G. Ramirez (B/3-319 58-61) is a Brewer for Miller Brewing Company and lives in Monterey Park, CA.

Pete R. Ramirez (E/2 61-63) is an Investigator with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and lives in Diamond Bar, CA.

Calvin T. Shaw (H/3-319 65-66) works for and lives in the City of Whittier, CA.

CDR Charles F. Jackson (335 AHC 67) is a Supervisory Audiologist at the San Diego Naval Medical Center and lives in San Diego, CA.

David A. Hahn (D/16 68-69) is a Controllor for Ryan properties, Inc., and lives in Brooklyn Park, MN.

Robert Arvizu (E/17 67-68) is Retired and lives in Bullhead City, AZ.

Gino Chackel (A/3-319 66-67) is a Restorer of Classic American Cars for the Auto Store and lives in Summerland, CA.

Ramiro R. Lopez (D/Spt 66-67) is Retired and lives in Montclair, CA.

SGM George J. Gatewood, Sr. (H/Bde 63-66) is Retired and lives in Buena Park, CA.

Louis A. Zucco (H/D/2 67-68) is Coordinator for the Cement Masons Apprenticeship Program and lives in El Monte, CA.

Javier Curiel (C/Spt 64-66) works for the Uniter Parcel Service and lives in Pico Rivera, CA.

Henry Galindo (H/1 64-66) is Retired and lives in Covina, CA.

James Livenick (A/Spt 68-70) is Self Employed and lives in Las Vegas, NV.

David Brochey (A/1 66) is Self Employed and lives in Upland, CA.

Anthony Brangaitis (D/4 67-68) is Retired and lives in Massapequa, NY.

Fred Stephans (C/4 69) is a Management Consultant for Booz-Allen & Hamilton and lives in Frederick, MD.

Gilbert D. Hill (B/1 66-67) is a Licensed Practical Nurse and lives in Ocean, NJ.

MAJ Jerome C. Marbach (H/3-319 70-71) is Operations & Human Resources Manager for the Hartford Insurance Company and lives in Converse, TX.

COL Leonard Luzky (C/Spt 64-65 & C/1 65-66) is CO, 50th Brigade, 42 Infantry Division, NJ Army NG, Fort Dix, and lives in Toms River, NJ.

MAJ Gaylon Klobe (E/B-1 68-69 & H/bde 71-72) is Retired and lives in Jersey Shore, NJ.

Frank S. Bramlett (173 Eng 68-69) is Disabled and lives in Spartanburg, SC.

Melvin R. Thomas (A/4 67-68 & 74 Inf 68) is with the Texas Department of Corrections and lives in Jewett, TX.

Henry D. Framey (B/2 65-66) is a Delta Air Lines Customer Service Agent and lives in Westerville, OH.

SGM James E. Roberts (E/4 69-70) is a Systems Administrator for Netquick ISP and lives in Raeford, NC.

Herbert "Joe" Engle (E/17 66-68) is a Lineman for Florida Power Company and lives in Fort White, FL.

Domenick L. Yazzolino (A/1 63) is a Senior Deputy Sheriff and Supervisor of the Warrant Service Unit, and lives in San Angelmo, CA.

1Sg Dennis W. Hayes (A/1 64-66) is a Farmer and lives in Rochelle, IL.

MSG Gary L. Wright (B/2 61-66 & 75 Inf 68-70) is Retired and lives in Spanaway, WA.

Gilbert Gary Gallegos (A/1 69-70) is a Computer Help-Desk Technician for the City of Denver and lives in Denver, CO.

Harold D. Caraway (D/4 70-71) is a Teacher at the North Carolina School for the Deaf and lives in Morganton, NC.

Philip W. Barbieri (D/16 66-67) is Owner of P.W.B. Construction-Remodeling Consultants and also manages the Forestville Club, and lives in Forestville, CA.

Harry B. Allen (A/1 64-66) is a Real Estate Agent with ERA Realty Center and lives in Cameron Park, CA.

BG Kenneth P. Bergquist (C/1 and Jungle School 68-69) lives in Jupiter, FL.

