

173rd Airborne Brigade Association Quarterly Meeting

Chapter 18, MEETING MINUTES, 1300hrs

9 April 2011, VFW Post1317, Shawnee, OK 74804

Meeting was brought to order by Pres. Don Walton.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was rendered by all members present, Don Walton Pres., Ed Perkins VP., Richard Perez Chap., Dennis Creeling Treasurer, and Gene Bland Sec.

Chaplin Perez cited the opening prayer.

Treasurer Creeling reported the current account balance as \$1762.61.

(Check for \$700.00 still outstanding)

The old minutes were read by Sec. Bland. Minutes were accepted as read.

The floor was opened to old business:

1. Tax Exemption for The Chapter discussed, and closed.
2. The subject of donating to the National Memorial Maintenance Fund was floored , discussed and rejected, in that as understood by chapter members, required maintenance was written into the building contract.
3. Discussed donation to National Scholarship Fund was floored and rejected.
4. A cow skull painted with the 173rd patch was shown by Richard Perez. Still in progress.
5. The further discussion of a Chapter 18 Coin was floored. (see new business)

The floor was opened for new business:

1. A motion was floored to donate \$173 dollars to the 173rd Chapter New Zealand Earthquake Relief fund. Motion Seconded. And unanimously carried.
2. Discussion of the Chapter Coin (from old business): A likely source has been identified. members can submit drawing for the front side at the next meeting. The rear side will feature a picture of the state of Oklahoma with a wreath around it and a S. Vietnam Service Ribbon in the middle of the State outline. And "Otto" spelled backward is still "Otto"!! as sited by Dennis Creeling.
3. A suggestion was floored for the Chapter to find a new unit in the combat theater for sponsorship, in that our previous unit A 4/319 FA has redeployed to Germany. It was requested the that chapter member Tim Austin (Nat Sec.) identify likely units (preferably Infantry) for discussion at the next meeting.
4. Discussion of establishment and donation to the Chapter "Carl Baldwin Memorial Scholarship",Fund was floored, and accepted. It is to be established with 10% of the general fund and 10% of funds raised thru chapter endeavors such as, raffles of items donated for this purpose and the sale of items such as Chapter Coins, St. Michaels Medals and Customized Canes & Staffs (see photo below) request for Canes or Staffs can be forwarded to the chapter, POC this action is VP Ed Perkins, Ph: 405-381-9280, Email: edperkins173rd@gmail.com .
5. For the first raffle donation, Dennis Creeling will donate a 173rd Ring: Ticket sales POC is Pres. Don Walden, Ph: 580-678-1088, Email: walton.don@ecewb.com

6. An auction for the cane pictured below was discussed. The staff pictured is the one was sent to our sponsored unit in Afghanistan, A 4/319th FA .



The next scheduled meetings are as noted below:

June 11 2011, 1300hrs at:

VFW Post 9265 A J "Rock" Hudson Post
4605 S Pennsylvania Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73119
Phone: (405) 604-0264

August 13, 2011, at:

VFW Post 5263 General Lesley J. Mc Nair Post
103 NE 20th St, Lawton, OK 73507
Phone: (580) 248-0713

Lawton VFW Post 5263

October 8, 2011, 1300hrs at:

VFW Post 1317 Melvon Carnes Memorial Post
811 E Macarthur St, Shawnee, OK 74804
Phone: (405) 273-7098 or 273-3600

December 10, 2011, 1300hrs at:

VFW Post 9265 A J "Rock" Hudson Post
4605 S Pennsylvania Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73119
Phone: (405) 604-0264

Meeting was adjourned by Pres. Walton.