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# WESTERN STATES CHAPTER 10 NEWSLETTER

173rd AIRBORNE BRIGADE ASSOCIATION

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# President's Message By Bob Ortiz

We just finished an activity-filled 2018, with lots of great times. We look forward to 2019 in anticipation of lots of fun events to be enjoyed by our brotherhood. The year-end was



highlighted with a great Christmas party in Tracy. Fun was had by all. Our ugly Christmas sweater contest was won by a very special lady, Marita Tillman. Many raffle prizes were won; thanks to all those who brought some real great giveaways. Liza Ortiz was in charge of selling the raffle tickets and broke her own sales record, raising \$635 for Chapter 10. What a great job. The food was great and so tasty, thanks to everyone who brought the many dishes we all shared. We even had a 173rd Airborne cake, brought in by Bubba.

I personally want to thank all the people, too many to mention, but you know who you are. It's always a team effort that makes our activities a success and they would not happen without our brotherhood. Your help does not go unnoticed. From Elk Grove to Pismo Beach to Tracy, to Oakland or Half Moon Bay; I truly thank my brothers and sisters because it is your efforts that make Chapter 10 brotherhood so good, fun, and special. Lots of love to all!!

The Mid-Winter Conference, January 17 to 19, was held in Charleston, South Carolina;

# **2019**By Charles Earthman

173rd Airborne Brigade Association members met in Charleston, South Carolina, for this year's mid-term conference. Reports from the mid-winter conference are not published on the antiquated website, but I will tell you the little I've heard.

We now have life memberships for associate members and I think (but I am not sure) Gold Star Family memberships will be free. I'll have more information on these membership changes as they become available.



Bob Ortiz and Wambi Cook at Mid-term

Chapter President, Bob Ortiz, was at the Association mid-winter conference where he heard Association President, Terry Aubrey, praise Chapter 10 for the way the Chapter conducts business and the very positive atmosphere in our meetings and social gatherings. He also had high praise for the Newsletter and held it up as an example for other chapters to



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## EDITOR'S NOTES Charles Earthman - Editor

It's 2019 and I'm still trying to collect email addresses from our members in order to improve networking and communications and allow us to quickly exchange ideas and information. It's time to move into the 21st century. I'll keep trying, so send them to me at c.earthman173@gmail.com or give them to me at a meeting.

We have a growing associate membership list and that is a good thing. It enhances our profile and connects us to the community. We are proud to have these members as part of our Northern California Sky Solider family. However, we are the 173rd Airborne Brigade Association and we should make an effort to recruit more veterans who have served in the Brigade and can be called Sky-Soldiers.

Has anyone not been getting their Sky Soldier Magazine? I have not been getting my magazine for several issues. If anyone else has not been getting their magazine, let me know.



# 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
P.O. Box 151

Pay your dues to the Chapter or this guy may stare you down at the next meeting.





#### THE NEXT CHAPTER 10 MEETING

**Chapter Spring Meeting** 

Saturday, March 2nd, Tracy American Legion Post 172 1960 N. Tracy Boulevard, Tracy, California 95376







#### **Happy Birthday Kate Linscott**

At the Chapter Officers meeting at Skates on the Bay Restaurant in Berkeley we had the opportunity to wish Kate Linscott a very special happy birthday. Kate has been an important part of this Chapter since its beginning. Her contributions are numerous and play an important role in keeping the Chapter running smoothly.

Kate shows her 173rd leather vest she got for her birthday





The Birthday Girl



# A Sculpture, a Donation, and an Acknowledgement

For years, Chapter 10 displayed a small sculpture of a combat medic on our POW/MIA table at Chapter meetings. At the Pismo Beach gathering, Mary Ortiz, Fred's wife, asked me where did I get it? I did not remember because it was so long ago. Mary asked because Fred, a member of Chapters 10 and 14, was a medic in Vietnam and she said she saw "that look" on him when he saw it. It took me about a second before I said, "it's yours to give to Fred." She insisted on paying me, but I said no. I told her that Fred could have been one of the medics that took care of me when I got wounded in Vietnam and it made giving the sculpture to him so much more special to me. Later, Fred wrote to me saying that he would be proud to help get a replacement sculpture for the POW/MIA table or otherwise help to support Chapter 10. We then received a donation of \$100 from him. The medic sculpture was given in gratitude and respect to the men who helped so many in their time of need. It's just a small way of honoring our special Sky Soldier Brotherhood.—Bob Ortiz

### **CHRISTMAS 2018**





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the site of this year's Brigade Association Reunion which will take place June 5 through 9. It was good to hear Association President, Terry Aubrey, say in his opening statement what an informative and great time he had at our California joint chapters' meeting and social event in Pismo Beach this past November. Terry said that our gathering was done at the highest level and the social events were top notch. I want to thank all those that were there to help me with their support in hosting the event. The next joint chapter meeting in 2020 will be hosted by Chapter 28.

The next chapter meeting will be March 2, 2019, in Tracy. There will be information from the mid-winter conference and also there will be lots of things to cover and plan for this year. Please try to be at the meeting. Remember, this is not a one -person chapter, it's our chapter and your input is important.



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follow. We should be proud but not rest on our laurels. Let's continue what we do well and work on those things we know we need to do better.

Chapter leadership met at Skates on the Bay to plan this year's Chapter events. They are listed in Upcoming Chapter Events for 2019 on page 6 and will be updated as more information becomes available. The officers discussed the changes for this year and what we need to improve to make the Chapter better. We also celebrated Kate Linscott's Birthday.



Bob, Alba, Kate, Rob, Nancy, and Charles



# **Upcoming Chapter Events For 2019**

March 2 - General Meeting 11am to 1pm Tracy American Legion Post 172 1960 N. Tracy Boulevard, Tracy



July 4th Parade - Time and place TBD



July 20 - Summer Picnic and BBQ, Andy & Hilda's Place 8730 Crucero Dr. Elk Grove, CA



September 21—Fall General meeting 11am to 1pm Tracy American Legion Post 172 1960 N. Tracy Boulevard, Tracy



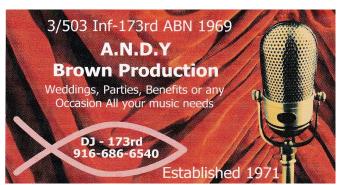
November 11 - Veterans Day Parade in Elk Grove—More instructions to be posted in the next newsletter



December 14 - Annual Christmas Party Location and time TBD

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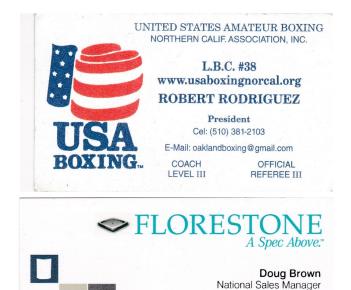






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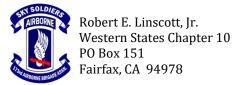
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