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# The Herd Word



## The 2016 Annual Chapter Meeting

In the Old Sod they say, "tis a bit of the Irish in all of us." It seemed to be so for the motley Sigholtz-Chapter 1 members who arrived at the Irish Inn at Glen Echo. It was February 6 and they were at the announced time and place for the Chapter's Annual Meeting, but Chapter business, for the moment, had to take second fiddle to good food and camaraderie.

Some ordered breakfast. Others ordered from the menu's range of tantalizing Irish entrees. Whatever the selection, Chapter President, **Joe Flesch**, recommended it be lubricated along its destined path with a glass of Irish stout. Some took him up on his suggestion.

In short order, bellies were full and moods and the minds turned to Chapter business. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, a quorum was verified and Chapter business began. The full text of the Minutes is on the Chapter website: <http://173dairbornechapter1.org/>

Some of the key points follow. Last year's minutes were approved, without objection. There were no contenders for upcoming vacancies for the Chap-

ter Vice President and Secretary positions. The incumbents, **Mark Bargmann** and **Mack Brooks** agreed to continue their positions. The Chapter President updated the assembly on the Mid-Winter Conference. The President introduced Honorary Member **Harvey Jester, CPA**, who audited the Chapter books pro bono. The Chapter will be changing its name to **Sigholtz Capital Chapter of the 173<sup>d</sup> Airborne Brigade Association**, in response to a National Association name change.

The Chapter President updated the group on the 2016 and 2017 Reunions. Afterwards, he reminded the forum that volunteers would be needed to host the 2018 Reunion. He requested assistance. The Chapter continues to support **SFC Cliff Bonner** while he's recovering in the Richmond VA Hospital.

The Chapter President updated members on upcoming Arlington National Cemetery funerals for LTC Claude Stults and LTC James F. Anderson.

With business concluded, the attendees left The Irish Inn, seemingly, with a bit of the brogue in their voice and a jig in their step.



First Row, Left to Right: Mack Brooks, Jeane Flesch, Flo Cartier, Connie & Ed Anthony, Mark Johnstone, Harvey Jester

Back Row, Left to Right: George Farris, Gene Cartier, Joe Flesch, Terry Walsh

**AIRBORNE**  
ALL THE WAY

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# Message from the Chapter President



Last year was a busy year for our Chapter and I appreciate the outstanding support you, the members, gave to Chapter activities.

Kudos to those who promptly submitted your annual Chapter fees. To date, we have 82 active paid members for 2016. I encourage those who have not yet submitted your Chapter fee to do so. We rely on fees to support Chapter activities and events. If you misplaced our notices on 2016 fees, please contact me.

This year started off at full speed with the following activities/events:

- 12 Jan. we submitted our Chapter Annual Activities and

Treasurers Reports for the period 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2015, to the 173<sup>d</sup> Airborne Brigade Association, as required by the by-laws. You can review these reports on our Chapter website [www.173dairbornechapter1.org](http://www.173dairbornechapter1.org). Click on the "News" tab.

- 15-17 Jan. I attended the 173<sup>d</sup> Airborne Brigade Association Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting in Columbus, GA. I represented our Chapter. (See article in this issue.) Note that I presented our Chapter's bid and recommendation for a venue for the 2018 reunion in Alexandria, VA. This venue was unanimously approved, so be advised that we will be seeking members to volunteer to assist in organizing and con-

ducting an outstanding reunion.

- Since all Airborne troopers are volunteers, I know we can count on your on your support for the 2018 Reunion.
- 1 Feb. The Chapter honored Sky Soldier **CPT Peter Arnold**, US Army (Ret) and his family at his funeral at Arlington National Cemetery.
- 6 Feb. We held our Annual General Membership Meeting at The Irish Inn at Glen Echo. (See article in this issue.)

Airborne All The Way, Joe

## Wreaths Across America



On 12 December 2015, Chapter President, **Joe Flesch**, and **Bill Harris**, the Chapter Point of Contact, at Arlington National Cemetery (ANC), were among

the thousands at Arlington National Cemetery who heeded the call to lay wreaths during the Christmas period to honor our fallen heroes. Chapter 1 Member, **Jack Schimpf**, who lives in New Jersey, requested the Chapter place a wreath on the grave of his wife, **Maryalice**, who is buried there. His wishes were carried out.