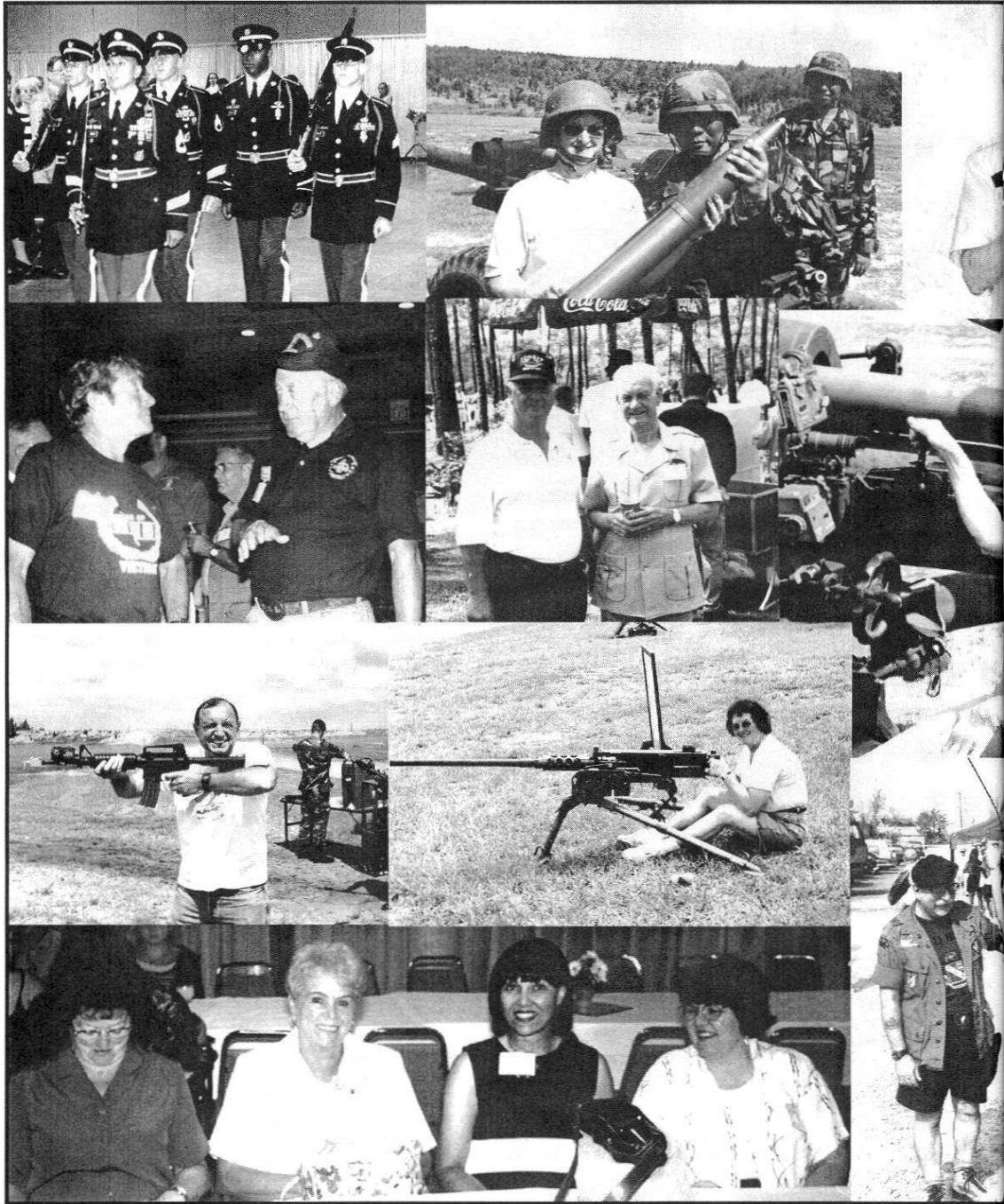
Charles R. Brune (C/1 70-71) is a Captain in the Texas Rangers and lives in Pflugerville, TX.

Bruce W. Grueschow (E/17 66-67) is a Warehouse Attendant for (Fords) Bownstown and lives in Lincoln Park, MI.

Paul A. Ferguson (B/C/H/1 66-67) is Retired and lives in Memphis, TN.

Keith C. Fabisch (C/2 67) is Owner of Keith's Heating and Repair Company and lives in Beaver Dam, WI.

1999 FORT BRAGG



1999 Museum Chairman's Report

Significant progress in the development of our National Airborne and Special Operations Museum has been realized in 1999. The target date of May 2000 draws ever nigh and if weather permits we'll open for business on May 22, 2000.

