



173d Airborne Brigade Association



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The 173^d Airborne Brigade Association is pleased to announce that it will be holding its 31st Annual Reunion in Oklahoma City in mid-May, and as a residents of Oklahoma it is a privilege and an honor to have our city host this wonderful event.

The 2017 Annual Reunion in Oklahoma City will be held from Wednesday May 17 to Sunday May 21, 2017. The 173rd Airborne Association is a (IRC 501c-19 Veterans organization). It was incorporated in April 2002 in North Carolina and has over 6,000 active members, of which 90% are Veterans who have served in combat.

Our airborne members are men and women who served with the 173rd Airborne Brigade (SEP) or the 173d Airborne Brigade ("The Brigade"). "The Brigade" is our active duty brigade and is currently based in Vicenza, Italy.

Members of the Association are paratroopers who served combat tours in Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan. The Brigade is a recipient of the Presidential Unit Citation in Vietnam and has sixteen Medal of Honor recipients. The Brigade has made the only combat jumps since Korea: first in Vietnam on February 22, 1967 and lastly in Iraq on March 26, 2003.

Over 600 Members and their guests are expected to attend the reunion and will be staying at the Sheraton & Renaissance Hotels in downtown Oklahoma City.

We will have over 600 at the reunion and are needing a glass of red wine at each plate for our Saturday night banquet. It will be held at the Cox Convention Center and hosted by the Renaissance Hotel. They have told us we can bring the wine in, instead of purchasing it from them. We would like at least four of the 5 gallon containers of red wine, like what the bars have. Of course, we would like a donation and if not maybe a discount price for what you do not donate.

Because over 90% of our Association Members are combat Veterans, any donation to this worthwhile event is tax deductible under IRC 170c-3.

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