



**New England Chapter 9
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173^d Airborne Association**



Mission Statement

Greetings to one and all. Even with a mild winter, it's good to feel the beginning of spring.

Out next Chapter meeting is 03/19/16 at VFW Post # 3329, 16 Main Street, Millbury, MA. 11:00 to 12:30. All members are invited to attend. General elections will be held at our fall meeting 24 Sept. President, Vice President positions will need filling.

Don't forget about our Raffle: Additional tickets are available on line at:
http://www.newenglandskysoldier.com/Raffle_2016.html

PRESIDENT:

The Chapter continues financially healthy. Although our membership numbers are high participation is lacking. Keep in mind that this is "our" Chapter. There are a lot of hours expended behind the scenes. Both myself and the VP think it is time for new blood and ideas to continue our march forward. Consider these positions. Having the elections in Sept. will enable us to have a smooth transfer under a new President and Vice President.

We have done much in the past few years; increased in numbers and area, New England, Alaska is our area of operation. 600+ assigned to our Chapter.

We are in hopes that you are able to attend our meeting on the 19th.

Peter Klausner
President

SECRETARY:

Hello Everyone,

Well here we are into the first week of March and Old Man Snow has given us a break in his duties of snow. I said this last year and before I knew it, I was moving nine feet of snow in my driveway. Let's all hope we have a good month of March.

As you all know we are conducting our annual raffle once again and rely on it as our only source of income. We don't attend the Leap Fest anymore and have stopped setting up a vendor table at the reunions. This has all stopped due to lack of participation by our members. We are all getting older and that is a fact, but you need to have membership participation to run any successful function. I myself have realized that I cannot do everything and need assistance. Most of us are retired and should have some time on our hands now to attend a meeting, support a chapter function.

DUES. If your membership card does not state LIFE then your 2016 dues are in errors. Please send your dues for \$24.00 or \$173.00 for life to me as soon as you finish reading this newsletter.

Don't forget the Chapter has a PX and most items have been lowered in price to move some stock. Take a moment and check it out, and if you want something give me a call at 781-769-60962.

I for one am going to the reunion this year at Fort Benning. It has been far too long since I was stationed there back in 1969 and am very excited to go back to where it all started. I hope to see some of you there.

Need assistance, advice, give a chapter Officer a call and they may be able to assist you and point you into the right direction. Last but no less important, Take the time to give your doctor a call and ensure your health conditions and concerns are addressed. I wish you all good health and a great summer to look forward to.

Airborne All The Way
Dennis Hill, Chapter Secretary

TREASURER:

I wanted to thank Peter Klausner and Al Champeau for all their hard work in printing, assembling, and mailing out the tickets for the 2016 Chapter 9 Raffle. The Raffle has become more important in financing the Chapter's activities and our member's response to it has been great. This year, as in past years, I have purchased tickets for my daughters and grandchildren, because I know it's for a worthy cause.

Additional ticket forms are available at
http://www.newenglandskysoldier.com/files/2016_Raffle_Tickets.pdf .

Thanks to Mark Robinson, John O'Dea, David Von Reyn, and Tom Whittaker who made recent contribution to the Chapter. Contributions help the Chapter to further make contributions to other charitable organizations that have worthy causes. In December, we made a contribution to the Internet Archive which is the not for profit organization that allowed the yearbooks of the 173rd Airborne to be viewed online. In January, we made a contribution to Forget Them Not a veterans organization in Lowell, Massachusetts.

Chapter 9 will also support and render assistance at the 173rd Airborne Brigade Memorial Foundation Golf Tournament at the Manchester, New Hampshire on July 25th this summer. If you wish to play at the tournament please see <https://theherdfoundation.com/2016-New-Hampshire-Golf-Outing> . If you'd like to serve at the outing as a volunteer, please contact me at billmaloney5@verizon.net .

I'd like to thank Dennis Hill for all of the recent work he's done in keeping us all aware of our dues status. If you haven't sent in your 2016 dues, please mail dues to Dennis Hill, Secretary at 97 Earle Street, Norwood, MA 02062-1504.

We are looking for a few good troopers to keep up the pace and plan for the future!

Bill Maloney
Chapter Treasurer

We wish you a good door position and safe landing