Joe Flesch and Bill Harris placing a wreath on the grave of Maryalice Schimpf

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY  
CELEBRATION  
**Save The  
Day**  
1100, 12 Mar 2016



**I WANT YOU**

to  
Join the Chapter 1 Gang

at  
Flanagan's Harp and Fiddle  
4844 Cordell Ave  
Bethesda, MD 20814

# Chapter 1 Calendar Year 2015 - 2016

Chapter Event	Date	Time	Day	Project Officer	Remarks
Chapter Annual General Membership Meeting	6 Feb 2016	1100	Sat	Joe Flesch	The Irish Inn at Glen Echo 6119 Tulane Avenue Glen Echo, MD 20812
LTC Claude Stults Sky Soldier Funeral	7 Mar 2016	1300	Mon	Ed Anthony	Administration Building Arlington National Cemetery Arrive at 1230
St. Patrick's Day/ Gathering of the Herd (MD)	12 Mar 2016	1100	Sat	Joe Flesch	Flanagan's Harp and Fiddle 4844 Cordell Ave Bethesda, MD 20814
LTC James F. Anderson Sky Soldier Funeral	29 Mar 2016	1300	Tue	Ed Anthony	Administration Building Arlington National Cemetery Arrive at 1230
Reading of the Names Vietnam and GWOT	7 May 2016	1030	Sat	Ed Anthony	Brigade Marker Arlington National Cemetery
Gathering of the Herd (VA)	? May 2016	TBD	TBD	TBD	Shenandoah Virginia Valley Area
173 <sup>d</sup> Airborne Brigade National Reunion	7-11 Jun 2016	N/A	Tue - Fri	N/A	Convention and Trade Center Columbus, GA
Gathering of the Herd (VA)	? Jul 2016	TBD	TBD	TBD	Northern Virginia TBD
Chapter BBQ	13 Aug 2016	1100	Sat	Joe Flesch	Flesch Home 11730 Hawkes Road Clarksburg, MD
Bravo Bulls Ceremony	10 Nov 2016	1100	Thu	Roy Lombardo	Multiple Sites Arlington National Cemetery
Walk to the Wall	11 Nov 2016	1000	Wed	Joe Flesch	Vietnam Memorial No-Host Lunch
Wreaths Across America	16 Dec 2016	0900	Sat	Bill Harris	Arlington National Cemetery
Wounded Warrior Visits	Periodic	N/A	N/A	TBD	DC and Richmond VA Area

## Chapter 2018 Brigade Reunion Committee

Last summer, Chapter 1 formed a committee to investigate hosting the 2018 173<sup>d</sup> Airborne Brigade Association Reunion in our area. Fifteen committee members have been working with **Ms. Kimberly Hubbard**, the Brigade Association concierge, to select a venue for the 2018 reunion.

Kimberly researched six venues we proposed: Alexandria, VA; Baltimore, MD; Gettysburg, PA; Herndon, VA; Hershey, PA; and Williamsburg, VA. She provided information, accommodation, and pricing

for each site.

In mid-December, we held a Skype committee meeting to review the pros and cons of each site and select the best venue for the 2018 reunion. The committee selected the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center in Alexandria, VA, as our site for the reunion. It rated highest for accessibility, affordability, facilities, and proximity to tourist attractions and historic sites.

In January, Chapter President, Joe Flesch, briefed our proposed venue to the

Board of Directors at the 173<sup>d</sup> Airborne Brigade Association Mid-Winter Conference, in Columbus, GA. It was unanimously approved.

Now the real work begins: to produce a first class, memorial reunion for our Sky Soldiers.

We will be asking members to step forward and work various sub-committee tasks needed to make ours a successful event.







# 2015 Financial Review



Monthly, I prepare a financial statement listing deposits and disbursements. The financial report is distributed to everyone who attends our meetings. Quarterly, I prepare a synopsis to show all deposits and disbursements for The Herd Word. Annually, I prepare a calendar year review and submit this report to the Brigade, per the by-Laws. This statement is also available on our Chapter Website.

Additionally, we now have a CPA financial review, annually. The review for calendar year 2015 was conducted on January 21, 2016, with full disclosure of all financial records, bank statements, cancelled check signature verification, check book, deposit slips, and verification of monies deposited and disbursed.

The Accountant's Conclusion:

***"Based on my review, I am not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statement in order for it to be in conformity with cash basis of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America in Note 1."***

We appreciate that Honorary Member, Harvey E. Jester, CPA, member of American Institute of Certified Public Accountants does this review for us as a courtesy. We are grateful.

