

Southern Arizona "ALL AIRBORNE" Chapter, 82nd Airborne Division Association

E NEWSLETTER

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 9, 2016, at American Legion Post # 7 located at 330 West Franklin, Tucson, Arizona. The Executive Board meets at 5:30 PM and the General Membership meeting begins at 6:00 PM.

Members are encouraged to attend the Executive Board meeting if possible.

The Executive Board Meeting was held from 5:30 PM to 6:00 PM. The general meeting was called to order by Chairman Lucero at 1800 hrs. The minutes of the previous meeting and the treasurer's report were read and accepted by the members present. Roll call of officers showed two excused absences.

A report was given on the chapter volunteers that attended Nam Jam on October 8. We had six troopers that stopped by and picked membership materials. One trooper, Tony Benavidez, brought his paperwork and membership dues in to the October meeting. Welcome Tony!

The members present had an extended discussion about the pros and cons of the chapter holding another mid-winter conference like we did in the 80's, 90's and early years thru 2004. Several issues were discussed including; the benefits of having a successful convention, the lack of manpower to put on a convention locally, the possibility of sharing it with another chapter, the problems that we had with the last few mid-winters, lack of dates available in our traditional window for that activity, the reduced numbers of veterans willing or able to travel to such events. Members who would be willing to help out are encouraged to communicate via mail, phone or e mail of their willingness to be a part of the activity if we choose to do it. Please let the executive board know your thoughts.

Trooper John Callor related his experience going to Pima Air Museum. It was decided that he and Treasurer Gary Kuitert would jointly concoct a letter to the managing director of the museum seeking a conversation that would lead to the chapter finding a way to gain exposure for our chapter and the Airborne thru some method of associating airborne activities with the planes displayed at the museum.

Gary Kuitert gave a report on the development of the chapter website. Meeting was adjourned at 6:42 PM.

Notices:

We will be holding nominations and elections at the November meeting. If you are not currently in office and wish to be considered for office please contact Chairman Joe, particularly if you can't attend the meeting.

Trooper John Bash has decided to withdraw from the Executive Board due to hearing loss issues. John has been a stalwart member since joining our association. He will be sorely missed.

Between the meetings: The website is getting closer to being completed. It will consist of links to take members to other sites, a history of our chapter, contact information and our newsletter as well as pictures and some details about our activities.



I thought I'd start throwing in some pics from the files of the chapter doings.

This was taken at a parade over at Reid Park. It may have been a 4th of July thing or a beer festival or something like that. The chapter color guard was invited to march behind the some Scottish pipers. I

have been marching since I was in the ninth grade in high school and we could not stay in step with these guys. We finally figured it out. The answer was to start swinging our left arms up like the Brits do when they march. Problem solved! We stayed in perfect step with them.

Color Guard, standing, L to R; Levi Rodriguez, Raymundo (Short Round) Blanco, Cruz Martinez (Too Many Moons Dogface), kneeling, L to R; Gary Kuitert, Ron Kerns.