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The Herd Word



Brigade Marker Dedication



Most Chapter 1 members know that we received authorization to replace the Brigade Marker dedicated in 1999 with one that reflects the service and sacrifice of our Iraq and Afghanistan-era Sky Soldiers. The Sigholtz Capitol Chapter is pleased to announce that the new Brigade Marker will be dedicated on Saturday, May 7, 2011, in conjunction with the Annual Reading of the Names ceremony

Those planning to attend the ceremony and dedication should gather outside the Arlington Cemetery Visitors Center no later than 1030 hours. We will move as a group from the Visitors Center to the Marker site, where the dedication ceremony will be held. The ceremony will begin at 1100 hours.

This year, in a departure from our normal agenda of remem-

bering our fallen from a specific year in Vietnam, we will read the names of the Australian and New Zealand fallen and the names of those of warriors who fell in Iraq and Afghanistan.

We have extended an invitation to our Australian and New Zealand friends. The ceremony and Marker dedication will be followed by a picnic-brunch at Spates Hall on Fort Myer, VA.

Thanks to the generosity of twenty-two Sky Soldiers, our Australian comrades-in-arms, and three state-side Chapters, we have almost reached our goal of \$3,500.00 needed to replace the old marker. Anyone wishing to make a donation to this project should send a check to our mail box at P.O. Box 15133; Arlington, VA 22215-0133

Information for the Reading of the Names and the Brigade Marker dedication will be posted on our website and in future Chapter Newsletters.

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Mark Your Calendar!!
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Brigade Marker
7 May 2011
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The President's Corner



2010 was a high-profile year for the 173^d: dedication of the long-sought National Memorial, a Sky Soldier Medal of Honor winner, the documentary "Restrepo" nominated for an Academy Award, "War as Soldiers Really Live It" - a best-seller, and, of course, of the greatest importance, the Brigade successfully completed its fourth tour down range.

What could our Chapter and the Association do this year that could trump such achievement? The answer is that what we veterans can no longer do on the battlefield. We can support, highlight, and demonstrate the values strengthened by our service in The Herd. Here's how we plan to do it:

The Dedication of the New Brigade Marker takes place on Saturday, May 7, 2011, recognizing the service and sacrifice of Sky Soldiers from Vietnam through Iraq-Afghanistan, followed by a picnic on Fort Myer, VA.

Our new Chapter Secretary, Dave Fultz, who served with the Herd in Afghanistan, is the first Global War on Terrorism Chapter Officer in the Association. Our goal is to recruit 25 Iraq-Afghanistan Sky Soldiers into the Chapter this year.

Many of our Chapter members are unable to participate in person because of physical limitations or reside far from the Metro-DC Area. Former Chapter President, Roy Sparks, has agreed to be the Chapter Outreach Officer. Roy will, as much as possible, stay in touch with Chapter members unable to participate in Chapter events, so we can continue to reflect their views in Chapter activities and assist them to continue to part of the Herd Family. Roy can be reached at elite173d@yahoo.com or 304-457-2679.

Our website, www.173dabnchap1.org has not been very active but we intend that it become a vibrant source of Chapter activity this year. Thanks to Craig Murphy for taking up this task.

Although the Brigade is not deployed, we continue to have Sky Soldiers recovering from their wounds. Gene Weeks, John Smith, and Mick Weisinger have done a splendid job working with Wounded Warriors.

I believe that we have already received much from our support of Gold Star Families than we will be able to give them. I thank them and plan to continue this work.

My goal as Chapter President and the goal of all your officers is to continue the Sky Soldier camaraderie, to honor our pledge that no Sky Soldier shall be forgotten, and to reflect the high standards of patriotism, service, and sacrifice that are the heart and heritage of our Brigade.



Australian Flood Relief



On behalf of the Sigholtz Chapter, your Executive Board approved a donation of \$173.00 to the Australian Flood Relief Fund, sponsored by the 173^d Airborne Brigade Association. If you wish to make a personal donation to this worthy cause, please visit the Association Website for instructions.