All of you SKY SOLDIERS have contributed greatly to insure that this edifice dedicated to Airborne Soldiers of all times becomes a reality. As is evidenced by the "steel in the air" at the junction of Hay Street and Bragg Blvd. in Fayetteville we are well on the way. Now that we almost have the building our task now is to fill it up with all those things that Airborne Soldiers have used over the years. So—continue to root around in those long forgotten places under the stairs and in the back yard utility room and in that battered foot-locker and in all those other seldom visited places looking for those artifacts that you had forgotten were there. The museum needs and will continue to need any and all things that Airborne Soldiers wore or used. Instruction as to where to send them have been in almost every issue of *SKY SOLDIER* for the last several years but in case you missed it here it is again:

XVIII ABN CORPS AND FORT BRAGG
ATTN: AFZA-RBC-T (ASOM)
FORT BRAGG, NC 28307
ATTN: MS. MARY DENNINGS
ASOM COLLECTIONS MANAGER

If you are in doubt as to the things the museum needs Mary will be delighted to help you. Her phone number is (910) 396-7372. Mary has informed me that she maintains a very active E-Mail capability and that it frequently is the best and fastest means of communicating with her. Her E-Mail address is: dennings@bragg.army.mil.

A recently added program to the Museum will provide all airborne soldiers the opportunity to be identified with this "Band of Brothers" down through the ages. Charley Shay has agreed to publish a flyer that explains our "Paver Project", a copy of which is on page 12. Should you desire to participate deal directly with the NASOM project officer. The flyer is self explanatory with one exception. The allocation of number of characters allowed on each line includes blank spaces but you don't pay for the space. As an example, JOHN F ROBINSON is exactly 15 characters. Be sure and include in your payment, which must accompany the Application; \$2.00 for each character that exceeds the "per line" allocation. The National Board of Director and the General Mem-

bership has authorized me to contract with the NASOM Paver Project Officer for the purchase of 12 (Soon to be 13) Pavers, one for each of our MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS. Each paver will be inscribed as follows: (Sgt. Pierce was our first MH Recipient).

LARRY S. PIERCE
MEDAL OF HONOR
173d AIRBORNE BRIGADE

(Notes: #1. This example exceeds the per-line allocation of 15 characters by 6 characters on the third line thus costing an additional \$12.00. #2. Judge Vecchio-Note the little d).

The issue of unit markers for each Airborne Unit at the Museum entrance has been decided. We of the 173d continue to lead the way. We are the first unit to contract for the marker which is to be made of white granite and emplaced at the main entrance of the museum. At the time of our 1999 reunion, 12 other units had contracted for a marker as well as one for the Test Platoon. The cost of each one which includes total manufacture plus emplacement is \$3000.00. This money as well as the cost of MH pavers will come out of the Museum Fund which was raised by direct solicitation through our Pathfinder Club. Through Loren Storjohann's almost magical management of our Pathfinder funds, we have retired our \$50,000.00 debt for the 173d Vietnam War Diorama and still have funds to pay for the 173d Marker and a Paver for each of our MH recipients. We all owe Loren a great debt for stretching our dollars as far as he has.

If everything goes as planned, my next report to you will cover the grand opening of our museum in May of 2000. I wish to point out to you that this place will be your theater to the future. This is where you can create your legacy; the place you can send your children and your grandchildren and all those others who follow along behind you to learn of your accomplishments; the place where all Americans can see and learn who you and other Airborne Soldiers were and what you accomplished. It will be a monument that praises your accomplishments and sanctifies your sacrifices. In short, this is your story. How well it is told is in direct proportion to how well we support the effort. I appeal to all of you to once again prove to all that the 173D LEADS THE WAY.

Airborne,
John Tyler

Notes From The Past

On 25 March 1991, the *Los Angeles Times* ran in their "View" section an article on William Westmoreland entitled, "General Principles." An alert Sky Soldier sent the article in. General Westmoreland is



to the left, our own National {Past} President is in the center background (Commanding 2-503) and an unknown but somewhat familiar Sky Soldier with a 2nd Battalion "We try Harder Button" is on the right. Love it!

Editors Note: *I have no idea who sent this to the Society address, nor the date of the photograph.*

We Have a NEW Home Page Address!



For you computer hacks who want to find something on the Internet, try the Society's new home page. Set up by Sky Soldier Paul Dinardo, the new home page address is:

<http://Metalab.unc.edu/173abn>

If you have a computer service provider; AOL, CompuServe, MSN or any other service to the Internet, you can "hook up" with our home page. We encourage your input for the programming of the home page. Contact Paul at:

pdinardo@pica.army.mil

with your comments.

