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# The Herd Word



## A Rousing Good Time



From Top to bottom, left to right: Francis Hinton, Ed Anthony, Bill Ethington, Roy Lombardo, Al Phillips, Bob Read, Terry Modglin, James Cherry, Joe Flesch, Rick Young, Mack Brooks, Gene Cartier, George Farris, Henry Persons, Gene Weeks, Nathan Moody, Bruce Matthews

Each year since **Joe Flesch** became Chapter President, he and his wife, **Jeane**, have opened their home and hearth to Chapter members for an annual picnic/bar-b-que. Each year the number attending has increased. And so it was on Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>.

Everything was in place when the attendees arrived: the sign-in roster was there, the containers of water, soda and beer were appropriately identified, the food was laid out with skill of a sous-chef, and the grill was fired up and rearing to go. Flesch organization and hospitality were on display for the 30 attendees.

Some present were frequent participants in Chapter activities. Others were less

familiar. All were welcome.

Without much ado or prompting, various cliques formed and conversation relevant to each ensued. There was more than sufficient camaraderie and food to fill the gaps in conversation and appetite.

The weather was as expected, hot and humid. Only **Eddie Phillips**, **Al Phillips'** grandson, sought relief from the searing heat by swimming in the Flesch's outdoor pool. Some unabashedly stayed in the Flesch's air conditioned home. The Flesch home provided respite for those who exercised that option.

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**AIRBORNE**  
ALL THE WAY

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# Message from the Chapter President



The Chapter continues to thrive.

This result is a tribute to you, the Chapter membership, and I salute you.

Since our last newsletter, our Chapter activities have included the events below. You will find articles on most of these activities in this newsletter.

- The Reading of Names at the 173<sup>d</sup> Airborne Brigade Marker in Arlington National Cemetery, on 4 June.
- The Chapter was well represented at the 173<sup>d</sup> Airborne Brigade Association 2016, 7-11 June, Reunion, in Columbus, GA. Everyone

seemed to have had a good time.

- Our Chapter 2018 173<sup>d</sup> Airborne Brigade Association Reunion Committee met via Skype on 9 July. More meetings Reunion-related meetings will be scheduled.
  - We had a successful Gathering of the Herd at P.J. Skidoos in Fairfax, VA on 16 July.
  - The Chapter participated in a Celebration of the Life of Ms. Cis Sigholtz at Ireland's Four Provinces Pub, in Falls Church, VA, on 30 July.
  - We had a successful Chapter Picnic, on 13 August.
- This issue includes an article on the 173<sup>d</sup> Airborne Brigade Asso-

ciation Foundation 2016 Scholarships. Please continue to support this worthy cause with your donations.

The Chapter has a number of interesting upcoming events. See the attached Chapter Calendar. I urge all of you to participate whenever and however you can.

I truly appreciate your support and participation in Chapter events – you are the reason we have a solid organization.

Airborne All The Way,

Joe



## 2018 Reunion Committee Update

Chapter 1 is hosting the 2018 173<sup>d</sup> Airborne Brigade Association Reunion.

So far, nineteen Chapter members have volunteered to work on the Committee planning the event. Kimberly Hubbard, the Association concierge, who has overseen two Association Reunions, is also a member of our committee.

The 2018 Reunion will be held at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center in Alexandria, VA, 23 -27 May 2018.

To date, we held a Skype Committee meeting, on 9 July. Thirteen Committee members participated. We reviewed a strawman Schedule of Events for the Reunion, discussed expanding the



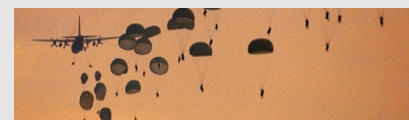
Hilton Alexandria Mark Center

Committee organizational structure, and allowed members to volunteer for specific assignments.

I am working closely with Chapter 18 (Oklahoma), the host for the 2017 Reunion. They are assisting us by sharing their planning process and lessons learned as they move forward.

Our Chapter will present our proposal for the 2018 Reunion at

next year's General Membership Meeting, at the Oklahoma City Reunion.



CHAPTER XVIII  
Larry Pierce Chapter  
Oklahoma

As our planning and preparation for the 2018 Reunion matures, we will be asking more Chapter members to pitch in to make it a success.

If you can volunteer, please contact me.