Help Our Brothers Down Under

Photo Gallery



Sigholtz-Capital Chapter 1 Calendar 2011

Chapter Event	Date	Time	Day	Project Officer	Remarks
Chapter Annual Meeting	9 Jan 2011	1300	Sunday	Terry Modglin	Marina Towers Condominium (Party Room; 501 Slaters Lane; Alexandria, VA 22314
Newsletter	Mar 2011	N/A	TBD	Mack Brooks	
Reading of the Names	7 May 2011	1100	Saturday	Terry Modglin	Brigade Marker; Arlington Cemetery
Brigade Marker Dedication	7 May 2011	1100	Saturday	Ken Smith	Brigade Marker, Arlington Cemetery
Newsletter	Jun 2011	N/A	TBD	Mack Brooks	
Honors Ceremony	11 Jun 2011	1000	Tuesday	Ken Smith 173d Abn Bde Memorial	“Walk of Honor” at National Infantry Museum, Adjacent to Fort Benning
173 ^d Airborne Brigade Reunion	22 Jun 2011 - 26 Jun 2011	N/A	Wed - Sunday	Scott Smith President Chapter XIII	San Antonio, TX
Chapter Social Event	Sep 2011	TBD	TBD	TBD	
Newsletter	Sep 2011	N/A	TBD	Mack Brooks	
Bravo Bulls Ceremony	10 Nov 2011	1100	Monday	Roy Lombardo B-2/503	Brigade Marker & Gen Williamson Gravesite
Walk to the Wall	11 Nov 2011	1100	Friday	Terry Modglin	Vietnam Memorial
Wreaths Across America	9-10 Dec 2011	TBD	TBD	TBD	Arlington National Cemetery
Newsletter	Dec 2011	N/A	TBD	Mack Brooks	
Chapter Social Event	Dec 2011	TBD	TBD	TBD	
Visit Walter Reed Army Medical Center	Monthly	TBD	TBD	Gene Weeks	



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Chapter Facebook Page

The Chapter Facebook page can be found at

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Chapter Webpage Page

www.173dAbnChap1.org

Dave Fultz: New Chapter Secretary

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and express my thanks for allowing me to serve you as Sigholtz Capital Chapter I Secretary.

I am originally from Alexandria, VA and graduated from West Point in 2003. I served in the 173^d Airborne Brigade from Dec 2004 to Nov 2008, including two tours in Afghanistan (Operation Enduring Freedom VI & VIII).

Last year, I joined Chapter I and enjoyed every moment. I am extremely proud to be able to serve you as the Chapter Secretary.

My first order of business as Secretary will be to spearhead the effort to expand the Chapter's membership with post 9-11 Sky Soldiers through social networking (Facebook and Twitter).

I will be hosting an on-line instructional webinar on 7 April, at 7:30 PM, for Capital 1 Chapter members who are interested in learning how to set up a Facebook account and how to navigate the newly created *National Capital Region Chapter 173^d Airborne Brigade Association* Facebook page.

Please RSVP to me at davecf2004@gmail.com by 6 April, if you plan on participating at the online session.

For those members who are already on Facebook, please take the opportunity to search for *National Capital Region Chapter 173rd Airborne Brigade Association* Facebook page and "Like" the page or add it to your favorites. Increasing the Chapter's Facebook page popularity is imperative to finding Sky Soldiers in the region who are currently not members.

Dave Fultz

No-Host Happy Hour

To reach out to post 9-11 Sky Soldiers, I am happy to announce the first No-Host Happy hour at Sine Irish Pub & Restaurant located at 1301 South Joyce Street Arlington, VA 22202, on 8 April, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Please spread the word to any Sky Soldiers you know of in the area



who are interested in reconnecting with fellow Herd members. During the happy hour there will also be an opportunity to register to become a Chapter member. Please e-mail me at davecf2004@gmail.com with any questions or if you plan to attend.

Dynamic Duo Deals with National Membership

At the 173^d Airborne Brigade Association Mid-Winter meeting, the Board of Directors appointed a new dynamic duo, New England Chapter President Peter Klausner, and New England Chapter Membership Chair Dennis Hill, to run the Association membership program. Peter and Dennis stepped up to the plate to address this challenging task.

As a past Association/Society Membership chair, I can make this statement about membership management being a challenging task with authority!

Over the past three weeks, your Chapter leadership has worked with these two gentlemen to reconcile our Chapter roster and dues status with the Association's records. Many long standing differences were resolved, names corrected, and addresses updated. These actions should ensure that our members receive

the quarterly Association Newsletter, mailed during mid-to late-February, promptly.

Additionally, members can expect the turn-around time for annual membership cards, life membership cards, and life membership certificates to be significantly reduced. Depending on checks on hand, Chapter I assessments will be forwarded to the Association and membership cards/certificates will be issued within a day or two of the time our mail reaches the dynamic duo.

