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## **WESTERN STATES CHAPTER 10**

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## **Chapter 10 Annual Meeting and Christmas Party**

By Charles Earthman



The 173d Airborne Brigade Association's Golden Bear Western States Chapter 10 held its annual meeting and Christmas Party on Saturday, December 21, 2013, at the VFW Post 1051 in Ripon, CA. The yuletide celebration was a fun-filled event for members, their families, friends and guests. The Christmas Party potluck featured lots of goodies including ham and yams done up by J.C. and lots of tasty desserts and other special dishes.

The meeting part of this event featured the annual Chapter officer's elections, which were mostly re-elections of officers. The exception being Chapter President J.C. Terry and Vice



President Bob Ortiz, who switched places. Rob Linscott is still Treasurer, a job he has done well over the years, and Corky Corcoran will continue as Sergeant-at-Arms. The other election-related news was the addition of myself as Chapter Secretary, of which I am very proud to have been elected (drafted) and will do my best to serve effectively. I was also handed the job of editing the Chapter newsletter. Music was provided by DJ Andy who always does such a great job with all that good 60's music that never loses its appeal. There was a gift exchange at which everyone who brought a small gift got to pick a wrapped one from another all kind were donated and raffled for the Chapter's general fund. There was lots of laughter and good hearted poking as J.C. drew the tickets and Bob Ortiz gave the prizes to the winners. Some party guests won multiple prizes, some a few, and some won none at all, but we all had a great time and everyone was happy.

The 2013 Annual Meeting and Christmas Party were a big success and a good way to end the year.

**Happy New Year and Airborne All the Way!**



Friends and members at the Christmas party



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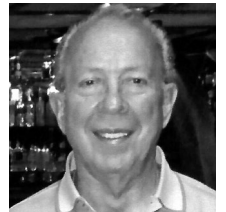
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**Message from the President**

I talked to Fred Ortiz of Chapter 14 and we agreed on a joint meeting of the two Chapters for fellowship and camaraderie, with BBQ and music, in Cambria on the central coast sometime in late November. We will be helping Chapter 14 get ready for the 2015 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Association Reunion in Southern California. There will be more information after their meeting in March. A great time was had by all at the last joint meeting; this time we plan to add a Hearst Castle Tour.



**Bob Ortiz**

Our thanks to Keith (Rabbit) Meier for being the point man on contacting the All Airborne Association about the BBQ for the patients at the VA Menlo Park Rehab, which is taking place the first Saturday in June, and Col. Maggie’s Weekend Parade and Dinner being held in Marina, CA, August 29 thru 31.

We now have a new member’s welcome packet. The packet contains the history of The 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade, the Airborne Creed, health benefit information, a casualty assistance checklist, burial information, Challenge coin and tradition, and much more. This packet will be available for all members at our next meeting.

Our next Chapter meeting will be on Saturday, March 8, 2014, at the American Legion Hall in Tracy, CA. At this meeting we will be discussing this year’s projects and functions and their locations. The meeting will be followed by a potluck luncheon.



**Next Chapter 10 Meeting**



**March 8, 2014, American Legion Hall, Tracy, CA**





## The Chapter 10, 173rd 50th Anniversary Challenge Coin

Is now available for sale

\$10 each with free shipping. Contact Rob Linscott at 415.298.8233



**Chapter Officers for 2014:** Secretary Charles Earthman, Treasurer Rob Linscott, President Bob Ortiz, and Vice President J.C. Terry

## NEW CHAPTER SECRETARY

**By Charles Earthman**

Chapter President Bob Ortiz asked me to tell you something about myself so that you can better know me. I served in the Brigade in '67 and '68 with E Troop, 17th Cav. In October '67 I was wounded at Dak To. While serving with Brigade S2 I was wounded again at Bong Song. My Vietnam and Brigade service ended with D Co., 16<sup>th</sup> Armor. Even though I was never cut out to be a soldier, and although I respect my brothers-in-arms and the U.S. Military, I could not wait to get out. But there are two things I will always love about that time in my life: jumping out of perfectly good flying airplanes with a bunch of Gung Ho paratroopers and serving in the Best Combat Brigade in the World.

I am a life member of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #223 and have served on their Board of Directors for more than three years. Currently, I am Membership Chair and Assistant Editor of the chapter newsletter and also volunteer with several organizations in the Sonoma County veterans' community. As a proud member of Chapter 10, I will do my best to serve as your Secretary.

## LOCATION SEARCH FOR CHAPTER BBQ

We are looking for a special place to have our Chapter 10 BBQ and Fun-for-All in July. Please submit any ideas you may have to Bob Ortiz, 650.712.0980. The date, time and location will be in our next newsletter. Ideally, the location should have something of interest and fun for all ages to see and do. Get your suggestions in.

## CHAPTER 10 FALLEN

**"Never To Be Forgotten"**

Canoe, Buffalo Boy

Felmley, Dennis

Fox, Julian

Goldman, Edward

Hansen, Charles

Jeffrey, Tillman

Kavich, Dr. Richard

Olson, Dale

Osakie, Mark

Vice, Arden





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Bob Ortiz and a few of his coins



C-130 and Silk, what more can I say