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Chapter Corcoran Tour

On Sunday, April 22, 2012, Chapter 1 members and their guests will have a unique opportunity to take a private photo tour of two exhibitions at the Corcoran Museum.

“Shadows of History,” a Civil War photography exhibit, highlights the first wartime use of the camera. “Sleeping Soldiers” features the photography of the late **Tim Hetherington**, who with **Sebastian Junger**, created *Restrepo*, a movie on The Herd in the Korengal Valley in 2007. Hetherington, the movie’s cinematographer, was killed in Libya in 2011.

The private tour will be led by a Corcoran docent and will take place from 11:15 to 1:30. The tour will meet in the main Corcoran entrance. The tour will be followed by lunch in the Muse at the Corcoran, the café created by famed chef Todd Gray of Equinox restaurant. The cafe’s innovative menu features a wide variety of salads, soups, sandwiches, and other lunch items at reasonable prices.

Interestingly, the exhibitions bracket three conflicts separated by 150 years. The Civil War marks the first significant use of photography in wartime. The Vietnam War marks the first time a number of soldiers themselves had cameras to record war from their point of view. The Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts mark the advent of cell phone cameras and electronic transmissions almost instantaneously via Internet. You can preview the exhibits and the Muse Café menu at www.corcoran.org.

Reservations are required to ensure there will be an adequate number of docents and to reserve seats in the café. Please e-mail jean.oneil@verizon.net NLT April 9, 2012, with the number in your party and their names.

The main entrance at 17th and E Streets, NW has at least 18 steps. If anyone in your party needs to use the handicapped-access entrance on D Street (between 17th and 18th Streets, NW), inform Jean. Because we are considered a military group, the Corcoran waives its customary \$10 per person docent fee.

The Corcoran is about four blocks from the 18th Street NW exit from the Farragut West stop. The 17th Street exit is closed on weekends. From the Red Line Farragut North stop, walk straight down 17th Street (on the right side of the park) and go to 17th and E Streets. Parking in the area is by coin-fed meters or by pay-by-cell. Some street segments offer no-charge parking on Sundays. Caution -- read the parking signs carefully!

Questions? E-mail **Jean O’Neil** at the address above or call her at 301-762-8393.

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The President's Corner



The Costs of War

I have been working with the Vietnam Veterans of America, reviewing the papers of one its founders. This work has reminded me of the tumultuous 60s and 70s and how our Vietnam veterans were put down instead of being held up by the American public. I was fortunate to have been relatively insulated from rejection. I had a respected job on Capitol Hill where they called me “Captain.”

I was astounded, at a recent Veterans Day get together, when one of my mortar platoon sergeants said his greeting upon returning from Vietnam was so rough that he took off his uniform and threw it in the trash. He was a draftee, an excellent NCO, who had done nothing of which to be ashamed. Such were the times for many of our Vietnam-Era brothers.

For some who served in Vietnam, to draw from Guy Sajer, a German Soldier who served on the Russian front, who said of the common Soldier, “estrangement is total since his sacrifices are not judged by their intrinsic worth but rather by the cause they were intended to further.” It is an injustice, to summarize Sajer, “inflicted by the nation on a segment of itself which had acted as an instrument of its national will.”

The country seems better at distinguishing support of our troops from their support for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Generally speaking, units deploy and return intact, with their Soldiers and their service respected. There seems to be more attention paid to needs of veterans.

We are entering a period of severe military cuts, at a time of significant unemployment, with an overloaded VA system – conditions reminiscent of the 1970s. From my review of materials from the 1970s, those leaving the military just wanted the basics: a job, earned VA benefits, a chance to re-integrate into society, and readjustment counseling, if needed. Most of all they wanted **RECOGNITION FOR THEIR SERVICE**. This was really a moral issue. Gold Star Families wanted recognition for the sacrifice of their loved ones that changed their family forever. I suspect it is much the same now.

That is where this Chapter comes in. It is extraordinarily difficult to reach across the generations to address the needs of our current generation of war fighters. It was not well done in the ‘70s, but we must do so now without delay or hesitation for the sake of our heritage, for the sake of our country, but most of all, for the sake of those who wear our patch and are all-too often, the forgotten Soldier.

Sigholtz Capital Chapter One

Man of the Year



The Sigholtz Capital Chapter Annual “Man of the Year” award is presented to a Chapter Sky Soldier who has made a significant contribution of time and effort to Chapter activities and programs. The Chapter’s Executive Committee receives nominations and makes the final selection.

The Sigholtz Capital Chapter 2011 Man of the Year is LTC (R) Ed Anthony.