THANK YOU

Kentucky Veteran License Plates Now Available

On June 1, 1999, Kentucky's new veterans' license plates went on sale. All veterans are eligible to purchase the plates upon showing a DD Form 214. The custom plate costs an extra \$25 above the usual fees.

The plate is red, white and blue with the seal of the veteran's branch of service. Veterans can have the theater of combat included on the plate. They can also choose the number - if not previously taken. (Forget about getting number 173 because it belongs to me.)



I probably purchased the first one in Kentucky. (I was there when the doors opened at 8am.) SkySoldier" state representative Mike Weaver worked hard to get the bill passed to have the plates produced. The first 300 numbers went to his district. Also, he had number 173 reserved for me.



Representative Weaver and me right after installing the new plate on my car.

/s/ Hugh C. Robinson (HEAVY DROP)



Chapter News

Chapter I: Sigholtz Capitol Chapter, P.O. Box 15183, Arlington, VA 22215-0833. Chapter President: Ed Anthony. Chapter Internet Address: ed.anthony@hqda.army.mil

Chapter II: Lozada-Thurston-Watters Chapter, 450 West 148th Street, New York, NY 10031. Chapter President: Anthony Albarello. Chapter Internet address: None

Chapter III: Columbus/Ft. Benning Chapter, PO Box 51977, Ft. Benning, GA 31905-0577. Chapter President: Enrique Salas. Chapter Internet address: None.

Chapter V: Ft. Bragg Chapter, PO Box 71313, Ft. Bragg, NC 28307. Chapter President: Joe Adkinson. Chapter Internet address: None.

Chapter VI: Elite Forces Chapter, c/o DiNardo, 4694 N. Sapphire Drive, Hoffman Estates, IL 60195. Chapter President: Arlen Bertrand. Chapter Internet address: None.

Chapter VII: Florida Chapter, Route 1, Box 69-C, Hilliard, FL 32046. Chapter President: Stephen A. Turpen. Chapter Internet address: None.

Chapter IX: New England Chapter, P.O. Box 66173, Auburndale, MA 02166. Chapter President: John O'Day. Chapter Internet address: Dhill173@aol.com

Chapter X: Western States Chapter, 538 Phelan Avenue, San Jose, CA 95112. Chapter President: Frank Mantua. Chapter Internet address: damillr@aol.com

Chapter XI: Australian (Down Under) Chapter, Post Office Box 5-173A, Croydon Park, NSW 2133, Australia. Chapter President: Sid Cheeseman. Chapter Internet address: downunder173@bigpond.com

This has been a busy quarter for not only myself, but for the Chapter Committee. THE MAIL OUT RAFFLE was well supported by the members and has helped us to look at the problems that have plagued the Chapter for some time, such as, our mail out system and costs, and printing costs. We now have the means to mail out the SKY SOLDIER and THE BIEN HOA TIMES, not only quickly but without the massive use of staples. The new method makes the job of dispatching easier, it means that the magazines arrive flat and dry to your letter box. Funds from the Raffle helped to make this possible.

The last Chapter Meeting was held at Pelican RSL. This meeting was well attended by members and wives. My thanks to the Newcastle members that organized

the "Sausage Sizzle" before the meeting commenced. Our thanks to the Pelican RSL Sub-Branch for their assistance in that area. We must do it again.

Since the last meeting we have held our "Salute to American Independence Day Dinner." To those who could not attend, you missed a great evening in food, friendship, ceremony and entertainment. To all those helpers that gave their time toward making it a success, both before and afterward, I give the Committee's and my thanks to you all. To those that may not be aware, our newly nationally appointed Assistant Secretary Southern Hemisphere, Slim O'Shea has not been well. Our wishes for a speedy recovery are passed on to him and we hope to hear he is soon back on the job. Until the next issue of The Bien Hoa Times, look after your health, think of your friends and think in a positive manner.

Regards, Sid Cheeseman, AM, JP
President

Chapter XIII: Texas Chapter, 1709 White Avenue, Killeen, TX 76541. Chapter President: Marty Martinez. Chapter Internet address: marty@vvm.com

**HOST OF THE 2001 REUNION
PROPOSED FOR JULY 3 -7**

Chapter XIV: Southern California Chapter, PO Box 5482, El Monte, CA 91734. Chapter President: Raymond Ramirez. Chapter Internet address: None

Chapter XV: SSG John K. Weber Chapter, PO Box 583131, Minneapolis, MN 55458-3131. Chapter President: Thomas Eckhoff. Chapter Internet address: Bob-Jan Bev@msn.com

