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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

By Bob Ortiz

Positive feedback from Chapter 10 members and their wives—and some good photos—show that the joint meeting of California Chapters 10, 14, and 28 was a great social gathering at Pismo Beach.



We were pleased and honored to have 173rd Airborne Brigade Association President Terry Aubrey as our guest for the biennial gathering. Sky Soldiers, their wives, and families began by gathering for dinner at the Ventana Grill on Friday before the joint meeting. On Saturday morning, Chapter members got together at the Shell Beach Veteran's Memorial Building to set up and prepare for the meeting. Chapter 10 was the host for this 6th biennial joint meeting of California Sky Soldier Chapters. Don Luce and Melinda provided the coffee, pastries, and fresh fruit. Juice and water were provided by our Chapter 10. A great team effort as always. 39 members and guests signed in.

Terry Aubrey spoke and thanked all for letting him be part of this joint gathering. It was the first time he or any Association President had attended our joint chapter function. He said "how could he pass up a chance to be with 3 chapters at one time in sunny California from his home in Kentucky?" We all enjoyed

him being with us and answering some of our questions; he passed on some good information, too. To all; my sincere thanks in putting this together

The meeting was followed by lunch at Zorro's Mexican restaurant and that, too, was a good social event. The final scheduled event was dinner at F. McIntock's, a real western steak house. The dinner was catered in a private room with appetizers and a great menu. We all had a great time and the food was wonderful.



Association President Terry Aubrey addresses California chapter members at joint meeting.

California Wildfires

For the past two years California has been ravaged by devastating wildfires that have affected us all. During this holiday season, let's not forget those who have lost so much and do what we can, when we can, to help. Donate and volunteer, when possible, to a charity or relief organization in your community. Let's all lend a hand.



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REMEMBER VETERANS DAY

November 11, 1918—November 11, 2018; this Veterans Day marks the 100th anniversary of the end of the Great War. The shooting would stop for a tumultuous 21 years, during which lines were drawn, defined by ethnic, racial, and political differences that culminated in Germany attacking Poland and rekindling a war in Europe that eventually involved most of the world. The Second World War set the stage for global conflicts that have continued into the twenty-first century.

The 173rd Airborne Brigade has been in existence 55 years (since 1963) and, in that time, it has shown itself to be the U.S. Military's finest combat infantry unit. It has distinguished itself in Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan, and many other places where American forces have served.

Remember them; remember all who served in all the conflicts of the 20th century. For Sky Soldiers and their families, remember the Vietnam vets and all those who have served since then. The first generation Sky Soldiers are fading fast, and as our ranks grow thinner, I ask that you not forget us and what we did. **Remember.**

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 Chapter 10
Attn: Robert Linscott
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Pay your dues to the Chapter or this guy may stare you down at the next meeting.



THE NEXT CHAPTER 10 MEETING

Annual Christmas Party

**Saturday, December 15th, Tracy American Legion Post 172
1960 N. Tracy Boulevard, Tracy, California 95376**



BITS AND PIECES

LIZA GOES AIRBORNE

On November 10, Liza Penning made a tandem jump from 13000 feet at the Tracy Airport Sky Diving School. Liza's airborne roots run deep; her father, Sky Soldier Bob Ortiz, is a "Master-blast", and Liza's husband Don is a former paratrooper as well. Needless to say, Bob and Alba are beaming with pride and so are the members of Chapter 10. So now Liza can walk tall at 173rd Airborne events from now on because she, too, is **"Airborne All the Way"**.



Check your equipment, no time to back out

Liza in the sky



Liza shows off her Jump Certificate. She is Airborne—**"Hooah"**

Liza & Don



Gale Olsen, wife of Sky Soldier Jim Olsen, in an Equestrian Ride Dressage Test at Woodside Horse Park. They sure did not have such elegant riders as this in the 17th Cav. when Jim served in Vietnam. **Well done Gale.**



Charles Earthman talks with VVA leaders Ken Holybee and Kate O'Hare-Palmer at POW/MIA Ceremony in Santa Rosa



Chapter President Bob Ortiz visited Mike Ferrell in October at Palo Alto VA Care Housing. Mike is doing good physically, under the circumstances, but his mind is as sharp as ever. He says hi to all his brothers and especially the ladies.

The biennial joint meeting of California Chapters was a big success and enjoyed by all. At this year's meeting we were privileged to have as a special guest Association President Terry Aubrey. Here are a few pictures.



Chapter 10 leaders meet at the Berkeley Marina to plan the biennial joint meeting of California chapters in Pismo Beach. From left to right, Secretary Charles Earthman and wife Nancy, Kate Linscott and Treasurer Rob Linscott, and President Bob Ortiz and wife Alba.

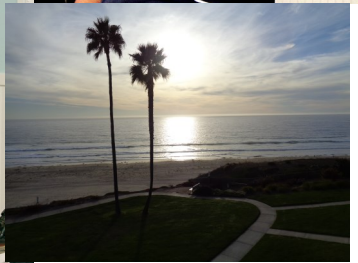


Chapter's 10, 14, and 28 leaders chair Pismo Beach meeting.





California Sky Soldiers



Sky Soldier Award

Chapter 10 Vice President J.C. Terry with Cadet Senior Master Sergeant Nasier Hughes at Del Campo AFJROTC's Annual Dinner. Hughes received the Sky Soldier Award of Excellence for Outstanding Cadet.



Upcoming Chapter Events For 2018



Don't miss Santa's annual blast over Tracy

Chapter 10's Annual Christmas Party

Saturday, December 15th, Tracy
Tracy American Legion Post 172
1960 N Tracy Boulevard, Tracy, CA 95376

Party starts at 11 am--come early
Bring family & friends, and pets
Bring a dish to share

This year's Christmas party will feature an Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest, gift exchange, raffle, and lots of great food.




Photo Guy



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