As he did in 1998, Ed spearheaded the design and emplacement of the Association’s marker in Arlington National Cemetery. This effort included numerous hours spent with the stonecutters, who engraved the original marker, and more hours devoted to the detailed coordination necessary with Arlington National Cemetery authorities.

The additional coordination resulted in Brigadier Barry McManus and Lt Col Andrew Shaw representing our gallant Allies from Australia and New Zealand respectively at the ceremony.

The 173^d Airborne Brigade’s Arlington National Cemetery marker fulfills the Chapter’s and the Association’s mantra that “Our Fallen Will Never Be Forgotten.”

This well deserved award is made to Ed for his effort in contributing to the heritage of the 173^d Airborne Brigade and sustained support of the 173^d Airborne Brigade Association and Sigholtz Capital Chapter over many years.

Well Done, Ed.



THE 2012 READING OF THE NAMES

The Sigholtz Capital Chapter 1's Reading of the Names of Brigade KIAs from the Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan will take place at 1100 hours on Saturday, May 5, at the Brigade Marker, Grant Avenue and McClellan Road, Arlington National Cemetery.

On May 5, 1965, the Brigade deployed to Vietnam. It was the first large US combat unit in country. This year’s Reading of the Names will include the names of 1966 KIAs and all the GWOT KIAs.

We will assemble at the Cemetery’s Visitors Center at 1030 hours. Passes are available for those who cannot walk to the site. After the Reading, there will be an opportunity to socialize at a local venue.

All Association Members and friends are invited. If you wish to stay at a nearby hotel, we recommend the Virginian Suites, 1500 Arlington Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia, [703-522-9600](tel:703-522-9600), www.VirginianSuites.com.

Sigholtz-Capital Chapter 1

Calendar Year 2012

Chapter Event	Date	Time	Day	Project Officer	Remarks
Chapter Annual Meeting	19 Feb 2012	1700	Sun	Terry Modglin	Blob's Park, Jessup, Maryland
Newsletter	Mar 2012	N/A	TBD	Mack Brooks	
Corcoran Tour	22 Apr 2012	1100	Sun	Jean O'Neil	Lunch in the Corcoran Muse Restaurant Article in March Herd Word
Reading of the Names	5 May 2012	1100	Saturday	Terry Modglin	Brigade Marker, Arlington Cemetery
Newsletter	Jun 2012	N/A	TBD	Mack Brooks	
173 ^d Airborne Brigade Reunion	6 Jun 2012 - 10 Jun 2012	N/A	Wed - Sunday	Roy Scott 173d Association President	Lexington, KY
Newsletter	Sep 2012	N/A	TBD	Mack Brooks	
Chapter Social Event	Sep 2012	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Brigade Marker and Sky Soldier Honors	10 Nov 2012	1100	Saturday	Terry Modglin	Brief Ceremony following 82d Airborne Color Guard Honors. Visit to MG Williamson's gravesite and Sky Soldier graves in Section 60.
Walk to the Wall	11 Nov 2012	1030	Sunday	Terry Modglin	Vietnam Memorial No-host lunch: Revival Restaurant, Key Bridge Marriott
Wreaths Across America	15 Dec 2012	0800	Saturday	Terry Modglin	Arlington National Cemetery
Newsletter	Dec 2012	N/A	TBD	Mack Brooks	
Visit Wounded Warriors National Naval Medical Center	Periodic	TBD	TBD	Gene Weeks	



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Death, Taxes, and Chapter Assessments

Common lore has it that there are two things that are inevitable: Death and Taxes. As Treasurer of the Sigholtz Capital Chapter, I must add to that list annual assessments. Annual assessment for 2012 are due and payable. To date, less than 10% of our members have submitted their 1212 annual assessments and beyond.

The funds the Chapter collects support the activities and programs that we conduct each year. A small fraction of funds collected are used for administrative costs (mailings, web site, etc.) and social activities, however, the bulk of our funds support events such as the Annual Reading of the Names, the Annual Veterans Day Program, "Wreathes Across America," representation at Arlington National Cemetery internments, and our membership outreach programs.

With the 173^d Airborne Brigade

scheduled to return to Afghanistan this summer, based on historical experience, the Chapter may require funds for its "Wounded Warrior" programs at Bethesda/Walter Reed. In short, the Chapter needs your support.

National Association Lifetime members should submit \$20.00 for the 2012 annual assessment, and an additional amount for any years you are in arrears. National Association Annual Members should submit an additional \$24.00 for their 2012 National Association obligation. (National Association Lifetime memberships remain at \$173.00.) If you need information on your current Chapter/National Association Annual assessments, please contact me by email at kvsmith173@gmail.com or at 252-478-9359.