A MEMORIAL TO THE 173d AIRBORNE BRIGADE will be placed at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery Minneapolis, Minnesota. The SSG John K. Weber Chapter XV of the Society of the 173d Airborne Brigade is raising money to place a granite marker, approximately two feet by two feet by three feet, with the history of the 173d Airborne Brigade engraved on a bronze plaque on the slanted top. The monument will include a beautiful flag pole upon which the American flag will be flown on special occasions. The monument will be placed along a main road inside the Ft. Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis Minnesota. A special "monument fund" has been established for this project, and tax deductible donations can be sent to:

**Chapter XV Monument Fund
P.O. Box 583131**

Minneapolis, MN 55485-3131

Chapter XV plans to continue this fund in order to

place other Airborne monuments in the cemetery after the 173d is in place. The first being the 503' Parachute Infantry Regiment, followed by all the other Airborne units. As former Airborne soldiers, we can show the world that we really are,

AIRBORNE ALL THE WAY!!!

Chapter XVI: Pacific Northwest Chapter, 1512 116th Street, South, Tacoma, WA 98444-2522. Chapter President: John Berry. Chapter Internet address: Berryherd@aol.com

Chapter XVII: Western Pennsylvania Chapter, 5081 Plain Road, Murreysville, PA 15668. Chapter President: Dennis Dunegan. Chapter Internet address: None.

Chapter XVIII: Larry Pierce Chapter, 3017 NW 16th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73107. Chapter President: Bill Sunday. Chapter Internet address: HerdMP@aol.com

Chapter XIX: New Zealand Chapter, 8 Hull Road, Waiuku, Franklin, New Zealand. Chapter President: John Deazley. Chapter Internet address: russell.fred.fj@bhp.com.au

Chapter XX: United Desert Chapter, PO Box 12271, Tucson, AZ 85732-2271. Chapter President: Russ Faulkner. Chapter Internet address: None.

Chapter XXI: Mountain States Chapter, 1199 Norwalk, UT 84123. Chapter President: Paul Salazar. Chapter Internet address: None.

Chapter XXII: San Diego Chapter, 320 Cadillac Circle, Oceanside, CA 92054-3442. Chapter President: Kenneth LePore. Chapter Internet address: None.

Chapter XXIII: Queensland Chapter, (New Address) 3 Westray Avenue, Banora Point, NSW 2486, Australia. Chapter President: Vic Lagettie. Chapter Internet address: rpayne@alpher.net.au

Back in March this Chapter again hosted the members of Chapter XI, our sister Chapter, at a 'Joint Chapter Meeting'. This three-day gathering, commenced with a general meeting, then it was just three whole days of activities and fun. Our formal dinner featured the fabulous voice of Chapter member Morry Fletcher; the applause of ninety guests nearly brought the roof down. Mrs Naidler, GSM, in her eighth year, recited a difficult Australian bush poem, and you could have heard a pin drop. At the completion of this great weekend we were asked to do it all again next year, and we will.

Our membership stands at 130 and we are attracting, on average, 53 members to our monthly meeting. We still work on the principal of 'do it right' with less

formality and more fun.

We continue to support the Logan Special School. These severely disabled children have come to know the 173d as their friends. We have also donated \$500 towards uniforms for members of the Disabled Olympic Basket-Ball team. The Herd patch will appear on their uniforms.

Our three day mid-year 'away' meeting will be held at Stanthorpe, in the heart of Queensland's wine growing area. With all accommodation in the town fully booked out, and horse back riding included in the planned activities, it should be a lively time!

The next half of the year will be just as active. August brings our 3rd Annual Dinner and parade. In November, Chapter 23 is going Whale Watching in Hervey Bay. As always, everyone is invited.

Chapter XXIV: Rochester, Minnesota Chapter, 656 Maple Pond Court, Shoreview, MN 55126-2025. Chapter President: Charles R. Shay. Chapter Internet (VP Floyd Riester) address: Ries173abn@aol.com

HOME OF THE 2000 REUNION, JUNE 21-25, 2000.

THE CITY OF ROCHESTER WANTS THE 173D AIRBORNE
BACK HOME - AGAIN !

The 2000 Reunion plans are pretty much completed. Rochester is ready and waiting for the 173d to return home - Again! The Soldiers Field Veterans Memorial idea from the 1995 Reunion has progressed from 'a plaque in the park' to an almost million dollar memorial. Although it is still under construction, most members in the Chapter have seen it, and it is awesome !!! When you see it at the dedication during the reunion, it will take your breath away.