Joe Flesch  
President

# Chapter 2016 Calendar

Chapter Event	Date	Time	Day	Project Officer	Remarks
Chapter Annual General Membership Meeting	6 Feb 2016	1100	Sat	Joe Flesch	The Irish Inn at Glen Echo 6119 Tulane Avenue Glen Echo, MD 20812
LTC Claude Stults Sky Soldier Funeral	14 Mar 2016	1300	Mon	Ed Anthony	Administration Building Arlington National Cemetery Arrive at 1230
St. Patrick's Day/ Gathering of the Herd (MD)	12 Mar 2016	1100	Sat	Joe Flesch	Flanagan's Harp and Fiddle 4844 Cordell Ave Bethesda, MD 20814
LTC James F. Anderson Sky Soldier Funeral	29 Mar 2016	1300	Tue	Ed Anthony	Administration Building Arlington National Cemetery Arrive at 1230
COL Lawrence W. Jackley Sky Soldier Funeral	24 Apr 2016	1300	Sun	Joe Flesch	Mount Vernon Unitarian Church 1909 Windmill Lane Alexandria, VA 22307
Reading of the Names Vietnam and GWOT	4 Jun 2016	1030	Sat	Ed Anthony	Brigade Marker Arlington National Cemetery
173 <sup>d</sup> Airborne Brigade National Reunion	7 - 11 Jun 2016	N/A	Tue - Fri	N/A	Convention and Trade Center Columbus, GA
Gathering of the Herd (VA)	16 Jul 2016	1100	Sat	Joe Flesch	P.J. Skidoos 9908 Fairfax Blvd. (Route 50) Fairfax, VA 22030 Phone 703-591-4415  No Host Brunch
Chapter BBQ	13 Aug 2016	1100	Sat	Joe Flesch	Flesch Home 11730 Hawkes Road Clarksburg, MD
2018 Chapter Reunion Committee Skype Meeting	8 Oct 2016	0900	Sat	Joe Flesch	Skype Session 0900 Eastern Time
Bravo Bulls Ceremony	10 Nov 2016	1000	Thu	Roy Lombardo	Start at SSG Larry Rougle's burial site (Section 60, Arlington National Cemetery)
Walk to the Wall	11 Nov 2016	1000	Wed	Ed Anthony	Vietnam Memorial No-Host Lunch
Wreaths Across America	17 Dec 2016	0900	Sat	Bill Harris	Arlington National Cemetery
Wounded Warrior Visits	Periodic	N/A	N/A	TBD	DC and Richmond VA Area

## From Page 1, Chapter Picnic

The Flesch's backyard tent provided shade and some relief from the glaring sun, but it couldn't keep one's clothes from cling to one's skin.

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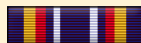
ubiquitous mosquitoes at bay. It worked. The festivities were temporarily interrupted by the obligatory Chapter meeting.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence, the Chapter President updated the assembly on Chapter activities. Matters concerning the 2018

Reunion were of particular concern. Members voted to donate \$500 to the Fisher House at WRNMMC..

Following group pictures and fond farewells, many left the fine fare to which they had just received, grateful for having had a good experience.

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# 2016 173<sup>d</sup> Airborne Brigade Reunion

Chapter 1 was well represented at the 2016 Association Reunion, in Columbus, GA.

At least 30 Chapter members attended the 7-11 June reunion's various events. Some reunion highlights included:

- Tour of Andersonville, GA Civil War Prison
- Cleaning of the 173<sup>d</sup> Airborne Brigade Memorial
- Viewing an Airborne Class Graduation and a meal in a Fort Benning dining facility
- Opportunities for camaraderie with fellow Sky Soldiers and exploring visit vendor stalls
- Gold Star Families and Ladies Luncheons
- The General Membership Meeting



**Sky Soldiers washing the 173<sup>d</sup> Airborne Brigade Memorial during the 2016 Association Reunion**

- An Outstanding Association Banquet
- Sunday Service at the 173<sup>d</sup> Airborne Brigade Memorial

The 2017 173<sup>d</sup> Airborne Brigade Association Reunion and General Membership Meeting will be held in Oklahoma City, OK, 17-21 May 2017.

Additionally, Sky Soldier Veterans are invited to a Sky Soldier Festa Italiana hosted by the 173<sup>d</sup> ABCT, in Vicenza, Italy, 10-14 July 2017.

You can find more information and register for one or both these reunions on the 173<sup>d</sup> Airborne Brigade Association website: [www.skysoldier.net](http://www.skysoldier.net)

## Chapter 1 Financial Report

as of 29 August 2016

<b>Balance as of 26 May 2016</b>	<b>\$10,998.97</b>
Receipts (Dues, fees, and donations)	\$495.00
Disbursements	(\$1,186.03)
<b>Balance as of 26 May 2016</b>	<b>\$10,307.94</b>
<b>Receipts:</b>	
Dues           5 \$20.00	\$100.00
Dues           1 (paid 2 years)	\$40.00
Donations:	
Terry Walsh Honor Set Flags	\$180.00
Rick Young Contribution to Chapter Scholarship Fund	\$25.00
Mack Brooks Contribution to Chapter Scholarship Fund	\$5.00
Picnic Contributions 29 attendees at \$5.00	\$145.00
<b>Disbursements included:</b>	
Herd Word Production (Staples) (25 copies)	\$22.60
Annual Commitment to Brigade Memorial Foundation	\$200.00
Annual Fee for Safety Deposit Rental	\$70.00
173 <sup>d</sup> Airborne Brigade for 503 <sup>d</sup> Regimental Marker	\$500.00
Honor Set Flags	\$180.00
Chapter Picnic Door Prize	\$25.00
Picnic Food and Supplies	\$188.43

