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Continuing the Legacy in 2016

Bringing the Next Generation of Sky Soldiers Into the Association

2015 was a milestone for Vietnam-era Sky Soldiers; it marked the 50th anniversary of the Brigade's arrival in Vietnam and the start of the Sky Soldier legacy. Over the next six years,



First Generation Sky Soldiers

Sky Soldiers of our generation will be commemorating personal events that they experienced a half century ago: jump school, their first days in Nam, Bien Hoa, War Zone D, the Iron Triangle, Dak To, Hill 875, Bong Song, LZ English, and many more. The Sky Soldier legacy in Vietnam was second-to-none and history shows it was the finest US ground combat unit to serve in that war. And then the Brigade was no more.

The Brigade was inactive for 28 years until

January 12, 2000, when the Brigade was reactivated in Vicenza, Italy, where it would serve as the European Command's only conventional airborne strategic response force. The next generation of Sky Soldier was born. The proud legacy was continued with the combat jump into northern Iraq in 2003 and several tours in Afghanistan in places like Kunar, Paktika, the Laghman

Provinces, the Korangal Valley, and the eastern mountains of Afghanistan. They also saw extensive action in Logar and Wardak Provinces. Today the 173rd



New Generation Sky Soldiers

Airborne Brigade Combat Team continues to lead US forces wherever they are. They have served NATO in Poland, the Baltic States, and Hungary, and are now in Ukraine to train Ukrainian National Guard troops.

Now in 2016, as the second generation of Sky Soldiers return to their communities, we of

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January 2016 Happy New Year!



Bob Ortiz

To the Brotherhood of the 173rd family and friends, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your support in our efforts. I feel so grateful of life every time we gather, whether it is to mourn a loss, or to celebrate new members and associates. We always learn something new about each other's lives that makes for a better understanding of our differences.

This past year of 2015 we have had six (6) different venues in which Chapter 10 has held or has been involved in. Our Half Moon Bay BBQ, the Elk Grove Veteran's Day Parade, and our Christmas party have had the most participation. I truly thank all the members and associates that made those and other gatherings so successful and in keeping with what makes our 173rd Brotherhood special.

Another year is upon us and with it comes the unknown. Many of us know firsthand what it is like to be away from home for the holidays. Please take a moment to mention to your family and friends that have gathered safely and thank all the first responders; our men and women serving the best country in the world, for protecting the freedom that we share with our family and friends.

Being patriotic will always be in!

Airborne Always,
Bob Ortiz, President, Chapter 10
And Family of 27



THE NEXT CHAPTER 10 MEETING

MARCH 26, 2016, 11AM

American Legion Post 172

1960 N Tracy Blvd, Tracy, CA 95376



HAPPY TRAILS

With genuine regret, I must sadly tell you that we will be losing one of our own to the State of Idaho. A long time, 20+ year member, Corky Corcoran and his lovely wife, Marguerite, have moved. It is really like having a close family member move and they are greatly missed.

Corky has always been a big part of Chapter Ten's direction, with his great input throughout the years and his infectious, fun attitude that affects all those that are around him.

We wish you both nothing but the best in your new home in Idaho. You both will always be Californians at heart, no matter where you go! We won't say goodbye, just see you when we see you!

Replacing Corky Corcoran as our Chapter 10 Sergeant At Arms will be Keith (Rabbit) Maier. All other officers will remain the same through 2017..



Corky and Marguerite Corcoran



On a very sad note, I regret to inform all of you that cancer has taken three (3) of our Airborne brothers:

From Chapter 14 in Southern California,
Jerry Berry and Art Martinez

From the All Airborne Group that meets annually in Menlo Park, we lost **Teo Colon**. Our good brothers that have gone on to Airborne Heaven.

Our deepest sorrow and heartfelt sympathy to their families and friends on their great loss. They will be greatly missed.



Membership Reminder

A message from Rob Linscott,
Chapter 10 Treasurer

Chapter 10 members should pay your membership dues through the Chapter and not to the Association. If people pay their membership dues through the Chapter, we keep \$10 for the Chapter and we send a Chapter membership card. I send the remainder to the Association to keep the member current. If they pay directly to the Association, the Chapter gets nothing and we are not informed of your payment. I am afraid that they prefer the latter. Pay your dues through the Chapter, it's the best way.

Pay membership dues at any general meeting or send them to: Western States Chapter10
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Pay your dues to the Chapter or this guy may stare you down at the next meeting.





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FORT ORD WARHORSE SHOW



CHRISTMAS PARTY



UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2016

- * March meeting in Tracy—March 26, 11am.
- * Brigade Reunion at Ft. Benning, Georgia, June 7-12.
- * Summer meeting and picnic, Half Moon Bay—time and date to be announced.
- * Fall meeting in Tracy—date and time to be announced.
- * The Marina All Airborne celebration and the Fort Ord Warhorse Show. Information on these events is unavailable at this time.
- * Veterans Day Parade in Elk Grove followed by lunch at Andy and Hilda's.—Nov. 11.
- * 173rd Airborne Brigade Association California Chapters Joint Meeting, Kon Tiki Inn, Pismo Beach—date and time to be announced.
- * Annual Christmas Party—date, time and place to be announced.

Look more information on these and other 2016 events in the next newsletter.



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the first generation that are members of the Brigade Association should invite and recruit these Sky Soldiers to join the 173rd Airborne Brigade Association and keep the legacy alive. As I drive around Sonoma County in my pick-up truck with Purple Heart license plates, jump wings, and the Herd patch, I am occasionally honked at by some young person I believe to be a Herd vet, or at least a former paratrooper. In the future I will try to safely get them to pull over and talk to them about our Chapter and what we do and invite them to a meeting or association event. I think we should all do this and build our ranks with young minds full of new ideas that will promote our legacy long into the future. After all, we are the trail blazers, **we are Airborne!**

CHAPTER NEWS

Congratulations to Bob Ortiz on having his Challenge Coin collection accepted by Guinness World Records. His collection now stands at 1,912 and there are just a few certifications left before it is added to the official record book .



Welcome, Russ Whitlark, to our Chapter and thank you for your generous donation.

California Chapters Biennial Joint Meeting Kon Tiki Inn Pismo Beach

The biennial joint meeting of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Association's California Chapters is moving forward. Chapters 10, 14, and 28 are all looking forward to the November meeting on the central coast. This year we will meet in Pismo Beach with accommodations at the Kon Tiki Inn. It has direct access to the beach and is located near shops and restaurants. The details will be discussed in future meetings. Look for more information in our next newsletter.





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Chapter 10 members with family and friends, Christmas 2015