Ten Chapter members returned from the '99 Bragg reunion only to return to the work of the 2000 reunion, however we have managed to insert a little fun in between. Eight members played in our reunion host VFW Post 1215 Veterans golf tournament. Along with the work & fun news of the Chapter activities, comes the sad. Chapter member Al Hodder's long time friend and companion, Carolynn Becker passed away September 1st after a courageous battle with cancer of the brain. The Chapter's sympathy and support go out to Al.

See You In Rochester !

New Chapter: Chapter XXV: Thunderbird Chapter, P.O. Box 85080, Phoenix, AZ 85380. Chapter President: Eldon D. Meade. Chapter Internet address: abn173@goodnet.com

Editors Note: *I would really like to see more Chapters submitting their Chapter News. This is your column to let the Society know what your Chapter has been up to. All it takes is for one of the Chapter Officers to sit down and write a brief paragraph or two on a piece of single page paper. Thank You.*



June, 1999

Rochester, Minnesota 55902

Chuck Hazama
Mayor
RETIRED

Dear 173rd Airborne Brigade,

Four years have come and gone since your last reunion was held in our fair city. The 30th Reunion of the Brigade made an everlasting impact on the city.

As the retired mayor of this city, I would like to unofficially invite all of you to return to the city that adopted you some thirty plus years ago. We want all of you to return "home" come June during Rochesterfest in the Millennium.

All of you made an everlasting impression on the city and when you left in 1995, I commissioned a voluntary group of sixteen men and women to create something special to commemorate your return to your adopted city in 1995. What the committee has designed and implemented will make all of you proud. We hope to dedicate the memorial structure when you return for the 2000 Reunion. I would be proud to have all of you surround the new structure as we dedicate this very special memorial. You made it happen and I think it only fitting that you have presence at the dedication. Make an extra special effort to come "home" in the Millennium.

We hope to see in Rochester.

Sincerely,

Chuck Hazama
Retired Mayor
Rochester, Minnesota



REGISTRATION FORM

Reunion 2000 — Coming Home

International Society of the 173d Airborn Brigade (Sep)

Chapter XXIV — Rochester, Minnesota

Wednesday, June 21 to Sunday, June 25, 2000

Name: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Unit with the Brigade _____ When Served: _____

Shirt size: _____ Hat size: _____

Number of Accompanying Guests: _____

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Shirt size: _____ Hat size: _____

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Shirt size: _____ Hat size: _____

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Shirt size: _____ Hat size: _____

Registration Fee: \$100.00 per Society Member \$ 90.00 per Guest \$75.00 per Vendor Area Total Enclosed: \$ _____	<i>Make checks payable to:</i> 173d Reunion 2000 <i>Mail to:</i> 173d Airborne Reunion 2000 575 Morningside Place Vadnais Heights, MN 55127 Telephone Contact: Arlen Johnson (651) 653-7273
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The main banquet room will only accommodate 1,200, and seating will be based on YOUR timely return of YOUR registration form. Additional seating is available in adjacent rooms for smaller groups (up to 150). Get your Co or Btry together for the banquet and have a secured AO to yourselves. The main banquet room will accommodate all for the program following the banquet.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS - ASK FOR THE 173^D ABN BD REUNION RATES

Holiday Inn (*Headquarters*) 800-241-1597, 800-465-4329 (800 holiday) <http://www.holiday-inn.com>

Hilton — 800-HILTONS (across from the Holiday)

Marriott — 800-MARRIOT (2 blocks from the Holiday)

Kahler Grand — 800-533-1655 danderson@sunstonehotels.com (2 blocks from the Holiday)

Grand Inn & Suites — 800-533-1655 (3 blocks from the Holiday)

Ramada Inn — 800-305-8470 (van service available)

Hotel Prices range from \$60.00 to \$120.00. Check with respective hotel.

From Australia - 800 533 888
From New Zealand - 0800 442 888

The annual Rochesterfest celebration will be in progress during the entire reunion.
The new Veterans Memorial inspired by the 173d Reunion in 1995 will be dedicated on Sunday morning.
Additional events will be announced within the next few months.

For additional information please write to the above address.



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 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20026-4173

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 Life Membership: \$173.00
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 Society of the 173d Airborne Brigade

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CURRENT JOB TITLE OR MILITARY POSITION

Job Description/Occupation & Company		
Current/Highest Rank	Years Active Service	Chapter Affiliation

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