For your convenience, National and Chapter Assessments may be submitted using the PayPal link on the Chapter website (www.173dabnchap1.org). If you

experience difficulty with the website (and don't have a grandchild nearby to help), please contact me and I will walk you through the process. Alternatively, checks should be mailed to the Association mailbox at PO Box 15133, Arlington, VA 22215-0133.

In the next few months, I will be sending individual dues notices to those in arrears for 2012. This is a costly and time consuming effort. It would help if you would, in the airborne tradition, "shuffle to the door, jump right out" and submit your assessments.

ALL THE WAY!



Disposition of 1998 Brigade Cemetery Marker

In May of 2011, the Sigholtz Capital Chapter's Executive Committee faced significant challenges regarding emplacement of the Arlington National Cemetery marker. One issue was how to dispose of the 350 pound 1998 marker that was being replaced.

[Yes, it weighed about 350 lbs. Approximately half of the marker was buried underground].

The Committee wanted to ensure that the marker not be destroyed or placed in an environment that does not provide respect due. The Committee was also concerned about closing a small deficit gap between the cost/installation of the new marker and the funds raised by the Sigholtz Capital Chapter. The solution came in the form of a silent auction and a statement of intent regarding the marker's disposition.

The Executive Committee is pleased to announce that Sigholtz Capitol Chapter Member, Mike Ward, of Daphane, AL, submitted the winning bid of \$346.00. Mike's generous bid eliminated the budget deficit. He hopes to place the marker in the soon to be constructed Spanish Fort Veterans Affairs National Cemetery near Mobile, AL. In the interim, the old marker will rest in a place of honor at his home, surrounded by the Brigade and American flags.

Thanks to Mike for his concern and generous bid and to Ed Anthony who will transport the stone to Mike in April 2012.



Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) Day at

The 173d Airborne National Memorial

The 173^d Airborne National Airborne Brigade Memorial Foundation is pleased to announce that there will be an ANZAC Day Dawn Service at the Brigade Memorial, at 0630, on 25 April 2012.

The event is being organized by LTCOL Michael Ahern, the Australian Army Liaison Officer to the Maneuver Center of Excellence, Fort Benning GA. In requesting approval to conduct the ceremony, LTCOL Ahern wrote:

“The 173rd Airborne Brigade Memorial is a magnificent memorial, and the only one in the US to have names of fallen Australian and New Zealand soldiers included alongside their US Mates. In this way, the Memorial not only captures the spirit of ANZAC, but also the close relationship between the ANZACs and the US; shedding blood together in combat now for nearly a century. The story of the 1st Battalion Royal Australian Regiment and 161 Field Battery Royal New Zealand Artillery deploying to South Vietnam as part of the 173rd Airborne Brigade in 1965-66 is an amazing one and historic for the three Countries in so many ways. The story is so fitting for an ANZAC Day Service at Fort Benning that I would like to incorporate that 1965-66 deployment to Vietnam by the 173rd as the theme for our ANZAC Day Dawn Service.”

The Foundation expresses its thanks to LTCOL Ahear for his initiative and is honored by his selection of the Brigade's Memorial as the site for this event. The ceremony is open to the general public and Sky Soldiers of all generations are invited to attend. Dress is Jacket and tie.

For inquiries and to RSVP if you plan to attend, please contact SGM Scott Oben at 762-822-9695 or at scott.oben.fm@mail.mil



173^d AIRBORNE BRIGADE ASSOCIATION 2012 REUNION



JUNE 6 - 10, LEXINGTON, KY

Hosted by Midwest Chapter 17

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

E-mail Address: _____ @ _____ Sizes: S, M, L, XL

Brigade Unit Served With: _____ Dates Served: _____

Registration/Event Fees (Fill in the amounts for the events you plan to attend).

- _____ \$99 per Sky Soldier Association Member
- _____ \$75 per Guest. Children free—unless attending Reunion Dinner
- _____ \$40 per Child or all other extra dinner guests
- _____ \$75 per Gold Star Family Member
- _____ \$75 per Active Duty Soldier (Not on Orders)
- _____ Free - Active Duty Soldiers on Orders (i.e., Command, Color Guard)
- _____ \$75 per Vendor Table
- _____ Ladies Brunch (included with Registration). Please check if attending
- _____ \$45 Mark here to attend 173^d Tournament
- _____ Total Cost

Make Checks Payable to: Midwest Chapter 17

Mail Checks to: P.O. Box 09640 Columbus, OH 43209

For Hotel Reservations:

Hyatt Regency-Lexington. \$115.00 + Tax per night. Reservations: 1-800-2233-1234
Request group rate for 173d Airborne Brigade Association guestroom block or code G-173A. This is also the code to use if making reservations on-line at www.lexington.hyatt.com

Overflow Hotel: TBA

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