Our thanks to Peter and Dennis for this tremendous commitment. Chapter I members can help keep our records current by responding promptly to e-mails, letters, and phone calls to verify chapter information and to submit annual chapter assessments (\$20.00 for all Chapter members) and Annual Association assessments (\$24.00 for Annual mem-

bers). Life Association memberships are available for \$173.00 – a great bargain!

If you have questions about your dues status or wonder if we have correct personal data, e-mail me at kvsmit173@embarqmail.com or call me at 252-478-9359, most evenings between 1900h - 2030h.

Don't forget to forward your assessments. If our records are correct, We know where you live!
Ken Smith Treasurer

Those who served in the ROCK, 2-503, including FUSION, C/3-321, B/4-39 and HHC, RSTB from 25 Jan 2008 to 30 July 2008 have EARNED the Valorous Unit Award. The Presidential Unit Citation for 2007 is pending.

Join Us for a Classic American Picnic

With Modern Airborne Touch

May 7, 2011

1230 hours Arlington National Cemetery

Dedication of the New Brigade Marker

Reading of the Names

Spates Hall, Fort Myer, VA

Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Condiments, Iced Tea or Lemonade

\$14.50 per person

Questions: terry.modglin@gmail.com or 202-270-3083



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Vice President's Corner



Mike Belenky

From “The Rock” of Corregidor, to the jungles of Southeast Asia, to the mountains and plains of Iraq and Afghanistan, the Herd has continued to show the way. In the finest traditions and exploits of airborne forces, SSG Giunta’s Medal of Honor has shown friend and foe alike the true meaning of being Airborne.

For Association members, no matter how long or short their service with the Herd, much has happened and is still happening to keep us proud for having worn the Winged Bayonet patch and having contributed to the Herd legend. It is what drives Chapter and National Association membership. It is what sustains our Airborne Brotherhood and gives meaning to our service and makes us proud to declare that I am an American and was a Soldier.

With the Brigade’s return from Afghanistan to its home bases in Germany and Italy, the Herd’s legend will not stop. It remains ready, willing, and able to respond to our nation’s need as a rapid reaction force whenever and wherever the airborne forces can make the decisive difference.

When we meet this May at Arlington National Cemetery for the Reading of the Names of our fallen comrades, be thankful we remain to remember them and what they gave that we might remain to celebrate their lives and their service.



❖ Chapter 9 ❖ \$173 for the Marker

John A Barnes III (MOH), New England Chapter 9, 173^d Airborne Brigade Association contributed \$173.00 to support refurbishing the 173^d Airborne Brigade Marker in Arlington National Cemetery. Ken Smith, our Chapter Treasurer, recognized their contribution in the following correspondence to Dennis Hill, Chapter 9’s, Secretary:

“On behalf of the Membership of Chapter 1, and all our Brothers throughout the Association, thanks to you and Chapter IX for this generous

donation to help us complete this mission. The Marker at Arlington is important, in my mind, for Sky Soldiers of all generations. With its location at the Nation’s most sacred grounds where countless heroes are buried, it is important that our Brigade have a visible representation of our service and sacrifices. We will make it happen. Warm regards Ken”

Thanks for leading the way, Chapter 9!

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Valorous Unit Award
2d Battalion
503^d Infantry Regiment



Foundation Announces Honors Ceremony

On Saturday, 11 June 2011, at 1000h, the 173^d Airborne Brigade Memorial Foundation will conduct a formal ceremony at our memorial honoring the nine Sky Soldier warriors who fell in Afghanistan, during Operation Enduring Freedom X. The Foundation will unveil their names on the panels commemorating our fallen.

The Foundation also will

add the name of SGT Clinton A. Cook, a fallen Vietnam warrior to the panel of our brothers who died in service to the nation.

Ssg Salvatore Giunta's name will be added to the roster of Sky Soldiers awarded the Medal of Honor. His inclusion makes fourteen Brigade Soldiers so honored. Information related to the Brigade's

deployment for Operation Enduring Freedom, if available, will also be unveiled as part of the ceremony.

All Sky Soldiers, families, and friends are invited to attend this brief but meaningful event. Details on the ceremony will be placed on the Chapter website (www.173dairbornememorial.org) as plans are finalized.

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Join Us at the May 7, 2011 Picnic

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Send payment to: Sigholtz Capital Chapter, 173^d Airborne Brigade Association, P.O. Box 15133, Arlington, VA 22215-0133

Enclosed is my payment \$14.50/guest for the May 7 Picnic, Please include the following guests on the 7 May picnic list:

Your Name _____

Guest _____

Guest _____