

SC Chapter 30
173d Airborne Brigade Association Monthly Meeting
July11, 2015

Chapter 30 meeting was called to order by President Lester Yeargin, at 1200 hours.

Invocation, (Chaplain Wako) / Pledge of Allegiance/Toast to Fallen and POW/MIA, (Jesse).

Secretary report (Jesse) The minutes from the June13 meeting was read. It was motioned and seconded that they be approved with the correction if there be any.

Treasurer and membership report was given (Wendell) The Chapter balance is \$3,258.88 and the Chapter total possible membership is 116 memberships.

Vice-President Report. Wako reported that initially there was a conflict in the communication regarding the web site address, which has been corrected. In addition, he reported hearing of the normal complaints that are generated by a few. He complimented the reunion committee for the work that is being put into this worthy cost.

Chaplain Report. (Joe), referring to the recent tragic in Charleston, SC, made comments on getting past the past. Brotherhood is the key to recognition and the power of respect for everyone will not allow us to look down on anyone, regardless of who is and where they may be from.

Airborne Advocate. Ramona reported receiving calls from a gold star father and a widow, both requesting assistance. Ramona strongly suggested that veterans must keep all their important paperwork together to include their DD Form 214 to avoid conflicts for the next of kin's. Family member should request an autopsy of a deceased veteran for service connected causes.

Sergeant at Arms. No report

Quartermaster Report (Wayne). Chapter items and clothing are still available for sale, also reunion T-Shirts are available for sale.

President Report (Lester) reported that the questions regarding the hotel registration has been answered. He has advised national that questions concerning the reunion should be addressed to him. Lester informed everyone that the national president will be attending our Chapter meeting in September.

Reunion Report (Wayne) Wayne presented in detail, the method for member and committee chapter member should complete the reunion registration. Chapter member's fee is \$100.00,

committee member's fee is \$50.00, and all events, tours for chapter members are one half the cost.

Wayne suggested that the membership generate a "Sky Soldier" poem. He also announced that drivers are needed to transport the helicopter to different locations.

Good of the Order:

The reunion committee and its member met at 1100 hrs for reinforcement of previously planning and to discuss future plans.

Cephus Bright announced that his sister, Ms Margie Bright Matthew is campaigning for a senate seat in the SC government.

Hal suggested that the committee, for the purpose of proper protocol, notify/invite the CG of Fort Benning and the retired 173rd general that lives in that area to the reunion.

Johnny Mayo provided a briefing and update on the War Dogs dedication, the time and date.

Members who were in attendance were; Lester, Waco, Eddie, Hal, Jesse, "Top", Wayne w/wife and daughter, Joe, Ramona, Walt, Edger Golden & wife, Johnny Mayo, wife, & mother-in-law. Johnny Graham, Wendell, Cephus Bright & wife.

Meeting:

The board of directors meeting was held on June 13, 2015. In attendance were Lester, Allen, Waco, and Jesse. Subjects consisted of, considering filling positions for Chapter 30 officers as required. Art status as Chapter's secretary is to remain the same.

Respectfully submitted,
J.L. Beacham 30