

173rd Airborne Brigade Association
Chapter 18, MEETING MINUTES, 1300hrs
13 August 2011, VFW Post 5263, Lawton, OK

Chapter XVIII meeting held in Lawton, 13 August 2011, was called to order at 1300 hrs by President Don Walton.

Those in attendance were: Don Walton, Ed Perkins, Richard Perez, Dennis Crelling, Bob Gardner, Time Austin, and longtime absentee Al Gentry. Welcome back Al !.

After the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer were rendered, business began.

Old Business:

Chapter Coin - The design was agreed upon by a voice vote of members present. Design is as follows: (Bronze to be basic metal used)be FRONT: The 173rd wing and bayonet (in color) superimposed over an outline of the State of Oklahoma.

"Larry Pierce Chapter, XVIII" to be top arch.

"Oklahoma" to be bottom arch.

BACK: Top arch to read "173rd Airborne Brigade, (Sep)"

Center image(s) will be a pair of basic jump wings over a CIB.(Not in color)

Lower arch to read *"Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan"

(* This design was decided to represent the "Combat" operations in countries cited)

Business Cards: Dennis Crelling brought some "old" business cards with a blank line to write in contact information for a prospective member. Approval was granted to purchase 500 more of these cards to be given to chapter members for recruiting purposes.

A review/update of tax exempt status was revisited and is now pending.

The "Carl Baldwin Scholarship Fund" percentage was agreed to be 25% of chapter funds.

New Business:

A letter from Ken Smith was presented to attending members requesting a lifetime commitment to the memorial funds to maintain the grounds and monument itself. Amount of commitment would decide what level you would be identified as. Motion tabled until confor

Tim Austin requested Ed Perkins to contact the company that designed and manufactured our St. Michael's medals to provide a cost for medals made with sterling silver.

Tim also requested a cost amount for production of newly design chapter coin in both bronze and sterling silver.

Tim announced he will not serve as National Secretary after next years' reunion as his four year commitment will expire.

Since this was "Tim's Day", he also won the 50/50 drawing and donated the entire \$35.00 back to the chapter.

Meeting adjourned at 2:17pm.

Next meeting, October 8th, 2011 in Shawnee, OK.