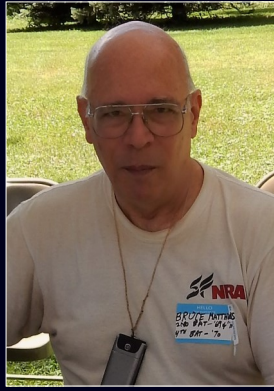
# Chapter 1 Annual Picnic



**Jackie Dennard**  
The joy of hamburgers



**Jeane Flesh**  
The perfect hostess



**Bruce Matthews**  
On reflection...



**Patty Young**  
"Say what?"



**Terry Modglin & Gene Weeks**  
Ya see that?



**James Cherry**  
Man, I'm multitasking



From top to bottom, left to right: Flo Cartier, Judie Read, Patty Young, Linda Ethington, Connie & Ed Anthony, Francis Hinton, Jackie Dennard, Bill Ethington, Carol & Roy Lombardo, Al Phillips, Bob Read, Terry Modglin, Ginny Farris, James Cherry, Rick Young, Joe Flesch, Mack Brooks, Gene Cartier, George Farris, Brenda & Henry Persons, Nikki Weeks, Bruce Mathews, Jeane Flesch, Gene Weeks, Nathan Moody



**Eddie Phillips**  
I may be wet, but I'm cool

## Cis Sigholtz Celebration of Life



**Michelle Knoerlein**



**Taryn Gosch  
Sarah Winstead**



**Honor Set Presented to  
Cis Sigholtz Family**



**Wendy Sprigliozi**



# Chapter 1 Scholarship Winner

The 173<sup>d</sup> Airborne Brigade Association Foundation normally awards 7 or 8 scholarships each year. This year our Chapter 1 donated \$1,173.00 to sponsor the award of one additional scholarship, under the Chapter's name.



Ms. Kristin Schof  
Scholarship Recipient  
Chapter 1 (Sigholtz Capital Chapter)

At the 2016 173<sup>d</sup> Airborne Brigade Association Reunion, the 173<sup>d</sup> Airborne Brigade Association Foundation announced it had awarded 12 scholarships, including several scholarships sponsored by other Chapters/groups.

We were informed that **Ms. Kristin Schof**, the granddaughter of Sky Soldier Horace Counselman, a Chapter 3 member, was award-

ed the Chapter 1 (Sigholtz Capital Chapter) scholarship. I sent Kristin a letter of congratulations and support, on behalf of our members. She attends Louisiana Tech University.



Ms. Emma Holland  
Scholarship Recipient  
Granddaughter Chapter 1 Member

In reviewing the pictures and brief bios of the twelve scholarship winners, on the 173<sup>d</sup> Airborne Brigade Association web, I discovered that **Ms. Emma Holland**, the granddaughter of Sky Soldier and Chapter 1 member **Berry Holland**, was also awarded a scholarship. I congratulated her, by phone.

Joe Flesch

## Walk to the Wall & Remembering the Bravo Bulls

One of the hallmarks of our Chapter is our commitment that our fallen comrades-in-arms not be forgotten.

It is time for us who have been blessed to have survived the crucible of combat to again pay homage to those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

**Bravo Bulls:**  
Thursday, 10 Nov, 1000.  
POC: Roy Lombardo

**Walk to the Wall:**  
11 Friday, 11 Nov, 1000.  
POC: Ed Anthony. Meet at the Three Soldiers statue at the Vietnam Wall.



## Gathering of the Herd Fairfax

Gathering of the Herd have become a staple in the way the Chapter carries its message to members throughout its geographical region. Over the last three years, there have been Gatherings in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Gaithersburg, Glen Echo, and Richmond. The Gathering at P.J. Sidoos, on June 16<sup>th</sup>, in Fairfax, VA, was in that same tradition.

Many arrived early and waited among the shaded outdoor tables for the restaurant to open. It was not yet eleven o'clock and already the temperature was showing signs of the torrid temperature that would be.

The familiar and unfamiliar alike were greeted with a fond Airborne welcome. The less familiar were asked the usual questions: When were you with the Herd?; Which Bat?; Did you know...?; etc.

