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## **Chapter 10 News for the first Half of 2014**

### **Purple Heart Sign Ceremony**

On May 23, 2014 In Petaluma, Calif. a Purple Heart Sign installation Ceremony was held., Chapter members Bob Ortiz and Charles Earthman (who is also Commander of Purple Heart Chapter 78) were present. Mayor David Glass read the Purple Heart Proclamation and the City was presented a Purple Heart flag to be flown over City Hall. Senior Vice Commander Larry Williams presented the flag on behalf of Chapter 78. Petaluma is being used as a model for Purple Heart cities all over the state and beyond.



### **173rd Airborne Brigade Association Achievement Awards**

J. C. Terry has been involved in awarding the 173rd Airborne Brigade Association Achievement Award to many JROTC High School Cadets in the Sacramento area. The appreciation from the audience was real and heartfelt. One parent commented on how wonderful this type of ceremony was. Many parents had never seen anything this motivational at the high school level. They were grateful their children could actually see veterans and patriots who exemplify service and love of country. Well done J.C., Airborne all the way! This program has grown so quickly that, at times, it has been hard for J.C. to be at 2 or 3 places at once.. JROTC Cadets attend the following Sacramento area high schools: Pacific, Highlands, Rio Linda, Casa Robles, Gateway, Jean Still, Jesse Bethel, and River City. If any member would like to give J.C. a hand, please give him a call





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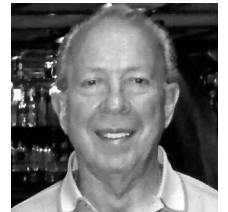
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**Message from the President**

I understand that our Chapter members are especially busy; engaged in family, veteran, community, and business activities. It’s a really good feeling to help others, as there are times we need help, and that really feels good. We’re a strong and vibrant organization that many of you have poured your time and pride into and there may be a sense of ownership. But there comes a point when we need to loosen up, focus on that special brotherhood and have fun working at achieving it. One wise sage that I look up to constantly reminds me that “we are all volunteers here”.



**Bob Ortiz**

**SPECIAL THANKS**

**Special thanks to to Hal Behrman for purchasing 30 of our Chapter 10 challenge coins. Hal goes to VA Hospitals and gives them to patients. Thanks for what you do and for what we can do with the money.**

**NEXT MEETING**

**EAGLE LAKE RESORT**

**Aug. 16, 11am to 3pm**  
**12 W Lorenzen Road**  
**Tracy, CA 95304**



## Coming events in 2014

**Aug. 16: Eagle Lake Picnic and BBQ-Tracy CA.** Fun in the park, BBQ, games, great 60's and 70's music. Really great raffle!!! Fun for the whole family! **11:00AM to 3:00PM. Joe will be there!**

**Aug.30: 33rd Annual Col. Maggie's All Airborne Services Reunion, Marina, CA.** Chapter 10 will meet at the American Legion Post 694 at 10am. 11am parade with BBQ to follow at the Legion Post \$10. Lots of fun with our brothers and sisters. The Marina Parade was started 38 years ago by Col. Maggie's All Airborne Association. Let's have as much participation as possible so Col. Maggie's "Drop-In" will continue. **Joe will be there!**

**Nov. 11, Veterans' Day Parade in Elk Groove, CA.** Chapter 10 meet at 10am, Parade begins at 11am, lunch after? March or ride, show our pride. **Joe will be there!**

**Nov. 15, Chapter 10 Chapter 14 Joint Meeting – Cambria, CA.** Joint meeting and BBQ at American Legion Post 432. Accommodations available at the San Simeon Pines Seaside Resort, 7200 Moonstone Beach Rd. Cambria, CA. For reservations phone 866.927.4648 and mention "173rd Airborne". For more information call Bob Ortiz at 650.712.0980.

**Dec. 6, Chapter 10 Christmas Party.** Celebrate the holidays with friends and family, dancing, great pot luck feast and raffle. Come and exchange gifts, bring one, get one, fun for all! Celebrate this past year and bring in the new year. More information to follow.



Cindy Solomon serving to Rabbit who in turn served to patients in wheel chairs

### Menlo Park All Airborne BBQ

On June 7, 2014 the Menlo Park Rehab Hospital was the site of the 35th Annual All Airborne BBQ. J.C. Terry, Keith "Rabbit" Maier, and Chapter President Bob Ortiz represented Chapter 10. Our thanks to our friends Cindy and Chap Solomon for their help that day. Cindy also helped the World War II ladies cut and

### The 2015 173rd Airborne Brigade Association Reunion

The Brigades 2015 reunion will be at the Town and Country Hotel in San Diego, CA, May 2 through May 6, 2015. Our Southern California brothers will be hosting this event and we will be helping where we can. Look for more information to come.



**The Chapter 10, 173rd Challenge Coin**

**Still available for sale**

**\$10 each with free shipping.**

**Contact Rob Linscott at 415.298.8233**







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Bob Ortiz and Tito from the All Airborne Marina Group



Walking on Air!