

Monthly meeting minutes: 8 November 2014/Clinton, S.C./ac

173d Airborne Brigade Association
South Carolina Chapter 30

Call to order by President Lester Yeargin about 1310 hours at the Blue Ocean Restaurant, Clinton, S.C. Restaurant opens at 1300 on Saturdays.

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

Sergeant-at-Arms (Jesse) – visitors Clyde & Eness Little from Clemson, and Harvey & Verdie Craig from Easley. Other guests: Dale Friar, Sarah Lohmann.

Secretary (Art) – thanks to Jesse for recording minutes in September and October. October minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer (Wendell) – Chapter balance is \$6,383.13. Report approved. Wako agreed to become deputy treasurer with Wendell so we have two members on the financial account.

Vice Pres. (Wako) – Chaplain Watters Memorial event at the Freedom & Hope Foundation in Prosperity at 1100 hours on Saturday 15 November 2014. All are welcome. Reminder of the significance of the 8th of November, 1943 (Sicily) and 1965 (Vietnam).

Website (Allen) – his daughter Sarah is helping with the website. Will add calendar option, Wayne's 173d store and Freedom & Hope Foundation links.

Chaplain (Joe) – recommended we give a donation to the Freedom & Hope Foundation. Happy Birthday, Joe (November 10th).

JAG/Parliamentarian/By-laws (Allen) – negative report.

QM (Wayne) – Magnets for sale \$10/8. Wants to create online store for Chapter to make money. Needs a reimbursement of about \$240, will get with Wendell.

Airborne Advocate (Ramona) – get your Agent Orange exam at the VA.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership (Wendell) – 111 active (95 life/10 annual/3 GS/3 assoc.), 6 inactive.

Nominations (open) – no report.

Parade/Projects (Eddie/Johnny) – no report.

OLD BUSINESS: (1) At the December meeting/Christmas party, each male should bring a gift about \$25-30 in value for a male, and females similarly for a female. Gift cards are fine.(2) Basic planning continues for the 2016 reunion at Ft. Benning. The Civic Center in Columbus, Ga., will be reunion headquarters and many activities will be at Ft. Benning. Committee will be formed. (3) 2015 173d reunion is in San Diego, Ca., 2-6 May 2015. See *Sky Soldier* for details. (4) For Veterans Day benefits and other good things, check out www.themilitarywallet.com. (5) As far as turning over 173d annual reunions to national, our Chapter would prefer to leave the decisions to the membership.

NEW BUSINESS: (1) Top is now a meal worm expert. He was irritated that *Sky Soldier* did not print his quarterly article from Chapter 30. (2) Top and Lester gave a few old copies of *Sky Soldier* to our visitors., (3) HAPPY THANKSGIVING to all!

Next meeting: 1200 noon, Sat., 13 Dec. 2014, Fatz Café, 5590 Forest Dr., Columbia, S.C.

ATTENDEES: (31) Lester Yeargin, Wendell & Carolyn Satterfield, Wako Cotney & Dale Friar, Johnny & Ann Graham, Top Dresser, Cephus & Gwendolyn Bright, Wayne Bowers, Walt & Betty Cook, Jesse Beacham, Joe & Ramona Marquez, Hal & Rhonda Nobles, Bill & Judy Nicholls, Allen & Harriet Lohmann & Sarah, Larry Hampton, Mark Meibel, Clyde & Eness Little, Harvey & Verdie Craig, Art & Pat Coogler.