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# Red Hat Chapter

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### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We have completed another year with an average of 17 members in attendance for each meeting. We felt a great loss in March 2011 with the passing of CW3 (R) Charlie Churchill. During Memorial Day, the Red Hat Chapter Wreath was laid twice. Once at the Memorial Wall in Saint Pauls, NC and again at the Veteran's Park in Hope Mills. Our relationship with the AQM at Fort Lee is on better standing with the support from Mr. Alexander Davis (Big Al). He has provided the Chapter with 2 Rigger Prints and a check for \$600.00 to assist the RHC while supporting the 2011 Rigger Ball. The Ball was a Great Success with over 450 paid tickets. The Red Hat Chapter was presented with a Steel City Plaque for our continued support of the Rigger Ball. Retired 1SG Del Weitman and I received the plaque for the Chapter. We finished up the year with participation in the Veteran's Day Parade that was a large part of the Welcome Home Hero Tribute to our Viet Nam veterans. We have had two guest speakers this past year. They included Ms. Goolsby from the VA Medical Center and Mr. James Johnson, an expert on PTSD. Thanks go out to 1SG (R) Troy Oats and CW2 (R) Jessie Moore for inviting them to join us at our monthly fellowship. Our thoughts and prayers go out to SFC (R) Jim Kennebeck, SGM (R) Wayman Lee, SFC (R) Robert Crigler and COL (R) Ken Lewis. We are still looking for a volunteer to serve as the RHC Webmaster. If you have a few hours to spare and are familiar with running a website, please contact me as soon as possible. The quarterly dinner is scheduled for Friday February 17, 2012. This is the night before the February 18, 2012 breakfast. This dinner is open to anyone. If you would like to attend, please watch the website for details or send an e-mail to me. The International Rigger Reunion is scheduled for April 2012 and will be held in New Zealand. We have several members that plan to attend. We will set a meeting date for those interested at the January breakfast. Do we as a Chapter want to set a local reunion this year or 2013? If so, when and what do we want to include? For those members with e-mail access let us know if you want to receive the newsletter via e-mail. This will cut down on the mailing cost. Now I have a request as President Red Hat Chapter, AQM. We are in charge of the 2014 International Reunion and are only at 25% of our anticipated budget. Sometimes the RHC has to reach out and ask for help from its members. This is one of those times and we need to ask for donations. We are asking that each member send in \$25.00 to be used to conduct the everyday operating expenses and upcoming events that the RHC is responsible for. We understand that times are tough, but any amount you can spare and send to the Chapter would be greatly appreciated. Small donations of \$25.00 would go a long way so we can again have a great Reunion that all would enjoy and want to attend.

SFC (R) Karl F. Whitby  
 President Red Hat Chapter, AQM

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## Quartermaster Corner

I would like to begin by letting everyone know that I am back and proud to be serving as the Chapter Quartermaster once again. First let me begin by personally thanking CW2 Crystal Gonzalez for a "JOB WELL DONE" and for her untiring and dedicated support she gave to the Chapter while serving the RHC QM. Her records were superb, accurate and complete. Thank you so much for your service Chief.

There has been a lot going on in the RHC and I want to only hit the important things so you don't get tired of reading and fall asleep or something like that. First, the RHC is standing strong and has a balance of over \$6,396.31 as of December 31, 2011. Our supply items listed on the RHC Website Supply Room are plentiful except for the coins. I have recently placed an order for 150 coins which should be available for sale by the time you receive this letter. Since my return, I have added several new items to the website for sale. They include "Rigger Red" golf shirts, miniature cloth rigger wings, Sta-Brite metal rigger wings, coffee cups and white T-Shirts with our logo on them just to name a few. Please visit the website to view them. Remember that the RHC's daily operating funds are from the sale of these items. Additionally, I just paid for six months website maintenance fee and 9 years website domain registration fee for the "Red Hat Chapter.com" name.

The RHC has several events that are coming up within the next couple of years. These events include the 2012 and 2014 International Rigger/Air Dispatcher Reunion and the possibility of a 2012/2013 RHC Reunion that needs to be planned. The Chapter is the host for the 2014 International Reunion. The last International Reunion we hosted was in 2006 and may I say was a complete success thanks to a lot of dedicated RHC Members. Since the RHC has a very good idea as to what it takes to support such a reunion like the 2014 International Reunion, we are now in the process of raising funds. We currently have over \$2,800.00 set aside for this event. One of the things we learned from the 2006 Reunion was that it takes a lot of hard work and dedicated people to raise money. So the thought this time is to try to raise the money by ticket sales, donations and salt water fishing trips. Hopefully this will eliminate the need to involve several members in setting up BBQ's fund raising, car washing and other such events. In this letter you will find the first set of 50/50 tickets for sale. The tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00. If you elect to enter in the four quarterly drawings for 2012, it will only cost you \$20.00. There will be one winner at the end of each quarter. The winner will split the total monies collected with the RHC for that particular quarter. The drawings will be conducted during the March, June, September and December meetings. The winner will be notified by phone and will be posted to the website. The RHC is only as strong as the active members that are present for each event and your support is welcomed and needed. So please return the tickets as soon as possible to the RHC address along with your \$20.00.

