

Monthly meeting minutes: 10 January 2015/Columbia, S.C./ac

**173d Airborne Brigade Association**  
**South Carolina Chapter 30**

Call to order by President Lester Yeargin at 1200 at Fatz Café.

Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance/Toast to Fallen and POW/MIA.

Sergeant-at-Arms (Jesse) – absent.

Secretary (Art) – December minutes read and approved.

Treasurer (Wendell) – Chapter balance is \$6,149.90. Wendell also submitted the Chapter annual financial report which will be audited next month by Eddie, Walt, Wayne and Lester.

Vice-President (Wako) – absent.

Website (Allen) – website is still under construction and will show Chapter activities as well as email notify members of meetings.

Chaplain (Joe) – absent. At funeral in Pennsylvania.

JAG/Parl./By-laws (Allen) – Allen voted in for a full term.

QM (Wayne) – 173d merchandise is for sale.

Airborne Advocate (Ramona) – absent.

Historian (Johnny) – Johnny Graham agreed to serve.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Membership (Wendell) – 110 active (10 annual/94 life, 3 GS, 3 associate). Barb Dresser wants to join Chapter 30 and she was approved.

Nominations (open) – no report.

Parade/Projects (Eddie/Johnny) – they would like to add Wayne to this committee.

**OLD BUSINESS:** (1) 2015 reunion is in San Diego, CA, from 2-6 May 2015. (2) Wayne gave Lester more info about our 2016 reunion in Columbus, GA. (3) Chapter 30 still thinks the membership should vote on where to have reunions. (4) Wako will set up Chapter picnic in April at the Freedom & Hope Foundation. (5) 2016 reunion committee needs to set up a trip to Columbus, GA, for planning the reunion. (6) Wayne is an advocate for the Celebrate Freedom Foundation, which conducts motivational programs for high school students.

**NEW BUSINESS:** (1) Lester needs about \$800 to attend the Mid-Winter Conference. (2) The Chapter needs to have a Board-of-Directors Meeting and a financial audit. (3) Art Coogler resigned as Secretary due to his wife's medical condition – Chapter needs a new Secretary. Meeting adjourned at 1400.

FYI – Lassen Atlanta All Airborne Chapter will have its 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Airborne Awards Festival 1-4 April. POC is Annette Purcell [grandma1423@att.net](mailto:grandma1423@att.net).

**Next meeting: 1200 noon, Sat., 14 February 2015, Fatz Café, Forest Drive, Columbia, S.C.**

**ATTENDEES:** Lester Yeargin, Wayne Bowers, Walt & Betty Cook, Tom Hanson, Johnny Graham, Allen & Harriet Lohmann, Wendell & Carolyn Satterfield, Cephus & Gwendolyn Bright, Larry & Bonnie Hampton, Jimmy Gilley, Eddie Hair, Art Coogler.