



## 173d Airborne Brigade National Memorial Foundation

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Tom, *Tom* —

On behalf of the 173d Airborne Brigade National Memorial Foundation, I would like to thank the men of D-16 Armor for their extremely generous donation of \$677.01 to the 173d Airborne Brigade Memorial Fund.

I also enjoyed the most informative letter you sent. Thanks for taking the time to write. Rest assured that I will share the contents of your letter with the Foundation Board of Directors. I look forward to seeing your "track" in the Museum in June.

- On 14 June 2014 at an Honors Ceremony we will add the names of thirteen warriors who fell during Operation Enduring Freedom XIII to the granite panels than contain the names of those who were taken from us. The Ceremony will take place at 1100 hours at our memorial on the National Infantry Museum campus.

The D-16 Armor contribution is unique. To ensure that it gets proper recognition, I have characterized it as a "Spartan Club" pledge, Paid in Full. The D-16 Armor name will be entered on the Spartan Club roll in the "Lancer" category on our website at the next update

Consistent with the example set by the Spartans at Thermopylae, warriors have stepped forward throughout history in important circumstances to make a difference. D-16 Armor support of our Memorial ensures that our endowment fund will be adequate to maintain it in a manner befitting the heritage and traditions of the 173d Airborne Brigade. Once again, you have made a difference.

To the extent possible, please share my appreciation with your comrades.

*Ken*  
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