

# Texas Chapter 13 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade Association



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## Election of Officers

The election of officers for the next two year cycle was held at the October meeting. The current officers were all re-elected:

President - John Barthelemy  
Vice-President - Reyes Rios  
Secretary/Treasurer - Manny Mermea

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Chapter meetings for 2016 have not yet to be determined. The February & May meetings will be held in either Port Aransas or San Antonio. If the February meeting is in Port Aransas then the May meeting will be in San Antonio. If the February meeting is in San Antonio then the May meeting will be in Port Aransas. The July meeting will be in Ft. Worth and the October meeting will be held in the Houston area.

The chapter would like to thank Gary Granade for hosting the meeting at his ranch for the last seven or eight years. It may have been longer, but that's all I have records for. Thanks again Gary, enjoy retirement!

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The San Antonio Area Skysoldiers continue to hold their weekly breakfasts.



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## Christmas Lunch at Roy Maas Youth Center

The date is Saturday December 19, 2015 which will be a week before Christmas. Everyone is cordially invited to attend and I know that the children will be very happy to see us again.

As usual, we will feed the children at exactly noon time and we will assemble around 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM like we normally do. I have already asked Bill Millers for donations and will ask HEB as well. Hope to see everyone there.

Manny

Picture from last year's event



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Wreaths Across America Ceremony in Houston



The event will be held in Houston on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM at the Houston National Cemetery. Chapter 13 purchases 4 wreaths to honor the four 173<sup>rd</sup> members we know are buried at the cemetery.

These members are:

John Blair  
William Collins, Jr.  
Ruben S. Dimas  
Abraham Lincoln Hardy

I plan on attending the presentation and would appreciate other chapter members attending also. It is quite a site to see. Over 23,000 wreaths were laid last year in about 30 minutes



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Don't forget the reunion next year at Ft. Benning!!

Link is: <http://www.173dreunion2016.com/>