

Tim Wyatt for Vice President: Not afraid to get his feet wet

Greetings paratroopers of the 173rd, my name is Timothy Wyatt and I served as a forward Observer with Battle company 2/503 during OEF 6, as well as the 1st Brigade of the 82nd Airborne Division during OIF 6. I concluded my time in service as a member of the Honor Guard in Massachusetts. Since then I have worked and volunteered with numerous nonprofit organizations and government agencies, through collaboration, with a focus on veteran reintegration, socialization, veteran's benefits, and volunteerism. During this time, I served as the lead System Navigator and Outreach coordinator for Combined Arms, a collaborative workspace of organizations that provide veteran Services in Houston. I am also the founder of Reel Vets Fish On, a nonprofit organization that connects veterans within the fishing community.

It is a great privilege to announce that I am running for the position of VP within the 173rd association. I am running with the intent to bridge the gap, and strengthen the intra generational bond of sky soldiers. I aim to achieve this by encouraging community, and civic service, as well as social engagement, all the while reaching out to our brethren of past and present. We have all accomplished feats of legendary proportion while serving in the 173rd, however; our work is not done. The skills and talents within the paratroopers of the 173rd through the organization of LGOPS in our local chapters will create a lasting impact in the lives of our brothers and honoring those we have lost by contributing not only to those in our organization, but also in our local neighborhoods, towns, cities, states and country.

It is my aim, if elected, to foster a culture within the organization for Sky

Soldiers to serve again, while upholding the legacy of the 173rd. Through creating avenues of service by reigniting purpose and inspiring passion. I have learned that time and time again that when we take the uniform off, finding pathways to serve can be quite the arduous journey. We then lose our sense of purpose, and for many the passion then falls by the way side. By identifying the needs of the organization and of our members, as well as identifying and supporting those who are inspired to serve again, I believe it is time for us to pave new roads and work together, therefore; it is my goal to encourage collaboration within our organization and beyond.

Thank you for your consideration, if selected for the position of Vice President I would be honored to serve with the 173rd again.

-Tim Wyatt