Since my retirement from Civil Service, I have moved to the beach near Holden Beach, NC. In the Spring of last year, I organized a salt water fishing trip to raise money for the 2014 Reunion. The first trip raised \$600.00. I will be coordinating a second trip for June 2012 in hopes of beating last year's total. Again, I'll need your help to sell raffle tickets for this event. We will discuss details at the next monthly meeting. If you are interested in doing some off shore fishing and live in the area, make sure you attend the next few monthly meetings and visit the website regularly for more details.

As your QM, one of my additional responsibilities is to maintain the manifest and mailing addresses of all current members. These two items are very important in order to keep the members updated on RHC upcoming events such as reunions, elections and special meetings to name a few. It costs the Chapter money to mail postcards, letters and manifests. Once these documents are mailed, I receive approximately 20 or more back because of incorrect addresses. When your address changes, you can help to minimize this cost simply by going to the RHC website and downloading the AQM Application and mailing the application to the Chapter Address with your new contact information. When I receive your copy of the RHC correspondence back in the mail as "Return to Sender", I remove your address from the mailing list. If you are a current member of the RHC and fail to receive letters in the mail from us, please don't get upset with us. An incorrect address on file may be the cause. If you know of a member that may fall in this category, please ask them to send in their new contact information. If you would like a copy of the manifest, I can send it to you in two ways. First and the

most cost effective way is by e-mail. Since the manifest has a lot of personal information on it, I will only send it in a secured PDF File with a password. The second method is by mail. The RHC will pay the postage using this method so no need for concern as to cost here.

I know that there are some of us that have not made it into the computer age yet. I completely understand, but for those who have you can help the RHC save money on future mailing by sending me an e-mail indicating that you would like to begin receiving chapter correspondence via the internet. I know this was done before, but I believe it was changed shortly after I stepped down as the QM. If you do elect to receive future correspondence from the Chapter via e-mail, this correspondence will be sent to several e-mail addresses and may end up in your "JUNK" file so be on the lookout for it if you elect this option. Also, RHC business can be seen on the website as well.

We have received several lifetime memberships recently to include myself and Jim Kennebeck's. To insure that you stay in touch with the RHC and several of your Army Paratroopers, I recommend the next time you renew your membership go for the lifetime membership. You don't have to pay all of the cost up front either. The AQM allows you to pay in four equal installments which should be helpful to all of you. If you have not renewed your membership with the AQM recently, you may want to go to the AQM Website ([www.associationofquartermasters.com](http://www.associationofquartermasters.com)) click on membership and check your expiration date. If your membership has expired, please send in your renewal application to the RHC and we will take care of it from there. I would also challenge each member to recruit two new or past members this year. I strongly believe that the person who recruits the most members this year will receive special recognition for their efforts. The challenge is on and may the best member win. We hope to see you at one of our meetings soon. God bless you all and "Airborne All The Way".

CW3 (R) Gaylin Jesmer  
Chapter QM

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## CHAPLAINS CORNER

*Hopefully this past year 2011 has been a good year for each of you fellow Riggers and your families. If it was a good year you were truly blessed for many saw difficulties come to themselves, their families or fellow soldiers. Our prayers go out to each of you. A number of our older fellow retired Parachute Riggers have faced health issues, death or the loss of a loved one. Active Soldiers have been in combat zones and suffered loss or seen friends lose their life or suffer injury. Let each one of us help to lift up the fallen and their families. Just a word of encouragement goes a long way to someone hurting.*

*Let us all look ahead to 2012 with optimism that this will be a better year as our active duty soldiers complete withdrawal from Iraq and eventually from Afghanistan. It is never too late to make a New Year resolution to leave this place a little better than we found it. Let's do our part **BE SURE ALWAYS IN ALL THAT WE DO.***

*My wish for each of one of you is that 2012 will bring you good health, good friends, good deeds and prosperity. My prayer is that each of you will have the greatest year ever. Be safe and God bless each of you.*

*Jessie C. Moore CW2 Retired  
Chaplain, Red hat Chapter*

**RED HAT CHAPTER QUARTERLY DRAWING  
DRAWING TO BE HELD AT THE MONTHLY MEETINGS  
ONE WINNER WILL RECEIVE 50% OF TOTAL COLLECTED EACH QUARTER  
WINNERS WILL BE POSTED TO THE RHC WEBSITE**

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**TICKETS COST \$1.00 EACH OR 6 FOR \$5.00**