Jeane Flesch, Honorary Member, Acting Treasurer

## Chapter 1 Financial Report

as of 29 February, 2016

Balance as of 30 November, 2015	\$10,095.29
Receipts (Dues, fees, and donations)	\$1,918.00
Disbursements	(\$1,154.66)
Balance as of 29 February 2016	\$10,858.63
Receipts:	
Dues 27 members @ \$20.00	\$540.00
Dues 1 member paid 10 years	\$200.00
Refund The Irish Inn room deposit @ \$200.00	\$200.00
Donations:	
Twelve (12) transactions to General Fund	\$478.00
Walsh for Scholarship Fund	\$250.00
Holland for Wounded Warrior Fund	\$250.00
Disbursements included:	
Fee to reserve The Irish Inn	\$200.00
December Herd Word production (25 copies)	\$18.66
Postage (stamps)	\$49.00
Skype Conference call fees	\$50.00
BB&T fee for returned check	\$12.00
Brigade Foundation for Scholarship Fund	\$800.00
VA Commonwealth Commission for name change	\$25.00

# CPT Peter Arnold Funeral



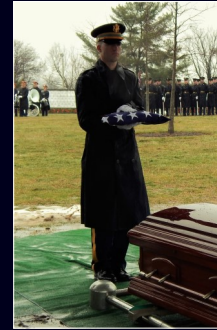
Joe Flesch, Ed Anthony  
and LTC Joel Dillon



Arnold Family and  
LTC (Chaplin) Hubbs



Peter and Alexandria Arnold



## The Chapter Annual Meeting



Mark Johnstone, George Farris, Terry Walsh,  
Joe Flesch



Mark Johnstone and George Farris



Joe Flesch



Jeane Flesch



Connie and Ed Anthony



Gene and Flo Cartier



# Mid-Winter Conference Report

During January 15-17, 2016, Chapter President, Joe Flesch, attended the 173<sup>d</sup> Airborne Brigade Association Mid-Winter Conference, in Columbus, GA.

As Chapter President, he is a member of the 173<sup>d</sup> Airborne Brigade Association Board of Directors (BOD). The official minutes for the 2016 Mid-Winter Conference will be posted on the 173<sup>d</sup> Airborne Brigade Association website [www.skysoldier.net](http://www.skysoldier.net). All are invited to view these minutes.

Highlights from the meeting follows:

- Chapter 173, in Vincenza, Italy, updated the BOD on progress on their Medal of Honor Walk Project.
- The BOD reviewed the draft Association Reunion Policy and Planning Guide. This generated much discussion and several recommendations.
- The registration fee for the 2017 and 2018 reunions will be \$99.
- A paragraph designating the 173<sup>d</sup> Store as the only apparel

vendor permitted was deleted.

- The section on the Presidents Reception was deleted.
- Ms. Kimberly Hubbard was designated to be the 173<sup>d</sup> Concierge and will assist Chapters with reunion planning.
- A provision of Association by-laws was revised to allow Gold Star Family members to become Life Members upon paying the fee.
- There will be two major 173<sup>d</sup> Airborne Brigade Association functions in 2017.
- During the period 16-22 May 2017, the Association Reunion will be in Oklahoma City, OK. This will be the Annual Business meeting.
- On 10-14 July 17, there will be gathering of Sky Soldiers at the 173<sup>d</sup> ABCT, in Italy. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the Brigade's change of command. Hotels would cost about \$79/night. There may be on-base accommodations for

retirees. Attendees will require an ID to get on base. Details to follow.

- The Chapter President briefed our Chapter's proposal to host the 2018 Association Reunion in Alexandria, VA, at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center. Our bid was unanimously approved.
- This summer, at the Fort Benning Reunion, in Columbus, GA, our bid will be announced at the General Membership Meeting. We will make a major presentation on the Alexandria Reunion at the General Membership Meeting at the Oklahoma Reunion in 2017.
- Association President, Roy Scott, has asked the Chapters to see if any Members were willing to serve as the Association Treasurer. The person needs to be familiar with Quick Books, the application used to keep Association books. The previous Treasurer, will assist the new Treasurer get up to speed. This is a critical leadership vacancy. If you are willing to take this responsibility, let Joe Flesch know or contact Roy Scott directly.