Before long, the restaurant opened and Ed & Connie Anthony, Frank Boberek, Mack Brooks, Chuck Evans, Roy Gilmore, Bill McQuail, Terry Modglin, Terry Walsh, John & Edwina Yakshe, Joe & Jeane Flesch, and Rick Young took sanctuary in its cool interior.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence. The assembly wasted no time ordering from the restaurant's modern American cuisine menu and digging in when it was served.

As in all the Gatherings of the Herd, Chapter President, Joe Flesch, updated the attendees on Chapter activities and issues. Minutes from the meeting will be generated and provided at a later date.

In the end, all left P.J. Skidoos with full stomachs and enhanced camaraderie and awareness of Chapter activities.

## By-Laws Review

The Chapter recently made administrative changes to its by-laws to reflect a change in the Chapter's official name. It has been some years, however, since our by-laws have been reviewed and updated. They are ripe for much needed revision. **Terry Modglin, Mack Brooks, and Joe Flesch** volunteered to tackle this much needed task.

Their efforts, however, will have to wait until the Association completes revising their by-laws. Until then, the trio stands ready to accomplish the long delayed task.

# Cis Sigholtz's Celebration of Life



Harlow Knoerlein, Taryn Gosch, Susan Rigsbee, Joe Fleisch, Whitney Knoerlein, Mack Knoerlein

They say there are three things a person should experience before he or she dies: a Jewish bar mitzvah, a Polish wedding, and an Irish wake. The Cis Sigholtz family called it a celebration of life - and indeed it was, but I prefer to call it an Irish wake.

All the hallmarks of a traditional Irish wake were there: the immediate and extended family, traditional Irish music, good and plentiful food, congenial

guests, ample refreshments, and, of course, a family matriarch orchestrating events.

The celebration was held in Ireland's Four Provinces Restaurant, in Falls Church. The restaurant's Celtic motif reinforced Cis' Jewish-Irish roots and that same tradition she passed on to her children.

**Whitney Knoerlein**, Cis Sigholtz's, granddaughter, came all the way from Seattle, Washington, to honor her grandmother. With a firm but gentle hand, she orchestrated the family and friends in celebrating Cis' life.

Chapter President, **Joe Fleisch**, and Chapter Secretary, **Mack Brooks**, represented the Chapter. Each was well received at this memorial to a woman the Chapter had long called its Founding Mother.

The levity of the occasion only turned somber when Whitney, a radio talk show host, played an on-air interview she had taped of her grandmother. Everyone reflected upon the unaffected earthiness her voice, her pertness, and the humor that was so familiar to those who knew Cis.

Joe Fleisch presented the Chapter Honor Set to the family. There was hardly a dry face to be seen as Whitney accepted the mementos on behalf of the family. She reminded the attendees of how



Cis Sigholtz  
As a young woman

much the Chapter had meant to her grandmother and praised it for the kindness it had shown to her.

Perhaps the capstone of the celebration was Whitney's daughter, Harlow, singing "That's Life" for the entire restaurant. How appropriate an ode to a person who indeed had ups and downs, but in the end did it her way.

With that, the Cis Sigholtz clad temporary disbanded, with the clear expectation that they would meet again on some more auspicious occasion.

As for me, I can check Irish Wake off my bucket list.

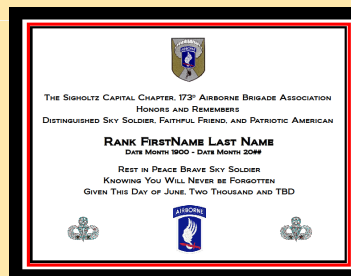
Mack Brooks

## Enhanced Chapter 1 Honor Set

For the last four years, the Chapter has provided a Chapter Certificate of Appreciation and a Brigade flag to the next of kin of 173<sup>d</sup> Airborne Brigade Soldiers, at the funerals we support. This combination of mementos is called the Honor Set.

A big Airborne thank you goes to Chapter 1 member, **Terry Walsh**. He suggested we obtain higher quality 3'x 5' 173<sup>d</sup> Airborne Brigade flags for the Honor Set.

He purchased a 3'x 5' 173<sup>d</sup> Airborne Brigade flag embroidered on both sides, from the 173<sup>d</sup> Airborne



Embroidered 173<sup>d</sup> Flag  
Honor Set Certificate of Appreciation

Brigade Association on-line store, as a trial.

That flag was presented to **Mrs. Jackley** at Sky Soldier and Chapter 1 member COL Lawrence W. Jackley's funeral. Afterwards, Terry purchased 10 flags that he donated to the Chapter for our Honor Sets. We received the flags on 5 August.

Again - Thank you Terry. We're sure the next-of-kin of our fallen Sky Soldiers will cherish your gracious gift.



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# Gathering of the Herd Fairfax