## 173<sup>d</sup> Airborne Brigade Foundation Scholarship Program

Each year, the 173<sup>d</sup> Airborne Brigade Foundation Scholarship Fund provides seven to ten grants to qualified students. The grant is for Sky Soldiers, who at the time of application are members of the 173<sup>d</sup> Airborne Brigade Association or were KIA while a Sky Soldier. Qualified dependents are a spouse, child, grandchild, and stepchild of a Sky Soldier.

At our Chapter's 2016 Annual General Membership Meeting, we voted to donate \$500 to the 173<sup>d</sup> Airborne Brigade Foundation Scholarship Fund. Our Chapter members, individually, donated an additional \$673, through the Chapter Treasurer, for the Scholarship Fund. This brings our Chapter donation to \$1173, which is the amount of each scholarship given by the Foundation.

In discussions with Eric Hitchcock, the Foundation President, he agreed to designate an additional Scholarship this year as the Sigholtz Capital Chapter Scholarship.

### How to Apply

Qualified individuals must go to the 173<sup>d</sup> Airborne Brigade Association website [www.skysoldier.net](http://www.skysoldier.net). Click on the "Scholarship Program" tab on the left and download an application. This tab also provides all the information regarding the Scholarship Program.

**In a change this year, applications must be scanned and submitted electronically – No mailed/hard copy applications or documents will be considered for the 2016 Scholarships.**

Key dates for 2016 Scholarship are:

**April 15, 2016** – Application Deadline

**May 1, 2016** – Review by the Scholarship Committee

**May 15, 2016** – Rankings reported to the Scholarship Committee Chairman

**June 1, 2016** – Scholarship awards sent to Foundation President

**June 11, 2016** – Announcement of scholarships at the Reunion Banquet

**July 15, 2016** – Scholarship checks mailed to recipients.

# Final Honors for CPT Peter Arnold

Even the Heavens cried, or so it seemed, as the Arnold family, friends, and the Chapter 1 contingent proceeded from Arlington National Cemetery's Administration Building to **Captain (Retired) Peter Arnold's** grave site.

CPT Arnold, of Overland Park, Kansas, was born on May 9, 1940. He passed away on August 14, 2015.

Peter joined the Army in 1957. While serving as a paratrooper with the 173<sup>d</sup> Airborne Brigade, he received the Silver Star Medal and the Purple Heart for valor in combat in Vietnam.

He also earned the Master Parachutist Badge and Combat Infantry Badge. Peter retired from the Army with the rank of Captain. Even after retirement, he continued to support to veterans in need.

CPT Arnold is preceded in death by his two brothers, Paul and Eugene "Sonny" Arnold, and his mother-in-law, Frances Mead.

CPT Arnold's wife of 21 years, **Tracy**, his son, "**Petey**," and his daughter, **Alexandra**, resolutely followed the precession as it solemnly proceeded to CPT Arnold's final resting place.

The Chapter contingent of **Joe Flesch**, **Ed Anthony**, **Gene**

**Cartier**, **George Farris**, and **Mack Brooks** joined the cavalcade, committed to see their fellow Sky Soldier receive the honors due. All the while, the relentless downpour continued unabated.



Mrs. Tracy Arnold receives the flag from Old Guard Soldier

Such was the deluge that the burial site proved too muddy for the entourage and honors had to be rendered at a sheltered site, on tarp covered ground near the burial site.

The funeral party watched as the Old Guard reverently performed their duties, seemingly undeterred by the downpour.

Chapter President Joe Flesch provided Mrs. Arnold with the Chapter Honor Set of a Brigade Flag and the Chapter Certificate recognizing the deceased's contribution to the 173<sup>d</sup> Airborne Brigade, the Army, and the nation. Her voice cracked with appreciation as she accepted these mementos.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies, CPT Arnold became one of those precious few who, by members of Sigholtz-Capital Chapter 1, will never be forgotten.



## Critical Association Vacancy!!

Know QuickBooks?

Wanna be the Association Treasurer?

## The 173<sup>d</sup> Brigade Association Needs You!

If you are willing to take this responsibility, let Joe Flesch know or contact Roy Scott.

## Notes From



## The Webmaster

As we try to improve service to Members, I'm soliciting ideas to make our Chapter Web Site more responsive to our Members needs. If you have ideas, on things you'd like to see on our Web Site, let me know.

I've been considering such things as adding the monthly 2/503<sup>d</sup> newsletter to the site, adding articles from the 503<sup>d</sup> Regimental Combat Team unit reports from WWII, and posting pictures of Chapter members from "back in the day."

All ideas welcome. You can contact me at

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Gene Cartier  
Chapter 1 Webmaster